

Outrigger Team 4th in Nationals

The Outrigger volleyball team returned to Hawaii with 4th place honors, two All-Americans, and the tournament's outstanding player. The National Championships were held in Omaha, Nebraska May 5 — 8; and forty teams vied in the open division in which 4th seeded Westside Jewish Community Center rose from the loser's bracket to win the championship, only the 2nd time in over 35 years that such a feat has been accomplished. The 6th seeded Los Angeles Tigers took second and the top seeded Sand and Sea Club, third. Competition among the top six teams was very keen with anyone capable of winning on a given day.

The outstanding player award went to Outrigger's Pete Velasco, who captained the U. S. team in last year's Tokyo Olympics. Pete was named to the 1st team All-American, and Tom Haine won a berth on the 2nd team. The other players making the trip were player-coach Bob Hogan, Bill Baird, Franklin Brown, Jim Haynes, Mike Holmes, Paul MacLaughlin, Nat Norfleet, Jr., Fred Noa, Ron Sorrell, and manager Wally Young, who took some beautiful movies of the competition which will be shown to members in the near future.

The volleyball team and committee gratefully appreciate the efforts of the Athletic Sponsors Committee and the generous donations from club members which made the trip possible. The reputation of the Outrigger Canoe Club in the athletic field was considerably enhanced. Many of our members perhaps saw the story in the May 17th issue of *Sports Illustrated* and the accompanying picture of the Outrigger's 3-man block consisting of Velasco, Hogan 007, and Haine.