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Sports Editor

### assorted sports shorts

The sports fraternity over on the Big Island is up in arms (and legs) over indications that the Hawaii High School Athletic Association is planning to make Honolulu the permanent home for the State High School Basketball Tournament.

Walt Southward, a good Big Island fan, sends along a couple of resolutions in opposition to the proposed move. One is from the Waiakea Lions Club, the other is signed by Herbert T. Matayoshi, chairman of the County Council.

They want the tournament kept in Hilo every third year, as it is now.

However, that old bugaboo, sometimes known as Mr. Hard Cash, stands in the way.

When the tournament is held in Hilo with its small facilities, it barely breaks even. When it is held at the H.I.C., as it was last year, it netted \$25,000.

"And we need the money," says Tom Kiyosaki, league secretary.

So what else is new? . . .

### baseball lost a friend

Baseball lost one of its finest friends with the death earlier this week of San Francisco broadcaster Russ Hodges.

Hodges was one of the great "homers" in the broadcasting industry when it came to the Giants—but he also was one of the finest fellows I ever met.

The last time I saw Russ was a couple of years ago when he came here on a vacation. Russ, Dan McGuire and I joined with Freddie Kaneshiro and Sam the Waitress at the Columbia Inn for a little barber shop harmonizing—Hodges' greatest hobby, when mixed with a little moose milk.

Not everyone liked Hodges' air technique. But I doubt that anyone who knew him personally disliked him.

If the angels are singing where Russ is today, the chances are he already has formed a new quartet . . .

United Air Lines still is the champion carrier of sports teams. This year UAL will carry 24 professional baseball teams on 459 flights totaling 433,108 miles. The San Francisco Giants as usual, will log most miles: 35,528 . . .

But not all athletes fly United. For instance, Hawaii's championship volleyball teams leave here next week for the national championship aboard American. Included in the entourage will be 13 men representing the Outrigger Canoe Club and 17 girls representing Nick's Fish Market . . .

Gary Player, who long has represented Shakespear golf equipment, has switched and now is on the Dunlop advisory staff, according to Art Schoen, the over-aged athlete who, I fear, has a commercial interest in this item . . .

### Biscotti vs. Chong?

University of Hawaii football fans get a chance to size up the quarterback situation for the 1971 Rainbows team tonight at the Stadium.

Leading one team will be Mike Biscotti, the heir-apparent to the job. Elroy Chong, a local lad who played at University of Montana last year, will be the other signal-caller . . .

How much does it cost to produce a Heisman Trophy winner? There's a difference of opinion:

A San Jose, Calif., newspaper recently reported that Stanford spent \$25,000 getting Jim Plunkett that honor. Not so, says Bob Murphy, Stanford sports information director.

"The nearest I can figure," says Murphy, who used to pitch for the Oakland Oaks in the Pacific Coast League, "is that we spent \$319.03."

Pretty chinzy promotion for a wealthy institution like Stanford . . .

And remember this name: Andy Hassler of the Salt Lake City Angels, who will become a big league star.

At 19 he looks like the finest prospect to hit the Pacific Coast League since Sudden Sam McDowell, now of Cleveland, joined Portland in 1964. And Sam was an old man of 21 at the time.

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## Sports Notes

There is a possible three-way tie for first place in the ILH junior varsity baseball race. Iolani and Punahou both have 10-3 records with one game to go while Kamehameha is 9-3 with two games remaining. Iolani hosts Damien and Punahou goes against Maryknoll at Moiliili Field in games tomorrow while Kam hosts University High. If the Warriors win then they will host St. Louis Saturday at 10:30 a.m. In case of a three-way tie, two teams will play Monday with the winner meeting the team which draws the bye for the title on Wednesday . . . The Honolulu Senior AJA Softball League opens its season Sunday at Moiliili Field with three games on tap beginning at 9 a.m.

Outrigger Canoe Club, coached by **Colin Chock**, will compete in the United States Volleyball Association Nationals May 5-7 in New York.



Haine

The team will play some games in Cleveland May 1-2 before going to the Nationals. Making the trip will be **Tom Haine, John Haneberg, Charles Jenkins, Cal White, Mark Lawson, Mike Wilson, Jere Smith, Tony and Chris Crabb, and Tom and Bobbie Arnott** . . . Players will be vying for a place on the team which will represent Mokuleia in a polo match against a California team headed by **Billy Linfoot** due to appear here May 9 in a six period polo match Sunday. Riding for Mokuleia this week are **Ronnie Tongg, Charlie Pietsch, Winston Mirikitani, Sandy Parker, and Hal Henderson** while playing for Oahu will be **Bud Gibson, Tuna Sampaio, Al Lopaka, Nolan George, and Tommy Campos**.