

Guards Five Takes Title; Outriggers Fight Hard

Single Point Separates Rivals
For H. B. L. Crown When
Whistle Is Blown

IN one of the fastest and closest basketball struggles ever witnessed on Territorial floors, the National Guard quintet last night captured the championship of the Honolulu Basketball League from the Outrigger Canoe Club by the narrow margin of a single point, the score at the end of the contest being 24-23.

From the start to the finish, before a tremendous crowd, the game was nip and tuck, first one side and then the other taking the lead. At no time during the four quarters was there a margin of more than four points separating the two teams.

Forward Thurston, substituting for W. Clark in the last three minutes of the final quarter, scored the winning basket for the victors, after having paved the way for a two-point fling a few seconds previously.

Special credit is due Mr. Mosher, referee of the contest, who kept the players on their tip-toes throughout, imposing only such penalties as circumstances demanded and giving his decisions without fear or favor.

The end of the first quarter found the opponents tied at four points each. At the end of the half the National Guard were leading by a point. They increased this by another point—16 to 14—by the end of the third quarter, but were compelled to content themselves with a one-point win in the end.

The Guards were not at their best on the foul line, missing all of their seven free trials at basket. Swan of the Outriggers, on the other hand, scored with three of his four free tries at the Guard basket.

Miniature basketballs, in gold, were presented to the winning team at the conclusion of the contest.

The score follows:

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th	Total
National Guard	4	10	16	24	—24
Outrigger	4	9	14	23	—23

Field goals: N. G.—Blaisdell (4), Bittle (4), H. Clark (1), Irwine (1), Thurston (2); Outrigger—Swan (8), Nolan (2). Goals from foul: N. G.—(Missed) Blaisdell (4), Judd (2), Thurston (2); Outrigger—(converted)—Swan, three out of four.

Personal fouls—Judd (1), Blaisdell (2), H. Clark (1), Nolan (1), Nottage (1), Quick (2), Biven (1).

Lineup: National Guard—Judd and Blaisdell, forwards; Bittle, center; H. Clark and Irwine, guards.

Outrigger—Swan and Nolan, forwards; Nottage, center; Quick and Biven, guards.

Substitutes: National Guard—W. Clarke for Judd; Thurston for W. Clark.

Outrigger—None.

Officials: Referee—Mosher; Time-keeper—Ligda; Scorer—Meinecke.