

## Extra Innings

The OCC Softball team is on fire. A six game win streak has OCC on the verge of winning the 1997 Leahi League Fall Championship.

A remarkable come-from-behind win over defending champion Kahala Mandarin started the bats burning. With OCC trailing by two runs in the last inning, singles by Mike Miranda, Keith Letman, Head Coach Jim Gaddis, Rick Piper and Jon Whittington produced the three runs needed for victory. It was a thrilling win for OCC players and fans. It was especially rewarding for Coach Gaddis who scored the winning run.

Letman pitched a great game

and caught three hard line drives back up the middle to thwart scoring threats. Rick Piper filled a void in the outfield and contributed three hits and five catches. Multi-hit games came from Bill "Killer" Kilcoyne, Clayton Chee, Bryan Hoernig, Henry Ayau and Miranda.

OCC crushed Maharaja 14-4 scoring five runs in the first inning and scoring runs in every inning of the game. Killer was 4 for 4 with a home run. Miranda was 3 for 4 with a home run. Whittington, Ayau and Letman had two hits apiece.

OCC made up for their only setback of the season (a 15-3 loss) by playing perfect defense against

Matsuno and winning 6-3. A four-run first inning burst set the tone. Hits were hard to find for both teams. Jim Cavanah and Killer were the only players in the game with two hits.

The Kahala Mandarin was out for revenge when they met in a rematch. The OCC bats came out smoking however, in an 11-3 victory highlighted by superb defensive play at all positions. Cavanah (ss), Miranda (2B) and Killer (1B) turned a critical double-play helped by a deflected drive off Letman's glove. Cavanah, Letman and right fielder Jim Joy contributed three hits each. Hoernig had a clutch two-out hit that scored two runs.



Enjoying the post-game BBQ after a win over Kahala Mandarin are players, friends, and children of the OCC Softball team. From left to right on table are Jim Letman, Brendan Brilhante, Kaimoa Gaddis and Courtney Gaddis. Standing in the back, left to right, are Keith Letman, Bryan Hoernig, Jon Whittington, Rick Piper, John Kiner and Mark Brilhante.

Cavanah and Miranda scored three runs each.

The team hopes to wrap up the Leahi League title in the next few weeks and bring the championship trophy home to the Club.

On November 6th, the OCC Softball Team held its first annual BBQ Banquet across the street from the Club. Next month's issue of *The Outrigger* will include highlights of the 1997 year, MVP awards, photos and other OCC softball news. ☺