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Kick-flipping to victory: Local skateboarders compete at K-Bay

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Hawaii Loa Skate park boomed with the sounds of punk rock and hip hop and the grinding of metal on concrete as local skaters thrashed the street course, during the 3rd annual Kaneohe Bay Skateboarding Competition at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Saturday.

Nearly 40 skaters from around the island made the trip on base to compete in the event.

Age groups divided the riders into two classes, one for 14 and under, and another for any older athletes aching for competition.

Riders were judged on all of



Bernardo Bernard, an Ewa resident, lands a perfect board slide down the handrail at Hawaii Loa skate park. This and many other tricks helped ensure his victory in the 14 and under category.

the elements that define an outstanding skateboarder: consistency, difficulty of tricks and flat-out style.

Competitors got two chances, each consisting of a one-minute run and a final big trick to try and convince the judges of their skills and ability on a skateboard.

First off was the 14 and under category. While it was apparent that all of the riders had some skills under their belts, a few skaters really stood out, even on their first runs.

In the end though, it was Bernardo Bernard, a 14-year-old Ewa resident, who charmed the judges and the audience with a perfectly landed "crooked grind" on



Anthony Au, a Kailua resident, soars over the pyramid during a practice session after the competition Saturday. Skaters from around the island participated in the event.



Spectators at the skateboard contest participated in a cracker eating contest during a break in competition. None of the contestants were able to down one pack in less than a minute.

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K-Bay Orioles stand tall in the face of defeat

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The Kainalu Little League Orioles of MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, put up a stifling defense against the Yankees' hard hitting, but yielded to the Yankees 6-0, during their last game of the season Saturday aboard K-Bay.

The Orioles started the game strong, keeping their field defense organized and tight, allowing only one run until the third inning.

In the top of the third, the Yankees scored three runs, taking the lead 4-0.

The game continued at the same pace until the fourth inning when the Orioles made a double play. Pitcher Kyle Reedy, 9, caught a pop fly and threw it to first baseman Bryce Kuhn, 10, who tagged first base to end the top of the fourth.

The Orioles did not have a chance to score, but their defense was a force to be reckoned with. They stayed strong, allowing the Yankees to score only two more runs during the top of the fifth.

The Yankees failed to score the rest of the game, with the Orioles fighting back with everything they had.

They finished the game at the top of the sixth with the Orioles' first baseman Kuhn tagging out the runner at first, the final score 6-0, Yankees.

The Orioles are part of a competitive league, where scores are kept throughout the season.

The players are taught new skills and coached on improving old ones, said head coach Doug Kuhn, the director of K-Bay Personal Services.

"We played 20 games during the season and always gave it our all," said Assistant Coach John Voutour, a computer technician with 1st Radio Bn.

Two Orioles players, Thomas Ruane and Bryce Kuhn, have been chosen to play the Kainalu all-star team.

In celebration of the final game, Orioles players received a game ball to remember their "star plays" during the season and were treated to hot dogs at the field.



Orioles third baseman Thomas Ruane, 10, attempts to cover third base and tag the runner out as he slides for the base.

"This league was a challenge. It was tougher than leagues I've been on before. But we had a chance to do a lot more in the game," said Reedy.

This was the first year K-Bay sponsored a team on the Kainalu Little League.

Next year, the intention is to have a majors team for 11 to 12 year olds and a minors team for 9 to 10 year olds, said Coach Kuhn.

"K-Bay definitely needs to have an aggressive league like this. It keeps the game exciting for them," said Chris Reedy, father of Kyle Reedy. "Other leagues had a lot of down time on the bench. It wasn't like that in this league."



Shawn Voutour, 10, prepares to swing at the bottom of the fifth, to try and put the Orioles on the scoreboard.



Kyle Reedy, 9, pitched four innings for the Orioles on Saturday.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Debbie Robbins
*MCCS Public Relations***K-Bay Lanes Offers
"Kingpin Papa"**

Sunday is Father's Day. Bowl dad over at K-Bay Lanes during its one-day event, "Kingpin Papa."

Kaneohe Bay Lanes helps you pay homage to dad as it offers free shoe rental for him. Patrons who bowl two games will receive the third game free.

Kaneohe Bay Lanes is located in Bldg. 1666. For more details, call 254-7693.

**ASYMCA Hosts
Family Olympic Day**

It's "Go Time" at the Armed Services YMCA. Who will claim the

gold, silver and bronze medals in the three-legged race, egg toss and pizza-eating contest?

Find out June 22 at the ASYMCA, Bldg. 579, at 10 a.m.

All base patrons are invited to enter the free Family Olympic Day, register no later than June 20.

For additional details, call 254-4719.

Getting It Straight

•The photo of Rikishi vs. Bradshaw on page C-1 of the June 7 issue was incorrectly attributed. The photo was courtesy of WWE.



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Base All Stars

NAME: Seth Eastman

AGE: 7 years old

SCHOOL: Mokapu Elementary

GRADE: 3rd grader

SPORT: Skateboarding

- Eastman has been skateboarding since he was 5 years old.
- Began skating 2 years ago because he says, "It just looked really fun to do."
- His biggest moment in the sport came when he first cleared the pyramid with an ollie at Hawaii Loa Skate park.

"Skateboarding is a lot of fun. I really like to learn new tricks because they're just so much fun to do."



A front side tail slide always scores big points with the judges. Bernardo Bernard lands this one perfectly.

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the park's hand rail to win the contest.

Seth Eastman, a 7-year-old K-Bay resident, also competed with the first group as the contest's youngest competitor. While he didn't place in the competition, at his young age, he is an athlete to keep an eye on in the future.

Technicality of tricks gave way to sheer intensity when the older group hit the park. Skaters were getting a lot more air off of the pyramid, and all the other obstacles as they tried to impress the judges.

Dick Whaley, a Kailua resident sporting green hair, even popped in his own compact disk of hardcore punk music as he began his run.

While Whaley seemed to land more technical tricks than any other skaters, he ended up third in the competition due to some intense board work by the second place finisher Cody Gones, and the winner, 19-year-old Vance Ricafort from Kaneohe.

Ricafort rushed the course with more speed than any of the other competitors. He made tremendous use of the pyramid, hitting a few big flip tricks and also landing a very difficult backside flip — a trick that had all day cursed any of the skaters who attempted it.

"It feels pretty good to win," exclaimed Ricafort. "I felt kind of bad being 19 and competing against some of these younger guys. But they did some good skating.

"It's always nice getting free stuff," he added.

Competitors who placed in the event, received bags of goodies from 808 Skate, a local skateboard shop in Kailua.

808 Skate sponsored the event, and provided announcers and expert-level judging for the competition.

SPORTS COMMENTARY

Sporting events dominate the weekend

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Special to the Hawaii Marine

What a weekend in sports. We had baseball, boxing, horse racing,

ice hockey and soccer, to name a few. There was so much high-energy competition that I feel compelled to share it with you. Let's recap, shall we?

Baseball

Chicago Cubs outfielder Sammy Sosa hits his league leading 22nd

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14 and Under Winners

First - Bernardo Bernard

Second - Sharif Ellassiouti

Third - Rask Perron

15 and Over Winners

First - Vance Ricafort

Second - Cody Gones

Third - Dick Whaley

SPORTS: Summer season frenzies

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dingers and San Francisco's Barry Bonds gets number 21 on his climb to immortality, striving to beat his godfather, Willie Mays on the all-time homers list.

Then we have Curt Schilling, pitcher for the Arizona Diamondbacks. Holy cow! 12 wins.

It seems like nothing can stop this 37-year-old flamethrower.

Can he continue his winning pace? Can you say Nolan Ryan?

I would love to tell you about the Tigers, but that will have to wait until next year.

Boxing

All the hype around the Tyson/Lewis fight was justified.

Tyson lasted into the eighth round but the pounding he received from Lennox Lewis was just too much.

Tyson took a right glove to the side of his face and that was all she wrote.

Lewis won by a knockout and put to rest any questions regarding his title as Heavyweight Champion.

Probably the most impressive part of the fight though was how Tyson handled himself afterward.

He was a gracious loser and with respect and sincerity said of Lewis, "He's magnificent, a prolific fighter and he should continue fighting ... I love and respect him too much to do anything to him," Tyson said.

I guess Lewis knocked some sense into him.

Horse Racing

No Triple Crown this year. It wasn't due to lack of effort though.

In his bid to win the Belmont Stakes, War Emblem stumbled out of the gates.

It was an exciting race to watch. I was on the edge of my seat when this thoroughbred came back to take the lead but it was too much for him to sustain.

War Emblem finished eighth in a field of eleven.

The race was won by Sarava, a 70-1 upset, which ensured that this year's Belmont stakes would make it into the record books with the longest odds of any winner in the history of the race.

Ice Hockey

By far the most exciting hockey match I have ever witnessed. That says a lot for a guy who grew up on the ice ponds of Michigan, north of Hockey town.

The Red Wings were well matched in their competition against the Carolina Hurricanes.

The Canes defense was solid against arguably the best hockey team in the history of the sport.

With experience on his side, Igor Larionov, the oldest player to score a goal in the Stanley Cup finals, sealed the win for Detroit.

That goal, with just 13

seconds left in the 3rd overtime period gave Detroit the lead in the series (2-1).

Soccer

World Cup Soccer in Seoul, South Korea. No one expected these two teams, America and South Korea, to make it this far.

Fears rose in Seoul as the American Embassy was closed during the game to protect those inside in case Korea lost and riots ensued.

The U.S. team was up 1-0 through much of the game, and just when it appeared it would win, South Korea scored to even it up.

The game ended in a tie, 1-1, and ensured that both teams would move on to the next round.

Can the U.S. win it all? The odds are against it, but with what I witnessed this past weekend, anything is possible.

Never rule anything out in sports. Just when you think you've got it all figured out — you don't.