



Bret Goodfriend...Paddleboard champion

# Goodfriend Captures WSC Paddleboard Title

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"I didn't dare look back for fear of missing a stroke," said Bret Goodfriend, winner of Waikiki Surf Club's annual Diamond Head Paddleboard Championships that was held in calm waters off Waikiki Beach yesterday.

"As it was I got squeezed at the start and bumped my arch-rival, Kiki Spangler, a few times," he added. "It was close at the first turning mark, but then, while getting pressed by Chuck Kelley, I poured it on from Diamond Head buoy to Waikiki. It felt like a sprint rather than a well-planned race. I need a drink. See any beer?"

Goodfriend, a 23-year-old professional surfer and surfboard builder, led from start to finish turning the six-mile course in 59 minutes and 27 seconds.

SPANGLER, THE pre-race favorite, placed second—41 seconds behind Goodfriend, while Kelley, who was running second for much of the race, came in third, four seconds behind Spangler.

Perfect paddling conditions—

flat water, very little wind, a boost from thousands of cheering spectators—prevailed. Competition in men, women, boys—14-and-under and Run, Swim and Paddle relay events, were held. All contestants used identical 12-foot, 30-pound paddleboards.

The meet's closest finish was turned in by the women, when Outrigger Canoe Club's Kisi Haine nipped Australia's Leigh Temple by a scant six-tenths of a second.

"I became lost offshore and must have paddled an additional 100 yards or more," sighed a dejected Temple. "I didn't know where to turn and no one would tell me."

But Haine, who paddles for OCC's sophomore women's team, was pleased with her first-time performance and wants to try again. "I really wasn't that serious about this race," she said, "but after today, I'm stoked!"

Jay Tansley won the Boys—14-and-under division, while the four-man team consisting of Grady Howe, Boya Fulkerson, Ian Emberson and Marvis Scully, topped the Run, Swim and Paddle competition.