

no big waves, either

no big upsets as 19th Makaha opens

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The Makaha International opened for the 19th time yesterday with preliminary heats and no big upsets on scrubby five-foot waves.

And chances are, the surf won't get any higher for the next few days.

That means the blue-ribbon senior men and professional division won't start until later this week, and the tandem championship will probably be held today starting at 8 a.m.

OVERCAST SKIES and not-so-monstrous waves kept

the crowds away, although almost 1,000 watched seven junior men and three women prelims run off before the afternoon.

The favorites in the women's heats advanced to the finals and the only mild surprise was when Margo Godfrey, considered the female best, didn't show up.

If she did, it would have made for quite a showdown as she was matched with three-time Makaha champ Martha Sunn and the hottest lady surfer this year, Laura Blears.

AS IT turned out, both easily qualified, along with Evie

Black, Lynne Boyer, Becky Benson and Martha's sister, Anella Gardner.

There were also no shocks with the junior men, as Ken Morrow, Buzzy Kerbox and David Smith led 14 qualifiers who will join seeded Craig Wilson, Angie Reno and Ollney K. Hoopai in the semis.

With the weatherman predicting small waves, those junior semis most likely will also be run with the tandem riding today.

That decision however, will be made by Makaha officials watching the surf this morning.

MOST OF the "big name" surfers won't see action until the waves come up, and even then, they'll be in a special pro division for the first time.

Among the pros: Gary Chapman from the East Coast; Rod Sumpter from Great Britain; Robian Stafford from Australia; Johnny Fain, Mike Purpus and Corky Carroll from California, and Ben Aipa, Jim Blears, Ryan Dotson, Dick Brewer,

Bruce Butley, Allan Ayano, Clyde Aikau, Mark Sedlak, Owl Chapman and Glen Kaulukukui from Hawaii.

In the amateur senior men's division, some 32 Japanese surfers will be out; the largest contingent from Japan in the Makaha International or any meet here.

CAN THEY handle the waves?

Doji Isaka, one of Japan's foremost riders, shakes his head. "I dunno . . ." he offers. "They have to get used to the waves and they haven't had a chance to practice here. It's so crowded. They couldn't even take off."

Doji says Mikio Kawai and Mabo Komoru and the two to watch

A night surfing exhibition was also conducted last night, but there was no competitive riding after dark.

JUNIOR MEN

(top two advance to semis)

HEAT 1—1, ANDREW BUMATAY; 2, GUY MOKIAO; 3, Harrison Apeo; 4, Reynolds Write; 5, Joseph Bailey.
HEAT 2—1, BUZZY KERBOX; 2, BILLY FOYTICH; 3, Norbert Bettencourt; 4, Robert Kauwe; 5, Daniel Fiorendo.
HEAT 3—1, MIKE MAHAHIAN; 2, LEIGHTON LAU; 3, Mark Hirahara; 4, Wesley McKeague; 5, Jim Foytich.
HEAT 4—1, MARKEY MCKEAGUE; 2,

ANDREW MCKINNON; 3, Dane Kealoha; 4, Robert Muller; 5 (tie), Lance Lincoln and Alfred Paterson.

HEAT 5—1, JIM NELL; 2, ROBERT PATCHO; 3, Danny Morrow; 4, James Mahelona; 5, Barry Mau.

HEAT 6—1, KEN MORROW; 2, JEFF SLEICHTER; 3, Tamio Thomas; 4, Leighton Salac; 5, Ed Sabalia; 6, Dennis Uyebara.

HEAT 7—1, DAVID SMITH; 2, VERNON TAYLOR; 3, Bert Walltee; 4, Tim Smith; 5, Robert Williams; 6, Jerry Teves.

WOMEN

(top two advance to final)

HEAT 1—1, EVIE BLACK; 2, LYNNE BOYER; 3, Rell Sunn Lazarus; 4, Blanche Benson; 5, Luana Froiseth.

HEAT 2—1, BECKY BENSON; 2, ANELLA SUNN GARDNER; 3, Anona Napoleon; 4, Sherri Carney; 5, Debbie Silva.

HEAT 3—1, MARTHA SUNN; 2, LAURA BLEARS; 3, Shirley Pelekai; 4, Nani Rice.

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TODAY
(Radio)

7:40 a.m.—Los Angeles Rams vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, followed by San Francisco 49ers vs. Detroit Lions, KGU (760).

9 a.m.—Minnesota Vikings vs. Chicago Bears, KHVH (1040).

11 a.m.—Oakland Raiders vs. Denver Broncos, KGMB (500).

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