

A Rough Win for Loa'a at Waimanalo Race

By Jack Wyatt
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Early in yesterday's Hui Wa'a & Surfing Association canoe regatta at Waimanalo, Bobby Wilson, paced the beach like an expectant father in a hospital waiting room. Nervous and unsmiling, the head coach of Loa'a Canoe Club looked as if he had taken a shot in the head from a wayward paddle, or more accurately, was about to suffer his first regatta loss of the season. But toward the end of yesterday's contest, Wilson did a turnaround—changing from "Mr. Anguish" to his relaxed and smiling former self.

For Wilson, there was no hit on the head,

Hui Nalu on Top

Hui Nalu Canoe Club captured seven firsts and the team championship in yesterday's Hawaiian Warriors Regatta at Waimanalo Bay. Hui Nalu scored 67 points, with first-place finishes for boys 12, 14 and 16 years; novice 'A', sophomore and senior men, and junior women.

Outrigger Canoe Club took runner-up team honors with 54 points and firsts in five events—freshmen women and men, men's open-4, mixed women-men and senior women. Healan followed in third place with 45 points and a sweep of girls' races in the 12, 13 and 15 age groups, plus master's men 40 and over.

On a sunny day punctuated by showers, Coach "Babe" Bell's Hawaiian Warriors Canoe Club placed first in one event at the regatta they sponsored—master's men 36 and over. This crew, led by experienced steersman Nappy Napoleon, has won the quarter-mile event in every regatta this Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association season.

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Paddling

Waikiki Beach

Boys Regatta

At Waikiki Beach

BOYS

12-Years-Old: 1. Windward Kai

14-Years-Old: 1. Windward Kai

16-Years-Old: 1. Windward Kai

Novice: 1. Windward Kai

Novice A: 1. Windward Kai

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or unexpected regatta loss. There was only the sweet taste of victory—his sixth regatta win in a row. "Through the first 10 events, we were in second place and sinking," Wilson said, "and I was concerned."

But Wilson had no cause to worry. While many Hui Wa'a crews swamped their canoes in Waimanalo's big waves or were disqualified for jumping the gun at the start, Loa'a quietly racked up points—a whopping 63 to be exact, 27 points more than Kaneohe Canoe Club, its closest competitor. Kamehameha Canoe Club placed third with 35 points.

Since most Hui Wa'a clubs have trouble fielding crews for half of the regatta races, the depth of Loa'a was especially awesome. Out of the 25 events, yesterday's winners had 20 canoes in the water—placing first eight times, second twice and coming in third three times.

WAIMANALO BEACH PARK reeked with Hawaiiana. While paddlers were offshore battling blustery tradewinds, big seas and treacherous currents, Hawaiian musicians strummed and sang near the beach. The pungent odor of flower leis and Hawaiian plate lunches filtered through the crowd. Yesterday, Waimanalo Beach Park was tent city—a fun-filled picnic area for thousands of canoe paddlers and their friends.

"Because of the rough sea conditions, it was a feat just to keep the canoes afloat," said Peter Apo, Hui Wa'a's president. Added Mary McDougall, who steered Kaneohe Canoe Club's winning senior women's crew, "This was probably the toughest weather I've had to face this season."

McDougall said that getting blown sideways in a race "is the pits." "The rough sea conditions nearly caused us to swamp several times," she said after her crew took its fifth straight win.

While McDougall and crew were savoring their victory, the junior men's crews of Koa

Kai, Waikiki Beach Boys and Na Keiki O Ka Mo'i canoe clubs were visibly shaken because of a run of bad luck at the start. Koa Kai and Waikiki Beach Boys were disqualified for premature starting, while Na Keiki O Ka Mo'i was scratched for interfering with another crew.

"YOU WIN SOME and you lose some—when you get caught," admitted Koa Kai's Bob Bolson, who watched his club's false start from the beach. With the top three finishers disqualified, Loa'a moved up from its fourth-

place finish to first in the prestigious junior men's event.

"The strong crosswind and adverse current caused many infractions," said Bob Nagatani, a Hui Wa'a official. "But the crews will have to get used to rough paddling conditions because our next regatta will be held in the big surf at Waikiki Beach."

Yesterday's rugged 7½-hour meet, which was sponsored by Windward Kai Canoe Club, had 19 premature starts; at least six swappings, plus seven disqualifications of crews for other reasons.

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Sixth regatta victory in a row

First of all, it's the Loa'a club

Two winning streaks were extended and one ended yesterday at the Windward Kai Regatta at Waimanalo Beach.

The Loa'a Canoe Club, which has won all of the Hui Wa'a and Surfing Association regattas this season, won another yesterday, its sixth in a row. Loa'a scored 63 points, 27 more than the second-place Lokahi Canoe Club. Kamehameha finished third with 35.

The Lokahi senior men's crew also remained unbeaten this season, winning its event in 23:42.37, more than a minute faster than the Waikiki Beach Boys.

There was frustration, however, for the Koa Kai men's junior team, which entered the regatta with a five-race winning streak. The Koa Kai boat crossed the finish line first in its 2½-mile event, but a false-start penalty disqualified the team.

Strong winds and choppy surf

may have played a part in six boats capsizing and 31 penalties resulting in disqualifications, according to Gladys Hauki, the Hui Wa'a personnel director.

In the Hawaiian Warriors Regatta at Waimea Bay, the Hui Nalu Canoe Club gained another victory, its seventh in eight Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association regattas. Hui Nalu finished first in seven events en route to 67 points. The Outrigger Canoe Club, which was the only other team to win an OHCR regatta this season, finished second with 54.

The host Hawaiian Warriors club received another good performance from its men's masters 38-year-old team. The crew of Richard Bell, Stan Tobias, Jim Sands, Bernie Chang, Dennis Ho and Nappy Napoleon won the race in 8:52.5. It was the team's seventh victory in a row.

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Volleyball

Outrigger goes from sandlot to the top

By Ann Miller
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Two weeks ago the Outrigger Junior national volleyball team quietly invaded California.

The team, made up of boys 17-and-under (as of January), ended California high school champion Laguna Beach's victory streak at 50 by winning a four-game exhibition match.

Then they moved north to the University of California at Santa Barbara and won the U.S. Volleyball Association's junior nationals for the second consecutive year.

Alone, the accomplishments are impressive. But the junior team wasn't alone. It was just the last of four Hawaii teams to win a USVBA title this year. Three of the teams were from Outrigger, a private club located on the beach across from Kapiolani Park.

The junior team's title last year was Hawaii's first USVBA championship (Outrigger doesn't like to count a masters title won by default two years ago). No club has ever won three titles in one year before. Not even a team from volleyball capital California.

The championship team that wasn't from Outrigger was Monarch Roofing, composed of current members of the University of Hawaii Wahines team. It was the first collegiate women's team to win a USVBA championship in the 53-year history of the association.

"Maybe we're just catching up a little bit (to California)," said Scott Rigg, the junior coach both championship years. "A lot of guys are starting to stay home. A lot of guys who played in college are coming back. (Tom) Haine and those guys on the Golden Masters (45-and-over champions) have been playing ball together for a long time."

"It's a time warp thing. When I'm on the court I think 'In 20 years, I'll probably be

"Maybe we're just catching up a little bit (to California)"

— Scott Rigg

where they are now.' All our guys have come up together. The chemistry is just there. Everyone knows each other."

The third championship team from Outrigger — where players must be a member of the club — was the men's Masters or Seniors (35-and-over). Some of those players were the first to come up through the Outrigger system. That system starts with the "baby court" — a 20x10-foot sand court (regulation is 60x30) with an adjustable net on the side of Outrigger's two regulation sand courts.

"I think a lot of kids started like my kids," Haine said. "They all started playing at 8 or 9 on the baby court. By the time they got to high school their court play and teamwork was at a real high skill level. Kids in most parts of the country don't have that."

On the other end is Haine, 50, the Golden Masters Most Valuable Player this year. He played on the Central YMCA team in 1956 that was the first Hawaii team at a USVBA tournament.

He's played volleyball at Outrigger since 1949 and used to get in on games with Duke Kahanamoku in the early 1950's. His explanation for Outrigger's sudden outburst is simple.

"I think we have a wealth of talent. Our 35-and-over teams happen to be some of the best talent in the country. There's no imports, really. People have been with Outrigger for a long time."

Haine said he could name a team of older California players that could win the nationals. But such teams are seldom assembled there for several reasons. First, sponsors don't usually support teams from juniors to open to masters and golden masters

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Beach Boys Upset Loa'a at Waikiki

The Waikiki Beach Boys Canoe Club sponsored yesterday's Hui Wa'a & Surfing Association regatta on their "home surf" and used their home advantage to upset previously undefeated Loa'a Canoe Club, 51 points to 46, for overall team honors.

The Beach Boys gained from their familiarity with the racing conditions to place first in six events—masters' and novice 'A' men, boys 14 and under, and freshmen, senior and master's women.

Waikiki's volatile surf caused events in more than half the regatta to be stopped with penalties ranging from paddling in the wrong lane, to interference with another canoe, to false starts.

Loa'a, a six-time winner this season, finished second in team standings with five gold medals in novice 'A', sophomore and junior women, and boys 13 and 16. Lokahi Canoe Club was three points behind Loa'a and earned six first places: girls 13, 14 and 18; boys 18, and senior and open-four men.

Hui Nalu No. 1 at Makaha Hui Nalu dominated races for the young and old alike in yesterday's Ohana O Ke Kai Regatta off Makaha Beach.

Winning the boys-12 'A' and 'B', girls-15, freshmen women, senior women and senior men's events, Hui Nalu piled up 78 points for a 13-point margin over second place Outrigger.

The victories in the senior women's and senior men, on the last two races of the day, turned into match-races against Outrigger, which finished second both times.

Hui Nalu's senior men's crew (Nainoa Thompson, Kala Kuhea, George Kissner, Tommy Connor, Bruce Blankenfeld and Myron Thompson) edged Outrigger by .07 seconds, with a time of 32:00.9 minutes in the four-mile event.

Hui Nalu's senior women's crew (Lita Blankenfeld, Lindsey Styon, Nalani Spencer, Trish Gallagher, Carol Kuhea and Denise Darvall) had more breathing room, posting a 31.8-second win over Outrigger with a time of 19:28.2 minutes for their two-mile race.

WINDWARD KAI REGATTA At Waimanalo Beach

Men

13. 1. Loa'a 2:19.57, 2. Poha Ke Aloha 2:23.97, 3. Kaneohe 2:25.48, 4. 1. Loa'a 2:21.55, 2. Waikiki Beach Boys 2:24.62, 3. Lokahi 2:26.49, 16. 1. Lokahi 4:33.29, 2. Kaneohe 4:47.17, 3. Windward Kai 4:49.61, 18. 1. Loa'a 9:25.14, 2. Ka Mo'i 9:41.14, 3. Windward Kai 10:28.02. Novice A: 1. Waikiki Beach Boys 6:38.41, 2. Poha Ke Aloha 6:50.88, 3. Ka Mo'i 7:25.38. Novice B: 1. Kamehameha 4:37.20, 2. Loa'a 4:39.72, 3. Ka Mo'i 4:58.78. Masters: 1. Waikiki Beach Boys 2:29.15, 2. Hawaii Kai 2:33.00, 3. Hawaiian Outrigger 2:38.32. Freshmen: 1. Koa Kai 9:29.30, 2. Kamehameha 9:32.64, 3. Loa'a 10:18.64. Sophomore: 1. Lokahi 14:23.66, 2. Kaneohe 14:53.21, 3. Loa'a 14:53.95. Junior: 1. Loa'a 19:45.48, 2. Kaneohe 21:51.10, Open 4: 1. Loa'a 4:56.70, 2. Lokahi 5:05.06, 3. Kaneohe 5:20.07. Senior: 1. Lokahi 23:42.37, 2. Waikiki Beach Boys 24:55.72, 3. Ka Poha 26:05.02. Open 6 Mixed: 1. Kamehameha 4:54.73, 2. Loa'a 5:17.73, 3. Ka Poha 5:03.45.

Women

13. 1. Windward Kai 2:42.50, 2. Kamehameha 2:43.41, 3. Loa'a 2:51.90, 14. 1. Loa'a 2:55.29, 2. Kaneohe 2:55.83, 3. Ka Poha 2:43.86, 16. 1. Kamehameha 2:48.43, 2. Windward Kai 2:43.77, 3. Kaneohe 2:47.70, 18. 1. Kamehameha 2:41.97, 2. Lokahi 2:48.52, 3. Kaneohe 2:51.15. Novice A: 1. Waikiki Beach Boys 5:47.06, 2. Lokahi 5:49.50, 3. Ka Mo'i 5:59.03. Novice B: 1. Kamehameha 2:37.60, 2. Poha Ke Aloha 2:44.88, 3. Hawaii Kai 2:45.40. Masters: 1. Waikiki Beach Boys 3:39.05, 2. Ka Poha 3:52.05. Freshmen: 1. Waikiki Beach Boys 6:25.43, 2. Ka Mo'i 9:05.04, 3. Poha Ke Aloha 9:10.58. Sophomore: 1. Loa'a 11:50.31, Junior: 1. Loa'a 15:57.85, Senior: 1. Waikiki Beach Boys 18:18.41, 2. Loa'a 18:18.60. Final team standings: Loa'a 63, Kaneohe 35, Kamehameha 35, Lokahi 32, Waikiki Beach Boys 32, Ka Mo'i 19, Windward Kai 19, Poha Ke Aloha 11.

Ka Poha 10, Hawaii Kai 5, Koa Kai 5, Hawaiian Outrigger 1

HAWAIIAN WARRIORS REGATTA At Waimea Bay

Men

13. 1. Kailua 2:05.1, 2. Kailua 2:06.1, 3. Lokahi 2:12.9, 14. 1. Hui Nalu 2:05.9, 2. Healan 2:07.1, 3. Waimanalo 2:07.5, 16. 1. Hui Nalu 4:11.1, 2. Outrigger 4:19.3, 3. Lokahi 4:20.1, 18. 1. Lokahi 9:41.3, 2. Healan 9:49.3, 3. Waikiki Surf 9:10.8. Novice A: 1. Hui Nalu 4:00.5, 2. Koolau 4:06.3, 3. Hui Lanakila 4:10.2. Novice B: 1. Kailua 4:07.1, 2. Hui Lanakila 4:10.7, 3. Waikiki Surf 4:14.8. Freshmen: 1. Outrigger 8:31.8, 2. Hui Lanakila 8:38.3, 3. Lanika 8:40.1. Sophomore: 1. Hui Nalu 8:07.6, 2. Kailua 8:09.2, 3. Waikiki Surf 8:11.3. Junior: 1. Leeward Kai 13:05.1, 2. Outrigger 13:25.7, 3. Lanika 13:40.1. Senior: 1. Hui Nalu 35:23.9, 2. Outrigger 35:15.6, 3. Lanika 35:43.3. Masters 36: 1. Hawaiian Warriors 8:52.5, 2. Lanika 9:27.3, 3. Hui Nalu 9:40.4. Masters 40: 1. Healan 4:14.7, 2. Waikiki Surf 4:17.2, 3. Hui Nalu 4:23.4. Open 4: 1. Outrigger 4:18.9, 2. Hui Nalu 4:22.9, 3. Hui Lanakila 4:38.9. Mixed: 1. Outrigger 4:25.0, 2. Healan 4:25.3, 3. Hui Nalu 4:31.3.

Women

13. 1. Healan 2:21.1, 2. Kailua 2:26.7, 3. Hui Nalu 2:27.3, 15. 1. Healan 2:24.1, 2. Kailua 2:31.5, 3. Lanika 2:33.4, 17. 1. Lanika 4:25.2, 2. Hui Nalu 5:01.7, 3. Waikiki Surf 5:02.8. Novice A: 1. Hui Lanika 2:08.2, 2. Lanika 2:10.5, 3. Healan 2:15.2. Novice B: 1. Lanika 2:20.0, 2. Hui Nalu 2:24.4, 3. Healan 2:09.6. Freshmen: 1. Outrigger 4:53.2, 2. Healan 4:59.8, 3. Hui Nalu 5:00.3. Sophomore: 1. Kailua 4:57.1, 2. Lanika 4:55.4, 3. Hui Nalu 5:07.0. Junior: 1. Hui Nalu 4:40.5, 2. Outrigger 4:40.8, 3. Healan 4:43.2. Senior: 1. Outrigger 8:21.2, 2. Hui Nalu 20:12.7, 3. Waikiki Surf 21:35.8. Masters: 1. Lanika 2:23.1, 2. Outrigger 2:27.9, 3. Hui Nalu 2:30.4. Final team standings — Division AAA: 1. Hui Nalu 67, 2. Outrigger 54, 3. Healan 45, 4. Lanika 44, 5. Kailua 22. Division A: 1. Hui Lanika 18, 2. Kailua 9, 3. Leeward Kai 7, 4. Koolau 5.

the way Outrigger does.

"There's not one team in California that does that," said Dean Nowack, the administrative assistant/academic adviser for Wahine athletics at University of Hawaii. Nowack coached the Monarch Roofing team and the Outrigger open team this year. He's a native of Manhattan Beach, Calif. "Nobody is willing, like Outrigger, to sustain an athletic program and support it. That's why Outrigger is unique."

Mainland teams also don't usually play together all year — or for several years — the way Outrigger does.

And even if teams are able to stay together, they usually don't.

"They don't put the time into it," Haine said. "We do. It's the best way we know to stay in shape. We've played together a long time and have never given up. A lot of people got frustrated and quit. We didn't."

Another reason this year was so successful for Outrigger was simply that its time had come. The junior team had played together long enough to exploit its teamwork. Three excellent players — Dave Shoji, Chris Crabb and Tom Madison — turned 35 and played for the masters. The golden masters have always had time on their side.

For the juniors, USVBA is usually the only chance to be seen by mainland college coaches. Of Rigg's eight juniors, five have received some kind of college volleyball offer.

"The tournament exposes kids ten times more," Rigg said, explaining word of mouth is the only other form of recruiting available.

But how do all these excellent players find Outrigger in the first place? A few are mainland transplants and some of those came because of the volleyball opportunity.

But most players grew up here and have been with the club for several years. Many joined as youngsters because their parents were members. But few joined because of volleyball.