

Downing Seeks Fourth Crown On Makaha Surf

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George Downing is back looking for his fourth Makaha International Surfing Championship.

The veteran Downing has surfed in every Makaha meet since 1953, winning in 1954, 1961 and 1965.

Yesterday he qualified by winning his first round heat in the senior men's division, along with a pair of other former Makaha winners — Buffalo Keaulana (1960) and Rabbit Kekai (1955).

A total of 21 heat winners yesterday gained the quarterfinals of the senior men along with 13 seeded surfers.

Preliminaries in the women's division narrowed the field to a pair of six-surfer heats for the semifinals.

Action will resume today at 8 a.m., if surf conditions are right. A decision will be made earlier this morning.

The surf died yesterday after producing four-to-six-foot waves through most of the morning. The meet was halted after the women's preliminary heats and then finally cancelled for the day after a 45-minute wait.

The junior men's division has been narrowed to three heats of seven surfers each for the semifinals.

Makaha meet chairman Tom Schroeder expressed his pleasure with the disposal of preliminary heats.

"We're now in the position where we have flexibility. We can afford to wait for quality waves," he said.

Downing, the expert big wave rider who knows them all, said yesterday's conditions weren't the greatest.

"The waves were four-to-

six-feet and the tide was high from early to noon. It was very choppy and there was a back wash," Downing explained.

"Everyone was very cautious because it was choppy," Downing continued. "It was very difficult to turn."

Two big surprises yesterday were the failure of top-rated surfers Butch Van Artsdalen and Rusty Miller to qualify because they missed their heats.

Among the champions who watched yesterday because they are seeded into the quarterfinals was Felipe Pomar, champion of Peru, now majoring in psychology at Church College of Hawaii.

Others seeded are world champion Fred Hemmings, Duke Kahanamoku Classic winner Mike Doyle, U.S. champ, Corky Carroll, Australian champ Keith Paull and Makaha defending champion Joey Cabell. Cabell is the only one seeded into the finals.

The women's division produced several good rides yesterday. Defending champion Martha Sunn of the Makaha Surfing Association heads a fine field which includes the talented Joyce Hoffman of Long Beach, Calif., and Sharron Weber of Kui-O-Hawaii.

Other women who qualified — Nancy Emerson, California; Laura Blears, Freedom Riders; Luana Froiseth, Waikiki; Margo Godfrey, California; Anona Napoleon, Waikiki; Sherri Carney, Ewa Beach; Diane Ellis, Kauai; Patti Ho, Windansea, Hawaii and Anella Sunn, Makaha Surfing Association.

Surf Survivors

SENIOR MEN (To Quarterfinals)

Seeded Champions — Corky Carroll, U.S.; Keith Paull, Australia; Felipe Pomar, Peru; Mike Doyle, Duke Kahanamoku Classic; Fred Hemmings, world champion.

Others seeded — Ben Aipa, Jimmy Blears, Phil Irons, Pete Johnson, Randy Ronwick, Mark Sedlak, Peter Dovyn.

Heat 1-A winner — Bill Wetzel, San Clemente Surf Club; heat 1-B — Brant Ackerman, Outrigger Canoe Club; heat 2-A — Leroy Ah Choy, Waikiki Surf Club; heat 2-B — Craig Sugihara, Greg Noll Surf team; heat 3-A — Timothy Shimatsu, Makaha Surfing Association; heat 3-B — Joseph Napoleon, Waikiki Surf Club.

Heat 4-A — Bobby Cloutier, Greg Noll Surf team; heat 4-B — Edward Pieper, unattached; 5-A — George Downing, Waikiki Surf Club; 5-B — Stanley Park, Kui-O-Hawaii; heat 6-A — Peter Cornish, Australia; heat 6-B — Charlie Galanto, Greg Noll Surf teams; heat 7-A — Jeff Hackman, Plastic Fantastic Surf team; 7-B — Ponce Rasa, unattached; heat 8-A — Tom Bean, Outrigger Canoe Club; heat 8-B — Barry Kanaiupuni, Windansea, Hawaii.

Heat 9-A — Clyde Aikau, Diamond Head; heat 9-B — Richard Keaulana, Waikiki Surf Club; heat 10-A — Rabbit Kekai, Waikiki Surf Club; heat 10-B — Rick Steere, Outrigger Canoe Club; heat 11-A — Ed Martin, Aii Hee Nalu Surf Team.

JUNIOR MEN (Semifinal heat lineups)

Heat 1 — Keone Downing, Outrigger Canoe Club; Angie Reno, Windansea Surf Club, Calif.; Thomas Bulger, Makaha Surfing Association; Scotty Moore, Windansea Surf Club; Terry Wood, Kailua Bay Surf Club; David Holton, unattached; Ronald Sagara, unattached.

Heat 2 — Neal Norris, Las Olas Surf Club; Tomi Winkler, Kui-O-Hawaii Surf Team; Charles Baugess, Makaha Surfing Association; Kenneth Farrell, Windansea Surf Club, Hawaii; Glenn Kaulukukui Jr., Freedom Riders; John Johnson, unattached; Robert Witten, unattached.

Heat 3 — Stanley Saragosa, Makaha Surfing Association; Steven John Kendall Ewa Beach Surf Club; Ken Mrorow, Windansea Surf Club; Dan Mailer, Outrigger Canoe Club; Mark Hoepfner, Pacific Surf team; Bill Seamens, Fiberglass Hawaii; Daniel Pimental, unattached.

WOMEN'S EVENT (Semifinal heat lineups)

Heat 1 — Luana Froiseth, Waikiki Surf Club; Joyce Hoffman, Long Beach Surf Club; Anella Sunn, Makaha Surfing Association; Diane Ellis, Kauai Surfing Association; Sherri Carney, Ewa Beach Surf Club; Patti Ho, Windansea Surf Club.

Heat 2 — Nancy Emerson, Hobie Surfboards, Calif.; Martha Sunn, Makaha Surfing Association; Laura Blears, Freedom Riders; Sharron Weber, Kui-O-Hawaii; Margo Godfrey, Windansea Surf Club, Calif.; Anona Napoleon, Waikiki Surf Club.