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USVBA tourney field complete

HILO — The field is complete for next week's U.S. Volleyball Association national championship tournament on the Big Island.

Twenty-five states will be represented, with California sending 31 entries and Texas 10. Hawaii will have 24, including 10 Big Island teams.

The five-day event runs May 11-15 at five gymnasiums and sports centers.

Oahu's 14 entries are led by the Outrigger Canoe Club in the men's division and the Aloha team in the women's division. Aloha is the off-season club team for the UH-Manoa Rainbow Wahines.

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Members of Waikiki Surf Club's girls-15 crew practicing off Waikiki Beach are, front to back, Darrah Naone, Lynette Beazly, Lani Marquez, Mele Kahalepuna, Jenny Mae Abbey and Ramona Kukahiwa.—Star-Bulletin Photo by Dean Sensui.

Waikiki Surf Club: All in the Ohana

By Jack Wyatt
Special to the Star-Bulletin

Eight-year-old Autumn Leong of Maemae Elementary School stands 4 feet tall and weighs 50 pounds soaking wet and she's paddling at Ala Moana Park daily in hopes of making Waikiki Surf Club's youngest girls canoe racing team.

Washington Intermediate's Ramona Kukahiwa has been practicing her turns for when she takes the helm later this month as steersman for WSC's girls-15 crew, while Glenell Kaio, who has a dozen years stroking experience in her wake, appears to be a shoe-in to make the WSC's senior women's team.

Leong, Kukahiwa and Kaio, plus WSC's 200 other paddlers, have one thing in common. In a word it's called Ohana. A bit overused perhaps, but Ohana—Hawaiian for family—still best describes WSC's canoe racing program.

"Waikiki Surf Club is competitive and we race to win," explained head coach Luana Froiseth at WSC's Ala Moana Park headquarters recently, "but more important we are family—creating fellowship and having fun while paddling."

WITH LUANA'S DAD, Wally Froiseth, one of WSC's founders and the coach's mom, Moku Froiseth, the club's current president, WSC is truly family. "Back in 1946, dad, along with several other well-known Waikiki beach boys, started Surf Club," the coach explained, "and since that time we've had our good and bad years. But to our many members, Waikiki Surf Club represents something special."

In recent years, two clubs have dominated Oahu canoe racing—Outrigger and Hui Nalu, with Heaiani making its move last year. Waikiki Surf Club, along with Kailua and Lanikai canoe clubs, have always threatened, but have seldom won the big regattas.

"Surf Club has given away more paddlers than any other club," said long time WSC member, Randy Chun, who coaches four adult men's crews. "You can't find a coach or an experienced paddler on Oahu who hasn't once paddled for WSC."

Why has WSC lost so many of its experienced adult paddlers and why isn't the club the powerhouse that it once was. According to some WSC observers, it's because of the club's low-key philosophy—that of taking a

family, rather than a win-at-all-costs approach toward canoe racing.

"WE'VE MADE SOME coaching changes this season which I hope will be for the better," explained the 27-year-old Froiseth. WSC has designated assistant coaches for individual crews rather than having all decisions made by the head coach. "Not only does it make my job easier," Froiseth added, "but the crews receive more individual attention."

Waikiki Surf Club's strength lies more with its younger crews than with its adult teams. "We've had a good recruiting year," said Froiseth of her enthusiastic group of young paddlers. "But," adds the coach, "we may have to do some shuffling among our adult paddlers in order to win."

Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association's first distance race of the season will be held off Magic Island on May 15, while the association's flat-water regatta schedule begins on May 30 at Nanakuli Beach. Canoe racing ends with the Molokai-Oahu classic on Oct. 10. WSC once won a record six consecutive Molokai races.

Froiseth is high on her girls-15 crew and from the team's enthusiasm for tough practice sessions, she has good reason to be. "Lynette Beazly and Mele Kahalepuna paddled on Kamehameha High School's winning long distance crew last season, plus the rest of the crew are experienced paddlers," she explained.

IF WSC CREWS FAIL to get into shape, it certainly isn't the fault of the coaches. "Each day before the paddlers step into a canoe, they run the beach," she said. And after on-the-water workouts, Froiseth and staff have their charges exercising even more. "After a couple paddling sprints, my arms felt like limp spaghetti," remarked one exhausted crewmember.

WSC has a good practice location at Ala Moana Beach, and with its ample fleet of canoes—most noteworthy the koa canoe Malia—the club has quality equipment. "Malia was built to race and we race it hard," Froiseth explained. In addition to the Malia, WSC owns one fiberglass racing canoe, plus six fiberglass training canoes.

WSC paddlers meet weekdays at the eua end of Ala Moana Park beginning at 4 p.m. The club encourages interested youngsters and adults to learn about canoe paddling. It's all part of WSC's Ohana philosophy.

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can. It's pictured—again on the neck of Mid Pacific Air hostess DuBois—on the cover of the airline's May inflight magazine, "Manulani." Vanessa is now in Biloxi preparing for next week's Miss U.S.A. contest, sans necklace. . . I don't know if Carl Giampolo is going for a world's record or what, but the current issue of *Paradise News*, the newspaper aimed at visitors, contains stories in 10 languages from Hawaiian to Russian.

THE Go-Go's, an all-female rock group, reveal in the current *Newsweek* that in an early gig they were billed as the "Go-Go Girls" and an audience of rough-hewn truckers were waiting impatiently for them to begin peeling, which they don't. The group is set for a Blaisdell Arena appearance this summer. . . Orson's

manager Mike Aiello is specializing in stuffed fish these days. That is to say, he's finally received delivery on four beautiful fish specimens he'd been waiting eight months for. Each of the four fish—a 12-foot marlin, a 6-foot ono, a 5-foot mahi and a 5-foot ulua—was caught in Hawaiian waters and prepared to hang

on Orson's wall by a famous fish taxidermist in Florida. . . Guido Salmaggi, Italy's honorary vice-consul in Hawaii, has been having a ball entertaining old friends Carmine and Italia Coppola, lunching at the Outrigger Canoe Club and dining at Spats—in the Boss's Office, of course. Coppola, who conducted many operas which Salmaggi presented with the Brooklyn Opera Company 20 years ago, is the father of filmmaker Francis Ford Coppola and actress Talia Shire. Shire's first name, in fact, is short for her mother's name, Italia. Maestro Coppola is here to conduct a 60-piece orchestra for the epic silent film, "Napoleon," which will be screened tomorrow and Saturday nights at the Wai-

Coppola

kiki Shell. . . INCIDENTALLY, radio station KIKI is holding a contest this week to pick out a Napoleon look-alike, the winner getting four tickets to tomorrow's performance. . . Entertainer Jimmy Buffett jetted down to Tahiti following his Isle stay, and fell in love with

the place. He's planning to entitle his next album "Changing Oceans," to let people know he's forsaking the Caribbean in favor of the Pacific. One of the reasons may be that Buffett, who had a hit tune in "Son of a Son of a Sailor," discovered that he has many relatives on Norfolk Island, thanks, perhaps, to the grandfather he celebrated in song. . . There'll be lots of folks visiting Tahiti in the near future, thanks to restaurateur Spence Weaver, who owns the Hotel Tahiti. To celebrate his 43 years in the restaurant business he's offering 43 round-trip tickets on South Pacific Island Airways in a contest in which all 22 of his retail restaurants will be participating, beginning May 17.

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WITH Boyce Rodrigues stepping aside, Sterling Mossman has taken over as the entertainer at the newly named Barefoot Bar in the South Seas Village, performing at the Friday "kamaaina" lunches as well as Friday and Saturday nights. He's currently trying to regroup with some of his gang from the OLD Barefoot Bar at Queen's Surf—he already has Dada Davis coming in from Kona. . . As you probably know, Sunday is Mother's Day and to mark the occasion, Waimea Falls Park will be offering free admission for all mothers accompanied by their children—regardless of age—on Sunday. To get mom in free, children are asked to identify them when passing through the gatehouse. . . Pat's at Punaluu is getting into the "name" entertainment game, and on May 29 will present Eddie Kamae and the Sons of Hawaii with a \$5

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Hawaii sports briefs

(Volley)

The U.S. Volleyball Association National Championships continue today on the Big Island. In opening round action yesterday, the Outrigger Canoe Club and the University of Hawaii Rainbow Wahines, who are playing as the "Monarchs of Honolulu," both won two matches.

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USVBA nationals opening in Hilo today

By Hugh Clark
Advertiser Big Island Bureau

HILO — Fifteen Hawaii teams join 65 from the Mainland today in opening-round pool play matches of the 53rd U.S. Volleyball Association national championship tournament.

Competition starts at three sites at 8 a.m. today and continues through 80 matches until 11 to night. Eighty more matches are scheduled tomorrow.

The opening ceremonies for the tournament, being held in Hilo for

the second time in five years, were conducted last night at Hilo Civic Auditorium, site of Saturday's five championship matches.

USVBA president Robert Lindsey said his group was "thrilled" to be back in Hilo and was hoping the city will receive a third invitation from the sponsoring Haili Men's Club to hold the nationals here.

Most of the attention today will fall on three Hawaii teams and the two former champion teams from California and Utah.

The most popular team in the

tournament will be the UH-Hilo Vulcan Wahines, who are playing under their off-season name of Hawaiian Magic.

They have a tough opening-day opponent, playing their tournament opener at 11:45 a.m. at the UH-Hilo courts against Gymnast of Logan, Utah.

Another popular team will be the Monarchs of Honolulu (a.k.a. the UH-Manoa Wahines).

The six other Hawaii women's teams playing in the tournament are the host Haili Girls and Keauka-

ha Surferettes, both of Hilo, and Budweiser Light, Kuupos, Seaside and Little Abner's Steak House from Honolulu.

Outrigger Canoe Club of Honolulu, always a contender in the men's division, is expected to be the best of seven Hawaii male entries. Outrigger opens at 8 a.m. against George Mason University.

The six other men's entries from Hawaii are Babas, Haili Juniors, Haili and Keaukaha-Rap Center, all from Hilo, and Pizza Bob's and Kamali Manaloa of Honolulu.

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Volleyball Outrigger, Wahines win openers

By Hugh Clark
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HILO — Two Honolulu teams, including one made up of the top players from the University of Hawaii Rainbow Wahines, appeared headed for the next round of the U.S. Volleyball Association Tournament after each won two matches yesterday.

Outrigger Canoe Club, a men's team from Honolulu, set the pace for Hawaii's 15 entries in the opening round of this 53rd annual national event.

Outrigger, usually a strong national entry, opened impressively by beating George Mason University of Virginia, 15-2, 15-1, in its first match and returning to defeat Volleyball Clinic Inc. of Chicago, 15-1, 15-3.

The Monarchs of Honolulu, the UH women's team, also won twice but not as handily, defeating Southern Illinois University, 15-10, 15-6, late last night after beating Southwest Missouri, 15-3, 17-15.

Eighty men's and women's open division teams will continue play with another 80 matches starting at 8 a.m. today. The field will be reduced to 32 — 16 each in the men's and women's divisions.

Tomorrow, three more divisions with another 40 teams begin first-round play. The championship finals in all three divisions are scheduled Saturday at Hilo Civic Auditorium.

None of the six other Hawaii men's teams fared well. Pizza Bob's of Honolulu, regarded as the second best entry, lost 13-15, 15-19, 9-11 to the Concord

Grapes in their debut. But Pizza Bob's rebounded back to put down Cahika of Washington D.C., 15-11, 15-9, and stay in contention.

All four Hilo entries lost. The Haili Jrs., strengthened by the arrival of former Hilo High players and UCLA's Reed Sunahara, lost their opening match to Multnomah Athletic Club of Oregon, 9-15, 15-13, 15-10.

The University of Hawaii at Hilo Vulcan Wahines, playing under the name of Hawaiian Magic, were defeated by the defending women's champion, the Gym Master Club of Logan, Utah, 15-1, 15-5.

Coach Sharon Peterson didn't have a chance to get her team's composure back as its next opponent, the Sizzlers of Seattle, Wash., failed to appear. Hilo won by forfeit and will go into today's play with a 1-1 record.

Defending men's open champion Nautilus Pacific showed power by defeating Hilo's Babas, 15-1, 15-2, and polishing off Midwest Water of St. Cloud, Minn., 15-1, 15-0.

Two other contenders — Chuck's Steak House of Los Angeles and Olympic Club of San Francisco — opened strongly.

In today's action, Hawaiian Magic hopes to rebound in matches at 9:15 a.m. at Hoolulu Stadium against Orange County (Calif.) and at 3:30 p.m. at Hilo Civic against Oral Roberts University.

Outrigger Canoe tries for a perfect pool record against Bull & Bush of Denver, Colo., at 8 a.m. at Hoolulu Stadium and against Nautilus Plus of Brentwood, Calif., at 4:45 p.m. at Hoolulu.

The Monarch wahines will play Santa

Clara (Calif.) at 1 p.m. at Hilo Civic and return at 6 p.m. against the Ephebiens of Los Angeles at Hoolulu Stadium.

Gym Master, which could be the strongest women's team in the tournament, probably will win by forfeit in the match against the Seattle Sizzlers and is scheduled at 6 p.m. against Orange County at Hoolulu.

Nautilus Pacific is to play twice — against IDS of Dayton, Ohio, at 11:45 a.m. at Hilo Civic and against Brigham Young University of Utah in the evening's feature match at 8:30 at Hilo Civic.

Admission to the tournament is by \$8 "season" tickets or \$3 daily admission. Tickets are sold only at Hilo Civic box office.

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Sports today

Volleyball

53rd U.S. Volleyball Association National Championships, 8 a.m. to 10:45 p.m. Pool play matches every hour and 15 minutes at seven courts at Hilo Civic Auditorium, Hoolulu Tennis Stadium and UH-Hilo Athletic Complex. Admission is by \$8 tournament ticket or \$3 daily admission. Children under 12 admitted free until Saturday.

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No Volleyball Surprises

By Bill O'Rear
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HILO—There were no surprises yesterday at the U.S. Volleyball Association's national championships, which opened with pool play in men's and women's open-division matches.

A total of 80 games were played at three different sites as defending men's champion Nautilus Pacific of Long Beach, Calif., and women's champion, Gym Master of Utah, swept a pair of victories each to lead the balanced field.

Nautilus Pacific crushed Hilo's Babas, 15-1, 15-2, and Midwest Waterbeds, 15-1, 15-0, while Gym Master, made up of former Utah State collegians, slammed Hawaiian Magic (the UH-Hilo Vulcan Wahines), 15-1, 15-5, and Oral Roberts, 15-6, 15-12.

Another contender in the women's division, Monarch (the UH Rainbow Wahines) also swept to victories by

downing Southwest Missouri, 15-3, 17-15, and Southern Illinois, 15-10, 15-6.

OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB swept to wins in men's play, beating George Mason University, 15-2, 15-1, and Volleyball Clinic Inc., 15-1, 15-3.

Two other powerful men's teams, Chuck's Steak House of Los Angeles, the 1980 champion, and Olympic Club of San Francisco, remained undefeated after opening-day play, as did last year's women's runner-up, Palo Alto YMCA.

Pool play continued today in the open divisions at three different sites. Only 16 teams will advance into tomorrow's second round of pool play, when teams in the senior women's and men's and golden masters' divisions will begin their competitions.

There are 120 teams participating in this year's tournament, with the finals in each division slated for Saturday at Hilo's Civic Auditorium.