

Outrigger Splashes to Easy Win in Canoe Championship

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A favored Outrigger Canoe Club left six opponents in its wake Saturday as it stroked to a team title in the Julian R. Yates Canoe Championships off the serene shores of Kailua, Kona, Island of Hawaii.

The spirited Honolulu outfit gobbled up five firsts and one second for a total of 28 points during the nine race program.

Kai Opua, the host club, got off to a good start in its first taste of competition by tying Waikiki Surf Club for second place, each totaling 10 points. Hui Nalu finished third with eight and Honaunau fourth with seven.

The Outrigger lads and lassies won the two mile junior men six, one mile junior women six, one mile junior men four, one mile senior women six and one mile senior men four.

SURFERS DELIVER

Waikiki Surf salvaged a major share of the glory by taking the "blue ribbon" event, the senior six man three mile race. With George Downing, Moke Perkins, Wally Froiseth, Gene Young, Hartwell Freitas and Dutchy Kino manning the paddles, the Surfers held off a pressing Outrigger crew to grab a two and one half length duke.

The two crews were separated by a "nose" at the end of the first mile. Waikiki gained a full boat length advantage at the three and one half mark and then gave a tremendous kick on the last lap. The Surfers were clocked in an amazing 25:46.8. OCC came in 25:58.6.

Paul Dolan, Jim Smith, Allen Kay, Charley Martin, Robert Guild and Robert Magoon paddled for the Outriggers.

CLOSE SKIRMISH

Closest race of the day was the one mile junior women's six which saw Outrigger nip Hui Nalu by a scant six tenths of a second.

Churning the slightly turbulent ocean for OCC were Dorothy Watt, Mariette Gaspar, Joan Martin, Gwen Davis, Ana Jean Altman and Momo Wysard. They were timed in 10:23.1.

Besides surprising the dopesters in the final point standings, Kai Opua showed the most strength in the two special events for youngsters. President Curt Tyler's boys finished second to another Kona team, Honaunau, in the boys under 13 one quarter mile race and won the one mile freshman six and one mile boys under 17 six, another special event.

OCC JUNIORS WIN

Outrigger's junior six man team composed of Bill Cross, Mark Averbach, "Breezer" Bush, Tom Haine, Pat Wyman and Jack Cross had a tough time with Kai Opua in the early stages of its two mile

jaunt, but turned on the heat during the last mile to win by 10 or 12 boat lengths. The Oahu lads were clocked in a nifty 17:15.0.

Jack Mattice, Bill Baird, Hank Averbach and Jack Cross outclassed the field by a wide margin for OCC in the one mile junior four, leading from start to finish.

Outrigger again showed its opponents a neat bit of rowing in the one mile senior women six with Barbara Bloom, Pat Honl, Mary Bagby, Rusty Thomas, Patsy Shanahn and Pam Anderson doing the back bending and paddling. They won by two lengths over Honaunau which barely nosed out Waikiki Surf for second.

BRILLIANT FINALE

Warren Ackerman, Jim Smith, Jim Pflueger and Bob Anderson closed the racing program in brilliant fashion for Outrigger with a speedy 8:37.6 victory in the one mile senior men four.

The Outrigger canoe literally plowed out of the water as its crew swept across the finish line four lengths ahead of second place Hui Nalu.

Kailua was the scene of jubilant festivities throughout the weekend as close to 7,000 crowded into the tiny community to witness the "revival" of the races, last held back in the middle 30's.

Young and old alike received numerous thrills, among which was the appearance of Kai Opua's canoe, "Kai Malino," which was built in 1895. The canoe was pulled out of a shed three weeks ago and made ready for the big occasion.

TROPHIES AWARDED

Team trophies and individual awards were presented to the crews at a gala luau after the meet.

Those sponsoring the races hope to make the event an even bigger one next year with Maui and Hilo expected to enter teams. More than 300 paddlers took part this year.

Results (first three teams in order):
Boys under 13, six, one quarter mile (special event)—Honaunau, Kai Opua.

Freshman men six, one mile—Kai Opua (J. Ke, Takanobu Fujitani, Dan Motogawa, Thompson Mano, John Kailwai, John Palacat), Honaunau, Waikiki Surf, 8:01.9.

Junior men six, two miles—Outrigger Canoe Club (Bill Cross, Mark Averbach, "Breezer" Bush, Tom Haine, Pat Wyman, Jack Cross), Kai Opua, Honaunau, 17:15.0.

Junior women six, one mile—Outrigger Canoe Club (Dorothy Watt, Gwen Davis, Mariette Gaspar, Ana Jean Altman, Joan Martin, Momo Wysard), Hui Nalu, Kai Opua, 10:23.1.

Boys under 17 six, one mile (special event)—Kai Opua, Hui Nalu, Honaunau, 8:47.0.

Senior men six, three miles—Waikiki Surf (George Downing, Moke Perkins, Wallace Froiseth, Gene Young, Hartwell Freitas, Dutchy Kino), Outrigger Canoe Club, Hui Nalu, 25:46.8.

Junior men four, one mile—Outrigger Canoe Club (Jack Mattice, Bill Baird, Hank Averbach, Jack Cross), Waikiki Surf, Hui Nalu, 9:03.5.

Senior women six, one mile—Outrigger Canoe Club (Barbara Bloom, Pat Honl, Mary Bagby, Rusty Thomas, Patsy Shanahan, Pam Anderson), Honaunau, Waikiki Surf, 9:53.2.

Senior men four, one mile—Outrigger Canoe Club (Warren Ackerman, Jim Smith, Jim Pflueger, Bob Anderson), Hui Nalu, Kai Opua, 8:34.7.

Final point standings—Outrigger Canoe Club 28, Kai Opua 10, Waikiki Surf 10, Hui Nalu 8, Honaunau 7.

France Beats Japan In Swimming Meet

PARIS, Aug. 11 (AP)—France Sunday finished off a 41-29 victory over Japan in a post-Olympics swim meet.

SUMMARIES

400 meter freestyle—1. Jean Boiteux, France; 2. Hironoshin Furuhashi, Japan; 3. Joseph Bernardo, France; 4. Yasuo Tanaka, Japan; 5. Teijiro Tanikawa, Japan. Time—4:47.17.

100 meter backstroke—1. Gilbert Bazon, France; 2. Lucien Zins, France; 3. Norihiko Kuruhashi, Japan. Time—1:07.8.

800 meter relay—1. Japan (Suzuki, Hamaguchi, Goto, Tanikawa) 8:50.4;