

Search always on for next big wave

Eddie Pieper rides a wave June 14 during the Big Island Pro-Am Surfing Trials at Honolii Beach.

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The local surfers here know the legend of Myles Padaca, Noah Johnson and Spencer Skipper, and the guy with the golden radio voice for the wave reports — Orchardland Surf Shop owner Stan Lawrence.

For the land dwellers wondering who the first three are, here's a six-word clue: Triple Crown, Eddie Aikau and master shredder.

Padaca, from Kalapana, won the Vans Triple Crown of Surfing in 2001, becoming the Big Island's first winner of the

Trials help bridge surfing gap to Oahu

sport's most prestigious three-jewel series championship.

Johnson, from Hilo, captured the Eddie Aikau championship, the contest only held with waves 25 feet and higher, in 1999 at 25 years old, the youngest winner.

Skipper, from Hilo, is one of the best bodyboard pros in the business. He finished in third place at the Pipeline Championships in February on Oahu's North Shore.

Back in 1982, Lawrence

started the Pro-Am Trials to give Big Island surfers an opportunity to compete in world class events on the North Shore.

Padaca, Johnson and Skipper all competed in the Pro-Am before they made their runs at glory. In fact, Padaca is a four-time Pro-Am champion.

The local surfing community can claim Shane Dorian, who's from Kailua-Kona, as one of our own, too. He didn't compete in the Pro-Am back in the day, but spent 11 years

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Big Isle briefs

BIAC, Hilo Drag Strip results

The Big Island Auto Club hosted two days of drag racing June 21-22 at Hilo Drag Strip.

Saturday

Bracket race

Winner: Bill Brown (Hilo) in a Ford Mustang (11.16 sec/114 mph).

Runner-up: A.J. Veriato (Keaau) in a Chrysler 200 (15 sec/93 mph).

Sunday

Bracket race

Winner: David Francis (Paauilo) in a Camaro (8.67 sec/156 mph).

Runner-up: Cainin Francis (Honokaa) in a Chevy Nova (9.26 sec/144 mph).

Junior dragster bracket

Winner: Kaimi Francis (Hilo) (9.10 sec/66 mph).

Runner-up: Dionne Tobarra (Mt. View) (9.18 sec/71 mph).

Fastest car on the track: Brandon Murakami (Aiea) in a Chevy Cavalier (7.36 sec/186 mph).

Next race: July 12, Hilo Drag Strip

Kamehameha seeking coach

Kamehameha-Hawaii has an opening for an assistant girls volleyball coach.

The deadline to apply is July 2.

For full job descriptions and to apply, visit <http://www.ksbe.edu/careers>, contact humna resources 534-8040 or careers@ksbe.edu.

Fall football registration

HALOS Youth Services, formerly known as Hawaii Football Club, is holding registration for the fall football for seventh- and eighth-graders in Hilo and North Hawaii.

The first scheduled game is Aug. 14.

In Hilo, call coach Nalu at 854-7117. Practices will be held at the St. Joseph Field from 4-6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

In North Hawaii, call coach Kalani at 895-8856. Practices are 4-6 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Waimea Rugby Field.

The first practice is July 2.

Registration may be done at www.hfchilo.com or at the field.

Karate touney July 12 in Hilo

The International Karate League will host a Tournament of Champions from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. July 12 at Edith Kanaka'ole Multipurpose Stadium.

Marking the first IKL tournament in Hilo in 28 years, the event will welcome schools from the mainland and the islands.

The tournament is being hosted by Wilbur Mina of Keaau Dojo.

Admission is free.

Big Red Machine



PONY League photo

Hilo Red's Bula Ahuna cranks his third home run of the state PONY League tournament during Tuesday's championship game.

Hilo Bronco All-Stars rein in another state PONY League title



PONY League photos

Hilo Blue's Noah O'Hara tags out Hilo Red's Tai Atkins on Tuesday.

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Devin Midel bats leadoff, and he does it so well he only made two outs in four games.

Next comes Maui Ahuna, who routinely gets on base for the big boppers, Stone Miyao and Bula Ahuna, to drive home.

And the trouble doesn't stop there for opposing pitchers.

"We have fast runners and slow runners," Maui Ahuna said. "We have guys who get base hits, guys who get bunts and guys who hit home runs. We have all kinds."

Add it all up and it was a machine, and that's not even taking into account the sound pitching and near flawless defense.

Hilo Red churned out one more unstoppable TKO performance Tuesday, overwhelming Hilo Blue 22-0 to claim the state PONY League championship at Walter Victor Stadium.

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LeBron tells Heat he's testing free agency

By TIM REYNOLDS
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MIAMI — LeBron James delivered his message loud and clear, without actually saying a word.

He's willing to leave Miami, if that's what it will take to win more championships. And what happens next will likely be up to not just the Heat, but Dwyane

Wade and Chris Bosh as well.

Through his agent, James informed the Heat on Tuesday that he has decided to opt out of the final two years of his contract, a move that means he becomes a free agent on July 1. He will be able to sign with any team, including Miami, and Heat President Pat Riley said he "fully expected" James to take advantage of his early termination

option.

"We look forward to sitting down with LeBron and his representatives and talking about our future together," Riley said.

The Heat have been preparing for this for some time. James, Wade and Bosh all got six-year contracts when they teamed up in Miami in July 2010, the last time free agency was accompanied by the sort of frenzy that

will envelop the league over the next few weeks. But each of those deals came with options to leave either this summer or in 2015, in part to allow both the players and the team to have financial flexibility.

James — who averaged 27.1 points this past season — was owed \$42.7 million for the next

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