

# Extra Innings

The OCC Softball team started the 2003 Leahi League Spring Season with a bang. It wasn't until the last inning when the OCC bats ignited with an eight run explosion that the score was finally knotted up at 15-15.

After Go Deep scored twice in the top frame of the first extra inning, OCC returned the favor and more, scoring three runs to win a thriller, 18-17.

Both teams had opportunities to put the game away earlier. OCC threw away a home run when the running slugger failed to touch home plate. OCC failed to produce another run when a player was out sliding into second base. There is a no-sliding run in this league. It protects players from injuries. It is a very good rule. Go Deep failed to executive a double play that would have ended the game in the extra inning before OCC scored the winning run.

The strength of OCC is in their bats so hope should never fade no matter how bleak things look earlier in the game. Some of the hot bats in this game came from Jim McAluney, James Weaver, Chris Siegfried, David Dyas, Vern Hinkley and Jimmy Austin.

The OCC 2003 softball roster also includes Keith Letman, Jim Cavanah, Mike Miranda, Vern Hinkley, Paki Vaughan, Anthony Hunt, Duff Janus, Stew Kawakami, Mike Hogan, Jeff Brown, Larry Tavares, J.R. Turner and Ralph DeWitt.

Jim Gaddis and Bill Kilcoyne co-chair the 2003 Softball Committee. Mike Miranda's father, Louie, is helping manage the team.

Game times are at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, across the street from the OCC in Kapiolani Park.

