

KONA OARSMEN VICTORIOUS IN ANNUAL EVENT

Highly Publicized Crews of Oahu Fail to Live Up to Their Reputations

Coach Ernest Cooke Also is Winner of Bride; Married Following Races

(By Special Wireless)

NAPOOPOO, Aug. 4—Beating a steady and rhythmic tattoo on the cool waters of Kealahou Bay, able-bodied and stalwart paddlers from Kona today brought the canoe racing supremacy of the territory back to the land of coffee.

Husky paddlers from Kailua, Honaunau, and Miloli'i combined to score 38 points and walk away with first honors of the second annual canoe regatta today.

Kailua paddlers, coached by Ernest W. Cooke, of Kohala, topped the list of competing clubs with 27 points, followed by George (Dad) Center's favored Outrigger Canoe club from Honolulu, which scored 14 points. Honaunau, also coached by Ernie Cooke, was third with seven points, Miloli'i finished fourth with four points, and the Hui Nalu club of Honolulu placed fifth with one point.

Some Fail to Place

The remainder of the crews entered failed to place. Moloai, coached by Theodore (Pump) Searle failed to win a ribbon.

Kailua crews won four blue ribbons, including the coveted senior six paddle event, blue ribbon classic of the regatta, tied by two in one event, and placed second in the women's six paddle.

Coach Cooke was the man of the hour on the shores of Napoopoo. Following the senior six paddle, in which he participated as a member of the Kailua senior six, scores of Kailuans rushed into the surf, lifted him high on their shoulders, and paraded him through the throngs of people which lined the shore.

"Mayor" Mighty Happy

Julian Yates, "Mayor of Kona," was the happiest man on the Big Island, and in the territory today.

"I am happy the boys won," Yates chirped. "We had good boats and we had the man power to win," he added.

Much of the credit for the showing of the Kailua and Honaunau crews were given to Coach Cooke. Connected with the Standard Oil as distributing agent for Kohala, Coach Cooke visited Napoopoo during the weekends for the past several weeks to groom his paddlers.

Arthur K. Stillman assisted Cooke as coach.

Coach Cooke Marries

In addition to his crowning success with the Kona crews, today will be a red-letter day for Coach Cooke. At 5 p. m., Coach Cooke was joined in wedlock to Miss Miriam Breckwedell of Honolulu, secretary to Dr. F. G. Krause, director of the University of Hawaii agricultural extension service.

Miss Breckwedell arrived yesterday in Kona on the SS Hamua.

The couple were married in the Episcopal Christ Church at Kealahou, with the Rev. G. Sannon Walker performing the ceremony.

Dad Center of Honolulu gave the bride away and Edric Cooke of the Outrigger Canoe Club and brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

The couple will spend a 10-day honeymoon in Kona, then will motor to Kohala to make their home at Kaapunapuna.

Kailua won the senior six paddle, the junior four paddle, and the senior four paddle and the open two paddle; tied for first place the O.C.C. in the junior six paddle, and placed second to the O.C.C. in the women's six paddle.

Hui Nalu was disqualified in the open two paddle for finishing the race in the wrong lane.

In the junior four paddle event, the Outrigger crew took the wrong flag thereby giving cause for disqualification but Julian Yates, on

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