

Extra Innings

On Tsunami Tuesday, October 4, the OCC softball team had a very care-free attitude when it took the field one player short against the powerful two-time Leahi League champs, the Dreamers.

OCC had to give up an automatic out every time the invisible 10th man came to bat, not to mention having an outfield of three instead of four.

Coach Jim Gaddis did some major juggling with the lineup. Three starters were out for the Molokai race and three other starters were out due to business commitments. Another starter, Paki Vaughan, played first base with a broken right hand, cast and all.

Playing above and beyond their wildest expectations were two crusty

veterans—Jon Kiner at second base and Coach Gaddis at third. Shortstop Jim McAluney offered the only stability in the infield.

Sure enough, shot after shot was hit to the infield and all three players came up with nearly every ball smashed their way. Kiner and Gaddis also had multi-hit games. John scored twice and Jim knocked in three runs. Paki hit the ball hard too, but always right at someone.

The automatic out proved costly, stopping two rallies and opening the last inning with an out. OCC lost the game 8-6 but felt good about its effort. Bill Lawson, Bryan Hoernig, Keith Letman and Rick Piper all contributed with two hits apiece.

The team got back on the winning

track with an impressive 10-0 shutout over Maharaja. Jim Cavanah, Bill Kilcoyne, McAluney and Letman all had two hits each. Cavanah knocked in three runs while Kilcoyne knocked in two.

OCC started off fast with four quick runs in the first inning, followed by three more runs in the 2nd. Everyone hit the ball hard.

Keith pitched a great game for OCC. The tradewinds were blowing hard which made it difficult to throw strikes. Keith walked only one batter while the opposition gave up six free passes. A slow pitch shutout is a rarity but thanks to great defensive play, especially in the infield, Keith's feat was preserved.

The team was inspired with the addition of Henry Ayau, Clayton Chee and Marc Haine. Henry and Marc contributed key hits while Clayton flagged down a number of balls in left field. 