

WE AWAIT THE VERDICT OF THE FANS

IS the swimming game in Hawaii in the last stages of decay, or is it merely lying dormant, waiting for the refreshing possibility of a fall swimming meet? The nature of the answer to the question will be made evident by the response of the fans with the turnstiles start clicking at Punahou tank on the first night of the big three-day meet next week.

If the fans turn out in large numbers, as they did during the great days of Duke Kahanamoku, Lawrence Cui, John Kelii and "Stubby" Kruger, then all will be well and a renaissance of swimming in Hawaii will have been set in motion. But if the public sits back and allows the undertaking of the A. A. U. and Women's Auxiliary of the Guttrigger to go completely flat, we can see little hope for the future of local swimming.

The local swimmers are doing their share to make the fall meeting a success. Enthusiasm is at the highest point it has reached in years. Gay Harris, Henry Luning, Charlie Pung, Sam Kahanamoku, Dudley Pratt, "Toots" Mineville, Hart and Benton Wood, Lorrin Thurston, Bob Fuller, George Harris, Jr., and Warren Kealoha are among the prominent mermen who will compete against Lester Smith, crack Pacific Coast champion.

Eleanor Garatti will meet stiff opposition from Mariechen Wehselau, Janice Lovett, Leilehua Judd, Annie Dowse, Pauline Laird, Dot Waters and Eleanor and Frances Bickerton.

The locals mentioned above represent only a small part of the contingent which will uphold the honor of Hawaii against the invading aquatic stars.

The meet gives every promise of being the best one held in these parts since the good old days, when broken records and Hawaiian swimming meets went hand in hand.

Start the ball rolling by attending the three-day competition; then perhaps we will not have to dream of a return of the days of a decade ago, but will have the satisfaction of being in the midst of a new era of swimming progress—and accomplishment.