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The Honolulu Quarterback Club, celebrating 62 Years, is pleased to announce the following Guest Speakers for their weekly luncheon, Monday, December 22nd., at the Pagoda Hotel, International Ballroom beginning at 11:30 AM with a program starting at 12 Noon:

Bob Nash - Head Coach - University of Hawaii Men's Basketball "Rainbows"-

Entering his 30th year with the UH Basketball Program, Coach Nash is in his 2nd season as Head Coach. It's a transition year for the team this season. Newcomers Petras Balocka, Brandon Adams along with returnees Bill Amis and Paul Campbell are slated to "gel" with the "up and down" style of basketball preferred by Coach Nash. Also this season, Coach recruited the JC transfer Roderick Flemings, 6-foot-7 junior guard/forward who is the team's most visible player because of his combination of court savvy, athleticism and scoring ability. It looks like Coach Nash's investment in Flemings is beginning to payoff. Flemings was voted the Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week last week for scoring an average of 25.5 points, 8.5 rebounds, 3 assists in two games. The game against Chicago State was confirmation the team was "gelling" with low turnovers. Who is the "floor leader" this season? What up next for the "Bows"? Coach Nash will bring us up to date.

Wendell Look - Head Coach - Iolani High School Football - Iolani won the HHSAA Division II State Football Championship for the 2nd time in a row. Iolani beat Radford 35 to 20 in the Championship Game held at Aloha Stadium. With a very strong running game, the Raiders ran 194 yards on the ground. Kellen Imada led the charge for the "raiders and had 119 yards from 17 carries and 2 touchdowns. He teamed up with Kela Marciel who ran for 70 yards and a touchdown. Sealii Epenesa was one of the stars of the defensive unit with 10 tackles, 1.5 sacks and 4 tackles for a loss and his teammate, Carl Gibson was the other star who had 9 tackles, a sack and 2 tackles for a loss, plus an interception. Coach Look will give us the inside story on how he prepared his team to win this championship. Coach is bringing two of his "standout" players **Kela Marciel** and **Keenan Hoohuli**, the slotback who scored the first touchdown in the senior high school game for the West Team.

Glenn Young - Director - Iolani Classic - In honor of the 25th Anniversary of the nation's premier high school boys basketball tournament, Nike, a long time sponsor has created a custom-designed shoe called "Air Force 25". The classic logo and a palm tree is imprinted on the shoe. **Wes Nakama**, staff sports writer from The

Honolulu Advertiser will make a few comments on the tournament and introduce Glenn at the HQC Meeting. There were 16 teams scheduled to play, including 5 ranked USA Today's Super 25 and 1 team from ESPN Rise's Top 12. Glenn will review the games in the tournament with members of the HQC and guests on Monday. Michael Jordan may have attended the classic, since his son Marcus is playing for Whitney Young High School a team from Chicago. In addition, there will be an appearance by 2 Sports Persons of the Month who will be presented their awards. For coaching and winning the Division II Volleyball State Crown, Hawaii Baptist Academy Girls' Volleyball Coach, **Myles Shioji** won the SPOM Award for November and **Sarah Palmer**, won the SPOM Award for December. Sarah is the outstanding volleyball player from Hawaii Baptist Academy who was named Player of the Year by the Star-Bulletin and the 2008 Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Player of the Year. Coach Myles and Sarah will be available for questions at the Honolulu Quarterback Luncheon held at the Pagoda Hotel on Monday.