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Gil Scott



Young Paddler Does Man's Job

"He lived up to expectations. He did a man's job."

That was Coach Rabbit Kekai's comment on Gil Scott, Jr., 14-year-old Punahou freshman, who paddled No. 5 oar in yesterday's Outrigger Canoe Club's fiberglass winning entry in the 40-mile Molokai-to-Oahu outrigger canoe race.

"Gil didn't start the race," Kekai continued, "because I wanted to start a heavy crew. But I soon had him in there after the boat left Molokai."

"Gil paddled three-fourths of the way, the same as the other eight members of the crew. I'd like to say again that the boy is a worker. He'd be a credit to any crew locally."

Young Scott, who has been surfing and paddling for about four years, entered paddling competition only this year in the 13-under bracket.

Under Kekai's tutelage he became a first-rate paddler, participating as a member of the O.C.C. in several

Oahu and State meets this year.

Gil, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Scott Sr., 224 Kawai-kui Place in Niu Valley, says that he prefers paddling and surfing to playing football. The 5-10, 160-pound youngster vows "I'll paddle for the rest of my life."

He called the race a tough one, but that he wasn't as tired as he expected to be. "You can say for me that Kekai knew just when to change the boys during the race. Just as soon as I felt I needed a relief, Kekai had one boy ready."