

ON TO DALLAS!

OCC IN NATIONALS MAY 12-14



Members of OCC Volleyball Team: front row—B. Baird, P. Balding, R. Rima, B. Heilbron & R. Sorrell. Back row—Coach Dr. Beardmore, Dr. A. Lange, B. Cross, P. Wyman, T. Haine, M. Auerbach & P. Velasco. Missing from picture: B. Daniels.

It took ten years of constant practice and a deep love for the sport, but it paid off in spades.

The pot of gold at the end of the Senior Six volleyball team's rainbow is the right to represent Hawaii at the Nationals in Dallas, Texas, on May 12, 13, 14.

During the long trek to the summit in raising volleyball from a beach pastime to one of statewide sporting interest, the OCC has swept virtually every title available. They're ready for the "big time."

In pitting their fortunes against the best teams in the nation, the six stacks up favorably and no doubt will place high in the final standings.

The years have certainly paid off. The recent reinstatement to the AAU is just one of the many milestones that the volleyball team is heading in returning the Outrigger to its proper place as a contender on every plain of sporting endeavor.

Working hand in hand with the United States Volleyball Association, volleyball enthusiasts and players have swelled to an all time high of 10,000.

The tide began to change several years ago. At that time the starting six had already played together for a total of about seven years. Then came a rules change that cut the sandlot players from those of top tournament calibre. The trophy cases began to fill. The renaissance of volleyball

was here. The Territorial championships loomed as a terrific duel between the Outrigger and Hickam Air Force Base, the service champions.

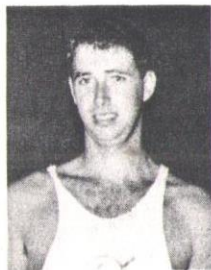
As newspapers picked up the interest and the Outrigger Six lay in every team's sight as "the one to beat," the tension grew severe. The OCC bore the brunt. But as one of "the Six" stated: "You're tight as a tick knowing that everyone in that gym is pulling against you... until you look around before the opening serve at the other five you have played with; then you feel all the confidence in the world."

And there has been no letup with the Nationals standing bright before them. Coach Jim Beardmore has had his charges in workouts after work and on weekends through the past six months.

Here is a rundown of the players who have played for the Senior Six this season:

MARK AUERBACH: Mark is considered one of the finest defensive players in the state. He is always reliable on the block and is also a fine spiker. He is 6'3" tall, 27 years old with 14 years of volleyball experience.

BILL BAIRD: The backbone of the Outrigger's setting staff for many years, 30 years old Bill Baird is one of the most consistent players who ever graced the OCC courts. Married, he is the father of a boy and girl.



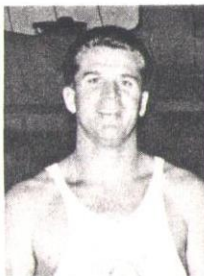
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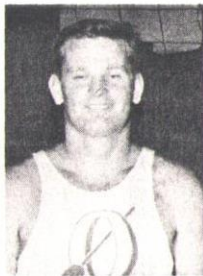
Baird

PETE BALDING: Pete was brought up from the novice volleyball team this year and has proven himself a fine setter. He is quick on defense. Pete is with the sales staff of Lewers & Cooke.

BILL CROSS: A fine all around player, Bill was named to the 1956 All American Volleyball Team. His serve is one of the hardest to handle throughout the State. Bill is manager of the Kaimuki Branch of the Bank of Hawaii.



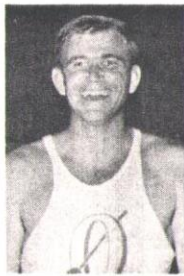
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Cross

BOBBY DANIELS: Bobby rejoined the team several weeks ago after his return from the mainland. In past seasons he has been an outstanding spiker with tremendous agility and range.

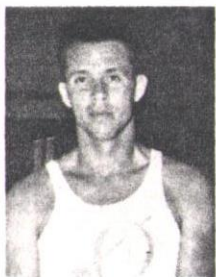
TOM HAINE: Tom was also selected as a member of the 1956 All American Volleyball Team for his stupendous play in the Nationals in Seattle that year. His spike has been clocked at more than 100 miles per hour. An all around player, his defensive play is superior. Married, Tom is the father of a baby boy.



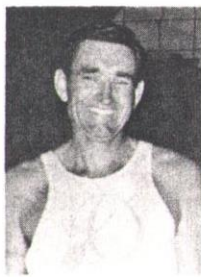
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BILL HEILBRON: Bill has developed through the past two years to become one of the most reliable setters on the team. His serves are also considered extremely tough to handle.

ART LANGE: The tallest man on the team at 6'4", Art has let very few slams sneak by his block this season. His ability to spike a deep set has added many points on the OCC scoreboard. A physiologist, Art is married and the father of a boy.



Heilbron



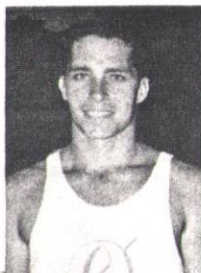
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RON RIMA: Ron is the most recent member of the OCC Six, having joined the club just a year ago. One of the fastest man on the volleyball courts, he is also a fine server.

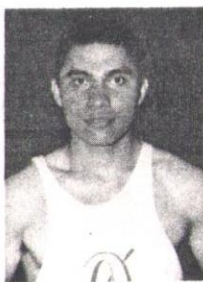
RON SORRELL: Ron is one of the finest all around players on the OCC State Championship team. Fast and dependable, he is considered one of the best setters in Hawaii. Recently married, he is a stock broker with Schwabacher in Honolulu.



Rima



Sorrell



Velasco



Wyman

PETE VELASCO: Although a newcomer to OCC ranks, Pete is one of the top spikers on the squad. His spikes are often so fast it is difficult to see his arm motion. Pete was named the Outstanding Volleyball Player in the Territory in 1958.

PAT WYMAN: Pat's booming spikes are consistent point getters for the OCC. Standing 6'1" tall he is also an outstanding blocker. Married, he is the father of two children.

COACH JIM BEARDMORE:



Beardmore

"Doc" Beardmore's success as a volleyball coach is unsurpassed in island volleyball history. With better than a 90% winning record and every title put on the blocks in recent years. A fine player himself, "Doc" has more than 20 years of a colorful career in volleyball to his credit. He is still remembered as one of the finest combinations of defensive player and setter and spiker ever to show on an Outrigger court.