

5,000 Fans Attracted By Japan's Swimmers

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THE largest crowd that ever attended a swimming meet in the Waterhouse tank, Punahou, turned out last night, attracted of course, by the known prowess of the Japanese visitors. It shows that swimming in Hawaii is being revived after a sleeping sickness extending over a period of years. It is estimated that 5000 persons watched the races.

It was a colorful crowd, too. The Army, the Navy, midshipmen from the German cruiser, and Japanese from every walk of life, who had been aroused by the visit of swimmers from their native land.

Governor Farrington delivered a brief address of welcome and was mightily cheered.

The unsatisfactory ending of the feature race, the 100 metres, marred to some extent the opening night program and opinions were varied as to just what should be done.

The officials decided that the event must be swum over again tonight. This naturally brought forth a howl of protest from the winner, Sam Kahanamoku, and he had many supporters in his contention that he had won fairly.

The collapse of Johnny Woodd was a deplorable incident. The young man, according to Dr. Benyas, one of the attending physicians, should be carefully examined today before he is permitted to swim tonight. "I was only able to make a cursory examination of the boy," said Dr. Benyas, "but off hand I should say that it was his heart—and there is a very grave danger if he is allowed to swim again soon. I should say that this youngster needs a thorough looking over."

Seventeen-year-old Bento Wood, who finished second in the 400 metres, got his first touch of high life, and he certainly made good. He has all the physical requirements, form and grit, that go to make a great swimmer.

As to the class of the Japanese,
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