

Extra Innings

Three heartbreaking defeats have left the OCC Softball team with a 2-4 record, but with two months of action left in league play, hopes are still high.

A devastating 19-18 loss to Tutukane knocked OCC out of shot at first place. A week later, the defending league champs, Dream Team, nipped OCC 7-6. Espresso then clipped Outrigger 8-7. All four OCC losses have been by a single run. A break here or there could easily have given OCC a perfect 6-0 record.

There were countless highlights despite the outcomes. Twenty-one hits accompanied the 18 runs. Jon Whittington, Scott Rolles, Jim Gaddis, Brian Hoernig, Henry Ayau and Bill Kilcoyne had multi-hit games. Senior veterans Ayau and Kilcoyne had four hits apiece. Scott and Henry contributed four RBI's each. Scott cracked his first home run of the year, a three-run shot in the first inning.

Pitcher Keith Letman hit his second home run of the year, a two-run shot in the sixth inning, hoping to help his own cause in the 7-6 loss to Dream Team.

Paki Vaughan returned from a surfing trip in the South Pacific to rip a solo home run in the third inning. Randy Schoch ripped two balls to right field to solidify his cleanup role. Pokii Vaughan and Bill Lawson contributed in what proved to be OCC's best defensive effort of the year.

The infield of Hoernig (1B), Whittington (2B), Gaddis (3B) and Jim McAluney (SS) played error-free ball for the first time this year.

A multitude of costly errors and untimely hitting contributed to OCC's 8-7 loss to Espresso. Paki, Scott, Brian, Jon W. and Jim McAluney had two hits each. Jim Cavanah, Rick Piper, Jon Kiner, Letman and Gaddis contributed as well. McAluney and Brian knocked in three runs apiece.

There has been absolutely no letup in desire, intensity or post-game BBQ action. The food is always a winner, especially the catch of the day—akule, papio and oama. 