

Forfeitures and schedule conflicts Feature Men's Open Volleyball Tourney

by Steve Quinn

The Men's Open volleyball tournament held June 24th and 25th turned out to be a "disastrous" success. It also established a precedent and spawned a new name for the first men's open tournament of the summer: "THE FORFEIT OPEN".

The "First Annual Forfeit Open" was so named by its first victim. Upon his failure to appear on the court ready to play, ten minutes after his game was called Randy Shaw and his partner, Chucker, forfeited. The decision by the tournament director to abide strictly by the posted rules was made all the more difficult by Shaw's arrival within three minutes after the forfeiture was declared.

Later Saturday afternoon, faced with a confrontation regarding adherence to scheduling on Sunday during the canoe races, the volleyball committee members who were present huddled to decide that Sunday's matches would begin as scheduled without exception and that all matches would be played without concessions to paddlers.

The difficulty of this decision was precipitated by the conflict between the paddling obligations of members of a couple of teams and the times when their matches were scheduled to be played on Sunday. The stage was set when the team of Baird and Balding (second generation type) advanced to the semi-finals of the loser's bracket.

Congratulations go to Jenks and Shoj, seeded first after winning two tournaments last summer, and living up to the seed by finishing first in the First Annual Forfeit Open; to Iams and Marc Haine, seeded third* but emerging second; and to Ehrman and Gio, seeded second and finishing third.

Special thanks from the Tournament Director go to all who participated, making the tournament a success, with particular thanks to Buster and Chucker for their assistance in officiating **and** determining how the teams should be seeded.