

Four Volleyball Teams on Square 1

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Just how equal are the four teams in the Bud Light Invitational Volleyball Tournament? Well, the winners lost and the losers won in last night's second-round games at Klum Gym. Translation: the foursome have identical 1-1 records.

The fact that any of these teams can, and do, beat any of the others on a given night is not surprising. The real stunner is when the matches don't go to five sets as they did opening day Sunday.

Outrigger Canoe Club needed only three to top the University of Southern California, 15-10, 15-12, 15-10, and Waseda University of Japan was extended to four in beating the University of Hawaii, 15-4, 6-15, 15-10.

IN THE OPENER, Outrigger was in command the entire way, combining veteran experience with up-and-coming young talent. The game was, so to speak, "rigged" in favor of OCC with two of the Rigg brothers—Mark and Matt—playing key roles and Matt's Punahou teammate John McDermott, wearing injured Scott Rigg's number 11, helping out on the outside.

"I don't know what kind of chance we have of getting Matt," said USC Coach Bob Yoder of the highly-sought Punahou senior, "but he is No.1 on our recruiting list. I'd rather have him play for us than against us, like tonight."

Matt Rigg, possibly the top prep volleyball player in the country, slammed home 16 kills, second only to his older brother Mark's game-high 19. Six of the winners came in the third set with the Trojans leading, 5-3. But with Ralph Smith setting him perfectly, Matt Rigg sandwiched in a block assist with Mark Haine between his half-dozen spikes to give OCC a 9-5 lead and the momentum needed to finish off the Trojans in three straight.

"We knew we had to play well all around to win," said Outrigger Coach Dean Nowack. "Matt's been having a rough time in practice but he went out and played very well. Everyone who was out on the court just did their jobs well."

Include lanky Jon Anderson in that group. The 6-foot-5 hitter-blocker played a fine game at the net with nine kills and five block assists. He and Mike Cote, who finished with 12 kills, helped break a 9-9 deadlock with spikes and blocks to win going away, 15-10.

"We're going to have to eliminate those kinds of streaks," said Yoder. "We'd give them five points at a time. That's been our problem and we're going to have to work it out if we expect to do well in league, and against Hawaii Wednesday night."

UH USED ITS match against Waseda mostly as a game-situation practice. "That was our focal point in preparing for this game," said Rainbow Coach Dave Shoji. "Of course we wanted to win, but from a coaching standpoint, I saw a lot of good performances. And it helped our newer guys gain some confidence with the playing time."

The most impressive showing was by 6-foot-4 freshman Bill Via who earned the starting middle blocker spot left open by a shoulder injury to All-American Tom Pestolesi. "He's just come out of nowhere this past week in practice," Shoji said of his rookie's six-kill outing.

The Rainbows' lineup of Via and veterans Brad Peirce, Jamie Plummer, Dan Vrebalovich, John Hanley and Aukai Gonsalves, turning in his second strong game in a row, played Waseda, with awe-

some Masatsumi Jumonji, to a 1-1 stand-off.

Then it was "time to give everyone a chance," according to UH assistant Dan Moorhouse. "Some of the guys still are a little nervous about being in the game and it's good to be able to give them the chance to play, see what they can do."

THOUGH LOSING the next two, the 'Bows got very encouraging performances off the bench from freshman Pono Maa (nine kills, five saves), Steve Sebastian (seven kills), Jimmy Kalaukoa (eight kills), Tom Harrer and Dale Horning. "Heck, everybody did something well tonight," said Shoji.

What the 'Bows didn't do well was serve (11 service errors), stop the 6-2 Jumonji on the outside 26 times or neutralize 6-4 freshman Tadashi Kawamura who finished with 14 kills and six blocks. However, UH was able to hold Waseda at game-point in the third set while trading sideouts eight times over 15 minutes.

"We just did some dumb things like we usually do," said Pestolesi from his unaccustomed spot on the sidelines.

Pestolesi has been given the doctor's green light for tomorrow night's California Intercollegiate Volleyball Association opener against the Trojans at Klum in the round-robin tourney's finale at 8. OCC will take on Waseda in the 6 p.m. opener.

Tomey Intent on Signing Heimuli

University of Hawaii football Coach Dick Tomey cut short a Mainland recruiting trip and returned home this afternoon to visit with Kahuku running back Lakei Heimuli.

Tomorrow is the first day, under NCAA rules, that high school seniors may sign national letters of intent to attend the colleges of their choice. Several Oahu standouts have made verbal commitments to UH. But

Heimuli has not announced his intentions and recruiters from Brigham Young, Utah and Arizona State also are interested in signing him.

Tomey had planned to fly back late tonight and be available for tomorrow's UH signings here. He decided to return earlier when informed by aides that the competition for Heimuli's signature had accelerated.