

Facilities takes it all

Cpl. Jessica M. Mills
Sports Editor

Rubber soles screeched against the wooden court and supporters yelled from the bleachers as Headquarters Battalion, Facilities, took an extremely early lead against Combat Service Support Group 3, Ole School, during the 30 and over basketball league championship finals, Aug. 9, at the Semper Fit Center.

Within the first 10 minutes of the game, Facilities had already made 13 unanswered points, and were showing no signs of letting up.

Facilities was pulling out all the stops and going for every possible shot, with little defense from Ole School.

Thirteen minutes in, Ole School sunk their first hook shot, finally putting some points on the board, Facilities leading 16-2.

Minutes later, Facilities took control of the ball and sunk a three-pointer.

Ole School, feeling the desperation called for a time-out to discuss a better strategy.

As soon as the game began again, Facilities ran down the court and scored another three-pointer, raising the score 22-2.

Stepping up their offense, Ole School scored 9 more points, raising their points into the double digits, while managing to keep Facilities at bay.

Ole School coach James Stanley, career planner for CSSG-3, and Raymond Quintero, electronic key management systems manager for Headquarters Bn., combined efforts to score three-pointers, shortening the gap 26-17.

Seventeen seconds before half time, Ole School took a free throw and missed but shortly after took control and scored twice before the buzzer, ending the first half with Facilities ahead 28-21.

"We started out pretty slow, but we are picking up the pace," said Stanley. The game is not over yet."

Determined to try and gain the upper hand, Ole School made an unbelievable comeback, scoring 9 points in the first five minutes of the second half, evening the score 30-30.

The game became more heated with both teams scoring back to back in an offensive flurry, the scoreboard reading 35-34, Facilities up with 7 minutes left.

Refusing to give up, Stanley stole control of the ball and charged down the court, finding a gap in Facilities defense and drove for a lay-up.

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Facilities player Brett Hitzmen blocks Raymond Quintero's attempt at a three-pointer for Ole School.

Football fever



Cpl. Jason E. Miller

A member of the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines Intramural Tackle Football Team runs around cones during a training drill at a practice session held Monday. Teams from around MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay have been issued pads and are practicing in full gear, while in preparation for the opening games beginning on Sept. 26. The league's regular season will continue in full swing until Oct. 26. Playoffs will begin on Nov. 15.

Base opens running, nature trail

Sgt. Robert Carlson
Combat Correspondent

The MCB Hawaii Kaneohe Bay Environmental Department, in cooperation with Marine Corps Community Services, opened the Nuúpia Ponds Wildlife Management Area running trail and nature walk this week, offering base residents yet another avenue to enjoy the scenery and wildlife on the Mokapu Peninsula while staying fit.

The new route, which partially encircles the Nuúpia Ponds, runs from the entrance near the back gate, to the aircraft static display near the front gate, and is just over a mile long each way.

"This is a classic example of how the base is able to mix good environmental stewardship with improved quality of life," said Maj. Robert Rouse, director of the Environmental Department MCB Hawaii. "We worked with the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife and other agencies, and determined through an environmental assessment that there would be no impact on the protected areas."

Since the nature walk and running trail follows the perimeter of the wildlife management area, MCCS and the Environmental Department took steps to help ensure the protection of the Hawaiian Stilt habitat and other endangered species. Signs along the route educate visitors about the rules of the road.

Information is given about the animals living in the area, and describe the responsibility the base has in protecting the area.

It is important for people who use the trail to stay on the path, and not stray near the water or into the vegetation. Rules posted at the entrances to the trail are to protect not only the endangered species habitat, but also the people who use the trail. Deep silt at the bottom of the ponds is essentially underwater quicksand, and can quickly trap and drown a person without any warning.

As long as guests follow the rules, and stay on the trail, the new route offers a serene environment for phys-

ical training, or even a quiet walk with a stroller.

"There are two important benefits of the new nature walk and running trail," said Rouse. "The Marines, Sailors and family members here have a new place to run and walk, and at the same time, it helps to maintain the wildlife management area."

The Environmental Department is looking for volunteers to help observe and count endangered species along the trail.

Anyone interested should contact Gordon Olayvar at the Environmental Department by calling 257-6920.



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The running trail is officially open for training and residential use.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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BayFest Arrives Soon

BayFest, the largest concert, carnival extravaganza on the Windward side, is on the horizon and scheduled for today through Sunday.

Those who prefer to get physical during BayFest may enter the Marine Corps Air Facility 5K race, Duke's Paddle Board race, the Bathtub Regatta or really confident festival-goers can enter the Ultimate Body Search competition.

The 13th annual McKenna Motors BayFest has something for the entire family.

For a complete list of events, times and fees check out our web site at www.mccshawaii.com.

Joint Women's Conference Hosts Golf Tournament Fundraiser

The Joint Women's Conference will be hosting a golf tournament fundraiser at Hickam's Mamala Bay Golf Course on Aug. 23.

Sign-in time is 12 p.m. with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$55 per person.

Entry fee can be paid in advance to a JWC representative or paid at the golf course on the day of the event. The fee includes green fees, cart and barbeque dinner. Payment can be made in the form of cash or check.

Optional items:

- Rental clubs for \$20 and includes three balls
- Two Mulligans for \$5

Registration deadline is Monday. Please provide name, branch of service and point of contact. There will be four players per team. If you do not have a team, one will be setup for you on the day of the tournament.

For further information, contact JWC representative, Nico Duncan at 257-7718.

O'Club Pool Closed For Renovations

Due to renovation, the Officers Club pool is closed until the end of September.

Once open, members and guests will enjoy a tropical atmosphere complete with exotic flora, fauna and fountains.

For all events, club members and guests should enter the club through the Mongolian Barbecue Pit area. For more information, call 254-7649.

Hickam AFB Holds Softball Tournament

Hickam Air Force Base will be hosting the Hurricane Classic Softball Tournament for Mens and Womens Divisions Aug. 30 - Sept. 2.

The tournament is a round-robin format, followed by double elimination playoffs.

The tournament is open to all DoD authorized patrons and the cost is \$200 per team.

Pre-tournament festivities include a home run contest, base running contest and relay throw contest.

For more information about the tournament, please contact Mike Stewart at 655-3840.

Resumes accepted for World Skeet Championship

The World Skeet Championship is being held Oct. 11-19 in San Antonio, Texas.

Marines interested in being considered for competition must be a National Skeet Shooting Association member and should submit a resume to the MCCS Athletics Office.

Resumes should include an average based on a minimum of 500 targets in each gauge (12, 20, 28 gauge and .410 bore). As well as a current classification in each gauge of at least "A" class or higher and a copy of an NSSA classification card.

For more information, contact the athletics office at 254-7590.

Kapiolani Park Holds 5K "Race for the Cure"

Applications are available now for the 8th Annual Susan G. Komen Hawaii Race for the Cure, Sept. 29, at Kapiolani Park.

The race is being held to raise funds for the fight against breast cancer.

The "event with a mission" features a 5K race at 7:30 a.m., followed by a one-mile walk at 7:45 a.m.

Registration is \$18 (\$25 after Sept. 20), with groups of five or more mailed together at \$15 per participant.

Entry forms with complete details are available in Hawaii Race Magazine or by calling the local information line at 973-5967.

Registration may also be done on-line at www.raceforthecurehawaii.org.

SM&SP offers discounts at the Klipper

Take advantage of the benefits the Single Marine and Sailor Program has to offer.

The Kaneohe Klipper has discounted prices for E-5s and below. The greens fee is only \$9 for 18 holes and \$5 for 9 holes. Plus, club rental is lowered to \$5 per set.

Two tee times on Saturdays and Sundays are reserved for SM&SP only. Call the SM&SP coordinator to reserve these times.

The deadline for the Saturday tee-off is Thursday at 5 p.m. and Sunday's deadline is Friday at 5 p.m.

For more details, contact Leslie Graham at 254-7593.

Sailing Classes Offer Keiki New Horizons

For adventurous keiki, 8 years and older, the Base Marina is hosting Junior Beginning and Junior Intermediate Sailing lessons now and throughout the summer for \$99.

Classes run for two weeks, Monday - Friday, and students may choose from 9 a.m. - noon or from 1 - 4 p.m.

For more, contact the Base Marina at 254-7667.

Take Aim with Oceanside Paintball

Let your "inner-predator" come out to play. Spend a day practicing your combat skills with Oceanside Paintball.

The field is open Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sundays noon - 5 p.m. Select Fridays are available for training exercises and unit events upon request.

The cost is \$10 per person, including mask and paintball marker. Players have the option of bringing their own paint or buying it at the field.

For more information times and locations, contact owner Robert Brumley at 254-7593.

Set Sail this Summer

Busy adults are invited to command their own sail boat at the Base Marina during the Adult Evening classes this summer.

Adult Evening classes run for one week, Monday through Friday from 5 - 7:30 p.m., and the fee ranges from \$69 - \$99. Additional adult and junior classes will run throughout the summer.

For more, contact the Base Marina at 254-7667.

Enlisted Club Hosts Sports Night

Ease back into your work week at the Enlisted Club every Monday night during its weekly "Sports Night."

The E'Club is open seven days a week and welcomes all E-5s and under and their sponsored guests.

Mondays are Sports Night from 6 - 11 p.m.

Tuesdays feature the Fight Club, with live sanctioned wrestling and live United States Amateur Association Boxing.

Wednesday rings in a little Country & Western atmosphere as well as League Night where hot shots in pool and darts may enter the weekly tournaments from 6 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Make a connection at Club E tonight. Call 254-7660 for additional details.

Throw A Strike At K-Bay Lanes

Bowling is back, and back "with attitude!"

Monday-Thursday, E-5 and below can bowl for \$1.50 per game with free shoe rental at K-Bay Lanes.

Check out the Semper Extreme Bowling held Fridays 6 p.m. - 1 a.m., Saturdays 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. and Sundays 6 - 9 p.m.

Bowling leagues for youth, women's, intramural and a Wednesday night mixed foursome are starting. All bowling levels are welcome to participate.

K-Bay Lanes also features bumper bowling for the keiki, a hearty snack shop, a pro-shop and arcade.

K-Bay Lanes also hosts birthday parties available in various party packages.

For great family entertainment and a little athletic competition, head to K-Bay Lanes, in Bldg. 1666.

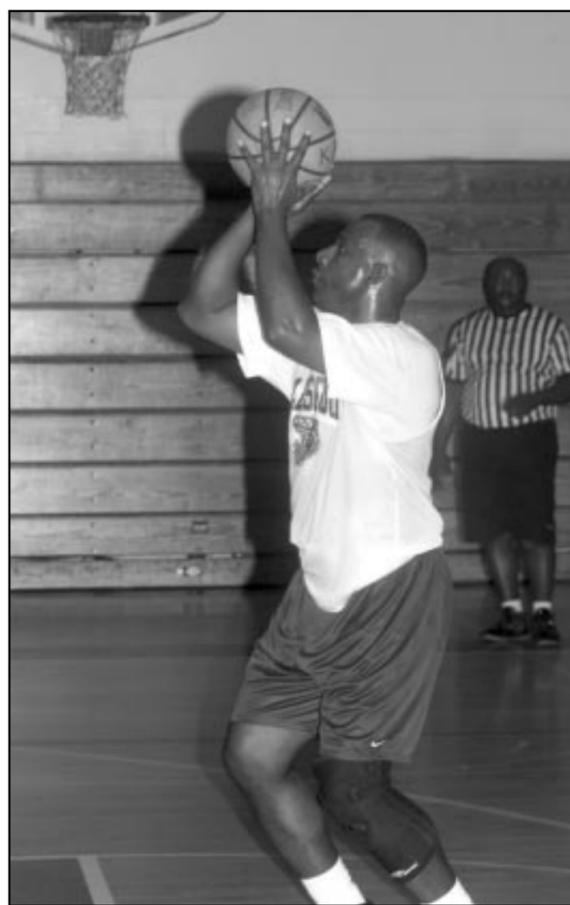
For information, call Deborah Bruns at 254-7664.

We are the champions!



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The Headquarters Bn. Facilities team won the MCB Hawaii 30 and over basketball league championship finals Aug. 9, at the Semper Fit Center. Facilities won 47-44 over CSSG-3 Ole' School. From left to right: Bottom row — Brett Hitzmen, James Armstrong, Aaron Abaya and Greg Mitchell. Top row — Kevin Owens, Morey Moore, Wayne Purvey and coach Robert Balatico (and son Shelden).



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Base All Stars

NAME: James L. Stanley

BILLET: Career Planner

UNIT: CSSG-3

SPORT: 30 and Over Basketball

TEAM: Ole' School

POSITION: Shooting Guard

• James began playing about 25 years ago, in a small town outside of Atlanta, GA.

• His team, Ole' School, won the last three championships aboard K-Bay. This year they fell three points shy of the championship.

• His averages this season are 25 points, five assists, three rebounds and two steals per game.

"Basketball is a sport that I know enough about to be able to take control on the court."

K-Bay Sailor leads Marines to championships

Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero
Combat Correspondent

A corpsman with 1st Radio Battalions, Battalion Aid Station, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, was selected to coach the All-Marine Men's Volleyball Team.

Petty Officer 1st Class Frederick J.K. Schucht, the leading petty officer, BAS, 11stRadBn., departed on Wednesday to Camp Lejeune, N.C., where team tryouts will be held from Wednesday through Sept. 7.

Schucht has the honor of becoming the first Navy corpsman ever to coach the All-Marine Men's Volleyball Team.

For more than a decade, Schucht has been supporting Marine Corps units.

In that time span, he also supported the detachment of leathernecks at Marine Security Forces Company, Bangor, Wash.

Even though he's not a Marine, his strong ties to the Corps drive him to pursue the opportunity of leading them.

Last year, he was an assistant coach with the All-Marine Men's Volleyball Team and this year he decided to ask Steve Kalnasy, K-Bay varsity sports coordinator, to send his resume into

Headquarters Marine Corps. Eventually he was selected

The Wai'anae, Hawaii, native started playing volleyball at the tender age of 6. His cousins introduced him to the game. They often got together and played at the beach or at their homes. He also played competitively throughout his high school years with a youth religious volleyball league. He joined the service in 1987 and has played at base, regional and all-service levels.

"Last year was the first time I went to the all-service level of military competition," said the coach. "I got the opportunity to watch the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Navy come together as one and fight for bragging rights to say they are the best military volleyball team."

Last year, the Marine team completed the competition with a 0-6 record. This year, Schucht plans to work hard and turn that record around.

"We need better conditioning and the defense will be essential for us to win," said Schucht. "Defense is the key to winning volleyball games."

You can have a good setter, hitter, passer and server, but if you can't play good defense, then the point is theirs."

Additionally, Schucht plans to lead the

Marine team by example.

"I have seen coaches who coach from the sidelines, but myself, I like to participate in the conditioning, exercises and drills," said Schucht. "When they see the coach performing the same painful things they are going through, they feel good and do it too."

I always give my players 100 percent and in response they give me their 100 percent."

Besides expecting the team to work hard and win, he anticipates them to have heart, determination, skill, and the knowledge of how the game is played.

"Volleyball is a sport that builds team

camaraderie and uses small unit leadership skills," said Schucht. "You're taking 12 guys who barely have played with each other you bring them together, they practice, condition themselves, and play for endless hours and eventually they turn into a small type of family."

After tryouts, the Marines will travel to the Volunteer State for the All-Armed Forces Championships that are being held at Middleton, Tenn., Sept. 8-15.

"When we win the All-Armed Forces, we will travel to Constanta, Romania, for the Conseil International Du Sport Militaire World Military Volleyball Championship," said Schucht.



SCHUCHT

SPORTS AROUND THE CORPS

MCCS holds body building competition

Cpl. Krystal N. Leach

Camp Foster, Public Affairs Office

CAMP FOSTER, OKINAWA — More than 900 people packed the Butler Stadium Theater Sunday night. The feature of the night, however, was not the latest action packed thriller. Instead, 27 of the hardest bodies in the Pacific region were the highlight, as they contended in the Marine Corps Community Services 7th Annual Far East Bodybuilding and Fitness Competition.

Male and female bodybuilders, comprised of both military and Pacific region-based civilians, performed in up to three rounds for the title of overall fitness competitor and bodybuilder of the year in the male and female categories.

During the event, competitors were judged on their display of muscle tone, symmetry, physical appearance and athleticism.

The evening began with the fitness competition. In the female category, Corry Matthews, Misa Williams, Lawanda Duarte and Penny Lasher were all first-place finishers.

Improving on her second-place finish in last year's fitness competition, Matthews, a Colorado Springs, Colo., native, claimed the Far East Fitness Competitor title.

The fitness competition was followed by the women's bodybuilding competition. Where several different competi-

tors weighed in the light, middle and heavyweight divisions. The competitors took to the stage to muscle the title of overall Far East Women's Bodybuilding Champion.

Williams of Okinawa, Japan, claimed victory in the lightweight division. Duarte, a Birmingham, Ala., native, beat her opponents in the middleweight division. Then Lasher, a Columbus, Ga., native, dominated the heavyweight division.

During the final women's competition, the three women competed for the overall title. After each contestant flexed her favorite pose, the panel of judges made its decision. Duarte was the victor, beating her opponents to claim the overall 7th Annual Far East Women's Bodybuilding title.

"Winning this competition was a huge accomplishment for Duarte," said John Moore, fitness director, MCCS. "Not just from a competitor's standpoint, but because only several months prior to her performance she was told by doctors that her physical activity would be limited due to her battle with hypertension. She represents perseverance, determination and will."

According to Moore, Duarte's accomplishments that night are a perfect example of what one Marine's dedication can achieve.

In the men's competition, Carmelo Lopez, Leo Yozaki, Akira Shiroma,

Jumpei Akagi, and Thomas Champion all claimed victory in their respective divisions.

Lopez, a Lackawanna, N.Y., native, added to his list of past bodybuilding competitions a first-place win in the bantamweight category was just one of the many competitions won.

The overall title of the lightweight champion was awarded to Yozaki, an Okinawa native. Yozaki won in the same category of the 5th Far East Competition in 2000.

Shiroma, also an Okinawa native, claimed victory in the middleweight division. This was Shiroma's second time placing first in bodybuilding competitions this year. He also took first in the 2002 Mr. Kyushu Bodybuilding Contest.

Another Okinawa native, Akagi continued on his winning path by placing first in the light-heavyweight division. He also claimed victory in the 2002 Mr. Kyushi Bodybuilding Contest.

Thomas Champion was the sole competitor in the heavyweight division this year. The Atlanta, Ga., native, is a two-time consecutive winner in this division.

"This category is a really hard one for most Marines because of the military's restrictions on weight," said Freddy Bacigalupo, sports specialist, MCCS. "Champion was able to maintain great mass without going over his maximum weight, which takes a lot of dedication and discipline to do."

For the night's final competition, the winners in each of the men's weight divisions put on their best display of brawn to determine who would take home the most sought after title of the night — the overall title.

While contestants battled to impress the judges and the crowd, a decision was finally announced. Lopez, with an immaculate display of muscular symmetry, won the match for the overall 7th Annual Far East Men's Bodybuilding Champion.



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Okinawa native Misa Williams claimed victory in the lightweight division of the MCCS 7th Annual Far East Bodybuilding and Fitness Competition at Camp Foster.

CHAMPS, From C-1

Facilities was called on a penalty and Stanley sunk two free throws, bringing Ole School ahead 38-37.

The lead continued to bounce back and forth as the timer wound down, but Facilities soon took the upper hand.

Facilities guard, Aaron Abaya, an electrician with Facilities, made two free

throws as the crowd stomped and shouted. With 35 seconds left, Facilities is ahead 45-40 and calls for a time-out.

Ole School continued to fight, and Stanley managed to steal the ball out of the hands of Facilities and sink another lay-up.

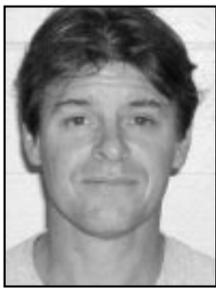
With six seconds left in the game, Ole School takes two free throws ending the game 47-44, Facilities the league champions.

"When the season first started, we were the underdogs, we came from the very bot-

tom of the barrel," said Facilities coach Robert Balatico, with pest control. "Just recently we started to get together. We did not expect to make it this far, it's a great feeling."

SPORTS COMMENTARY

Fans wait in anticipation for opening season

Steven Kalnasy*Special to the Hawaii Marine*

KALNASY

It's not easy being an arm chair quarterback. The amount of preparation that I put into the upcoming NFL season can be overwhelming at times. If it weren't for the beginning of pre-season play, I might find myself caught off guard on opening day.

This past weekend, while competing — with my kids — in the open division of the Saturday Night Surfing

Championships, — channel surfing that is — I stumbled onto the "American Bowl" being held in Osaka, Japan.

There they were in full pre-season glory; the Washington Redskins versus the San Francisco 49ers. Man! If I hadn't been exercising with the kids, I would have missed it altogether.

Forfeiting the remainder of the family "surfing" competition, I took advantage of a commercial break to get all of my gear out from storage.

I suited up in my favorite replica jersey — Lions blue and silver — donned my 2002 Pro Bowl hat, and ensured that the proper amount of essential nutrients were in the house to hold me over for the next couple of hours. I was ready, willing, and able to accept my mission of leading my team — in this case I chose the Redskins since the Lions weren't available — to victory.

Although I wasn't prepared for the pre-season match-up that I had just encountered, my duties as a sports specialist aboard the base keep me in good shape to deal with just such a situation. With the newly es-

tablished Intramural Tackle Football program underway on base, I found myself in the perfect mindset to call the shots with the Redskin's new head coach Steve Spurrier. It all came back to me after nearly seven months since the final game of the previous season.

It was like riding a bike. At first I was cautious, my timing a bit off, but once the game got going, I knew exactly when to make my play to the kitchen to replenish my favorite beverage so not to miss anything important. The game proved to be a blowout, 38-7 with my team being victorious.

Like Groundhog Day, pre-season football indicates the change of season. Baseball is fast approaching it's climax in October, and by then, professional football will be well underway.

This year, my Detroit Lions will make the playoffs. Like every sports fan, I live or die by my team. Either way, the winds of change are here. Another sports season is upon us.

Second Marine vet joins Boston Celtics' coaching staff

John Gunn*Special to the Hawaii Marine*

Will Marines and veterans this coming NBA season cheer for the Pistons, the Lakers, the Pacers, the Knicks, the 76ers, the Jazz, etc.?

Or the Boston Celtics?

The Celtics hired Marine vet Joe Gallagher as an assistant coach. Gallagher, who boasts three decades of coaching experience on the collegiate level, joins Jim O'Brien's staff, which includes John Carroll, Lester Conner, Marine vet Dick Harter and Frank Vogel.

"Joe Gallagher is an excellent teacher of post play," said O'Brien. "He has been dedicated to player development for many years and his addition will pay dividends."

"This is a great opportunity for myself and my family," said Gallagher. "I've known Coach O'Brien for years, and I'm familiar with most of the staff. I look forward to coaching the highest level of basketball in the world."

Gallagher recently completed his third year at Campbell (N.C.), where he served as recruiting coordinator and oversaw development of Campbell's post players. He is a 1968 graduate of

Pembroke State (now UNC Pembroke) and received his master's degree from East Carolina in 1974. Gallagher coached at Methodist (N.C.), where he was named Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year his two seasons. He moved on to Pembroke State for three years (1975-78). Including a one-year stint as coach and athletic director at Belmont Abbey (N.C.) in 1991-92, Gallagher's collegiate coaching record stands at 91-69.

Following his tenure at Pembroke State, Gallagher became assistant coach at Richmond, where he had an influence on Spiders teams that made two NCAA

Tournament appearances and received a pair of NIT berths.

During his playing career, Gallagher averaged 20.0 points and 13.3 rebounds in four years at Pembroke State. He was selected for the NAIA Olympic Trials in 1968 and was drafted in the second round by the Kentucky Colonels of the American Basketball Assn. A 1980 inductee into the Pembroke State Athletics Hall of Fame, his jersey number 24 has been retired.

Gallagher graduated from Lincoln Preparatory School in Philadelphia in 1964 after serving in the Marine Corps from 1960-64.