

Volleyball

Continued from Page 21

and setter Tyrone Buekis on the left. Buekis had already delivered his instructions to Malana the play before, and now it was time to serve.

Skylar Blas did a pretty jump-float serve and forced a bad pass. Okkodo scrambled just to put the ball back in play. Free ball. The pass from Noel Ericsson went straight to Buekis, who already saw a charging Cruz coming in for a quick set.

Malana also took off, a split second after Cruz. Okkodo's best blocker, Nathan Balbin, was already in the back row. When Cruz jumped, he froze middle blocker, lefty E.J. Yerten. Buekis jump-set the ball over Cruz, putting it nicely at Malana's right ear. The only blocker left to beat was Okkodo setter Dom Lingat — an excellent setter tasked with blocking the league MVP's last spike of the season.

By the time Lingat hit his apex, the ball had already bounced off the floor into the crazily emptying stands, lost in the crowd somewhere as the Titan fans and players went wild.

Buekis' hitters normally call out their plays when passing the ball, but neither Cruz nor Malana yelled anything. Cruz went up because he has to; that's the basics of volleyball. He was in perfect position to rip a quick. He saw his blocker and made a pretend half-swing in the air. He already knew where the ball was going.

Gerald, did you tell your setter what you wanted?

Malana shook his head.

Malana has had one rule with Buekis: As long as you can get to that second ball, I want to hit a quick, said Malana. It's an element of the MVP's game that separates him from other out-



JOJO SANTO TOMAS/PDN

Tiyan High School players at the net wait and see who they will block. They are, from left: No. 1 Tyrone Buekis, No. 2 Isaiah Cruz and No. 25 Gerald Malana. Each Tiyan player was crucial to his team's success and Malana, the league Most Valuable Player, racked up the kill tally and had 14 in the match.



JOJO SANTO TOMAS/PDN

Tiyan High School's Noel Ericsson, at rear, spikes around Okkodo High School's Nathan Balbin during the Guam DOE ISA boys volleyball championship game held May 14, 2023, at JFK. The Titans won 3-1 and turned their back-to-back title into a three-peat.

The Guam Board of Examiners of Dentistry Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 17, 2023
3:00 PM Guam,
Port Moresby

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84494803330?pwd=Y284aD14eHBXR0dXWjdIVitDODAZz09>

Meeting ID: 844 9480 3330

Passcode: 190455

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Proof of Publication
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Approval of Minutes
- VI. Treasurer's Report
- VII. Old Business
 - (a) Initial Application for Review and Approval
 - (b) Military spouses with Professional licenses
- IX. New Business
 - (a) Complaints:
 1. GBED-CO-2023-001-
Date received:
April 4, 2023
 2. GBED-CO-2023-002
Date received:
April 17, 2023
 - (b) Initial Applications for Review and Approval
 - (c) Continuing Education Credits "Guam IRT Mission 2023" - requesting approval from Guam Dental Society
- X. Announcements
- XI. Adjournment