

The more at stake, the better Ian Kahaloa played and pitched.

The Campbell High senior right-handed pitcher/designated hitter pitched his finest when it mattered most, making him the ScoringLive All-Hawaii Player of the Year.

Sure, he was credited with a combined no-hitter to open the Oahu Interscholastic Association Western Division regular season in an 8-0 win against Waianae. He threw the first six, but with the game secured, sophomore Markus Ramos threw a perfect seventh to preserve the no-hitter.

But basically, Kahaloa was saved for the crucial matchups, usually against the opponents' aces.

Two weeks after no-hitting Waianae, Kahaloa won a duel with Leilehua ace Trayson Kubo, an All-Hawaii second-team selection. Kahaloa fired a complete-game one-hitter, striking out 13 while walking one in a 3-0 win at Wahiawa's Howard Oda Field.

Ten 10 days later, Kahaloa was called again, this time to face divisional rival Mililani and it's ace, Micah Chinen, an All-Hawaii first-team selection. Kahaloa nursed a 1-0 lead until and Trojans scored an unearned run to tie the game in the bottom of the seventh in a battle the Sabers eventually lost in the eighth. He went seven innings, striking out 14 and walking one, while scattering six hits in his only no-decision.

Eighteen days later, the Sabers needed a win to clinch the top seed in the West for the 12-team OIA tournament. Kahaloa tossed his second complete-game one hitter to beat Pearl City, 4-0. He wasn't as sharp, striking out seven and walking a season-high two. They would be the last walks he allowed the rest of the season.

Ten days later, thanks to late rally, Kahaloa beat Mililani, 4-3. He allowed a season-high three runs, albeit all were unearned. Still, he struck out 10 without allowing a walk, as the Sabers captured their third consecutive OIA title.

Thirteen days later, on the biggest stage of the season in the semifinals of the Wally Yonamine Foundation Division I state tournament, Kahaloa and Kamehameha's Codie Paiva, the All-Hawaii third baseman for the second year in a row who also pitches, engaged in an epic duel. Ten innings later, Kahaloa emerged the winner, allowing the only earned run of the season in 44 innings, 61 when you count preseason, and five hits. He struck out a season-high 15 against no walks. The next day, his Sabers were state champions for the first time since 1978.

"He has good stuff, obviously," Sabers' coach Rory Pico said, "but his ability to let things go. His demeanor is kind of on the reserve side. He doesn't get overly emotional. I don't think not getting calls, or errors, I don't think (they) get to him. He tries to stay even keel, I think he does that very well. He doesn't get over zealous, over anything."

Yet, as valuable he was to his team, Kahaloa made minimal appearances. There were seven other pitchers in the state who pitched more innings during the regular season and postseason. Only three other pitchers posted more wins, but none had a microscopic earned run average of 0.16, which led the state (minimum innings being equal to the number of games a team played). He led the state with 72 strikeouts, while allowing only four walks.

But Kahaloa was more than a pitching prodigy. He was an equal threat at the plate. Batting third or fourth in the order, he led the state with a .520 batting average. His 15 RBI were tied for third. He tied for the state lead in doubles (6) and triples (3).

Kahaloa, who drew national attention at an Arizona showcase in the fall because of his mid-90 mph fastball and superb command, is expected to be drafted in the first five rounds of Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft June 8 to 10

SCORINGLIVE ALL-HAWAII TEAM 2015 - BASEBALL

DIVISION I

FIRST TEAM



lan Kahaloa Campbell • Sr Pitcher



Micah Chinen Mililani • Sr Pitcher



Zachary Kapihe Campbell • Sr Pitcher



Noah Shackles Mid-Pacific • Sr Catcher



Dorrien Villanueva-Hermosura Campbell • Sr First base



Jacob Maekawa Mid-Pacific • Jr Second base



Codie Paiva Kamehameha • Sr Third base



Tyler Yamaguchi Mid-Pacific • Sr Shortstop



Matthew Yokota Kamehameha • Jr Outfield



Dewayne Sprinkel Campbell • Sr Outfield



Kaimana Souza-Paaluhi Mililani • Jr Outfield



Ryan Kono Mililani • Jr Designated hitter



Keola Himan Campbell • Sr Utility

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DIVISION I

SECOND TEAM

P: Trayson Kubo, Leilehua - Sr

P: Ryley Widell, King Kekaulike - Sr

P: Chase Wago, Mid-Pacific - Jr

C: Kekai Rios, Kamehameha - Sr

1B: Ty De Sa, Mililani - Sr

2B: Lane Kashiwamura, Baldwin - Sr

3B: Pikai Winchester, Iolani - Sr

SS: Dustin Imanaka, Kailua - Jr

OF: Tyler Kushima, Pearl City - Sr

OF: Blayze Arcano-Llacuna, Campbell - Sr

OF: Austin Jim On, Iolani - Sr

DH: Chance Arakaki, Kamehameha - Sr

U: Michael Hooper, Baldwin - Sr

HONORABLE MENTION

Pitchers: Ladd Ah Choy (Kamehameha), Pono Anderson (Saint Louis), Grant Doi (Mid-Pacific), Koa Eastlack (Mililani), Tanner Inouye (Moanalua), Reece Kakugawa (Kalani), Steven Lee (Castle)

Catchers: Emmett Covello (Kaiser), Dalton Kalama (Kailua), Taylor Meilleur (Saint Louis), Tryzen Patricio (Campbell), Sean Sonognini (Mililani)

First basemen: Noah Auld (Kailua), Shadd Santos (Baldwin)

Second basemen: Justin Ibara (Kalani), Brendan Odo (Kailua), Jantzen Tamanaha (Punahou), Adam Tanoue (Moanalua)

Shortstops: Nicholas Enrico (Moanalua), Taylor Mondina (Waiakea), Justice-Colby Nakagawa (Mililani), Matt Tsutomi (Pearl City)

Third basemen: Haloa Dudoit (Baldwin), CJ Ibara (Mililani), Brendan Uchima (Saint Louis)

Outfielders: Noah Goss (Punahou), Kalei Kealoha-Machado (Kailua), Sean Kinel (Mid-Pacific), Andrew Oasay (Moanalua), Alex Oley (Mid-Pacific), Travis Tanaka (Saint Louis), Kainoa Wilson (Mililani)

Utility: Kingsley Ballao (Maui), Brandon Henderson (Kamehameha), Kamalu Simeona (Kaiser)

Designated Hitters: Ryder Kuhns (Saint Louis)

Coaches that received consideration: Gavin Concepcion (Pearl City), Mark Hirayama (Mililani), Dunn Muramaru (Mid-Pacific), Tom Perkins (Kamehameha).