

Hui Nalu 'Rules' Over Canoe Races

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Rules changes, disqualifications and an obtrusive freighter upstaged the paddlers at the 1983 Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association state championships last Saturday.

And when the dust had settled in the Keehi Lagoon "dust bowl," Hui Nalu Canoe Club of Hawaii Kai had captured the Super Bowl of outrigger canoe racing, 144-122, over archrival Outrigger Canoe Club. AA champion for clubs with 7-15 crews competing was

Kai Oni Canoe Club with 67 points, and top Division-A honors went to Maui's Napili Canoe Clubs with 28 points.

Champion Hui Nalu garnered firsts in boys' 12-A, novice-B men and novice-A women. But the real depth of the two-time consecutive Oahu HCRA titlist was reflected in its two seconds, seven thirds and four fourth-place finishes.

The rule overrode last year's situation in which Hanalei stepped up strong paddlers to bolster weaker crews.

The Garden Isle club tried to scramble, but Coach Nick Beck's Herculean effort to fill the seats of his 30 qualifying crews may have backfired. The club's representation swelled from 80 members last year to 160 this year. Less experienced paddlers may have cost Hanalei points.

ANOTHER POINT shaver was a black and white freighter moored to the left side of the half-mile course. The rusty vessel kept drifting with the gusty tradewinds onto the course. Thus, all 10 races longer than half-mile ran on the quarter-mile course, necessitating more turns, slower times and more likelihood of disqualification if a canoe hits a flag on the turn.

But no DQ marred the sensational performance by Kawaihae Canoe Club's boys 18 crew of Gerald Bess, Nate Hendricks, Peter Erickson, Keone Lindsey, Thomas Hurley and Scott Grinsteiner. The group streaked to a four-boat-length win over the five-time state champion Kahana crew of Maui — covering the one-mile course in eight minutes, 39.2 seconds.

Five of six members of the crew have raced together since they were boys 12B, and they have gone undefeated on the Big Island in four of their six seasons together.

"We call ourselves the Gap Brothers since we're always 'gapping' the competition and 'tuning' (drinking refreshments) on the beach when the others are coming in," the lively bunch chortled.

The real story, however, is that Nalu won the two novice races through disqualification of six clubs. In each race, three crews placed above Nalu but were called for false starts, interference or finishing in the wrong lane.

HURT MOST BY disqualifications probably were Outrigger with five and Hanalei Canoe Club of Kauai with six. Both teams forfeited 29 points each. In all, 48 DQs occurred in the regatta's 30 events — the novice-B men's event took high-DQ honors with six.

"I've never seen so many violations in all my years," announcer Chris Farias said over the microphone, shaking his head.

OCC Coach Brant Ackerman, whose team missed the team title by 22 points after losing 29 due to DQs, said the situation "takes away all the credibility of winning a state regatta . . . it tends to overshadow the day. As a result, it makes winning a little shallow."

Winning came hard for defending champion Hanalei, in fourth place with 100 points. The Garden Isle club was deeply affected by HCRA's recently enacted "step-up rule." The rule states that only one person per crew, instead of the entire crew, can step up and compete in a higher category.

PCL at a Glance

PCL Standings

SECOND HALF SOUTH

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Hawaii	32	27	.593	—
Albuquerque	29	25	.537	3
x-Las Vegas	28	25	.528	3 1/2
Tucson	27	27	.500	5
Phoenix	24	30	.444	8

NORTH

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Portland	31	22	.585	—
x-Edmonton	28	26	.519	3 1/2
Salt Lake	26	28	.481	5 1/2
Tacoma	22	32	.407	9 1/2
Vancouver	21	31	.404	9 1/2

x-first-half champion

Tonight's Games

Tucson at Hawaii
Vancouver at Tacoma
Las Vegas at Portland
Salt Lake at Edmonton
Albuquerque at Phoenix

Yesterday's Results

Hawaii 6, Tucson 2
Albuquerque 8, Phoenix 5 (1st game)
Phoenix 3, Albuquerque 2 (2nd game)
Tacoma 4, Vancouver 7
Portland 6, Las Vegas 3
Edmonton 8, Salt Lake 3

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Jim Stassi slammed an RBI double in the sixth inning to snap a 2-2 tie and give the Phoenix Giants a 3-2 victory over the Albuquerque Dukes for a split of their doubleheader. Albuquerque won the opener, 8-5, as Lemmie Miller's RBI double broke a 3-3 tie in a five-run Albuquerque fourth inning.

First Game

Albuquerque 8, Phoenix 5
Phoenix 3, Albuquerque 2
Rennicke, Wright (6) and Reyes, Kingman, Lerch (6) and Ransom. W—Rennicke, 7-3. L—Kingman, 4-5. T—2-3. A—3-57.

Second Game

Albuquerque 0, Phoenix 1
Phoenix 200, Albuquerque 3
Hershiser and Reyes, Garrelts, Cornell (7) and Stassi. W—Garrelts, 4-4. L—Hershiser, 6-6. T—2-09. A—3-577.

TACOMA, Wash. — Marshall Brant singled in the fourth run in the eighth inning as the Tacoma Tigers came from behind to defeat the Vancouver Canadians, 4-3. The Canadians held a 3-0 lead through seven innings.

Vancouver 100, Tacoma 100
Tacoma 000, Vancouver 04x-4 7 3
Cocanover, Seaman (8), Castro (8) and Planke; Dye, Callahan (7), Bradley (9) and Clas, McKay (9). W—Callahan, 1-3. L—Cocanover, 6-9. HRs—Vancouver, James (7), Powell (2). T—2-36. A—3-785.

Las Vegas 010 000 100-2 1 2
Portland 000 220 02x-6 2 2

McLaughlin, Booker (5) and Tingley; Riley, Decker (3) and Keller. W—Decker, 6-2. L—Booker, 7-6. HRs—Portland, Russell 2 (22). A—2, 190.

EDMONTON—Rick Schotfield collected four RBI, including three on a bases-loaded triple, to lead the Edmonton Trappers to an 8-3 victory over Salt Lake City. Pat Keedy of the Trappers and Glen Walker of the Gulls both hit solo home runs.
Salt Lake 000 201 000-3 7 0
Edmonton 002 102 20x-8 8 1
Allard, Best (6), Babcock (8) and Bulling, Finch, Lacey (9) and Blackwell. W—Finch, 6-8. L—Allard, 8-8. HRs—Salt Lake, Walker (13). Edmonton, Keedy (12). T—2:55. A—3, 468.

Islander Scorecard

HAWAII SECOND—Walton doubled to left-center. Mitchell walked. Robinson doubled to left-center. scoring Walton and Mitchell, 2-0, Islanders.
HAWAII FIFTH—Orsulak hit pinch Orsulak stole second. Vargas doubled to left to drive in Orsulak, 3-0, Islanders.

HAWAII EIGHTH—Vargas singled to right field. Walton intentionally walked. Mitchell singled to left, scoring Vargas, and Walton scored on error by left-fielder Ray with Mitchell continuing to third. Mitchell scored on single by Robinson, 6-6, Islanders.

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TUCSON					HAWAII				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Loucks rf	4	0	0	0	Orsulak cf	4	0	1	0
Wherry ss	3	0	0	0	Wolus 2b	4	0	1	0
Pate ph	0	0	0	0	Miscik 3b	3	0	0	0
Pena ss	0	0	0	0	Vargas lb	4	1	2	1
Pankovits 2b	4	0	0	0	Gonzalez ss	4	0	1	0
Ray lf	4	0	0	0	Walton rf	4	2	1	0
Cypral 3b	4	0	0	0	Mitchell lf	3	2	2	1
Davis lb	4	0	2	0	Robinson c	4	0	2	3
Robles cf	4	0	0	0	Lamonde p	3	0	0	0
Bickman c	3	0	0	0	Krawczyk p	1	0	0	0
MacDonald p	2	0	0	0					
Jones ph	1	0	1	0					
Meredith p	—	—	—	—					
Totals	33	0	6	0	Totals	33	6	9	5

Tucson 000 000 000-0
Hawaii 020 010 03x-6
E—Lamonde, Ray, LOB—Tucson 7, Hawaii 7.
2B—Walton, Robinson, Ray, Mitchell, Vargas.
SB—Wolus, Orsulak.
IP H R ER BB SO
MacDonald (L, 1-1) 7 6 3 3 2 1
Meredith 1 3 3 1 1 1
Lamonde (W, 9-11) 7 3 5 0 0 1
Krawczyk (S, 7) 1 1/2 1 0 0 2