

# Changing Board Mistake

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The Makaha surfing meet crowned it's King and Prince yesterday as Fred Hemmings won the senior men's title for the second time and Reno Abellira won the junior division in perfectly formed contest surf that ranged from 6 to 12 feet.

Fred won the meet on one of his last waves in the contest, a spectacular ride that began in the critical Makaha bowl and ended in a fantastic display of hot-dogging which included a spinner, riding backwards around a collapsing section, a short nose-ride, and a beautiful kick-out that brought cheering and applause from the crowd.

This wave, plus his con-

sistently high point waves earlier in the contest, was enough to turn the tide of victory his way.

Nat Young, the current world's champion from Australia, turned in one of the best performances in the semi-finals, but probably lost the finals before he even went into the water when he decided to use a 9 foot hot-dog board instead of his heavier, longer board that he used in the semi-finals.

The exploding white water from collapsing sections knocked Nat from his board a total of 10 times in the finals. He was also the victim of several collisions with other surfers who were holding him back in the white water.

THIS YEAR'S senior men's results are almost a

repeat of last year's: Hemmings, Downing, and Doyle instead of Downing, Hemmings, and Doyle.

The question that will echo around the surfing world this year, as it did last year, is how well do the results of the meet reflect the known ability of the surfers?

A more valid question might be how well do the results of the meet fit the performances turned in yesterday.

A check of the judging sheet reveals that no two of the five judges picked the same contestants for the first three places. However far the evolution of the judging system used at Makaha may have come, it seems obvious that there is still room for improvement.

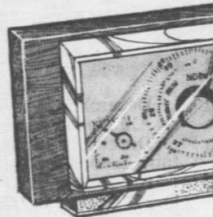
In the junior division the finals were marred by an off again-on again error that saw the contestants pulled out of the water with 15 minutes of competition left which they made up after the senior men's finals.

Reno Abellira was clearly the class of the finals as he did very well on the larger outside waves and literally tore the inside sections apart with a display of hot-dogging that surpassed anything seen in even the men's finals.

Mike Purpus looked spectacular in the semi-finals

where he beat Reno, but like Nat Young, elected to switch boards for the finals.

Unfortunately, he took a bad wipeout on what would have been his best wave when he collided with Charles Pila during a go-behind.



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## In Rainbow Classic

# Montana Cagers Arrive Tonight

The holiday basketball invasion begins tonight when University of Montana, with a travel roster of 14 plus 70 boosters, arrives at Honolulu International Airport for the third annual Rainbow Clas-

At this writing, Harvard owns the best win-loss record, an impressive 5-1. Both Cal and Montana are 4-1. Notre Dame is 2-5 and Portland 1-6.