

Outrigger Sluggers sweep Kona Softball Tourney

In keeping with the fine performance of our canoe teams during the Labor Day races, the OCC softball team swept a four game series with teams from the Kona coast during the weekend of Sept. 22.

In the opener on Friday afternoon, OCC swallowed the host team, Keahole Ohana, 13-4. Keahole jumped off to a fast 3-0 lead, but after the third inning, it was all Outrigger, our sluggers connecting for a grand total of twelve singles, five doubles and two round-trippers. Contributing to the 13 to four rout of Keahole Ohana were: Arch Kaaua; Bill Head; Guy Jennings; Colin Chock; Bill Kilcoyne; Hank Ayau; McMahon; Roger Cundall; Danny West, and Bill Breeden.

On the following day, the Red team played both its toughest and its easiest games of the season in a double-header played in 88° heat. The Kona Waves provided the competition in the opener, which came close to being OCC's first loss. Again, our sluggers were down by three runs early in the game, but by the bottom of the seventh and final inning, it was a 5-3 ballgame, with OCC on the short end. But we have a team that wants to win, and with Coach Kaaua masterminding a few lineup changes, it went on to do just that. Contributing to the glorious 6-5 win with fine fielding and timely hitting were: Guy Jennings; Arch Kaaua; Dan West; Bill Breeden; Bill Kilcoyne; Bill Head; and Hank Ayau, whose bases-loaded hit drove in the winning run.

The second game of the double-header was a laugher, our OCC swingers collecting some 30 hits to bury Big Mac's of Kona 32 to 3. In this slugfest, Roger Cundall went 5 for 5 at the plate, creaming the ball for four singles and one homer. Bill Breeden ran Cundall a close second, with 4 for 6, including a single, a double and two round-trippers. Another standout hitter was Guy Jennings, hitting 3 for 4, including a single, a double and a home run, accounting for 4 RBI's. Bill Head and Colin Chock also lined out round-trippers.

In a return game with the host team, Keahole Ohana, on Sunday, Outrigger won 11-8, but the game was not as close as the score might indicate. In it, Bill Head notched his 14th win against no losses for the season and completed a 16 win - no loss season for Outrigger.

Our boys report that despite their rough treatment of the Big Island's home teams, they parted good friends with cordial invitations to "try it again."

Amateur Softball Association sanctions first State Tourney

An added note to the already successful softball program is the fact that several of our players participated in leagues and tournaments sanctioned by the Amateur Softball Association this year. The introduction of this Association, which is the governing body of amateur softball, a member of the AAU and the U.S. Olympic Committee and the International Softball Assn., has opened the doors to the possibility of Outrigger playing in the National Championships in the near future. This year the championships were held in Sacramento, Cal.

Some of our players participating in the first ASA sanctioned State Tourney this year were Hank Ayau (Kahala Hilton), and Colin Chock, Bill Head, Archie Kaaua, Bill Kilcoyne, and Danny West (Buzz's Original Steak House). Dave Shoji played in the Army Invitational with Head and Ayau, Kaaua played with Chevron, USA in the Industrial League, Bill Breeden and Danny West played in the Financial League. All played in the prestigious Bar and Restaurant League. Hopefully, we may in the near future, see an all Outrigger team entered.

Change in transfer procedure

During the recent meeting of your Board of Directors, it was decided that all future transfers of membership involving Junior, Associate, Intermediate, and non-Resident members, will be duly posted for 30-days for review by the membership and ultimate approval or disapproval by the Board.
