

1974 Volleyball Roundup

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The 1974 volleyball season came to a successful completion for the OCC players in May, at the U.S.V.B.A. national playoffs in Knoxville, Tennessee. The final tourney of the year was held May 15 through 18 at the University of Tennessee's Stokely Athletics Center, which Coach Chris McLachlin praised as a "fantastic place."

The Outrigger sent two highly qualified teams to the Nationals: our AA Open Team and our Masters Team. Both teams played outstanding ball and emerged in top positions at the tournament's end.

For the AA Team in Open competition, the series included 45 teams from all parts of the country. Pre-tournament favorites were the teams from Southern California and, of course, Honolulu.

OCC started the series with an opener against Youngstown, Ohio, YMCA. It was an easy match which our players took two straight. The second team was Multnomah Athletic Club of Portland, Oregon. OCC again took the series with two straight wins against worthy competition. The plot thickened in the 3rd game against

Solarium of Southern California, the 4th-seeded team in the tournament. This series went the full 2 out of 3. Outrigger coming up with the two wins. Outrigger's winning streak was terminated in their 4th game, played against Balboa Bay Club, which took two straight victories. The loss to Balboa put OCC into the losers bracket, where they really faced tough competition against top seeded teams. OCC had to meet and beat the 1st, 3rd, and 4th-seeded teams to determine their ultimate finish in the tourney. First on the list was Chuck's Steak House, sponsored by Chuck Rolles of Honolulu. Chuck's team was the defending champion of the 1973 Nationals. OCC won two out of three from these formidable opponents but not without hard work as both wins were come-from-behind scores in overtime. All 11 players were used. OCC next faced United Sporting Goods, the top seeded team of the Nationals. Again it was a battle royal and again into overtime. At eight minutes game time, it was 10 - 10 in both winning games and as with the Chucks, games all were come-

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AA Open Team. Front row, (l. to r.):
Tom Madison; Chris Crabb;
Tom Davidson; Charlie Jenkins;
Larry Woodruff; Dave Shoji.

Back row, (l. to r.): Tom Arnett;
Chris McLachlin, coach; Tony Crabb;
Jon Haneberg; Wally Young, manager;
Bill Wardrop.

