

# SWIMMING HOLDS POSITION AS MAJOR SPORT IN HAWAII

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meet just staged. They take their swimming competitions seriously and trained in a conscientious manner. Some of our swimmers do the same thing but it is common knowledge that all of them do not.

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Warren Kealoha, who was believed by many to be "through" as a champion swimmer, broke one world's record and came close to another. The reason is not hard to find. Warren trained hard for this meet and was in good condition. Saturday morning he said that he would break the 100 meter backstroke record that night and he kept his promise.

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## WILL COME AGAIN

We hope the Japanese team will be able to come here for a meet again. They proved themselves to be the kind of athletes who are a credit to sports.

One example of their sportsmanship was the statement of Takaishi after the 100 meters freestyle was swum Friday night. Takaishi stopped at the 100 yard mark. As a result he finished second to Sam Kahanamoku although he is the faster swimmer.

"My fault. I make mistake," Takaishi said. There were no excuse and no attempt to blame officials or any one else. The Japanese made only one request while preparations were being made for the meet. They asked that the 100 meters backstroke be added to the program.

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Takaishi was called upon to carry the heaviest burden of any swimmer in the meet Saturday night when he entered the 100 meters and 200 meters freestyle and the relay event. There was not a whiper from him and he accepted the program as laid out and did his best. Swimmers like Takaishi are the chaps who have made the sport popular in Hawaii and elsewhere, and we have plenty of material for such swimmers right here.