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The 1999 OCC Softball Team is off to a great start with a record of 5-1. Their only loss, a heartbreaking 9-8 defeat at the hands of the defending champions, was at one point well in hand with an 8-2 lead.

Leading the team at the plate in a big way so far this year are slugging veterans Jim Cavanah, Jim McAluney, Bill Kilcoyne, Chris Siegfried and Mike Miranda. Ralph DeWitt has come through with solid and timely hitting since making a full commitment to the team. Brian Poppinga, Traci Phillips and Bryan Hoernig haven't missed a game and have been big contributors both with their bats and on the field in all of OCC's wins.

Other players helping the OCC winning cause are Paki Vaughan, Curt Lajala, Rick Piper, Keith Letman, Jim Joy, Aaron Eberhardt and Jake Mizuno.

Apparently the league score book was lost or misplaced and no details or statistics are available. The home run parade does include Miranda, Siegfried, Cavanah, Joy and McAluney. Cavanah has enjoyed two four-hit games and Hoernig has tossed a rare shutout as highlighted last month.

Be sure to read the Player Profiles this month and stroll across the street and watch the 1999 Leahi Spring League playoffs. OCC hopes to return to its glory years of '95, '96 and '97 when they were champs. All games are played on Tuesday or Wednesday at 5 p.m.