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Outrigger repeats canoe win

The results yesterday at the Leeward Regatta at Po-kai Bay were just about the same as last week's Kamehameha Day canoe races.

Outrigger repeated its strong overall showing in the 14 races and finished first with 36 points. But Waikiki Surf Club, winning the blue ribbon senior women's and senior men's races as it did last week, took runner-up honors with 32 overall points.

HEALANI, which took third in the canoe season's first race off Kailua Beach last week, followed with 30 points.

More than 900 paddlers participated yesterday while thousands more watched this year's second canoe regatta from the shore.

Conditions were fair with little wind and calm seas though three canoes were swamped during the competition.

THE MEET was sponsored by the Leeward Kai Canoe Club and the Hawaiian Canoe Association.

Results:

TEAM STANDINGS

1. Outrigger, 36 points. 2. Waikiki Surf, 32 points. 3. Healani, 30 points. 4. Hui Nalu, 18 points. 5. Kailua, 17 points. 6. Lanikai, 11 points. 7. Leeward Kai, 4 points. 8. Kai Oni, 2 points. 9. Maoli Sons, 2 points. 10. Order of Kamehameha, 1 point.

EVENTS

Boys 12-under, 1/4 mile—1. Healani, 2. Kailua, 3. Outrigger. Time—2:14.0.
Women's novice B, 1/4 mile—1. Waikiki, 2. Outrigger, 3. Lanikai. T—2:18.0.
Boys 13-under, 1/4 mile—1. Kailua, 2. Healani, 3. Outrigger. T—2:09.2.

Women's novice A, 1/4 mile—1. Healani, 2. Waikiki, 3. Outrigger. T—2:28.8.

Boys 14-under, 1/4 mile—1. Lanikai, 2. Hui Nalu, 3. Outrigger. T—1:57.2.

Men novice, 1/2 mile—1. Healani, 2. Hui Nalu, 3. Outrigger. T—4:13.7.

Boys 16-under, 1/2 mile—1. Outrigger, 2. Kailua, 3. Waikiki. T—4:13.2.

Boys 18-under, 1 mile—1. Waikiki, 2. Outrigger, 3. Kailua. T—9:08.8.

Women's freshmen, 1/2 mile—1. Hui Nalu, 2. Kailua, 3. Lanikai. T—5:11.1.

Men's freshmen, 1/2 mile—1. Outrigger, 2. Healani, 3. Waikiki. T—14:21.6.

Women's junior, 1/2 mile—1. Waikiki, 2. Outrigger, 3. Healani. T—5:06.3.

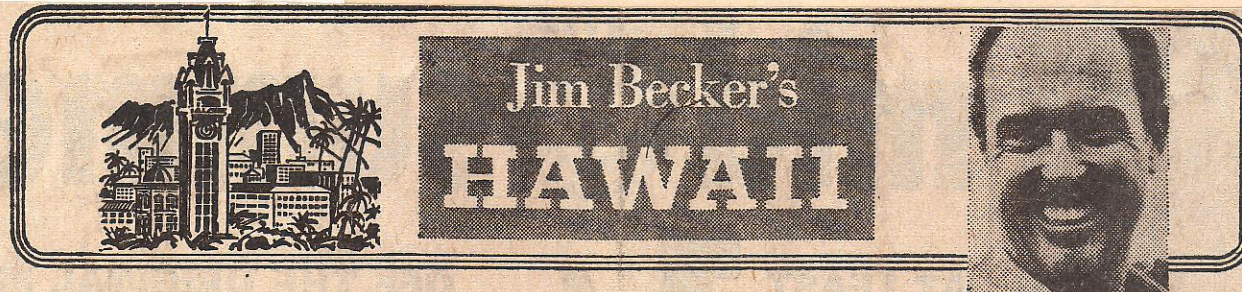
Men's junior, 2 miles—1. Healani, 2. Hui Nalu, 3. Leeward. T—19:59.8.

Women's senior, 1 mile—1. Waikiki, 2. Outrigger, 3. Leeward Kai. T—11:08.9.

Men's senior, 2 1/2 mile—1. Waikiki, 2. Outrigger, 3. Healani. T—21:57.0.

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SHORTLY AFTER the turn of the century, when Waikiki was just a sand bar surrounded by duck ponds, rice fields and taro patches, a bunch of young men got together and trained for an important swimming race.

They had challenged a group from Kona on the Big Island, and interest in the outcome was running high. A thousand dollars high, as a matter of fact—winner take all.

The course was from the area where the Reef Hotel stands today to the Moana Hotel pier. (The pier is long gone, but the Moana stands today where it has for some 70 years.)

The young men from Oahu—most of them around 18—got the inside lane in the relay race, and discovered that at low tide when they rounded the point by the present Royal Hawaiian Hotel they could get up and run.

All's fair when you're racing for money, and they ran away with the prize.

"There we were with a thousand dollars," says Guy Rothwell, now 80 and a retired architect, "and one of the men warned us that if we took the money we would be professionals."

"So we used it to buy a thatched roof cottage from a zoo in Kaimuki that had gone out of business, and we set it up on the beach by the Royal—we got a lease for \$1 a year—and that was the first Outrigger Canoe Clubhouse."

The date was May 20, 1908, and the other night they had a luau at the Club and honored the three living charter members—Rothwell, Atherton Gilman and Harry Steiner.

"We grew up together," Rothwell remembered. "I was born on the spot where the Arcadia stands now—and by an odd coincidence I live in the Arcadia now, and I grew up on the beach. Our house was where the Moana is. My father and his partner built the Moana, around 1895 or 1896, as I recall."

"They tore down our house and put up the hotel, but they were ahead of their time, and they lost it."

"There was the plague in 1900, and the electric cars didn't get out that far then, and then in 1907 there was a depression on the Mainland, and people stopped coming to Hawaii."

"Steiner's father owned the property next to the Outrigger, and he grew up there. He was the son of a Hun-

garian Jew, and Gilman was missionary and I was fourth generation of whaling people.

"We grew up together and helped found a new kind of town, one that wasn't so sharply divided. In the generation before us, the whalers and the missionaries were at loggerheads, and there were disputes over the royalty—my father was a Royalist—and battles for control."

"Remember, Honolulu was just a little town of 20,000 at the turn of the century."

"I had a newspaper route around 1906 for the old Hawaiian Star—which became half of the Star-Bulletin in 1912—and I had the entire area from Fort Street downtown to the Diamond Head lighthouse, and everything makai of Beretania."

"I made 18 miles a day on a bike, and I delivered 70 papers. I always made a stop to do a little surfing and I was late for dinner most nights and I would catch hell."

"That hasn't changed much, anyway. Kids are still doing that."

"Waikiki was just a sandbar, then. There were horse-cars on Kalakaua Avenue—it was called Waikiki Road, and it was just a winding, dusty trail—and duck ponds and rice and taro fields all the way to where the Stadium is now."

"There used to be horse races out there, in the days of the Monarchy and shortly after, and on the way home, in the spirit of the day, people would race their buggies down Waikiki Road. They had all kinds of wrecks."

"That hasn't changed much either," I pointed out.

Rothwell, who has 20 grandchildren and one great-grandchild—the latter the 7th Rothwell generation in Hawaii—built a couple of the hotels now jammed into Waikiki.

"The build-up was too hasty," he admits, "and too helter-skelter, but I think it will come out all right, although frankly I can't drive down Kalakaua Avenue these days. Can't stand it."

"I drive around it."

"But there are things we can do. The buildings can be painted shades of green, the way the Foster Tower Hotel has. And we can watch future building."

"Nothing can take the scenery or climate away from us, and if we watch it, this place will always be beautiful."

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KAHALA Hilton honcho Bob Burns tickled that Woody Herman called him from the Coast to thank him for all the hospitality shown him at the hotel . . . Gray Line boss on Maui Er-

nie Paschoal cornered Mayor Elmer Cravalho at the Miss Maui ceremonies and suggested that the winner should get a trip to Expo 70 out of the contest.

"Who'll pay for it?" asked Cravalho. "Me and you and everybody else," said Paschoal, who figured that enough business-



men could chip in to arrange for the trip. But Ernie's mouth dropped when Mayor Cravalho crowned the winner and announced for all to hear that Paschoal would be providing her with a trip to Osaka. Now, of course, he's busy arranging for it and mumbling about his "big mouth." . . . Singer Jimmy Darren to do the military circuit, sandwiching in Thursday & Friday at the Orchid Isle Hotel in Hilo . . . The gaiety of happy hour on the Outrigger Canoe Club's Hau Terrace was punctuated by three mournful blasts of the Lurline as she steamed past the club on her final voyage. And all the imbibers stood as one in a nostalgic moment, and bid their silent alohas . . .