

Splashes At the Japan-Hawaii Swimming Meet

Announcing the results of races in the Japan-Hawaii meet in two languages was a novelty and it made a hit with the fans. Henry Chillingworth and Johnny Anderson did it in English and K. Nishimura in Japanese. Some of the alleged humorists at the meet raised a laugh now and then mimicking the Japanese announcer.

American and Japanese flags waved side by side on the diving tower, emblematic of the friendly international contest.

The weather was all that could be desired—Clear, freshly cool, and a new moon rode the sky overhead. Once a light sprinkle of rain started but stopped in less than a minute. Fine weather is again the prediction for tonight.

Victor M. Aitken, principal of Punahou academy, and a group of Punahou boys in R. O. T. C. uniform looked after the ushering inside the grounds. Capt. Jones, R. O. T. C. officer in charge, handled the policing of the grounds with the able cooperation of the police traffic squad. Cecil Benny handled the sale of tickets. It was a combination of experts and they worked smoothly.

The first night of the meet was run off in record time. There were no delays in waiting for races. The only halt came for a few moments after the 100 meter swim, when Johnny Woodd, who collapsed in the tank, was being worked over at the tankside by Dr. N. M. Benyas, who very fortunately happened to be seated beside the spot where Johnny stopped. Otherwise the races came reeling along in quick succession and the crowd was pleased.

The water polo game scheduled for Friday night was called off. Originally it had been planned to have a local team meet a team from the German cruiser Hamburg. The Hamburg men felt that they were not in sufficiently good training to go into a hard contest, and the game was called off. It was a disappointment to the crowd but the announcement was taken in good humor as otherwise the evening's entertainment had been high class.

Makinney of the Outrigger club is a "comer" in fancy high diving. His dives were clean and graceful. The judges awarded first place on points to the veteran Bob Fuller but many thought that Makinney made a neater entry into the water from the high platform.

One hundred men from the German cruiser Hamburg occupied a block of seats as the guests of the special entertainment committee in charge of the welcome to the Hamburg. They were in neat sailor uniform.

Prospects early today were for a record crowd at the meet tonight. The early morning ticket sale was brisk.

Once again it was proved that when first-class swimming attractions are provided, the crowd will come out. Swimming interest hasn't died in Honolulu and there's a fine crop of young swimmers coming along to take the place of the old-timers when the latter give up the game.