

Junior Nationals

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excellent teams and while we played well, we finished the day 0-3 eliminating our chances to advance to gold or silver. On Day 3, the team won our first seeding match against the San Francisco Juniors and then faced our OVR rivals to the east: Cleveland Volleyball Club's 15 Black team. The winner of the match would advance to the bronze division and the loser would advance to Flight I. It was a close match, with Cleveland victorious.

After successfully winning our first two matches in Tournament Play, the 15-1 team played Network for the finals in Flight I. We won the first game and lost the second in a close one. The pivotal 3rd game went back and forth and once again, we finished on the losing side. Our overall finish for the week was 26 out of 64 teams. While we were disappointed with our finish, we had a great time in Salt Lake City. Our accommodations were great and lent themselves to nightly barbecues and parent euchre tournaments. When we weren't playing, we spent the days sightseeing. A highlight was the visit to the Olympic village and a team dinner in Park City. Another highlight was watching the cliff divers perform during the team dinner at the Mayan Restaurant. All in all it was a great trip and we look forward to another opportunity to represent the region at Nationals in 2002.

— Michelle Hills
Director, TVC

TVC 17-1

The trip for the Toledo Volleyball Club 17-1 team was filled with a lot of excitement both on and off the court. We were able to play and still save time for sight seeing. Our first day of competition pitted us in a pool with three other great teams. There was a three-way tie for first between us,

Invasion VBC 17, and SWMN Jrs. Mizuno 17's. We managed however, to come out of our pool in second place. Sadly, the second day we were not as fortunate and lost all three of our matches placing us in fourth. Our third day was successful and we won both of our matches against, Asics Munciana Trunks and Charleston Juniors 17NT. We then advanced to the bronze championships where we lost in the semi-finals placing us 19th overall.

— John Buck
Director, TVC

TVC 16-1

The Toledo Volleyball Club's 16-1 team saw a great deal of excellent competition during their trip to Salt Lake City. Although, we did not finish as well as we would have liked this trip shall not soon be forgotten. Our first pool proved to be quite a challenge for us. After losing our first match, to Team KC 16-1 Adidas, we knew that we had to win our next two in order to advance to the top half of the tournament. Up next came South Shore 16-Mizuno, after losing the first game 25-15 we rallied to win the next game 15-11. The third game ended in a 15-11 loss. We were able however, to gain our composure and win our third match against WA County Jrs. Hurricanes, placing us third in our pool. Our second day of competition we played three very good teams and came out of our pool in fourth. Our third day of competition proved very successful and we won our pool. However, we lost in the semi-finals of our division the final day of play.

Salt Lake City was a wonderful town, with plenty of activities to keep us busy when we were not in the gym. Our favorite activity was the Alpine Slide. A ski lift takes you up a mountain and you slither down a gigantic slide built right into the mountain. We partook in this activity two days in a row. Another neat

opportunity that we were able to have took place in the Olympic Village. We watched the Olympic Team practice for the Free Style Alpine Skiing. The practice facilities were amazing. The skiers "ski" down what is essentially a hill built of rollers, they do their trick and land in a pool.

— John Buck
Director, TVC

TVC 12-1

The first day of competition in Salt Lake City for the Toledo Volleyball Club's 12-1 team was excellent. We won our first and second matches 25-6, 25-4, and 25-16, 25-19 respectively. Our third match was a little more difficult as we lost to Asics Munciana Peppers, 25-19, 6-24. However, we were please because we took second and were still able to advance. We didn't start the second day quite as well as we started the first and lost to Club Yahoo 25-9, 25-22. However, we were able to find our rhythm and win our next two matches against Cajunland VBC 12s and N. Kentucky Jrs. 12 Tide, both in three games. We thought that we were going to come out of the pool in second. However, the last match of the pool proved us wrong. And a three-way tie for first developed. Unfortunately, our game percentage placed us third and we had to have a play-off for second place. We came up on the short end of the stick and took third that day which put us in the silver bracket for the next day. The following morning we played Milwaukee Sting, they are a very good team and beat us in two. While we were disappointed with our loss we truly enjoyed our trip to Salt Lake City. It was fun to play and meet girls from all over the country. We enjoyed site seeing and hope that we will be able to represent our region again in the future.

— John Buck
Director, TVC

