

TOP VIEW POLL

Crime Show Nabs A 'Superb' Rating

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It's no surprise the exciting crime breaker, "Hawaii 5-O," rakes in a "superb" rating today.

Its crackjack writing, acting, directing richly deserve it.

What with David Cassidy and other young players, "The Partridge Family" receives a groovy 94 per cent from young viewers which boosts its rating to a "good" 73.5 per cent.

When the old "Dick Van Dyke Show" first got off the ground, it produced lousy ratings, but CBS persisted and it finally became a world beater.

Now the "New Dick Van Dyke Show" turns out to be at least "fair."

Given more time, perhaps viewers will warm up to it the way they did to his first series.

Merv Griffin, who says he left CBS (while some say he got a shove) ends his night talk fests with only a "fair" mark, but still nicely above the ratings of

his opposites, Dick Cavett and Johnny Carson:

Hawaii 5-O, CBS, 82.2, superb.
The Partridge Family, ABC, 73.5, good.

Concentration, NBC, 70.1, good.

Friday Evening Movies, CBS, 62.3, fair.

New Dick Van Dyke Show, CBS, 61.5, fair.

Merv Griffin, CBS, 60.4, fair.
Another World, NBC, 59.9, fair.

Mister Rogers, PBS, 51.4, poor.

World Press Review, PBS, 45.6, poor.

Camera Three, CBS, 36.3, awful.

READERS SPEAK

Hawaii 5-O: From Bob Salaz, Ogden, Utah: Comparing other TV programs, I have never enjoyed each episode, each week so much as on this show. Hope it lasts as long as "Gunsmoke."