

# Extra Innings

On Tuesday, September 8th, the OCC softball team ran into a roadblock. The 0-2 Go-Deep team decided it was time to get into the win column by upsetting the defending OCC champs. Go Deep has always given OCC trouble over the years.

After five innings, Go Deep led 8-2. Everyone in the OCC dugout had a long face. Nothing was working. No one could buy a hit. With two out and two on, OCC went on a singles spree. Bryan Hoernig, Keith Letman, Aaron Eberhardt, Rick Piper and pinch-hitter Bill 'Killer' Kilcoyne accounted for five runs. OCC entered the final inning trailing only 8-7.

A monstrous home run by Go Deep's fantastic shortstop left OCC chasing two with only three outs to burn. Chris Siegfried got a quick run back with a booming home run to right to lead off the inning. Jim Joy followed with a long double and was sent to third on Jim McAluney's single to right. Clay Chee ended a slump with a shot to left scoring Joy to tie the game. McAluney was thrown out at home on a grounder by Hoernig. Letman, looking for his team-leading third hit of the game, lined a solid single to right scoring Chee with the winning run and two outs to spare.

The game was reminiscent of last year's title game when OCC scored four runs in the top of the 7th inning to beat Matsuno 11-10. But when you score to end a game, it's even more thrilling.

OCC stays in the title hunt with Matsuno with a 3-0 record as of this writing. OCC is working on its 4th straight title.

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Joy scored three runs. Hoernig, Joy, Siegfried and Eberhardt had two hits each. Jon Kiner and Kilcoyne had clutch pinch hits. Traci Phillips started her third game in a row at catcher and made a great catch on a pop-up in front of the plate. Head Coach Jim Gaddis and senior veteran Henry Ayau nursed sore knees but were available if needed. In fact, if OCC had tied the game instead of winning it, Gaddis would have limped into the game for Mike Miranda who got leg cramps at the close of the 7th inning.

After giving up three runs without an out in the very first inning, OCC settled down and played a solid game both on defense and at the plate in defeating The Elks Club 15-4. The game was played on September 1st.

OCC responded with five runs in their half of the first inning to take a lead they would never give up. Team Captain Jim McAluney and slugger Chris Siegfried led the team with four hits each. Mike Miranda and Jim Cavanah had three-hit outings. Others enjoying multi-hit games were Jim Joy, Clay Chee, Bryan Hoernig, Keith Letman and Jim Gaddis. Joy, Chee and Letman all contributed long home runs. The infield played flawless, error-free ball while the outfield came up with great catches by Eberhardt and Piper. Traci Phillips had another good day behind the plate. Henry Ayau continued to coach third base and ice his knees.



Enjoying the weekly post-game BBQ are, front, Kaimoa Gaddis, Kahiua Letman, Keith Letman, Bill Kilcoyne, Courtney Gaddis and Jim McAluney. Back, Jon Kiner, Ralph DeWitt, Rick Piper and Mike Miranda.

The OCC Softball Team will celebrate its 1998 success story with its 2nd Annual BBQ at the home of Bill Kilcoyne in November. OCC will honor either a 'three-peat' of the Leahi League Championship or a 'four-peat' with visions of a fifth straight title in '99. Head Coach Jim Gaddis will announce the '98 MVP award as voted by the players themselves, the '99 Team Captain and the '99 OCC Softball Committee.

Results of these games can be reviewed in your December issue of the *Outrigger*. To see if OCC claimed their fourth straight Leahi League title and read about all the fun and awards for the BBQ, check our January '99 entry of Extra Innings.

## For the Record

### Canoes

Queen Liliuokalani Long Distance Canoe Races  
OCC, 1st, Iron Koa, 2:16:50  
OCC, 46th, Iron Non Koa, 2:45:59

Joanne Klinke, 1st, Women 40-49, 7:40:52  
Bob DeWitz 9:17  
Gino Merez, 3rd, Elite, 6:26:59  
Mid Pacific Road Runners Barbers Point 20K  
Don Equino 1:30:13