Canoe Championships

Sumptuous Luau Climaxes Regatta

KONA, Hawaii, July 26 — A sumptuous luau at the Kona Inn last night climaxed the annual Julian Yates Hawaiian Canoe Racing championships which were held here yesterday with the Waikiki Surf Club dethroning the Outrigger Canoe club as the team champion.

The luau was prepared by the Honaunau and Kai Opua canoe clubs of this area and Lt. Anthony Cambra was in charge of it. Members of the Honaunau club were particularly active in putting on the traditional Hawaiian feast which was attended by more than 500 guests, mostly officials of the Hawaiian Canoe Racing and Surfing Association and paddlers themselves.

Dance music was also enjoyed.

John Lind, president of the association presented to Lorrin P. Thurston, grand marshal of the regatta, a mounted koa paddle in appreciation for his great work in putting over the regatta and for his untiring enthusiasm for the canoe racing sports.

Inscribed on the paddle were the words:

"In appreciation to Lorrin P. Thurston, grand marshal of the Hawaiian Canoe Racing championships, Kailua, Hawaii, 1953."

The Herbert M. Dowsett trophy for the Women's Senior Six was presented to the Waikiki Surf Club. Mr. Dowsett made the presentation to Kenui Kekai.

The G. W. Murphy trophy went to the Kai Opua, winner of the women's junior six event, with Miss Alice Brown making the presentation to Mrs. Samuel Kanae.

Mrs. Laurie Dowsett presented the J. B. Mann trophy to Jack Cross of the Outrigger Canoe Club, winners of the junior men's six event.

The Joan Osborne trophy for the freshmen six went to the Healanis, with J. Ornelles receiving the award.

The Waikiki Surf Club crew which smashed the record of the event for boys 17 and under received the Slim Holt trophy. The presentation was made by Abel Gomes who announced that hereafter he will donate a set of paddles to any crew smashing a record.

He will give the WSC crew members paddles as a starter with their names, event, and time on it.

The Kona Inn trophy, went to the Waikiki Surf Club which won the Senior Men Six event. Mrs. Gwynne Austin, wife of the manager of the Kona Inn, presented the coveted trophy to Coach Wally Froiseth and Blue Makua.

The Julian Yates championship trophy went to the Waikiki Surf Club. The presentation was made by Lorrin P. Thurston who recalled the excellent work of Mr. Yates in developing championship crews in 1933, 1934, 1935 and 1936.

Schoendienst Half Blind In Left Eye

NEW YORK, July 26 (UP)— Red Schoendienst has provided one of the amazing performances in baseball history this season. He has been leading the major leagues at bat although half-blinded in his left eye.

The Cardinals' second baseman had the highest average of .335 when he suffered a new injury— a 10-stitch gash in his left brow— Tuesday night, and was forced to return to St. Louis. There he was bedded in a hospital today.

Dr. I. C. Middleman, physician for the Cardinals, said today, "a preliminary examination indicates that the new injury to the brow did not aggravate the old injury to the eyeball, which had left him with half-vision in the left eye. However, we will be able to make a thorough examination when the swelling goes down."

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Schoendienst, 30, suffered a deep, jagged, two-inch cut on the brow Tuesday night at the Polo Grounds when struck by a thrown ball. Al Dark, the Giants' second-sacker, fielded Schoendienst's slow grounder in the second inning and rifled the ball to first. The ball felled Red as he sprinted into the base.

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Schoendienst laetr admitted reluctantly to this writer, "Yes, my left eye seems to be a target. Back around 1937, I was jacking up an auto. The jack slipped and I got a nasty cut under the eye. See the scar.

"But that wasn't so bad as the next accident, I was working at a C.C.C. camp near Greenville, Ill., and hammering a nail into a post. The nail split and part of it sprung back and hit me in the eyeball. It scarred the cornea and nearly blinded me. For several years I had only about one-fourth vision in that eye. But eye exercises improved it until now they say I've got half vision."

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Red suffered the scarred cornea before he broke into organized baseball with Union City, Ky., of the Kitty League in 1942.