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## Surf Spray



by Ron Haworth

### First for Hawaii

Immediately prior to the final possible day of competition in the World Surfing Championships in Puerto Rico, Fred Hemmings entertained the thought of selling his board for \$9, so despondent was he over the prospects for surf.

Hemmings had not surfed competitively since the opening day a week before because of the poor conditions, and the entire championships were in limbo awaiting the dawn of the final day.

On such few hours and fate can championships hang in the balance. Long before that next dawn's sun was a setting ball of red in the Caribbean, Hemmings had brought the world crown home to Hawaii for the first time in its history.

"Truthfully," he said in between well-wishers and handshakes, "the toughest battle was that first day in the preliminaries."

"It was this mushy four-foot surf which I was fortunate to survive. One bad break and I could have easily been eliminated."

The quarter-finals and semifinals were held at Domes Beach in well-shaped, but small surf. Then the surf began to rise and the six-man finals were moved up the coast to Rincon, a spot featuring a long wall with Hawaiian overtones.

### Big break for Hemmings

Not one to duck the truth, Hemmings freely admits that this move was a fantastic break in his favor. At Rincon he was in his element. And Hemmings played it for all it was worth.

The surf was a consistent eight to 10 feet, well off-shore, well shaped, and full of aloha. The finals lasted 60 minutes. The best five waves were counted.

"A very definite pattern emerged at Rincon," Hemmings believes.

"The Australians plainly have a style peculiar to themselves. I think of it as a two-beat cha-cha, a quick, snappy movement."

"In contrast, the big-wave oriented Hawaiians carved generous archs out of the wave, working the top and bottom sections with equal favoritism."

Because the surf was breaking some distance from the judges' vantage point, Hemmings wonders if many of the Australian's well-executed, but hard to evaluate maneuvers were not lost in the transition from wave to scorecard.

He also questions the decision of the Australians to sit inside and pick up the smaller waves, admitting that they had more rides, but also contending they lacked the quality.

"Three waves near 12 feet came through during the finals," Hemmings remembers, "and I caught two of them."

Others who surfed well in Hemming's opinion were Clyde Aikau and Joey Cabell. But neither man made it into the finals.

"Cabell was fortunate in that he broke a skeg and had to finish the semifinals on a borrowed board. This hurt his chances."

Perhaps the biggest surprise of the contest came when past world champion Joyce Hoffman failed to earn a berth in the finals.

### Joyce losing her grip on title

Miss Hoffman, who has been alone on top of the wahine heap for five years, seems to be losing her grip on that title.

Stolen boards were the vogue in Puerto Rico. Undoubtedly the opportunities for quickly acquired boards were seen as early Christmas presents by the local young set.

Hawaii escaped unharmed, although Ben Aipa had a close call before he found his board cached in some bushes where the thieves had put it for later removal.

Larry Lindberg, Greg MacGillivray and Jim Freeman filmed the contest under contract for ABC television. Mainland viewers can look forward to seeing their efforts in early December.

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## OCC Captures Volley Title

Outrigger Canoe Club outlasted U.S. Army Hawaii, 15-8, 12-14, 15-9, 15-8, to win a six-man team volleyball tournament at Hickam last night.

Church College of Hawaii finished third behind U.S. Army Hawaii.

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### Hemmings vs. HSA

If those who subscribe to the viewpoints of the Hawaii Surfing Association ate a feast of Thanksgiving crow, it was due to Fred Hemmings winning the world surfing title in Puerto Rico this month.

Hemmings and the HSA are just not on the same wave length when it comes to the HSA system of rating Hawaii's surfers. And neither has made any effort to hide the differences of opinion.

So, with many, many months of ill-feeling on both sides, it was no surprise when the HSA sponsored a drive to exclude Hemmings from Hawaii's world team.

And had not there been cooler heads in authority who considered more than the HSA rating chart, Hawaii would have had nothing to be thankful about.

But Hemmings was not the sole target of the HSA. He was only the main target. Others who did not meet with complete HSA endorsement were George Downing and Joey Cabell.

If any of the three were to gain a berth at the expense of an HSA surfer, the preference was strictly Cabell.

### Revealing insight

A cross section of the letters directed to the selection committee composed of Wally Froiseth, Downing, and John McMahon gives a revealing insight into the direction Hawaii is being led under this organization.

"If it's true that George Downing and Fred Hemmings are to be on the world surfing team we are very disappointed. This does not seem to be a fair method of selection."

"We wish to express our concern over the selections which are being made for the surf team going to Puerto Rico . . ."

" . . . Freedom Riders Surf Club unanimously support the HSA and the HSA representatives of rated surfers . . ."

"It seems to me that the committee's job is not to use its personal opinion but to carry out the wishes of the majority. Who needs a dictatorship? . . ."

And finally from a writer who should have been above such petty prejudice: " . . . if the committee hasn't attended each contest and studied the contestants, the only system left to them is one of ignorance or favoritism."

May we suggest that Hawaii and surfing are in serious jeopardy when the integrity of Froiseth, Downing, and McMahon are questioned.

There is no wish to exclude the fourth member of the Committee, who was HSA president Kevin Johns and deserves special attention.

Johns offered a list which included himself while excluding the three surfers who made the team.

It was chairman Froiseth's aim at fairness which placed Johns on the Committee. Froiseth wanted an HSA representative.

Jim Blears, Ben Aipa, Richard Trier and Reno Abrilla were the names placed in nomination by Johns.

### List omitted eventual champ

Nobody can disagree with the HSA list of surfers—except that it omitted the eventual winner.

Said McMahon: "Regardless of the pressures asserted on us by the HSA through letters and phone calls, we maintained open minds. And the record speaks in our behalf."

Those surfers entered in the second annual Makaha Open Surfing Championships tomorrow can check radio KPOI beginning at 7 a.m. and learn whether or not the contest will go on as per schedule.

George Cassidy reports that 200 surfers are entered in the various classes - among them defending champ LeRoy Ah Choy, Felipe Pomar and Australian Peter Drouyn.

John Campbell has good news for body surfers interested in belonging to a new organization to be known as the Hawaii Body Surfing Association.

"The HBSA will be devoted to preserving and promoting the sport in Hawaii," Campbell said.

"We will put the emphasis on water safety and rules of the surf. A body surfing contest will be announced at a later date."

Campbell may be contacted at 533-4554.

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## Volleyball

A one-day Outrigger Wahine volleyball tournament is scheduled for Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m., at the Outrigger Canoe Club. Deadline for entries is 6 p.m. Friday. Call the Outrigger, 923-1585, for information.

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## Wahine volleyball

The Outrigger Canoe Club open Wahine volleyball tournament will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. at the OCC, it was announced.

For further information call 923-1585.

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### Duke meet on ABC-TV

When meet director Fred Van Dyke turns his eyes on the surf to put into motion the fourth annual Duke Kahanamoku Invitational Surfing Championships, he will send 24 of the world's best surfers to their marks.

Producing the contest for ABC's Wide World of Sports will be Larry Lindberg. He will be assisted by two of the very best surf photographers in the business. Greg MacGillivray and Jim Freeman possess a rare creative talent which should carry them far in their chosen field.

Lindberg, a highly successful sports photographer, was instrumental in wedding the Duke with ABC television in a five-year contract.

For Lindberg it was a dream realized.

Lindberg filmed the initial Duke three years ago and came away excited and convinced that surfing was a thrilling camera spot.

During the ensuing years Lindberg, who was once more at home dodging football end runs and flying hockey pucks, has produced every Duke and recently came off a 60-minute special on the Duke and surfing.

But as important as the publicity is, none reap more glory or deserve more credit than the surfers.

### VIP treatment for surfers

And from the day that they check into their rooms at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, until that moment of truth at sinister Sunset, their almost every comfort is anticipated.

Although Monday is a non-competitive day, it won't lack for excitement. Following a short briefing by Van Dyke in suite headquarters, the surfers are to be the guests of honor at a press party.

The next day (Tuesday) will be the first possible day of competition, depending on the surf. And scouting the North Shore at sunrise will be Val Valentine, his perennial Santa Claus beard alert for the first sign of surf.

If the contest is on, the first heat will be in the Sunset rip by 9—and a champion will be known (to the official scorer) by 4.

The winner will not be announced if Van Dyke feels the surf is big enough to warrant a trip to Waimea the next day.

Instead the score will be run out with the eight finalists in the water.

### Dinner show at Dukes

On the entertainment itinerary is a dinner show at Duke's and an Outrigger Canoe Club dance honoring the club's most treasured member—the late Duke.

For this year, McVay has added still another touch of glamor. He will put at the disposal of Van Dyke and the 24 contestants, a chauffeured Rolls Royce.

The only thing McVay can't see in his crystal ball is the eventual winner. Will it be one of the three past champions? Or will a fresh name appear?

Maybe Ryan Dotson . . . Butch Van Artsdalen . . . Joey Cabel . . . Mike Doyle?

Mike Doyle. That's a name to remember. Doyle is always thereabouts. And he certainly likes Sunset.

Duke data: Village PR gal, Dee Dickson, requests that interested parties not call the hotel seeking information on the contest site and time. This will only jam the switchboards.

Instead, tune your radio to any station which can be expected to pick up the AP and UPI releases. The wire services will be informed immediately.

Three alternate surfers named by Van Dyke are: Bobbie Cloutier, Midget Farrelly, Peter Wae.

Judges are Wally Froiseth, Doug Carr, and Russ Takaki. Head score keeper is John McMahon.

Bad surfing conditions have caused the second annual Makaha Surfing Championships (not to be confused with the International Surfing Championships) to be postponed for two successive weekends.