

Boy's Volleyball Team Ninth at USVBA Junior Olympics

By Ron Li

On July 1, the Junior Boy's Volleyball team and head coach Peter Balding Jr. departed on their long-awaited trip to Fort Collins, Colorado for the USVBA Junior Olympics.

Assistant Coach Bob Riley joined them there, as well as 258 teams and 2,500 players, plus J. J. Riley who was playing for Balboa Bay Club's 14 and under team.

The fireworks kicked off on July 4th with two wins. Enthusiasm was high as the OCC boys were seeded as one of the top six teams out of 38 in the 18 and under division.

The first loss came on Wednesday in a close match with "Surface Sport" and they rebounded on Thursday to beat the Laguna Beach team that eventually went on to place second.

However, two losses for our boys on Friday meant the end and they finished ninth overall.

The experience of playing on the national level was exciting and eight returning players are looking forward to the opportunity of journeying to Toledo, Ohio, next summer.

Since the team was successful in

raising \$3,000 to cover their budget deficit, current work projects will create a volleyball fund for '89.

The highlight of the fundraising effort was selling some 400 T-shirts and tank tops created by Dale Hope that

said "Hawaiian Style Volleyball 1988" at the tournament.

Mahalo to the OCC men's volleyball teams who practiced with the boys every week and helped to make the trip another success.

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Members of the OCC Boys 18 and under volleyball team are front, John Cheever, Kanoa Ostrem, Stevie Li, Ryan Gilbert, Coach Peter Balding. Back, Coach Chris McLachlin, Ricky Humphreys, Deke Kilpatrick, Jeff Stevens, David Stackhouse, Dave Williams, Lee LeGrande, Wayne Seligson, Brad Stewart.

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