Extra Innings

The OCC Softball team won its biggest game in years, defeating the four-time League Champion Dream Team. OCC is now tied for first place in Leahi League action. The 12-5 victory was one of the best played games in the past 10 years according to veterans Jim Gaddis, Bill Kilcoyne and Henry Ayau.

There were no throwing errors, no base running blunders and no mental lapses. Everyone was focused. The coaches told the players they would need to play their very best to stay in the game with the Dream Team.

And play their best they did. Team Captain Paki Vaughan, Jim Cavanah and Kilcoyne had three hits each. Jon Whittington had two hits and knocked in two runs. Rick Piper, Brian Hoernig, Keith Letman, Clayton Chee and Jim McAluney also contributed timely hits and runs batted in. Reid Scelza and Ralph DeWitt made nice plays in the field.

Ayau missed a grand slam by inches down the left field line. Head Coach Gaddis and back up pitcher Ron Scelza sat the game out with leg injuries. 1995 MVP Scott Rolles was away on business.

The real key to the win was flawless defensive play. Outfielders consistently hit their cutoff man, ground balls were swept up like a vacuum and every throw was on the mark.

A week earlier OCC's seven errors led to their lone loss of the year, an 11-8 defeat at the hands of the Row Bar. Cavanah and McAluney led OCC with three hits each. Whittington, Letman and Jake Vaughan had two hits each.

Cavanah leads OCC in nearly ever offensive category including a .733 batting average and two homeruns. He is also having his best year ever at short-stop. O