

SURFBOARD RACES THRILL BIG CROWD ON THE ALA WAI

Outrigger Club Beats Out Hui Nalu for Points—Mildred Slight Hooper Captures Thrilling Event from Dot Hammond

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THRILLS aplenty were furnished the hundreds of fans who lined both sides of the Ala Wai Sunday morning to witness the Eighth Annual Surfboard Paddling Races, Hawaiian Championships. Three new records were established; dark horses won, new title-holders were crowned, and the team championship by points has now passed from the hands of Hui Nalu to the Outrigger Canoe Club. This was only one of the many surprises of the day. The others were—but let's start from the beginning and give you the dope race by race.

Things began to happen from the moment the starter's gun sent off the first race. Jack May, proverbial "dark horse," paddled the half-mile men's open in 5 minutes 17-5 seconds. While the time was not fast and does not approach the standing record of 4 minutes 49 seconds held jointly by Tom Blake and Sam Reid, it was fast enough to beat out the co-titleholder, Sam Reid, by 12 seconds. Reid, who was the big favorite, said after the race he "just couldn't get going." Sargent Kahanamoku came in third and Richard Bechert fourth.

The second race, quarter-mile women's open, provided one of the most thrilling finishes yet seen in this annual event.

Mildred Slight Hooper, present champion in this event, fought it out paddle for paddle with little Dot Hammond. It wasn't until the last five yards that the Hooper board nosed out Dot. From the very start of this race the fans knew it was going to be a thriller. Dot took the lead with Mildred Hooper and Gladys Slight right behind her, and they stayed that way until Mrs. Hooper staged the marvelous finish.

NEW RECORD MADE

The first record of the Hawaiian championships went by the boards in the third race, quarter-mile for boys under 18. Wilbur Craw took the lead from the gun and was never overtaken. Wilbur paddled the distance in 2 minutes 43-4-5 seconds, beating Melvin Paoa's record of 2 minutes 46 seconds established last year. Malcolm Love came in second and George Hogan third.

The feature event, the 100-yard men's open, went about as was expected. Tommy Kiakona, present champion, stepped right out from the gun and was never overtaken. Sam Kahanamoku paddled second and Dick Hollinger third. Kiakona's time was 31 4-5 seconds, 3-5 seconds slower than his present record.

The fifth race was canceled as there were no entries. This race, the 100 yards for girls under 13, has a present record time of 45 4-5 seconds, held jointly by Elizabeth Joy and Aimee Mooklar.

The sixth event of the regatta was taken by the favorite, Sam Kahanamoku. Charles Amalu from the Queen's Surfers and one of the boys who has attempted to keep this sport alive, beat out his teammate, Johnny Hollinger, for second place. This race, known as the "old men's race" or officially 100 yards for men over 30, has been won by Sam Kahanamoku for the past three years.

The second record of the regatta was broken by Allen Love when he beat his brother's time of 42 3-5 seconds by 11-5 seconds. Lambert Kim Wai, a new youngster in this sport, paddled a close second and Luther Hough, who the boys can watch out for next year, was right behind him for a third.

The eighth event, usually one of the most promising of the entire races, only attracted two entries, Elizabeth Joy and Doris Benny. Elizabeth came in first and Doris a close second.

The record list of starters was in the ninth race, 220 yards, boys under 16, when nine potential paddlers faced the starter's gun. James Rea, paddling

Pros to Stage Tournament This Morning

Local pros will stage their monthly sweepstakes tournament at the Wai'alae links this morning, teeing off at 9 o'clock shortly thereafter. All members of the association are expected to be present as the tournament will be followed by the annual meeting. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected. A tournament program will also be discussed.

Many Sports Leaders Are Lost During 1931

Loss By Death of Sports-
men Felt in Every
Sport

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NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—

Every field of sport from baseball to racing during 1931 has lost names that commanded respect and betokened power.

Baseball was hit particularly hard by the deaths of Ban Johnson, Ernest Barnard, Gary Herrman, C. A. Comiskey and Sam Dreyfuss who built the sport into America's "National Game."

Johnson, Comiskey and Herrman especially had spent their entire lives in the game and watched it develop from nothing.

Comiskey, as owner of the Chicago White Sox, and Johnson as president of the American league were close friends for many years but in recent years had conducted a personal feud, which embittered the long illnesses of both.

Barnard succeeded to the American league presidency after Comiskey had deposed Johnson. He put the league on a business like basis and headed it during its most prosperous era, and died just one day before his predecessor, Johnson.

Herrmann was one of the National league's veteran club owners and served for many years as its representative on the national advisory council. After selling his interest in the Cincinnati Reds he lost his fortune and died in comparative poverty.

Dreyfuss, youngest of the group, was vice president and treasurer of the Pittsburgh National league ball club. He became associated with his father, Barney Dreyfuss, in the management of the Pirates in 1921 and was considered one of the best informed executives in baseball.

Football lost the most popular and

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