

# Tom Selleck: Star of Stage, Screen and Volleyball Court

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Tom Selleck is a nice guy—both on the screen as “Magnum, P.I.” and off the screen as “just Tom Selleck.”

And that's why Selleck and the rest of his “Fabulous Four” will be taking on the defending NCAA champion University of Hawaii Wahines in a benefit volleyball match 7:30 tomorrow night in Klum Gym.”

I'm doing this as a favor to Dave (UH Coach Shoji) and Dean (UH assistant Nowack,” Selleck said. “They're good friends and I think it would be a good way to help out the UH women's program.”

Volleyball is one of Selleck's favorite sports—he played both varsity volleyball and basketball at Southern Cal in the late '60's—and he has followed the UH Wahines since his arrival in Hawaii.

But he also plays a pretty good game himself as an outside hitter for the Outrigger Canoe Club Masters team, which finished third in the men's open division of the Haili tournament last weekend in Hilo.

“Considering Tom hadn't touched a volleyball in six years before coming to Hawaii two years ago,” said OCC teammate Shoji, “he plays a very good game. If only he had a little more time to play, he'd be great.”

TIME IS ONE thing Selleck has had trouble with, especially time to himself. During the tournament, the referee barely had time to blow the final whistle of a match before Selleck was besieged by autograph seekers and photographers.

I just wished people would

realize that I came to play volleyball,” he said with a tired ring in his voice. “I came here (to Hilo) to play, to get away from the job. But I can't even sit on the bench during the game without people coming up. Sometimes I can't even shake the other guys' hands after a game before being descended upon.

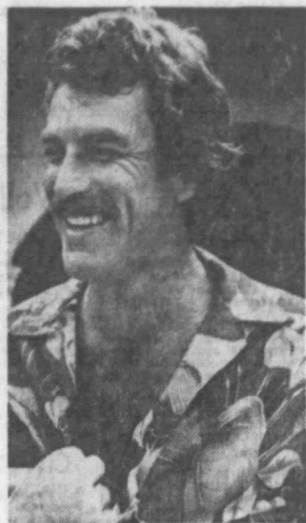
“I usually don't mind it but sometimes, like this tournament, I get tired of it.”

Playing for OCC means so much to Selleck that he's considering flying from London, where

he'll be shooting a movie, to Tennessee for the USVBA Nationals in a few weeks. “It would be worth it to me to do that if I can,” he said, “but I don't know how much they need me.

“Two years ago, I played and we finished second; last year I didn't, and they won it without me. Do you think that says something?”

Admission is \$2, with children under 5 free. Tickets will be sold at the door only, beginning at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds will go to UH women's athletics.



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## 'Bows Put No. 1 Ranking on Line

PALO ALTO, Calif.—Being No. 1 is nothing new to University of Hawaii volleyball Coach Dave Shoji. His Wahines were top-ranked most of the season en route to the NCAA title last December.

Yesterday, it was the Rainbow men's turn to sit atop the *Volleyball News* coaches poll, capturing 13 of the 17 first-place votes for a 36-point margin over runner-up UCLA, the two-time defending national champ.

Being the No. 1 team has never been important to Shoji, but he feels the 'Bows have earned the top spot. “I have two feelings about the ranking,” he said last night after arriving for the crucial four-match stand in California. “It's something the guys have worked for all year and I'm really happy for them because I don't think anyone expected us to be there. I don't think any of us expected to be there this soon.”

“But there's been four No. 1's this year and it seems every time someone gets ranked on top, they get beaten.”

THE RAINBOWS lead the California Intercollegiate Volleyball Association with an 8-2 mark, a half-game ahead of UCLA at 8-3. But Pepperdine (8-4), UC-Santa Barbara (7-4) and Cal State-Long Beach (7-4) still have realistic title aspirations.

The CIVA titlist gains an automatic berth to the NCAA Final Four in May at Ohio State.

UH, which has won its last five matches and 10 of the last 11, should have little trouble with tonight's foe, Stanford (2-11). But it's the rest of the roadtrip that has the 'Bows, idle the past 12 days, concerned.

Friday they face No. 3 Pepperdine, Saturday it's No. 5 Cal State-Long Beach and, next Wednesday, the second-ranked Bruins. UH was 2-1 against those

same teams on the road last month, the lone loss coming at the hands of the 49ers.

“I THINK IT'S going to be a lot harder this time around here,” said Shoji, who has strep throat, as do some of his players. “Everyone's going to be pointing for us this time because they know they have to beat us if they want to win the league. We've been scouted much better this time around.”

The layoff may benefit the 'Bows, who skipped the Haili Easter Volleyball Tournament last weekend in Hilo to give some of their injured players a chance to recuperate. Seniors Tom Pestolesi and Jamie Plummer have been nursing sore hitting shoulders but only Pestolesi will start in tonight's match with the Cardinal.

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