

Women's Softball, 1974

“Just wait till 1975 . . .”

By Dave Pierson

The walls of Jericho may have come tumblin' down because a bunch of idealists blew their horns, but the Oahu Womens Softball League wavered only slightly before the onslaught of the rookie Outrigger Canoe Club women's team. The league was composed of such veteran teams as the Kalihi Jets, The Amazons, Huli Kai and the Gay Girls (they weren't). All of these fine teams play all year long and represent the finest women's softball played in Hawaii, or anywhere else for that matter. It was a little out of our class this year, but we were magnificent in defeat.



Women's 1974 Softball Team, Coach Dave Pierson, back row center. (For players' names, see story)

Hawaii School for Girls Athletic Director Ginny Vandling at shortstop and Punahou coach Marcie Woodruff in the outfield were among the top performers in the league. Michele St. John sparkled at first base, but must remember not to try to keep the ball. Suzanne Chuckovich, complete with head lei, shone at second base while Eve Anderson and late season sensation Pam Crane alternated at third. The outfield, which made many a memorable play, consisted of Marcie Woodruff, Laurie Cundall, Stephany "Trow the ball, not the glove" Sofos, Tracy Haworth, Kim Howard, and Gay McGee. Others who made sporadic appearances were Keanu Rochlen, Kuulei Heyer, Julie Morgan, Heidi Hemmings, Monte Costa, and Jill Fagothey. A bright late-season light was speedy Liz Perry who made some fine plays in our final games.

The pitching was handled by Nanci Ballantyne and Keanue Rochlen with Vandling and Woodruff ready for action. Muffy Perry (now we know why she is called "Muffy") was behind the plate and usually on the umpire's toe.

Head coach for the team was Dave Pierson with a strong supporting cast of Archie Kaaua and Bill Head. It is rumored that all three want to help the team so much that they are soliciting funds to go to Sweden for a sex change, but the rumor is unfounded.

The team offers a challenge to any group of girls or women, either company affiliated or just a group, for some summer games. Please call the Club if you are interested and the challenge will be met.