

Kona Canoe Regatta

Outrigger C.C. Favored To Win Title Tomorrow

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KONA, Aug. 8 (By Radiophone) — The Outrigger Canoe Club of Honolulu will be favored to win the Julian R. Yates Canoe Championships team title here tomorrow.

That was the concensus today of the majority of the paddling authorities on hand for the meet.

Outrigger gained the favorite's role by pilin gup a high of 79 points during three qualifying races held on Oahu earlier this season. Waikiki Surf Club had 47 points and Hui Nalu had 41 in these three races.

Seven teams got in their final practice licks early this morning and this afternoon. More than 300 paddlers from these various clubs took part in the tuneups.

Representing Oahu will be Healani, Outrigger Canoe Club, Waikiki Surf Club, Koolaupoko and Hui Nalu.

Kona will send Honaunau and Kai Opuia to the starting line during the nine race program.

BLUE RIBBON FAVORITES

The blue ribbon event will be the three mile, six man test, with Waikiki Surf Club, Outrigger Canoe Club and Hui Nalu favored to fight it out for first place honors.

However, those who like to take a chance are keeping their eyes on Honaunau and Kai Opuia, the darkhorses.

Neither crew has shown in competition before, but Kailua canoe experts say they are good enough to pull some surprises.

OLDTIMERS ARRIVE

Among the oldtimers already in town to watch the races are Duke Kahanamoku, Herbert M. Dowsett, Gay Harris, Dad Center, Toots Minville, John D. Kaupiko, L. C. Childs and Lorrin P. Thurston.

Julian R. Yates, in whose honor the races are being held, is expected to arrive today.

Local citizens plan to give the noted canoe racing pioneer a warm welcome. John M. Lind, president of the Hawaiian Canoe Racing and Surfing Association, also will be on hand.

Hosts for the regatta are the Kai Opuia and Honaunau Canoe Racing Clubs.

KONA IS GOOD HOST

Kailua citizenry has gone all out to play the part of a good host.

"Everything is shaping up very well, thanks to the cooperation of Kona area residents," John M. Lind, president of the Hawaii Canoe Racing & Surfing Association said.

"Facilities have been very adequate. I would especially like to thank American Factors for its fine help," Lind said.

Some 10,000 spectators are expected to dot the Kailua shoreline tomorrow to see the famed canoe races which were last held way back in 1935.

Kona police, the Jaycees and the Kona Rotary Club provided free cars this morning for the transportation of the paddlers on sight-seeing trips around the district.

Tonight at 8, the Oahu paddlers will offer a hula program headed by Iolani Luahine at Hulihee palace. Proceeds will go toward the costs of the regatta.

COUNTY BAND TO PLAY

Hawaii County Chairman James Kealoha has provided the County Band which will play during tomorrow's races.

Nani Robertson, Regatta Queen, will present awards to the first three crews in each event.

The Kona Inn is staging a free dance, public invited, Saturday night from 9 to midnight. Music and entertainment will be provided by the Kona Inn staff.

The program for tomorrow's races, starting at 10, follows:

1—Boys under 13 (Kai Opuia and Honaunau crews only); 2—Junior Men, 6-man crews; 3—Junior Women, 6-woman crews; 4—Boys under 17; 5—Senior Men, 6-man crews (blue ribbon event); 6—Junior Men, 4-man crews; 7—Senior Women, 6-woman crews; Senior Men, 4-man crews.

Necciai Dons Bucs Uniform Today

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 8 (AP) — A tall, skinny lad who had to crouch to get out of the airplane without bumping his head arrived here last night to begin his major league career.

He said he didn't know if he was in Pittsburgh to stay but declared: "I'm going to give it a helluva try."

Ron Necciai, right hand strike-out sensation of the minor leagues, is slated to put on a Pittsburgh Pirate uniform today.

If everything goes according to plan the 20 year old, six foot, five inch hurler will make his first start against the Chicago Cubs here Sunday.

A JUMP FROM HIALEAH

MIAMI (AP)—Battleship, who ran in the 1930 Flamingo Stakes at Hialeah, went on to victories in the United States and the English Grand National Steeplechase races. As a jumper he scored in the 1934 Grand National at Belmont and the 1938 English Aintree.

Team Match Headlines Mat Card Sunday

Bobby Bruns, former world champion from Chicago, makes his first appearance in a tag team match without Lucky Simunovich as his partner in Sunday night's main event at the Civic auditorium.

Bruns, co-holder with Lucky of the Primo trophy, is hooking up with another ex-world champion, Dave Levin, for a two out of three falls battle with the masked Red Scorpion and Bud Curtis.

The masked Scorpion and Shovelface Curtis are old hands at team wrestling and are confident they can take Bobby and Dave.

"We got teamwork, and besides, we will out-rough, out-wrestle and out-think Bruns and Levin," declared Curtis.

Bruns and Levin will counter rough tactics with power holds of their own. Levin is known as the Brooklyn "Butcher Boy" because when he gets mad he really works over an opponent.

In another main event, Gene Dubuque, the powerful Frenchman, will tackle Lord Albert Mills of Canada in an international match. This is also two out of three falls or 45 minutes. The two powerful men should make this a sizzler all the way.

Popular Johnny Sepeda pits his experience and clever holds against the tough, unpredictable Ray Daoang in the special event—one fall or 30 minutes. This is action, plus.

Kokichi Endo tries his judo holds against newcomer Sammy Menacher in the one fall opener at 8 p.m. Endo is a real comer but he meets a wrestler coming here as a "dark horse." This should be interesting.

Popular prices will be in effect. Reserved ringside \$1.75.