

Duke Steals Surfing Meet

Famous Swimmer Steers Canoe to Victory In Hard Race

Flinging old man age to the winds once again, Duke Kahanamoku, Hawaii's former premier swimmer, stole the show at the Hawaii Surfing and Paddling championships at Waikiki yesterday, by guiding his crew to a surprising victory in the open outrigger canoe race, the toughest of all canoe paddling contests.

The Duke, looking nearly as fit as he was when he thrilled the swimming world years ago, was number six man on his crew, which made three trips around the 440 yard mark offshore. Second place and third place in this event went to Henry Robello's and Blue Makua's crews, respectively.

Wins Six Mile Race

Champion surfer of the day was Gene "Tarzan" Smith, who won the six mile surfing contest without too much difficulty. Smith was followed by Dick Cross.

Open Surfboard Race

The open surfboard race, from Kuhio beach to the Royal Hawaiian hotel beach, was won by Wally Froiseth. Second and third place went to Joe Pang and Gene Smith respectively.

The six men Outrigger canoe race, was won by the Halekai Club crew, which was captained by Harry Robello. Second and third place went to Joe Pang and Sargent Kahanamoku's squad respectively.

Tommy O'Brien First

The 100 yard Hawaiian solid redwood surfboard race went to Tommy O'Brien. Joe Pang and Johnny Hollinger followed in second and third place.

Moroni Medeiros, a 16 year old surfer, won the 100 yard surfboard race for kids. He was followed by Louis Hima and Freddie Keanapa.

The Outrigger canoe race for servicemen was won by the Halekai Club crew. Harold "Dope" Yap, Punahou physical director, was steersman of the Halekai canoe.