Red Hot Surfboard Polo Match

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ENDS IN 1-TO-1 TIE

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Before Big Crowd at the Beach

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A neat throw that missed the goal by inches yesterday threw the world's surfboard polo championship into a deadlock when the Waikiki All-Stars held the crack Hui Nalu team to a 1-1 tie in a furious match on the course in front of the Royal Hawaiian hotel. The match was one of the most spectacular and hardest fought yet staged at Waikiki, and the teams were as evenly matched as any that could be gathered together.

For a while it looked as though the All-Stars would hang the gonfalon to their masthead, after John D. Kaopiko sent the ball spinning through the uprights early in the second half. But the Hui Nalu lads fought like demons, and Gay Harris skidded the ball past China Wilson to tie the score just as the timer announced there remained only five minutes to play.

BROTHERS BATTLE

The match was truly a case of brother battling brother, for Sam and Louie Kahanamoku, wearing the purple and gold of Hui Nalu, were matched against Sergeant and Bill Kahanamoku of the All-Stars, with the famous Duke Kahanamoku donning the Red and White in the second half.

The All-Stars scored with a beautiful piece of passing that was timed perfectly. Sergeant carried the ball down the course along the beach sideline and, just as Sam was about to cut in, he whipped it straight across to the waiting Duke, who paddled easily down the ocean sideline to within the five yard line. Then, just as everyone expected him to shoot for goal, he tossed to Young John D. who was right in front of the uprights. The surprise pass caught the Hui Nalu forwards by surprise, and John D. lifted up on his board and calmly whizzed the ball past Gay Harris, playing goalie, for the first score of the game.

The scrimmage became more intense after that with Hui Nalu fighting to overcome the lead, and the Red-and-White fightly just as hard to prevent their foes from scoring.

SCORE IS TIED

Then Louie Kahanamoku broke into the clear and scudded down the beach sideline with the ball. He was blocked by Sergeant, but spun around on his board with the old "opu reverse" and shot a neat backhand toss to Gay Harris across the course. Gay paused, and then bounced the ball over the waves and through the wicket to tie the score.

It was then that the water was churned into foam as fourteen husky lads battled with all their might to break the tie. The All-Stars carried the ball to the Purple-and-Gold territory and fought to put over a score, but the Hui Nalu forwards fought just a little bit harder, and Louie Kahanamoku broke away for a nice sprint down the field. He passed to Sam, who arched up on his board and shot a clean drive at the goal. It missed by inches and the whistle blew ending the game in a deadlock.

Young Malcolm Love, who went in as a substitute in the last match two weeks ago, played almost a full game yesterday, and covered himself with glory. The Kahanamoku brothers again proved tip-top. It would be hard to pick out the individual stars, for the teams played with perfect teamwork and gave the 1500 or more spectators a real treat.

COTTRELL IS REFEREE

Knute Cottrell, veteran surfer, refereed an excellent match, with Duke as umpire for the first half. To David Kahanamoku, marshal of the events, goes lots of credit for the snappy manner in which the program was put on.

Between halves there was a wahine outrigger race, with four crews entered. "Waikiki Itch" crossed the line first, a bare yard ahead of "Okolehao." In the winning boat were Kapiolani Kahanamoku, captain; Anna Heen; Dot Hammond; Betty Hammond, Rose Marie Adams, Eleanor Burdick and Charlie Amalu, stearsman.

Under the direction of David Kahanamoku, a life saving exhibition was staged between halves. Sam and Louie Kahanamoku took three girls out in an outrigger and it was demonstrated how the non-swimming girls were kept out of danger when the canoe overturned. A signal from Sam brought surfboarders to the scene and the girls were taken ashore in safety. The boat was righted, bailed out and the trip continued. Really, a notable exhibition.

After the polo match, Duke Kahanamoku's huskies were matched against Sam Kahanamoku's giants in an outrigger tug of war. Duke's boat dragged his brother's crew almost across the line, and just when victory was near, Sam's boat overturned. However, Duke's crew was entitled to the win.

In Duke's boat were George "Tough Bill" Keawimahi, Gay Harris, Pua Kealoha, Charlie Amalu and Duke. In Sam's boat were Louie, Malcolm Paoa, Gilbert Paoa, Splash Lyons and Sam.