

Capture Blue Ribbon Event By One Full Length After Rounding Far Turn In Last Place; Crews Celebrate Veterans' Day

By MONTE ITO

Coming in on a wave after rounding the first turn in last place, Sargent Kahanamoku's Outrigger crew splashed to a one length victory in the senior men's 6-paddle race in the blue ribbon event of the Veterans Day outrigger canoe regatta off Waikiki beach yesterday afternoon.

Post 18 Nine Off To Maui

Waipahu, Post 18's baseball team, champions of the American Legion Oahu Junior league, sailed for the Valley Island last night to participate in the Territorial Department championships.

The Oahu Post 18 team will play the Kauai Post 2 entry in the opener of Friday's doubleheader at 1 p. m. Maui Post 8 and Hawaii Post 3 will clash in the nightcap.

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On Sunday the losers will play a consolation game in the opener of a doubleheader. The winners of Friday's games will clash for the American Legion Department championship.

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The Oahu team is headed by James Mundon, Post 18 commander; Marco Tasaki, team advisor; John Awa, coach, and Kiyoshi Uyeno, base coach. The players making the trip include:

Louis Lopes Bonilla, Jr., Tsuneo Watanabe, Donald Sakai, George Fujishige, Shigy Hishinuma, Tom Namba, Walter Komatsubara, Stephen Gonsalves, Edward Uemori, Yoshimi Emoto, Ishihara Masuda, Shigeru Tshako, Paul Puaa, Jr., Lincoln Uyeno, Lauriano Allosado, and Richard Hirotsu, mascot.

Lucky Draw

The "Kakina," steered by Sargent Kahanamoku, was last around the far turn, with Hui Nalu swinging around first and the OCC's Leilani crew right behind. But the Kakina caught a wave coming in and swept around the shore turn first to win by a length, with the OCC Leilani crew out-paddling the Hui Nalus by a bare yard for second place.

The winnig crew was comprised of Bob Dolan, stroke; Jim Dowsett, Gene Smith, Clyde French, Jim Fernie and Sargent Kahanamoku, steersman.

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The Leilani crew was steered by Duke Kahanamoku, and included such veteran paddlers like Turkey Love, Carlos Rivas, Jim Pflueger, and George Selzer. Robert Kekai was steersman for the Hui Nalu canoe.

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Eight races were held in front of the Outrigger Canoe club. With the exception of the 6-paddle event for boys under 12 and the kane-wahine race, all the races started at the beach. The course took the canoes seaward, then around a turn, inshore to a turn off the Moana hotel, and along the shore to the finish line in front of the Outrigger.

The kids' and tandem races were along the shore from the Queen's surf to the finish line.

Outrigger crews won the men's senior, junior, men over 40, boys under 16 and women's events, while Hui Nalu won the freshmen and kids under 12 events.

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Closest finish was in the men

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