

'Bows, Trojans Outlast Foes in Volleyball Play

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"All things being equal" is the only way to describe yesterday's opening matches of the Bud Light International Volleyball Tournament. Parity was stretched to the limit at Klum Gym during the marathon afternoon that saw the University of Hawaii rally to beat Outrigger Canoe Club, 15-7, 5-15, 15-7, 7-15, 15-13, and University of Southern California wear down Waseda University of Japan, 15-13, 13-15, 9-15, 15-11, 15-7.

"You can see from the scores how evenly matched the four teams are," said UH Coach Dave Shoji following his team's 2½-hour victory. "Things just went real well for us. We played steady, especially at the end of that last game. That's where OCC has beat us in the past, when it's come down to the last set."

The Rainbows came from behind, 12-9, to go 1-up in this season's series with OCC. The teams had split their previous six scrimmages over the past few weeks and the friendly rivalry was just as intense yesterday.

WITH SENIORS JOHN Hanley and Brad Peirce turning in strong games with 17 kills apiece and junior hitter Aukai Gonsalves playing perhaps the finest game of his career, the 'Bows made up for the loss of All-American Tom Pestolesi (shoulder injury) with

teamwork and an effective 6-2 offense.

"We didn't have that one guy that normally has a big game for us," said Shoji.

UH, rated sixth in the pre-season poll, will get one more chance to find the right combination before Wednesday's league opener against USC with a tourney match tonight at 8 against Waseda. In the opener, the Trojans meet OCC at 6.

THE TROJANS DIDN'T have such a good time against the smaller Waseda players, being pushed to five games in their 2½-hour match. In the end, SC's height and defense and Waseda's poor passing spelled the difference in the outcome.

Waseda's 6-foot junior hitter Koichi Kaizuka led all players with 29 kills while USC's Bill Yardley, a 6-4 junior hitter, had 27 kills and teammate Doug Killian 23. In the opening game, Mike Cote led OCC with 24 kills and Jon six assists. Gonsalves was 10-of-16 on kills as UH's back-row specialist made his presence known at the net.

The four teams have a day off tomorrow before returning to action Wednesday night. Outrigger squares off against Waseda at 6 p.m. followed by the SC-UH matchup, the California Intercollegiate Volleyball Association opener for the pair.