

WHAT HAS BECOME OF OUR GOOD SWIMMERS

HONOLULU Swimmers will probably be considered when the committee in charge of the Sesqui Centennial celebration, Philadelphia gets together, to figure who to invite for the various events next summer. Honolulu swimmers have always been considered when the time came to select a team for the Olympic games.

By the time this committee meets, the records established at the A. A. U. carnival in Punahou tank, will be available, and the figures will not be interesting or inspiring.

It is quite likely that the Sesqui Centennial committee will write personally to Judge Rawlins, head of the Hawaiian A. A. U. for further information. The committee will want to know just what we have over here able to compete against the best in the mainland.

On the showing made last week, Mariechen Wehselau and perhaps one of the young divers would have to constitute the Honolulu team, to represent a community that until two or three years ago developed and turned out the best swimmers in the world.

IT is easy enough to sit back and say. "Oh we have swimmers here who could have beaten Lester Smith in the 220 and in the 100. Warren Kealoha for one."

This may be true. But where were they?

Lester Smith came over from San Francisco and cleaned up in every event. His marks were slower than Hawaiian swimmers have made in these events, and yet he won easily except in the sprint Saturday night when young Woodd gave him real competition.

Eleanor Garatti, sixteen year old girl, with very little tournament experience was beaten by our own champion and Olympic team member Mariechen Wehselau, but in two of the three races she made it mighty interesting for the champion.

It was no disgrace for Miss Garatti to be beaten by Miss Wehselau, and she takes her defeats philosophically. She argues that its all a part of the game, and is making plans to go right ahead and compete in future tournaments. The experience she gained here is invaluable.

We have other women swimmers besides Miss Wehselau and yet only the local champion entered the 220 yard event. Where were the others?