

Girls Sand VB



Coach Lia Young Hunt, Hina Pua`a, Mapu Sekona, Hoakalei Dawson, and Anna Uhr.

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The inaugural OCC beach volleyball girls team included two 16s and one 18s team. The 16s comprised of partners Hina Pua`a and Mapuhola Sekona, Kaitlin Allen and Emi Pua`a (did not play due to injury). The 18s team included Anna Uhr and Hoakalei Dawson.

The experience of our team varied, nonetheless the growth and learning curves were exemplary. We arrived in Hermosa a day early to get situated. For some, the sensation of the deep Hermosa sand and her infamous cross-wind was a first.

The girls went right into pool play with both 16s and 18s playing at the same time. The 18s were consistent but the cross-wind environment stole a few points here and there allowing experienced local opponents to gobble up the freebies.

The team of Uhr and Dawson managed to pull out two wins after eight matches with impressive and feisty play against strong SoCal teams that riddle the Hermosa AAU. Our 16s team of Pua`a and Sekona managed to make the tournament after an ankle sprain scare the week prior at JOs. Of all members, they had the least experience as a team but showed the most improvement during the season and also at the tournament.