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PADDLING

'89 season opens with a classic confrontation

By Jack Wyatt
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A classic canoe race confrontation, between two long-standing rivals—perennial favorite Outrigger and upstart Kailua—resurfaced during yesterday's Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing opener at Keolu Lagoon.

Over a windy, choppy Keolu Lagoon course, racing got off to a spirited beginning when underdog Kailua surged from behind, late during the regatta, swamping five-time defending state champ Outrigger 78 points to 68.

Hui Nalu came in third with 53 points, followed by regatta host Healan with 53. SurfSports topped OHCRA's small club division.

"I had great confidence in my upper division (adult) paddlers. I knew they'd come through when I needed them," Kailua coach Harrison "Beanie" Heen said. Midway through the nine-hour, 30-heat regatta, Kailua trailed OCC by 10 points. Kailua cut that to five points with seven races remaining.

Said Outrigger's coach John Finney, "This is just the beginning. It's going to be a long season. We'll show up at the next week's regatta, for sure."

OCC is known to not take its losses lightly. Kailua won eight races and placed second in nine others. OCC won seven events and took five seconds.

Yesterday's opener was the first of seven OHCRA meets held weekly at island sites. Next Sunday's OHCRA regatta takes place at Kailua Beach Park. Racing concludes with the state championship on Maui Aug. 5.

Of the 15 participating clubs, only four—Kailua, Outrigger, Hui Nalu and Healan—fielded large teams, enough paddlers to be in contention for the regatta club title. But even those clubs were short paddlers for all events.



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The Napolean brothers not only rowed together on the Anuanue team, but won the freshmen race. The crew, from front: Aaron Napolean, Raven Aipo, Wally Rezentes, and the other Napoleons, David, Joey, and Darryn. Aaron and Darryn are twins. Their father coaches Anuanue.

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Nappy Napolean

After four sons paddled in the same crew

"When your searching for team points but lack the necessary people, that's when you break out the rule book and begin juggling crews as rules allow," Healan coach Gary "Sword" Murakami said. Four of the 30 heats are designated open events where paddlers, who have raced before, may try again.

Healan's talented women's sophomore crew took to the two-race rule with gusto. Led by steersman Robin Nonaka, Healan won the sophomore race with ease. Then, later in the day, the same women competed and won the senior event.

While paddler-shy Outrigger attempted crew shuffling with little success, Kailua, with the luxury of a large number of participants, held to a one-race-per-paddler concept.

"Club morale is important here," long-

time member Bob Cates said. "Kailua tries to give everyone who turns out for practice a chance to paddle. We don't bump someone out of the boat just for team points."

While the Healan sophomore/senior women outperformed all wahines, Anuanue's winning freshmen men, with four of the six paddlers named Napolean, highlighted the men.

"As coach, and as the boys' father, it's a miracle to have them together. Most often my boys are off paddling in four different directions," Anuanue coach Nappy Napolean said. The Napolean brothers included David, 19, Joey, 23, and twins Aaron and Darryn, 22. The Napoleons, with help from crewmen Wally Rezentes and Raven Aipo, won their freshman heat by a comfortable eight seconds.

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Kayaking pair pack their paddles for Europe

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For island kayakers Malia Kamisugi and Nalu Kukea, the plunge from murky Keolu Lagoon to West Germany's historic Rhine is a quantum leap.

But someone has to test European waters. So why not Hawaii's best junior paddlers?

Last Sunday at Keolu, Kamisugi, paddling for Outrigger, and Kukea, stroking for Hui Nalu, were part of their respective winning 18's crews.

"With luck, maybe we'll continue our (winning) streak in Europe," Kamisugi said after OCC's victory.

Sunday's outrigger canoe regatta was the first and last of the season for the young Hawaii products. On Friday, Kamisugi, 16, and Kukea, 18, leave for 2½ months of junior and open kayak competition at Bochum and Duisburg, West Germany; in Nova Scotia, and at Lake Placid, N.Y.

"Excited about the trip? You'd better believe I am," said Kukea, a recent Kamehameha Schools graduate who enrolls at UC-Irvine this fall. Kamisugi will be a senior at Punahou School.

The U.S. Olympic Committee isn't funding a trip abroad for sightseeing. This is an investment in Olympic future.

According to Olympic developmental coach Billy Whitford, Malia and Nalu might have the stuff to make the U.S. kayak team at the 1992 Olympics at Barcelona. And he'd like to see them log some international experience.



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Nalu Kukea, left, and Malia Kamisugi will take different strokes on different waters when they trade paddling on the Ala Wai for kayaking in Europe.

(Michael Harbold and Traci Phillips became Hawaii's first U.S. Olympic team kayakers when they paddled at Seoul last fall.)

Kukea, the top U.S. junior kayaker, is a member of the U.S. National "B" team. Kamisugi is the best among U.S. junior women and ranked among the leaders in open competition.

"Great experience. A grand opportunity," Kukea said of the upcoming trip.

Added Kamisugi, who began serious kayaking just a year ago: "Never imagined that I'd pick up a sport so quickly."

At last summer's U.S. National Junior Kayak Championships at North Carolina the two paddlers won seven

gold medals between them. Kamisugi and Kukea were also last season's ILL individual paddling champs.

Both youngsters are products of local outrigger canoe paddling, Malia at Outrigger and Nalu at Hui Nalu. But their successful transition, from canoes to kayaking, came with the arrival of coach Whitford from California a year ago.

"A friend remarked that Mr. Whitford was looking for women paddlers. I said why not," Malia recalled. In addition to paddling, Kamisugi is a standout snow skier, board sailor and volleyball player.

"I hope to play volleyball for Puna-

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Malia Kamisugi
Junior Kayaker

hou next season but kayaking is my real joy," she said.

Kukea, a standout Warrior water polo player and academic honor student grew up paddling canoes.

"With my dad (Kala) coaching Hui Nalu crews, I was strongly influenced," Kukea said.

Although Kamisugi and Kukea are Hawaii's only junior kayakers competing in Europe, several local Whitford-coach paddlers are expected to race at next month's World Junior Championships at Nova Scotia and at U.S. Nationals at Indianapolis in August.

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Outrigger Canoe Club puts on golden performance

Outrigger Canoe Club won the "golden masters" title of the United States Volleyball Association tournament yesterday in Toledo, Ohio.

ISLE FILE Outrigger beat DTS of Chicago, 15-4, 15-10.

Outrigger's masters' team finished second in its division, as did the Molton team from Hawaii, which lost to Burmy's of California, 16-14, 15-9, in the women's club final.

The Kenneth Allen team of Chicago won the men's club title, beating the Washington Volleyball Club, 15-11, 15-12. It was the first men's club final in 46 years that didn't have a California team.

Freddy Hiapo, Dennis Berg and Rich Rafero of Outrigger were named golden masters All-Americans. Dick Temple-

man made the second team.

Other Hawaii players named to All-America teams were Chris Crabb and Randy Shaw to the first team, Charley Jenkins and John Stanley of Outrigger and Alex Bell of Koolau Lager to the second team, and Dave Deguth of Koolau to the third team.

Hovland-Dodd advances:

The defending championship team of Tim Hovland and Mike Dodd was among four unbeaten teams after yesterday's competition in the \$50,000 Miller Lite Hawaii Open beach volleyball tournament at Fort DeRussy.

Other teams to make it through the day unscathed were the duos of Gene Leduff and Bob Ctvrtlik, John Hanley and Scott Ayakutubby and Sin-

jin Smith and Randy Stoklos.

Smith and Stoklos won the tournament from 1984 to 1987.

Eight teams have lost just once in the double-elimination event.

Losers' bracket games begin this morning at 8, with winners' bracket teams playing at 9. The final is scheduled to start at 3 p.m.

Vulcans sign Rodrigues: The University of Hawaii-Hilo has signed multi-sport star Ryne Rodrigues of Baldwin High School to a letter of intent to play softball for the two-time District 29 champion Vulcans.

Rodrigues was Maui's softball player of the year. She also was Baldwin's female athlete of the year and top track and field athlete for three years.

Junior golf starts tomorrow:

Three city golf courses will offer a junior golf program this summer beginning tomorrow, Mayor Frank Fasi announced.

The six-week program will be held at the Pali, Ala Wai and Ted Makalena courses for youngsters ages 7-17.

Registration is \$35 and may be made at any city golf course or the Alii Golf Shop.

The program is designed to provide opportunities for juniors to learn the game and further develop their skills. Those who don't have their

own clubs will be provided them free of charge.

For more information, call the city Parks Department at 527-6322 or the Alii Golf Shop at 734-3656.

Tongg spurs victory: Ronnie Tongg scored four goals to power Team Reynolds to an 8-4 victory over Pupukea in the 10-goal tournament match at the Waimanalo Polo Field.

Kimo Huddleston led Pupukea with two goals.

In another match, Cory Gibson and Ray Noh scored three goals apiece to lead Town & Country past International

Travel Service, 6-3. Mike Ebin-

ger scored three goals for ITS.

Japan joining Bobby Sox:

Teams from Japan will play in the 1990 Bobby Sox softball national championship tournament at Buena Park, Calif., next year if all arrangements are completed, Hawaii Bobby Sox Senior Commissioner Nick J. Rodrigues announced.

Japan will send three teams to participate in the eighth annual Hawaiian Holiday Classic in December, Rodrigues said.

The Mililani-Waipio league will host this year's state championship tournament.