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Trevor Crabb Named King of the Beach

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On July 8, the top volleyball players in the State were invited to bring their individual game to see who was the best player on the beach, in a King of the Beach format. The top 16 play-

ers qualified for the competition, held at the historic OCC beach volleyball courts.

OCC beach volleyball is synonymous with breeding many of the best volleyball players in the world. The King of the Beach format is unique as the individual player partners with a different person in every game of the tournament, ending with one person being crowned the King.

The top 16 players were ranked and divided into four pools of four players with the top two players in each pool advancing to a final eight. In Pool A: Tri Bourne and Evan Silberstein easily advanced and eliminated Max Clini and Jaylen Reyes. In Pool B: Trevor Crabb and Erik Shoji edged out Danny Alvarez and Jamie Bartholomew. In Pool C: Stevie Li and Brad Lawson outscored Keoki Shupe and Logan Nowack. In Pool D: Micah Christenson and Ricci beat out Ernie Vidinha and Ryan Go.

The stage was set with the top eight players remaining: Tri Bourne, Stevie Li, Micah Christenson, and Erik Shoji in one pool and Trevor Crabb, Evan Silberstein, Brad Lawson, and Ricci in

the second pool. Tri Bourne won his pool with a 21-12 victory with Stevie Li over Micah Christenson and Erik Shoji to advance to the final. Trevor Crabb won his pool on points with a 20-22 loss with Ricci to Brad Lawson and Evan Silberstein.

In the final game of the day, the players were required to play with a new partner for the day. Trevor Crabb teamed up with Micah Christenson to beat Tri Bourne who chose Brad Lawson to compete in the final game.

Trevor Crabb was crowned the King of the Beach for 2012! Tri Bourne coming off a pro season in Europe and top ten finish on the pro beach tour finished a close second. Stevie Li and Evan Silberstein tied for third with their wealth of experience and defensive prowess.

Final Results:

1st place: Trevor Crabb*

2nd place: Tri Bourne*

3rd place (tie): Stevie Li* & Evan Silberstein

5th place (tie): Brad Lawson* & Erik Shoji*

7th place (tie): Micah Christenson* & Ricci

9th place (tie): Keoki Shupe, Jamie Bartholomew,
Max Clini*, Ernie Vidinha

13th place (tie): Danny Alvarez*, Ryan Go*,
Logan Nowack*, & Jaylen Reyes*.

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