

HONOLULU QUARTERBACK CLUB

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The Honolulu Quarterback Club, celebrating 69 years, is pleased to announce the following Guest Speakers for their luncheon, Monday, February 23rd, at the MGR:

+ Russ Francis - Former Professional Football Player

+ Michele (Bud) Nagamine - Head Coach - Wahine Soccer - University of Hawaii

Russ Francis - Former Professional Football Player - The World Champion San Francisco 49ers in the 1980s epitomized team work, high performance and accomplishing goals against strong odds. Russ was the 49ers starting tight end on what is often considered the best offensive football team to every play the game of football. Russ was coached by the best: Bill Walsh, head coach of the 49ers. "Working with a master at motivation and strategy was a privilege." Russ says, "I got a lot more out of playing football than a Superbowl ring." Russ was originally drafted by the New England Patriots in the 1st round (16th pick of the 1975 draft). He grew up in Hawaii. At 6'6", 242 lbs., he played tight end for the University of Oregon. Russ played in 13 NFL seasons. He retired temporarily in 1981 but then played for the San Francisco 49ers from 1982 to 1986. He was inducted into the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame in 1993. Russ finished his career with 393 receptions for 5,262 yards and 40 touchdowns. Russ will speak to the Club about his quest to get his 88 year old father, Ed Francis, nominated to the Hawaii Sports Hall of Fame. Ed Francis resurrected the sport of Wrestling in Hawaii years ago. Russ will entertain questions on Monday.

Michele "Bud" Nagamine - Head Coach - Wahine Soccer - University of Hawaii - Coach Bud completed her 5th season as head coach and 3rd season in the Big West Conference. Last season, the team finished 8th in the conference after a 4 game losing streak, the team shut out UC Irvine and tied 2 overtime periods with CS Northridge, concluded conference play. The team split even on the road with a 3-3-1 record. Five Wahine earned all-Big West mention: Krystal Pacsua (2nd team), Lidia Battaglia (2nd team), Storm Kenui (2nd team), Kama Pascua (honorable mention), Sonest Furtado (freshman team). Six Seniors concluded their careers at UH. Coach Bud will give us a further report on the two local players, Sonest Furtado of Waianae and Kiani Halushka of Kamehameha, she recruited for the 2014 season play. She will also give us an update on players she recruited for next season on Monday at the Quarterback luncheon.

The Maple Garden Restaurant is located at 909 Isenberg (near the corner of King and Isenberg directly across from the Old Stadium Park) and there is free parking next to the Restaurant or street parking is available. The entrance to the meeting room is located at the rear of the Maple Garden building through the parking lot. Lunch is at 11:30 am and the program begins at 12 noon. The luncheon cost is \$15.00 per person for members and guests which includes tax and gratuities. The food is fabulous!

THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS INVITED

Come to our meeting & celebrate this speaker!

There is parking next to the Maple Garden Restaurant and plenty of street Parking.