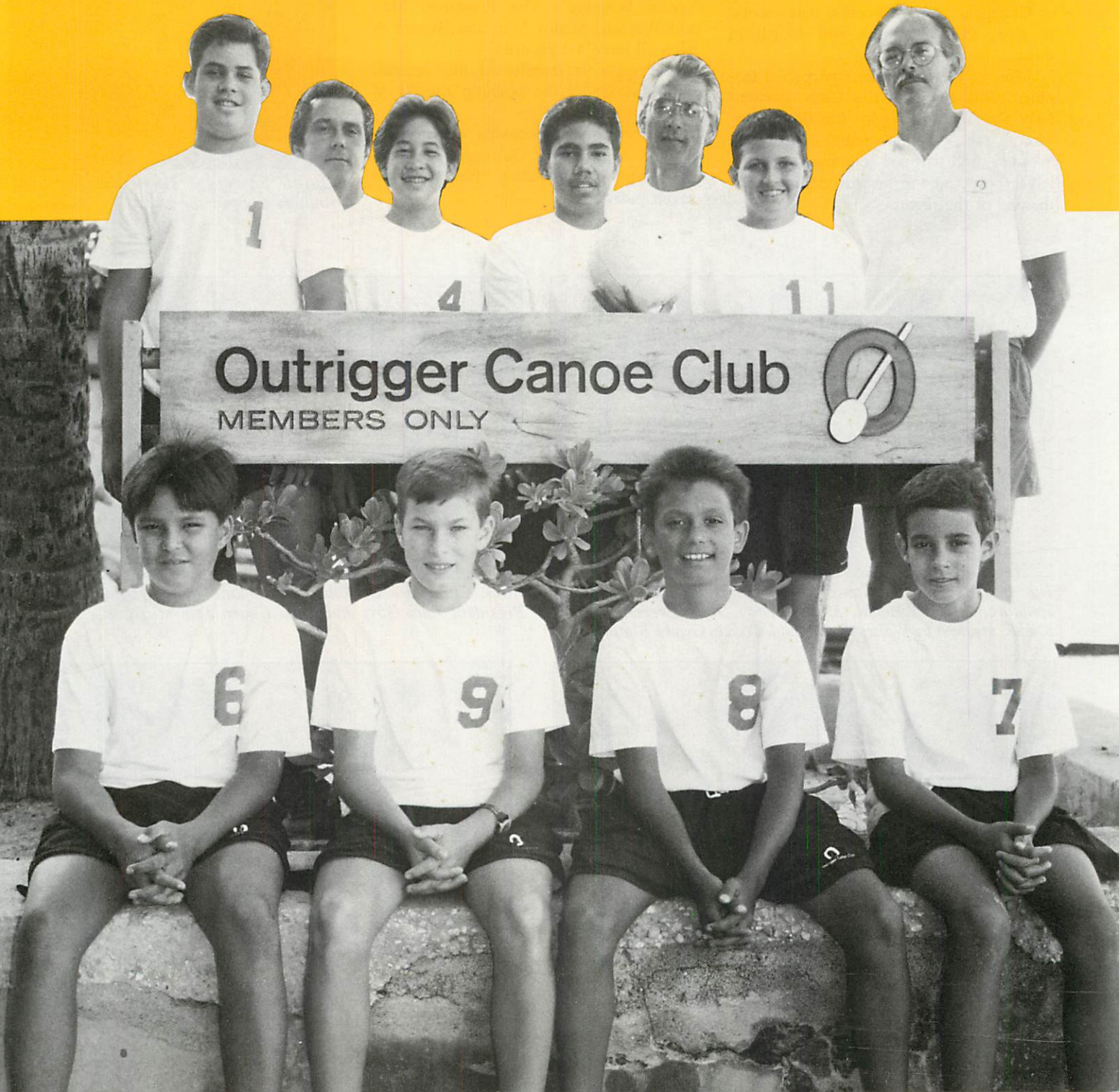


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Boys 12's Win National AAU Title

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After losing the first game 4-15 against the Maryland Volleyball team in the semi-finals of the single elimination volleyball tournament, the OCC Boys 12 volleyball team came back to win the second game, 15-6.

They won the third game 15-7, using the fast scoring system, and advanced to the finals of the National AAU Volleyball Tournament held in Lisle, Illinois, June 25.

This championship match was against St. Louis and the OCC boys prevailed, 15-6, 15-12, to win their second national AAU volleyball championship.

The team played great volleyball and hung tough when it got rough. They were behind against Team St. Louis, Maryland, and St. Louis Red, however, the OCC defense kept them alive and their perseverance paid off.

The boys were 9-0 in matches and 18-1 in games. Their team play, ball control and transition attack were far superior to the other teams.

However, it won't be as easy next year when they move into the next division, 14 and under. Thus, practice will start once again in September. (Boy's,

look for the announcement on the OCC Bulletin Board come September!)

All in all, we had a great time in Lisle. Those making the trip were Kaione Crabb, Craig Gamble, Tui McBraun, Kevin Crabb, Dylan Fern, Nai'a Blankenfeld, Chris Johnstone and Jeffrey Lee.

Named to the All-tournament team were Dylan Fern, Nai'a Blankenfeld and Craig Gamble. Honored with the MVP award was Kaione Crabb.

There were 350 teams from 28 states in the tournament. There were eight teams in the 12 year old division.

Congratulations Team! 🏆

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