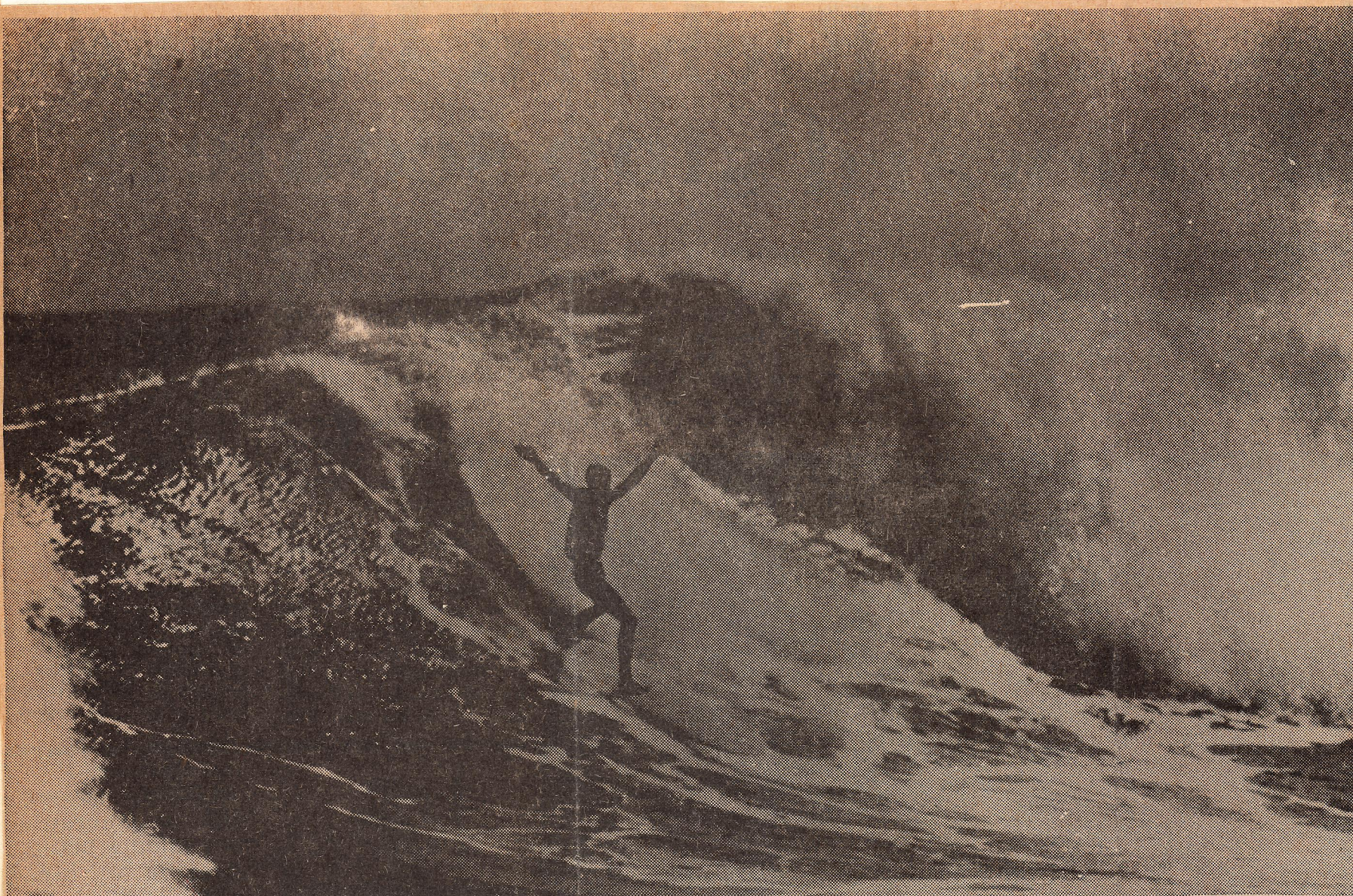


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SURF'S UP--MAKAHA MEET TO BEGIN--Young Joey Cabell of the Outrigger Canoe Club and 1967 Senior Men's champion, is shown practicing for the 16th International Surfing Championships that will be held beginning Sunday, December 21 and run through the end of the year. No competition will be held Christmas Day. The

world-famous meet at Makaha draws name surfers from all over, as well as spectators, who crowd the narrowing beach (due to the storm surf of the winter) to watch the daredevils in action. Some 263 entries have been accepted in this year's meet.

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Big Field for Makaha Surfing

A field of 263 select surfers from throughout the world will compete in the newly streamlined 16th annual Makaha International Surfing Championships, starting Saturday and lasting through Dec. 31 (excluding Christmas day).

The final entry list has been trimmed this year from the vast fields of past competitions at Makaha, the sponsoring Waikiki Surf Club revealed yesterday.

Officials said in past years many entrants found Makaha conditions too difficult and scratched at the call of their heat.

All of the entries this year are of recognized championship caliber, the meet sponsors said.

Surfers will display their skills on the waves for both judges who will select the world champions, and the cameras of the American Broadcasting Company's "Wide World of Sports."

Spectators driving to Makaha will have ample parking off the highway in the large area opposite the surfing zone.

The large, big-name field of men and women includes top-flight visitors such as Keith Paull, current Australian champion, and Peter Drouyn, former Aussie titlist; Rodney Sumpter of Ireland and Felipe Pomar of Peru.

Defending champion Fred Hemmings and Paul Strauch will carry the colors of the Outrigger Canoe Club, as will Joey Cabell, Aka and Butch Hemmings.

Former International Surfing Championship winners George Downing, Buffalo Keaulana and Rabbit Kekai will represent the host Waikiki Surf Club.

Also with Waikiki will be

Nappy Napoleon, Leroy Ah Choy, Andy Miller and Richard Henning, to name a few.

Four have entered from the Lord Blears family — Lord Blears in Seniors; son James in championship; daughter Laura in the women's division, and son Clinton in the junior men.

Former champion Jamaica Kekai, now stationed with the military in Alaska, may receive permission from his commanding officer to compete at Makaha, meet officials have learned.

Among other well known surfers entered are Mike Doyle, Windansea Surf Club, Calif.; Jeff Hakman of Maui; Rusty Miller, Windansea; Randy Rarick, surfing untethered; Butch Van Artsdalen and Dewey Weber of California.

Joyce Hoffman from California and Sharron Weber, the trim Honolulu competitor, are among the fine field of women's surfers scheduled to test the waves.

Competitions will be in senior men, junior and women's divisions, plus the tandem event.

Teams entered — Laguna Surf Club, Armed Forces Surf; Diamond Head Surf; Makaha Surfing Association, Freedom Riders, Ewa Beach Surf Club; Maui Son's, Kauai Surfing Association, Surf Riders Association, Kii O Hawaii, Outrigger Canoe Club, Windansea, Manly Pacific Surf Club (Australia), Greg Noll's Surfcenter.

Meet officials have announced city and county agencies are cooperating to help safeguard both automobiles and pedestrians in the Makaha area. Drivers are asked to refrain from parking alongside the highway in areas designated no parking for the period of the surfing contest.

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Volleyball

The Outrigger Canoe Club will sponsor a six-man USVBA - sanctioned Class A Tournament at the Mid-Pacific gym on Saturday starting at 9 a.m.

Anyone desiring to enter should call Hawaii USVBA representative W. W. Robinson at 536-1734.

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Surfers ready

A total of 263 surfers have signed up for the 16th annual International Surfing Championships Dec. 21 through Jan. 1 at Makaha Beach. There will be no competition on Christmas Day.

The veteran George Down-

ing, the only three-time winner of the famed meet, heads an imposing list of 135 surfers in the blue ribbon event —the senior men's.

Fred Hemmings Jr. and Joey Cabell, two-time winners and Buffalo Keaulana, the 1960 titlist, are other champions entered. Cabell is defending champion.

Competition is also slated in the junior men's division, women's and the mixed tandem.

THE BIG MEET, the oldest aquatic tournament of its kind in the world, was started in 1953. No champions were declared that year due to poor surf and only flat-water events were held.

The next year Downing won his first title, repeating in 1961 and 1965.

The veteran Wakikian is credited with bringing the game of surfing to Peru where the first World Surfing Championship was held.

After winning the junior crown in 1953, Hemmings won the senior Makaha championship the following year. He is also the 1966 crown bearer.

CABELL TOOK his first title in 1963 and captured the crown again last year.

Leading contenders in the women's division are Joyce Hoffman, Martha Sunn and Anona Napoleon.

Miss Sunn is defending champion, while Miss Hoffman of Los Angeles is a two time champion. Mrs. Napoleon won the crown in 1961.