

OCC Beach Girls Sizzle



Tootoo hitting on Green.

Led by Head Coach and former pro Lia Young Hunt, Outrigger's Girls Junior Beach Volleyball season draws near an end with our 18U and 16U teams picking up steam and dominating the Local AVPFirst Series.

The AVPFirst series is the junior arm of the American Beach Volleyball Professional Tour- the Association of Volleyball Professionals or AVP. AVPFirst enables youth 12U-18U to compete against other local junior teams for a national bid to the championship tournament held in Hermosa Beach, the beach volleyball



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OCC's 18U team of Savana Greene (Punahou) and Jhenna Gabriel (Maryknoll) started the season with a respectable second place finish then shut down the house, garnishing back to back first place finishes. OCC's 16U team made up of Moana To'oto'o (Maryknoll) and Kamalani Kekoolani (Mid-Pacific) swept the 16U division with three 1st place finishes right out of the gates.

Clearly dominating their age bracket, they opted to compete in the 18U division in the June 3 AVPFirst Tournament. They battled hard and defeated many older teams including girls that are headed off to Division I colleges next year.

It was an all-out OCC slugfest in the finals for gold. The younger team of To'oto'o/Kekoolani put forth a strong sideout game and kept both sets close in the early changeovers, but the veteran play of Greene/Gabriel prevailed in the end to win 21-16, 21-15.

These local tournaments are stepping stones in preparation for mainland competition where each team has earned the privilege to represent Outrigger at the Beach Volleyball Clubs of America Invitational, the AAU Junior Nationals Beach Volleyball Championship tournament, and the AVPFirst Championships.

These athletes all have bright futures ahead of them and we wish them the best of luck as they travel to California to compete against the best teams in the nation!

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