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Hilo powers way to state crown

By **MATT GERHART**
Hawaii Tribune-Herald

Behind 'unreal bond,' Little League drought ends

If it wasn't official before, it is now: Hilo owns the best collection of 11- and 12-year-old baseball talent in Hawaii.

The burgeoning baseball power's Little League All-Stars did their part Monday, charging past Maui 12-1 at Pu'uiki Park

on Oahu to capture Hilo's first state Majors championship in 30 years.

Sure, Hilo can hit, pitch and field – Joshua Ward did the honors in the clincher with two home runs and a double-digit strikeout performance on the mound – but

coach Baba Lancaster is most proud of his team's heart.

"The bond of these kids in unreal," Lancaster said. "This has been our plan for five years with this team.

"One one our coaches (Randy Riley) was diagnosed with cancer. This season

was for him. His grandson is on the team, and to do this for him is special."

The win gives Hilo a youth baseball sweep.

In PONY League, a Hilo All-Star team that consists of an entirely different group of 11- and 12-year-olds is

gearing up for its California regional after claiming the state Bronco title in June on Oahu. Hilo PONY teams have basked in the spotlight recently, grabbing four of the past five state titles in the 11-12 division as well as an ages 13-14 World Series in 2014.

See **BASEBALL** Page B2Photos by **DAVID PRAGER**

Shayden Pacarro of Puna won the men's open division Saturday at the 33rd annual Quicksilver Big Island Toyota Pro-Am Surfing Trials, earning entry and airfare to a world class events on Oahu's North Shore.

They came, they saw, they conquered

For Pro-Am elite, big waves, big dreams await at North Shore

By **BART WRIGHT**
Hawaii Tribune-Herald

In a sport where nothing is ever certain, from the conditions to the competitors or even if there will be a competition, a handful of Big Island surfers got what they came for Saturday at Honolii Beach.

It was the 33rd Annual Quicksilver Big Island Toyota Pro-Am Surfing Trials, the opportunity for locals to leapfrog themselves into major world class events on Oahu's North Shore, with round trip airfare and entry fees paid for the victors.

Jade Steele, 19 from Kapoho, will be a junior at UH-Manoa in the fall, studying physical therapy, but her qualification in the women's open from the Pro-Am is igniting another goal.

"I'm trying to do everything all at once," she said, "and this is a big, big help. My ultimate goal is to be pro surfer, to travel the world doing what I love so much, but I'm also really interested in school, so I'm going for both of them at the same time."

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Kahana Delovio of Kailua-Kona claimed the women's open division, punching a ticket to the big-time surf on Oahu.

Big Isle briefs**Hilo's Oki cards 87 at amateur**

Hailey Oki of Hilo shot a 16-over 87 on Monday in the first round of stroke play at the U.S. Girls' Junior in Augusta, Missouri.

The top 64 finishers after Tuesday second round will qualify for match play.

Oki, who finished third at a June qualifier at Mauna Lani, was 150th in the field of 157 after 18 holes.

Hilo AYSO registration

Hilo AYSO is registering players for the fall season, which runs from August to November.

Players must be born between and 2002-2013.

Registration is online at www.hiloayso.org and for more information, call 959-1972.

AYSO is looking for adult volunteers to assist with lining fields, coaching and refereeing.

Kamehameha seeks coach

Kamehameha is accepting applications for a swimming coach.

The deadline to apply is Thursday.

For more information and to apply, visit <http://www.ksbe.edu/careers>.

Pahoa seeks track coach

Pahoa High School is seeking a track coach for the upcoming season.

Applications will be accepted until Sept. 1.

Resumes are accepted at the main office or email hakin-iak@notes.k12.hi.us or call 313-4242 for more information.

Richardson swim Sunday

The 30th annual Richardson Roughwater Swim will be held at 8 a.m. Sunday at Richardson Ocean Park in Hilo.

The fee for the approximate 1-mile open-ocean swim is \$40 and entries will be accepted until 7:30 a.m. the day of the race.

Participants may swim with or without fins.

No flotation devices, wet suits or hand gloves/paddles may be used.

For more information, visit <https://flpregister.com/279> or pick up a registration form at the Recreation Division office, 799 Piilani St. in Hilo and at a county pool.

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Gold Coast Seniors bow out at Montana regional

West Hawaii Today

The run for the Gold Coast Seniors (13-16 years old) in the 2017 Little League Softball West Regionals ended on Monday in the opening round of tournament play. Allowing three runs in the first inning,

Little League Softball

Hawaii fell to Montana 4-2.

Playing in Missoula, in front of a home crowd, Montana took a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first behind a single, two doubles and an error. Gold Coast tried

to bounce back, scoring a run in the top of the second and the top of the third to cut the deficit to one.

In the second, Erin Kaimulua Bates led off in the inning with a single to left. Kaila Tabiloa-Amaral followed with a triple. With a

runner on third and no outs, Hawaii was in good position to pick up another run in the inning, but a groundball back to the pitcher forced a double play with Tabiloa-Amaral tagged out at the plate.

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