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One Type of Big League Sport

Okay, now. You think you're hep on all the latest sports info just because you read the Advertiser.

So answer this one: What big sports event will be held in Hawaii in 1970 that is so gigantic that 1,500 rooms already have been reserved — just for the players.

The Hawaiian Open? Nope. The Hula Bowl game? Naw. The International Billfish tournament? Guess again. Or give up?

It's the United States Volleyball Association's annual tournament — one of the biggest sports events in the nation as far as actual participation is concerned.

"We expect between 75 and 85 teams to compete," says W. W. Robinson, USVBA commissioner for Hawaii. "We've already reserved 1,500 hotel rooms for the players, coaches and officials."

But the USVBA tourney may be only a part of the overall action. This already is the most important in its field. But Robinson sees something bigger ahead.

"Toshi Ojura, head of the Japan Volleyball Officials Association, was here recently and he told me every country in the Pacific knew about the Nationals being held here in 1970," says Robinson. "And now there is talking of running an international division as a separate event to go with the regular tourney."

Lots of Teams From Pacific

If this goes through, then there may be teams competing here from such places as Japan, the Philippines, Australia, Canada and Mexico, in addition to the 75 or 80 clubs from the Mainland. South Korea and some other nations also may send their squads.

"I wrote to the USVBA and they have put it on their agenda during the national meet next week at Knoxville, Tenn.," says Robinson. "Some of the leaders have indicated that they will approve the request."

"What we have in mind is setting up a Pacific volleyball championship with a title tournament every year. All countries bordering on the Pacific ocean would be eligible to compete."

The USVBA tournament here is slated to start May 6 and run through May 9th. The early games would be held in Klum gym at the University of Hawaii. But the semi-finals and finals would be staged at the H.I.C. in the afternoon and night of May 9th.

There will be five divisions in the competition, including the Open, Seniors, YMCA, Collegiate and Women's.

"We're in great shape for this," explains Robinson. "We have the Outriggers in the Open division; Church College of Hawaii is one of the favorites (along with UCLA) in the College division; and in the Women's division, our girls will rate among the top three."

It's a Real, Rugged Game

Now some of you die-hard sports nuts may think that volleyball is for sissies. That if it isn't baseball, football or boxing, then it's a patty-cake game.

Forget it. The way they play volleyball these days, it would be safer on the front lines in Viet Nam. These guys hit a volleyball at 100 miles an hour. It can tear your hand or your head off.

It happens that Hawaii has one of the world's greatest volleyball players in Pete Velasco. We have some others who also are All-Americans, although slightly transplanted.

It's a red-blooded American game that can get as exciting as any baseball or football game you ever saw.

All you have to do is sit down and read the rules, or play one game with the **GOOD** players — and you'll be a convert.

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Surf Spray



by Ron Haworth

Man against the sea

"Talk to me, Ron. It's comforting."

Dr. Harry Huffaker's words were few last Saturday. Friday he had been practicing dentistry and Monday he would be again.

But now he was halfway across the Alenuihaha Channel, on that heartbreakingly unsuccessful attempt to become the first person to swim its 32-mile breadth.

To Huffaker the human voice was reality. And reality can be a prize to a man who had been swimming the Australian crawl for nine hours and had nine more hours to go.

Nobody can truly appreciate long-distance swimming until he has lived with it and seen with his own eyes the quiet agony of man against the sea.

Huffaker describes his hours of swimming as dreary, depressing, monotonous and boring. And yet, to him, they are beautiful and a time when he can think the clearest.

Mind from body

People who don't swim channels were spending those hours in different pursuits. They went to bed and then to work. Lunch might have included two martinis to wipe out a trying morning in the office.

Many were sitting down to dinner about the hour Huffaker was pulled from the Alenuihaha Channel 30 minutes before sunset.

Dick Faun of KGMB taped Huffaker's thoughts in a moment of reverie as the two waited for the escort boat, Spooky Luki, to make her appearance from Kawaihae.

"I think about anything but swimming out there," Huffaker said. He sees the trick as detaching his mind from his body.

"After I've put my body into motion I think about the past and plans for the future. After a bit I feel as comfortable as if I were drinking coffee with friends."

Emotionally involved

Those who were emotionally involved came away from the experience touched.

"A man makes a special kind of friend on a day like today," Zander Budge of the Spooky Luki said on the way to La Perouse and port.

He was thinking of the common spirit all of us felt. We were Huffaker's strongest rooters.

And even Faun, who was along to film the gallant try, put his assignment second to Huffaker's needs.

"Harry was an extension of myself," Faun said. "Because he was doing something I could never do, yet we were both human beings."

As one who watched him swim the Molokai Channel 20 months ago, this writer discovered an unfamiliar lump in the throat when Huffaker lifted his hands to be helped from the channel.

The Big Island was obscured by distance; Haleakala loomed nobly, filling the twilight sky. So close . . . and yet . . . the Alenuihaha Channel was not to be conquered that day. But it will be challenged again by Huffaker.

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Outrigger Vies Today In Chicago

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (UPI) — The Kenneth Allen team No. 1 of Chicago compiled an 11-1 record in games yesterday to lead a field of eight teams into the quarterfinals of the National AAU volleyball championships.

Kenneth Allen No. 1 will be matched against the defending champions, the Honolulu Outrigger Team in today's quarterfinals. Outrigger had a 6-4 record yesterday.

The team with the second-best record was the All-Armed Forces at 10-2. The Armed Forces will meet the Olympic Club of San Francisco (6-4).

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Outrigger CC spikers lose

A fine team representing the Armed Forces All-Stars defeated the Outrigger Canoe Club in yesterday's AAU Volleyball Championships in St. Louis, Mo.

Outrigger, playing without All-American Tom Haine, bowed in the three-game finals, 5-15, 15-12, 16-14.

Outrigger was defending the title it won in Seattle last year.

Action moves to Knoxville, Tenn., Wednesday where play in the Nationals begins. OCC will enter two teams. OCC has finished second at this tournament for the past

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Bronze tribute to Duke

The City of Huntington Beach has tentatively set September for the unveiling of a bronze bust of Duke Kahanamoku. The ceremony will be held during the U.S. surfboard championships there.

An area among palm trees at the entrance to the municipal pier has been designated as the site of the bust which will be mounted on a large base with an appropriate memorial bronze plaque outlining Duke's life and achievements.

For many years before his death, Duke was a guest of honor at the Huntington championships and a trophy for best all-around surfer bore his name.

Donations toward Duke's Huntington bust came from everywhere.

Vince Moorhouse, director of harbors and beach development for Huntington beach, wonders if Honolulu wouldn't like a duplicate of Duke's bust?

It does seem sad that Duke's birthplace has shown little or no initiative in preserving his memory.

Duke's sudden passing created all kinds of ideas for perpetuating his name. But to date not even a street remembers him.

Duke Kahanamoku Beach, named before he died, stands alone in tribute. And it, more often than not, is called numerous other names, depending on the source and interest.

In contrast, in the Swimming Hall of Fame, Fort Lauderdale, will display life-size likeness of Duke to an estimated 400,000 annual visitors.

Duke was the first swimmer elected by this body. He was also the first man to enter the Surfing Hall of Fame. And for fifty years of his life he was Hawaii's best-known citizen. Letters addressed to Duke c/o U.S.A. reached him without delay.

Surely many visitors to Hawaii would like to view some of Duke's personal effects. There aren't too many men who competed in four Olympics.

The trophies and medals awarded him by kings and dignitaries would fill a good-sized room. And hundreds of old photographs could span half a century.

It's not enough that Hawaii remembers Duke in its heart. His legacy to clean living and pride of birth should be available for all who visit here.

A surfing priest

An Australian priest, Father David Anderson, who has been surfing for only three years, will attempt to become Australia's senior surfboard champion next week during the Australian championships in Western Australia. The Queensland surfriding team named him captain after he had earlier won the Queensland title.

Fred Hemmings received word that he was voted into fourth place in the annual Surfer Magazine poll. Each year the poll establishes the top 20 surfers worldwide through a ballot vote.

Hemmings recently won the Surf Spray poll confined to Hawaiian surfers.

Two local surfers — Gary Chapman and Jeff Hakman — accompanied Dick Graham, editor of Surfing Magazine, into Baja California in search of waves and adventure.

Graham was gathering material for an upcoming yearbook, but found little surf down Mexico way. Earlier he had made an extensive trip along the East Coast in the same pursuit.

A story in the current Surfing deals with the International Professional Surfers Association. And it's rumored Surfer is due out with a different slant on the same IPSA.

Creating a ripple in Portugal

Jim Grownie has returned from an extended stay in Portugal. Although Grownie traces his lineage back to Kamehameha the Great, his prowess in the surf didn't hold much water with the Portuguese lifeguards.

One chap, in particular, created quite a stir when Grownie decided to romp in some well-shaped waves fronting the beach.

The lifeguard winded himself running up the beach begging Grownie to either swim in or accept the lifebuoy he lugged.

Minutes mounted and the crowd grew. According to Grownie he never did get it through the lifeguard's limited English that he was protected by kahunas.

The following day Grownie was denied beach privileges.

"The Performers", a MacGillivray and Freeman film, will have two showings tonight at Farrington High. Tickets are available at the door.

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The seascape artistry of Julie Gregory will be on display all month at Pacific Savings & Loan in Waialae. Serious surfers will find a common bond between their own love of the ocean and this lady's fine work.