

Wahine Softballers Shine in Hui Lanakila Tournament

Kisi Haine, Carrie Christman, Liz Dugan, Lisa Livingston, Janice Harrer, Kaili Chun and Norma Santiago proved to be the backbone of OCC's entry in the first annual Hui Lanakila Coed Softball Tournament, November 5-6 at Waimanalo Beach Park.

Joining them were Kirk Christman, Tom Harrer, Marc Haine and Clayton Chee along with a handful of OCC softball players to form a quality team.

OCC had its back against the wall from the start with a heart breaking 8-7 loss to Ka Moi in the opening game of the double-elimination tournament. Pokii Vaughan and John Kiner led the team with two hits each.

OCC needed to win their next two games to qualify for action on Sunday. A 12-2 win over Alapahoe was highlighted by home runs from Clayton, Tom, Paki Vaughan and Jim McAluney. Kisi, Liz and Janice supplied a hit each. Carrie crushed the ball three times but always for a long

out. Kisi and Carrie played exceptional defense on the infield helping pitcher/coach Jim Gaddis to an easy victory.

A win over Studebakers led to an exciting 10-9 victory on Sunday morning over Sidewinders to keep the team alive. Kisi, Paki, Carrie, McAluney and Gaddis all had multi-hit games. The turning point came after Paki was called out after stepping on home plate in the middle of a home run swing.

Kisi and Gaddis returned to their bases after opening the inning with hits, assuming they had scored on Paki's homer. Carrie crushed the next pitch over the left fielder's head for a three run home run giving OCC a 7-3 lead.

That win inspired OCC to turn it on against Hui Lanakila. Clayton's three-run home run in the first inning put OCC up 5-0 with only one out.

A 9-5 victory over Kamehameha put OCC into the championship game against Healani.

The championship game against Healani started off sweet. Kisi, Carrie, McAluney and Clayton produced two runs. Kirk hit a solo home run in the second followed by a huge four run inning in the third. Clayton and Byron Ho knocked in two runs each. Kirk and Marc led off the sixth inning with hits and scored on Gaddis' two-run double. Clayton highlighted his perfect 4-4 game with an RBI single in the seventh inning, but it wasn't enough as OCC lost 13-10.

Kisi Haine and Jim McAluney were named top female and male hitters of the tournament. Carrie Christman was named MVP for the women. Clayton was the tournament RBI leader and runner up for the men's MVP award. Jim Gaddis had a 3-0 pitching record with five strikeouts. OCC was the tournament home run leader with eight.

Mahalo to Marilyn Haine, Conne Sutherland and Michele St. John for loyal support and cheerleading. ☺

Extra Innings

The OCC softball team ignited for 11 runs in the first two innings and coasted to a game-shortened, five inning 20-3 victory over Maharaja. Bill Kilcoyne, Jim McAluney and Jim Gaddis led the 28-hit attack with four hits each.

Paki Vaughan, Jim Cavanah, Bill Lawson and Rick Piper had three hits apiece. Bill crushed a grand slam home run in his last at bat. Paki tripled in the third. Bryan Hoernig had three RBI's while Kimo Brown and Marc Haine shined in the outfield.

In the last inning, the father and son team of Keith and Kahiwa Letman handled the pitching and catching duties.

The game nearly got rained out in the second inning. The sprinkler system went off in the outfield but both teams decided to keep playing. The outfielders played in the sprinklers the entire game. ☺



Playing in the Hui Lanakila tournament were, front, Norma Santiago, Kisi Haine, Jim McAluney, Jim Gaddis and Carrie Christman. Back row, Marc Haine, Paki Vaughan, Clayton Chee, Bryan Hoernig, Byron Ho, Liz Perry, Kirk Christman and Kaili Chun.