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Surf Spray

by Ron Haworth



Bad day at North Shore

As it turned out, we'd had been better off staying in bed Wednesday morning when Fred Van Dyke, director of the Duke surfing meet, announced the contest would go on somewhere on the North Shore.

Instead, we began a day that proved to be fatiguing and disappointing.

The Duke is staged for 24 surfers and ABC-TV. It does not depend on the on-the-spot viewing public. If this weren't so, the public would have been short-changed Wednesday.

Van Dyke's major concern is the quality of the surf and the available light, not spectators.

"There is no reason to rule any spot as too remote — even Kauai or Maui — if conditions are extraordinary," Van Dyke said earlier.

We shadowed Van Dyke Wednesday morning and can appreciate the weighty decision he had to make and the little time he had to mull the consequences.

The phone began getting warm before sunrise when a tip came down from Jose Angel of the North Shore that Banzai Pipeline was big.

(One doesn't have to see Pipeline to deduct size. The beach trembles.)

Angel's call began the wheels spinning. Here was the first hint that we might have a contest day. And when Val Valentine followed with a "fair" summation on Sunset, nerves began to tighten.

Through breakfast Van Dyke was called away to a score of calls. Before coffee he knew that Waimea was 12 feet and Haleiwa held promise, and Sunset was big water.

The surfers, meanwhile, filtered in for breakfast. In small groups they made small talk, but most eyes sought Van Dyke.

And never far away was the weather report: gusty southerly winds, meaning bad news for Van Dyke.

Washout

On the North Shore Van Dyke decided on Haleiwa, Sunset offered a good drop but no opportunity to work the wave; Waimea had everything but quantity; Laniakea was best but the surf was too far out to accommodate television.

The first heat paddled out. Stars like Aikau, Pomar, Strauch, Hamilton, Hakman and Young got wet.

And soon the news got back to the beach that Haleiwa had a bad rip. It was not a popular choice.

So it was natural for Van Dyke to listen to Valentine when he showed up with updated Sunset report.

With a magician's flair, Van Dyke drew the six surfers from the water and switched the scene to Sunset.

His trick sent a great safari of contestants, cameramen, spectators and precariously tied surfboards bumper to bumper through sleepy Haleiwa town.

Sunset had changed moods again. And complicating the script was a storm bearing down on Oahu from Kauai.

As the threatening horizon crept nearer, a counsel of strategy was called. Van Dyke huddled with ABC cameraman Larry Lindberg and executive producer Brice Weisman.

Was there enough light and hours to salvage any of the day if the contest was again moved—this time to Waimea?

No. Wait for another day. In the Duke, this is possible.

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DUKE DATA: Where was Kimo McVay's kahuna when the conscientious Hilton staff plastered "Parked Illegally" stickers on the windows of his white Rolls Royce left by the lobby entrance?

Van Dyke jogged from Punahou to the Outrigger Canoe Club to keep a television interview appointment.

Why don't the Duke officials check the surf conditions by helicopter. ABC had its own shipped over for this contest (at a cost of \$2,500). And the Hawaiian Village has a pad at its doorstep.

A late Tuesday substitution put Australia's Midget Farrelly into the third heat in place of an ailing Jackie Eberle.

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Volleyball Meet Slated Saturday

A six-man United States Volleyball Association Class A tournament will be held Saturday at Mid-Pacific Institute's Mills gym.

Outrigger Canoe Club is sponsoring the tourney which starts at 9 a.m. Teams interested in entering may call W. W. Robinson at 536-1734.

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11 Isle surfers gain semis

Eleven surfers from Hawaii were among the 16 semifinalists who survived the 24-man eliminations of the Duke Kahanamoku Surfing Classic yesterday at Sunset Beach.

Heading the list from Hawaii were:

Jock Sutherland, defending champion; Fred Hemmings Jr., World Surfing Meet titlist and two-time International Surfing Meet champion; and veteran George Downing, only surfer to win the

International Meet at Makaha three times.

Other Hawaii qualifiers were:

Eddie Aikau, Ben Aipa, Jim Blears, Ryan Dotson, Jim Lucas, Rick Grigg, Paul Strauch and Butch Van Artsdalen.

FOREIGN ENTRIES making the semifinals, scheduled to be run off today at Sunset Beach, were: Felipe Pomar of Peru and Australia's Nat Young and Midget Farrelley. All three have won the World title.

Californians Mike Doyle and Rusty Miller, both from California, round out the semifinalist group.

The choppy waves and South winds hampered the surfers and resulted in a ma-

jor upset when Joey Cabell, current International Meet crown bearer, was eliminated.

Yesterday's eliminations, which consumed approximately five hours, were run off in four preliminary heats of six men each. Two men were eliminated from each heat to narrow the field to 16.

THE WAVES ranged from six to eight feet and got choppy as the day progressed, causing the surfers to gamble on the waves.

Aussie Young, a daring big-wave rider, had the best ride of the day in the morning when the waves were most consistent.

The winner of the surfing classic will receive \$1,000.

In a joint announcement, Kimo McVay, Duke meet founder; Fred Van Dyke, director; and Larry Lindburgh of ABC's Wide World of Sports said it was decided to turn the meet into a pro affair this year.

McVay inaugurated the competition four years ago to honor the late internationally famous Hawaiian swimmer.

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Sunny Weather, Rolling Waves Bless Championship Surfing

Sunny weather and big rolling waves greet the 16th Annual International Surfing Championships which will be held at Makaha, starting today. Some 275 surfers are entered in the meet which continues through December 31. There will be no competition on Christmas Day.

The select entry of 275 of the finest surfers in the world will be up for competition in the sixteenth running of what has been identified as the world's greatest surfing championships. The events held at Makaha is the

oldest of all surfing competition and it is at the International Championships where the champions of the world are named.

Teams represented this year include: Windansea of California, Manly Pacific Surf Club of Australia, Laguna Surf Club, Armed Forces Surf Team, Greg Noll's Surfceneter team, Diamond Head Surf Club, Makaha Surfing Association, Freedom Riders, Ewa Beach Surf Club, Maui Son's, Kauai Surfing Association and Surf Riders Association, as well as Kui O Hawaii, Outrigger

Canoe Club and the sponsoring Waikiki Surf Club.

All of the above teams' representatives are extremely talented. With the Outrigger Canoe Club are defending champions Fred Hemmings and Paul Strauch.

Competing for the Waikiki Surf Club will be former champions George Downing and Buffalo Keaulani and Rabbit Kekai, as well as Nappy Napoleon, junior champion in 1958, and Leroy Ah Choy, long time winner of awards at the Makaha event. Andy Miller, Richard Henning and others will be competing on the Waikiki Surf Club team. From California will be Corky Carroll the California champion, Steve Bigler, long time trophy winner in both the Open event and the Tandem event.

From Australia will be former champion Peter Drouyn as well as the Australian champion of this year Keith Paull. There is a lone entry from Ireland, Rodney Sumpter; representing Peru in the contest this year will be Felipe Pomar.

The contest will be covered by ABC Wide World of Sports again this year.

A late report has been received that former champion James Kekai may be granted permission through his commanding officer in Alaska to come and compete in the contest this year.

The Waikiki Surf Club, sponsors of the competition in the past sixteen years, warn motorists once again of parking in the Makaha area. Through the

cooperation of all City and County agencies everything will be done to safeguard the motorist as well as the pedestrian in the Makaha area. Police officials have requested that notice be given that cars will not be allowed to park on either side of the highway in the areas designated by No Parking signs during the period of the championship contests.

Ample parking off the highway is available in a very large parking area directly opposite the surfing grounds and a few yards beyond the surfing area there will be ample parking this year. The new improved highway will simplify getting to and from the Makaha area. New hotels that have been developed in the Makaha area in the past few years will make it possible for many families to get housing in the area during the running of the contests.

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Outrigger Wins Volleyball Meet

Outrigger Canoe Club defeated U.S. Army Pacific in straight games, 15-3, 15-11 last night at Mid-Pacific Institute to win the Outrigger six-man Volleyball tourney. Waialua Surfers finished third in the nine-team tournament.

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Mike Doyle, new Duke Kahanamoku surfing champion, is congratulated by Kimo McVay (left) and Fred Van Dyke.

Doyle wins Duke surfing

By Ron Haworth
Star-Bulletin Writer

Most WAVES are good to look at. But curly-haired Mike Doyle just had more of them to admire than anyone else yesterday as he won the fourth annual Duke Kahanamoku Surfing Classic at Sunset Beach.

Mike's waves—not of the service variety—were all 15 footers. But they were elegant ones, fickle and dangerous at times, but showed class when they were needed.

DOYLE LIKED THEM, and the waves reciprocated. He caught more waves and thus built his victory over Ricky Grigg and Fred Hemmings in the 15-foot surf.

Mike, a likeable chap, hails from California. He became the first non-Hawaiian winner of the Duke meet.

Rick Grigg, who won in the second year, in almost identical surf conditions, must have had mixed emotions. He likes the aloha spirit, but not that much.

While all three surfers — Doyle, Grigg and Hemmings — had high scoring rides, Doyle caught more waves. The final heat lasted 90 minutes and the best five waves were scored.

JOCK SUTHERLAND, who won last year's title, was one of the runners-up this year along with Felipe Pomar, Nat Young, Jock, Rusty Miller and Eddie Aikau. Pomar is from Peru and Young from Australia.

Two semifinal heats were run off before the eight-man final. Looking exceptional in the earlier heats, but failing to make the finals because he did not catch enough waves, was Hawaii's Paul Strauch.

All the contestants went into the semifinal heats using the mini boards—which are as popular as mini skirts these days. However, all but Young changed to the longer proven boards for the finals.

Said semifinalist Midget Farrelly of Australia: "It wasn't the biggest surf I've ever been in, but it was the roughest. I was out of my element."

THIS YEAR'S contest was turned into a pro meet. The winner received a check from Kimo McVay for \$1,000. It was filmed for ABC-TV and Wide World of Sports. Nat Young was a semifinalist casualty. He returned to the beach with coral cuts on his shoulder and leg.

"I was driven into the bottom out there," he commented, blood running freely from a shoulder wound.