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Outrigger 14s Girls Enjoyed a Busy Season

By Terry Needels

The OCC Girls 14 and Under Volleyball Team was busy this year, as they played in the indoor USAV 14s league and in the Oahu Beach Volleyball summer league. Coached by Jay Anderson and Jay Whalen, all players made big improvements to their basic skills as well as to their ability to play their positions and shift between offensive and defensive plays.

Due to recent growth spurts, a number of the girls are now able to block and spike rather effectively! The team played well in the tournaments and made continual improvements over the months of tournament play.

The team consisted of the following players: LilliBelle Deer, Katie Farden, Jenna Frowein, Hannah Harrer, Sierra Nicol, Madison Pelayo, Kahala Schneider, Kiele Schwinn, Allie Whiting, Piper Whalen and Sarah Williams.

Many of the team members went on to participate in Outrigger's Ko Kainalu Program where they were exposed to canoe sailing, surfing, paddling, water safety skills and ocean awareness.

Over the summer the girls competed in the four-person beach tournaments held at Queen's Beach. The OCC Blue team made it through pool play and eventually won first place in the June tournament. The girls were thrilled to be awarded MP3 players for their efforts. They were scheduled to play in the July and August meets as well.

Just when their parents thought they would get some more time in their schedules, many of the team members joined the OCC paddling team. The girls have continued to show their athletic ability, team cohesiveness and enthusiasm as they paddle the canoe together. Whether on the indoor courts, the beach, in the canoes or in the surf, these girls are truly embracing and enjoying the many exciting activities offered at the Outrigger Club.