

SWIMMING NOT DEAD IN HAWAII

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SWIMMING has come back into its old position as one of Hawaii's major sports.

The Japan-Hawaii swimming meet held in Punahou tank Friday and Saturday nights under the auspices of The Star-Bulletin, the Outrigger Canoe club and the Nippu Jiji, proved that fears of many persons interested in sports that swimming is "dead" in Hawaii were unfounded.

Poor attendance at meets, apparent lack of interest in the sport on the part of local swimmers, and other disheartening occurrences of the past several years can now be forgotten, except as a lesson for the future. The Japan-Hawaii meet showed that the swimmers are interested and that the sports fraternity of Honolulu will support meets—but they demand good attractions.

Swimming fans now know that world's championships are not beyond the grasp of Hawaii's swimmers just because Duke Kahanamoku is no longer ace of the local swimming team. Other swimmers form now the nucleus of a team around which Hawaii has the opportunity of building the strongest team that ever represented the islands.

HAWAII LOST

As far as the competition between Hawaii and Japan was concerned in the meet last week—Hawaii lost. But it is the best thing that ever happened. The local swimmers know just what they can do, where their weak points are and what they will have to do to keep company with Warren Kealoha as holders of world's championships.

It has been a treat to watch the Japanese swimmers prepare for the
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