

Mountainballer's take Third Straight Title

by Bill Erickson

The Outrigger Canoe Club Mountainball Team, following its mid-season loss to Kamehameha Schools, recovered in championship style to post a 12 and 0 record for the balance of the season and win its third Surveyor's League Mountainball title. The championship tilt against Kamehameha Schools on Tuesday, August 3, was one of those heart-pounding affairs that left the spectators exhausted from the tension. Going into the contest, both Outrigger and Kam had posted 15 and 1 records for the season, each losing to the other. The contest was evenly played over the first six and one-half innings with Kam having a one run edge going into the bottom of the last inning. However, the "never say die" Outrigger squad reached into its arsenal of power for a last inning winning effort. Danny West led off the inning with a line drive double to left field. Pinch hitting, Bernie Eilerts then stroked a hot shot to third which was bobbled and a subsequent throwing error left Eilerts at second, and West had scored the tying run. David Shoji then concluded the season-long struggle for the crown by lining a single to right field, his third hit of the game, to score Eilerts and bring the title to 2909 Kalakaua Avenue for the third straight year. The game was highlighted by the pitching of Billy Head and fine defensive play by the entire squad.

The success of the Outrigger's quest was a complete team effort as 15 players commonly were on hand to fill the ten starting positions. Ken Wood led the team in hitting with a .533 average nosing out coach Bill Erickson who hit .526. While Wood was leading the team in batting average, Bill Kilcoyne lead the team in home runs with 4, in triples with 4, and tied with Wood for total base hits with 24.

In posting its 16 and 1 record for the year, the Outrigger scored an astounding 153 runs against only 38 for the opposition. This is a credit to both the 435% team batting aver-



Colin "The Chief" Chock returns from volleyballing in New York still swinging.

age and the ever tough pitching of Billy Head.

Of special note was the absence of David Pierson from the Outrigger lineup for the last half of the season. David, along with his wife Sandy, have been traded to the Iranian Drillers for an undisclosed amount of cash and two future draft choices. Seriously, the members of the Mountainball Team have bid a fond farewell to the Piersons and hope they bat a thousand with their new opportunity.

The league banquet will be held Friday, August 13, at which the Outrigger Team will retire the Keppler Memorial Trophy for having won the title for its third straight year.

MOUNTAINBALL FINAL AVERAGES

Name	At Bat	Hits	Average
Wood, K.	45	24	.533
Erickson, B.	38	20	.526
Kilcoyne, B.	48	24	.500
Pease, J.	2	1	.500
Chock, C.	23	11	.478
McMahon, M.	15	7	.467
Stanley, L.	9	4	.444
Eilerts, B.	21	9	.429
Shoji, D.	7	3	.429
Pierson, D.	34	14	.412
Jennings, G.	30	12	.400
West, D.	29	11	.379
Head, B.	49	17	.347
Bressette, S.	20	6	.300
Berg, D.	10	3	.300
Moore, R.	10	3	.300
Ayau, H.	34	10	.294
Kaaua, A.	14	4	.286
Balding, P.	20	3	.150
Cundal, R.	16	1	.063
McCormick, M.	1	0	.000
	430	187	.435

