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17 Elite: Fast, Fun, and Focused



MAVA 17-Elite

MAVA'S 17-Elite team kicked off the season with an impressive 33-3 record in January and February – winning the MAVA Kick Off and Central Zone Shoot Outs #1 and #2. They finished 3rd at the CZ Invitational and placed 9th at the Las Vegas invitational with a 10-1 record losing only to the Gold Champs.

"These girls certainly have something to prove, and just don't give up. We love

that spirit and determination" said Coach Matt Costello. "Despite some early season injuries, our team looks like it's in a fairly good groove early on" said Coach Jeff Wise. Kelsey Anderson (OH) has been jumping/attacking really well; Mo Loftus (OH) is certainly holding her own with her new team; Paige Wessel (MB) is blockin' and *slamming* them inside the 10 and Grace Krauser (MB) is playing great defense and running the

slide to perfection; Emily Meyer and Cat Neumann (RH's) are constant contributors with strong kills and blocks every match. Our defense has just been amazing with our Libero Sam Brown and DS's Lindsey Wise and Lindsey Ragland delivering on ball after ball. And of course there's Casey Garvey, she is just incredible the way she manages the court and gets to her hitters.

14-Elite battles injuries, opponents to win MidAmerica Open Challenge

Drawing on bench strength, determination and a lot of heart, MAVA 14-Elite won the MidAmerica Open Challenge against rival KIVA 14-Red. The girls have shown resiliency in a season plagued by injuries.

Injuries are a part of competing and this team has had an unusual number of rolled ankles, shin splints, broken bones, and even a case of mono, that have kept players and Coach Todd Garvey out for weeks.

In spite of starting the Dayton President's Cup with only six players, 14-Elite made it to the finals losing a close match to KIVA 14-Red. The following week with eight healthy players 14-Elite made it to the finals of the Central Zone Championships after winning a tough semi-final against Munciana. The team returned home the next weekend -- after another injury left the team with seven players -- to win the MidAmerica Open Challenge.

The secret to their success?

"Everyone has had to step up, learn new positions, cover the court and communicate really well," Coach Joel Braun said.

Years of playing together gives this team a special chemistry. Injuries challenge the healthy players to work together, focus on their new roles and show their depth and versatility.



MAVA 14-Elite

Coach Joel Braun, Brittany Lenihan, Andi Nichol, Tess Quesenberry, Monica McGreal, Dallas Zimmerman, Paige Stewart, Megan Lipski, Annie Adams, Coach Todd Garvey, Meredith Ashy, and Amanda Crask.



12-Elite Team members are: Cassidy Anderson, Courtney Crable, Christina Gregory, Madison Harley, Allison Hellmann, Jenna Montano, Hannah Moore, Alicia Murrison, Hillary Reader, Sydney Tyra and Coaches Chris Hellmann and Pat Finegan.

12 – Elite wins Dunes March Madness Tourney

12 Elite left Louisville just in time to miss the big snow storm, but brought a storm of their own to the courts in Michigan City, Indiana. On the weekend of March 8th and 9th while the streets at home were being plowed, 12 Elite plowed through their opponents and won the Gold Bracket of the Dunes March

Madness Tournament. They defeated Dunes 12 Teal, Michigan City Elite Platinum, and Indiana Volleyball Academy 12 Blue on Saturday and ASICS Team Indiana 12 Thundercats and Dunes 12 Black on Sunday. They were focused and took care of business and won every match in 2 games. Almost as

exciting as the Gold 1st place finish, was the team field trip. Saturday afternoon the team went to Dunes National Park and ran in cold sand and took in the beautiful sights of the dunes and frozen water. It was an all around great trip!

*It's not about me,
It's about TEAM.
-- 12-Elite's motto*



MAVA 14-Red

14-Red "Snow Sharks" win Impact Tournament

The MAVA 14 Red team now has a new team nickname: "Snow Sharks." The team proved that traveling south and leaving the blizzard conditions behind them in Louisville was a really smart and strategic move. The team went undefeated in the Impact VBC Tournament, held on March 8th, and took their 2nd Championship of the season. The team defeated an inspired MAVA 15 Great White

squad in a close match that ended 15-10 in the third game.

The team is now an amazing 37-13-1. The season includes a runner-up in the gold club division at the President's Cup, a championship at the MAVA Kickoff Classic, a third in the gold club division at the CZ Invitational, a fifth place finish at the CZ Championships, and a first place finish in the silver

division at the MidAmerica Open Challenge.

The team would like to thank Josh from Velocity for keeping them in such fine shape to keep up with their grueling schedule. The team includes: Lisa Azzara, Cami Burrus, Raven Baumgardner, Courtney Byron, Abby Lutmer, Nicole Jenkins, Bethany Just, Katelin Raque, Kate Sass, and Maggie Young.



14-Blue celebrates another win. From left, Coach Bud Busch, Brittany Bumback, Abbi Jacobi, Kacie Fallot, Sarah McDonough, Sarah Katz, Jana Kortas, Sarah Wombwell, Coach Arrasmith. Front row, Abby Crum, Carmen Burmester, Lauren Wilhite

MAVA 14 Blue takes silver at CZ Championships

After a less than stellar first day of play at the Southern Indiana Sports Complex, the MAVA 14 Blue had an undefeated day of play to take Silver in the Central Zone Invitational Club Division. Saturdays play started out

promising with a win over Asics Team Indiana 14-3 team, but the rest of the day went downhill with 3 losses. The day ended with what must have been quite the motivational talk from coaches Bud Busch and Tim Arrasmith.

because the girls came ready to play bright and early Sunday morning! The girls defeated some pretty tough competition and ended up taking the Silver Division Championship with a win over the NKJB 14-1 team!

14 Hammerheads start the season "bowling" for fun

The team, their parents and Coach Paul Bowling enjoyed a bowling team social to kick off their season.

The girls had a good time talking and laughing at each other's attempts to bowl.

A few of the girls – and adults – could actually knock down some serious pins!

The parents and coach got a chance to talk to each other as well.

Some teammates reunited on this team and there are some new faces too.

We all feel this team will be one of the hottest to keep an eye on this season. After the girls catch on to the advanced rotations Coach Paul Bowling is rolling at the girls we think they will be striking down the competition.
GO MAVA GO!



MAVA 14 Hammerhead

Coach Paul Bowling, Emily, Megan, Allie, Rachael, Kelsie, Lauren, Sarah, and Dakota.
Missing: Evann and Conner.

16-Blue wins gold in MidAmerica Open Challenge

MAVA 16-Blue won the MidAmerica Open Challenge after a tough first day of pool play.

Dropping a match to TEVA 16-1s left the team in a three-way tie for first in pool play. I

In the first challenge match against TEVA, MAVA was down 6-12 before going on a 9 and 1 run to win the game 15-13. The second challenge game was against rival Union 16-1. After defeating Union in pool play, 16-Blue lost to them 21-19. Finishing second in the pool forced the team

to face another rival, KIVA 16-White, in the semi-finals.

"We lost to KIVA in the semi-finals of Central Zones the weekend before, so it was time for us to get back on top. We came out focused and I knew it was going to be our day," Coach Tim Cox said. Then it was time for a rematch against Union 16-1 in the finals. MAVA 16-Blue dominated the match, winning 25-14, 25-20. "I knew we had it in us to win this thing and we really played to our potential," Cox said.



MAVA 16-Blue

Coach Tim Cox, Kary Stivers, Kat Wilkinson, Morgan Ridge, Coach Beth Cox, Melissa Sexton, Meghan Bowers, Sarah Adams, Thea Mattingly, Heather Fields, Jordan Rickert, and Lori Andriot.



Go 13-Blue, Go 13-Blue, Go!

Following a grueling 4 day tryout, Coaches Daniel Gumm and Troy Walsh selected 10 talented players from a competitive group of 13 year olds to form the MAVA 13 Blue team.

MAVA 13 Blue started January with two Power Leagues and a 3rd place finish in the MidAmerica Kickoff Classic.

Sunday morning, 13 Blue won three straight matches to land them in the semifinals. After watching MAVA 13 Elite lose a two game match to A5 from Atlanta, MAVA 13 Blue was set to play in the final match. They played their best match of the season, beating A5 in two straight games to win the silver division.

February began with a tough Central Zone tournament. The girls started out slow with one win and three losses to put them in the silver division on day two. After losing to MAVA 13 Elite

13-Blue made an Impact in the Nashville Spring Fling winning the 14U Division by outscoring their opponents 350-111.

Ritter. Although lacking extreme height, this team is packed with athleticism, speed, and determination.

12-Red finishes 2nd in Icebreaker Tournament



MAVA 12- Red

MAVA 12 Red played their hearts out to place second in the Icebreaker tournament. They beat tough teams from South Louisville, Evansville and Southern Indiana. One of the strengths is to deliver hard-to-return serves. Several servers including Rachel Mazzoni, Makinzie Kellerman, Devon Rachel and Kristen 'Munchkin'

Siegfried delivered multiple aces. Our hitting keeps improving each game. The hitting is led by Mandie Shircliff and Emily 'M' Goodlett. Of course we couldn't hit if it weren't for our setters Amanda Bearden and Nikki Koval. They maybe small, but they use it to their advantage. Their small stature makes them

lightening fast. Our middle blockers, Taylor Bowling and Kianna Dieudonne are starting to evoke fear in our opponents by smacking the ball straight down. And who made this team so strong?? Our outstanding coaches Kerri (Clorice) Wilkenson and Holly Koval. Thanks coaches!!

March Madness showcases 13-Tiger's talent



MAVA 13 Tiger

MAVA 13 Tigers entered into the weekend looking to get back onto the winning side of the column. With a strong team performance and a never die attitude, they roared into the finals of the OVVC March Madness tournament.

taking the match to 3 games. But in the end the Tigers used their strong serves and aggressive net play to take the win for the GOLD. This gives the TIGERS their first Gold for the year!

Kaitlin Bradley, Alissia Wilson and Kate Jakoby gave a strong effort at the net. Their attacks were set up by setters Abby Rose and Ambria Gaus who were giving

everything they had on the court. Danielle Mallory, Amiee Turner and Kiersten June used their never die attitude to hustle down any loose balls and the team libero, Payton Roberts, ran the back court making key passes and diving saves.

This win was truly and Great Team Effort!
1...2...3... Alligator!!!
GO MAVA GO!!!

It was a MAVA vs. MAVA final on Sunday at OVVC. Both MAKO and the TIGERS played hard,

MAVA 15 Red Wins Silver Tournament at MidAmerica Club Challenge

Led by coaches Deb Turnage and Paul Bowling, MAVA 15 Red swept through the Silver bracket of the MidAmerica Club Challenge.

The afternoon started out by beating a club from South Louisville. The semi-final was a win over TEVA, a club from Lexington, with the final being a victory over a very challenging X-Factor 16 team out of Cincinnati.

The team consists of libero Carli Ianke, defensive specialist Sara Burch, setter Kelsey Yates, and hitters - Melissa Davoust, Olivia Naber, Erin Vince, Tymber Redd, Jill Dancy, and Erin Hoffman.

The young ladies will get to enjoy their first tournament win of the year as they have their first two-weekend break of the season coming up. Congratulations to the TEAM on a great tournament!

GO MAVA 15 RED!



13 Great White wins silver at Mid-America Kick-off



The 13 Great White team began their season with a first-place silver finish at the Mid-America Kick-Off Classic.

Way to go team!

Team Members:

Front row - Shelby Catlett, Emily Houze, Haley

Collard, Madeline Baumgartner

Back row - Sarah Bewley, Mason

Ramsay, Lauren

Kilibarda, Kate Stottmann, Danielle Yancey

Not pictured: Hannah Stemler

Coach: Jessica Spiegelhalder

MAVA Players receive national recognition

Alli O'Connor (Mercy Academy) of MAVA 18-Elite was selected to The All Molten Improvement 2nd Team by Prep Volleyball for improvement from her junior to senior season.

Emily Juhl (Sacred Heart Academy) of MAVA 16-Elite was named to Prep Volleyball's Soph 79: Best High School Sophomores in the Country.

Kelsey Dunaway (Sacred Heart Academy) and **Caitlin Welch** (Mercy Academy) both of MAVA 16-Elite were named Highest Honorable Mention on the Best Sophomores list.

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INTRODUCING THE MAVA 15 ELITE TEAM

The MAVA 15-Elite team has already proven to be a force to be reckoned with. The team is coached by Tom Recktenwald and Angela Wolfe. Team members are Elisa Burkman, Colbey Cameron, Jewell Dobson, Amber Jackey, Sophie Kellerman, Kirsten Pavelonis, Lauren Schneidtmiller, Megan

Stout, Chelsea Volz, and Ally Wilbourn.

The team played fantastic winning all of their matches in the Icebreaker tournament in 2 games leading up to the championship match against Kiva 15 Red. MAVA beat KIVA in the first game and then lost a close second game. KIVA

won the third game and championship but MAVA walked away with their heads high knowing that it is just a matter of time before they'll be on top.

The team is looking forward to the Zonal events in Aurora, IL, New Orleans and Crystal, IL and the AAU's in Orlando.

MAVA 16-Elite poised for continued success

Posting a season record of 26 wins and only 4 losses to date, MAVA 16 Elite has found its rhythm and is poised for a highly successful season. With a first place at the recent Central Zone Championship and a second place at the intensely competitive Asics President's Day Classic in Omaha, the team is now hard at work perfecting individual and collective skills.

Head Coach Ken Garvey and assistant coach Kelly Garvey (Ken's daughter-in-law) are pleased with

the progress and tenacity the players have shown. "Playing hard and accepting roles have been a key for our ability to compete with the nation's best," said Ken Garvey.

"Defense and ball control from Katy Potempa, Shelby King, and Caitlin Welch have allowed "Dot" (Caitlin Dotson) to distribute the sets to outside hitters Laura Der, Emily Juhl, and Kelsey Dunaway. Hitting and blocking from Kelly Moyer and Sarah Ulinski out of the middle have given us great balance," he added.

Coach Ken Garvey noted that while the players work hard, they do manage to enjoy their time together both on the court and off. "This team has been a lot of fun to be around for Kelly and me," he said. "They have a lot of chemistry that works very well."



16-Elite captures gold at Central Zones