

# Kona Crews Hard at Work In Preparation For Races Here

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**HILO, May 9**—Kona paddlers, facing the hardest competition yet from Honolulu clubs this year in the fourth annual meeting since the start of inter-island outrigger races in 1933, are turning out for their regular training grind pointing for another great victory in Honolulu on June 11.

About one hundred paddlers, including both men and girls, are representing the three clubs in the training. Kailua again has the largest number, about 40, training under the direction of L. C. Child.

Julian R. Yates has 30 in his group at Napoopoo and there are another 30 at Miloliu under Louis Macfarlane.

Rowing enthusiasts all along the coast frankly admit the problem this year is more difficult than before and the outlook is not as bright for a fourth straight victory.

## TO MAKE FAST TRIP

In addition to the first advantage of the regatta being scheduled for Honolulu, in the home waters of their rivals, there is the fast traveling schedule the paddlers must contend with, as well as the matter of material.

The paddlers are to sail from Kona on Wednesday, arrive on Thursday morning and race the same day. Then after the luau, they must depart on Friday afternoon for home by way of Hilo, racing in a second regatta in the waters of Hilo bay Saturday afternoon.

A number of good paddlers are missing this year. One important factor is that this year's races have been scheduled much earlier than before, hence a number of the paddlers are at the University of Hawaii and are not available for training and paddling with the Kona lineup.

Julian Yates, confronting this difficult situation, said he was not training any kid crew this year, because of the difficulty in putting up a strong enough stand against the Honolulu boys.

There is a scarcity of boys meeting with the age requirement and yet being strong enough to stand the hard grind in racing a canoe through the water, while Honolulu on the other hand can find plenty of huskies by scouring the beach.

## GROOMING SIX CREWS

Julian is grooming six crews, junior 4-paddle, junior 6-paddle, senior 4-paddle, senior 6-paddle, the open two-paddle and the girl crew.

All three clubs are beginning to step up their paces in training, expecting the crews to be at their peak by mid-June, expecting an uphill fight against the combined assault of crews representing some half a dozen clubs of Honolulu.

Officials and paddlers alike believe they will have the underdog role in the races, for the first time since Lorrin P. Thurston, the Kona Civic club and others joined to stage the first regatta at Kealakekua bay in 1933.

Kona's crews won in 1934 at the same place and last year turned back a strong Honolulu invasion at Kailua, but this year, as the invading group, they expect to find the shoe on the other foot.

The Honaunau bunch under Yates, which swept the regatta last year, is composed of 23 men and seven girls who have encountered more than their full share of hard luck.

The girl crew did not at first suffer from lack of material, but they received their full share of trouble.

Last year Julian trained two girl crews, one rowing the club's own colors and the other entered under

the Japanese club. They came first and third.

## ONE GIRL CREW

This year Julian decided to concentrate on only one crew instead, and picked out nine believed to be the likeliest of the lot. A few went over to Kailua and were received with open arms.

Misfortune struck the Honaunau girls, however. Two recently fell ill to leave a big gap in the 6-paddle lineup. A third left with her parents for Honolulu.

Julian then picked up a new girl to join the bunch to fill in as extra, and training presently is continuing under those conditions.

Kona canoe enthusiasts frankly admit the competition will be harder than before, but expect their entries to make a strong showing despite the power expected to be shown by Honolulu clubs.

The Japanese club this year withdrew.

## Franklin To Meet Sheik Tuesday Nite

Wild Sheik Mar-Allah will meet Noel (Slugger) Franklin in the main event of Tuesday night's wrestling show at the Civic Auditorium. This bout has promise of being one of the toughest battles staged in local wrestling circles, as both men are clever wrestlers as well as being the roughest of the troupe.

Lee Mortenson, new man, who held the Sheik to a draw in his initial appearance last week, will be matched against the powerful Al Szasz, in the 8-round semi-final bout.

Jack Terry, the boy who took Roccaforte to task in last week's free-for-all, will shoot through the paces in a special event against Totem Anderson.

Wildcat Pete and Reed Detton will open the show with a four-round bout.

## Spartans Will Play Catholics

A crucial game of the Kahuku Plantation loop will be played Sunday when the Catholic Club and the Spartans, two undefeated teams clash to determine the leadership of the league. In their two games already played, the Catholic boys proved that they have fine hitters, while the Spartans have such stars as Art Nobriga, Bill Benham and S. Funai to bolster up the team.

The Koolauloas who are very much in the running for the gonfalon will take on McGraw Togo's Sparklers. The Sparklers have lost two tough games and they should by Sunday click and give the Koolauloas a stiff competition.

In the nightcap, Manager Kashiwamura's YMBA will take on the Filipinos. The former outfit should win this game rather handily.

The first two games are scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m., while the third will be played immediately following the first.

## Four Games In