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## MAVA seniors make college commitments

**Grace Krauser** of Presentation Academy and 18 Elite has committed to Wingate University in Wingate, NC.

**Sam Brown**, 18 Elite's outstanding Libero from Mercy Academy, has committed to the University of Chicago.

Grace and Sam were both awarded Kentucky Governor Scholarships (GSP) as juniors. But because the GSP overlapped with the JVDA Championships, they sacrificed the GSP scholarship – and the full 4 year in-state tuition that goes along with it.

They then helped their team, 17 Elite, finish third in the national tournament.

**Sara Schott** of 17 Blue and North Bullitt has signed to play for Midway College in Midway, KY.

**Chris Cox**, setter for the Boys 18s and St. Xavier, has signed with Lindenwood University in St. Louis, MO.

See page 5 for more college commitments.

## 17 Elite qualifies for JOs – twice!

After earning a bid at the MidEast Qualifier, our 17 Elite ladies went to Baltimore with two things on their agenda:

- Win a qualifier that includes 6 teams that already qualified
- Play against teams that would prepare us for AAUs and JOs

Day one featured playing against local teams from the east coast. Day two offered a rematch of sorts against Southwest Illinois. They beat us up in Indy at the MEQ and we had

revenge on our minds. We jumped on them early and won 13 and 14 to make a statement that we were here to win.

That win put us as one of 12 teams in day three gold pools. Only teams that win their pool get to play in Gold Tournament. After some tough matches, we won our pool.

The Gold Tournament featured 4 high level teams that had previously qualified in Open, and are all expected to make serious runs at nationals.

Our semi final was against the tall #4 ranked Texas Young Guns. We ran past them in a dominating win at 25-17 for both games. The Gold Finals were #2 Wave vs. #8 MAVA. Although we didn't win, we brought home a fantastic tournament and second place.

Congratulations, ladies.

Now let's finish the deal!!!!





**14 Elite Gold Runner up in 16s at Holiday Inn Classic**

The girls did not get rattled one bit that they were playing girls two years older. They came out with a victory against Club ELE 16 Green, RCU 16-2, Louisville Thunder, Wave Cyclones, Wave Hurricanes, and KIVA 16 Black. The team fought hard and suffered a tough loss to Rockwood Thunder 16 SW in the finals. The girls played awesome all weekend and were very proud to make it to the gold level in a 16 year old tournament – much less make it to the championship game. Way to go 14-Elite!



**17 Red**

**Olivia Howell** from the 16 Great White team recently ran in her first 5K. at the Commonwealth Credit Union Activate America Race. She placed third in the 15 to 19 year old division and received a bronze medal. Go Olivia!!!!



**17 Red runner up at 18s Pioneer Jr. Regional Championship**

MAVA 17 Red was runner-up after a long day of matches. Coach Tim and Beth Cox were pleased with the performance of the team.

As the day progressed Kristen Heil became more aggressive and really hit the ball hard and blocked very well and had some very good serves. Kesha Webster got several blocks, she would strut and dance and then she hit the ball and delivered several surprises to the opponents. Tasha Tucker made some awesome blocks on the right side. She loves blocking players and it shows on the court.

After the tournament Tim and Beth had fun making awards for this team's efforts.

**Kristen Heil** – Most improved player of the year

**Kesha Webster** – Most surprising player

**Chelsey Barmore** – Miss Consistency

**Emily Keene** – Hitting award

**Tasha Tucker** – Blocking award

**Jill Dancy** – Miss Hustle

**Audrey Allen** – Team leader

**Caitlyn Fitzpatrick** – Spark us award

**Emilie Belle** – Play with pain award

**Camry Hinton** – MVP

Congratulations girls on a great tournament!!

## 15 Elite continues winning ways 16 Open Gold winner at Memorial Day Classic



The **15 Elite** team is enjoying its most successful season ever winning a third tournament in the 16 Open division. The Memorial Day Classic victory was especially sweet because teams traveled from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and other states to compete. In the end, 15 Elite had to beat hometown rivals KIVA 15-White, 14-Red and 15-Red to win the gold medal. The championship game against KIVA 15-Red avenged a loss the previous day and showed the team's readiness for the AAU national championship and Junior Olympics.



**15 Hammerheads win Memorial Day Classic**

## MAVA 16 BLUE FALLS JUST SHORT IN GOLD

16 blue played in the 18's division of the Holiday Inn Classic and fell just short in the gold final match.

Serving was a big key for us and we have a great record this year in three game matches. Coach Tim promised the girls if they got to the finals they could paint his fingernails and color his beard with paint. In the gold finals, 16 Blue won game one 25-23. They were neck in neck in game two then lost a close one. Game three was a close barn burner with a score of 18-20. Even though we lost and got 2nd in gold we played great. The girls should be proud of themselves. If we keep playing like that we have a great shot at winning AAUs and JVDA.



**Awesome, simply awesome teamwork** is what the scrappy **15 Hammerheads** have on the court. The girls follow the ball to the end, fighting all the way until the point is won. In the Memorial Day Classic, they won 2 out of three matches on Saturday. Only the Elite VBTC team managed to beat them. VBTC is a great tall team full of precision plays. Sunday we lost to our own MAVA Great White. They played the best they have ever played against us and deserved the match. Monday we came out loud and proud-taking on the Elite VBTC again. We were out for revenge. Our confidence was high and we wanted this match BAD. We took the match in 2. It was a sweet victory over this great team. Now we had to carry on our surge of power and confidence one more match. We did and won the gold Championship match. What a great way to end our very successful season! Beating great travel teams from Team Z15, Team Indiana 15, Legacy 15 Elite. Thanks to Coach Sarah, the girls, and parents for the best ever Hammerheads season.

**WHO'S IN THE HOUSE?**

Not our house -- but we were definitely in the house. Being the only MAVA team in the IVA tournament in April, 13 Red knew they had something to prove. Playing near flawless games, these girls played like they had the home court advantage. Carmel 13 Dynamite didn't know what hit them. Two sets and we were done. Dunes 13 Teal didn't go down so easy. Amanda B. had them all over the place setting and dumping. They didn't know what she was going to do next. Jump! That's exactly what Victoria S. and Alyssa T. did to get in some amazing blocks. Not to be outdone, our outside hitters Keturah S., Rachel B., and Rachel A. dared them to send a ball their way. That's just the front line. Jessica G. and Hayley D. manned the back row; diving and setting anything that came their way. The game went three sets, but victory was ours. The match against Team Indiana 13 Kaos was the game of day. They won a set. We won a set. The third set had everyone on the edge of their seats. We traded points until Team Indiana 13 Kaos beat MAVA 13 Red 18-16. A lot of tears, a lot of pain. They played with a lot of heart. At the end of the game, the coach from Team Indiana told Victoria our girls were the only competition they've had this season. Team Indiana 13 Kaos went on to lose to the Dunes, and MAVA 13 Red became the winners of the IVA tournament. Way to go girls!  
Go, MAVA. Go MAVA. Go!



**13 Red wins IVA tourney**

**12 Elite Gold runner-up in three tournaments –**

And two of the tournaments were in the 13s division!! Not bad. Especially considering the competition.

In the Holiday Inn Classic, 12 Elite beat KIVA's top 13 nontravel team. This win placed 12 Elite in the finals with COA. We would have probably done better had it not been our fifth match IN A ROW. The girls simply ran out of steam.

In the Pioneer Region Championship, MAVA played KIVA 12 Red in the finals. MAVA played very well and won the first game. The second and third games were very close, but we came up short.

We have received many compliments about our defensive play from coaches and parents. We should be at the top of our game in Orlando and JVDA!!!



**13 Blue 14 Gold Runner-Up at Circle City**

13 Blue completed a great run at the Circle City Invitational winning every match until the finals. After beating Shockwave #2, Munciana Dart Frogs, Team IN Jokers, IVA Jaguars and Circle City White in two easy games each, they met their first real competition against Shockwave #1. 13 Blue beat this team a couple of weeks before and did not come out as strong as they could have. It took three games to win the match, but thanks to good passing and strong hitting, the girls made it to the finals. The final was a match against a very good N3 team. The girls never gave up and kept the match close.

Congratulations 13 Blue!

**14 Blue wins Gold in Holiday Inn Classic 15s Division**



## More college commitments

**Sarah Ulinski**, 6'0" Middle from DuPont Manual High school and MAVA 17 Elite has decided to play for D1 Lipscomb University and Coach Brandon Rosenthal.

**Brittany Wilson** of MAVA 18 Elite and Floyd Central High School has committed to play at the University of Montevallo in Alabama.

**Lindsey Ragland** of MAVA 18 Elite and Floyd Central High School has committed to play at the University of Louisville for head Coach Leonid Yelin.

All nine senior players from 18 Elite have committed to play in college. The remaining uncommitted player is Junior MB Leah Brumit who is considering several colleges.

### 18 Elite commitments:

Kelsey Anderson - University of Alabama  
 Sam Brown - University of Chicago  
 Casey Garvey - Samford University  
 Grace Krauser - Wingate University  
 Maureen Loftus - Bellarmine University  
 Lindsey Ragland - University of Louisville  
 Paige Wessel - Western Kentucky University  
 Abbi Williams - Southern Indiana University  
 Brittany Wilson - University of Montevallo

## 11 Blue Wins Gold at Fireworks Classic

MAVA 11 Blue returned in exceptional form from playing only three matches in seven weeks to sweep the 11 year old division of the Mid America Fireworks Classic. Not only was there Thunder on the waterfront, but there was real THUNDER at OVVC on Saturday and Silver Creek High School on Sunday, courtesy of 11 Blue.

Coaches Laura Pfeffer and Cynthia Gregory installed a new offense during the break and nobody knew what to expect. What the parents were treated to was a superb display of court coverage, passing, setting and hitting. The girls cruised to the top seed and a bye into the Semi-Finals of the Gold Bracket giving up no more than 12 points in any game during pool play. In the finals against KIVA Stacey 11 Blue won the first set 25-20, lost the second and fought hard to win 15-13 to capture its first GOLD of the season.

GO MAVA GO MAVA GO!!! Woosh Woosh!!!

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## 13 Elite Wins Gold Again

13 Elite captured Gold in the Pioneer Region Championships on May 9. The team took care of business and won all 6 matches in 2 games. Great job, keep it up 13 Elite!