

# BAD BREAK FOR BUSTER AT OLYMPICS



Hawaii Merman Meets  
Charlton and Borg in  
Trial Heat of 1500  
Meter Swim; Worked  
Hard To Prepare For  
the Olympic Swims

By Don Watson

**"B**USTER" CRABBE, Hawaii's only representative athlete in the Olympic games, has drawn a tough break in the 1500 meter race.

The drawings for the trial heats in that event brought the Outrigger Canoe club merman into the same heat with Arne Borg and Boy Charlton, which means that the real championship race will be in the trials rather than in the finals.

It is generally conceded that Borg, Charlton or Crabbe will win the 1500-meter event. Having all three of them in the same heat is about the worst thing that could have happened, as it means that all of them will not be in the finals. Personally, we are confident that Buster will be in the finals, but this confidence is based more on wish than anything else. Very little information is available concerning how good Charlton is and almost the same is true of Borg.



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Anyone having any doubts as to the outcome of that race should talk to Ned Crabbe, Buster's father. Ned is confident that his son can defeat any swimmer in the world in the 1500 meters and he gives his reasons.

"That boy has had his mind set on winning the Olympic championship for a year and a half and I believe he will do it," Ned said yesterday.

## TRAINED HARD

Buster's father then went on to tell how hard the Outrigger swimmer worked for this trip to Amsterdam.

"For the last year and a half Buster was in the water training every day," Ned said.

"Many is the night we waited dinner for Buster to come home from the tank where he was training. He never had to be told to practice swimming. He went out there and worked hard whether the coach was watching him or not. He entered every swimming race that came along because he realized that the more experience he got in races the better off he would be."

Buster's father has certainly hit the nail on the head. That son of his is the hardest working athlete we have ever seen. He is certainly a fine representative for Hawaii to send to the Olympics—and he deserves to win.

Buster will also swim in the 400-meter event, but that is not his distance as much as the 1500 meters. It is hoped that the powers that be will allow him to concentrate on the longer distance rather than the 400 meters because he will need every bit of his strength for that long grind against such swimmers as Borg and Charlton.