

# Girls Star in Volleyball

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Among Hawaii's outstanding prospects for berths on the United States Olympic team to Mexico City in October are several girls on the Central Y.M.C.A. women's volleyball team.

Calvin McGregor, one of three volleyball enthusiasts coaching the girls and preparing them for the U.S. Open championships, expresses confidence that at least four will be selected for the Olympic team tryouts.

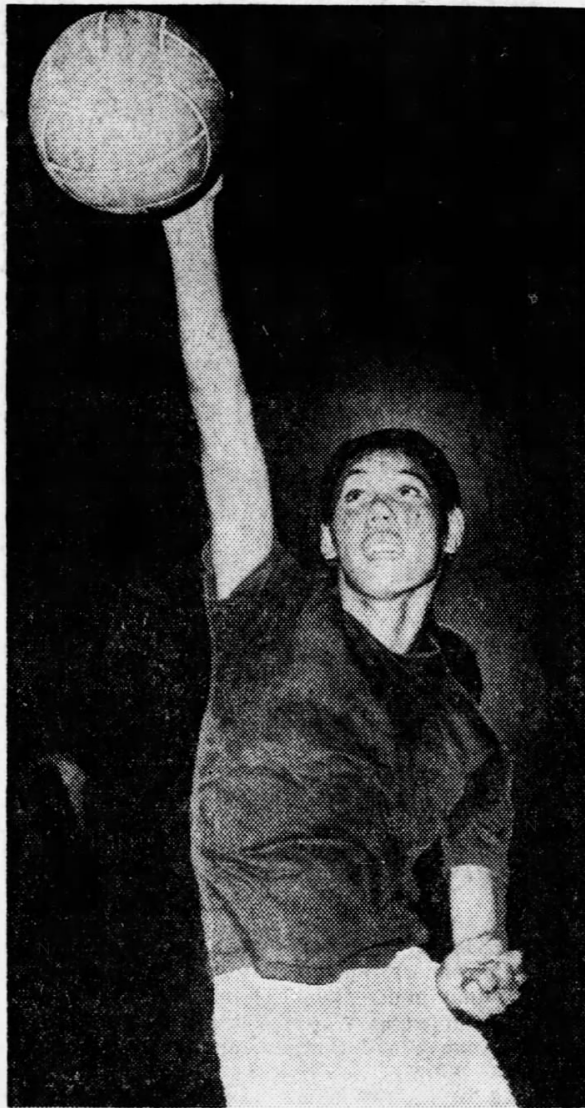
The outstanding prospects right now include Linda Fernandez, a Punahou School junior who last year was an outstanding track star; Joelyn Akeo, a 14-year-old Robert Louis Stevenson Intermediate School student, Cindy Kalama and Jenny Timbreza.

They are expected to join All-Americans Fannie Hopeau and Sharon Peterson in making the Central Y team one of the strongest ever to represent Hawaii in national competition.

McGregor also points out that Marilyn Haine and Stevie Whalen, two experienced players, and rookies Pat Shaner and Manono Beamer are four others who bear watching. Miss Shaner is a swimmer on the Kaimuki High School team and Miss Beamer ran the sprint relays last year at Punahou.

These girls will be the spearheads of the Central Y team which will participate in the U.S. Open championships May 8-11 at Portland. The tournament will serve as the Olympic qualifying round.

McGregor, who is assisted by Harry Kealoha and Sam Koanui, leaves Sunday for the tourney site. The girls



CINDY KALAMA

leave for the Mainland May 5.

Miss Fernandez is rated as one of Hawaii's top new prospects. "She should be one of the truly outstanding players when she gains experience," McGregor stated. "She has her heart set on making good."

Linda, who won the State 100-yard dash and high jump last year, is really sold on volleyball.

"I played on the Punahou School team for two seasons but the game didn't get hold of me until this year," she stated.

"It's more demanding

than track because it calls for team work and working together. I did some high jumping this year but now I have decided to concentrate on volleyball. I really would like to make the Olympic team."

Linda also plays tennis but said it's more for recreation than competition.

Miss Hopeau, who played in the World Games in Tokyo last year and in the 1967 Pan-American Games in Canada, has her sights set on the Olympics in Mexico City.

"I think if we work real well together, we have a good chance of winning in the national tournament," she said of the forthcoming trip to Portland.

Miss Hopeau feels that the United States can also win at Mexico City.

Miss Peterson is the most experienced of Hawaii's players. Originally from California, she was on the 1964 Olympic team and also played in the 1967 Pan-American Games with Miss Hopeau and Barbara Perry, a local girl attending school in California.

Miss Perry and Miki Briggs, former Punahou School swimmer, also played in the World Games in Tokyo with Miss Hopeau.

"We had three girls from Hawaii in the Pan-American Games. There is no reason why we shouldn't place two or three more girls on the Olympic team," declared McGregor.

When the girls go to Portland they will have plenty of moral support. Six other men's and women's teams representing Outrigger Canoe Club, Central Y. and Church College of Hawaii will be in the U.S. Open tournament.