

1974 Volleyball Roundup

By Jerry Ober

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 Arnott;
Chris McLachlin, coach; Tony Crabb;
Jon Haneberg; Wally Young, manager;
Bill Wardrop.**



**What's Open—When—at OCC.
A Handy Reference List for
Your Information and Use**

Dining Room

Brunch: Sunday only. 8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Luncheon: Tuesday—Saturday. 12:00 noon—2:30 p.m.

Dinner: Daily except Monday. 6:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

Bar

Sunday—10:00 a.m.—midnight.

Monday—11:30 a.m.—10:00 p.m.

Tuesday—Saturday—11:30 a.m.—midnight.

Monday: Sandwiches—12:00 noon—5:00 p.m.

Snack Bar

Daily—9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

NOTE: The Snack Bar is open until 6:00 p.m. during the months of June, July and August.

Hau Terrace

Liquor: Same schedule as for Bar.

Dining: Daily except Monday, 11:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

Beach Shop (Basement Level)

Daily—10:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Closed Mondays

Locker Rooms

Daily—6:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Parking Facility

Daily—6:00 a.m.—1:00 a.m.

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from-behind wins, utilizing all members of the team. OCC member Dodge Parker, now living on the mainland, is a player on the United Sporting Goods Team. For Outrigger, there was outstanding play by Jon Haneberg and Charlie Jenkins.

The next series was against Balboa Bay Club, and they were OCC's undoing, taking two games out of the three, thus eliminating OCC from further competition. Balboa went on to play and lose to University of California at Santa Barbara, the tournament winner. Thus the Nationals ended with Outrigger 3rd overall, Balboa 2nd, and U.C. Santa Barbara the 1974 National Champion.

In Masters play, for players 35 and over, the OCC again fielded its traditionally strong team, and they did

Masters Team. Front row, (l. to r.): Mark Lawson, coach; Colin Chock; Peter Balding; Bob Kashare; Mike McMahon.

Back row, (l. to r.): Bill Heilbron; Fred Hiapo; Fred Noa; Bill Baird; Tom Haine. (Not shown: Wally Young, manager).



traditionally well in their series, with 15 teams to play. The first game for the Masters was with the Metros of New York, which they easily won. Number two game was also an easy victory over the Florida Independents. Game 3 was the most difficult against San Diego, but was won in 2 out of 3 games, placing San Diego in the losers bracket. The 4th and final game matched OCC in the winners bracket against San Diego in the losers. San Diego returned all charged up and took the series in a 2 out of 3 playoff. Thus OCC Masters also ended up in 3rd place overall.

As a prelude to the Nationals, the AAU games were held in Dallas May 11th and 12th. These games are played under the "pool" system, there being two pools of 6 teams each, with open and masters teams playing one another, with the chance of one OCC team meeting the other. The top 3 teams of each pool then enter into an elimination series. Both OCC teams were in the top 3 of their respective pools. The OCC AA Open Team took 2nd place overall, the winning team being Michiana (a combination of teams from Michigan and Indiana). The Outrigger Masters took 4th overall.

At the AAU's, the AA Team played without Team Captain Chris Crabb who had sustained a hip injury in early tournament play. Chris returned to play brilliant ball in the Nationals and sparked his team to its excellent final standing. It is interesting to note that Michiana, 1st place in the AAU's, ended up a distant 7th place in the Nationals.

Bill Wardrop was named to 1st team, All Tournament AAU.

Tony Crabb was named Honorable Mention, All Tournament AAU.

In the Nationals, OCC placed Bill Wardrop on First Team All American. Chris Crabb and Charlie Jenkins made All American Honorable Mention.

In the Masters Division at the Nationals, Tom Haine made First Team All American, Mike McMahon made Second Team All American, and Peter Balding was named All American Honorable Mention.

Coach-player Chris McLachlin says he is very proud of the 11 players of his AA Open Team who demonstrated great team spirit and stuck together to the very end of the season. As a final note to the season he thanks the Club members for their year-long enthusiastic support of the team. Chris feels that this year's team well represented the Club athletic ideal, not only in individual character and attitude, but in quality of individual and team play as well. A great year and a great team.

McLachlin also expresses his thanks to team manager Wally Young and Tom Reiner, both of whom devoted long hours to the volleyball teams throughout the year.



Andy Homan hits one during Men's Handicap Draw Doubles (story on page 3) Tom Reiner photo.