

Spangler Paddles To Third Straight

Eric (Kiki) Spangler stroked through choppy waters to win his third straight Diamond Head Paddleboard Race open title yesterday, covering the distance in 59:44.

The event was held on the beach fronting the Moana-Surfrider Htoel, and conducted in waters ranging from 10-foot swells to three-foot chops prompted by strong onshore winds.

Over 2,000 spectators saw Spangler, of Kui O Hawaii Surf Club, annex the feature 6.2 mile race of the annual Christmas Day event, sponsored by The Waikiki Surf Club in conjunction with the Makaha International Surfing Championships.

Spangler bested runnerup Jimmy Blears, a Punahou High School swimmer, and finished well ahead of Mike Holmes, who won the stock class over the same distance.

Spangler's time was well under the 1963 record of

46:32.2 set by George Downing, who did not compete yesterday.

Keoni Downing claimed both the boys 16 and under half-mile and the 14 and under 200-yard water sprint surfboard paddles.

Results:

Diamond Head Race (6.2 mile open class) — 1. Eric Spangler, Kui O Hawaii 2. Jimmy Blears, Kui O Hawaii 3. Rabbit Kaekai, Waikiki Surf Club. Time, 59:44.

Diamond Head Race (6.2 miles stock class) — 1. Mike Holmes, Outrigger 2. tie between Albert Naki and Jeffy Young, Waikiki Surf Club. 4. Richard Henning, WSC. No time.

Girls under 14 surfboard paddle, 200 yds. — 1. Luana Froiseth, WSC 2. Brenda Scott, un.

Boys under 14 surfboard paddle, 200 yds. — 1. Keoni Downing, WSC 2. Ivan Solabrato, un. 3. Herman Ane, WSC.

Girls 17 and over surfboard paddle, one - half mile — 1. Robin Grigg Smith, Outrigger 2. Laura Blears, Hui Nalu 2. Patti Ho, un.

Boys 16 and under, one - half mile — 1. Keoni Downing, WSC 2. Bruce Harvey, un. 3. Bill Kennedy, un.

Boys 11 and under, 100 yds. — 1. Kai-ano Downing, WSC 2. Ken Morrow, Windansea 3. Clinton Blears, Hui Nalu.

Girls 16 and under, 200 yds. — 1. Laura Blears, Hui Nalu 2. Lauana Froiseth, WSC 3. Michelle Flynn, WSC.

Run - Swim - Paddle free - for - all — 1. Waikiki Surf Club (Laura Blears, Jim Blears, Roland Sonoda, Mike Tongg. 2. Ionolani Swim Club (Jim Band, C. Prentice, S. Harvey, C. Wade) 3. WSC (A. Miller, C. Kalama, R. Malaby; V. Ching) 4. WSC (L. Froiseth, K. Downing, K. Morrow, K. Downing).