

OCC Softballers --- The Champs!

OCC 22 - BISHOP ESTATE 4. The week of June 16 - June 20 saw the OCC softball team explode twice within four days to score 44 runs against 16 for their opponents. Against Bishop Estate, the OCC team scored 10 runs in the second inning to run away with the game. Leading the hit parade were Danny West with two homers and three singles, Bill Head with five singles, Bill Kilcoyne with a homer, single, double, 5 RBI's, and Colin Chock with four singles.

OCC 22 - M & E PACIFIC 12. Four days later OCC annihilated M & E Pacific. However, the score doesn't indicate what a close game it was. Except for the first and sixth innings when OCC scored 11 and 10 runs respectively, the game was played on even terms. The duo of West And Head had a home run apiece and combined with Bernie Eilerts the trio were responsible for 10 RBI's. This victory left OCC with 11 wins and no losses and the showdown with the Kamehameha Staff team for the Championship.

OCC defeats Kam Staff

Once coach Archie Kaaua decided to play the game inspite of shaky weather conditions, the OCC softball team hustled out and took a 1-0 first inning lead as Danny West singled in Pete Balding. After several attempts by Kam to score were thwarted, Colin Chock singled in West to make it 2-0 after four innings. By now the rain was coming down steadily and the field slick and muddy. The hard nosed infield of West, Balding, and Erickson shut off Kam repeatedly and proved to be better mudders than their opponents from Kapalama Heights. In the sixth and final inning for OCC bats, West singled, Head doubled in West and eventually scored to end it all. Also keeping Kam in check were outfielders Ken Wood, Dave Shoji, and Guy Jennings and the superb pitching of Billy Head.

It was also a sweet victory for third baseman Bernie Eilerts who played his last game for OCC after fourteen seasons. A ball was presented to Bernie by Head umpire Yoshida which was autographed by all team members.

Thus, the victory over Kam enabled the OCC team to go thru the 1978 season undefeated and to capture their fifth consecutive championship.

Following are the unofficial season totals for players during the 1978 season. Excluded are the totals for the first game.

PLAYER	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AVG.
D. West	41	20	27	6	19	.659
B. Head	37	23	21	1	12	.568
B. Erickson	27	8	15	0	6	.556
R. Cundall	13	5	7	1	7	.538
B. Breeden	23	10	13	3	7	.522
C. Chock	29	9	15	1	10	.517
P. Balding	24	6	12	0	5	.500
M. Rodrigues	20	9	10	1	10	.500
B. Eilerts	30	10	14	0	8	.467
H. Ayau	13	7	6	2	9	.462
A. Kaaua	23	8	10	0	10	.435
B. Kilcoyne	37	16	15	3	16	.405
M. Kelai	5	3	2	0	1	.400
G. Jennings	25	10	6	0	4	.240
J. Pease	10	4	1	0	1	.100

Team Batting Avg. - .458

Total Runs - OCC - 187 OPPONENTS - 47