Kailua Canoe Club sets its sights on state championship

Windward crews aim for Outrigger

By BILL MOSSMAN Sports Editor

KAILUA — Kailua Canoe Club will be taking aim at its first state title since the mid-1980s at next week's Hawaii Canoe Racing Association State Championships at Hanalei Bay on Kauai.

And at least one person thinks the race for the trophy will be up for grabs among the event's numerous challengers.

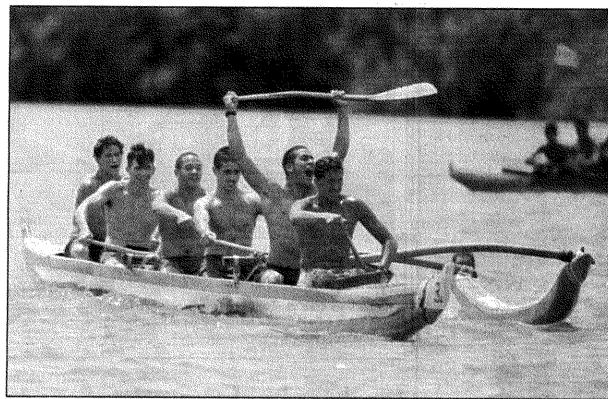
"Last year's state championship was quite a dogfight," Kailua head coach Hank Leandro said. "This year, it'll be a good one — a real close race. I don't think Outrigger will run away with it.

Outrigger will be favored to capture yet another state title, Leandro said, but Kailua figures to have a good chance to unseat the defending champion.

Kailua is the only club to defeat Outrigger during the tinct disadvantage to Outrig- rigger in several regattas this Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association season this summer. Kailua beat the Waikikibased powerhouse at the June 4 Novice B Men crews, and no Clement Paiaina Regatta, then crews for the girls 13, 14 and 18 placed either second or third in divisions. the next six regattas.

crews than any other club - we'll make a difference." except Outrigger. More qualified crews puts Kailua in an other clubs may sneak into the ideal position to challenge Out- picture and pull off an upset. rigger, Leandro explained.

"We're going to go in at a dis- season, placing second to Out-



NO KA OI BOYS: Kailua's Marcus Owens raises his hands in triumph after his boys 16 crew captured its half-mile race at Sunday's OHCRA Championships at Keehi Lagoon. The crew edged out Hui Nalu's team and finished with a time of three minutes and 53.72 seconds.

ger," he said. "We'll have no Sophomore Men's crew, no Sophomore Senior Men and

"But I think our youth and Another reason for optimism women crews are strong." is that Kailua will enter more Leandro added. "That's where Of course, he said, several

Lanikai has looked strong all

crews, which have often dominated the competition this year.

And although Hui Nalu has fared no better than third in regatta competition this summer. the club won both the the mid-'80s. With a few breaks state title and OHCRA championship as recently as 1993.

Even several outer-island crews could challenge, or at least tighten the overall competition by cutting into the scoring, Leandro said.

"Hawaiian Canoe Club from season. Among the team's Maui is strong, as is Puna from strongpoints are the men's the Big Island," he said. "And Lokahi (from Oahu) is one to watch.

Still, Leandro feels good about his team's chances of winning its first state title since here and there, he adds, who knows which team might walk away with the title?

"We have to overcome the little mistakes that have hurt us all year," he said. "But we've been in every race all season.'

Windward's top finishers

WINDWARD — Windward canoe clubs Kailua and Lanikai finished in secondand fourth-place, respectively, at Sunday's Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association Championships at Keehi Lagoon.

Kailua tallied 80 points, while Lanikai finished with 55. Outrigger won the event with 98 points, while Hui Nalu ended up in third-place with 57.

Following is a list of Kailua and Lanikai canoe clubs' first-place crews:

Kailua Mixed Open 6 (Kelii Heen, Dustin Dawson, Don Leandro, Kathy Whit-ford, Viv Griffin and Carleen Ornellas), 3 minutes and 52.26 seconds. * Boys 13 (Levon Freeman, Cavan Medeiros, Ryan Hogue, Nick Ehrhorn, David Kane and Marc Cobb-Adams),

• Boys 14 (Brandon Silva, Brett Silva, Kekoa Barney, Noah Campbell, Ricky Tomasa and Kekoa Toomata),

Boys 16 (Ka'ai Bruhn, Marcus Souza, Josiah Akau, Kekama Akana, Taylor Spencer and Jan Shea), 5:53.72.

Women Junior (Laurie Matsuda, Kathy Erwin, Donna Meyer, Patty Wynn, Donna Kohls and Kaui Alen-

castre), 8:57.59.

• Men Golden Masters (John Goody, Joe Kanakus, Pat Goldstein, Gary Oakland, Howard Keller and

Dennis Yap), 4:05.43.

• Men Novice A (Ron Barron, Brad Yoshimitsu, Kenny Flores, Guy Logan, Ed Padilla and Kawai Mahoe), 7:54.25. • Men Junior Masters (Pat Erwin, Kamoa Kalama, Beanie Heen, Frank Snow, Dennis Salas and Eddle Frazer),

Lanikai Mixed Masters (Pete Roney, Cory Mehau, Rock Owens, Mauli Aspelund, Alexis Freeman and Mollie Foti), no

Women Freshman (Lee Ann Anderson, Meiante Clark, Ann Farrell, Libby Faulk and Cotby Haring), 8:31.77.

Women Masters (Laurie Broad, Ann Dewey, Debra Follett, Stephanie Jenkins, Margie Oates and Lynn Sorensen), 9:47.90.

Men Preshman (Chris Sharrer, Wade Chandler, Bo Easterbrooks, Rock Owens, Ikaika Harbottle and Pat Von), 7:15.46.

 Men Sophomore (Gio Camuso, John Foti, Rich Lambert, Rock Owens, Cory Mehau and Jim Foti), 7:05.51. Men Senior (Mike Pederson, John Foti, Rich Lambert, Bo Easterbrook Gio Camuso and Jim Foti), 14:33.89.

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Hawaiian eyes are focused on state title

BY ROBERT COLLIAS Staff Writer

KAHULUI — Hawaiian Canoe Club has no rival in the waters of Maui County. Now, the 11-time defending Maui County Hawaiian Canoe Association champions are ready to show the rest of the state just what they are made of.

Hanalei Bay, Kauai, is the site of the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association state championship regatta on Saturday. Hawaiian will be there ready to flex its muscles.

The mighty white and blue of HCC will be seen no less than 29 times on a 32-race state state. That is a number that puts the the Valley Isle champions in the realm of Outrigger and Lokahi, champions of the two associations on Oahu, in the fight for the state championship.

HCC has always been strong in the keiki and men's divisions in recent history, but now the entire club is making noise.

If not for a final-race disqualification in the John M. Lake Maui County Championship Regatta, HCC would have broken its own MCHCA single-regatta scoring record of 116 points. Instead, the champions settled for 115 points, but more importantly, they won 18 of 31 events, showing that the numbers they put up on the

erasable scoreboard were significant. Even more importantly, the champions won all three races at the Lake Regatta, which were winner-take-all affairs with the top two crews going straight to state.

Two of those were the Women's Junior and Women's Senior affairs. It is no coincidence that HCC used the same crew in each race. These ladies are the best female paddlers in

the best club on Maui. At the Lake Regatta 11 days ago. Hawaiian's Jenni MacLean, Dane



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Gerry, Jenni MacLean, Vanessa Weiss, Marjorie Kawaiaea, Dane Christophersen and Noelani Sawyer won two big races at the John Kauai.

Christophersen, Marjorie Kawaiaea, Vanessa Weiss, Theresa Gerry and Noelani Sawyer first went out and won their Women's Junior one-mile race in 9 minutes, 45.82 seconds, three seconds in front of Napili.

Minutes later, in the 14-mile Women's Senior race, the same six won in 15:23.43, this time 24 seconds in front of Napili.

Until as recently as last year, Napili was the dominant club for women. Weiss knows that well. She was a member of Napili for years before making the switch to Hawaiian

this season. She took no extra pleasure in beating the black and yellow of Napili twice at the Lake.

"I guess I don't look at it that way." Weiss said. "I wanted to make sure we got to state, but those (Napili paddlers) were my teammates way too many years to not have feelings for them. They will always be my teammates. I'm just on the other side of the fence now. This is a great (Hawaiian) crew, a lot of

Christophersen was just happy to

Hawalian Canoe Club's top women's crew of (from left) Theresa M. Lake Maui County Championship Regatta 11 days ago at Kahului Harbor to qualify for Saturday's state championships at Hanalei Bay,

> have a ticket to state in the bag. "It did feel good," Christophersen said. "I can't wait for state. I was definitely kind of nervous today. What if we DQ'ed or huli'd or something. It just feels good to know

we're on our way.' HCC has a mind-boggling 16 No. 1-seeded crews out of the MCHCA, which is its highest number ever. That is part of the reason for the optimism. HCC's highest finish ever at state is third, most recently accom- Christophersen smiled, "Because plished at Hanakaoo Beach Park two we've done everything else."

"We think that we will be among the top three consistently in three years or less," HCC's first-year men's coach Jody D'Enbeau said. "Once we get to that point, we'll start zeroing in on the state title."

With the domination the HCC women put up at the season-culminating Lake Regatta, that time may be sooner than later.

"State is what we want now,"

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Today

American Legion: Hawaii Kai vs. Kavs. Punahou, Hans L'Orange Field.

W Baskethali NCAA Summer League: Prudential Locations vs. Honolulu Ford, 6:15 p.m.; Budget Car Sales vs. Royal Guard Security, 7:45 p.m., Kilauea Recreation

AMA: Gates open, 5 p.m.; Races

Hawaii International Cup: Girls' un-der 10, Laie vs. Yukkies, noon, Kaneohe vs. Teng Fa, 1 p.m., Field No. 3; Boys under 16, Shih Tzu vs. Ke Alii, 1 p.m. Shin Harr vs. Moe's Boys, 3 p.m. Bullets vs. Wahiawa, 5 p.m., Field No. 1 Boys' under 14, Iron Eagles vs. Kaneop.m., Koali'i vs. Wahiawa, 3:30 p.m., Field No. 2; Girls' under 14, Chang Chi vs. Buya, 5 p.m., Field No. 2, Sudden Impact vs. Raiders, 5 p.m., Field No. 3; Boys' under 12, Tai Hain vs. Golden Eagles, 2:15 p.m., Eagles vs. Heng Chun, 3:30 p.m., Field No. 3.

Kapiolani Park,

Swimming
Pool Pentathion Potluck: 7:15 p.m.,
Duke Kahanamoku Pool.

Tennis
Men's Night Doubles: Qualifying
matches, 6 p.m., Kailua Racquet Club.

Tomorrow M Bareball

M Basebas American Legion: Alea vs. Hawaii Kai, 10:30 a.m. followed Walpahu vs. Leeward, Walpahu H.S. Field: Moana-lua vs. Mollilli, 10:30 a.m. followed by Mid-Pacific vs. Punahou, Mid-Pacific Field; Kamehameha vs. West Oahu, 5 p.m. followed by Iolani vs. Castle, Hans L'Orange Field.

Power Lifting Best of Hawaii's Best: Bench press championship, 10 a.m., Wahiawa Inter-mediate School.

 Running
 Kilaues Wilderness Runs: Marathon, 10-mile run and 5-mile walk and run, Volcances National Park, 6 a.m.

Soccer Hawaii International Cup: Boys' un-der 16, Shin Han vs. Shin Tzu, 9 a.m., Ke Alii vs. Bullets, 11 a.m., Wahiswa vs. Shin Han., 1 p.m., Moe's Boys vs. Shin Tzu, 3 p.m., Field No. 1; Boys' under Kaneohe vs. Shin Han, 9 a.m., Kosii'i ... Shin Han, noon, Iron Eagles vs. Wahia-wa, 3 p.m.; Coed, Koali'i vs. Chang Chi, 10:30 a.m., Kansohs vs. Raiders, 1:30 p.m., Field No. 2; Boys' under 12, Tai Hain vs. Eagles, 10:15 a.m., Heng Chun vs. Golden Eagles, 1 p.m., Girls' under 10, Tang Fa vs. Laie, 11:45 a.m., Laie vs. Kaneohe, 2:15 p.m., Girls' under 14, Buya vs. Sudden impact, 3:30 p.m., Field No. 3, Kapiolani Park.

USISL: Valley Golden Eagles vs. Ha-waii Tsunami, 7 p.m., Kaiser Stadium. China's Longboard Classic: 7 a.m.,

Kuhio Beach. Roughwater Clinic: 8 a.m., Keimana

Beach. USS Hawaii Age Group Champion ships: Long course, 8 a.m., Punahou.

Taekwondo
Hewaii International Open Champi onships: Opening ceremonies, 10 a.m.; finals, 6 p.m., Bloch Arena.

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Hawaiian Regional AAU Junior
Beach Doubles: Girls, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Outrigger Cance Club sand courts.

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CALENDAR

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B Baseball Mr. Baseball American Legion: Waipahu vs. Lee-ward, 12:30 p.m., Waipahu H.S. Field; Mid-Pacific vs. Punahou, 12:30 p.m., Mid-Pacific Field; Kamehameha vs. West Oahu, 5 p.m. followed by lolani vs. Castle, Hans L'Orange Field.

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USISL: Valley Golden Eagles vs. He-wall Tsunami, 7 p.m., Kaiser Stadium. IS Taekwondo Hawaii International Open Championships: Finals, 6 p.m., Bloch Arena.

Hawatian Regional AAU Junior Beach Doubles: Girls, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Outrigger Canoe Club sand courts.

Tomorrow M Baseball

American Legion: Punahou vs. Ka-mehameha, 10:30 a.m. followed Mid-Pacific vs. Moanaiua, Mid-Pacific Field. Castle vs. Alea, 10:30 a.m. followed by Moisili vs. Leeward, Hans L'Orange Field; West Oahu vs. Hawaii Kai, 12:30 p.m. followed by Iolani vs. Waipahu,

Bowling
Hewali TV: Senior singles, 10 a.m., Stadium Bowl-O-Drome.

Hawaii International Club: 2 p.m., Mokuleia Field. Honolulu Club: 2 p.m., Waimanalo

B Running
Trails End: 10 kilometers, 7 a.m.,
Schofield Barracks-Wheeler AFB.
B Soccer

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USISL: Valley Golden Eagles vs. He-

waii Tsunami, 2 p.m., Honokaa H.S. Chine's Longboard Classic: 7 a.m.,

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