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## The Pipeline Bodysurfing Classic - FINAL RESULTS

(Honolulu, HI) February 28, 2020 --- Today, Saturday February 29, 2020 the Pipeline Bodysurfing Classic Ran at Pipeline [Ehukai Beach on North Shore of Oahu].

Mike Stewart of Hawa'ii was again successful in defending his title.

The top Four finalists:

Mike Stewart [Hawa'ii] FIRST PLACE

Arthur Picard [France] SECOND PLACE

Chris Kalima [Hawa'ii & California] THIRD PLACE

Craig Watson [Hawa'ii] FOURTH PLACE

Conditions: Fair Pipeline 4-6 foot WNW (312°) with Strong trade winds ENE (068°)

Each year, for one to two days, watermen from around the world come together and participate in a homegrown event in Hawa'ii involving Bodysurfing.

Bodysurfing, called he'e umauma or kaha nalu in Hawaiian, was first enjoyed by ancient Hawaiians at the break called "Pipeline" today. It is believed that bodysurfing at Pipeline was first inspired by the dolphins seen there, long before the invention of the surfboard.

While boardsurfing has evolved into a visible and highly competitive sport, the main draw to bodysurfing is still as it ever was--the intimate relationship between the ocean and the rider in what is considered by many as the "purest form of waveriding."

Competitors swam without the use of any type of board into extremely challenging at the world class break known as Pipeline.

Pipeline is world-famous for its fast and powerful breaking waves over a shallow reef. Just as Everest is the gauge of all mountains for mountaineers, Pipeline is the ultimate test for wave-riders from all over the world, rewarding the best with waves of aesthetic perfection.

Each of the 60 bodysurfers compete in preliminary rounds, semi-finals and the top four bodysurfers will compete in an intense final.

Additional Information on the event may be obtained on the web: <http://www.pipebodysurf.com/>

FULL results: [https://bsview.s3.amazonaws.com/index.html?event=evt\\_394rltftqx2](https://bsview.s3.amazonaws.com/index.html?event=evt_394rltftqx2)

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