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Volleyball Meet Draws Coast Club

The Pacific Coast Club volleyball team of Long Beach, Calif., will compete in the Haili Church Invitational Tournament in Hilo April 4-6.

The Californians, National AAU seniors champions, are also scheduled to meet the Outrigger Canoe Club, Central Y and Church College in Honolulu before their departure. Dates will be announced later.

Eight players will comprise the team which will arrive in Honolulu March 28. They are Jim Montague, Dick Gragson, Windy Skelton, Joe Ridick, Al Larson, Howard Walker and Gene Chambliss.

Montague, Gragson and Hammer were selected for the Senior All-Star team last year. Montague has also been named to the U.S. Volleyball Hall of Fame.

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Coast Volleyball Team Plays Here

The Pacific Coast Club volleyball team from Long Beach, California, the 1953 AAU Senior Mens (35 years and over) National Champions will invade Hawaii come March 28th via United Airlines at 2:15 p.m. This outstanding volleyball club will have eight members making the jaunt to Hawaii and will compete in Hilo during the week of April 4th through the 6th in the Haili Church Invitational Tournament. This event is sanctioned by the United States Volleyball Association and is a Double "AA" tournament.

Some of the finest competitors on the American volleyball scene, many of whom have been on U.S. Olympic and Pan-American squads, will augment the PCC team including Jim Montague, Dick Gragson, Windy Skelton, Joe Ridick, Al Larson, Howard Walker and Gene Chambliss.

Montague, many times All-American, along with Gragson and Hammer were selected to the All-American first team in the 1968 senior division. Montague, round for round is one of the finest defensive ball-players in the world, was elected to the U.S. Volleyball

Association Hall of Fame. He is 40 years old and was a member of the 1950 Long Beach national open championship squad and the Long Beach Sports Club team that won the national crown in 1960.

The PCC team will once again play the Outrigger Canoe Club in a series of exhibition matches here in Honolulu along with Church College of Hawaii and Central YMCA. Their up-coming game with the Outrigger could easily be a rematch of last year's nationals which was held in Portland, Oregon. The Outrigger won over PCC in an early match that placed PCC in the loser's bracket. PCC worked back up and defeated the Outrigger forcing a double finals and successfully clinch the 1968 crown.

Assisting the PCC team here in Hawaii are: Tommy Haines, captain and All-American great and member of the Outrigger team; Moroni Medeiros, former isl and Roosevelt all-around athlete who resided in Long Beach for many years; John Lowell, Church College of Hawaii physical education administrator and a member of the USVBO board of directors; and Sam Koanui, coach of the central YMCA team.

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Cal volleyers to play here

The Pacific Coast Club volleyball team of Long Beach, Calif., 1968 AAU Seniors (35 and over) national champions, is coming to Hawaii March 28 for a series of games.

PCC will compete in the Haili Church Invitational Tournament April 4-6 in Hilo.

In Honolulu the Long Beach team will play Outrigger Canoe Club, Church College of Hawaii and Central YMCA.

Kingspins of the Mainland club are Seniors All-Ameri-

cans Jim Montague, Vern Gragson and Dick Hammer.

MONTAGUE, 40, is a member of the U.S. Volleyball Association Hall of Fame. In his younger days, he was many times an All-American.

Coordinating the matches in Hawaii are Tom Haines, captain and All-American of the Outrigger team; Moroni Medeiros, former all-around Isle athlete who has lived in Long Beach for many years; John Lowell of CCH and Sam Koanui, Central Y coach.

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Big Island to Maui Swim

Another Channel Challenges Dentist

By BOB KRAUSS
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A Honolulu dentist who holds the record for swimming the 26-mile Molokai Channel is all set to try a swim of 32 miles from the Big Island to Maui.

If he succeeds, it will be the longest channel swim in history. (The English Channel is only 21 miles across.)

The dentist is Dr. Harry W. Huffaker, who conquered the Molokai Channel in 13½ hours in September of 1967, bettering by two hours the time set by Keo Nakama in 1961.

"We're waiting for the first suitable weather to try swimming the Alenuihaha Channel between Upolo Point (on Hawaii) and Maui," said Huffaker yesterday. "We've been waiting on a day-to-day basis for two months."

He said he expected the marathon swim to take between 16 and 20 hours if it succeeds.

"I don't even know if it's possible," he said. "For example, I swim at about two miles an hour. If there's a current of four miles an hour in the channel, the swim will be impossible."

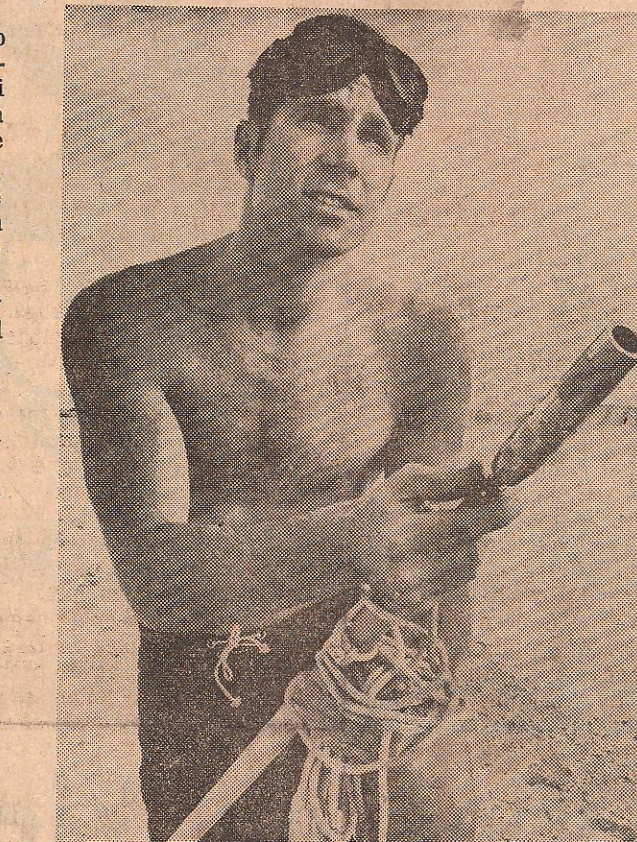
Huffaker said a number of factors over which he has no control could defeat the record channel attempt.

Possible Hangups

"A lot of things can go wrong that I can't do anything about," he cautioned. "Something could disable the escort boat. We could be stopped by sharks or a storm, somebody could get sick."

However, he's been in training for months and is eager to make the attempt, he said.

"I'm swimming between three and four miles every day after work," he ex-



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Huffaker and his weapon for sharks.

plained. "I don't want to do too much in case a call comes that the weather is

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right in the channel. On weekends if the weather is soaked in I'll swim between eight to 12 miles."

Huffaker said the Outrigger Canoe Club, of which he's a member, is his sponsor for the channel attempt. He said he has no commercial sponsors and that his assistants will all be volunteers.

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30 Teams In Volley Tournament

Thirty teams are already entered and more are expected for the 10th annual Haili Volleyball Tournament to be held in Hilo April 3 through April 6.

"This is the biggest volleyball tournament in Hawaii," stated W. W. Robinson, U.S. Volleyball Association commissioner for Hawaii.

Thirty teams, including the Pacific Club of Los Angeles, are already entered. Of these 14 are from Oahu. Entries close tomorrow with Robinson (telephone 536-1734).

Pacific Club last year beat Outrigger of Honolulu for the senior division championship of the National volleyball tournament at Portland, Ore.

The Haili Church Men's Club is sponsoring the tournament under the auspices of the USVBA. Ken Griffin is tournament director.

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Waialua schedules volleyball tourney

The annual Waialua Invitational Volleyball Tournament has been scheduled on March 21 and 22, at the Waialua Recreation Center. The first match begins at 6:30 p.m. on Friday. The contests resume at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

Among the top rated volleyball teams in the State participating in the tourney are the Outrigger Canoe Club, the Central

Y.M.C.A. and the Church College of Hawaii. Others are the Y.B.A. team, the Marine Corps and the Haleiwa Surfers. Many of the players are well known volleyball stars, nationally.

The public is invited to watch the games. There is no admission charge. This year's meet is sponsored by the Haleiwa Surfers.

gentle kona wind or no wind at all."

So far, he said, the volunteer boat captain at Kawaihae apparently has not found conditions ideal.

"Everybody's reluctant to make the decision," he said. "If we fly over there and the weather turns bad, we'll have wasted \$250 in air fare."

He'll Be Prepared

The distance swimmer will wear prescription goggles (he normally wears glasses) and will take along a shark prod this time, a piece of equipment he didn't have when he swam the Molokai Channel.

"That time we depended on a rifle carried on the escort boat," he said. "The trouble was, when a shark came close the escort boat was too far away. Besides, somebody forgot to load the rifle."

Huffaker's shark prod fires a 12-gauge shotgun shell. It's mounted on the end of a stout pole. When a shark approaches, he said, an assistant can toss him the prod from the Boston Whaler.

He said he's been swimming since he was nine years old. In 1963 he came within two miles of succeeding in an attempt to swim the English Channel.

The swimming dentist said he has heard of the 21½-hour swim of Hawaiian pilot-fisherman Leo Ohai in the Molokai Channel.

"I'd welcome him along if