

OCC Sponsors AAU National Championships

by Frances Pearson

Outrigger Canoe Club is sponsoring between 70 and 80 of the nation's top volleyball teams here from the mainland and Alaska to compete in the prestigious AAU National Volleyball Championships May 6, 7, and 8. (See detailed schedule of matches, this issue.)

The Club has the honor of bring both sponsor and a top competitor with four teams entered in the champhionships. The Outrigger "AA" team coached by Dave Shoji is defending champion in the event and seeded number one in the Open Division. The "AA"'s have won the AAU tite two years in a row - in '76 at Louisville, Kentucky and in '75 at the Portland, Oregon championships. "AA" player Charlie Jenkins was named Most Valuable Player in the tourney two years in a row, an honor without precedent. In addition to Jenkins, the team is made up of Randy Shaw, Jim Jams, Ilmar Tarikas, Bill Johnson, Cliff Kapololu, Peter Ehrman, and Tom Davidson. Manager of all four OCC teams is Wally Young.

The "AA"'s are fresh from a victory in the Open Division of the Haili Invitational Tournament in Hilo where Charlie Jenkins captured his perennial Most Valuable Player title and teammates Shaw and Iams, in addition to Jenkins, were named to the All-Tournament Team. The "AA"'s have won every major tournament in the Islands this season.

The OCC "AA" Team No. 2 finished fourth in the Haili tourney, competing against close to 60 teams OCC members who have been working to make the Volleyball Championships a success: (front row, l/r): Colin Chock, Lei Rigg; Ron Sorrell; Myra Eilerts; Guy Harrison. (back row): Bob Moore; Max Pilliard; Bob Wilson; Bob Kashare; Jack Beaumont; Fred Hiapo. **Photo Scoop**

in the Mens Open Division, and is expected to be a strong contender in the AAU's. Playing on the "AA" team No. 2 are Dave Shoji, Dennis Berg, Buster Chapman, Andy Homan, Doug Bechert, Mike Dorsey, Mike Holmes, and Robin Durand.

Veteran competitors in the AAU Nationals are members of the OCC Masters team—Tom Haine, Bill Baird, Peter Balding, Bob Kashare, Mike McMahon, Colin Chock, Fred Hiapo, Bill Heilbron, and Linzy Holz. Coached is Cris Crabb. The team finished ninth in the open division of the Haili Invitational. The Masters have both the AAU's and the USVBA Nationals. The USVBA's are to be held in Hilo the weekend on May 13 and both the Masters and the "AA"'s will compete.

An up and coming contender in the open Division of the AAU's is the OCC's new junior Olympic squad which placed 10th in the Haili Invitational. Players are: Kilo Baird, Peter Balding, Jr., Kaipo Young, Fred Hiapo, Jr. John Hedlund, Billy Bugbee, Colin Chock, Jr., Alan Lau, and Marc Haine. Coach is Tony Crabb.

AAU matches will be held at McKinley High, Kaimuki High, and Iolani School with finals Sunday,



May 8 starting at 3:00 P.M. in Klum Gym, University of Hawaii. Teams will compete in Mens, Womens, and Masters Divisions.

Special all-tournament tickets (excluding finals) as well as tickets to individual matches will be on sale at the front desk of the Club.

The Hawaii AAU is official host for the invitational tournament and OCC is the sponsor. Club members have been hard at work for the past year under the direction of General Tournament Chairman Ron Sorrell and Executive Director Bob Kashare. John Beaumont is handling equipment and Wally Young, awards. Myra Eilerts put together the official program. Bob Moore heads up the budget and Fred Hiapo is in charge of officials.

Former All-American Ron Sorrell says the OCC can take great pride in its volleyball sucesses. "Although the Club always places high in the national championships, it is not an easy task because unlike other clubs which can form All-Star teams and draw from the best in the state, the Outrigger Canoe Club is a private club and all its athletes must be fullfledged members in good standing."

Enjoy the matches and support the four OCC teams. more on page 2



The winning Outrigger "AA" team (rear row, I/r): Peter Ehrman; Charlie Jenkins; Ilmar Tarikas; Bill Johnson; Cliff Kapololu; Front row: Jim Iams; Randy Shaw. Photo Wally Young

National AAU Volleyball Championships Tournament Schedule

MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Fri., May 6 & Sat., May 7 — 8:00 A.M.-11:00 P.M. Men's Open and Masters Division Sun., May 8 — 8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Men's Open and Masters Division

KAIMUKI HIGH SCHOOL

Fri., May 6 & Sat., May 7—8:00 a.m.-11:00 P.M. Men's Open and Masters Division

Sun., May 8 — 8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Men's Open and Women's Open

IOLANI SCHOOL

Fri., May 6 & Sat., May 7 — 8:00 A.M.-11:00 P.M. Women's Open

Sun., May 8 — 8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Women's Open

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, KLUM GYM Sun., May 8 — 3:00 P.M.-5:30 P.M. Men's and Women's Finals



Jim lams, spiking, and Bill Johnson (#13) helping OCC "AA's" to victory in the Haili Invitational. **Photo Wally Young**