

California Girl, Froiseth Capture Surf Meet Titles

Wally Froiseth, veteran Waikiki water sportsman, and Linda Benson, 15-year-old San Diego, California schoolgirl, yesterday won 1959 surfing championships at Makaha Beach.

They topped contestants in the annual International

ly Lacy took the next two places.

Ed Whaley and Diane Moore caught six good rides to win the mixed tandem championship. Mud Werner and Robin Gregg won second place while Rabbit Kekai and Heidi Stevens placed third.

Tom and Marion Zahn barely missed placing among the top three. All finalists got excellent rides.

A special award went to Kalani Delovio, a Junior finalist, for the meet's best spill.

Lord James Blears and Blue Makua were the head judges. Clarence (Mac) Maki, general chairman, was taken ill and missed the finale of the four day competition.

John Lind, president of the sponsoring Waikiki Surf Club, said waves ran from six to eight feet and that surfing conditions were ideal for competition. He added that yesterday's crowd was the largest of the year. Unofficial estimates placed day long gatherings up to 10,000 people.

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Surfing Meet sponsored by the Waikiki Surf Club.

Froiseth succeeded Peter Cole, Puñahou School teacher from California, as the Men's Senior champion. Competition was so keen that Cole failed to place among the five winners.

RABBIT KEKAI, a former champion, took second place and was followed by George Downing, Buffalo Keaulana and Tom Zahn.

Miss Benson, a student at Point Loma High School near San Diego, caught six big waves and rode them perfectly in Saturday's finals. She succeeded Marge Calhoun as champion. Mrs. Calhoun did not defend her title due to illness in her family.

Miss Benson, who was jointly sponsored by United States Overseas Airlines and Dale Velzey, was followed by Anona Naome. Robin Gregg, also of California, placed third. Cynthia Hemmings and Sal-

PAUL STRAUCH JR. won the Men's Junior title, with Bunny Lee placing second. They were followed in order by Dennis McClure, Eric Romanchak and Winston Mirikitani.

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