

Extra Innings Championship Streak Ended

The OCC Softball team failed in its quest for a fourth consecutive Leahi League championship. OCC settled for second place behind first-time champion Matsuno. Competition gets tougher every year and for the first time in a long time, OCC struggled with a 7-3 record. The overall record for OCC softball in 1998 was 16-4.

With players out with injuries and others training for the Molokai race, Head Coach Jim Gaddis did the best he could mixing up his lineup. Henry Ayau and Gaddis

were out with knee problems. Others missed games due to business on the mainland. Mike Miranda, Traci Phillips, Clay Chee and Jim McAluney were the only players able to make it to every game.

OCC managed to take second place in the league by crushing the Kahala Mandarin in the last game of the season. Ironically, Gaddis has worked at the Mandarin for 24 years but does not play for them. Ayau and Gaddis played for the Kahala Hilton in the 70s when they were

the perennial Bar and Restaurant League Champions. OCC lost to the Kahala Mandarin in their first meeting back in September.

The 2nd Annual OCC Softball BBQ was held at Bill Kilcoyne's home on December 5. Special invitations were sent to Kawika Grant, Marc Haine and John Rader. Details of the event will be given in next month's issue of The Outrigger.

Gaddis was to announce the winner of the 1998 Most Valuable Player award as selected by the players themselves. Top con-

tenders would appear to be Mike Miranda, Chris Siegfried, Jim Cavanah, Jim McAluney, Bill Kilcoyne and Clay Chee. The voting should be close as it was last year when Keith Letman was OCC Softball's 1997 MVP.

For the first time in three years, OCC won't have the pressure of defending a title.

The Leahi Spring League will begin in late March. We will keep you posted. Aloha and mahalo for your support.