

Haili Volleyball Tournament a Success

By Bill Johnson

In the finals of the A Men's Division, Ryan Haneberg receives a "facial" from a Sideout (the opponent) outside hitter in the waning minutes of their third game tie breaker and the anti-OCC crowd goes wild with applause.

Not only does Ryan jump up and lead his team to a thrilling third game victory for the championship but he is rewarded with the Most Valuable Player designation for this highly competitive division.

The OCC A team cruised through their preliminary matches until they met up with the OCC 18s boys team in the quarter finals and withstood a fierce challenge from the young stallions to eke out a 25-23, 25-23 victory in a match featuring many long rallies. After a quick semifinal win, the A men played Sideout (the number one seed in the tournament) where they handily won game one, lost game two due to a temporary letdown and then would not be denied in game three with an exciting 15-11 win.

Joining Haneberg on the all-tournament team were setter Rick Humphreys and middle blocker Jon Andersen. Captain and middle blocker, Danny McInerney, outside hitters Ross Holcomb, Milo Haneberg, and Chris Siegfried rounded out this roster of volleyball veterans.

The OCC Masters dominated their division once again without dropping a game throughout the entire tournament. Combining a nice mix of fifty somethings Randy Shaw, Jon Stanley, Tom Madison, and Charlie Jenkins and young forty somethings Jay Anderson, Jimmy Kalaukoa, T.C. Gray and Bill Lawson provided for an unbeatable combination.

Typical of their performance this year, they completely overpowered their finals opponent, Bucky's of Kauai, 25-18, 25-20, to garner the championship. Jon Stanley was selected Most Valuable Player and was joined on the all-tournament team by team captain Randy Shaw.

The Boys 18s and 17s did not bring home any gold this year but each team had its share of successes.

The 18s breezed through their pool matches dropping only one game and soundly trounced their first playoff opponent on Friday afternoon. Then by the fault of a questionable tournament bracket, they drew the OCC A men in the quarter finals rather than the semis or finals which would have been a fairer pairing due to the strength of each team and last year's finishes.

No such luxury for the Outrigger and so the teams met in a thrilling and crowd pleasing match with many long rallies. Both games went down to close finishes characterized by great defense by the A men and spectacular front and back row attacking by the boys.

Throw in a couple of questionable ref calls, some major goofs by both teams and deafening crowd noise which all made for one of the best matches of the tournament. The A men prevailed 25-23, 25-23 and the boys only consolation was that they lost to the eventual tourney champions.

The roster included outside hitters Kaimi Guerreiro, Will Reppun, Arist deWolff, Brian Zodrow and Daniel Lam; middle blockers, Aka Beaumont and Justin Harris; setters Gary Johnson and Clint Torres and Kaione Scott. The team was ably coached by Lyman Lacro and Alika Williams.

The young and learning OCC 17s team's goal at Haili was to finish in the top two in pool play and make it to the playoffs and that is exactly what they did.

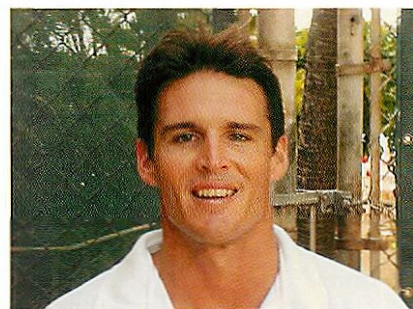
Entered in the largest division, Men's B, they started with a con-

vincing victory on Wednesday by literally blocking their opponent, Hawaiiki, off the court and winning two straight. That night the magic was gone as they struggled in a two game loss.

Thursday's final match would decide if they continued on to the playoffs and they regrouped with a decisive victory. On Friday they played gallantly against a veteran men's team showing flashes of brilliance but eventually losing two close games. Hoping to improve on ball control and consistency, the boys nonetheless laid the foundation for a solid team that will be ready for the Junior Nationals this summer in Phoenix, Arizona.

The team was comprised of outside hitters, Nate Jenkins, Max dewolff, Ryan Zabriskie, Sean Carney, Matt Yep and Pono Brown, and middle blockers, Tamahere McCabe, Patrick Alexander and John Freese, setter Ian Alexander and Bronson Soares and Matt Moore. Jim Kalaukoa and Charlie Jenkins coached this spirited team.

The players and coaches of our four teams would like to thank the Outrigger Canoe Club for their generous support of our trip to the Haili Men's Tournament, the premier volleyball championship in the state of Hawaii.



Ryan Haneberg

Extra Innings

The OCC Softball Team is on a big league roller coaster ride. After six games of Leahi League action, Outrigger is all even at 3-3. Team batting averages are high but so are the opponents. Jim Cavanah leads the league in batting with a stunning .875 average. Chris Siegfried is not far behind with an incredible .710 average.

Other Outrigger players hammering the ball include Mike Hogan, Brandon St. James, Paki Vaughan, Aaron Eberhardt, Keith Letman and David Dyas.

OCC's biggest win was on April 18 when they upset last year's league champion, The Shack. The game was won in the last inning on the last at bat. On March 29, The Shack, featuring five-time OCC MVP Bill 'Killer' Kilcoyne, annihilated OCC in a football-like score of 30-10.

Eberhardt crushed his first home run of the year that day. Vaughan and Hogan had three hits apiece in a humiliating game OCC wanted to forget. And so they have. Facts and figures will be available next month.

On April 12, OCC defeated Go Deep 11-5. Cavanah and Eberhardt had four hits each. On April 4, OCC crushed Chico, 18-10. Again, Cavanah led the team with four hits. Vaughan, Siegfried and Hogan all had three hits.

Next month, *Extra Innings* will feature pictorials of the team, information on Summer and Fall action and recap the games played in May.