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MAVA 12 Elite wins inaugural JVDA National Championship



Mava 12 Elite JVDA National Champions 2008

12 Elite team members: Front row Alicia Murrison, Allison Hellmann, Jenna Montano, Christina Gregory, Hillary Reader; Back row Coach Chris Hellmann, Hannah Moore, Courtney Crable, Cassidy Anderson, Madison Harley, Sydney Tyra, and Coach Pat Finegan.

After finishing 5th at AAU's in Orlando, 12 Elite headed home determined to finish the season with a championship victory! They saw the JDVA tournament motto, "History in the Making," and determined to leave their mark in club volleyball history.

Pressure was on, so every player stepped up her game. All ten players came together for a team effort that left their opponents and spectators in awe!

In pool play, MAVA 12 Elite dominated teams from across the country.

Finally it was time for the championship match. As 12 Elite high-fived the long line of supporters before the match, it was obvious they were confident and ready to win.

On Monday, June 30 2008, MAVA 12 Elite MADE HISTORY as the Inaugural JDVA 12 Club Champions defeating NVA 25-13, 25-17.

The national championship victory wrapped up their phenomenal 89-11 season!

Awesome job 12 Elite!

16 Elite Nets Number Two Spot in JVDA Gold

It was the best of times. It was the worst of times.

MAVA 16 Elite had a little of both during the inaugural JVDA tournament. The team found themselves vying for the gold after beating several worthy opponents.

Eager to get started, players, coaches, and parents alike were frustrated after waiting nearly seven long hours for the final – and last championship match – of the tournament to begin.

"We had been playing really well," said Coach Ken Garvey. "Everyone was hitting their stride and giving 100 percent." Unfortunately, Club Fusion had stellar performances early in the tourney and a will to win as well.

MAVA jumped out in front capturing the first two games 21-25, 21-25. The third game turned the tide with Fusion winning 25-18. MAVA showed their heart and grit in the fourth game, and it seemed victory was in their grasp – at least for a moment.

After the dust settled, Fusion managed to fight back and win 28-26 in the fourth and 15-13 in the fifth.

"It was an intense and highly emotional match," said Garvey. "There was some truly great volleyball being played on that court. I was proud of our effort, but disappointed in the outcome."

MAVA 16 Elite had three players named to the JVDA 16 Open All Tournament Team –

Setter Caitlin Dotson, Outside Hitter Emily Juhl, and Libero Caitlin Welch. Other 16 Elite members are Outside Hitter Kelsey Dunaway, Middles Sarah Ulinski and Kelly Moyer, Right Hitter Laura Der, and Defensive Specialists Shelby King and Katy Potempa. Kelly Garvey served as ast. coach.

MAVA 16 Elite closed out the 2008 season with an impressive 83 wins and only 13 losses.

14 Red Ends Season With a Record of 84-31!



MAVA 14 Red participated in the AAU Nationals opening ceremonies at Disney's Wide World of Sports. Wearing shark hats and carrying a "really cool" banner, 14 Red was the first team to be introduced to the large crowd at the ceremonies. The event was very "electric" in atmosphere, and was a perfect setting for this "wild & crazy" team.

Playing a grueling schedule of 115 matches, MAVA's 14 Red ended their season at the JVDA Championships with an astounding record of 84 wins & 31 losses – 73%!

The season included four gold championships with an impressive victory at the Pioneer Championships.

"We played as much as any team at MAVA this season. Somehow we managed to stay healthy through it all," said Coach Vince McDonough.

At one point this season, 14 Red came within one point of winning three straight gold championships.

The team relied on strong serving, and defense to carry them through many of the events. Katelin Raque, Bethany Just, and Cami Buruss were capable of hitting all service zones that Coach Amy Kaiser assigned. "We were able to find many holes in the opposing team's serve receive," said Coach Kaiser.

Defensive Specialist Kate Sass, Burruss and Libero Lisa Azzara were consistent in the backcourt. Front row defense was led by Middle Blockers Nicole Jenkins and Courtney Byron, and Opposite/Backup Setter Maggie Young.

One of the biggest assets for 14 Red this season was the emergence of their setters, Raven Baumgardner and Abby Lutmer. "Raven and Abby both worked really hard to learn the team's offense.

14 Elite finishes 2nd in Orlando after a season filled with injuries

After a series of close matches, MAVA 14 Elite advanced to the championship game of the AAU Nationals in Orlando in June. The team finished second in its most competitive tournament of the year.

The team endured a number of injuries throughout the season.

"We only played a couple of tournaments with 10 healthy players. For the majority of the season we had one, two, or even three players out because they were hurt," Coach Joel Braun said.

"Half of our team members were in casts at some point during the season."

So it was appropriate the team played with only 9 players in Orlando.

Annie Adams had a stress fracture, but she cheered her team through one close match after another.

14 Elite beat all the top seeds in the tournament including defeating the eventual champion, Queens, in pool play. They also beat A5 from Atlanta, previously undefeated MAVs 14-1, and KIVA 14-Red in the semi-finals.

In the final match, Queens dominated the first game, but the Sharks fought back to win the second game. Eventually, Queens prevailed in game 3.

Amanda Crask, Megan Lipski, and Monica McGreal of MAVA 14 Elite were named to the 2008 AAU All American Team.



MAVA 12 Red



14 Great White



MAVA 17 Elite wraps up amazing season

The MAVA 17 Elite 2008 season was truly phenomenal. They won 90 out of 101 matches which included three National titles at the 17-Open Level. The dedication, spirit, and determination the girls showed on and off the court was absolutely amazing. They relentlessly pursued the ball, never gave up, and kept finding success all season long.

Their season record:

- Wins 90 – Losses 11; Winning Percentage: 90%!
- **JDVA National Showcase - 17 Open Champions**
- **2008 JVDA Nationals - 17 Open 3rd Place**
- **2008 AAU Nationals - 17 Open 3rd Place**
- MAVA Pre-National 18 Open Champs
- KIVA Memorial Day 18 Open Champs
- MAVA Kick Off 18 Open Champs
- Central Zone Shoot Out #1 and #2 17 Open Champs



MAVA 17 Elite Front row Sam Brown, Casey Garvey, Kelsey Anderson, Lindsey Wise, and Lindsey Ragland. Back row Coach Matt Costello, Emily Meyer, Catherine Neuman, Paige Wessel, Mo Loftus, Grace Krauser, and Coach Jeff Wise.

12 Red Hits Gold!!

April and May were good for 12 Red. The team went 32 – 5 and recently won gold at the Spring Fling. Red delivered two revenge victories over Union and ELE 12 Green. Next was KIVA Jessica. KIVA Jessica's parents stated before the game that we would be an easy victory for the gold. Not so!! No one could beat our team on this day. They were awesome.

The next tournament was KIVA's Memorial Day tournament. Saturday Red trampled teams from Ohio and Illinois. One game Red won 25-0 thanks to Makinzie Kellerman serving 24 straight points. Way to go Makinzie!! Sunday the competition was much harder with teams from Toledo and Cincinnati, but Red remained undefeated. After smoking the first team on Monday in two games, Red faced Team Z, which was still mad from losing to Red on Sunday, in the Gold finals. Red took them to three games and ultimately lost the third game 16-14. We'll get them next time!



15 Blue wins Bronze at JVDA Nationals

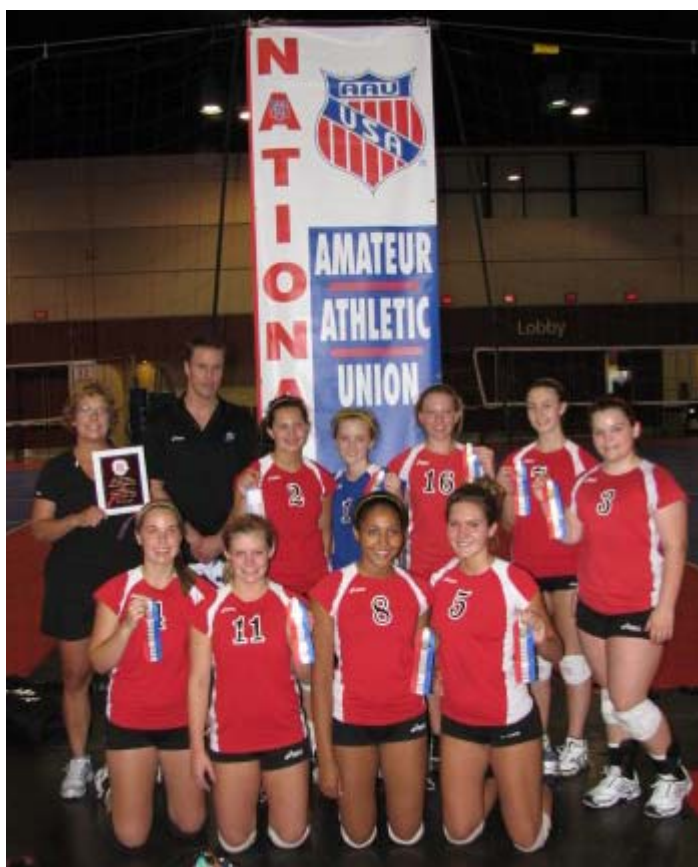
MAVA 15 Red Wins Purple Division at AAU's Junior National in Orlando

MAVA 15 Red enjoyed their Florida mini-vacation and won the 15 Club Purple Division at AAU's Junior National Volleyball Championship in Orlando.

The four day competition did not start off well for the girls. Unfamiliar with playing in such a large setting as Disney's Wide World of Sports with their fans separated from the action, the first 2 days resulted in losses. However, in the final 2 days at the Orange County Convention Center the team pulled it together and didn't lose a game!

Congratulations to the TEAM on a great tournament!

The team consists of front row: hitter Melissa Davoust, defensive specialist Jill Dancy, hitters Tymber Redd & Olivia Naber, and back row: Coaches Deb Turnage & Paul Bowling, defensive specialist Sara Burch, libero Carli Ianke, hitters Erin Hoffman & Erin Vince, and setter Kelsey Yates. **GO MAVA 15 RED!**



The 14 Great White wins silver again!!!

At the beginning of the season, the 14GW won 3 out of 4 tournaments in the Derby City Power League. Since then they accumulated 4 silvers and 1 bronze in the last 5 tournaments. With the team battling many injuries and one of the players' knee surgery, the season has been anything but easy. Through all these challenges and hardships, the Great White continued winning. Congratulations to the coaches Ed and Tiffany and to all the girls on the team!! Go Mava 14 Great White!!

12 Great White takes Silver at Memorial Day Tourney

Despite having to play without a couple teammates, this Great White team went into the KIVA Memorial Day Classic Tournament with one thing on their mind ... Winning! Day one of pool play started a bit tentatively. The team had to make some adjustments and several players had to meet the challenge and demands of playing new positions.

The second day of pool play proved to be even more challenging. Each match went to three games but the girls were unable to seal the deal. Despite the losses, this close-knit MAVA team had fun in the sun with a picnic afterwards.

Day three ... it's tournament day ... another early morning ... We're in the Silver division. Let's do it! Coach Frank Horecny and Assistant Coach Erin Dunaway continued to instruct and encourage the team to hustle, pass, set, hit, and block to the very end.

Despite a fractured left wrist, Marissa "Roo" Merilatt, our one-armed wonder, was able to contribute by sending over some hard to return serves. With hands at the ready, middle blockers Heather "Elasti-Girl" Rueff and Kelsey "Kelsey Gee" Gentile played strong at the net. Their intimidating presence flustered the opponents. Playing out of position, Sydnei "Squid" Huber showed that she could hit from the outside as well as pass from the back row. Sydney "Lil Syd" Shearn, also known as "the weapon", did double duty as a setter and passer. Our libero, Cassidy "Kass" Menges, sent good passes to our setter, Jordan "Jo Jo" Kraus. As a result, Jordan was able to heed the call when she heard "Outside!" by setting the quiet but deadly Kelsey "Ray" Willinger for an outside hit down the line. Molly "Moo" Wegenast was a welcome sight on tournament day. Making their coaches, parents and families proud as always, the girls won the **Finals in the Silver Division.**

13 Blue wraps up exciting season at JVDA

It's hard to believe the 2008 club volleyball season is over.

MAVA 13 Blues' season started with a bang. First, Aubrey, our libero, had an emergency appendectomy. News flew like wildfire through the girls' cell phones and the team gathered at Baptist East to wish her well, gawk at her wound and pump Mrs. Ritter for information on when Aubrey could get back on the court.

The first two months showed the girls who their top opponents would be.

Teams like KIVA 13 Red, MAVA 13 Elite, and UNION 13-1 were our local competition. Team Z, m31, A5 and Dayton Jrs were our out of town foes.

A few weeks after Aubrey returned, we lost hitter Ashley to a broken wrist after a fall during Velocity conditioning. Ashley cheered her team on for six weeks, then she doffed her pink cast and got back into action.

Road trips took MAVA 13 Blue to Nashville, Indianapolis and Orlando. MAVA 13 Blues' overall record for the season was

77-21.

Memorable wins came in the MidAmerica Pre-nationals jamboree when the girls beat MAVA 14 Blue and Red and beating Texas Tornados and NuSky in two games at AAUs in Orlando which propelled Blue into the finals. But our most intense win came over MAVA 13 Elite in three games in the JVDA quarterfinals.

We finished 3rd in the Gold division at JVDA and tied for fifth place at AAUs in Orlando.



Congratulations and thanks to 13 Blue Coaches Daniel Gumm and Troy Walsh for all their hard work, time taken from family and work, and for being patient with our "Chatty Cathies!"

10 Hammerheads had a great season!!!

The 10 Hammerhead team started this season not knowing a lot about how to play club ball. Several girls had some playing experience at their schools, but for most girls, this was the first time playing club ball.

The team had four major challenges in the beginning of the season:

1. inconsistency in serving, passing and setting,
2. inexperience with assigned setters and the substitution process,
3. learning the

- various refereeing and scorekeeping responsibilities, and
4. playing against older and often twice-their-size teams.

Coach Kurt Dotson was the brave man who signed up to coach this 9- and 10-year-old team without an assistant coach. He did a great job of balancing having fun and improving skills. The girls learned a lot from Coach and they all made significant improvements in their

game as the season progressed.

By the time the season ended, all of the players were consistently serving overhand as well as passing and setting.

Other coaches complimented our girls on how well the team played for being so young and on how well they conducted themselves when reffing.

The team had quite a bit of fun during the season too. They had a team slumber party, played video games and read magazines together between matches, and ended the season with a swim and

pizza party. They bonded very well and it showed on the court.

The girls gave 100% in the games. Toward the end, they played more confidently and had some wins against a couple of 12-year-old travel teams.

Several girls are currently enjoying their summer by attending volleyball camps and several will be playing for their schools this fall.

The team parents and Coach are very proud of the girls!

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The MidAmerican Volleyball Association (MAVA) Sharks are proud to call MidAmerica Sports Center 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 players.

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Letter from the Director

Congratulations to all teams that competed in the inaugural JVDA Championships. For the organization's first Championship event, I would say it was a success.

Special recognition goes to **MAVA 12 Elite** for winning the 12U division. Congratulations to Head Coach Chris Hellman, Assistant Coach Pat Finegan and the following players:

Cassidy	Anderson
Courtney	Crable
Christina	Gregory
Madison	Harley
Allison	Hellmann
Jenna	Montano
Hannah	Moore
Alicia	Murrison
Hillary	Reader
Sydney	Tyra

We placed two teams in the Gold Championship bracket in the 13U division, with **MAVA 13 Blue** finishing 3rd overall after defeating **MAVA 13 Elite** in a competitive 3 set match.

Our **MAVA 16 Elite** team finished 2nd in the 16 Open, losing an epic battle with Club Fusion in a highly competitive 5 set match 13-15 in game 5.

MAVA 17 Elite also medaled, finishing 3rd in 17 Open, losing to an outstanding Illini Elite team.

In 18 Open, our **MAVA 18 Elite** team concluded a very strong season by finishing 7th out of 31 teams in an extremely competitive field that included undefeated Sports Performance 18 Elite, Munciana Samuria and a team from Japan.

Many of the players from **MAVA 18 Elite** have played for MAVA for years. Meredith Henson's career began when she was 13, making her run through the program the longest to date.

Congratulations to all our graduating **MAVA 18 Elite** and **MAVA 18 Blue** players.

Check out the final ranking for all our teams that competed in the JVDA Championships, as well as the AAU Championships.

What's new for 2009?

Formation of MAVA 11 Elite and MAVA 11 Hammerhead teams

One new uniform to complement our existing uniforms in the latest style Asics has to offer.

Comprehensive college recruiting player profiles on our website.

Looking ahead at JVDA

We have completed our first JVDA-focused club season and I would like your feedback.

What tournaments did you like or dislike? -- What tournaments did you miss playing in?

Nothing is set in stone and we have choices about the tournaments we compete in.

Call me with suggestions and recommendations for next club season.

--- Glenn Pike
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Final Results AAU

JVDA

Team	Finish	# teams	Division	Finish	# teams	Division
10 Elite	11th	13	club			
12 Elite	5th	45	club	1st	31	club
12 Blue	33rd	45	club	17th	31	club
12 Red	17th	45	club	22nd	31	club
13 Elite	5th	42	club	5th	51	club
13 Blue	5th	42	club	3rd	51	club
14 Elite	2nd	23	open	5th	25	open
14 Blue	23rd	71	club	13th	49	club
14 Red	26th	71	club	17th	49	club
15 Elite	5th	29	open	9th	21	open
15 Blue	14th	60	club	13th	56	club
15 Red	54th	60	club	30th	56	club
16 Elite	9th	35	open	2nd	29	open
16 Blue	27th	94	club	25th	67	club
17 Elite	3rd	36	open	3rd	24	open
17 Blue	9th	71	club	21st	51	club
18 Elite	5th	26	open	7th	31	open
18 Blue	21st	44	club	15th	30	club