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14 Blue reaches finals in AAU championship

MAVA 14 Blue went 12-0 in the 14U Club division to find themselves in the Gold final match on Tuesday, June 16, 2009. Competing in a 71-team pool, 14 Blue was undefeated until the final match against Team GVA, from Puerto Rico.

Along the way, the team made new friends with its Puerto Rican

opponents Arsel and Team GVA, who posed for pictures, traded cell phone numbers and email addresses, and dance moves. Emily Russ' grandparents, Cuban-born Americans, had a nice time immersed in all the Spanish-speaking fans.

Timely serving, key blocks, kills and floor-grazing digs always put the team on top.

Bud Busch ... MAVA will miss you!

Bud recently announced his retirement from coaching at MAVA because he is relocating to Birmingham, Alabama.

Simply stated, MAVA will miss him dearly.

Bud has been coaching with the club for the past 7 seasons – generally at the 14 and under age group – and most recently as our head coach of 18 Blue.

Bud has been the ultimate club coach, always helping out where we needed him, and always doing more than expected, with the utmost class and professionalism. Any athlete, who had the good fortune to play for Bud, is better today for it.

The club wishes the Busch family all the best in their new endeavors.

MAVA 14 Blue had three players selected to the All Tournament team: **Kacy Clinkenbeard, Lauren McCurdy, and Emily Roby.**



MAVA players enjoy success

We want to recognize individual awards garnered by MAVA players and coaches. We'll begin by boasting about the accomplishments our players and coaches had coming out of the high school season, here's a recap:

Mercy vs. Sacred Heart for the State Championship

- 26 out of the 32 players on both rosters were MAVA players
- Most Valuable Player, **Casey Garvey**, Mercy/MAVA
- State All Tournament Team – MAVA Players
 - o **Kelsey Anderson**, Mercy
 - o **Casey Garvey**, Mercy
 - o **Paige Wessel**, Mercy
 - o **Caitlin Welch**, Mercy
 - o **Emily Juhl**, Sacred Heart
 - o **Abbi Williams**, Sacred Heart
 - o **Grace Krauser**, Presentation
 - o **Maureen Loftus**, Holy Cross
 - o **Lindsey Ragland**, Floyd Central (IN)

National High School Coach of the Year – **Todd Garvey**, Mercy/MAVA 14 Elite

18's pack their bags with many accomplishments

One of MAVA's objectives is to support players who choose to further their volleyball careers in college by providing assistance and exposure to college programs at all levels throughout the US. MAVA has developed a large network of college coaches and is recognized for producing fundamentally sound, competitive players who play with discipline and class. We constantly receive inquiries from college coaches about the availability of our players.

We thank the 18s players and their families for their hard work and dedication which culminated in the many accomplishments over their years with MAVA:

AAU National Championship as 15s

JO National Runner Up as 15's

JO National 3rd Place as 17's

Their honors are well deserved and we hope to see them back at MAVA during schools breaks and holidays.

18's College Commitments

Kelsey Anderson, University of Alabama
Sam Brown, University of Chicago
Ben Cavanaugh, Lindenwood University
Chris Cox, Lindenwood University
Casey Garvey, Samford University
Grace Krauser, Wingate University
Mo Loftus, Bellarmine University
Emily Meyer, University of Southern Indiana
Lindsey Ragland, University of Louisville
Paige Wessel, Western Kentucky University
Abbi Williams, Southern Indiana University
Brittany Wilson, University of Montevallo
Lindsey Wise, Georgetown College

17's Commitments

Caitlin Dotson, Lipscomb University
Kelsey Dunaway, Xavier University
Emily Juhl, University of Louisville
Sara Schott, Midway College
Sarah Ulinski, Lipscomb University
Caitlin Welch, University of Louisville

16's Commitment

Colbey Cameron, Morehead State University

14 Elite wins Gold at the MAVA Pre-Nationals in the 15 Year Old Division



MAVA 14 Elite played great and weathered through a few but none the less all resulted in wins against teams including Cincy Classics 13 Red, NKJV 14-1, KIVA 14 White, MAVA 15 Red, and MAVA 14 Blue. These wins advanced the girls to the finals to win in a three-game match against MAVA 15 Blue. Way to go 14 Elite!!!!



16 Blue wins silver at MAVA Pre-Nationals

2009 Team Accomplishments

MAVA completed another outstanding club season, concluding with competition at the USA Junior Olympic Volleyball National Championships in Miami Florida.

Significant Team Recognition:

Congratulations to **13 Elite**, **14 Blue**, **15 Elite** and **17 Elite** for qualifying and competing in the 2009 USAV Nationals. **15 Elite** and **17 Elite** competed in the Open Division against the top teams from all over the country. **13 Elite** won the Mid East and Big South Qualifiers, earning their right to compete at Nationals. Our **14 Blue** team also won the Big South Qualifier, establishing itself as one the top teams in their division in the country.

Individual Achievement at AAU's: All Americans

Makenzie Montano, MAVA 13 Elite
Emily Juhl, MAVA 17 Elite
Kelsey Dunaway, MAVA 17 Elite
Kelsey Anderson, MAVA 18 Elite

All Stars

Kacy Clinkenbeard, MAVA 14 Blue
Lauren McCurdy, MAVA 14 Blue
Emily Roby, MAVA 14 Blue

Individual Achievement at JVA National Championship:

Sophie Kellerman, MAVA 16 Elite, was selected to the **All-Tournament Team**

MAVA16 Blue overcame a very tough pool in the MidAmerica Pre-Nationals and finished 3rd in their pool on Saturday. They went on to win the finals of the Silver bracket with a rematch against Union 15-1 on Sunday.



MAVA 15 Elite at South Beach

MAVA 15 Elite took a break from volleyball to enjoy the beach in Miami during the Junior Olympics. The team lost some very close matches against the top teams in the country to finish 20th overall.

MidAmerica Volleyball Association

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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17 Elite finished 3rd at the AAU National Championships in Orlando.

