



SHARK BYTES

SPECIAL EDITION

Winning Medals, Making Memories

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Best Things About MAVA

- * The best thing about MAVA is that my good friends are there. **Annie Adams 10-1**
- * I like traveling to new cities to play my favorite game, volleyball. **Sarah Adams 12-2**
- * The best part of the season was the DVD about our team that Coach Braun made for everyone! **Kelsey Dunaway 12-1**
- * My season was great and I can't describe how much fun I had. I learned a lot of new things and met a lot of new friends. I loved winning the National Qualifier. **Kelsey Anderson 13-1**
- * I had so much fun over the club season. I made friends that I will never forget, not only on my team but other teams as well. **Lauren Hall 14-1**

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From the Windy City and sunny Florida to the Great State of Texas, MAVA teams ended their seasons by collecting medals as well as memories.

Competition at the AAU National Tournament in Orlando, the ASICS National Tournament in Chicago and the Junior Olympics Championship in Houston was fierce, but players showed great determination and sportsmanship.

Five teams traveled to Florida including girls 12-3, 16-2, 17-2, 18-2 and 18-1. MAVA's 18-1 team won the silver division in

Orlando with Abbey Breit being selected to the All American Team.



MAVA 12-1 won the gold in Chicago and finished an impressive third in Houston.

A total of 11 teams played in the June 18-20 Chicago competition with the girls

12-1 and 15-1 teams bringing home the gold in their divisions. Other teams that made the championship round in Chicago were 13-1, 14-2, 16-1 and 17 boys. Remaining teams that participated were 12-2, 13-2, 15-2, 17-1 and the boys 16 team.

Eight girls teams qualified to compete at the USA Junior Championship in Houston from June 22 through June 27. Four teams

placed in gold medal contention: 12-1 placed third; 13-1 placed fifth; 14-1 placed 11th in the Open division and 15-1s were fifth in the National division. Continued on page 2

MAVA's Second Season Brings Success

A lot has changed in the last two years for the girls and guys of MAVA. This year was the club's second season. Not only did we grow to 24 teams, but nine of them earned the right to call Houston home during the third week of June. 12-1, 12-2, 13-1, 14-1,

14-2, 15-1, 17-1, 18-1, and the boys 17's earned bids to the USAV Junior Olympic National tournament.

Some won their bids at National qualifiers and others at the regional bid tournament. Those teams winning their bids at qualifiers were: 12-1 at the Mid

East Qualifier in Indianapolis; the 13-1's at the Northern Lights Qualifier and 14-1's at the Tampa Qualifier in the Open division. The week of June 22nd will forever be known as the time when MAVA made a big splash on the national scene. Continued on page 3

Party Celebrates Successes

Food, family and fun were on the agenda for the MAVA end-of-the-year party held July 18 at the Mid America complex.

Parents, coaches and players gathered together to celebrate season successes



Having fun with friends at end of the year party.

with a huge pot luck dinner, pick up games and brief remarks from Club Director Glenn Pike.

“This was the perfect way to cap off a great year,” said Pike who thanked players, coaches and parents for their efforts during the season.

“It takes an incredible amount work to be successful, and we are fortunate to have so many people working so hard,” he added.



Pondering strategies for next season.

Winning Medals continued

Layla Carswell, of 15-1 and a sophomore at Mercy Academy, made the All Tournament Team. Other teams in the tournament included 12-2, 14-2, 17-1, 18-1. The boys 17 team played in Austin Texas and placed 25th in the Open Division.

MAVA director Glenn Pike said he is amazed with the success MAVA has achieved in such a short time and is pleased with all the teams' performances.”

“It has taken a lot of dedication from players, coaches and parents during these past months,” he added.

MAVA Welcomes Olympian Mac Wilson

MAVA players got a special treat during a camp sponsored by ChevronTexaco held June 10.

Mac Wilson, Middle Blocker from the USA Men's National Team was on hand to answer questions and demonstrate some moves.

Camp Director and 12-1 Coach Ken Garvey said that some 90 girls attended the day-long event. “Our goal was to bring together good players and work on perfecting skills in a fast pace,” said Garvey.

Wilson, who played for BYU qualified for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens Greece. He was a member of the 2001 NCAA men's volleyball championship team and has played in tournaments around the world.

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Pat Bowles shows his stuff by holding 22 volleyballs during the camp.



Caitlin Dotson, setter for MAVA 12-1, shows her on air talent.



Friends, Mac Wilson and Camp Director Ken Garvey pose together for a photo.

Second Season Successful continued

Not only was our presence felt with the girls on the court successfully earning victory after victory, but the parents also showed the volleyball community who we are with the cheering and wearing of the MAVA Nationals shirts. Our club was also the only one to have their mascots cheering, as Emma Roberson and Taylor Ackerman excited the crowd with their Shark costumes. We love you kids!!!!

Big congratulations go out to all the girls and guys who competed at Nationals. Special congratulations go out to the 14-1's who earned the first Open bid for MAVA and an 11th place



finish in Open. Also special congratulations to the 12-1's for finishing third in gold in Houston and first in gold in Chicago. Congrats to the 13's & 15's for their tie for 7th and in making it to the Gold as well. For the 15's, Layla Carswell was given the outstanding award of being named to the All Tournament Team !!!! Congratulations !!! What a great time for everyone involved !!!! Let's do it again in 2005 in Utah !!!! Shark Bait Ooh Ha Ha !!!!

Message From Club Director Glenn Pike

Dear Coaches, Players and Parents,

The 2004 club season ended on a high note with 15 teams competing in National Tournaments in Chicago, Orlando, Austin and Houston. Planning for 2005 has begun with some exciting developments underway.

Tryouts are scheduled for the week of November 1st. Specific times for each age group will be announced in the near future.

New uniforms will provide a look and style that will match the clubs' commitment to excellence.

Also new for 2005, MAVA will introduce a **non-travel program** for players of all ages. This program will be designed for players who choose to play only in local events, but desire the same level of excellent coaching, fitness and conditioning training that our travel teams enjoy.

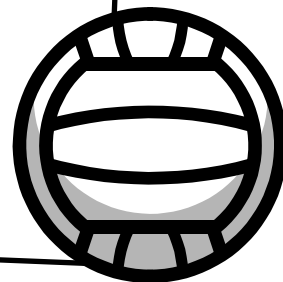
Tournament schedules are under review and with the addition of a few new events, will offer exciting opportunities for all teams to compete.

Enhancements to our practice schedules, including **skill specific practice sessions** and **formalized scrimmage sessions** will be implemented.

We plan to host the **ChevronTexaco JDRF tournament** in mid February. This event will be earmarked to help raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and to allow our club an opportunity to contribute to a great organization. This event should be an early test for our teams as the Midwest's top clubs will be invited to participate.

Congratulations to all teams for a tremendous season in 2004 and I look forward to even greater accomplishments in 2005.

Glenn



A Father's Thank You

Thanks to Glenn and Todd from a very proud Papa....

Caitlin Morency (17-1's) grew tremendously throughout the season. Her awesome jump serve helped the team when it really needed it. The coaches' confidence in her ability to come thru in a pinch helped her team secure a bid to nationals when an injury to another team member could have spelled disaster.

Craig's "Torture Chamber" upstairs helped her to build her stamina for those long days at tournaments.

In the end, Caitlin was offered a spot as DS/Libero at NCAA Division I

Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana!! She will work ever so hard during this last High School season and push herself to earn a spot on the MAVA 18-1s proudly carrying the MAVA name to the north.



Thanks to Glenn, Todd, Paul, Nicole, and all of the MAVA coaches who supported and encouraged Caitlin through some tough times..Amazing what a little self determination and strong work ethic can do!

Proud Daddy
Steve Morency

More Best Things . . .

- * The highlight was winning MAVA's first open bid to Nationals at the Tampa Bay Qualifier. Our team played great. **Leslie Haywood 14-1**
- * I thought it was pretty cool to go to Nationals my first year of playing club ball and winning a lot of tournaments. The players and parents were great. **Heather Fields 12-1**
- * Having the two best coaches again—Jeff Wise and Bud Busch. **Jessica Fields 13-2**
- * I got ten great friends out of my MAVA season, and they are so special to me. **Sarah Bennett 14-1**
- * I've had a great time this season and improved a lot. I loved hanging out with my teammates—they've become my new best friends. **Caitlin Dotson 12-1**
- * I really enjoyed meeting so many great friends on my team. The good times were priceless, and I can't tell you how much I learned and improved. **Samantha Brown 13-1**
- * The best part of the season was the Northern Lights Qualifier. We were down in the third game 8-1 and came back to win! It was the best definition of teamwork I have seen. **Grace Krauser 13-1**
- * I think that the best part of our season was when we played the 15 Open. Even though we didn't win, it was a good experience and got our minds to think faster. **Mallory Bush 13-1**
- * I liked doing the cheers before the games. The cheering really got us pumped up! **Shelby King 12-1**

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 they live.

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New Equipment Wish List

Lots of new equipment helped better prepare our players for the season, but we could always use more. Following are some of the items we would like to get for next season.

- More "Catch Its"
- AirCAT an automatic passing, serving, spiking machine
- Ball Catching Nets
- "Set It"

Want to Contribute Call Tom or Glenn!