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And Away We Go!

Tryouts were completed in November and most teams have already started to practice as MAVA gears up for its third season of outstanding volleyball. Match play began December 26-27.

In total, some 320 boys and girls gave it their all during tryouts with 285 making a team.

Twenty-nine teams will be representing the club in various tournaments and leagues during the next several months.

"We were overwhelmed with the response to our club and tryouts," said director Glenn Pike.

"It's a testament to the kind of program we are building here and the quality of coaches, parents and players we attract."

This year MAVA will have both travel and non-travel teams.



The basic difference, said Pike, is the non-travel girls teams will compete primarily in local venues.

"We wanted to give those players who wanted a less intensive play and practice schedule a way to participate," said Pike.

"We're also sensitive to the costs involved in travel and wanted players and their families to have another option."

Pike said he expects "great things" from all the teams.

"We're giving all our players access to great coaches and outstanding facilities," he said. "We will be extremely competitive and hope to have great representation at Nationals in Salt Lake City later this year."

MAVA FUN FACTS

- * Seventeen players will be sporting number 4 on their jerseys this year. It was the most requested number.
- * The largest number requested was 70.
- * There are 19 sets of sisters playing on MAVA teams this year and 4 of those are twins.
- * MAVA has 25 female coaches and 20 male coaches for the season.

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Hulsmeyer Joins MAVA; Brings Experience and Enthusiasm

Jeff Hulsmeyer knows a lot about volleyball, and he'll be using that experience to help MAVA players and coaches in his role as Mid-America's new director of Volleyball Operations.

"We are pleased and excited that Jeff has joined our team," said Tom Reck-

tenwald, president of Mid-America Sports Center.

For the past 11 years Hulsmeyer has held various coaching jobs for NCAA Division 1 schools including head coach for the women's volleyball teams at Western Kentucky University and more recently Purdue

University.

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sible for organization of adult leagues, tournaments for high school and junior as well as adult programs.

New Uniforms; New VolleyBalls; New Look

MAVA players will have a new look this season. Teams will be sporting jerseys and shorts from Mizuno and will play with Molten volleyballs.

The new jerseys are sleeveless with a v-neck. The shorts will have a shark logo on the back of the leg.

Mizuno is a recognized leader in



volleyball uniforms and a corporate sponsor of USA volleyball. According to Club Director Glenn Pike, the company has offered to sponsor coaches uniforms as well as the JDRF Tournament.

"It was a great offer from a great company and we are delighted to begin a partnership with Mizuno," Pike said.

More Fun Facts

- * There are three couples coaching this year. The Hellmanns, Bowlings and Cecils, who are coaching the 13-1 girls team together.
- * Jeff Hulsmeyer and Patty Farlin, who are brother and sister also are coaching.

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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MAVA Hosts National Tourneys



Mid America Sports Center recently played host to two national tournaments. The Mid-South Conference Tournament was held November 12-13 with Georgetown College defeating Campbellsville in three games. The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Region XI Tournament was also played at the center with Tennessee based Union University coming out on top.

"As our facilities continue to become known, we hope to attract even more quality tournaments to the Louisville area," said Club Director Glenn Pike. "It's good exposure for our programs as well as the entire community," he added.

Quick Q & A with Jeff Hulsmeyer

A quick Q & A with Mid-America's new Director of Volleyball Operations, Jeff Hulsmeyer.

Q: When did you become involved in volleyball?

A: I played in my first league my senior year in high school and have been hooked ever since.

Q: What drew you to the position at Mid-America?

A: I was very impressed by the facility and enormous potential for the growth and development of volleyball. On a personal note it has also provided me with a way to be back around my family and in Louisville after working at several Universities

Q: What are your plans for enhancing the MAVA program?

A: I think I can help MAVA the most as a resource for the coaches to

use and to be available to step into practices or work with individuals to allow the coaches to get specific assistance while they continue to keep their focus on the team as a whole.

Q: Do you have a favorite quote or saying related to volleyball?

A: Not really one. I used to use a quote for each of my practices as a type of "thought for the day" to work in but I've always liked the simple "Carpe Diem - Seize the day"

Tentative Play Schedule Set

Play schedules tentatively have been set and many MAVA teams will be traveling from Indiana and Atlanta to Orlando and Minneapolis during the season in hopes of securing a spot at the 2005 Junior Nationals to be held in Salt Lake City in June and July.

The first scheduled tournament for most MAVA travel teams is the Central Zone Shootout to be played in Indiana in January.

Non-travel teams will begin season play in the Bluegrass Power League on January 30.

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Many teams already have begun making travel arrangements.

Julie Potempa and Kathy Reed are helping coordinate travel for larger tournaments such as qualifiers, AAU and Nationals. Other arrangements will be the responsibility of team parents and coaches. If you have questions related to travel, contact Julie Potempa at juliepotempa@msn.com.

Members of MAVA's 18s Move On To College Play

Several MAVA players recently went through formal signing ceremonies and will continue playing volleyball at various colleges and universities.

Erin Pierce signed with Lipscomb University in Tennessee. Lindsey Neighbors is playing for Towson University in Maryland and Tonya Reed signed on with Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia Kentucky.

Kristie Wetter will play for the Louisville Cardinals, and Caitlin Morency and Boys standout Todd Chamberlain, both are heading to Ball State University in Muncie Indiana.

"We wish all these players the best of luck and we look forward to hearing from them as they continue their volleyball playing," said Glenn Pike, club director.



Tonya Reed (far left) seals the deal with Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia Kentucky.

MAVA Coaches for 2005 Season

Team	Head Coach	Asst Coach
12-1	Todd Garvey	Melissa Mudd
12-2	Glenn Katz	Kendra Stone
12-3	Anne Marie Vinkesteyn	Stephanie Denkhoff
12-Ellingsworth	Shannon Ellingsworth	
12-Dotson	Kurt Dotson	
12-Hellman	Chris Hellmann	
12-Stottmann	Denise Stottmann	
13-1	Bill Cecil	Annie Cecil
13-2	Budd Busch	Stephanie Edelin
13-3	Lisa Fields	Leslie Pike
13-Potempa	Julie Potempa	
13-Rickert	Sharon Rickert	
14-1	Ken Garvey	Joel Braun
14-2	Carrie Kapfhammer	Jan Segó
14-3	Kitty Garner	
14-Zipper	Pam Zipper	
15-1	Tom Recktenwald	Jeff Wise
15-2	Matt Costello	Michelle Cook
15-3	Patty Farlin	
15-Arrasmith	Tim Arrasmith	
15-Hellmann	Susan Hellmann	
16-1	Nicholle Duncan	Kristen McGowan
16-2	Heather Houston	Jeanette Salter
16-Blanford	Pat Blandford	
17-1	Tim Lynch	Sarah Bowling, James Kleier
17-2	Paul Bowling	
18-1	Paul Bowling	Jeff Hulsmeyer
18-2	Jereme Moore	Jeff Hulsmeyer
18-B	Erich Reis	Eric Garvey