

Randy Shaw and Peter Ehrman win Dodge Parker Memorial Tournament

by Dave Pierson

The Club Doubles Tournament has been named as a memorial to the late Dodge Parker, one of the greatest players to ever come out of Hawaii via the OCC sand courts and Punahou. Dodge was not only a skilled performer (called by Sports Illustrated the best setter in the USA), but also exemplified the finest qualities of sportsmanship and fair play.

This year's exciting two-day event saw the best in Club volleyball, with many of the younger players really showing their improvement based on months of practice at schools like USC, San Diego State, Pepperdine, and UCLA.

The Randy Shaw-Peter Ehrman vs. Jay Andersen and Jon Andersen battles covered over four hours of play with one 14-12 game going on for over an hour. Time and time again the rallies were extended by diving digs of the most savage spikes seen in a long while.

Ehrman and Shaw came out tough and upset the favorites 12-14, 11-8, 11-8—the first game being over an hour long. This meant an exhausting trip through the losers bracket for Jay and Jon. Meanwhile, the teams of Kainoa Downing-Chuckie Rolles battled to a third place finish (15-13) over Fred Chuckovich and Tom "Mad Dog" Madison after the latter blew an 8-0 lead at the change.

The stage was set for one of the best and longest finals seen on the OCC courts in a long time. Andersen and Andersen forced a single game playoff with two straight (11-9 and 11-8) wins. The final game saw Peter Ehrman smash a half-dozen great shots off perfect sets from Shaw and the final victory was theirs 15-10.

So the first Dodge Parker Memorial Tournament was played with all the skill, determination and sportsmanship that typified Dodge Parker—he would have been proud.