

Volleyball, 1973

Coach Dennis Berg reports that the '73 volleyball season got under way as early as January 15 with a series of "B" tournaments at the UH gym. The performances were disappointing, however, and efforts have since been made to strengthen the B's for local play as the season progresses.

In the State Volleyball Championships held at the Nuuanu "Y" late in March, a team composed of Doug Bechert, John Beaumont, Bob Moore, Matt Ryan, Dave Anderson and Jay Goss copped third place. Other team members included Bill Cross, Dave Rochlen and Hal Burchard.

The "A" tournaments got under way in April with preliminary tournaments leading up to the big Hilo

Haile Men's Club Tournament. Because of the unusually large turnout for volleyball this spring, our Club was able to field two "AA" teams: a Masters and an "A". In preliminary tournaments at Fort Ruger and the U.H. gym, these two teams eliminated their competitors and fought it out for first place in the finals. So far, OCC seems to be the class of the local volleyball teams.

The Club's most spectacular win in the early '73 season was in an exhibition match at McKinley High School gym in which it was OCC vs. USC. The Southern Californians had come to Hawaii with the number one ranking in the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Included in their lineup were two All-Americans and one Brazilian Olympian. With the chips down, this formidable USC outfit bowed to an inspired Outrigger team, 12-8, 9-11, 13-7, and 15-4, a most impressive three-out-of-four win for our lads.

The Honolulu exhibition games set the stage for the big doings at the Haile Tournament in Hilo late in April. With 30 teams entered in this big annual event, the Outrigger's "AA" team No. 2 finally defeated the OCC Masters for third place, the Masters taking fourth.

Following the Haile Tournament, the traditional All Star Team was picked. Outrigger players Chris Crabb, Jon Haneberg, Don Maiz and Tony Crabb made the All Stars along with two USC players. Tony Crabb was named "most valuable player" of the tournament. All in all, a great performance by our own Club volleyballers.

Back in Honolulu a week later, OCC's "A" team competed in the "A" Championships at the U.H. gym. Here again, two OCC teams, the "A's" and the Masters, dominated the tournament, the Masters finally defeating the "A's" two out of three games.

The "AA's" and Masters are now turning their attention hopefully to preparation for national competition. The "AA" team flew to California early in May to enter the Region 13 Championships. ("The Outrigger" will be in the hands of the printers at about that time, but if possible, results of the meet will be published in this issue.)

On those results will depend what direction things will take during the rest of the season. It is of course the hope of all concerned that the team will continue its winning ways right through the Western regional tournaments and into the Nationals at Duluth this June. More on this interesting Club activity in the July issue.

The leading "A" players, as of mid-May, are: Tommy Arnot, Bruno McClean, Andy Homan, Mike Lemes, Bryan Bagano, Hoagy Gamble, Matt Ryan, Doug Bechert, Dennis Berg, and Mike Holmes. Mike was named "best setter" at the "A" State Championships.

In the Masters lineup are: Bill Heilbron, Bill Baird, Peter Balding, Fred Noa, Mark Lawson, Colin Chock, Dave Hendrickson, Fred Haipo, Mike McMahan, Bob Kashare, Pete Velasco, and Tom Haine. The Masters are coached by Ron Sorrell.

The "AA" team members include Randy Shaw, Don Maiz, Chris Crabb, Tony Crabb, Jon Haneberg, Dave Shoji, Tom Madison, Chris McLachlin, Paul McLaughlin, Larry Woodruff, Dick Templeman, Bill Johnson, and Charlie Jenkins.