

## HPA Athletes Played Hard, Brought Home Team, Personal Championships

HPA athletes so far this year have racked up a host of honors for both teams and individual competitors.

The boys cross-country team took its 11th straight championship in the Big Island Interscholastic Federation and went on to a tie for first place in the state. (Punahou School ultimately took the state title in a tie-breaker with HPA.) Junior Thane Hancock placed fifth in the state in individual ranking.

Senior Carl Bryson brought home the laurels in wrestling, winning the state championship in the 189-lb class. Besides being the first state wrestling champ in HPA history, Bryson was also named BIIF champion in the 189-lb class, with Derrick Honda also taking a BIIF championship in the 171-lb class.

HPA soccer teams also

took BIIF championships, the boys' team for the second year in a row. Senior Cutter Brown was named BIIF Player of the Year and joined Paul Dawson and Dustin Peterson in the All-BIIF 1st Team. For the girls, Liz Miura was named Defensive Player of the Year; other All-BIIF 1st Team members included Francine Lawrence, Jenny Radich, Michi Hanano, and Lauren Hewett.

Swimmers won their third consecutive BIIF championship in the boys division with Eric Bollinger named BIIF champion in two events.

Earlier in the year, the football team wrapped up an outstanding season that included HPA's first win against Kona since 1978 and two victories over Honokaa. Derrick Honda was named BIIF Defensive Player of the Year; 1st Team members included Carl Bryson, Allyn Spencer, Paul Dawson, Derrick Hanano, and Dustin Peterson.

## Winter Sports Dessert Honors Top Players

The following students at Hawaii Preparatory Academy were honored March 4 for their participation in the school's winter sports season:

Cheerleading: Yumi Cockett, Leadership Award; Rebekah Kramer, most improved.

Boys Basketball: Damien Arafiles, Scholar Award and most outstanding player; Daniel Hughes, most improved.

Diving: Michiko Dick, Coaches Award; Whitney Hastings, most

valuable.

Girls Swimming: Jessica Carew, Coaches Award; Laura Dierenfield, most improved; Alexandra Nelson, most valuable.

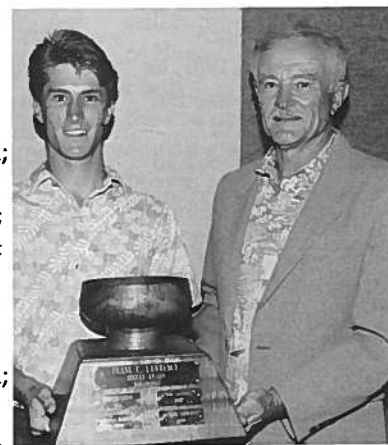
Boys Swimming: Noah Philips, Coaches Award; Eric Bollinger, most improved; Ryder Thomas, most valuable.

Girls Soccer: Michi Hanano, Coaches Award; Kelly Miller, most improved; Liz Miura, most valuable.

Boys Soccer: Mike Judd, Coaches Award; Cal Detwiler, most improved, Cutter Brown

and Dustin Peterson, most valuable; Shawn Lasko, Frank Lawrence Soccer Trophy.

Wrestling: Matt Ventura, Coaches Award; Kea Cook, most improved; Derrick Honda and Carl Bryson, most valuable.



Shawn Lasko (left) with Frank Lawrence.

## Turtles Keep Up Efforts, Find Hawksbill Turtle During Kiholo Tagging

Twenty-seven students from the Hawaii Preparatory Academy earlier this year captured and tagged 62 green sea turtles at Kiholo Bay.

The work is part of a project being carried out in cooperation with George Balazs of the National Marine Fisheries Service in Honolulu. The green sea turtle is a protected species under the U.S. Endangered Species Act.

Students reported that the turtles ranged in weight from 18 to 98 pounds and appeared in healthy condition with

no signs of the fibropapilloma disease that has afflicted other segments of the green sea turtle population elsewhere in Hawaii.

One of the turtles was a hawksbill, also a protected species, the first to be recaptured at Kiholo. The recapture is expected to help researchers gain information about the growth rates of the hawksbill in Hawaii. It also indicates that the hawksbill is using Kiholo Bay as its long-term home.

As part of the Kiholo project, the students performed scientific procedures on the sea turtles under Balazs' supervision. These included taking measurements, tagging, weighing the turtles,

and checking the mouth for signs of disease. The information was recorded for further study by the National Marine Fisheries Service. Some students also use the information in class projects.

From the ongoing project, it is becoming more apparent that Kiholo Bay and its attendant lagoon is an important and perhaps the sole habitat for a population of 200-plus green sea turtles and a small number of hawksbill turtles. To better inform the public of the presence of these two species of sea turtles, signs have been placed in the area stating that they are protected under federal and state law.

Boys' team celebrates BIIF soccer championship.

