

Kona Has Strong Crews In Races At Kealakekua

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)

PAHALA, Hawaii, July 30.—Out to get the bacon in the coming second annual canoe regatta, which will be held at Kealakekua bay on August 4, the Kona paddlers, namely the Miloliis, Hookeenas, Honaunaus, Napoopoos, Kealakekua (Japanese) and Kailuas have been going through some earnest training with their respective coaches.

If the Hui Nalus, Outriggers, Queen Surfers from Honolulu and the Molokais want to carry home part of the bacon, they'd better bring some mighty good crews, or else there won't be any bacon on their return voyage, for these Kona candidates are pretty sore over losing the major races last year.

If the visiting paddlers think Kona paddlers will be selected from the older group as they were last year, they will find another story, for this year all the candidates are young, husky and physically conditioned fellows.

As far as boats are concerned the visitors will have nothing over the Konas. The various Kona crews have excellent racing barges, as has been shown during training.

The First Crew

After trying out many different combinations to represent the Big Island, Julian Yates has selected the following paddlers to be on the heavy six: Charles Akana, Charles Gaspar, Clem Judd, Herbert Thompson, Abraham Moses and Charles Hua Jr. On the light six the paddlers will be William Kekepolo, E. Kaillianu, Eli Carter, Sam Hia, Elmer Gaspar and Henry Spencer. These two crews will be hard to defeat.

Another crew which may spring a great surprise to all the visitors is the crack Japanese crew, which is making its debut. The paddlers are being backed by the Japanese community of Kona with Masa Aoki, known throughout the district as "Fat Masa," at the head. The can-

didates for the Japanese crew are M. Hirata, W. Yoshimura, T. Kaku, S. Kirihara, K. Aoki, Shigeo Yanaga, K. Nagata, M. Aoki, H. Yamamoto, Y. Hayama, D. Aoki, Ernest Aoki, K. Matsuda, Minoru Michimoto, Masao Takashiba, Jack Yanaga, Harry S. Murakami, Frank Yoshioka, T. Isomura, N. Matsuki, Y. Hirata and Fumio Saiki.

Selects Crew

Out of these candidates, Coach Julian Yates has chosen the following to be on the senior six: S. Kirihara, Walter Yoshimura, K. Nagata, T. Kaku, Kazuo Aoki and Shigeo Yanaga.

It is said by the Kona residents that the junior and senior races will take the day, on account of these crews being well balanced.

During the afternoon at the Kona-waena high school gymnasium there will be a vegetable and flower show sponsored by the Kona Civic club with Baron Y. Goto in the lead. This show is open to everyone and the sponsors hope that it will be a success by the visitors making a call at the show.

In the evening a public concert and dance will be held at the Kona inn grounds like that of last year.