

## Junior Nationals

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the seedings for our division. We ended the first day undefeated with our toughest competition being San Francisco Juniors.

On day two, we got off to a slow start. We beat TOSA from Wisconsin and Central Cal. Our last game of the day was late and we were all tired. That tiredness ended up losing us the match against the Cheetah Dumas. Fortunately for us, we had enough wins to keep us in the gold division.

Day three had come and this was our most important day. Today would determine what bracket we'll be locked into. We had the #1 seeded team (Cajunland), the #2 seeded team (City Beach) and another very strong team, West End from Texas, all in our pool! It was rather hard not to worry because all of them were good! Our first match was against City Beach and we lost. This loss was very heartbreaking because we weren't sure if we were going to be able to beat Cajunland. But, they were our next match and it was an awesome one! The digs and blocks in the match were amazing! And... we won! Our game against West End would determine everything for us. I don't remember if it was 2 or 3 games but that was the hardest I've ever played in my life! there were so many people yelling and cheering and both sides were giving it their all. With an extremely close ending, we won! This was the best victory I've ever had! This now meant that we were going to be in the top 8 teams in our division no matter what! this also meant that we had broken a record for our club because no other CVC team had ever finished in the top 8. We went back to the hotel to find a huge poolside party waiting for us. We partied until we had to go to bed and that was pretty early because tomorrow was the final day and everyone was out to win. In the end, we lost our first game of playoffs and ended

up 5th in the nation for the club division. We were pleased with our ending, and our time at the 2001 Junior National Championships is a time I will always remember!

While we were in Salt Lake City, we did a lot of fun things. We went to Park City, the Olympic Training Center, fun restaurants such as the "Mayan" and some parents on our team even climbed a mountain! Salt Lake City was pretty cool!

— Anne Dunn  
CVC 14 Black

### CVC 13 Black

My nationals experience in Salt Lake City, Utah this past summer was a wonderful. Not only did I get to play volleyball and challenge my ability as an athlete, I had the chance to spend time with my teammates and coach. We were able to see some of the Winter Olympic venues. These are once in a lifetime experiences. One of the most memorable parts of the trip was going out to dinner with the entire team and getting a chance to really know them and their personality off the court. I would not trade the trip for anything. I will remember it forever!

— Catherine Leona Laskovics  
CVC 13 Black

### CVC 12 Black

CVC 12's had a fabulous time at Nationals! Our first day on the court was way off-beat and quite disappointing; however, Nationals in Salt Lake City had more to offer OUR girls than just volleyball. We had a great time cheering on our fellow OVR team: Blackswamp, as they played on the next court. (We appreciated Blackswamp and Toledo Volleyball Company's effort in coordinating scrimmages -and lunch- prior to the National Tournament.) The

hotel pool, the Great Salt Lake, the 2002 Winter Olympic Village/ Park City all made a huge splash with our team. Going undefeated the next two days — finishing 1st in the Flight #1 level — positively rounded out our incredible National experience. Of course, the cartwheels performed by two of our Dads and the awesome family hooting and hollering inspired and tickled us too. Hannah, Lauren, Ashley, Jessica, Stefanie, Holly, Alyssa, Clare, and Kelsey exhibited amazing teamwork, win or lose, and should be very proud for years to come.

— Renee Nedoma  
Coach, CVC 12 Black

### Dayton Jrs.

#### Dayton Jrs. 18's

For the girls on Dayton Juniors 18's, this was their first trip to Nationals. After qualifying with a relocation bid, the team was very excited to represent the region in Salt Lake City. Of course the trip included more than volleyball, with the team making trips to Snowbird Mountain, Park City, and the Temples in downtown Salt Lake City.

On the first day of competition, we had two close losses that dropped us down to third in our pool of four. After losing to Ichiban and River City, we came back to beat Panama City, but unfortunately we were a little disappointed to already be out of contention for the gold.

The second day, the team played some of the best volleyball ever and came out on top with wins against White Bear Lake, Kirkwood and Premiere Renegades. The win against Renegades was a great match with quite a bit of revenge in the our teams mind since this was the team that knocked us out from qualifying at our region bid tournament.

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