



## Outrigger Boy's 17 Hit Junior Olympics

By Chris Crabb

The Outrigger Boy's 17 and under volleyball team invaded Atlanta, GA. for the 2009 USA Junior Olympics. We were seeded first in the tournament. Play began on July 5 and continued through July 8.

Each day the teams played in a four team pool, each team played each other in a best of three matches. The top two teams in the pool stayed in the gold medal division and advanced to a stronger pool the next day. Our boys won their pools for the first three days. On the fourth day, there were

eight teams left in the gold division. Teams played in a single elimination tournament.

In our quarter-final match, we played Epic Volleyball Club from San Diego. This was a very close match with scores of the games 21-25, 26-24 and 19-17. As evident from the scores, this was as tight a match as you can have and still come out on the losing side. This loss put us into a tie for fifth place.

To our credit, in earlier pool play, we defeated Riptides 25-17, 25-19 and SCVC 25-18, 25-20 the third and fourth place teams in the gold division.

Taylor Crabb was selected to the all tournament team. The boys on the traveling team were Micah Christenson, Henry Cassidy, Ben Lam, Austin Ako, Logan Nowack, Daylan Chock, Colin Fearn, Scott Sakaida, Taylor Crabb and Lowell Tong.

I am proud to be associated with these fine young men. They won with humility and lost with grace. We owe a debt of gratitude to our coach, Tino Reyes. A special thanks to Paula Crabb for acting as team chaperone, to Penny Tong for organizing and gathering the team gifts and to Kathy Lam for getting the team drinks.

The Boys 17 team included: front, Henry Cassidy, Colin Johnson, Lowell Tong, Scooter Sakaida, Daylan Chock, Taylor Crabb, Logan Nowack. Back: Coach Tino Reyes, Austin Ako, Ben Lam, Micah Christenson and Assistant Coach Chris Crabb.