

OCC Girls Third in Volleyball Festival

By Heather Arnott

On June 27th 1999, the 16th annual Volleyball Festival at Sacramento-Davis, California got under way. Nine hundred and seventy two teams participated in the largest women's volleyball tournament ever held in the United States. Teams from as far away as Alaska, Puerto Rico, Canada, New York and Hawaii met in age group competition from 12 years and under to 18 years and under.

Outrigger Canoe Club was represented in the 18 and under division and upheld the standard for which volleyball at the OCC is known.

Opening day of competition found us off to a fast start, as we won our pool, defeating Foothills V.B. Club of California, Outlaws of Texas and CCVBC of Corpus Christi, Texas which put us in a play off with the 30th seed, a very good Grand Canyon Juniors of Arizona. We played our best match of entire tournament but ended up losing a tough 15-12, 15-11 match.

Days two and three brought heated competition both literary and figuratively as temperatures exceeded 105 degrees in some non air conditioned high school gyms. Our girls refused to wilt and on day four, captured our pool again in the air conditioned Sacramento Civic Center by beating Zumas 18's of California, Northwest Nike of Seattle and Corpus Christi V.B. Club in a rematch.

The final day of competition matched us against Highlands V.B. Club of Oregon and Impact V.B. Club of California for first place in the Commitment Division. After winning game one 15-13 against Impact, we eventually lost a close match in rally scoring and then went on to lose a very tall and talented Highlands Club, ending up third in the Commitment Division.

The Outrigger team was made up of girls from Punahou and La Pietra School. Members were, Caroline Ane, Heather Arnott, Megan Carney, Corey Fujii, Bekka McLachlin, Richelle Nakata,



The girls 18 are front, Corey Fujii, Richelle Nakata. Back row, Caroline Ane, Kaleo Kaaihue, Nani Loui, Bekka McLachlin, Heather Arnott, Megan Carney, Jen Harding and Tiani Veltri.

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The coaching staff was lead by the very knowledgeable, the always optimistic and enthusiastic Chris McLachlin. Assistant coach Beth McLachlin, not only spent numerous hours preparing registration and entry forms, but also many hours at practice. She was also a great motivator for the team during the tournament. Tom Arnott helped with scouting and blocking assignments during matches.

Special thanks go to Thomas and Candace Kaai'ai' for an outstanding job as chaperones, inspirational leaders and for keeping us from getting lost during our travels all over the Sacramento and Davis area. They have truly made chaperoning an art form! Also a big Mahalo from the team, coaches and chaperones to the OCC for its support in allowing our young ladies the chance to experience such a great and memorable event.

NEW MEMBERS

Junior – Emily Hennrich, Kirkland Lozada, Skylar M. Fritz.

Regular – Marjorie J. Walsh, Dodd C. Apao, Louise H. Ripple, Tamara Uhr, Diane Corn.

Nonresident – Austin Norris, Alana R. Venos, Natasha C. Haine.

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