

## OCC Junior Volleyball Champions—Boys 14 and 17

By Jim Gaddis

The Oahu Volleyball Championships were held on May 13 and May 14 at McKinley High School gym. Playing on the OCC's Boy's 14 & Under team were Kaiwi and Taylor Crabb, Noah Hammond, Noa Siegfried, Thurston Kino, Matt Feldman, Daniel Olson, Nainoa Frank, Logan Nowak and Chris Patmont.

At the end of Saturday's pool play, the boys ended with a 5 and 1 record and ranked first for Sunday's semi-finals. In that match, they defeated Onipaa 15-25, 25-20 and 19-17. In the finals, the Outrigger boys defeated the ASICS 14 & Under team 25-16, 23-25 and 15-13.

In both matches our boys were down 13-9 in the final game and game back to win in two deuce thrillers. This team played in the Southern California Classic in June at the American Sports Center in Anaheim.

The Outrigger Boy's 15 & Under team entered the 16 & Under tournament. Members of the team were Maddison McKibbin, Max Fujio, Nick Christman, Henry Cassidy, Micah Marter, Kekai Nuuhiwa, Shaw Richardson, Ricky Budar and Sorin Wilcox.

They played Onipaa in the finals and lost in two straight games, finishing second overall. The boys will represent the Outrigger at the Junior Olympics in the 15 & Under division in Minneapolis from July 9-12.

The Boy's 17 & Under team played in the 18 & Under division. The players are Erik Shoji, Brad Lawson, Reese Haine, Tri Bourne, Colan Ishii, Taylor Akiyama, Trevor Crabb, Taylor Mounts, Tim Harrison, Micah Aiu, Blake Hixson, and Simeon Ke-Paloma.

In the semi-finals they defeated Kuikahi 17 & Under team in two close games. In the finals the boys defeated the Asics 18 & Under team in two straight games. These boys will represent the Outrigger at the Junior Olympics.

Absent from the tournament was the Boy's 18U team. They decided to practice and scrimmage instead of playing in the tournament. The team members are Spencer McLachlin, Kawika Shoji, Will Ehrman, Jake Jenkins, Kala and Riley McKibbin, Elias David, Dru Hara, Matt Brown, Jordan Inafuku and Kealii Frank. These are the defending Boy's 17U National Champions and they will also represent the Outrigger at the Junior Olympics.

A special thanks goes out to the coaching staff of these fine programs. The following Outrigger Canoe Club members have worked long hours with our young men and have fulfilled many duties required of a great coach.

Our coaches are Chris Crabb, 14s; Diane McKibbin and Kirk Christman, 15s; Dave and Mary Shoji and Ryan Woodward, 17s; and Chris McLachlin and Charlie Jenkins, 18s.

The players and coaches of the Outrigger Canoe Club Volleyball program thank you for your support. Mahalo and Aloha.

## Junior Surf Team Sign Up

Members are invited to sign up for OCC Junior Surf Team. Stan Markle will be coordinating the 2006/2007 amateur surf team that competes for the Club in the Hawaii Amateur Surf Association.

The first contest of the season is in August so hurry up and give Stan a call at 256-9732

The 2005/2006 season was a lot of fun with a couple of our members qualifying for the Hawaii State Amateur Championship this last month.

## Jr. 'Riggers Win George Perry Races

Congratulations to our awesome teen paddlers! The Outrigger up-and-comers blew away their competition at the George Perry Race on May 20 in the five races entered. The competition included more than 300 teens from Lanikai, Kailua, Keakaakahoe, Huli Nalu, and some additional smaller canoe clubs.

Coach Keoni Kino reported that the conditions were extremely windy, giving the younger steersmen quite a challenge keeping the boats going in the right direction. Not only that, the opportunity to swamp was magnified! According to Keoni, at least one boat per race swamped! Due to the heavy winds, the races near the end of the day were shortened. The results are listed below and include the race length (normally each would have been 3 miles):

Results:

Boys 15, 2nd (2 1/4 miles)

Girls 16, 1st (1 1/2 miles)

Boys 18, 2nd (2 1/4 miles)

Boys 18, 6th (2 1/4 miles)

Boys/Girls 16, 1st (1-1/2 miles)