

Kai Oni Wins Molokai-Oahu Race

Sets Record Of 5 Hours 56 Minutes

By KENNY HAINA
Kai Oni Canoe Club of Kailua in Windward Oahu, a second year entry in the sixth annual Molokai-to-Oahu outrigger canoe competition, turned in a record-breaking time of 5 hours and 56 minutes yesterday to win the 37 1/2 mile channel crossing.

The Windward Oahu paddlers, coached by Joseph (Shew) Kalama and captained by Tom Schroeder, bettered the 1956 time of 7 hours 58 minutes set by Outrigger Canoe Club which did not compete this year. All nine crews competing yesterday bettered the 1956 record as Molokai, last to cross the finish line, was clocked at 2:27 p.m. Kai Oni crossed the finish line at Duke Kahanamoku Beach at 1:11 p.m.

Paul Jones, chairman of the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association race committee, said the race started at 7:20 a.m. He reported that the race was to have started at 5:45 a.m. but there were heavy swells inside the channel and the start was delayed. As a result, the canoes and officials had to make their way to the convoy boats to calmer waters outside the breakers.

Finishing behind Kai Oni in the race was Waikiki Surf Club who finished only nine minutes later at 1:25 p.m. Biggest surprise of the race was the third place finish of Coach Frank Henriques' youthful Kai Opua crew from Kailua. Crew members were the Kailua Club's first time.

Kai Opua will hold second place all the way until it



Kai Oni's paddlers pull for the finish line in record-breaking Molokai to Oahu crossing. Left to right: Joseph Gilman, Nick Pezel, James Souza, Chris Bode, Percy Nakachi and Tom Schroeder, captain and stroke. (Related photo on Page B-3).

reached Koko Head, was clocked at 1:29 p.m. Two of the Kai Opua paddlers are 17 years of age and one is 18. Lack of experience caused the Kona entry to give up the runner-up spot and \$300 in prize money to the more veteran paddlers of Coach Noah Kailua.

The order of finish of the other entries and their arrival times were: Healanai, 4th, 1:28 p.m.; Hui Nalu, 5th, 1:32 p.m.; Hale Auau, 6th, 1:39 p.m.; Kamehameha of Hilo, 7th, 2:18 p.m.; Holomua, 8th, 2:20 p.m.

Kai Oni, which arrived with a winning crew of Joseph Gilman, Nick Pezel, James Souza, Chris Bode, Percy Nakachi and Schroeder, led from the start. The winning club gets \$500 in prize money and the H. F. Wichman Co., Ltd., perpetual trophy and individual awards.

An estimated 5,000 persons were on hand to greet the nine competing clubs. Kai Oni's winning crew, who also in-

cluded relievers Raymond Maragano, Stanford Keawehoe and Andrew Manoa, was given a tremendous ovation as it flashed across the finish line.

Schroeder said the crossing was very good. The swells, he said, were excellent and his boys had no trouble. No one got sick and no one suffered from the cramps. This is due largely to the new free substitution rule adopted by the HCRA which permits a paddler to relieve another more than once.

Schroeder, who was the only paddler to do the entire distance, said his crew had the hardest time when they hit Diamond Head. From this point to the finish line, Schroeder said they had to work hard because there were no waves and the sea was choppy. The six paddlers said they were tired but otherwise felt fine. They were greeted by the Aloha Week king and queen.

Sol Kalama, who served as

clerk of the course, reported that Hui Nalu and Healanai lost valuable ground when they ran into "dead water" in the area between Aina Haina and Peahi. The two crews ran into smooth water when they hit this area, Kalama said.

Kalama said that the free substitution rule and the prevailing swells, contributed largely to Kai Oni's victory. "They were terrific," Kalama reported, "and they relieved very well." Kalama added that Kai Oni held a lead of about 150 yards all the way and never once showed signs of tiring.

He hailed the free substitution rule as a good thing for the channel race. "All paddlers finished here," Kalama explained. "Although tired, they were not on the verge of collapsing from being too exhausted or fidgeting up with the cramps," he stated.

All coaches and captains contacted agreed with Kalama that the new rule is a big improvement. Jones said this will also make for faster times and keener competition.

Kai Oni, which was organized four years ago, placed fourth in the 1956 race. The Kailuaus used a maximum of 29 strokes a minute in paddling to their record-shattering triumph. Kai Oni for the first time this year switched to the U-waila after using the Manuwa during the other 1957 races.

Kai Oni's winning time also broke the 6 hours and 3 minute record set by Hui Nalu when the finish line was located at the Outrigger Canoe Club, which is a shorter distance at 36 miles.

In addition to Kai Oni and Waikiki Surf, Kai Opua received \$125 and Healanai \$75 for their third and fourth place finishes, respectively. Yesterday's event marked the opening of a week-long observance of Aloha Week activities on Oahu.

Interscholastic League Grid Statistics

Punahou Leads in Offense, Defense

By MONTE ITO

Funahou, crushing St. Louis Saturday night, continued to set the pace in total offense and defense in the Honolulu Interscholastic League.

Coach Bill Monahan's Puns gained an average of 340 yards per game while holding their opponents to a meagly 90.7 average.

Roosevelt, also unbeaten in three games, had a 296.3 off-ensive average and a 143.0 defensive average to rank second in team statistics.

Milton Kam of Roosevelt, although idle over the weekend, continued to lead in individual total offense with 321 yards. Fred Koga of Iolani moved into second place with 264 yards and John Dow Williams of Punahou dropped to third with 236. Ben Samson of Punahou led fourth with 224 yards.

In the passing department, Earl Dye of Kam took over

STANDINGS				
	W L T	Pts	Pf	Pd
Punahou	3	0	0	30 19
Roosevelt	3	0	0	101 38
Iolani	2	1	0	59 51
Kamehameha	2	1	0	50 61
St. Louis	2	0	2	39 52
Farrington	1	2	0	31 58
McKinley	0	2	1	31 71
Kaimuki	0	2	1	25 76

He also led in touchdown passes with four.

Dye passed for two touchdowns in Kamehameha's 12-0 victory over Kaimuki Saturday afternoon.

Lo Montgomery of the Warriors, who caught one of Dye's TD passes, led in pass reception with 155 yards. Reynold Freitas of Kaimuki had 132 yards for second place. Montgomery also had the most catches, nine.

In the scoring column, Milton Kam still led with 36 points on six touchdowns. Samson had 30 points on five TD's and

scored once in Saturday night's game.

Aldriel Kane of Kamehameha led in punting average with 34.3 yards per boot. Reggie Dole of Farrington averaged 33.3 in 11 kicks while Scanlan had a 33.2 mark in 11 punts.

In games this weekend, Roosevelt will meet McKinley Friday night at 7:30. St. Louis will take on Farrington at 2:30 Saturday and Punahou will engage Iolani Saturday night. Edward Young, Kaimuki High School tackle, suffered a slight concussion in Saturday afternoons game with Kamehameha at the Stadium.

Coach Bert Hoga said Young was kept in a hospital over the weekend for observation. He is expected to be released today or tomorrow.

Allen Hasegawa, fullback, who was also carried off the field on a stretcher in the third quarter, was "banged up" and was not hospitalized.

TEAM OFFENSE				
	YR	YP	TY	AY
Punahou	184	225	1029	268.0
Roosevelt	89	78	888	296.3
Iolani	122	129	628	151.8
Kamehameha	405	316	183	195.5
McKinley	62	129	71	251.8
St. Louis	273	119	483	161.9
Farrington	152	126	128	128.3
Kaimuki	256	129	388	128.3

YR, yards rushing; YP, yards passing; TY, total yards gained; AY, average yards allowed per game.

TEAM DEFENSE				
	YR	YP	TY	AY
Punahou	128	144	272	90.7
Roosevelt	232	197	428	151.8
Iolani	478	107	183	151.9
Kamehameha	212	129	128	128.3
St. Louis	341	131	112	127.3
McKinley	232	256	1029	268.0
Farrington	493	108	351.6	117.0
Kaimuki	708	127	278.7	117.0

YR, yards rushing; YP, yards passing; TY, total yards allowed; AY, average yards allowed per game.

National Pro Grid League

STANDINGS EASTERN DIVISION

	W L T	Pct	
New York	3	1	0.750
Cleveland	3	1	0.750
Chicago Cards	2	2	0.500
Pittsburgh	2	2	0.500
Washington	1	3	0.250
Philadelphia	1	3	0.250

WESTERN DIVISION

	W L T	Pct	
Baltimore	3	1	0.750
San Francisco	3	1	0.750
Detroit	3	1	0.750
Chicago Bears	1	3	0.250
Los Angeles	1	3	0.250
Green Bay	1	3	0.250

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Chicago Cards	44	Washington	14
Philadelphia 17	Cleveland 7	New York	33
Detroit 21	Pittsburgh 6	Detroit 21	Baltimore 27
Chicago Bears	34	Los Angeles	26
San Francisco	24	Green Bay	14

Rookie Leads Bears Over