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Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Volleyball Invitational Successful

MidAmerica Volleyball Association (MAVA) and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation joined together to create a new and exciting pre-season tournament which was held on January 10.

The tournament helped raise money and awareness for the research efforts to cure Juvenile Diabetes.

Twenty girls teams participated in three divisions. MAVA 12-1 won Pool 1 and MAVA 12-2 won Pool 2 of the 12s Division. MAVA 12-1 then defeated MAVA 12-2 in a crossover match.

In the 13s, the Orange Crush out of Northern Kentucky came out on top in

pool 1 and Cincy Classics were winners in Pool 2. During the crossover match, Orange Crush defeated Cincy Classics. In a 12s/13s crossover, MAVA 12-1 defeated Orange Crush winning in three.

MAVA 14-1s won Pool 1 in their division and KIVA 14 White topped Pool 2 each with three wins. Later, MAVA 14-1 feel victim to KIVA 14 White during the crossover.

For a list of results, visit the MAVA website at www.midamericasportscenter.com.

"We were delighted to help sponsor this event," said Glenn Pike, club director.



London Ackermann and Emma Roberson of MAVA 10-1 show shark spirit at the JDRF

"It not only kicked off the season for many of these teams, it helped a very worthwhile cause," he added.

"We hope to continue the relationship with the Foundation."

DID YOU KNOW

- * MAVA has 22 girls and two boys teams this year.
- * 18 boys and 205 girls are participating on teams. There are 2 sets of twins, 18 sets of sisters and one set of brothers that play on teams.
- * MAVA teams will compete in over 40 tournaments during the season in states including KY, OH, IN, FL, TX, MO, MD, NV, MN and IL
- * MAVA has 37 dedicated coaches.

Boys' Teams Have Strong Start

MAVA isn't just for girls. In fact, the two boys teams have started the season strong with the 17-1s already clinching a bid to Nationals. The team won the Mayor Daley tournament in Chicago and placed second in the St. Louis Boys Gateway Festival.

The 17-1 players are Matt Wood, Patrick Wilson, Brian Gerwig, Brian Kute, Brian Hall, Todd Chamberlain, Ross Kessler, Kevin Floore and Justin Roberts. Their coach is Eric Reis.

The Boys 16-1s also have logged a lot of miles on the road competing in the Chi-

cago area. The 16-1 team members are Chip Schweitzer, Greg Gant, Nathan Price, Andrew Brunner, Grant Nicklies, Phillip Radcliff, Alex Pleasant and Steven Jenkins. They are coached by Eric Garvey.

14-1s Ready to Rock

The 14-1 team is ready for an exciting season. Coach Bill Cecil and Assistant Coach Donnie Boehmer work very hard to make better players in hopes of great things this season.

Ten girls make up the team: Taylor Ackerman (Lovable), Holly Allgeier (Nice), Sarah Bennett (Friendly), Lauren Hall (Shy), Leslie Haywood (Outgoing), Meredith Henson (Funny), Emily Lechleiter (Loud), Allie O'Connor



Visit the 14-1s at their website:
www.eteamz.com/mava14

(Crafty), Courtney Sorrels (Kind), and Emily Wetterer (Nice). The girls come from eight different grade schools and will attend three different high schools.

MAVA 14-1s have a tough schedule with Qualifiers in Tampa and Baltimore and Central Zone Tournaments in Indianapolis. They will compete in Chicago instead of

Orlando and plan on being in

Houston for Nationals.

The team's favorite workout is circuits. The hardest thing about practice is running. Missing a serve means doing pushups. The favorite drills are bongo and 4 corners. MAVA 14-1 parents are very involved and love to cheer them on. Although they miss Coach Jacobs, they welcome Coach Boehmer. Their pet shark is Sparky. According to the girls, the best things about 14-1s are the parents and players, the team attitude, bonding as a team and Coach Cecil! Go Sharks!!!

12-2s Enjoy Success On and Off the Court

The 12-2 team recently won a tournament in Plainfield, IN. But you may not know that this group is very bright and funny off the court too. For example, did you know... Sarah Adams seems quiet, but after she warms up is funny and loves to talk. Lauren Geiger loves to listen to music, play basketball, stitchery and eat Kit Kat and Twix candy bars. Hannah Jezreel lived on a farm when she was little and her favorite thing

was playing in mud puddles. Mollie Nitzken is an excellent pianist. She is in a state competition this year and hopes to go to nationals next year. Diane Pike loves all sports, music, going to the lake and hanging out with her friends. Katy Potempa is a

12-2s relish differences, but come together as a team.

straight A student who wants to be a veterinarian. She is always quick to smile. Jordan Rickert plays softball and basketball and can crack you up without even knowing she doing it. Allie Schmitt also likes to be silly. She has a pet chinchilla named B.C. Lauren Woody is very silly. At a recent tournament she jumped in the pool with her school uniform on! On and off the court, this team enjoys success!

15-2s Celebrate Successes

No matter what city (or condition of the building) MAVA 15-2 is in, they still know how to celebrate! In addition to the team's birthday celebrations, they have successfully finished as one of the top two teams for both Central Zone Tournaments. Also, the 15-2s finished second in the gold division at the President's Day Cup in Dayton.

The Team is working hard to prepare

for upcoming events, which include a trips to Kansas City, Indianapolis, Baltimore, Chicago and, hopefully, Houston. They get better with every practice, not to mention, Craig's wonderful workouts! Players are: Milena Alvarez, Lisa Harden, Ana Klosterman, Allison Morris, Shelby Newman, Meg Redmond, Barrett Rhodes, Caitlin Schroeder, Liz Watkins and Kristin Willinger. Coaches are Heather Huston and Jeanette Salter.



15-2s place second in Gold Division in Dayton

12-1s Racking up Early Season Wins

MAVA 12-1s started off the season with a bang by winning the JDRF Classic Tournament at MidAmerica and knocking off KIVA 12-1 to clinch the top spot at the Ice Breaker Tournament held at Southern Indiana Sports Center.

The team had a good showing at the Central Zone in Indianapolis. Although they split matches, they had a fun time celebrating Coach Joel's birthday at a \$2.99 pizza buffet complete with balloon hats.

The players and parents are having a



MAVA 12-1s get off to a good start with early season wins.

good time getting to know each other.

Five of the girls played on the same 10 and under volleyball team and three of them have been rivals during basketball season. Four team members play for St. Martha and three for Holy Spirit. The other two play for Ascension and St. Albert's.

Team members are Caitlin Dotson, Kelsey Dunaway, Heather Fields, Melanie Hicks, Emily Juhl, Shelby King, Taylor Maxson, Sara Ulinski and Caitlin Welch.

MAVA 12-1 is coached by Ken Garvey and Joel Braun.

13-1s Win in Dayton

The MAVA 13-1 team finished first in the 13-under division of the Presidents Cup Tournament held in Dayton February 14th and 15th. The team was undefeated, with all matches going only 2 games.

The team also was runner-up in the Central Zone Invitational held February 21-22. They won seven straight matches before losing in the championship.

The 13-1 team is coached by Tom Recktenwald and Bruce Roberson. Members of the team are Kelsey Anderson, Taylor Anderson, Samantha Brown, Mallory Busch, Casey Garvey, Grace Krauser, Catherine Neumann, Ellie Roberson, Paige Wessel and Lindsey Wise.



MAVA 13-1 finishes first in Dayton

18-1s Bring Home the Gold

MAVA 18-1s brought home the Gold this year in the President's Cup in Dayton the weekend of February 14 and 15. The team played in the 18 Open Division.

Abbey Breit has committed to play volleyball for Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama. They are a Division I school and play in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Several other girls are actively seeking to further their education as well as their athletics, at the college level, but no other commitments have been made. Members of the team are: Krista Barnett, Abbey Breit, Sarah Burger, Whitney Haynes, Meghan McCallister, Meghan McMahon, Kate Ulanowski, Abbey Vierling, Katie Willinger. Coaches are Paul Bowling and Jereme Moore

NEWSLETTER GETS NAME

The votes are in! It's official! And the winner of the Newsletter Naming Contest is Sue Jacobi—a member of the 15-1 team. Sue's name was selected in a random drawing of all those who submitted either Shark Bites or Shark Bytes.

Sue received \$25 in MAVA bucks to use at either the concession stand or in the pro shop.

Congratulations Sue!!

Mid America Volleyball Association

The MidAmerica Volleyball Association Sharks (formerly the Louisville Attack Volleyball Club) are proud to call MidAmerica home. MAVA is a community-based club committed to developing and promoting the sport of volleyball from entry level player to the elite athlete. As a progressive club, our goal is to provide unparalleled instruction that insures the building of character, development of skills and sportsmanship, while providing a fun and nurturing environment for our volleyball players to reach their maximum playing potential. Our players will be challenged to excel, not only individually but also for the betterment of their teams and the community in which

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Schedule of Events

- * 4/2 Mid East Qualifier
- * 4/9 Mid East Qualifier
- * 4/9 Tampa Qualifier
- * 4/9 Northeast Qualifier
- * 4/17 NKJV Aces Challenge
- * 4/23 Northern Lights Qualifier

Tournament	Teams Playing	Hotel	Phone Number
Colorado Crossroads	15-2, 17-1, 17-2, 18-1	The Westin	www.thsweb.com
Indy Junior Classic	12-3, 14-4, 16-2	Wyndham Garden	317-574-4600
Mid-East Qualifier	12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 13-1, 13-2, 13-3, 14-2, 14-3, 15-1, 15-2	Wyndham Garden	317-574-4600
Mid-East Qualifier	16-2, 17-1, 17-2, 18-1, 18-2	Wyndham Garden	317-574-4600
Tampa Qualifier	14-1	Hyatt	www.thsweb.com
Northeast Qualifier	12-2, 13-1, 14-1, 14-2, 15-1, 15-2, 16-1, 17-1(b)	Lord Baltimore Radisson	410-539-8400
NKJV Challenge	10-1, 11-1, 12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 13-2, 14-2, 14-4	Amerisuites	513-754-0003
Northern Lights Qualifier	16-1	TBD	TBD

10-1s Have Experience, Family Ties

For being the youngest team at Mid-America, you might expect the 10-1s to be green, but they are proving to be very competitive. Annie Adams, Sarah Katz and Monica McGreal were members of 10u teams last year giving them experience for their young ages. All of the players played on their school teams, and London Ackermann, Amanda Crask, Gabby Fong, Emma Roberson, Paige Stewart and Laurine Vinkestyen are standouts.

"The format has been improved by MAVA with the 10u travel team environment," said Coach Katz, "and there's no question that player drive and desire has led the charge." Last year the 10u team played in competitive scrimmages, but did not enter

power leagues or tournaments.

This year the team won their pool and crossover in their first Derby City Power League, playing primarily 12u teams, and came in 2nd in the Union



Classic. They are looking forward to even more success in future.

Family connections also help the 10-1 team. London has an older sister, Taylor, playing for MAVA, and Annie Adams' older sister, Sarah, is also playing for MAVA as is Emma Roberson's sister, Ellie.

Parents of two players are coaching the team, another parent is coaching an older team, and that makes for strong family bonds. Coach Katz is Sarah's dad and Coach Vinkestyen is Laurine's mom. Bruce Roberson, Emma's dad, is working with the 13-1 team.

The 10-1's may be young, but with experience and strong family ties, they are a team to keep an eye on!