



# The Outdoors

Jack Wyatt

This Black is blonde, with soft blue eyes as deep as the ocean she loves. Evie Black, champion surfer, canoe paddler, and soccer fullback, gets our vote as Oahu's wahine sportsperon of the year.

"I guess I've participated in about every sport," smiled the attractive 22-year-old Outrigger Canoe Club athlete.

"But now I find that I'm leaning more toward canoe paddling on Outrigger's senior women's team, and amateur surfing in local meets. But no matter what the sport, with me, there is no half-way. I must give my all."

ONE LOOK AT BLACK'S busy schedule last weekend and she really means "her all". Here's how the pretty lass managed to spend her time. On Saturday, Black paddled OCC to a close second place in the State Canoe Championship at Keehi Lagoon; on Sunday, she stroked OCC to victory in the long-distance Dad Center race off Waikiki, and if that wasn't enough exercise, Sunday afternoon Evie rushed to Magic Island in time to win the women's division of the Ala Moana Surfing Championships.

"Without question, Evie is the athlete in our family," said Connie Black, the mother of the never-stopping woman. "But Evie really didn't compete seriously until she entered Punahou and took up volleyball, track and softball.

"And when she joined Outrigger Canoe Club and met Rabbit Kekai, that's when she turned to surfing and to paddling. Evie was undefeated in high school surfing competition and was Hawaii Surfing Association's champion for many years. Yes, I'm proud of her."

KEKAI TOOK BLACK UNDER HIS talented wing and signed on as Evie's personal tutor.

"Even while I was a member of OCC, I was paddling for Rabbit's Waikiki Surf Club on the senior women's team," said Black, who once doubled for Cheryl Ladd, in a surfing movie.

"Rabbit taught me to steer and to catch waves. He also instructed me in the intricacies of competitive surfing. He's great. I owe my success to his teachings."

When Black left Hawaii for a two-year stint at the University of Southern California, needless to say, she didn't get in much surfing or paddling.

"My track coach threw the discus so I got started in that event," Black explained. "Although I won a couple of collegiate meets, the women who were better than me were huge and muscular. They looked more like men. I knew then that the discus wasn't for me."

In track and field, Black enjoyed running most and was competitive in the 220 and 440-yard events. However, she now prefers longer distances.

"I'M NOT INTO WOMEN'S lib," said the five-foot, seven-inch athlete. "Unfortunately, I just kind of sit back and watch. But there is no question, that women, in water sports, take a beating."

"In surfing contests for an example. If the waves are junk—small and poorly formed—that's when the boys and women are asked to take their turns. Meet officials, without question, have their problems but the good waves and big surf most always go to men. I love big waves too."

According to Black, the same condition exists in canoe paddling as well. "Steering and catching waves are where the thrills are," she said. "But few coaches ever teach women to steer in surf."

# All About Evie

It's something about wiping out their canoes, or something."

In surfing, Black's amateur competitors are forever trying to get her to turn professional. "I guess they want me out of the meets," said Black, "but I'm not ready to turn pro just yet. There are still too many hassles; too few contests, not

enough prize money, and to do the circuit properly, you must have a sponsor and travel a lot. Perhaps the day will come when I turn pro but right now I'm having too much fun the way it is."

So what lies ahead for the all-star woman athlete in Hawaii? "I want to teach physical education in high school," she said. "I have my degree, but gee it's really tough to get a job. Oh, would you excuse me? It's time for me to practice my paddling."



Evie Black

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## Tabb Paces PCL Batting

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Jerry Tabb of Vancouver leads the Pacific Coast League hit parade with a .366 average, according to latest official statistics covering last Sunday.

The domination of nitters this season as shown both by the unimpressive pitching figures and the fact that three teams are hitting over .300. Portland is belting .308, Tucson .306, and Albuquerque .302.

BILLY SAMPLE of Tucson second in hitting .356, has scored

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