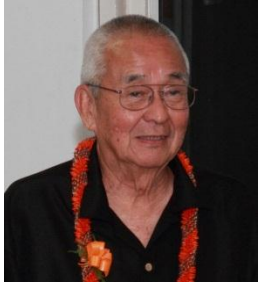


A LEGEND IS BORN

by Tony Magaoay '56

LOCAL BOY RETURNS

The legend started more than a half century ago when 22-year old Donald Matsui returned to LANAI, the island of his birth. In his sophomore year at Lanai High School, he transferred to Mid Pacific Institute and graduated in 1949. After receiving a bachelor degree in education from Gustavus Adolphus College, Minnesota in 1953, he taught one year at Moanalua Intermediate, Honolulu. The following year in September 1954, he moved back to Lanai and resumed his teaching career at his childhood alma mater.



HIS CAREER

Educated as a Physical Education teacher, he immediately was hired the school's Athletic Director, and in turn became Head Coach of the Pinelads Varsity Basketball team. If that weren't enough for his first year at LHES, he was assigned as Junior class advisor for the class of the '56. From full time teacher to substitute, he held multiple positions concurrently for 70 years, until his retirement in 2012. Because of his services in numerous capacities, he influenced the lives of hundreds of LHES students at diverse levels. This included over 250 boys who played basketball under his helm of 21 years as head coach from 1955-1971 and 1976-1979.

HIS FAMILY

At LHES, Coach Matsui met elementary teacher, Kitoshi Kodama; married her in 1955; and they eventually had three children (Dorrye, Darryl Brian). Their combined dedication to serve the students never faltered even while raising a young family. It should be noted that Mrs. Matsui routinely supported her husband away from the public limelight. Darryl, following his father's footsteps, currently is the Assistant Basketball Coach for the Chaminade University Silverswords. Donald & Kitoshi, grandparents of 2 grandchildren, reside in Lana'i City.



HIS CHARACTER

Coach Matsui is a humble man. Instead of attending a recognition dinner in his behalf, he would rather socialize with friends at Manele Beach and "talk story" about old times. Where should we place him among renowned



Eddie Magaoay '76

basketball coaches of all times? He would be among the first if the school should display a hall of fame coach's showcase at the New Gym! Would we describe him with this statement: "What John Wooden is to UCLA, Donald Matsui is to LHES and more."? The answer lies within the players. Many of these boys he coached, emerged out of the woodwork of small town USA – Lana'i City – and became outstanding leaders and respectable citizens in the nation's communities.

TRIBUTE

To pay homage to Donald Matsui for his years of dedicated coaching, teams from the past



planned a surprised honorary banquet. Organized by a committee of players from '70 & '71, the affair was held at the Natsunoya Tea House on Oahu. As usual, the coach refused to attend the "family" dinner, until the family told him that the players from the 1971 team was going to be there to celebrate their 2nd place finish in the Single A Basketball State Tournament. The players would be delighted if the coach happened to show up.

MAHALO COACH

At the banquet room entrance, the 1971 team greeted the coach and his family with handshakes and hugs.



The coach appeared elated. Then he saw them – the legendary 1955 to 1958 group – sitting at the far end of the room. As humble as he has been all these years, he could not hold back his emotions; he knew instantly that this was not a one team of old basketball players' celebration. His players had gathered to honor him. His "grand entrance" was so touching that Master of Ceremony Nelson Tamashiro '70 forgot to announce their arrival:

Coach Donald & wife Kit Matsui

Daughter Dorrye Matsui with daughter Kayla

Son Darryl & Amy Matsui with daughter Chani

& guest, Brian Nakatsu

THE BANQUET

Master of Ceremony Nelson Tamashiro '70

The banquet started with the blessing on the 9-course feast, and then dinner. As gifts were presented to Coach Matsui and memory stories told throughout the evening, a legend of a Lana'i Coach was born.



Presentation of Gifts, Letters, & Trophies by the players:



Hawaii USA Credit Union Certificate of Appreciation
"Teaching the athletes to be accountable for their actions off and on the court."
Presented by: Liberato Viduya '55 (Board of Director)
Ricky Oyama '70 (Financial Service Manager)



Maui County Commendation Letter drafted by Councilman Riki HOKAMA '70.
"Achievements in beating Punahou and placing 2nd in State A tournament"
Presented by Chuck Bollingmo '70



Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle Letter of Commendation
"21 years of Coaching Basketball at Lana'i High School"
Presented by Colbert Matsumoto '70 - '71



1971 State Basketball "A" Champs (Runner Up) Trophy
Coach Mastui led his 1971 team to an impressive 30 wins and three losses. The 1971 season culminated with Lanai vs Kahuku High School in the State "A" Basketball Championship to a 8000 capacity crowd at the Neal Blaisdell Center. Co-Captain Doug Dagway was selected as the Tournament 's MVP. Co-Captain Ricky Tamashiro presented the award to Mr Matsui and recapped the entire season by going through the motions in all of the plays!
Photo Left to Right: Doug Dagway, Chuck Bollingmo, Kent Tamashiro, Coach, Greg Alonzo, Phil Camero, Ricky Tamashiro



Basketball with Pine Lads Signatures
Presented by Tony Magaoay '56, Paing Dela Casada '57, Nilton Oyama '76

Testimonial Stories

Stephen Pahente '55-'56

Often times at the airport terminal, the host coach would be looking directly at Coach Matsui standing among us players and innocently ask him "Where is your coach?"

Coach Matsui would give that youthful grin: "You're looking at him." I learned never to judge anyone by his looks.



Tony Magaoay '55-'56



Against power house Punahou in his 2nd year, Coach motivated us with this brilliant game plan: "Beat Punahou and I'll treat you guys banana split at Tanigawas."

Final score: Lanai High 62, Punahou 59. Total bill for 13 banana splits

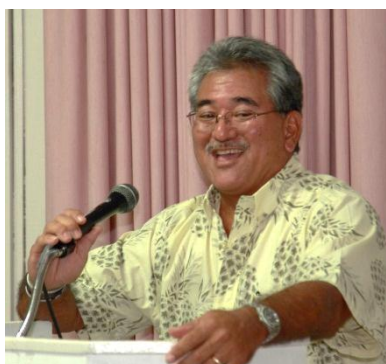
\$4.55. Lesson: When going against a Goliath opponent seem hopeless, offer a valued reward, and you'll be surprise what will be achieved.

Leslie Tamashiro '67

I appreciate Coach and Mrs Kit Matsui, as dedicated educators at LHES. Coach brought out the best in me and my dear friend, the late Clifford Hayashi '66- '67, my Best Man at my wedding.



Nelson Tamashiro & Coach: BANZAI!



Ricky Tamashiro: BANZAI!

Chuck Bollingmo Smith '70

came directly from the mainland to Lana'i in 1970. He says, "Coming to Lana'i, I received a cultural shock I was not prepared for. Joining the basketball team was the best move I made in my life because Coach Matsui helped me adjust and become part of the team and the Lana'i community. Mahalo Coach and Pine Lads."



Charles GIMA '76-'77



The '76 season was hopelessly a losing one. None-the-less Coach Matsui taught us the game of basketball, good sportsmanship and inspired us to play our very best and enjoy every game. He never gave up on us. The next year we had a winning season.

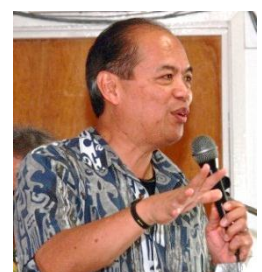
Colbert Matsumoto (Score Keeper) '70 - '71



For me and the Lana'i residents, LHES basketball games is a big thing on the island. We looked forward to attend the games every weekend and enjoy watching the teams compete.

Steven Hokama '79

Mr. Matsui had taught me many of life lessons. He inspired me to go into teaching and many things that I learned from him, I now apply to my students.



Phil Camero, Chairman

Singing of the Lana'i Alma Mater



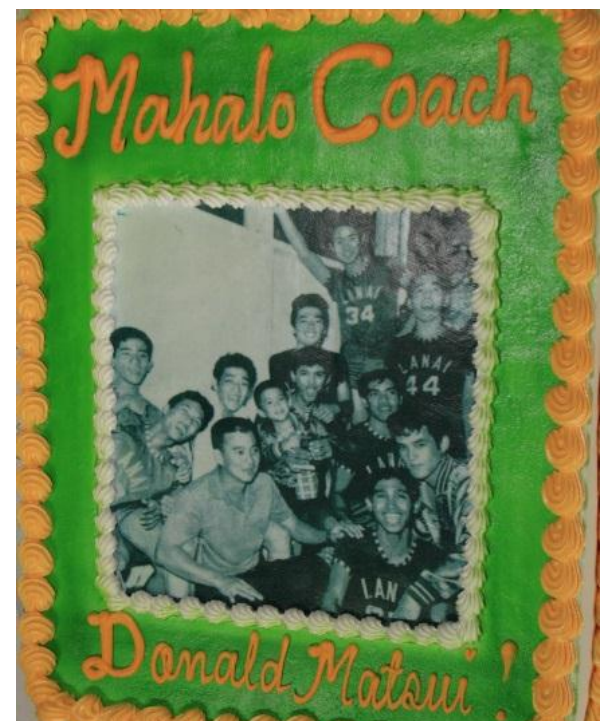
Ralph DeLaCasada '57, on the right, became a basketball official in Oahu through Coaches' strong endorsement and today is one of the top referees in the state of Hawaii.

WHO'S WHO AT THE BANQUET

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Libby Viduya '55 | 11. Philip Camero '71 | 21. Donald Matsui, Coach |
| 2. Tony Magaoay '56 | 12. Ricky Tamashiro '71 | 22. Kit Matsui, Wife |
| 3. Stephen Pahente '56 | 13. Doug Daguay '71 | 23. Dorrye Matsui, Daughter |
| 4. Paing DeLaCasada '57 | 14. Colbert Matsumoto '71 | 24. Kayla, Granddaughter |
| 5. Robert Viduya '58 | 15. Greg Alonzo '72 | 25. Darryl Matsui, Son |
| 6. Cecil Asuncion '66 | 16. Charles Gima '77 | 26. Amy Matsui, Daughter-in-law |
| 7. Leslie Tamashiro '67 | 17. Eddie Magaoay '77 | 27. Chani, Granddaughter |
| 8. Ricky Oyama '70 | 18. Nilton Oyama '79 | 28. Brian Nakatsu, Guests |
| 9. Chuck Bollingmo '70 | 19. Steven Hokama '79 | |
| 10. Nelson Tamashiro '70 | 20. Fred Camero, Jr '84. | |



"Many of Coach Matsui's former players who were unable to attend, showed their love, respect, and appreciation for their Coach, Mentor, and Friend, by participating in monetary donations and in the gifts presented to him at the Banquet."





Stephen Pahente '56, Tony Magaoay '56,
Coach Matsui, Libby Viduya '55,
Robert Viduya '58, Missing Paing DelaCasada '57

"... and I began to be old; the years passed away with us, and also our lives passed away like as if it were unto us a dream."

1955

Liberato VIDUYA (Co-Captain)
Tony Magaoay (Co-Captain)
Kenneth FUCHIGAMI
Amadio SANCHEZ
Guillermo SAROCAM
Abondio SANCHEZ
Cesar ELIGADO
Simeon PASCUA
Stephen PAHENTE
Kenneth SABINO
Leon TOMITA (Manager)
Jerry SARANILLO (Assistant Manager)

1956

Tony MAGAOAY (Co-Capt, All-Star Maui Cty)
Stephen PAHENTE (Co-Captain)
Kenneth SABINO
Kenneth FUCHIGAMI
Abondio SANCHEZ
Rogeleio NAAEP
Raphael Dela CASADA
Melvin FUCHIGAMI
Robert Viduya
Ismael NAAEP
Clearance RICHARSON
Harris FUCHIGAMI
Mike KIMURA (Manager)

1957

Abondio SANCHEZ
Raphael DELA CALSADA
Stanley DAGUAY
Robert VIDUYA
Allen DUMLING
Harry YAMATSUKA
Stanley SATO
Harris FUCHIGAMI
Clarence RICHARDSON
Roy KIMOKEO
Russy MAIOHO
Bobby TAMASHIRO (Manager)
Charles FUCHIGAMI (Manager)

1958

Robert VIDUYA (Co-Captain)
Harris FUCHIGAMI (Co-Captain)
Russey MAIOHO
Stanley SATO
Roy KIMOKEO
Clarence RICHARDSON
Stanley DAGUAY
Harry YAMATSUKA
James FUCHIGAMI
Donald SAITO
Allen DUMLING
Charles FUCHIGAMI (Manager)
Robert TAMASHIRO (Manager)

1959 No Information

1960

James FUCHIGAMI (Co-Captain)
Robert PARK (Co-Captain)
Marium ELIGADO
Collin TAMASHIRO
Arnold RICHARDSON
Alton LOPEZ
Julian ROMERO
Moses DEL ROSARIO
Menecio DUGAY
John CUGAL
Darrel MATSUI (Mascot)
Robert ABUEL (Manager)

1961

Arnold RICHARDSON
Menecio DUGAY
Vernon OLSEN
Julian ROMERO
William TOLENTINO
Clyde EUGENIO
Alton LOPEZ
Paul ODA
Narciso BERTOMEN
Walter YAMATSUKA
Charles YARA
Rodney SATO
Robert ABUEL (Manager)

1962

Narcio BERTOMEN (Captain)
Spence ISA
Michael RABANG
Sidney OYAMA
Stuart OYAMA
Clyde EUGENIO
William TOLENTINO
Tony ASUNCION
Ben ASUNCION
Rodney SATO
Vernon OLSEN
Paul ODA
Melvin MITSUNAGA
Mr. WONG (Assistant Coach)

1963

Benjamin ASUNCION (Co-Captain)
Rodney SATO (Co-Captain)
Anthony ASUNCION
Vernon OLSEN
Warlito VEGARA
Michael RABANG
Melvin MITSUNAGA
Paul ODA
Floyd VEGARA
Neal TAMASHIRO
Sidney OYAMA

1964

Neal TAMASHIRO (Captain)
Cecil ASUNCION
James DUGAY
Danny DEL ROSARIO
Dennis DEL ROSARIO
Alvin DELA CRUZ
Steven GARALDE
Clifford HAYSHI
Richard MORITA
Henry OLIVA
Pedro PEREZ
Earl SATO
Glenn TAMASHIRO
Floyd VEGARA

1965

Neal TAMASHIRO (Co-Captain)
 Floyd VEGARA (Co-Captain)
 Steven GARALDE
 Pedro PEREZ
 Cecil ASUNCION
 Dennis DEL ROSARIO
 David HUBIN
 Clifford HAYASHI
 Richard MORITA
 Glenn TAMASHIRO

1966

Richard MORITA (Co-Captain)
 Glenn TAMASHIRO (Co-Captain)
 Cecil ASUNCION
 Michael DEL ROSARIO
 Clifford HAYASHI
 Richard YAGI
 Dennis DEL ROSARIO
 Glenn EUGENIO
 David HUBIN
 Darryl MATSUI (Mascot)
 Mr. Claude LINEBERRY (Assistant Coach)

1967

Clifford HAYASHI (Captain)
 Glenn EUGENIO
 Nelson TAMASHIRO
 Joseph LEE
 Douglas CAYAN
 Leslie TAMASHIRO
 Wade TAMASHIRO
 Albert MORITA
 Harold BANDALAN
 Michael DEL ROSARIO
 Llewellyn CANIDA
 Mark TAMASHIRO (Manager)

1968

Michael DEL ROSARIO (Co-Captain)
 Glenn EUGENIO (Co-Captain)
 Albert MORITA
 Wade TAMASHIRO
 Douglas CAYAN
 Nolan OLSEN
 Peter PEREZ
 Jimmy PEREZ
 Mannuel CLARABEL
 Myles HOKAMA
 Dennis PAVAO (Manager)

1969

Glenn EUGENIO (Co-Captain)
 Wade TAMASHIRO (Co-Captain)
 Manuel CLARABEL
 Larry BLANKO
 Nelson TAMASHIRO
 Jimmy PEREZ
 Douglas DAGUAY
 Arthur HABAN
 Myles HOKAMA
 Reynold GIMA
 Phil CAMERO

1970

Nelson TAMASHIRO (Co-Captain)
 Jimmy PEREZ (Co-Captain)
 Douglas DAGUAY
 Manuel CLARABEL
 Reynold GIMA
 Ricky TAMASHIRO
 Arthur HABAN
 Chuck BOLLINGMO
 Alan OZOA
 Ricky OYAMA
 Myles HOKAMA
 Phil CAMERO
 Brian MATSUI (Mascot)

1971

Douglas DAGUAY (Co-Capt, All-Star State A)
 Ricky TAMASHIRO (Co-Captain)
 Manuel CLARABEL
 Phil CAMERO
 Alan OZOA
 Reynold GIMA
 Arthur HABAN
 Greg ALONZO
 Mark TAKAHAMA
 Paul ALCONCEL
 Kent TAMASHIRO
 Garek ELIGADO
 Mr. Hideo NIIBU (Assistant Coach)
 Warren SAKUMA (Manager)

1976

Jonathan PREZA (Co-Captain)
 Eddie MAGAOAY (Co-Captain)
 Tommy LAPORGA
 Charles GIMA
 Alan AMONCIO
 Greg CABOTAJE
 Alex McLEAN
 Henry ESCARAN
 Nilton OYAMA

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Richard AGARAN
 Richard BATOON
 Donald FABRAO
 Malcolm LEONILLO (Manager)
 Brian MATSUI (Manager)

1977

Charles GIMA (Co-Captain)
 Eddie MAGAOAY (Co-Captain)
 Nilton OYAMA
 Richard ARAGON
 Greg CABOTAJE
 Henry ESKARAN
 Sam DIMAYA
 Donald FABRAO
 Alex McLEAN
 Alan AMONCIO
 Richard BATOON
 R. LEONG (Manager)
 D. CAMBEL (Manager)

1978

Greg CABOTAJE (Co-Captain)
 Alex McLEAN (Co-Captain)
 Alan AMONCIO (Co-Captain)
 Henry ESCARAN
 Donald FABRAO
 Richard AGARAN
 Nilton OYAMA
 Paul PAGAY
 Sam DIMAYA
 Richard BATOON
 Dennis ESKARAN
 Henry ESKARAN
 Rizal DUGAY
 C. PARK (Manager)
 D. CAMBEL (Manager)

1979

Eric OZOA
 Nilton OYAMA
 Ernasto MAGAOAY
 Steven HOKAMA
 Richard BATOON
 Richard ARAGAN
 Rizal DUGAY
 Paul PAGAY
 Dennis ESKARAN
 Donald FABRAO
 Benjamin KAAIKALA
 Henry ESKARAN
 Samuel DIMAYA
 Charles PARK (Manager)

