

Paddlers Groomed For Pan-Am Games

Hawaiian paddlers will be groomed to compete in the tryouts for the United States team for the Pan American Games next year, it was announced by Ray McKee, chairman of the Hawaiian AAU Olympic Canoe Committee.

The tryouts will be held in New York or Washington, D.C., next July. The Pan American Games paddling events will be held July 29-30 in Winnipeg, Canada.

Olympic canoeing events are being held for the first time in the Pan American Games next year.

Tom Schroeder is coach of the Hawaiian team. He said serious training will begin in January but that 12 paddlers are already under going preliminary training.

McKee said nine seasoned veterans of the Molokai to Oahu outrigger canoe race are among those training. They are Nick Beck, Mark Beck, Doug Hooper, Chris Hunt, Barney McKeague, Nappy Napoleon, Hauoli Smith, Tim Spencer and Schroeder.

Dennis Blake, Bill Raisner and Don Work are others already working out.

McKee said there will be paddling and canoeing events for women in the Pan

American Games and expressed a hope that girls will turn out for the local team soon.

The city is fixing the Ala Wai boathouse and dredging the canal to improve facilities for practice.

Those interested in trying out for the team are invited to report at the boathouse near McCully bridge between 9 a.m. and 11 next Saturday or contact committee members McKee, Schroeder, John Bustard and Harry Siegmund.

Stock Car Races Today

A nine-event stock car racing program, featuring both new and old models, is scheduled for today at Hawaii Raceway Park.

Time trials will start at 11 a.m. and the first race is slated for noon.

Late models will compete in a 20-lap main event. The older cars are set for a five-lapper.

A special match race also is on the program which is being promoted by Charles Mason.