

# Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation Announces Five Athletic Grants

By Gerry DeBenedetti

At a recent Board meeting, the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation awarded five athletic grants to teams and individuals training for and competing in national competition this summer.

Recipients are:

## Unbeatabulls Soccer Team

The Unbeatabulls Soccer Team received \$1,000 for their team trip to the Far West Regional Tournament in New Mexico in June 1993.

The Unbeatabulls play in the Hawaii Youth Soccer Association (HYSA) in the Boys 12 and under division. They play soccer year round with bi-weekly practices at Waiialae Iki field.

They were the victors in the State Playoffs in February, defeating 10 teams from Oahu and 4 teams from Maui. The group of 18 boys has set their goal of raising \$1000 per player to meet their ex-

penses and has been busy with cookie sales, car wash, garage sale, you name it.

They are coached by John Semenza, Tom Reppuhn and Mark Robinson.

## Michael Lambert

Michael Lambert received \$1,000 for Volleyball. This is Mike's second grant from the Foundation. He is on the Stanford volleyball team, currently playing his freshman season.

A former Punahou and Outrigger Canoe Club volleyball team member, he has an impressive list of state and All-American awards to his credit. In 1991 he was named to the Junior National team.

## Kalani Robb

Kalani Robb has been awarded \$500 for surfing competitions. Kalani is 16 year old surfing hot

shot with great aspirations. He currently holds a national and international title in his age group. He entered the Australian Junior Pro event in January 1993, and has been competing in California.

In addition to surf sessions, he cross trains by paddling, biking, jogging and strength training. A Kahuku High School student with over a 3.00 grade point, he participates in home study and tutoring in order to continue his education while away at competitions.

In 1992 he was the Channel 2 Athlete of the Week on two separate occasions.

## David Buck

David Buck received \$1,000 for kayaking. An OCC member, David has been a member of the Hawaii Canoe/Kayak Team since 1987. He has been named to several US Junior National Teams, traveled many



Unbeatabulls Soccer Team



Mike Lambert



Kalani Robb

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*Ralen Chang*

times to Lake Placid to the Olympic Training Center, and was a consistent top kayaker while a student at Punahou.

Having grown up in an outrigger canoe, his knowledge of the ocean has helped him become one of the top junior surf ski paddlers in Hawaii.

The sport of Olympic Flatwater Kayaking is highly competitive but competing athletes get very little funding to support their training. Hawaii athletes always have to travel to the Mainland for competition. With a goal of the 1996 Olympics, the ODKF is happy to give David assistance and watch his progress from junior to senior ranks in kayaking.

### **Ralen Chang**

Ralen Chang received \$500 for kayaking. Over the past three years, Ralen has received both athletic and scholarship grants from the ODKF, and this year he has received both at the same time.

His family is quite proud of him, even though they believe he is ma-



*David Buck*

joring in Kayaking and minoring in Civil Engineering at UC Irvine. He works part time at Newport Aquatics teaching and inspiring other young athletes.

During the summers of '89, '90 and '91 he participated in the National Flatwater Kayaking Championships in Indianapolis Indiana. In a Sacramento California competition last summer, he received two gold, five silver and three bronze medals in the junior and senior divisions of several races.

ODKF is proud to sponsor a top athlete and a top student. We consider him a great investment in Hawaiian athletic achievement.

For more information about the ODKF, or about applying for an athletic grant, please contact the Foundation at the Outrigger Canoe Club, 923-1585. Informational brochures are available. Athletic grants are awarded throughout the year to meet specific athletic goals as those described above. 