

Jane Gallagher Cops Contest for Women

Men's Winner Paddles Five Mile Course Off Waikiki Beach in One Hour Two Minutes; Downing Just Three Seconds Behind

Rabbit Kekai of the Waikiki Surf Club out-paddled George Downing, also of the WSC, in the closing stages of a gruelling surfboard paddling contest in the first Christmas open water Diamond Head buoy race off Waikiki beach yesterday.

Downing led virtually all the way but was nosed out by Kekai, whose time was one hour and two minutes. Downing finished just three seconds behind the winner.

Bob Krewsen was third in one hour 15 minutes 15 seconds, followed by Robert Bessa, Ed Whalley, Wallace Froiseth, Dr. Doran Paskowitz, Frank Freitas, Blue Makua and Russ Takaki. Makua and Takaki finished just one second apart.

Big Leagues

Giants Bank On Rookie Moundsmen

Leo Durocher Needs New Talent For His Staff

By MILTON RICHMAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (UP) — Lippy Leo Durocher, who has worked some major miracles with young recruits in the past, will have ample rookie material to work with in the New York Giants' spring training camp next March.

Durocher's forte while piloting the Brooklyn Dodgers was developing young pitchers. The fiery Giant manager, in dire need of new hurling talent, will build his staff around Larry Jansen, Sheldon (Available) Jones and Southpaw Montia Kennedy.

Among the hurling hopefuls Durocher will inspect next spring are Sam Webb, who finished the season with the Giants last season; Mario Picone, in the New York farm system since 1944; George Spencer, former Ohio State star, and Oswald Kolwe, a tall right-hander who was declared a free agent by commissioner A. B. Chandler.

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Webb, a bespectacled, red-

Eighteen paddlers started and they all finished the gruelling five-mile race around the Diamond Head buoy despite a stiff gale and choppy waters. All 10 prize winners are members of the sponsoring Waikiki Surf Club.

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In the women's race around the surveyor's marker, a distance of approximately one mile, Jane Gallagher won in 16 minutes and 20 seconds.

Second place went to Esther Kalama, who was two minutes behind the winner. Close behind was Pat Honl of the Outrigger Canoe Club, just five seconds behind Esther. Fourth was Kinue Kekai, followed by Violet Makua, Elizabeth Paskowitz, Nina Oliveira, Jean Nial, Mary McDougall and Barbara Peterson.

Preston Peterson, one of the outstanding paddlers along the Pacific Coast who is visiting in Hawaii, was one of the officials for the contest. William Bendoran was the starter, Harry Perry, recorder, and Henry Lum, timer.

Officials of the Waikiki Surf Club said the event was run off smoothly and stated that they hoped to make this an annual affair on Christmas Day.