

Hemmings Paces Surfing Qualifiers

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Fred Hemmings Jr., riding the five-foot waves with the grace of a ballet dancer, led 36 qualifiers into the men's semifinals of the Makaha International Surfing Championships yesterday.

Hemmings, the 1964 Makaha champion, scored 104 points against 95 for his closest competitor, John Fain of the Malibu Surfing Association.

Relatively calm waters greeted the first day of competition in the 14th annual event out past Waianae.

Wally Froiseth, events committee chairman, said that if the waves continued small that the junior eliminations would be held today.

"It all depends," said Froiseth. "It also may be the

women's competition, or maybe even the tandem."

THE WAVES yesterday stayed around four to six feet most of the day. Then when competition was over they immediately built up to eight feet.

The whole Makaha area took on a festive air for the day as crowds estimated at 4,000, a record for opening day, strolled up and down the beach to watch the

competition.

Concessions stands did a big business and so did the parking area, which was busy with cars coming and going all day.

Road-side stands offered flowers, fruit and coconut front hats for sale.

Scattered showers hit the area, but the surfers suried and the spectators watched as the show moved along without a hitch.

THERE WERE 19 heats and each heat was divided into A and B sections, with the winner from each six-man section moving into the semi-finals.

Among those who failed to make it were Kern Asberg, a noted California surfer; and Hawaii's Bob Cloutier, Eddie Alkau, Joey Gerard and Sparky Scheufele.

Former champion Rabbit Kekai (1955) won his heat to

qualify. Among other favorites moving ahead were Joey Cabell, who now lives on the mainland; Jack Eberle, Tiger Espere and Kevin Jones, all of Hawaii; and Trevor Elms of Australia.

The waves weren't at their best for big league surfing and most of the action was comparatively tame.

"It was pretty smooth out there," said Eddie Pieper, who qualified in the 19th

head. "There wasn't even any trouble at the blow-hole."

The 38 qualifiers join 12 men who were seeded into the semi-finals before the meet started. Eleven of these were announced earlier and one more, Miguel Plaza of Peru, was added yesterday.

Following are the qualifiers, with the first man listed in each heat the winner of

section A, the second winner of section B:

- Heat 1—Kamp Asberg, California; Mitchell Sasser, Hawaii
 - Heat 2—Ben Alpa, Hawaii; Craig Doyle, Hawaii
 - Heat 3—Joey Cabell, California; Andy Folan, Hawaii
 - Heat 4—John Clark, Hawaii; Craig Sugiura, Hawaii
 - Heat 5—Jack Eberle, Hawaii; Trevor Elms, Australia
 - Heat 6—Tiger Hoag, Hawaii; Fred Hoag, Hawaii
 - Heat 7—Jon Hoop, Hawaii; Fred Hemmings, Hawaii
 - Heat 8—Kevin Jones, Hawaii; Peter Pike, California
 - Heat 9—Rauiha Kala, Hawaii; Bruce Nono, Hawaii
 - Heat 10—Richard Kauihana, Hawaii; Rabbit Kekai, Hawaii
 - Heat 11—Darrell Phillips, Hawaii; Vernon Keawe, Hawaii
 - Heat 12—Benjamin Kneubuhl, Hawaii; Harry Ho, Hawaii
 - Heat 13—Cino Magallanes, Hawaii; Blue Makua Jr., Hawaii
 - Heat 14—Benny Brennan Jr., Hawaii; Rusty Miller, California
 - Heat 15—Kiki Spangler, Hawaii; Nick Stearn, Hawaii
 - Heat 16—Nappy Napoleon, Hawaii; Stan Kim Choy, Hawaii
 - Heat 17—Jack Sutherland, Hawaii; Miles Ono, Hawaii
 - Heat 18—Phillip Pal, Hawaii; Paul Peterson Jr., Hawaii
 - Heat 19—Michael Carreira, Hawaii; Edward Pieper, Hawaii
- Seeded into the semi-finals were Leroy Ah Choy, Lester Enomoto, Jeff Hakman, Paul Strauch Jr. and Jack Sutherland of Hawaii; Corby Carroll and Mike Doyle, California; Felipe Pumar, Miguel Plaza and Francisco Aramburo, Peru; Nat Young, Australia, and Michel Bourlart, France.
- Defending champion George Downing automatically qualifies for the finals.

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Muhammad Ali, No. 1 Promoter

As long as you don't take him too seriously, Cassius Clay, as he claims, may be "the greatest" after all.

Not the finest heavyweight in history, as some state, or the most noble of men, but the greatest promoter the game ever has known.

Whereas Jack Dempsey and many other heavyweight kings used to defend their crowns once a year, Muhammad Ali is ready any time.

Any time, that is, someone will come up with enough money.

"What I have in mind is defending my title every two months in some different country," says yon Cassius. "I've already fought in the United States, England and Germany."

It seems to us that it was just yesterday, or a week or two ago, we heard him say something about retiring. But you can't look back when you



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Texas Wins By 19-0

HOUSTON (UPI)—Tailback Chris Gilbert and quarterback Bill (Superbill) Bradley, Texas' sensational sophomores, each ran for more than 100 yards yesterday in leading the Longhorns to a 19-0 victory over the University of Mississippi in the eighth annual Bluebonnet Bowl.

Gilbert, running for more than 100 yards in his sixth straight games, set a Bluebonnet Bowl record with 156 yards in 26 carries. One was a one yard plunge for a touchdown.

Bradley, who foiled the fabled Ole Miss defense with his sprints, passing and signal calling, gained 105 yards running and 49 passes



Joey Cabell catches wave. He was among qualifiers for semifinals.

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Celtics Nip Warriors

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—The Boston Celtics staved off a last-ditch San Francisco rally last night for an 118-110 National Basketball Association victory.

The shooting of Sam Jones and Bailey Howell helped Boston to a 104-93 lead with eight minutes remaining, but the Warriors clawed back to within 111-108 with three minutes left. Jones then hit a free throw. Howell