

Volleyball

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BUFFANBLU SPIKERS CAPTURE ILH TITLE, POST-SEASON TOURNEY

The Punahou Volleyball team, displaying extraordinary polish and teamwork, rolled to three easy round-robin victories to capture the ILH title.

Led by the setting of **Jimmy Pietsch** and deceptive spiking of **Gar Clarke, Creighton Low, and Bob Schneider**, the Buffanblu rolled over Farrington (15-7, 15-9) and Kamehameha (15-0, 15-9), to set up the championship match with Kaimuki on Wednesday, November 6.

Itching to taste that championship cake prepared by the Pep Club, the Puns really poured it on in the Bulldog match. As **Jim Iams** and **Mike Wilson** provided the power of attacks and blocking, the other four excelled in court play and hustle. In fact, hardly a ball touched the floor on Punahou's side, as all six players scrambled and dived to an impressive 15-7, 15-9 victory. An equally impressive celebration followed at the Punahou pool. Wearing uniforms, cake, and ear-to-ear smiles, the team thoroughly enjoyed the Victory Dip.

The second team was equally deserving in plaudits, as they constantly fought the first team to long battles in scrimmages. This scrappy group included **Doug Straehely, Buster Chapman, George McPheeters, Cully Chun, John Pingree, John King** and **John Mounts**. And hats off, too, must go to the psychedelic team manager, **Chuckie Haneberg**.

To prove their worth, this second team entered the Holy Nativity B Tournament on November 15-16 and played remarkably well.

Their hustle, desire, and scrappiness led them to an upset win over and experienced Outrigger team in the first round. They then nearly upset top-seeded Central YMCA, going the full three-game limit. In the second day of action, they were finally eliminated, again in three games, to a tall and experienced Subpac team.

Outstanding for the Buffs were Mount's passing and hitting, King's speedy court play, Straehely's serving and backcourt digs, McPheeters' spiking, Chapman's setting and serving, and Chun's passes, spikes, and dinks. The defensive court play of this group was phenomenal, as many observers commented on how well these rookies fared against the "old-timers."

The first team also entered, hoping to have more of a challenge than seemed to be offered by the ILH, and also hoping to gain experience by competing in their first-ever tournament.

As in league, this hustling, tightly-woven group of six rose to every special occasion. Relying on fantastic teamwork and faultless defense, the ILH champs rolled to first-night victories over Subpac and second-seeded Church College of Hawaii.

On Saturday, though, in the finals of the winner's bracket, the Puns bit the dust for the first time since mid-season at the hands of a tall, experienced, first-seeded Central YMCA team.

Undaunted and led by the power attack of Iams and Wilson, the scrappy six won the loser's bracket by beating Subpac in two straight sets. This earned them another shot at Central, whereupon the rookies rose to the occasion and "socked it to 'em!"

Key digs by Low, Clarke, and Schneider sparked another two-set victory for the Puns. This gave each team one loss, forcing the tournament into a one-game final.

With Captain Jimmy Pietsch setting and blocking superbly, the Puns flashed their polished championship form, rolling to a quick 13-4 lead. The last two points were hard to get, but when the "goin' got tough," the tough ILH champs got goin' and won going away, 15-8. Needless to say, the tournament rookies came away with more than just valuable experience. They came away as winners once again.

The indoor season for Outrigger's A team also got off to a big start with a win in the recent Hickam A tournament.

Our winning team was composed of **George McPheeters, John King, Buster Chapman, Billy Cook, Dave Hendrickson, Mike Lemes, Fred Noa, Paul McLaughlin, Tom Conner** and **Mark Buck**. And the tough team they beat in the finals, Schofield Barracks, had still two more Outrigger members in **Jon Haneberg** and **Bob Arnott**. Congratulations to all for a fine win.

Near future plans for Outrigger volleyball team include intensive physical training around the park, in the weight room, and up the Colony Surf stairs. They will also enter several tournaments between now and Christmas, host the Outrigger A tournament at Mid-Pac on December 21, and play in the Schofield six man AA Tournament December 13-14. Hopes and spirits are high for another National Championship team this year, as all are working hard and looking forward to confronting an exceptionally strong Church College team. The latter will be led by ex Outrigger star **Pete Velasco**, who will be earning his college degree in education at Church College.

Plans for Christmas tournaments are final: Wahine's Doubles State Open, Sunday, December 15.

Outrigger open draw, December 28 and 29.

The annual Outrigger volleyball awards banquet will be held in conjunction with the second annual Club banquet to be held Monday, February 3rd.

Aloha New Members

REGULAR	:	JOHN F. BRYAN JAMES E. LANDRUM FLOYD R. GILMAN EDWARD PETER ANDERSON
INTERMEDIATE:		MRS. MARTHA KENNEDY MRS. VIRGINIA TEIPEL
ASSOCIATE	:	CAROL ANN HANDLY
JUNIOR	:	CAROL PATRICIA MILLS LANI JUNE LEARY



Cordelia Walsh had the pleasure of entertaining her cousins during the month of November. They are from the Union of South Africa and from Hong Kong as well.

Those from South Africa spent a month vacationing here and those from Hong Kong two weeks enroute to Great Britain.