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The undefeated Outrigger sophomore men's team of Billy Foytich, Keahi Farden, Chris Kincaid, Steve Van Lier Ribbink, Mike Turner and Aka Hemmings (seated from front to back) makes a turn en route to its eighth consecutive victory.

Outrigger leaves no doubt in state canoe championship

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Hold the asterisk.

Outrigger Canoe Club won the state canoe championship yesterday with a big fat exclamation point.

OCC, the General Motors of paddling, took 13 of 31 races on murky Keehi Lagoon for a record 187 points in the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association state championships.

It was Outrigger's second consecutive state title.

Kailua edged Hui Nalu of Hawaii Kai for second, 116 points to 115.

About 2,100 paddlers representing 39 clubs from the five main islands participated in events ranging from 12-year-olds to *makule* (elders).

A showdown between Oahu's two unbeaten clubs, Outrigger of Waikiki and Ka Mo'i of Waianae, did not occur because Ka Mo'i stayed out. Ka Mo'i's koa canoe was barred because its shape and size do not meet HCRA specifications.

Ka Mo'i, champion of the Hui Wa'a association, elected not to borrow a legal canoe, a common practice.

Even so, nobody dared hang an asterisk on Outrigger's triumph.

"I think Ka Mo'i should have come," Kailua's Gary "Sword" Murakami said. "But Outrigger is definitely too tough."

Dan Kahler of Lokahi Canoe Club lent this perspective: "We won the Hui Wa'a last year — then went to the states on Kauai and got destroyed."

OCC, made up largely of white collars who play as hard as they work, topped 100 points in every regatta this summer in the most dominating season in memory.

OCC head coach Henry Ayau, a soft-spoken man who is vice president of commuter airline Reeves Air, said it is the best Outrigger team he has ever seen.

"And I've been with the club 25 years," Ayau said. "This has been just awesome."

While Outrigger was wrapping up this

season, two sideshows were going at Keehi Lagoon that probably will affect paddling's future.

First, a contingent of 55 Tahitians was there to race in exhibitions and learn how Hawaiian canoe regattas are run.

The Tahitians — all-stars from 17 clubs — ended up teaching the locals a few things, winning both races they were in, against Hawaii's best boys' 16- and 18-year-old paddlers.

In the boys' 18 exhibition, a half-miler, they beat an Outrigger crew that had not lost in three years (before the exhibition, OCC took its final by three lengths but was disqualified on a technicality: going outside a "buffer zone" before the race).

"We're mad," Outrigger's Howie Klemmer said of the disqualification.

But the Tahitians were fast, their white paddle blades flashing at between 80 and 90 strokes per minute. They beat

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Outrigger by 1½ lengths.

"Hey, they were born in the canoe; what do you expect?" OCC stroke Mark Sandvold said, grinning, as his canoe pulled in to shore.

Said crewmate Alan Pflueger: "We were doing 60 (strokes per minute). They must have been doing 90."

Milton Laughlin, one of the victorious Tahitians, said he had no idea of Outrigger's formidable record.

"In this race we were going very slow," he said. "In shorter races we go much faster (stroke count)." How many strokes a minute did you just do? Laughlin shrugged. "We never count," he said.

The boys from Faa'a, Tahiti, burst into song after their victories. Outrigger's paddlers went over to shake their hands,

pose giddily for photos and trade T-shirts — "Hawaiian Style" for "Tahiti — To Oa O Tera."

The other development was that Mayor Frank Fasi and City Managing Director D.G. "Andy" Anderson attended the regatta and told HCRA officials that improvements will be made to the dusty, barren race site.

"I was totally impressed with the numbers of people," Anderson told The Advertiser.

Anderson said Fasi, who has three sons who paddle, "is interested in the canoe." He said the city will meet with HCRA president Michael Tongg to concoct a master plan that is likely to include shoreline improvements, landscaping, canoe stalls and a grandstand.

In addition, "we are committed to building some canoe sheds along the Ala Wai Canal and in Kailua," Anderson said.

UH football tickets on sale Saturday

Tickets to individual University of Hawaii football games will go on sale Saturday at the Aloha Stadium Box Office from

Baseball Stadium Ticket Office, and Sept. 3-4, at 8 a.m. at the UH Athletic Ticket Office.

Any remaining tickets from

hcra regatta results

CLUB SCORING

AAA division (16-31 crews): 1. Outrigger 187 points, 2. Kailua 116, 3. Hui Nalu 115, 4. Hawaiian (Mau) 73, 5. Healani 69.

AA division (7-15): 1. Hanalei 66, 2. Kai Opua 58, 3. Hui Lanakila 46, 4. (tie), Lanikai, Waikiki Surf 26, 6. Na Kai Ewalo 25, 7. Manu O Ke Kai 23, 8. Kauai 20, 9. Kihei 19, 10. Kamehameha (Hilo) 17, 11. Lokahi 16, 12. Waikiki Beach Boys 13, 13. Koa Kai 12.

A division (1-6): 1. Kawaihae 31, 2. Lahaina 29, 3. Kahana 17, 4. Kamehameha (Oahu) 16, 5. Molokai 14, 6. Anuenue 13, 7. Leeward Kai 12, 8. Waimanalo 11, 9. (tie), Kai Ola, Kai Oni, Hoopili, 5, 12. Keaukaha 4, 13. (tie) Napili and Hawaiian Warriors, 3, 15. Puna 2.

MEN

12B: 1. Kawaihae (D.Kanhi, L.Kalama, W.Dupre, C.Pahio, K.Akimi, H.Solomon) 2:18.78, 2. Hawaiian 2:21.36, 3. WSC 2:27.48. 12A: 1. Kawaihae (K.Lindsey, W.Dupre, S.Perez, L.Kalama, R.Lloyd, J.P.Van Swae) 2:17.86, 2. Hawaiian 2:22.35, 3. Kailua 2:30.09, 13: 1. Hui Nalu (L.Soon, M.Smith, S.Mutch, F.Nojima, C.Bayles, N.Kukea) 2:10.29, 2. Hawaiian 2:11.74, 3. Outrigger 2:12.05, 14: 1. Lahaina (C.Jacobsen, M.Dotson, K.Jardin, A.Clarke, S.Samuel, T.Duro) 2:14.93, 2. Outrigger 2:17.13, 3. Manu O Ke Kai 2:20.66, Novice B: 1. Hui Nalu (D.Franklin, H.Wilson, T.Over, J.Steinmiller, J.Hottendorf, C.Winn) 3:58.18, 2. Outrigger 4:00.56, 3. Kawaihae 4:02.29, 16: 1. Hawaiian (R.Mitra, G.Merague, R.Maddigan, W.Chun, W.Albiar, K.Freitas) 4:14.39, 2. Outrigger 4:14.71, 3. Hui Nalu 4:15.33, Masters: 1. Outrigger (M.Clifford, M.Buck, J.Finney, T.Guard, S.Quinn, B.Ames) 3:57.38, 2. Kailua 4:02.00, 3. Hanalei 4:02.29, Open 4: Healani (E.Hoopli, M.Ben, K.Kaleo, G.Nakamura) 4:21.57, 2. Outrigger 4:24.62, 3. Kai Opua 4:25.75, Senior Masters: 1. Hui Lanakila (R.Abbey, D.Hirayama, P.Oliveira, W.Soures, W.Lyman, S.Kaaua) 4:05.23, 2. Healani 4:07.16, 3. Outrigger 4:09.23, Novice A: 1. Healani (R.Pili, U.Iojas, A.Van Bourg, C.Tillman, R.Akamine, J.Volack) 6:24.04, 2. Hanalei 6:26.69, 3. Kai Opua 6:32.30, 18: 1. Hanalei (C.Carswell, H.Beck, S.Burrell, B.Welborn, M.Montgomery, J.Cathey) 8:16.74, 2. Hui Lanakila 8:40.11, 3. Kailua 8:40.68, Freshman: 1. Outrigger (K.Bentliff, C.Judd, D.Rupey, H.Rudin, H.Rolles, W.Eggers IV) 7:52.28, 2. Hanalei 8:02.33, 3. Kihei 8:08.51, Sophomore: 1. Outrigger (B.Foytich, K.Farden, C.Kincald, S.Van Lier Ribbink, M.Turner, A.Hemmings) 11:53.29, 2. Hanalei 11:56.74, 3. Kai Opua 12:32.53, Junior: 1. Outrigger

(M.Fox, H.Aysu, T.Conner, K.Olds, K.Hoyer, T.Brady) 16:05.34, 2. Kai Opua 16:09.35, 3. Hanalei 16:23.49, Senior: 1. Outrigger (R.Riley, B.Bright, E.Pickering, M.Haine, W.Lemon) 19:30.61, 2. Hanalei 19:36.06, 3. Hui Nalu 19:51.05.

WOMEN

12: 1. Hawaiian (O.Serassin, N.Anaka'ea, M.Villanueva, R.Manibury, G.Lida, L.Chock) 2:47.93, 2. Waimanalo 2:54.28, 3. Kailua 2:58.52, 13: 1. Outrigger (D.Wilbur, M.Kamisugi, C.Sheehan, M.Buck, S.Danford, J.Muller) 2:18.96, 2. Waikiki Surf 2:30.37, 3. Hui Nalu 2:32.01, 14: 1. Outrigger (H.Brisette, F.Bischoff, A.Brinck, M.Clarkin, P.Prior, J. Muller) 2:15.84, 2. Kailua 2:16.47, 3. Hawaiian 2:17.82, Novice B: 1. Outrigger (J.Cheever, D.Shelfield, T.Pyncheon, K.McKenzie, J.McPheeters, B.Baird) 2:11.86, 2. Anuenue 2:14.16, 3. Kailua 2:15.18, Masters: 1. Lanikai (S.Awana, L.Naturale, B.Yal, K.Cashman, D.Wightman, M.Foti) 2:26.91, 2. Outrigger 2:28.92, 3. Hawaiian 2:29.19, Senior Masters: 1. Outrigger (U.Davis, G.Peddesky, M.Halse, K.Iversen, D.Stowell, K.Rochlen) 2:33.17, 2. Kailua 2:37.16, 3. Hui Nalu 2:51.30, 16: 1. Kailua (B.Baldwin, J.Stewart, L.Pedrina, U.Malama, V.Wong, J.Conlen) 4:53.06, 2. Hanalei 5:00.48, 3. Lanikai 5:04.00, 18: 1. Outrigger (M.Kresser, S.Boyd, M.Wheelless, K.McCrary, S.Ackerman, K.Merrill) 4:40.43, 2. Na Kai Ewalo 4:53.97, 3. Healani 4:55.41, Novice A: 1. Kailua (P.Doyle, J.Davis, G.Reeves, S.Doi, E.Gilliland, D.Simmons) 4:42.00, 2. Hui Nalu 4:51.39, 3. Healani 4:54.61, Open 4: 1. Hui Nalu (C.Franklin, L.J.Lee, K.Guenther, D.Darval) 5:14.30, 2. Na Kai Ewalo 5:17.04, 3. Hui Lanakila 5:20.55, Freshman: 1. Outrigger (M.Snyder, C.Ho, C.Keane-Quinn, J.Anderson, C.White, J.Lemes) 7:25.45, 2. Koa Kai 7:31.05, 3. Kahana 7:31.79, Sophomore: 1. Hanalei (C.Marvin, L.Berquist-Chapin, D.Simpson, P.Palumbo, D.Daniels, K.Forest) 8:59.74, 2. Molokai 9:12.50, 3. Kailua 9:15.51, Junior: 1. Lahaina (M.Yates, V.Lebry, L.Cady, J.Kahan, S.Basta, A.Perry) 11:35.65, 2. Outrigger 11:51.90, 3. Kailua 11:52.44, Senior: 1. Outrigger (L.Conner, M.Scully, T.Richert-Finney, T.Phillips, S.Stanley, M.Irancis) 13:59.84, 2. Hui Nalu 14:13.51, 3. Kailua 14:44.26.

MIXED

12: 1. Kam-Hilo (C.Iokepa, G.Kiko, H.Tripp, P.Vincent, M.Awae, P.Noiland) 2:32.27, 2. Healani 2:37.11, 3. Hawaiian 2:41.75, Men/Women: 1. Outrigger (V.Watumuli, A.Kekoolani, D.Pray, G.Vaughan, D.Peck, C.Kelley) 4:24.51, 2. Kamehameha-Hui Wa'a 4:30.56, 3. Lahaina 4:31.45.