

Yates' Honaunau Paddlers Capture Kona Race Honors

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which, although it did not count for points, was one of the most spectacular contests of the day. Honaunau's points totaled 26. Outrigger was second with 15, and Hui Nalu third with 11. Then followed in order Kailua seven, Milolii two, and Japanese and Queens Surf one each.

Governor Joseph B. Poindexter was among the thousands who witnessed this brilliant triumph of the Honaunau crews. The chief executive followed the races from a launch off the Itasca. Governor Poindexter was indeed one of the most interested spectators and cheered the crews in every race.

Thousands of spectators, coming from all parts of the Territory, lined the shores of the bay and thrilled to the sensational victories of the Honaunau.

GALA HOLIDAY

And to add more color to the occasion, the crack Hilo Band played many selections of popular airs. Kona was indeed a gala sight today and the regatta was one of the most colorful events ever seen in the annals of the islands.

The senior six event produced the greatest battle yet witnessed in aquatic circles, with Honaunau gallantly remaining in the

thick of the battle throughout. Outrigger set the pace and doggedly held the lead for almost the entire distance, but with 200 yards to go on the third and final lap, Honaunau's courageous six smelled victory in the air. They raised their brand new boat, the Okay Kilohana, almost out of the water, as they unleashed a spectacular burst of speed which swept them on to victory.

It was a marvelous sprint that the Honaunau revealed as they hit the home stretch. Their boat fairly flew over the waters. Outrigger, Milolii and the other crews sprang forward with a challenge but against the power of the newly crowned champions, their efforts were unavailing. Yates' boys won with five feet to spare. The time was 19 minutes 45 seconds.

BRILLIANT IN OTHERS

Honaunau's triumph in the blue ribbon event was glorious and the final sprint they uncorked was of almost unbelievable power and speed. Just as impressive as the senior six were Honaunau's junior four, junior six, senior four, wahine six and the consolation six. There was no doubt whatsoever of the superiority of the Honaunau crews.

Three of the great senior six oarsmen of Honaunau are University of Hawaii athletes. They are Tony Morse, William Ahuna and Francis Apoliona. Their work was splendid and their brilliant paddling aided the Honaunau no little in registering their spectacular win in the senior six contest.

Outrigger won the opening event, the two-paddle open, in eight minutes 26 seconds, beating Hui Nalu by less than a foot. Honaunau was third, finishing less than two feet behind Hui Nalu.

In the junior four, Honaunau started her winning drive, winning by six seconds from Kailua with Milolii third, in the time of 14 minutes 22 seconds.

HUI NALU KIDS WIN

The kid crews' event saw Hui Nalu flying to the finish line a good winner over the Outrigger paddlers, who trailed by 15 seconds. Queen's Surf was third. The winning time was six minutes 59 seconds.

The splendidly trained Honaunau representatives swept through to victory in the junior six, beating decisively the Outriggers and the Kailuas, who finished in the order given. Hui Nalu and Queen Surfs crashed bow-on at the turn and Hui Nalu's famous boat, White Horse, was seriously dam-



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aged as a result. But the Black and Gold crew furnished one of the big thrills of the day by gallantly striving to overcome a lost advantage. Although they failed, they were given a big hand for their fine dying attempt. The time for the winning crew was 13 minutes two seconds.

The senior four event produced a gruelling fight between Honaunau and Hui Nalu. The Honolulu crew put up a great battle, but again Honaunau's final sprint was too much for them. Outrigger was third and the time was 3:53.

WAHINES' RACE

In the women's race, the huge throng saw another great Honaunau crew sweep through to victory with flying colors. Kailua, their traditional rivals, put up a valiant effort, but could not withstand the final sprint of Yates' proteges. The fine little Japanese crew was a good third.

The officials in charge of the races are to be congratulated for the fine manner in which the races were staged. Tommy White, the "Mayor of Kona," did a splendid job.

After the regatta, the crowd retreated to the Kona Inn, where the great victory of the Honaunau was celebrated. George "Dad" Center furnished the crowd with one of the best entertainments of the occasion when he danced the hula to the accompaniment of music by Sam Kahana-moku and Charlie Amalu. Center was ably assisted by Otto Klum and Jimmy Whittle.

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