

## FROISETH, SAN DIEGO GIRL COP TOP HONORS

A kamaaina and veteran surfer and a 15-year-old California schoolgirl walked off with top honors at the International Surfing Championships at Makaha Beach.

Wally Froiseth of the Waikiki Surf Club and Linda Benson of San Diego topped a broad field of competitors during the four-day meet.

Rabbit Kekai of the Outrigger Beach Service placed second in the Senior Men's event. He was followed by George Downing, OCC paddling coach, Buffalo Keaulana and Tom Zahn.

The sprite California youngster placed far ahead of other women contestants during the competition. Anona Naome was second, ahead of Robin Gregg, Cynthia Hemmings of the OCC, and Sally Lacy.

In the Tandem events, Ed Whaley



*Blackout Whaley*



*Rabbit Kekai and Heidi Stevens*

and Diane Moore won the mixed championship with a beautiful display of gymnastics and form on six consecutive waves, Mud Werner and Robin Gregg, Rabbit Kekai and Heidi Stevens, and Tom and Marion Zahn finished in that order.

Paul Strauch, Jr. copped the Men's Junior title, with Bunny Lee taking second position.

Judges for the events through the two weekend international meet were Lord James Blears, and Blue Makua.

The champions had no easy go of it. More surfers than ever before—a total of 182—filed entry blanks for the 1959 titles.

In addition to that, general chairman for the annual event, "Mac" Maki was forced to announce the cancellation of the body surfing events

due to the overwhelming number of entries received in all divisions.

Ideal surf conditions greeted the surfers as the first heats opened at 8 a.m. on November 21.

More than 8,000 fans presented somewhat of an international kaleidoscope on the beach, to applaud surfers from the Mainland as well as Australia and South Africa.

Due to the scope of the affair, the qualifiers were not announced until after special meetings were held the nights following the posted events.

As the field narrowed, the competition became more intense and as though an act of providence, huge swells were visible as dawn arose over Makaha, setting the stage for the final competition.

And the crowds were more abundant. Many had trekked out the night before to insure themselves of a good square of sand from which to witness the events.

The beach resembled a Nomad en-



*A pair of surf contestants skim along the wall of a breaker during the preliminaries at Makaha.*

campment with pitched tents and camp fires everywhere.

And they were well rewarded. The surf reached 15 feet for the final events, spectacular sights that were recorded on many thousands of cameras.

The mixed tandem events drew special applause from the huge bands of tourists that dotted the shores.

And so it is that the Annual International Surfing Championships is growing and catching the fancy of all. Wait 'til next year.

Listed among the Outrigger entries were members: Bart Woodruff, Bill Phipps, Tom Zahn, Dick Patterson, Fred Noa, Lee Erwin, Paul Strauch, Jr., Dennis McLure, Fred Hemmings, Cynthia Hemmings, Pam Anderson, Henry Hollinger.

From the Beach Service: Joe Napoleon, Rabbit Kekai, Coach George Downing, Ernest Werner, Ed Whaley.



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