

STIRRING RACES IN JAPAN-HAWAII SWIMMING MEET

Real International Touch To Big Crowd Which Wit- nesses Tank Event

Last night's meet was of true international color.

Hawaii and Japan met in the tank. On the sidelines Hawaii—that is America, Japan, Portugal, China and the Philippines—conversed and argued not only with herself but with representatives of Germany, direct from the cruiser Hamburg, which entered port yesterday morning.

A kimono here and there was placed beside a youth in plus fours, quiet civilian garb, the khaki of the American army or the blue and white of the German navy.

Even the opening ceremony, of the program had an international flavor when Governor Wallace R. Farrington, commenting in his usual facile style, poured into the waters of the pool a bit of Waikiki's surf, taken from the world's greatest ocean around which live many of the races which are centered here.

This was a feature planned by the Nippon Jiji, one of the sponsors of the meet. It symbolized through the "Union of the Waters," the friendly contact of America and Hawaii across the Pacific. Davies & Co. gave the handsome silver cup, which also served as a trophy for the 100-meter swim.

Few Seats Unoccupied

The assemblage, one of the largest ever to witness a meet in the Waterhouse memorial tank, was estimated at 2000. Scarcely a seat was left available.

While many stirring races have been witnessed here in the days gone by, none have surpassed the 100 meters as it was staged last night. Johnny Woodd and Takai-shi, Japan's speed star, put up a pretty battle for two-thirds of the distance, with Sam Kahanamoku close in the wake of the leaders. Woodd collapsed with perhaps 20 meters yet to be covered. Takaishi, an easy potential victor, through a misunderstanding, ceased swimming when he reached the end of the tank. He should have turned back to the rope stretched a few yards away. Although exhorted by friends on the sidelines to continue, he failed to grasp the situation until Kahanamoku had touched beside him. Both men shoved off practically together but the islander beat the visitors to the tape by a scant yard.

Kahanamoku's apparent victory was more or less of a fluke, and this fact, added to Takaishi's misunderstanding and Woodd's mishap, influenced the judges to decide that the event was "no race." The announcement that the 100 meters would be contested again tonight brought out the crowd's approbation.

Kealoha Smashes Through

Warren Kealoha, in competition for eight years, proved to his friends that he has not gone back when he won the 200-meters backstroke event from Kimura of Japan, going the distance in just two-fifths of a second above the American record for the distance. Warren took an early lead, which he increased as the event progressed. He finished about three lengths ahead of Kimura.

Benton Wood, 17-year-old coming star, probably learned a lesson in the 400 meters, free style. He let Takaishi, swimming his second race of the evening, take a commanding lead "in the early laps of the race. Wood's recovery, late in the event, was a fine exhibition of courage and strength, but the flying Japanese had such a commanding edge that the island boy could not reach him. Wood, however, did outstrip Arai, Japanese Olympic veteran, and took second place by a narrow margin.

Diving Exhibition

The fancy diving furnished as many thrills as did any other event of the evening with Bob Fuller, veteran Hui Makani entrant, winning. Fuller has been diving so many years that his sense of poise and of timing is practically perfect. When he steps up to the board the crowd is assured of an exhibition of the utmost grace.

Janice Lovett, one of the younger generation of swimmers, showed her audience a flash of form when she plowed through the 400-meter freestyle for women to an easy victory. Her time, not particularly fast, would have been better had she followed her lane more accurately.