

KAM DAY RACES

"It Might Have Been . . ."

Yes it might have been different. The Club actually finished first in four races—second in two races—third in one race and the total points would have won the regatta. But there are rules and our boys just broke a few and were disqualified.

The Junior Six men hit the flag, the Boys under 17 steered out of their lane and the Junior four interfered with another canoe in making a turn. The result was that these canoes which all finished first were disqualified. Had they not fouled the meet would have gone to the Outrigger Canoe Club.

It is disheartening to train seriously, paddle with all you have and then lose because of a simple infraction of the rules. But rules are made for all and every contestant has the same handicap. It is hoped that this experience will be valuable in future events. It is through such experiences that we learn to be careful and as they say "learn the ropes."

It was evident that our young men and women had the stuff to win. They were well coached, they were fit, they had the grit to win and they can in the future barring such incidences.

The place, Keehi Lagoon, was windy the day of the races and the turning lanes were but 60 feet apart—entirely too close. It has been decided that future races will have flags 100 feet apart and thus give the canoes adequate turning area.

It does seem that the penalty for hitting a flag in which case there is no interference with other contestants is pretty severe. We know of no sport where a race or game is lost by such a foul. This is not sour grapes but a suggestion to the Racing Association to examine this rule. When a crew has trained for weeks to race and then lose on such a technicality it takes the heart out of the effort.

Below are the results:

JUNE 11, 1952 — KEEHI LAGOON

| EVENT | 1st—5 points; 2nd—3 points; 3rd—1 point | | | H | KCC | OCC |
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| | WSC | HN | HK | | | |
| 1. Girls Novice..... | | 1 | | 2 | | |
| 2. Boys Under 13.... | 1 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. Freshmen..... | 1 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| 4. Boys Novice..... | 1 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. Junior 6 Men..... | 1 | 3 | | * | 2 | 1* |
| 6. Junior 6 Women. | 3 | 2 | 5 | 4 | * | 1 |
| 7. Boys 17 & Under. | 2 | 3 | * | 1 | * | 1* |
| 8. Senior 6 Men..... | 1 | 2 | | | | 3* |
| 9. Junior 4 Men..... | 1 | | | 3 | 2 | 1* |
| 10. Senior 6 Women. | 3 | * | * | 2 | | 1 |
| 11. Senior 4 Men..... | 1 | | | | | 2 |

The numerals show order of finish.

Key:

WSC—Waikiki Surf
 HN—Hui Nolu
 HK—Hui Kalia
 * Disqualification.

H—Healani
 KCC—Kaolaupoko Canoe Club
 OCC—Outrigger Canoe Club