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OVR HP Teams Excel at Volley Classic

Following a week of training on July 15-19 at the University of Findlay, the 2002 OVR High Performance Junior Team (17 and Under) took second place at the 2002 Salt Lake Volley Classic tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah, on July 23-28. The OVR team delivered a spectacular performance, losing only one game in pool play and going on to be defeated only by the USA National Team in the finals. Carrie DeMange (Dayton) was voted best spiker of tournament.

Going into tournament play on Saturday the Youth Team (15 and Under) had a record of 2-2. Fighting with everything they had left, they played 15 games in 9 hours on Saturday to earn 4th place in the Gold division.

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Don Burroughs

OVR High Performance Junior Team: Michael Blackburn (Cincinnati), Stephanie Blackburn (Cincinnati), Carrie DeMange (Dayton), Stephanie Everett (Cincinnati), Chrissy Gotthe (Whitehouse), Kelly Harms (Bowling Green), Ali Hausfeld (Springboro), Danielle Holt (Galion), Katy Jo Mroski (Hubbard), Beth Shelton (Cincinnati), Amy Stephens (Mt. Vernon), Stephanie Swiger (Findlay), Wick Colchagoff (Head Coach). Don Burroughs (Assistant Coach) not pictured.

Rick Laskey Honored at Mohican



Nick Nystrom

Glenn Purdy, Rick Laskey, and Bob Price at the 2002 OVR Awards Dinner, Mohican State Park lodge, August 10, 2002.

Rick Laskey, until recently the Regional Referees' Chairperson, is the 2002 recipient of the *Glenn Purdy Meritorious Service Award* for his long dedication to the growth of volleyball in the Ohio Valley Region. Bob Price, Commissioner, and Glenn Purdy presented Rick with the tastefully arranged National referee's patch, gold whistle, and engraved plaque at the 2002 OVR Awards Dinner at Mohican

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Wick Colchagoff (head coach, University of Findlay) and Don Burroughs (assistant coach and OVR HP director) led the OVR HP Junior team, and Carlos Chia (head coach, Northern Kentucky University) and Michelle Buck (assistant coach) led the Youth team to those impressive results. Additional details on the OVR high performance program are available at our website: www.ovr.org/juniors/hp/.

It was a great week of volleyball with a super group of athletes for the OVR. Our whole region should be proud of these athletes.

— Don Burroughs

OVR HP Junior Team Results – 2nd Place, Gold Division

Pool Play

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| OVR def. New England Region | 25-13 25-13 25-21 |
| OVR def. British Columbia | 26-24 25-16 27-25 |
| OVR def. Intermountain Region (A) | 25-23 25-22 25-15 |
| OVR def. Puerto Rico | 25-22 19-25 25-20 25-19 |
| OVR def. Florida | 25-11 25-19 25-21 |

Playoffs

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| OVR def. Puerto Rico | 16-25 25-16 25-23 25-19 |
| USA National def. OVR | 25-14 25-15 23-25 25-17 |

OVR HP Youth Team Results – 4th Place, Gold Division

Wednesday

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| OVR def. New England Region | 25-12, 25-17, 25-18 |
| Badger Region (Wisconsin) def. OVR | (0-3) |

Thursday

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| OVR def. Arizona | 23-25, 25-23, 25-18, 25-17 |
| OVR def. Intermountain Region (Utah) | (3-0) |

Friday

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| Intermountain Region (Utah) def. OVR | 17-25, 20-25, 20-25 |
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Saturday

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| OVR def. Sun Country (New Mexico) | 20-25, 23-25, 25-22, 25-22, 15-11 |
| Great Lakes Region def. OVR | 15-25, 25-23, 27-25, 18-25, 7-15 |
| Badger Region def. OVR | 25-20, 25-16, 22-25, 19-25, 13-15 |

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State Park lodge, held in conjunction with the annual two-day August board meeting/retreat.

Rick's contributions to the Ohio Valley Region have been profound. Rick began playing volleyball at Antioch in the early '70s. He started officiating rec league volleyball in Yellow Springs in 1978, Ohio HS in 1980, and college in 1984. Rick attained his USAV National Referee rating in 1987, his PAVO National Referee in 1988, and he has been Chairman of the Southwestern Ohio Board of Officials, 1986 to date. Rick was first elected to the Ohio Valley Region Board of Directors in the mid-1980's, and he was appointed as Regional Referees' Chairperson for the OVR in 1992. Rick has also served as tournament director for the annual Air City Tournament in Dayton since 1992. He routinely participates in men's competition both in the Ohio Valley Region and at Nationals with the Miami Valley Masters.

Rick recently resigned his Referees' Chair position and board seats to relocate to North Carolina with his wife, Connie. We wish them happiness and prosperity in their new home.

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Look forward to additional updates for the 2003 season, results from the October board meeting, and more awards for meritorious service. And, as always, *OVR The Block* will feature insightful commentary from our officers and board members, complemented by member contributions. Contact us at editor@ovr.org if you'd like to submit an article.

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