

Mountainballers go after fourth consecutive title

by Bill Erickson

Choruses of "Take Me Out To The Ballgame" are once again being heard on the Hau Terrace as players and fans begin preparation for the 1977 season. As reigning Surveyor Mountainball League champions, the Outrigger Canoe Club team anxiously awaited its season opener with Kamehameha Schools—which promised to be a rematch of last year's championship tilt. Unfortunately, "old man weather" didn't share the same enthusiasm and washed out the event. Perhaps the postponement was a blessing in disguise as the Outrigger was forced to overcome shoddy defensive play with awesome hitting to gain 13-9 and 11-4 victories over Sunn, Low, Tom & Hara and R.M. Towill Corp. respectively.

Veteran left fielder Ken Wood led the assault by getting six hits in his first eight trips to the plate this season. The power was provided by coach Bill Kilcoyne's two home runs and one each by Bill Head and Guy Jennings. In all, the Outrigger amassed 33 hits to account for its 24 runs in the season's first two games. The veteran-dominated squad with Jay Pease and Archie Kaaua catching, Bill Head pitching, Roger Cundall, Danny West, Bernie Eilerts and Bill Erickson in the infield and Ken Wood, Bill Kilcoyne, Colin Chock, Guy Jennings, Mike McMahon, and Dennis Berg roaming the outfield, is this year supported by an exceptional crop of rookies including Meril Kalai, Jason Oliver, John Butler and Brian Bagano. Yet to make their initial appearances in 1977 are Peter Balding and Henry Ayau.

The Thursday, May 12, contest with Belt Collins & Associates was rained out. The next scheduled game was against Hawaiian Dredging "B". Remember all games are played on the Elk's Field directly across from the Club and start promptly at 5:25 p.m. The team greatly appreciates support from Club members who attend these entertaining events.