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OCC Masters Three-peat at U.S. Volleyball Association Championship

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The Outrigger Canoe Club's men's 35 and 40 masters' volleyball teams achieved their goal of retaining their national championship titles and in the process achieved what no other team in USVBA history had done--win three consecutive division championships.

The volleyball teams traveled to Memphis, Tennessee to compete in the 1993 USVBA's national championships held from May 29-June 5, 1993. The Tournament consisted of a record 286 teams from all over the country.

OCC sent three teams, the Men's 35s and 40s, as well as the Open team, to this year's event.

The Men's Masters teams consisted of a nucleus of seven players--Jon Stanley, Randy Shaw, Chris Crabb, Tom Madison, Charlie Jenkins, Ilmar Tarikas and Mike Cote.

In the 40s division, the core team added Jim Bukes and Wayne Kekina. Veterans Ralph Smith, Jay Anderson and Jon Andersen, and rookies John Zabriskie and Scott Rigg completed the team in the 35s division.

Twenty-two teams competed in the 40s division which ran in the first half of the week. For the third straight year, the OCC team went through pool play in the Gold Division double elimination bracket undefeated.

They defeated Jump Serve from Villa Hills, Kentucky in two games, 15-5 and 15-10 to capture their third consecutive Masters championship.

The players receiving national recognition were Jon Stanley as 2nd Team All-American; Mike Cote, Randy Shaw and Charlie Jenkins as 1st Team All-American. Charlie Jenkins was recognized as the MVP.

Not to be outdone, OCC's Men's 35s repeated their 1991 and 1992 performance by capturing the team's third straight division championship. They beat Sun Sport

from Portsmouth, N.H. in two games, 15-8 and 15-11.

Jon Stanley and Scott Rigg were recognized as 2nd team All-Americans. Jon Andersen, Jay Anderson and Charlie Jenkins were selected as 1st team All-American members. Charlie Jenkins received the MVP for the second time in a week.

Kimo Brown coached both teams for the third consecutive year.

OCC's players once again dominated the highly competitive USVBA tournament. The opposing teams just couldn't pose a serious challenge to the OCC men at any time.

Out of the three years, 1993 proved to be the easiest of all victories.

Coach Brown found the key to the teams' success and was in the team meetings held prior to each match to analyze their opponents strengths and weaknesses. This strategy allowed the teams to use their conditioning, depth, skill, talent, team cohesiveness and experience to physically overwhelm and mentally demoralize their opponents. The OCC Masters teams were just unstoppable.

The OCC Open team also participated in the Open Silver Division where they made a strong 5th place showing. Members of the team were Tony McInerny, John McDermott, Todd Harrison, Jim Kalaukoa, Darryn Holt, Sean Scott, Tim Walston and Mike Mulahey. The team was coached by Mike Normand.

In addition to the three OCC teams, other OCC members competed in the national championships.

The Golden Masters Division included a group of OCC members playing for Riggers Hawaii. They finished third. Team members were Tom Haine, Bill Baird, Bob Kashare, Fred Hiapo, Mark Lawson and David Porteus.

In the Men's 50s division, the first place team, Chuck's Steak House of Fort Lauderdale, included

OCC members Dennis Berg, Tom Haine and Fred Hiapo. Dennis was selected 1st team All-American.

Dennis Berg and Tom Madison played for Silverado of San Diego in the Masters 45s division and captured first place. Madison was selected 1st team All-American.

1993 proved to be a successful and rewarding year for the OCC volleyball teams on both the local and national levels. The masters teams (aka the Quad Squad) now look forward to the challenging task of four-peating at the 1994 USVBA national championships in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The Volleyball Committee and teams would like to extend a special thanks to the OCC Board of Directors for their continued support and contributions leading to six national championships in three years. Mahalo. @

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