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Third win for Cabell

Joey Cabell of the Outrigger Canoe Club is a businessman who operates two restaurants on the Mainland.

But the Hawaii native hasn't allowed his business in Aspen, Colo., and Newport Beach, Calif., to interfere with the water sport he learned to love so well in Hawaii—surfing.

He has returned each December for the past several years to enter the International Surfing Championships at Makaha, a classic claimed by many "as the best on any shore."

His yearly jaunts to his native Island has been very productive for he has won the International event three times.

CABELL FIRST won the International title in 1963. He repeated last year and captured his third crown yesterday in waves ranging from six to 10 feet.

While Cabell's first two victories were by convincing margins, yesterday's win was a close one over second-place Fred Hemmings Jr., winner of the recent World Surfing at Puerto Rico.

The young restaurateur got the nod on the cards of three judges, while Hemmings got more points from two of the five officials.

Hemmings, a good sport, said he "respected the decision of the judges" and that he knew the judging would be close.

The closeness of yesterday's competition is attested by the fact that Cabell had left the scene of the meet and had to be called back to accept his laurels. "I am surprised," he said. "I thought Fred (Hemmings) had won it."

IN WINNING yesterday

split decision, Cabell became the second surfer to win three meets in the International competition. George Downing, who finished fourth, won the title in 1954, '61 and '65.

Hemmings, however, boosted his stock for Surfer-of-the-Year honors with his second-place finish yesterday. In three major meets he finished first (World),

third (Duke) and second (International).

He also is from the Outrigger Canoe Club.

Corky Carroll of California was third, Brant Ackerman (Hawaii) fifth, Leroy Ah Choy (Hawaii) sixth and Buffalo Keaulana (Hawaii) seventh.

THE JUNIOR SURFERS and the women entries also

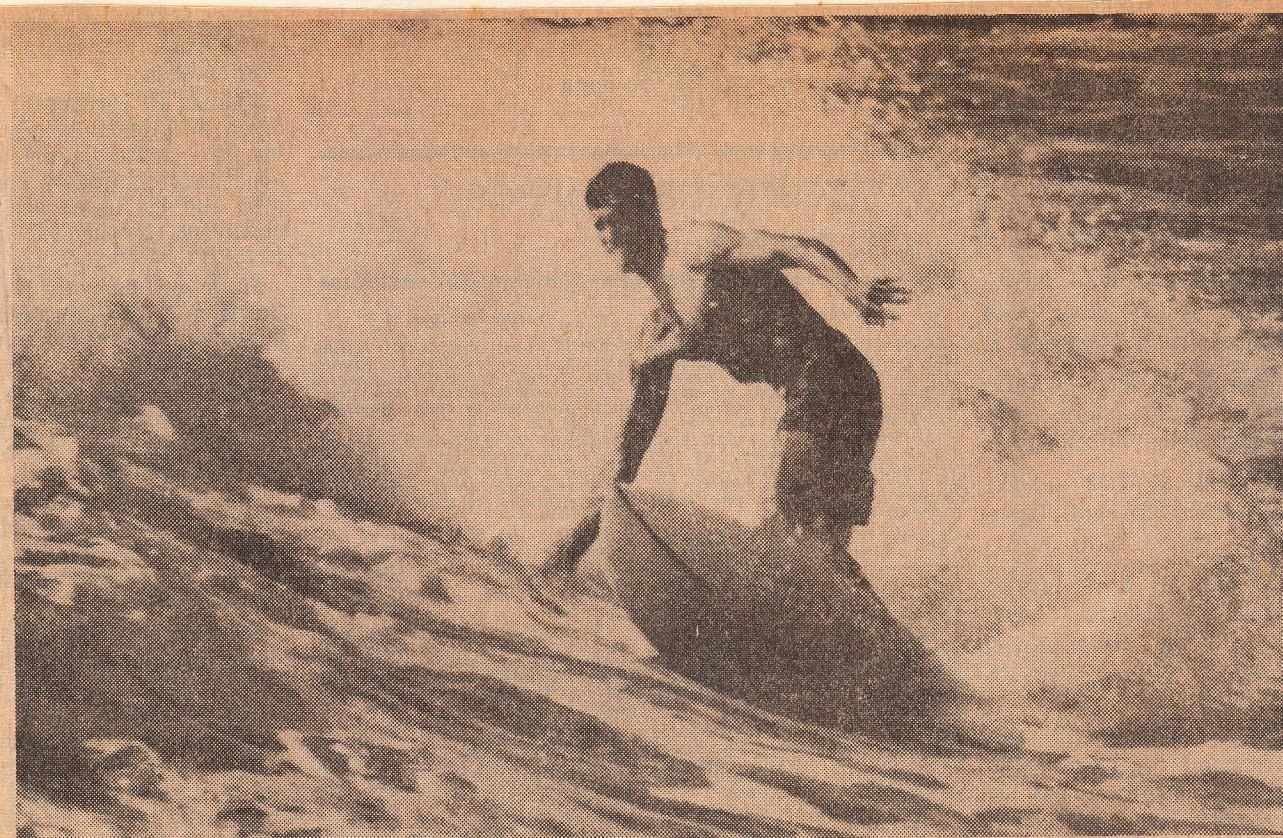
had their competition yesterday with six juniors and six women qualifying for the finals, which are scheduled for tomorrow.

All six of the junior qualifiers are from Hawaii: Keone Downing, David Holton, Tomi Winkler, John Johnson, Stanley Saragosa and Bill Seamens. Keone is the son of George Downing.

Four women from Hawaii and two from California surfed their way into the staff finals.

Leading the way were Joyce Hoffman, two-time International titlist, and Margo Godfrey, who won the world crown at Puerto Rico.

VERY MUCH in the running are defending champion Martha Sunn and her sister, Anella; Anona Napoleon, a former winner, and Sharron Weber, who barely lost to Miss Godfrey in the world meet.



WINNING FORM — Joey Cabell displays the technique which enabled him to successfully defend his men's title in the International Surfing Championships yesterday at Makaha. The victory was the third for Cabell in the blue ribbon event.—Photo by Fred Barbaria.

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Makaha Meet

Cabell Surf Champion

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Thousands of feet shuffled in Makaha sand yesterday waiting for the announcement of the 16th annual Makaha International Surfing champion.

They also waited for Joey Cabell, who unknowingly was holding up proceedings while filling his empty stomach in Waianae.

Sure enough, after much fretting, Cabell was found and you know who won.

"I was surprised—I thought Fred (Hemmings) won it," said Cabell.

It was his second straight Makaha victory and his third over-all, tying him with wave expert George Downing for most wins.

Voting was close, with three of five judges naming Cabell first and two selecting Hemmings. Both are from Hawaii.

Third was Corky Carroll, California, followed by Downing, Hawaii; Brant Ackerman, Hawaii; Leroy Ah Choy, Hawaii, and former champion Richard "Buffalo" Keaulana, Hawaii.

California smoothie Joyce Hoffman and world champion Margo Godfrey, also California, led a field of six women into the finals. Both had excellent rides.

Defending champion Martha Sunn, and Sharron Weber, No. 2 in world competition; Anona Napoleon and Anella Sunn, all of Hawaii, also qualified for the final.

Six Hawaiian youths will seek the title in the Junior Men's division, Keone Downing, David Holton, Tomi Winkler, John Johnson, Stanley Saragosa and Bill Seamens.

Makaha officials hope to resume competition today with the junior men's and women's finals, if the surf holds up. If so, starting time will be 8 a.m.

If the surf isn't good, the events will be carried over until tomorrow, when the tandem riders are scheduled.

Opinions varied from perfect to real good to infrequent waves.

"Conditions were real good," said Cabell. The six-foot waves made for a good Makaha day, the champion added.

Rides? "I had six I'd call very good," Cabell answered. He said he caught 9-10 waves during the one-hour championship heat.

Cabell is a restaurant owner with establishments in Aspen, Colo., and Newport Beach, Calif. He plans to open a sea food restaurant in the Ilikai in January.

It was a great year for Hemmings, the current world champ. He won the title in November in Puerto Rico, followed with a third in the Duke Kahanamoku Surfing Classic, and was runner-up yesterday in the Makaha.

Hemmings turned in two rides which brought applause from the crowd—one a thrilling roller coaster ride over the top of the wave.

It was a great day for Hawaii's junior surfing program. Hemmings himself is a graduate, and young Brant Ackerman of the Outrigger Canoe Club, only 18, made the final classy seven.

Downing, oldest competitor in the meet, and going for his fourth title, finished a strong fourth behind California's former U.S. champ, Carroll.

"It was the kind of surf spectators can see," said Downing. With the bigger waves the breaks are outside and that's where the exciting maneuvers and take-offs are."

SENIOR MEN'S FINAL
1. Joey Cabell, Hawaii; 2. Fred Hemmings Jr., Hawaii; 3. Corky Carroll, California; 4. George Downing, Hawaii; 5. Brant Ackerman, Hawaii; 6. Leroy Ah Choy, Hawaii; 7. Buffalo Keaulana.

WOMEN'S DIVISION
(Finalists)
Joyce Hoffman, California; Anella Sunn, Hawaii; Anona Napoleon, Hawaii; Martha Sunn, Hawaii; Sharron Weber, Hawaii; Margo Godfrey, California.

JUNIOR MEN'S DIVISION
(Finalists)
Keone Downing, Hawaii; David Holton, Hawaii; Tomi Winkler, Hawaii; John Johnson, Hawaii; Stanley Saragosa, Hawaii; Bill Seamens, Hawaii.



Joey Cabell masters surf at Makaha for 1968 championship.