

LEAGUE-LEADING KUNIA BLANKS SHORT-HANDED WFS

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The Kunia Gallos, last season's defending champs, improved their current league-leading record to 14-2 after beating We Fix Ships (WFS), 3-0 in a Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Intramural Soccer League game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on July 17.

While the game pitted the two finalists of last year's championship showdown, the Gallos dominated the latest meeting between the clubs by taking advantage of their opponents' limited lineup.

WFS, a squad made up of Sailors from Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility, entered the game with only seven players and faced matchup problems throughout the contest. Games are played eight-on-eight, but league rules allow teams to start play with a minimum of seven players.

"I think when they (WFS) started, they were disappointed and it kind of came across in the game," said Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 1st Class Steven Bloom of the Gallos. "It's really unfortunate because they are usually a good team."

Against the short-handed WFS, Kunia took immediate control of the game and raced out to a 1-0 lead, when Air Force Staff-Sgt. Alex Bloomfield shot a pass to a wide open Bloom, who completed the play on a kick to the back of the net.

The Gallos extended their advantage just before half-time, when Army Staff Sgt. Nathan Berry broke free near the left side of the box and blasted in a kick to the goal's right corner. Following intermission, Berry found fellow striker Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 3rd Class Winston Jackson near the goal with a pass from the right sideline. Jackson fought off WFS goalkeeper Navy Diver 2nd Class Ben Mills and connected on a header to score Kunia's third and final goal of the game.

Although Mills said the loss was hard to swallow, he felt the team played extremely well under tough circumstances. Competing with one fewer player limited the offensive options of WFS, Mills admitted, which forced the team to focus on its defense.

"It set us back quite a bit," Mills acknowledged. "Since we were down one player, we moved one back, so we had four defenders in the back. We weren't too worried about offense."

Bloom stated that once Kunia got in front by two goals, he and his teammates decided to play it safe and not take too many chances. Bloomfield agreed and added that not only did the players focus on protecting the ball, but they also used the remainder of the game to get everyone involved.

"In the second half our top players were trying to share the ball more," said Bloomfield. "They were trying to share the glory, I guess."

While the loss set the WFS record down to 10-5, Mills said he is still optimistic the team will do well in the post-season, which is tentatively set for early August.

"I think we got a good team," Mills said. "Come playoff time, if everybody shows up, we got a good chance."

Meanwhile, Bloom said Kunia's win over WFS should give the team a boost as it prepares to defend its title.

"There was really no pressure, so I think it was a relaxed performance," Bloom declared after the game. "I think a game like this today, where everything is going well, helps out our morale without a doubt."



Golden Knights and Raptors play to 2-2 tie

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The Hickam Golden Knights #2 and the Hickam Raptors finished off a hard-fought showdown in a 2-2 tie during a Pee Wee Division (ages 11-12) youth soccer game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on July 17.

Although the Golden Knights got out to a quick start by scoring two goals in the opening minutes of the first quarter, the Raptors fought back and scored once in the third, before tying up the game in the fourth and final period.

While this was only the second week of competition for both squads, coaches for the Golden Knights and Raptors stated that they were extremely pleased by the level of improvement from their players over the previous week.

"They did very well. I was very impressed," said Senior Airman Mandi Wagnild, who co-coaches the Golden Knights with her husband Senior Airman James Wagnild. Both are with the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron. "We have some good offensive and defensive players. A lot of our kids had some pretty awesome skills before they came over," Wagnild said.

Meanwhile, Master Sgt. Paul Moss, head coach of the Raptors, said that he was very proud of the way his players fought back – especially after falling into a 2-0 hole.

"I couldn't be happier with how they played," said Moss, who is with the



Jacob Hammond of the Hickam Golden Knights #2 gets off a shot on goal during the team's youth soccer game versus the Hickam Raptors at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on July 17. Hammond scored two goals in the game, which ended in a 2-2 tie.

324th Intelligence Squadron. "We got down in the first couple of minutes of the game, but I just told them to keep hustling and things would work out."

In the first quarter, the Golden Knights used an aggressive attack to keep the ball on the Raptors' side of the field for the first few minutes of play.

With the Raptors backpedaling near their goal, Jacob Hammond of the Golden Knights took advantage of the situation and came up with two goals to give his team the early lead.

"He's (Hammond) very

good at jumping out there and guarding the ball whenever he needs to get it," said Wagnild about the young lad's heads-up play.

However, with their backs against the wall, the Raptors banded together to shut down the Golden Knights' attack.

Then after intermission, the Raptors' offense awoke and, with the help of Chris Leshikar's goal in the third quarter, began the uphill climb against the Golden Knights.

Finally, with time running out in the fourth, Ryan Moss, who is the coach's son, made the

Raptors' comeback complete by booting in a shot near the box for the game-tying goal.

Moss said that even though his team had to play from behind for most of the game, he knew that the Raptors wouldn't give up.

"I've never had a problem with the effort they give," said Moss. "We've been together for five to six weeks and they're getting better."

Golden Knights co-head coach James said that even though the Raptors were able to knot up the game at the end, he praised his team for its

play on defense.

"We teach them to go after the ball," James noted. "We also teach them to cut the angles, but that concept takes awhile."

In looking forward to the rest of the season, Moss said that he really isn't focused on wins or losses, but is more concerned about teaching the proper fundamentals to the kids.

"I just want to see the same kind of hustle that I saw today," Moss admitted. "I can't guarantee wins, but I'd be happy if by the end of the season, they're like a

well-oiled machine."

Likewise, agreed the Wagnilds, who added that they are enjoying the experience of working together as they prepare their players for the future.

While James has an extensive background in playing soccer, Mandi points out that her husband is gaining valuable lessons about seeing things through the eyes of a child.

"I'm trying to teach him children skills," Mandi said. "I've got the coaching aspect and he's got soccer so we come together pretty well."



JOINT BASE *Sports* PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM



Players from the Hickam Golden Knights #2 and the Hickam Raptors engage in friendly competition during a Pee Wee Division (ages 11-12) youth soccer game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on July 17. The teams played to a hard-fought 2-2 tie on the field located next to the Hickam Bowling Center.



The Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) staged a dramatic comeback to defeat Bellows Air Force Station, 13-12, at the Hickam softball fields, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on July 19. The HIANG overcame a seven-run deficit to overtake Bellows in the final two innings and improve its record to 10-1.

U.S. Navy photos by Randy Dele Cruz

Late-inning comeback leads HIANG to victory

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Capt. BJ Kealaiki's single with the bases loaded in the bottom of the sixth inning punctuated the Hawaii Air National Guard's (HIANG) dramatic come-from-behind victory over Bellows Air Force Station at the Hickam softball fields, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on July 19.

Down by seven runs going into the bottom of the fifth inning, HIANG exploded for six runs before Kealaiki's clutch line shot to left field plated two teammates to beat Bellows by a score of 13-12. The game was shortened to six innings due to time limitations.

The win increased the HIANG's league-leading record to 10-1, while the upset-minded Bellows saw its mark fall to 5-6.

"It felt pretty good," said Kealaiki about his game-winning hit.

"Especially when you're down and the walls look like they're crumbling around you."

Earlier in the game, the likelihood of a HIANG comeback seemed improbable as Bellows pounded its way to four runs in the top of the third and fourth innings.

With the game tied at 1-1, Air Force Staff Sgt. Joshua Lipp came up to the plate with one man on in the third inning and crushed a pitch over the center-field fence for a two-run shot. The team went on to rap out four more singles to gain a 5-1 advantage going into the bottom of the third.



Capt. BJ Kealaiki of the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) sets himself before swinging at a pitch during an intramural softball game between the HIANG and Bellows Air Force Station at Hickam softball fields, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on July 19. The HIANG went on to capture its 10th win of the season by rallying past Bellows, 13-12.

After HIANG scored a run in its turn at-bat, Bellows started up another merry-go-round in the fourth by adding four more runs on seven hits. In the bottom of the frame, HIANG went on to narrow the margin down to 9-4, but back came Bellows with two additional runs of its own to take a commanding 11-4 lead.

While Bellows seemed to be well on its way to defeating the HIANG, things began to unravel for the team in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Bellows pitcher Ryan Crawford, a Department of Defense employee at the air station, began to feel the effects of his injured left knee and started off the inning by walking four straight batters.

Crawford's lack of control appeared to be the break that the HIANG was looking for as the team went on to collect two extra-base hits and a sacrifice to drive in a total of six runs and cut the lead down to one.

"It was frustrating," said Crawford about

walking five HIANG batters in the inning. "I was trying to get out of the inning, but I lost focus I guess. They're a good team, but it didn't help that I walked four batters straight."

Although Bellows came back to score a run in the top of the sixth, the two-run advantage proved to be little insurance against a pumped up HIANG squad. In the bottom of the sixth, the HIANG loaded the bases with only one out, before another walk by Crawford cut the lead down to one.

Then with the bases still packed full of HIANG players, Kealaiki promptly pounced on a Crawford offering and smashed a single that drove in the game-tying and -winning runs.

"That's usually how it is," said Kealaiki about the team's slow start. "It's fun when we start off early, but tonight's game was extra fun because of the pressure. When we get our bats going, especially when we're down, it boosts our morale."

While Lipp said that the loss was difficult to

take, he felt that he and his teammates did a lot of positive things in battling a perennial winning team like the HIANG.

Prior to its game with the HIANG, Bellows was mired in a four-game batting slump.

"It was one of those games where we played as well as we could," Lipp explained. "It was great to see everyone come together and play as a team. They're (HIANG) a great softball team and they just hung in there and got us in the end."

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Morale Welfare & Recreation

GLASS BOTTOM BOAT TOUR
Hickam Information, Tickets & Travel will host a glass bottom boat tour from 9:15 p.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturday. The cost for adults is \$15 and for children (ages two-12) is \$10. Come aboard the Coral Queen and view the underwater beauty of Kaneohe Bay. Round-trip transportation from Hickam is included. FMI: 448-2295.

"IRON CHEF" COOK-OFF
An 'iron chef' cook-off will be held beginning at noon Saturday at Makai Recreation Center. The event is free. Three family teams will be randomly selected and provided with all the necessary supplies to create a unique meal. FMI: 449-3354.

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATER PRODUCTION
A performance of "The Princess and the Pea" will be presented at 1 p.m. July 31 at Hickam Memorial Theater. Open auditions for the play for youth ages 6-18 will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. July 26. Rehearsals will be held from July 26-30. The performance is open to the public. FMI: 449-3354.

SURF LESSONS AT WHITE PLAINS BEACH
Beginners are welcome. One-hour lessons are available for all proficient swimmers. The cost is \$30 per lesson, per person. FMI: 682-4925.

HAWAII MILITARY YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (HMYAA) SPORTS
Registration began July 12 for Hawaii Military Youth Athletic Association (HMYAA) NFL Flag Football, Volleyball and Junior Team Tennis. The cost is \$70 and includes uniform and medal. Military youth can participate in fall sports with other military youth. NFL flag football is open to ages 5-15 and volleyball is for ages 7-14. Registration ends Aug. 6 with the season running October-November. The USTA junior team tennis season runs September-November, with registration ending Aug. 1. Youth ages 7-18 can participate. All sports require a current physical. Registration forms are available online at www.greatlifehawaii.com under "youth sports." To register, visit the Joint Base MWR Youth Sports office at 620 Main St. or call 474-3501.

For more information on events, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com or www.hickamservices.com/

Community Calendar

July

28 ~ Navy spouses will learn about benefits, privileges and entitlements during Great Spouse Academy, a program that enhances understanding of the military lifestyle. The session is free and will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. It is hosted by Warfighter & Family Services at Pearl Harbor, 4827 Bougainville Drive. FMI: 474-1999.

30, 31 and Aug. 1 ~ Armed Services YMCA at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will host a military appreciation carnival at Central Oahu Regional Park in Waipio to show appreciation for the military ohana. The event will be held from, 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. July 30, noon to 12 a.m. July 31, and noon to 10 p.m. Aug. 1. There will be food and entertainment along with military displays. FMI: 473-3398 or email pearlharbor@asymcahi.org.

31 ~ American Youth Soccer Organization Region 188 will hold a registration session for the 2010 fall season from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Hickam BXtra. Soccer season begins in the middle of August and all military family members and Department of Defense family members are invited to sign up by Aug. 1. Players should be between the ages of four to 19 years old. To pre-register online, visit www.eayso.org. FMI: 422-6381 or teamwelch@hawaii.rr.com.

31 ~ Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) will host a book signing with Stan Ihara from noon to 2 p.m. in the first floor book department at the NEX. Ihara is the author of "Island Flavors." FMI: 423-3287.

At a glance

A change to the profession of arms (course 14A) module of the SNCOA-DL (Course 14) course is being made. Effective July 12, those needing to take the end of course test for this module will be given a new test. Those who plan to take the test are advised to read and study the new material prior to testing. FMI: <http://www.au.af.mil/au/barnes/course12/>.

Defense Activities for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) will stop reimbursing examination fees for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) at the end of the fiscal year. Military members must take these exams prior to the end of this fiscal year to ensure reimbursement. FMI: Force Development Flight at 647fss/fsde@hickam.af.mil.

Movie Showtimes



The Karate Kid (PG)

Twelve-year-old Dre Parker could have been the most popular kid in Detroit, but his mother's latest career move has landed him in China. With no friends in a strange land, Dre has nowhere to turn but maintenance man Mr. Han, who is secretly a master of kung fu. Dre realizes that facing down the bullies will be the fight of his life.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY
7:00 PM The Karate Kid (PG)

SATURDAY
2:30 PM Marmaduke (PG)
4:45 PM Knight and Day (PG 13)
7:30 PM Sex and the City 2 (R)

SUNDAY
2:30 PM The Karate Kid (PG)
4:45 PM Prince of Persia:
The Sands of Time (PG 13)
7:00 PM Splice (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY
6:00 PM The Karate Kid (PG)

SATURDAY
4:00 PM Shrek Forever After (PG)
7:00 PM The Karate Kid (PG)

SUNDAY
2:00 PM Prince of Persia:
The Sands of Time (PG-13)





U.S. Navy photo by Blair Martin

Justine Elona, Kayla Torres and Stephanie Lau of Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange show supplies that service members have been donated to USO Hawaii's Back-to-School program.

USO back-to-school program fills book bags for military keiki

USO Hawaii

The Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange is accepting donations of school supplies that will be donated to military children of service members in rank E-5 and below.

The backpacks and school supplies that are being collected through USO Hawaii's Back-to-School program will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis to families with military identification from 1 to 3 p.m. July 25 at the officers club, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

A limited amount of brand new children's books and Hannah Montana teen books will also be available, as well as children's shoes from Kids in Distressed Situations (K.I.D.S.)

Community members are encouraged to donate new backpacks and school supplies, such as notebooks, pens, pencils, round-ended-scissors, erasers and glue, for elementary to high school students.

"We are all experiencing

challenges in a tough economy, and our junior military on our islands feel the burden as well," said Eva Laird Smith, director of USO Hawaii.

"This is a great opportunity for our community to show their aloha support for our military and their fami-

lies with their children's back-to-school needs," Smith added. "It will be one headache less, one (less) challenge on the home front for our deployed troops."

To request free backpacks and school supplies, call 256-7744 or email btroegner@uso.org

Hickam Community Housing plans family fun event

Hickam Community Housing

Air Force and Navy families can look forward to some summer evening fun, thanks to Hickam Community Housing's (HCH) joint venture with Morale, Welfare & Recreation, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and Warfighter & Family Services.

First on the list is Splash into Summer, happening from 6 to 8:30 p.m. July 30 at Hickam pool two. This is the final event in the year-long

celebration Year of the Air Force Family and activities will include entertainment, food, games, a water safety demonstration, prizes and more. Also being featured that night are dinner and a movie, showcasing "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs."

The next featured event is National Night Out from 5 to 8 p.m. Aug. 3 at the Hickam Community Center on Kokomalei Street. The block party celebration will feature bounce houses, a chili cook-off, safety

demonstrations, door prizes, a keiki I.D. program and appearances by Sparky the Fire Dog and McGruff the Crime Dog.

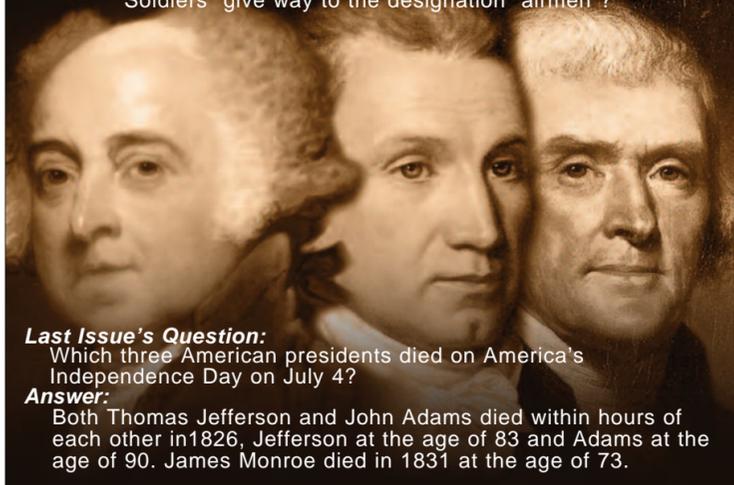
National Night Out is a community-building campaign designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, support local anti-crime programs, and strengthen police-community partnerships.

Both events are free.

For reservations, call 853-3750 by July 28. For more information, visit www.NationalNightOut.org.

This Week's Trivia

When did the use of the all-encompassing term "Soldiers" give way to the designation "airmen"?



Last Issue's Question: Which three American presidents died on America's Independence Day on July 4?

Answer: Both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died within hours of each other in 1826, Jefferson at the age of 83 and Adams at the age of 90. James Monroe died in 1831 at the age of 73.