

Outrigger

Repeating their first place finishes in the Haili Invitational a month ago, Outrigger Canoe Club won the men's crown and Nick's Fish Market No. 1 took the women's title in the USVBA Hawaii Region Volleyball Championships Saturday night at Klum Gym.

They will represent Hawaii in the USVBA national tournament May 17-21 at El Paso, Texas.

Outrigger cruised to victory by defeating Chuck's Cellar, 10-8, 14-7 in the championship final. Central YMCA defeated Lokahi in a close 16-14 game for third place.

Coached by UH Wahines pilot Dave Shoji, OCC also swept the men's individual awards. Kainoa Downing was named outstanding men's player of the tournament while Jims Iams was voted the top spiker and Charlie Jenkins the outstanding setter.

Outrigger lost only one of their 14 games. Anticipated competition from the Big Island's Oly Gold team — which battled OCC to the finals of the Haili Tournament — failed to materialize as Oly team was eliminated early by Lokahi.

Nick's, comprised by the UH women's team, went undefeated in the two-day tournament and whipped Ho'o Ikaika, 15-6, 15-7 for the women's trophy. Nick's No. 2 was third and Central Y fourth. Like Outrigger, Nick's No. 1 swept the individual honors. Roxanne Elias was chosen as the outstanding player. Terry Malterre outstanding spiker, and Nahaku Brown outstanding setter.