

Hui Makani Polo Team Beaten By Outriggers As Meet Trials Held

Elimination Events Staged, But Big Opening Scheduled Tonight; Records Sure to Fall in Sprints; Nippon Stars Impress Critics

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THE Japan-Hawaii swimming meet opened last night with trial events, a brief but impressive workout by the visiting Japanese natators and a fast water polo game between the Outrigger club and Hui Makani. The trial events went off on schedule with the exception of the open events, where preliminaries were unnecessary. The exhibition by the Nippon aquatic stars consisted of a 100-yard swim, finished off with a beautiful sprint by Takaishi, "Weismuller of Japan"; and the water polo elimination went to the beach club after two periods of fierce battling.

An auspicious start for a meet that is destined to bring swimming back to its old stand in Hawaii. Tonight the first half of the program will be run off at Punahou and according to the showing of the visitors in practice, the fans are due for a large evening, during which records of many varieties should topple from their pedestals.

OUTRIGGERS WIN

The feature of the evening, aside from the appearance of the Japanese entrants, was the water polo game between Outrigger and Hui Makani. Regarded as the strongest teams in the territory, the clubs were drawn to play in the first elimination tilt. O. C. C. won but Hui Makani forced the surfers to play top notch polo to take the verdict. As a result, Outrigger will play the winner of the Hui Nalu-Hamburg match Saturday night for the meet title.

Hayward Wright opened the scoring for Hui Makani with a short backhand shot from the side of the pool. C. Crabbe countered with another and later E. Crabbe added what proved to be the winning goal. The former scored again before the final whistle blew.

Feature events for tonight's meet are the 100-meter open, 200-meter back-stroke and 400-meter open, wherein the Japanese mermen will elash with the best in Hawaii. Other prominent events on the program are the 100-yards novice, 300-yards medley open and junior, and the 400-meters for women.

The distance grind will probably settle into a four cornered fight between Clarence Crabbe and Benton Wood of Outrigger and Arai and Takaishi of Japan. George Harris Jr.,

the fifth man in the race, is also conceded a chance to break into the money. Wood and Takaishi are the favorites with Crabbe and Arai following hard-by. Wood has never been pressed in his favorite event and Takaishi is said to be a fast man in the quarter. It should be a close, hard fought race.

OLYMPIC STARS ENTER

Warren Kealoha and Henry Lum- ing, Hui Makani, and Gay Harris, Outrigger, all members of the 1924 Hawaiian Olympic team, are regarded as favorites over Saito of Japan in the backstroke event. The latter displayed remarkable form last night in his exhibition, but the dopsters have it figured out that the trio of locals will be able to hold him off.

The blue ribbon event of the evening, the 100-meter open, will bring out Sammy Kahanamoku and Johnny Woodd of Hawaii against Saito and Takaishi of Japan. Woodd's chances against the Japanese are bright, and if the youngster can hold them for the first half of the race, his sprint with Takaishi should be a heart-breaker.

FINE LEGWORK

The exhibition of the visitors last night showed them with a stroke much unlike anything seen in local waters in past seasons. The leg-work is all that could be desired and is powerful, as was demonstrated during the short sprint last night. Whether their arm stroke is effective will be determined tonight after it has undergone the test of competition. The Japanese carry

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