

## Volleyball

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The 1973 volleyball season is now well under way. As reported in our June issue, the Club's "AA" team jetted to Los Angeles in May to compete in the Southern California Region "B" Championships (incorrectly reported as Region "13," because that was the way the "B" looked in the original script). Southern Cal is full of red hot volleyball teams, and Outrigger played them all, right up to the semi-finals, where our lads first played the Long Beach Ski-Mart team—formerly the Sand and Sea Club—last year's National AAU champions. Outrigger won this match with scores of 11-9, 8-11 and 11-8. In the finals, Outrigger bowed to the Cattleman Club, formerly the Santa Monica team, 1971 title-holders, 9-11 and 6-11. (The name changes for the opponent clubs resulted from sponsorship changes.)

Our coaches are well pleased with the team's second place position in this tournament against truly big-time competition.

Following our team's return from the Southland, the squad was divided into two six-man teams for the Hawaii State Championships where the competition is on the light side. The two OCC teams walked off with the two top spots in this tournament.

Early in June, the Club's volleyballers again flew to California, this time to compete in the Far Western Championships. Competing teams were the Regional Championship teams from Oregon, Washington, Utah, Northern and Southern California, and Hawaii. Outrigger reached the semi-finals, but there lost to the Balboa Bay Club, last year's National AAU runner-up, by scores of 10-15 and 8-15. Our team finished third in the tournament by beating the Olympic Club of San Francisco 15-11 and 15-9.

(Because the National AAU Championships in St. Paul, Minnesota and the U.S.V.B.A. Nationals are both played late in June, when The Outrigger is either being printed or just off the press, the results will have to be reported later. To hold this issue for those results would delay it for about two weeks—and then some other event would probably be missed!)

As this is being written, the Club's team is in Papeete, Tahiti, making the trip at the personal expense of the players, to compete in the South Pacific Sports Festival scheduled for June 8 through June 19. The team will be put through daily three-hour workouts while in Papeete, Coach Dennis Berg says.

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During the Summer Volleyball Tournament, the Club courts were busy most of the time. See story on page 6 for results of Tournament. — (Tsuzuki photo)

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