

Volleyball

Carnival

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after kills. The best team did not necessarily always win. The double-elimination play was more a survival of the fittest — mentally and physically—from coaches and players down to the officials and tourney director.

It's a unique state tournament, perhaps the largest of its kind in the country. Spectators come and go freely, taking triangular roads between the three sites to watch their favorite teams. Yesterday's morning crowds were a bit subdued, but attendance and enthusiasm picked up as the day wore on.

THERE WAS A volleyball game for all tastes.

But the match that had the Civic's phones ringing off the walls yesterday was listed simply as Masters Open No. 25, OCC I vs. OCC Masters. It didn't take long for the word to get around the island that "Magnum P.I." star Tom Selleck was playing for the Outrigger Canoe Club Masters.

Selleck, an outside hitter, didn't start the game, but sat talking on the bench with Punahou boys' volleyball coach Chris McLachlin. UH volleyball coach Dave Shoji served for a 2-1 lead and, after a sideout, Selleck went in for Shoji.

His block gave the Masters a 6-4 lead en route to a 15-6 win.

But the younger OCC I squad, which is gearing up for the USVBA nationals in a few weeks, had long ago decided it was a matter of pride not to lose to "their elders." They came back to sweep the next two sets, 10-8, 15-9 — the last point coming on Punahou star John McDermott's stuff block.

SELLECK WAS immediately swarmed by autograph seekers and had little time to rest before the next match against Lokahi Volleyball Club's All-Everything Pete Velasco, the dean of Hawaiian volleyball players.

Selleck, taking a break from his fans, took a few aspirin to ease the pain in his knees during a cool respite in the parking lot. "I love volleyball, love to play," he said. "I just wish people would realize that I'm here to play volleyball and I wanted to get away from my job."