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MAVA players named High School All American

PrepVolleyball.com has named three MAVA players High School All American:

Kelsey Anderson (Mercy)
18 Elite

Casey Garvey (Mercy)
18 Elite

Emily July (Sacred Heart)
17 Elite

Paige Wessel (Mercy)
18 Elite was named Highest Honorable Mention

Way to go, Sharks!

MAVA 14 Blue Bring Home Gold at CZ Invitational

MAVA 14 Blue went 7-0 to bring home Gold in the 14U Club division at the Central Zone Invitational Tournament.

Although Saturday's competition was not as challenging as we expected, the girls concentrated on their game and didn't let down. They went 4-0 Saturday, with no dropped games.

With an overall strong performance, Coach Vince McDonough felt

confident enough to experiment with a creative 6-3 offense. The girls enjoyed mixing it up!

Sunday, MAVA 14 Blue played in a three team pool to determine who would go to the Gold final. Again, the girls went 2-0, not dropping a game, which put them in the Gold final with KIVA 14 White.

The girls started out flat, no doubt due to the lack of intense competition thus

far. After dropping the first game 14-25, 14 Blue came back with a hard fought win game 2, winning 25-23. 14 Blue gave a solid performance in the 3rd game, winning 15-12, snatching the Gold from KIVA.

MAVA 14 Blue's record stands at 15-1, with their only loss to their friends, MAVA 14 Elite.

What a great start to the 2009 season!!!

15 Elite starts the season with wins

The 15 Elite team started the season off right by winning the Mid America Kick Off Classic.

The team then went on the road to Indianapolis and Dayton finishing third in the Central Zone and President's Cup tournaments.



16 Great Whites Undefeated in Nashville

The 16 Great Whites hit all the right notes in the Music City Block Party. After dominating their pool play by beating the Smokey Mountain Jrs from Knoxville, Alabama Jrs from Birmingham, Impact VBC from Franklin, and Select from Franklin, each in two games, they advanced to the gold bracket.

On Sunday, they faced off against Team Sting, winning the first game 25-22. Team Sting took the second game 25-20, and forced a third game, which the Great Whites won 15-8. After prevailing in this heart pounding thriller, the Great Whites advanced to the championship round to play Select, the team they had beat in two games on the previous day. This time, Select came out ready to play, and won the first game 25-23. In the second game, Select picked up right where they left off, and jumped out to an early lead. Although down 19-11 at one point, the Great Whites turned their game around and won 26-24. In the third game, the momentum completely favored the Great Whites, who struck the final cord in their sweep of Nashville by winning 15-11, and taking gold.

6th Region honors

Maureen Loftus (18 Elite) and Jordan Rickert (17 Blue) both of Holy Cross were named to the 6th Region all-tournament team.

MAVA players make college commitments



Emily Meyer, the 5' 10", Left-Handed Right Side Hitter from Mercy Academy and MAVA 18 Blue has committed to play at the University of Southern Indiana.



17 Elite players make commitments

Kelsey Dunaway (Sacred Heart Academy) and **Emily Juhl** (Sacred Heart Academy) have made decisions on where to play in college.

Dunaway, the 5'11" OH, will move slightly north to play for the Xavier University Musketeers.

Juhl (5'11" OH) will stay home and play for the University of Louisville Cardinals.

MAVA 11 Blue shows heat in Icebreaker

The Icebreaker Tournament played on the last day of January saw the MAVA 11 Blue in a pool with a familiar foe, and two new faces. The team started out the day as cold as the dark morning temperature and found themselves on the short end of a match against 12 Hammerhead. However, after a short break, the team rebounded to close out pool play with two convincing victories against Union and Prodigy. That set up a Gold Bracket Semi-Final showdown with the imposing 11 Elite.

As the snow outside started to melt from the action heating up inside Silver Creek High School, 11 Blue flew around the court with passion and purpose from start to finish. The crowd was on the edge of its seat for each and every serve, pass, dig, and hit. There were long rallies and quick hitters from both sides, but in the end, 11 Blue made the plays to pull out an extraordinary victory.

Unfortunately, the momentum did not carry over in the Gold

Bracket Final. The girls' rematch with 12 Hammerhead proved too much and 11 Blue had to settle with a runner-up finish.

Sunday, proved to be another long day in the Bluegrass Power League. 11 Blue roared to a 3 set victory over KIVA Jenni, and Highlander 10U, but bowed to a gritty team from TEVA. The crossover match with KIVA Stacey was as exciting as Saturday's showdown with 11 Elite, and the outcome was the same.

11 Blue, with the hitting of Rachel Hubbs and Kristen Crable, the setting of Megan Shircliff and Sarah Lanham, the outside play from Abby Elliott and Casey Foote and the defense of Lauren Roby, Brenna Malone, and libero Lucy Falkner, showed everyone what they are capable of as a team with a weekend match record of 6-3. The team has settled into a nice rotation and will only gain confidence from another successful weekend.



11 Elite gets strong serves from Ashton, Madalon and Kristin: excellent passing from Paige, Lindsey and Jordyn; strong blocking by Madison and Molly with spiking from Elly and Kristin; complemented by Morgan's near perfect sets.

11 Elite turns up the heat

In Bluegrass Power League #3, 11 Elite first played TEVA 12 Blue, with relentless strong serving and spikes that might break the sound barrier, 11 Elite came out on top in two with of score of 25-7 in the second game. Up next, Highlander 12 U. The girls only allowed 3 points in the first game and went on to an easy victory in two. Game 3 in pool play was against Triad 12 U. The girls started off excellent, taking advantage of every opportunity to score. This smart style of play led to another victory in two.

With three wins under their belt for the day they were in 1st place in their pool and excited to play MAVA 12 Hammerhead for 1st place. 11 Elite was looking for revenge as the last time these two teams Hammerhead handed them one of only three losses all season The lead changed numerous times and the Hammerheads came out on top 24-26. The 2nd game however was a little more one sided with the victory going to 11 Elite 25-17 taking it to three. Elite won the third game 15-7 to win the set.



18 Blue wins Central Zone



The frigid air in Indianapolis didn't stop MAVA's 18 Blue from burning up the court. They were 14-1 for the weekend and brought home their first Gold of the Season. Congrats girls!

MAVA 16 BLUE CAPTURES GOLD IN KICK-OFF and UNION CLASSICS

Mava 16 blue started off the season right with two tournament wins. The team had wins against a tall Cincy classics 16-2 team and Union 16-2. We got our first matchup with KIVA 16 White in the MidAmerica Kick-off Gold finals. The team could not beat KIVA last year, but things were different this time!

In the Union Classic we played Union 15-1 in the finals and brought home the gold, again!



15 Hammerheads win GOLD at UNION CLASSIC 09

The Union Classic was held Jan 18, 2009. The 15 Hammerheads proved they could keep the hammer down until they pounded the competition on this day in Indiana!

The morning pool gave the team time to work out the kinks from the previous day of play in the Bluegrass power league. After beating SVC 15-2, Union 14-1, and TEVA black 15, this team knew it was time to turn up the heat so they could go all the way. It was HAMMER TIME!

Cincy Peppers Bananas proved to be a worthy competitor. Our girls kept their cool, played consistently and wanted to win. After winning in two with no time to rest we took on Unions' 15-3 team. This team was well coached and wanted the win in their home gym. The games were close and exciting. 15 Hammerheads won every one of the 12 games they played making them the champions of the 2009 Union Classic volleyball tournament. Great job Coach Sarah and team.

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15 Hammerheads