

DOWNING WINS

George Downing, Waikiki Surf Club's all-around aquatic star, added the Hawaiian International surfing championship to his collection of titles before several thousand spectators at Makaha Beach.

Downing, who last year won the Peruvian International meet, won from a field of over 30 competitors. Ed Whaley of Hale Auau took second place, and was followed by Rabbit Kekai of Hui Nalu. Walter Hoffman and Hobie Alter tied for fourth in the finals.

Dr. Guillermo Weise, who came all the way from Peru to compete in the meet, qualified in his heat but failed to place in the finals by not scoring enough points. He concentrated on only the bigger waves and displayed fine form in riding them.

Herbert Ricketts, also of Lima, who accompanied Dr. Weise here, did not compete.

Waves averaged eight feet for the championships. Qualifiers were determined in three separate heats.

Downing also copped the open surfboard paddle event over a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile distance but was pushed hard by Dick Keaulanu of Makaha, who finished only a board length behind the WSC ace. Ed Whaley was third.

Ethel Kukea of Hale Auau copped the women's surfboard paddle event, with Cynthia Henning of Outrigger second and Jane Kauopuiki of Waikiki Surf third.

Rabbit Kekai, with Ardith Felsted as his partner, won the men's mixed tandem surf riding crown. Walt Hoffman and Gwen Davis, winners of the recent acrobatic tandem event, were second. Bobby Krewson and Barbara Moody took third place.

Bobby Ah Choy of Waikiki Surf copped the kids under 14 surfboard paddle event. Gillie Halpern of Outrigger was second and Joe Raydon of Makaha was third.

In the body surfing event, Richard Keaulana of Makaha was the winner, with Francis Williams, also of Makaha, taking second place. George Malama, Noah Kalama and Aaron Kinney of Makapuu followed in this order.



MEET IN PERU

Hawaii has been invited to send another surfer to the International Surfing Meet to be sponsored by Club Waikiki of Peru in late February or early March of this year.

John Lind, chairman of the International Surfing meet at Makaha, said Dr. Guillermo Weise of Lima, Peru, extended the invitation.

Dr. Weise, who competed in the surfing championship, said the Peruvian club will underwrite the expenses of Hawaii's representative while he is in Peru.

Last year George Downing represented Hawaii and won the championship on points.



Miss Makaha makes awards to Walt Hoffman and Gwen Davis, tandem surfboard winners, at Duke Kahanamoku Makaha International Surfing Contest.

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