

Ala Moana anglers hold lead

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KAILUA, Kona — Marlin catches mounted toward an all-time record yesterday in the twelfth annual Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament as 19 marlin and 12 tuna were boated for a three-day total of 56 marlin and 10 tuna. The record for the five-day classic is 63 marlin caught in 1967.

The Ala Moana Sportsmen's Club Team 2 of Honolulu bolstered its lead in the tournament with a 196-pound marlin caught by Gordon Zane for a team total of 1,022. Portland, Ore., was second with 793 and the Mexical Sportsmen's Club was third on the basis of a 432-pound fish caught by Harold Biaggini with 660 points.

The Bay of Islands Team 2 of New Zealand was fifth with 518 points.

For the first time since the tournament started the

lady marlin made an appearance and the first three were the females weighing 432 pounds, 336 and 250.

THE 432-POUNDER was caught by Harold Biaggini of the Mexi-Cal team after a frantic dash from Los Angeles.

Harold had to fly back to the Mainland to some business. He flew to Kona early this morning, barely in time to catch his boat—and was barely out of the harbor before he hooked the big lady.

That put the Mexico-Cal team in third place with 660 points.

ACCORDING to the Bureau of Fisheries, the lady marlin all had empty stomachs.

"I don't know what that proves," said Jim Houghton of the bureau. "But, maybe, they are interested in some thing else, what with all the male marlin around."

There were 19 marlin caught yesterday to bring the total for the tournament to 56—only seven short of the

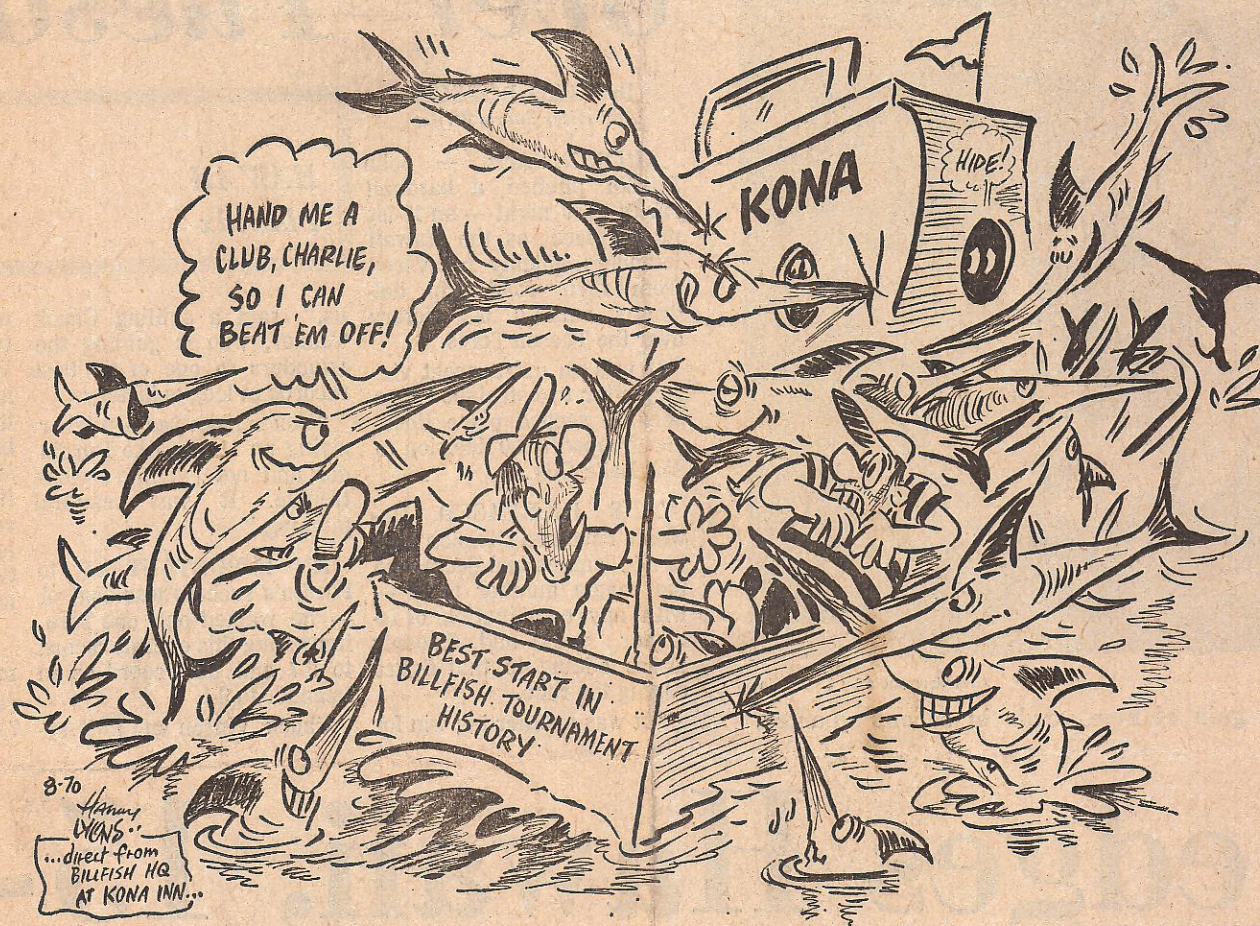
tournament record of 63—with two days still to go.

Kevin Crosbie of the Bay of Islands Club of New Zealand, who hauled in a record-smashing three on Tuesday, was blanked yesterday—but plenty of others had fun.

BECK PORTER became the second woman of the week to catch a marlin (Pam Hodgins was the first) when she came in with a 145-pounder for Rossmoor Club of Walnut Creek, Calif.—her first in tournament competition.

And Al Priest, who predicted Tuesday he'd catch a big one yesterday, landed a 212-pounder for the Hawaii Big Game Fishing Team No. 2—not exactly big, but at least not a minnow.

And would you believe this: the tournament record for smallest fish ever caught was equalled when Eldon English of the Waialua Boat Club of Oahu reeled in a 33-pounder to tie the mark set on Tuesday by Marty Franich of Watsonville, Calif.



billfish tournament log

KAILUA, Kona — Results after three days in the 12th annual Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament.

Angler	Wght.	Test	Time	Pts.
ALA MOANA SPORTS TEAM I				
Howard Kiyama	538	130	5:50	638
Ken Kiyama	188	130	1:35	188
Gordon Zane	196	130	1:25	196
Team Total				1022
PORTLAND, ORE.				
Jim Conway	164	50	1:15	328
Patricia Conway	146	50	1:15	292
Richard Davis	133	80	1:20	173
Team Total				793
MEXI-CAL OF MEXICO				
H. Biaggini	432	130	1:10	864
H. Biaggini	128	130	1:10	532
Team Total				660
WALNUT CREEK, CALIF.				
Gerald Speagle	164	50	1:05	328
Harold Speagle	235	130	1:20	470
Team Total				563
BAY OF ISLANDS, N.Z.				
Kevin Crosbie	187	130	1:28	374
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Kevin Crosbie	155	130	1:30	310
Team Total				518
HAWAII BIG GAME NO. 1				
G. Von Arnswaldt	417	130	1:00	834
Team Total				834
L.A. BILLFISH CLUB				
Frank Hedge	467	80	1:50	467
Team Total				467
HAWAII BIG GAME TEAM IV				
Tad Fairbanks	212	50	1:20	424
Team Total				424
OUTRIGGER CANOE TEAM II				
Steve Parker	147	130	1:21	294
Hugh Landes	122	130	1:22	244
Tom Rietow	110	130	1:20	220
Team Total				379
HAWAII BIG GAME TEAM I				
Michael Givens	162	130	1:10	324
Team Total				324

R. Nishikawa	TOKYO TROLLERS	130	1:12	213
Garrick Agnew	PERTH, AUSTRALIA	163	80	119
Ray Martinson	KAWAIIHAE OF OAHU	154	80	112
Richard Gould	BAY OF ISLANDS, N.Z. I	80	1:18	195
Sid Weinrich	HEEIA BAY CLUB	97	50	194
C. Yamamoto	HAWAII BIG GAME V	193	130	193
Dave Giffens	WAIKIKI YACHT TEAM III	185	130	185
Frank Nibley	KONA TROLLERS TEAM I	181	130	181
Charles Bucks	PROUD BIRD, CALIF.	158	130	158
Norman Stuphin	WINDWARD SPORTS FISHING	157	130	157
Gordon Morse	WAIALUA BOAT OF OAHU	115	130	115
Eldon English	115	130	1:05	148
Team Total	KONA MAUKA TROLLERS NO. II	130	1:15	146
Aka Hodgins	MAALEA BOATING FISHING NO. II	145	130	145
Dick Walker	ROSSMOOR WALNUT CREEK, CALIF.	130	1:15	124
Becky Porter	MAUKA TROLLERS NO. II	124	130	124
Jerry Tambalo	LOS GATOS HOOKERS	130	1:35	103
Al Sutton	AMERICAN SAMOA	130	1:15	43
Keith Landrin	PAJARO VALLEY CLUB	33	80	43
Marty Franich	AHI	33	80	43
Team Total	HAWAII BIG GAME TEAM IV	50	1:33	420
James Wilson	KONA MAUKA TROLLERS TEAM III	204	80	265
Garrick Agnew	PERTH, AUSTRALIA	148	80	192
Les Walls	WAILOA TROLLING	142	130	162
Mike Givens	HAWAII BIG GAME NO. I	107	80	139
Tim Morse	WAIALUA BOAT CLUB	128	30	128
Kevin Crosbie	BAY OF ISLANDS N.Z.	125	130	125
Lloyd Abel	PANAMA MARLIN CLUB	119	130	119

Scoring: One point for each pound; 30 per cent bonus for using 80-pound test; double weight for 50-pound test; 100 points added each day for largest fish; 100 points extra for largest fish of tournament.

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In Third Day of Kailua-Kona Action

Ala Moana Widens Billfish Lead

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KAILUA-KONA — Despite a frustrating day in which it fought four losing battles, the Ala Moana Sportsman Club Team I lengthened its lead in the 12th annual Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament yesterday as the marlin count mounted to 56.

Gordon Zane boated a 196-pounder to give Ala Moana a score of 1,022 and a lead of 229 points over Jim Conway's City of Portland club. It could have been a runaway day for Ala Moana which lost four other marlin after fights ranging from 10 to 35 minutes.

Captain Howard Kiyama lost one after 25 minutes, son Mike, 18, battled one for 10 minutes and Zane lost one after 35 minutes and another after 25 minutes.

HAROLD BIAGGINI, captain of the Mexi-Cal Sportsmen Club, had a wild day that was anything but frustrating. On Monday Harold caught a 128-pounder to put his team on the scoreboard. He left that night to appear in a court case in San Luis Obispo Tuesday.

At 6 p.m. Tuesday he flew his own plane to Los Angeles where he caught a Western

Airlines flight that put him in Honolulu at 11 p.m.

Yesterday morning he arrived at Kona at 7 and was speeded to Keauhou Harbor where he joined his team 15 minutes after starting time. At 9 a.m. he struck the biggest fish of the day, a 432-pounder that gave his team a bonus of 100 points and a total of 660, good for third place in the standings.

WITH 19 marlin boated yesterday the tournament total stands at 56, only seven away from the all-time record of 63 set in 1967.

There has been one disqualification. The 164-pound catch by John Meeks, Pacific

ca Marlin Club, Tuesday was disallowed because part of the fish had been ripped away either by a shark or by propeller contact.

Mickey Waddoups, Hawaii Big Games Club Team IV, took over the ahi-division lead with a 210-pounder caught on 50-pound line.

TOURNAMENT tidbits: Pam Hodgins, Kona Mauka Trollers, with a 167-pounder, and Becky Porter, Rossmore Club, Calif., joined Pat Conway of Portland as successful women anglers—Becky caught a 145-pounder, a far cry from the 490-pound non-competitive catch she made in these waters four years ago

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YESTERDAY'S MARLIN CATCHES: 432 pounds—Harold Biaggini, Mexi-Cal Club; 336 pounds—Sonny Souza, Kona Game Fishing Club Team II; 250 pounds—Masami Nagano, Leeward Trollers

Team I; 246 pounds—Peter Baldwin, Maalea Club I; 235 pounds—Harold Speagle, Walnut Creek; 212 pounds—Alonso Priest, Hawaii Big Game Club Team II; 186 pounds—Gordon Zane, Ala Moana Sportsmen Team I; 190 pounds—James Butler, Nassau County, N.Y.; 167 pounds—Pam Hodgins, Kona Mauka Trollers Team II.

167 pounds—John Baldwin, Maalea Club Team II; 161 pounds—Steve Crivello, Maalea Boat Club; 155 pounds—Ray Martinson, Kawaihae Trolling; 151 pounds—Karl Evans, Freeport (N.Y.) Tuna Club; 150 pounds—Richard Gould, Bay of Islands Team I; 145 pounds—Becky Porter, Rossmore Club, Calif.; 129 pounds—Ray Ohira, Leeward Trollers Team II; 127 pounds—Gary Peters, Waikiki Rod and Gun Club; 110 pounds—Tom Rietow, Outrigger Team II; 33 pounds—Eldon English, Waialua Boat Club.

TEAM STANDINGS: Ala Moana Sports Club No. 1, Team I, 1,022; Portland, Ore., 793; Mexi-Cal Club, 660; Walnut Creek, Calif., 563; Bay of Islands Team II, 518; Bay of Islands Team I, 517; Los Angeles Billfish, 467; Hawaii Big Game Club Team IV, 426; Outrigger Team II, 379; Hawaii Big Game Club Team II, 359; Kona Game Fishing Club Team II, 336; Maalea Team II, 328.

YESTERDAY'S TUNA CATCHES: 210 pounds—Mickey Waddoups, Hawaii Big Game Team IV; 204 pounds—James Wilson, Kona Mauka Trollers Team II; 148 pounds—Garrick Agnew, Perth, Australia. Waddoups' catch was made on 50-pound test line worth 100 per cent bonus; those by Wilson and Agnew on 80-pound line worth 30 per cent bonus.

LEADERS—Waddoups, 420 points; Wilson 265 points; Agnew 192 points.