

Honauna

6,000 WITNESS CANOE RACES

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While Kona rain wet more than 6,000 spectators, a Kona club—Honaunau—repeated its triumph of last year by winning every race it entered in the canoe regatta held Thursday afternoon in the harbor as part of the jubilee celebration. Honaunau entered seven of nine races.

As a final gesture of defiance, the husky athletes from Kona entered the consolation race with a crew of five men and one girl. The lassie, Adeline Lanui, incidentally, was not good enough to make the Honaunau girls' crew. But this mixed crew showed its wake to the all male crews.

Final standings were:

Honaunau, 30 points; Milohi, 10; Hui Nalu, nine; Outrigger Canoe club, eight; Queen's Surf Riders, seven; Kailua, five; University of Hawaii, three; Healani, zero; Kauai, zero.

The Honaunau, Milohi and Kailua teams are from Kona, island of Hawaii, and the rest, with the exception of Kauai, represented Honolulu.

Five points were given for first place; three for second and one for third. The consolation race did not count in scoring.

Iron Men The Secret

Iron men who did not tire; a clever coach and a light, swift canoe accounted for Honaunau's clean sweep. Three men paddled in two races and one in three races. Herbert Thompson helped win the senior two paddle, senior six paddle and senior four paddle races.

Charlie Hua, Jr., steered the senior two paddle and senior six paddle crews to victory. Tony Koko stroked the winning senior six paddle and senior four paddle crews. William Kelepola paddled on the senior six paddle and senior four paddle outfits.

The best any Honolulu athlete could do was to paddle in two races. "Mickey" Carmichael steered the University of Hawaii's senior six paddle and senior four paddle crews to fifth and second places, respectively.

Cheers For Yates

Julian Yates, smart coach of the lads from Kona, arranged his crews so that the four iron men had rests of from two to three races between their efforts. Using the same canoe in every race, the Honaunau lads often pulled it on the barge to wipe out the water inside. It is a beautifully shaped racing canoe.

The Honaunau athletes showed less fatigue at the end of a race than did other crews which followed in their wake.

Honaunau's most decisive victory was turned in by the senior four paddle crew which won by 10 lengths. Three members, Koko, Thompson and Kelepola, had paddled in previous races. Only Bob Leslie Jr., steersman, was fresh.

The champions came closest to defeat in the main event—the senior six paddle race of two and one quarter miles. The Hui Nalu crew valiantly clung to the Honaunau paddlers despite the killing pace. The canoes turned together for the final lap.

The Kona crew sprinted into the lead. But in the last 50 yards the Hui Nalu paddlers brought the crowd to its feet by closing up the gap. When the gun barked Honaunau was ahead by about three feet with Hui Nalu still gaining.

Outrigger Canoe club muffed its best opportunity to win a race by neglecting to carry a spare paddle in the junior four paddle race. Despite a broken paddle the Outrigger quartet took third place.

Results of the races:

Senior Two Paddle, ¼ Mile—Honaunau, first; Outrigger Canoe club, second; Queen's Surf Riders, third; Hui Nalu, fourth; Healani, fifth; Milohi, sixth. Time, 8:55.

Junior Four Paddle, 1½ Miles—Honaunau, first; Milohi, second; Outrigger Canoe club, third; Hui Nalu, fourth; Kailua, fifth; University of Hawaii, sixth; Healani, seventh; Queen's Surf Riders, eighth. Time, 17:23 2-5.

Boys Under 16, Six Paddle, ¼ Mile—Hui Nalu, first; Outrigger Canoe club, second; Queen's Surf Riders, third. Time, 2:55 2-5.

Senior Six Paddle, 2¼ Miles—Honaunau, first; Hui Nalu, second; Milohi, third; Kailua, fourth; University of Hawaii, fifth; Outrigger Canoe club, sixth; Healani, seventh; Queen's Surf Riders, eighth; Kauai, ninth. Time, 18:21 2-5.

Boys under 18, Six Paddle, ¼ Mile—Queen's Surf Riders, first; Kailua, second; Hui Nalu, third; Outrigger Canoe club, fourth; Healani, fifth. Time, 4:22.

Girls' Six Paddle, ¼ Mile—Honaunau, first; Milohi, second; Kailua, third; Honolulu Girls, fourth; Outrigger Canoe club, fifth; Queen's Surf Riders, sixth. Time, 6:59.

Junior six paddle, 1½ Miles—Honaunau, first; Milohi, second; Kailua, third; Hui Nalu, fourth; Outrigger Canoe club, fifth; Queen's Surf Riders, sixth; University of Hawaii, seventh; Kauai, eighth; Healani, ninth. Time, 17:06.

Senior Four Paddle, 1½ Miles—Honaunau, first; University of Hawaii, second; Outrigger Canoe club, third; Milohi, fourth; Kailua, fifth; Hui Nalu, sixth; Queen's Surf Riders, seventh; Healani, eighth. Time, 17:47.

Consolation Six Paddle, ¼ Mile—Honaunau, first; Kailua, second; University of Hawaii, third. Time, 6:42.