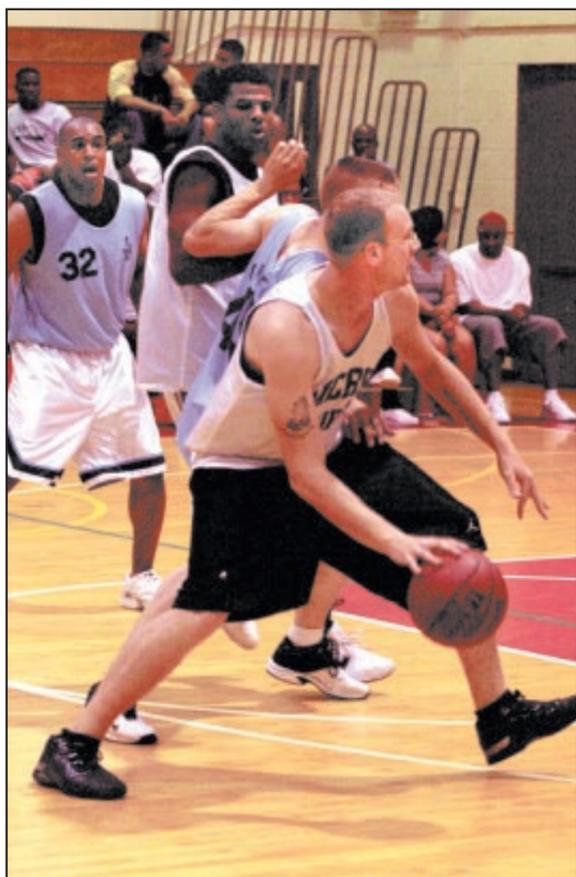




1/12 rolls to championship



Pfc. Rich Mattingly

John Moore, starting center for Headquarters Battalion, drives into 1/12's defense, while teammate Robert Mitchell and 1/12's Arnell Rivers (left) look on.

Pfc. Rich Mattingly
Sports Editor

"Win or go home" was the huddle-breaking cry that sent the white-jerseyed warriors of Headquarters Battalion, "Second2None," out onto the court for their Intramural Championship encounter with the heavily favored 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment team, in championship action Monday night at the Semper Fit Center.

When the smoke had cleared, 1/12 had finished the season only once defeated as undisputed champs, convincingly defeating Headquarters Battalion, 48-31.

Second2None battled all weekend, defeating talented teams on Saturday and Sunday to earn its berth to the finals. The team from 1/12, having dominated all season, earned a first-round bye before dismantling two teams on Sunday to reaffirm its dominance.

The question hanging palpably in the air of the Semper Fit Center was, "Could David dunk on Goliath?"

Second2None entered the tournament with a modest 4-8 record, and surely no one pictured the battalion

in the finals — much less pitted against 1/12 with a 9-1 record.

Eyebrows rose briefly as Headquarters shooting guard Robert Mitchell struck first, putting Second2None up for a rare lead in what then quickly turned into a fairly one-sided match-up.

The early minutes of the match-up were defined by the hard-charging play of 1/12 as Second2None had a tough time driving the lane.

Defense was physical on both ends of the court. A majority of the early points resulted from penalties, which 1/12 took full advantage of.

At the first break in the action, 1/12 had already pulled away, 15-7. Its balanced play was smooth and even, with big man Matt Catron working the lane and Carl Griffin and Ian Mannondgo remaining as deadly from the perimeter as they had been all season.

Mathew "Maryland" Bratton performed some choice plays for Headquarters, as did point guard John Barras and center John Moore. Moore played the big man role; he kicked out more than a few rebounds and used his size to advantage down the lane.

But all their efforts only chipped away at an increasing point dispar-

ity. At the half, 1/12 pulled away 27-14.

Mitchell remained strong for Second2None in the second half, after both teams took a breather, but it was too little, too late.

Key to the difference in score was the team play of 1/12. Obviously used to working together to move the ball, 1/12 effectively used screens to good advantage. In the second half, it was clear who controlled the pace.

After the game, coaches from both teams congratulated the efforts of the players, and all members of both teams received trophies.

Garland Woodard, 1/12 coach, said a few words of thanks for the Marine Corps Community Services' staff that had worked so hard throughout the season to provide Marines and Sailors with healthy extracurricular activities.

"As long as Marines stay busy in activities like this, I know they're not going to be standing in front of the first sergeant," said Woodard.

Woodard, also coach of the Hawaii Regional team, traveled with his team Tuesday morning to Okinawa for the regional tournament.

Puuloa hosts pistol clinic

Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero
Press Chief

The Puuloa Rifle and Pistol Club is sponsoring an advanced Pistol Shooting Clinic that will be led by world renowned small arms specialist Chuck Taylor, May 15-16 at the Puuloa Range Training Facility.

Taylor who is an NRA-certified rifle and pistol instructor, has been rated by most gun magazines as one of the so-called "Big Four," the four best trainers in the world.

The clinic is limited to 30 students and service members who attend must bring M9 pistols. The club will provide the ammunition for shooters.

The cost for the two-day clinic is \$200. This payment may be paid with personal, cashier's checks or money orders, and mailed to Lessons in Fire Arms Education (LIFE), P.O. Box 25271, Honolulu, HI 96825, to reserve your spot. No personal checks will be accepted after April 30.

Active duty members who volunteer to set up targets get a \$100 discount.

For more information, contact Max Cooper at 261-8988



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Tyreese Brown, 17, a student at Kalaheo High School and family member at MCB Hawaii, slaps the glass after one of his high-flying acrobatic dunks that earned him second place in the Intramural Basketball Slam Dunk Competition.

Chef burns competition

Pfc. Rich Mattingly
Sports Editor

"Dunking is a sure two points. If I try to get a lay-up, the ball might roll around and come out. With a dunk, it stays in," said retired slam-dunking impresario Hakeem Olajuwon, formerly of the Houston Rockets in his typically simple style, describing what has arguably become the most-important (or at least most-appreciated) shot in the game of basketball.

The six slam dunk specialists who gathered to compete at the Semper Fit Center Monday night had some different ideas about why slam dunking has only grown in popularity — ever since 1984 when Larry Nance of the Phoenix Suns won the first-ever NBA slam dunk competition and Georgeann Wells of West Virginia became the first woman to get above the rim in an NCAA game.

"I do it for the crowd," explained Lorenzo "Fly-By" Capel, a food services specialist at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, and winner of this year's Intramural Basketball Slam Dunk Competition.

"When you put one down, it really hypes the crowd and can get your team going," he explained.

The slam dunks certainly did hype the crowd at Semper Fit, as show-stopping dunks and near misses drew applause and friendly catcalls from the gathered crowd.

Most memorable might have been the second-place jam by Kalaheo player Tyreese "High School" Brown, who elevated over a friend sitting in a folding chair to put one down.

The defending champion Devaill McCoy came in a disappointing third place when he missed a dunk in the final.

But it was Capel who held it down. With a final, powerful dunk, he made one judge throw down his scoring clipboard and raise his hands over his head in surrender — as if to signal, "That was it; competition over."

Four judges from various base teams rated each performance on flair and style. The contestants were limited by time, and the first dunk that went in was the one that counted.

Each dunk being worth a possible 10 points, Capel scored a 107 out of 120 in three rounds.

BASE SPORTS

Edward Hanlon V
MCCS Public Relations

April

16 / Today

Youth Soccer — From now through April 30 you can sign up the kids (with birth years of '88 - '98) for Youth Soccer. Costs are only \$40 for members and \$50 for nonmembers.

Register at Youth Activities, Bldg. 5082.

Registration is underway for Youth Flag Football, Youth Cheerleading and volunteer coaches too.

For more details, call Youth Activities at 254-7610.

17 / Saturday

Massage Therapy — Massage therapy, by certified massage therapists, is currently available at both Kaneohe Bay and Camp H. M. Smith. The massage therapy program helps to relieve your mental and physical

fatigue and improve overall circulation and body tone.

Appointments are available by calling the Kaneohe Bay Semper Fit Center at 254-7597, or Camp Smith at 477-5197.

18 / Sunday

Gone Fishin' — Join Mahalo Kai Fishing Charters for a day beyond the bay. Located at the base marina, the charter contractor now has two boats to accommodate all of your fishing needs, so you can spend your day with family and friends off the Windward coast of Oahu, catching some of the ocean's most exotic and tasty fish.

For more information, call 254-7667.

Pool Plunge — Wet your feet and beat the heat at any one of four MCCS pools: the K-Bay main pool, Bldg. 981; Hilltop pool, Bldg. 502; the Officers'

Club, for members only; the Camp Smith pool, Bldg. 125; and the Manana Housing pool, Bldg. 840.

Adventure Training — Designed to promote unit cohesiveness and enhance confidence in the water, Adventure Training is a fun alternative to regular unit workouts. Learn different water sports and complete physical training at the same time.

Classes are offered in scuba, kayaking, power boating and water skiing, and Adventure Training is offered at no charge to all MCB Hawaii units.

Training noncommissioned officers and staff NCOs should call the base marina at 254-7667 for more details.

19 / Monday

Camp Smith Volleyball — If you haven't registered for the Camp Smith Volleyball League, call 477-0498. The league is open to all Camp Smith person-

nel, and games will be played at 11 a.m. and noon.

Intramural Bowling — Put a shop team together and knock the competition over during Intramural Bowling!

A Commanders' Cup organizational meeting will be open to all authorized patrons including family members.

Intramural Bowling tournaments will be held every Monday. Teams of four must have at least one person of the opposite sex; cost is only \$10 per player.

For more information, get the spin at K-Bay Lanes, 254-7693.

Inexpensive, Fun Entertainment — Look no further for economical entertainment, as Mondays through Thursdays all E-5 and below receive free rental shoes and discounted games at only \$1.50 a game at K-Bay Lanes.

This discount is good for

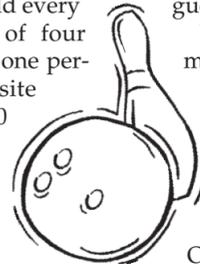
open play and does not qualify for tournaments, leagues or unit functions.

20 / Tuesday

Mixed Bowling League — Every Tuesday, K-Bay Lanes is hosting the Friends of K-Bay Mixed Bowling League.

The league is open to all authorized patrons and their guests and begins at 6 p.m.

Don't split; call 254-7664 for more information.



Okinawa Kenpo Karate — Every Tuesday and Thursday, join the newest contractor at MCCS Youth Activities for Okinawa Kenpo Karate Kobudo classes, held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Bldg. 1391, located behind the 7-Day Store.

Adults and children are welcome, and classes cost only \$35 for adults, \$25 for children and an additional \$20 for other family members. Call Youth Activities at 254-7610 for more details.



Lance Cpt. Michelle M. Dickson

Base All Star

NAME: David Meehan

SPORT: Tae kwon do

- Meehan, 9, has been taking taekwon do lessons seriously for about a year.
- He has already passed his test for orange belt and hopes to one day earn his black belt.
- He wanted to find a sport that would help him to learn discipline and teach him how to defend himself.

"He practices at home, and I can tell the talks at the end of each class teach him good lessons that can be used in life."

— Cheryl Meehan, mom

Congratulations!

1/12

The 2004

Intramural Basketball Champions

(First Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, logged a near perfect season of 12-1.)

Intramural Baseball Standings

	Wins	Losses	Ties
MAG-24	12	2	
1/12	7	2	2
3/3	8	6	1
VP-9	6	7	
VP-4	5	8	3
HQBN	4	7	2

Intramural Baseball standings are current as of April 5.

COMMUNITY SPORTS

HTMC to Hike Koko Crater

The Hawaii Trail and Mountain Club got rained out on New Year's Day when it tried to hike Koko Crater, but the opportunity has come again, tomorrow.

Intermediate-level hikers are invited on this heart-pounding climb with breathtaking views; however, caution will be needed due to steep inclines, steep drop-offs, crumbling rock and narrow sections of trail. This climb is not suitable for anyone who has a fear of heights.

The not-so-faint-of-heart can tackle this climb by registering with coordinator Laura Owens at 595-9023.

A \$2 donation is requested from each nonmember, ages 18 and over, and a responsible adult must accompany children under 18.

State Offers Free Recreation

The Hawaii Department of Land & Natural Resources is offering education classes for the public.

Subjects covered include firearms and archery safety, survival and first aid, wildlife identification and conservation, regulations, game care and outdoor responsibility.

Attendance at two sessions is required for certification, and classes are open to anyone 10 years or older who enjoys the

outdoors — not just hunters.

The next two-day session is April 23 from 5:45 to 10 p.m. and April 24 from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Waianae Public Library, which is after the Waianae Fire Station on the same side of the road.

A picture ID is required for entry to the sessions. For more information about outdoor education, or to sign up for this course, call 587-0200.

Gift of Life Race Occurs April 25

You can fulfill your need for PT (physical training) with a 6.2 mile run around Diamond Head, and help a good cause in the process!

An annual event of the National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii (sponsored by Fujisawa Healthcare, Inc.), the Gift of Life Race and Fun Walk hopes to educate the public on kidney and urinary tract diseases, as well as raise awareness about organ donation. However, runners and donors are needed.

The 10k run/race will begin at 7 a.m., April 25, from Kapiolani Park in Waikiki; a 5k run/race about 8:15 a.m.; then the one-mile fun walk around 8:45 a.m. For more details about any of these events or the Kidney Foundation, visit www.kidneyhi.org, or call 593-1515 for more details.

5-on-5 Tourney to Benefit Radford H.S.

The First Class Petty Officer Association of the Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Center/Joint Typhoon Warning Center is holding its first-ever Ed Earhart Scholarship Fund Basketball Tournament on May 15 - 16. This two-day event, to be held at the Bloch Arena at Pearl Harbor, is a 5-on-5, double-elimination, round robin tournament.

Entry fee is \$150 per team, with prizes for the top three teams. All proceeds will go to the scholarship fund, which will provide a \$1,000 annual scholarship to a deserving senior at Radford High School, who is also the child of an active duty military family.

The scholarship fund bears the name of AG1 Earhart who gave his life at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

For more information, call Petty Officer 1st Class Kathleen Denson at 471-0004.

Keiki Fun Run Planed for May 16

The Children's Discovery Center will celebrate its fifth anniversary with the 2004 Keiki Fun Run on Sunday, May 16, beginning and ending at the Kakaako Waterfront Park where the museum is located.

Sponsored by HMSA, this race is open

to keiki ages 12 and under, and accompanying adults.

The race will begin promptly at 8 a.m., and entry forms will be available at the Children's Discovery Center, Compadres Bar & Grill, Dixie Grill or on the Web at www.discovercenterhawaii.org. Registration cost is \$12 for Children's Discovery Center members, \$15 for nonmembers and \$5 for accompanying adults. Keiki will receive event T-shirts with their run packets.

Each child who finishes the run/walk will receive a certificate and other surprises; all participants are also eligible for prize drawings, including special opportunities for keiki who turn in pledges of \$50 or more. The awards ceremony and prize drawings will be held at 9 a.m.

Attendees and participants will also be treated to arts and crafts activities after the run/walk, and they can make windsocks and fruit loop necklaces or decorate headbands and learn to tie-dye.

In addition to the Keiki Fun Run, parents and kids can catch the post-event "TryFest" Fitness Fair from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Health-oriented activities will rule, including cheerleading, karate demonstrations, music lessons, sports contests, water safety instruction and yoga.



THE BOTTOM LINE

(Editor's Note: "The Bottom Line" is the Hawaii Marine's weekly sports commentary from two sports aficionados who rarely see eye-to-eye when it comes to America's one true obsession – sports. Chances are you'll either agree with one of their takes or disagree with both.

Our two resident sports junkies welcome your e-mails. We will print the top comments of the week from our readers. Contact Sgt. Lindsay at lindsayjb@mcbh.usmc.mil, or Capt. Robbins at robbinskd@mcbh.usmc.mil. Remember, "If you don't speak up, you won't be heard!")

Should women tee off at Augusta?

Capt. K. D. Robbins

The Professor

Will women play at Augusta National Golf Club? They already have.

Will women become members of Augusta National Golf Club? They will.

Will Augusta National Golf Club be the same? It won't.

Hootie Johnson and his "Blowfish" have their male chauvinist hands full in this the latest saga of the women's liberation movement.

What a joke.

With all due respect to a private club's right to entertain anyone it deems necessary to be a member, the battle is lost.

The stink of the deal is that Martha Burk and her band of National Council of Women's Organizations cronies didn't win the battle. Neither Michelle Wie's 275-yard drives, nor Burk's failed NWCO public protests will win the battle.

The battle will be won when eight Wall Street companies, whose employees are members

at Augusta National, simply fold up their "political capital" tents and admit a female member.

Why will they do this? Because, Burk and the NWCO will dime up the coin to hire Cyrus "the Virus" Mehri, lord of the racial discrimination attorneys, to send this issue to court.

Even Hootie can't stop this one.

Bottom Line: Why are we even discussing this? Let's discuss Tiger at boot camp or Phil's first green jacket. This is a done deal. It is a forgone conclusion.

Sure Burk will go on camera and take credit for this eventual victory. However, the real winner will be Mehri's law firm, which will laugh at the fact that it received millions for "legal counsel" to fix another debacle in the fight for "equality."

Wouldn't this have just been a lot easier if the NWCO would have ponied up the funds to build ladies tees or for that matter, another 18-hole track at Augusta?

Sgt. Joe Lindsay

The Goat

Just like Groucho Marx, The Goat wouldn't want to join any club that would have him as a member.

Taken a step further, The Goat also wouldn't want to join any club that didn't want him as a member either.

They can both stuff it.

Augusta National Golf Club is a private club in Georgia that hosts the coveted Masters every year in April.

You cannot apply for a membership at Augusta. You have to be invited. Problem is, no woman has ever been invited to join. Plenty of women have golfed the course as guests, but none have been offered a membership.

This has caused uproar from women's groups around the country, notably the National Council of Women's Organizations, which demanded that Augusta allow women to join on the grounds of gender discrimination.

So, should Augusta allow women to join as members? Yes.

Should they be forced to allow women to join? No.

And that is the whole point. The

NCWO has pressured sponsors to withdraw support for The Masters. They have staged protests outside the gates of the club. They have pressured Tiger Woods not to compete at his livelihood, asking him to boycott one of the most prestigious golfing events in the world. They are putting the screws to Augusta, and Augusta doesn't like it.

As Augusta chairman William "Hootie" Johnson has said, one day women will be invited to join, but Augusta will not be forced to have women as members "at the point of a bayonet."

Bottom Line: Our constitution protects the right of private clubs to choose their members. The Girl Scouts are not forced to admit boys, and the Boy Scouts are not forced to admit girls.

There are women's-only health clubs in America, and no one is in a tizzy over them.

Quit forcing Augusta's hand, and chances are, if historical trends are any indication, they will admit women of their own volition.

Of course, it's a safe bet Rosie O'Donnell would disagree.



Did You Know?

More than 75 percent of the world's 850 active volcanoes lie within the Ring of Fire, a zone running along the west coast of America from Chile to Alaska and down the east coast of Asia from Siberia to New Zealand

