

2004 USA Girls' Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships

Championships

724 teams traveled to Houston, Texas, for the 25th Annual USA Junior Olympic Girls' Volleyball Championships. The championships were held from June 23-30 at the Reliant Center, hosted by the USA Volleyball with help from the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau.

For the first time, the Youth and Junior Olympic Volleyball (YJOV) Division voted to split the Club Division into the National and American Divisions, allowing for 152 additional teams to compete for a championship.

Teams qualified either through a national qualifier tournament or through the regions' bid tournaments (see the *Ohio Valley Region-Molten® 2004 National Bid Qualifier*, elsewhere in this issue). At-large bids for the Open Divisions were given to teams that did not win a bid at a qualifier but still proved to be among the best in the nation by finishing at the top of their divisions in national competitions.

The tournament consisted of more than 8,500 participants divided into Open, National, and American levels. The 12-13 Club and 14-15 Open, National, and American divisions competed on June 23-26, and the 16-18 Open, National, and American divisions competed on June 27-30.

The 2005 USA Junior Olympic Girls' Volleyball Championships will be held at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City, Utah, on June 29-July 6, and the 2005 USA Junior Olympic Girls' Invitational Volleyball Championships will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, from June 30-July 3.

Invitational

The 3rd Annual USA Junior Olympic Girls' Volleyball Invitational was held in the Austin Convention Center in Austin, Texas, from June 24-27. The tournament was hosted by USA Volleyball, working with the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Teams that did not qualify for the USA Junior Olympic Championships in Houston were eligible for the *Invitational* based on their regional finishes.

The *Invitational* featured 6 age divisions ranging from 13-18. 200 teams competed in the 4-day tournament.

OVR Results and Highlights

Results for all OVR-based teams that participated in the 2004 USA Girls' Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships and the 2004 USA Girls' Junior Invitational Volleyball Championships are summarized on the following pages. Visit this list online at www.ovr.org/archives/2004/juniors/nationals.php for links to tournament report and photos. Day by day results, brackets, and final standings including teams from other regions are available on USA Volleyball's website at www.usavolleyball.org/Juniors/.

Of special note, *Mizuno Cincy Classics - 14 Red* and *NKYVC - 14-1 Tsunami* placed first and second, respectively, in the 14 National division. *Team Atlantis VBC - 14 Elite* seized victory in the 14 American division, and *Premier Volleyball Club - 17-1* won the 17 American division.

Congratulations to all who rose to the challenge of competing at the national level!

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OVR RESULTS

Girls' 12 National

Northern Kentucky VBC – 12-1 Tsunami	2 nd Place, Bronze	19 th / 64
Cincy VBC – Cincy VBC 12 - Red	2 nd Place, Flight 2	34 th / 64
Mizuno Cincy Classics – 12 Red	3 rd Place, Flight 2	35 th / 64
Blackswamp VBC – 12	3 rd Place, Flight 3	43 rd / 64

Girls' 13 National

Team Z – 13-1	2 nd Place, Flight 1	26 th / 64
Northern Kentucky Orange Crush	5 th Place, Flight 1	29 th / 64
Northern Kentucky VBC – 13-1 Tsunami	5 th Place, Flight 1	29 th / 64
Mizuno Cincy Classics – 13 Red	3 rd Place, Flight 2	35 th / 64

Girls' 13 Invitational

Cincy VBC – Cincy VBC 13-1	3 rd Place, Gold	3 rd / 24
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Girls' 14 Open

Team Z – 14-1	1 st Place, Silver	9 th / 28
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Girls' 14 National

Mizuno Cincy Classics – 14 Red	1 st Place, Gold	1 st / 48
Northern Kentucky VBC – 14-1 Tsunami	2 nd Place, Gold	2 nd / 48

Girls' 14 American

Team Atlantis VBC – 14 Elite	1 st Place, Gold	1 st / 48
Kaepa Toledo Volleyball Club – TVC 14-1	5 th Place, Gold	5 th / 48
Dayton Jrs. – 14-Ha	5 th Place, Gold	5 th / 48
Glass City Volleyball Co. – 14 Diamond	1 st Place, Flight 1	21 st / 48
Northshore VBC – 14 Gold	2 nd Place, Flight 2	26 th / 48
Kaepa Toledo Volleyball Club – TVC 14-2	1 st Place, Flight 4	33 rd / 48

Girls' 14 Invitational

Cincy VBC – Cincy VBC 14-1	5 th Place, Gold	5 th / 36
Decatur Force VBC – 14 White	2 nd Place, Silver	10 th / 36

Girls' 15 Open

Mizuno Cincy Classics – 15 Red	5 th Place, Gold	5 th / 28
Dayton Jrs. – 15-Garcia	3 rd Place, Bronze	15 th / 28

Girls' 15 National

Team Z – 15-1	5 th Place, Gold	5 th / 48
Team Atlantis VBC – 15 Elite	5 th Place, Gold	5 th / 48
Kaepa Toledo Volleyball Club – TVC 15-1	5 th Place, Silver	13 th / 48

Girls' 15 American

Kaepa Borderline Jr Volleyball – 15 Hawks	2 nd Place, Flight 2	26 th / 48
Northern Kentucky VBC – 15-1 Tsunami	1 st Place, Flight 3	29 th / 48
Eastside Cleveland Juniors – ECJ 15 Navy	3 rd Place, Flight 3	31 th / 48

Girls' 15 Invitational

Blackswamp VBC – 15-1	5 th Place, Silver	13 th / 40
Sen-San VBC – Sen-San Roberts	2 nd Place, Bronze	18 th / 40
Northshore VBC – 15 Gold	1 st Place, Flight 2	33 rd / 40

Girls' 16 Open

Kaepa Toledo Volleyball Club – TVC 16-1	3 rd Place, Flight 2	15 th / 28
Team Z – 16-1	1 st Place, Flight 4	15 th / 28

Girls' 16 National

Northern Kentucky VBC – 16-1 Tsunami	5 th Place, Gold	5 th / 48
Team Z – 16-2	2 nd Place, Bronze	18 th / 48
S.W. Ohio Thunderbirds	3 rd Place, Flight 5	39 th / 48

Girls' 16 American

Dayton Jrs. – 16-Smerz	2 nd Place, Silver	10 th / 48
Kaepa Pittsburgh Elite VB Assn. – 16 Black	1 st Place, Flight 1	21 th / 48
Team Atlantis VBC – 16 Elite	1 st Place, Flight 2	25 th / 48
Renaissance Volleyball Club – Black 16	1 st Place, Flight 4	33 th / 48

Girls' 16 Invitational

Premier Volleyball Club – 16-1	2 nd Place, Gold	2 nd / 42
Cincy VBC – Cincy VBC 16-1	2 nd Place, Silver	10 th / 42
Northshore VBC – 16 Gold	5 th Place, Silver	13 th / 42
North Columbus VBC – 16-1 Gold	9 th Place, Silver	17 th / 42
Mizuno Hollywood Elite VBC – 16 Open	3 rd Place, Flight 2	33 th / 42

Girls' 17 Open

Team Z – 17-1	2 nd Place, Flight 1	10 th / 28
Mizuno Cincy Classics – 17 Red	3 rd Place, Flight 2	15 th / 28

Girls' 17 National

Team Atlantis VBC – 17 Elite	1 st Place, Silver	9 th / 48
Cleveland Volleyball Company – 17 Black	5 th Place, Silver	13 th / 48

Girls' 17 American

Premier Volleyball Club – 17-1	1 st Place, Gold	1 st / 48
Dayton Jrs. – 17-Buck	5 th Place, Gold	5 th / 48
Team Z – 17-2	5 th Place, Silver	13 th / 48
Mizuno Cincy Classics – 17 Black	1 st Place, Bronze	17 th / 48
Kaepa Toledo Volleyball Club – TVC 17-1	2 nd Place, Flight 2	26 th / 48

Girls' 17 Invitational

(no OVR teams entered)

Girls' 18 Open

Sports Express Bullets – SE Bullets	5 th Place, Gold	5 th / 28
Team Z – 18-1	5 th Place, Gold	5 th / 28
Kaepa Toledo Volleyball Club – TVC 18-1	2 nd Place, Flight 5	26 th / 28

Girls' 18 National

Kaepa Toledo Volleyball Club – TVC 18-2	3 rd Place, Flight 2	27 th / 48
Cleveland Volleyball Company – 18 Black	2 nd Place, Flight 3	30 th / 48

Girls' 18 American

Central Ohio Volleyball Club – 18-Miller	3 rd Place, Silver	7 th / 24
Renaissance Volleyball Club – Black 18	1 st Place, Bronze	9 th / 24
A.C.E. (Akron-Canton Elite) – A.C.E. Lions	3 rd Place, Flight 1	15 th / 24
Matchpoint – 18 Red	1 st Place, Flight 2	17 th / 24

Girls' 18 Invitational

Zero Gravity Jrs. – 18 Gold	3 rd Place, Silver	7 th / 27
Mizuno Hollywood Elite VBC – Toms-18 Open	2 nd Place, Flight 2	21 st / 27

2004 USA **Girls'** JUNIOR Olympic Volleyball Championships

Mizuno Cincy Classics 14 Red Win National Championship!



Back row: Tricia Tallman (Coach), Rachel Krabacher (#5), Ashley Doyle (#6), Brooke Maher (#18), Lindsey Roy (#32), Chuck Harmon (Head Coach).

Middle row: Rebecca Dufford (#24), Alexandra Randolph (#22).

Front row: Samantha Morgan (#13), Marisa McCafferty-Smith (#1), Jaclyn Schnicke (#3).

Through the first two days of pool play Cincy Classics came out second, with a 4-1 record in a 6-team pool and their only loss of the tournament, to Northern Lights, 25-13, 20-25, 11-15. On Day 3, Cincy Classics beat Kiva and Dallas Summit to go 2-0 and win the pool. Later that night, the Classics came back to play a grueling 3-game match with KC Sting to win the challenge match to put us in Gold. Every match in the Gold round went 3 games for all teams. After going through NASA and Lions Juniors, we came up against our friends from across the river here in Cincinnati, NKYVC, who we

have played and scrimmaged several times throughout the season. The tournament's finale lived up to every other game between the two teams, with both teams showing amazing floor defense and hitters wowing the crowd that was packed around center court. It was great to see Team Atlantis on the next court, taking the American title, while the other two OVR teams were battling for the National title. When the final whistle blew it was Cincy Classics in three, 25-17, 21-25, 15-12.

— Chuck Harmon, Coach, Mizuno Cincy Classics 14 Red

Zero Gravity 18s Fall 3 Points Shy of Probable Championship

We weren't supposed to be there... We weren't good enough... We were too small of a club... But that was just in the Ohio Valley Region. After a tough season in the OVR, Zero Gravity 18s did everything needed to put themselves in position to make a run at being the 2004 USAV Girls Junior Olympic National Invitational Champions. During the season, Zero Gravity 18s played well and finished 5th at the Power Challenge, but lost to eventual Champion CVC in the quarter-finals. They finished 5th at the OVR Regional Championships, only losing to the eventual first (Sports Express) and second (TVC 18-1) place teams. There always seemed to be a "big" road block in our way. The quality of play in the Ohio Valley Region prepared us for play at the National Level, maybe even too much.

The Invitational started with 32 of the top teams from across the country on Thursday, with Zero Gravity being seeded #31.

After surprising #2 seed Net Force 18s in their first match, Thursday saw our ladies drop a tough match against Metro American 18s. Zero Gravity finished second on their net to remain in the hunt for the Gold. Friday's pool proved to be much tougher, with Thursday's first- and second-place teams trying to win their net and advance. In their first match against Ikaika VBC 18s, Zero Gravity started slow with a first game loss, but fought back to take the match in 3 games. Next up was Team Complete Athlete 18s and they proved — for the time being — to be too much for our ladies, winning in 2 games. Standing in the middle of their path to the Gold was undefeated SF Juniors Black 18-1. Needing a win to force a 3-way tie for first on the net, our ladies weren't phased, even after dropping the first game. After the win 18 Gold had one more hurdle: a one-game playoff against Team Complete Athletic who had dominated them earlier in the day for a spot in the Gold. This time it was a different story, with our ladies jumping out to an early lead and never looking back, taking the game 25-18.

We won our first game against Metro American 18s on Saturday, but dropped the next game by 3 points after having a few chances to close it out. Zero Gravity 18s won their next match against White



Bear Lake and then needed a win against #1 seed Lincoln Star City 18-1 to finish in a 3-way tie for first on the net. Our ladies defeated eventual Gold Champions Lincoln Star, but were sent to the silver on a tie breaker.

With their spirits crushed and only a chance to finish 5th on Sunday, our ladies could have thrown in the towel, but they showed their true heart with wins over Memphis Metro 18s and an excellent Northwest Juniors 18 Storm Adidas team. Zero Gravity won their last match but forfeited the victory to let the other team play one more match since we needed to catch our flight home. Our ladies finished 5th overall (1st in Silver) but it will be listed as 7th because of the forfeit. The girls played exceptionally well the entire weekend, losing to only 2 teams and defeating the Gold Champions and third-place team during pool play.

Team members included Brittany Abel, who dominated the tournament and was named to the All-Tournament Team, Renee Haggard, Lindsey Kovac, Melissa Eckroad, Allie Buckohr, Jaimie Denham, Ashley Sunday, and Lauren Whitehill. Debbie Beaty could not attend. Congratulations on a great season, ladies!

— Chuck Musselman, Director, Zero Gravity Juniors

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Kaepa Borderline 15 Hawks Fly High at the 2004 USA Girls' Championships



The 15 Hawks traveled to Houston Texas, and it didn't take long to find out the competition was going to be some of the best the Hawks had seen all year. The Hawks opened the first day dropping their first two matches to 15 Nationals Spike Sport (Houston TX) and 15 Gold Main Beach (California).

Day 2 saw the Hawks rebound and resume their winning ways, beating Mizuno M1-15 (North Country Region). Day 2 also saw the Hawks go 3 games in every match. Next up was Sky High Red (Great Lakes Region). Again this match went back and forth, with the Hawks winning the first game 25-21 and dropping the next game 15-25. The lead in Game 3 switched rapidly with great plays on both sides of the net, until the Hawks eventually fell, 12-15. In the last match of the day, the Hawks squared off against NYC Avalanche. The Avalanche won a nail-biter first game 23-25, but the Hawks came back to win the next two 25-18, 15-12.

The Hawks were 2-3 going into Day 3 and the second pooling. The Hawks started off hot in the first match of the day, totally dominating Polynation 15 (Intermountain Region) 25-12, 25-8 to bring the

Hawks back to 3-3 over all. Next up was West Bend Power (Badger Region). West Bend took the first game 22-25, but the Hawks rebounded and again dominated, 25-13, 15-10.

This set up a challenge match, pitting the Hawks against the top-favored team in the tournament, NKYVC 15-1 Tsunami. The Hawks already met that team twice already this year, both times being totally dominated by Tsunami. This had to be considered the highlight match in the entire National Tournament. First, because it was played in front of the grand stands on the Championship Court and second, because the winner of the match would head directly over to watch the Men's USA team play Russia in a volleyball exhibition match next door while the loser would ref.

The Hawks played their best match of the season and dominated Tsunami 25-17, 25-21. The Hawks ended Day 3 of play with a 5-3 record as they headed over to watch team USA play.

The last day of competition placed the Hawks in Flight 2. First up would be the Lady Lakers, who the Hawks would have no problem dismantling, 25-15, 25-16.

The last match of the tournament found the Hawks against another California team. Club Yahoo and the Hawks met in the finals of Flight 2. Club Yahoo took the first game 13-25, then the Hawks took the second 25-16. Game 3 saw the Hawks sputter, 15-6. The Hawks finished Nationals with a 6-4 record, finishing 26th overall.

The 15 Hawks are the best volleyball or sports team I've ever had the privilege to coach. This is truly a team's team. All year long they worked hard for me, and I'm so very proud of every player. You don't get to Nationals without hard work and a lot of sweat, lots of joy, and a few tears. Nothing comes easy in this region, and the dedication of every member showed it. The team had a 96% attendance rate for practice and tournaments this year. This one just one of many keys to the team's success. The Hawks finished the year at 47-22 in matches and 100-57 in games played.

— Al Powell, Head Coach, Borderline 15 Hawks

Mizuno Cincy Classics 17 Black Win Bronze Division at Nationals

We had a great first two days and finished 2nd in our pool at 4-1 with keys wins over Mizuno Long Beach 17 Elite and our own OVR rival, Kaepa Toledo 17-1.

Our re-pool on the 3rd day consisted of two other OVR teams, which was an interesting scenario for a national tournament! Unfortunately, we were unable to win against Team Z 17-2 and Premier. We were victorious in our challenge match and were going to Bronze, where we defeated both Dunes 17 Black and Texas Juniors DFW 17 Gold in 2 games to be crowned Bronze division champions. It was a great feeling to end our club season with a victory and we were off to the photo booth to have our pictures taken as Bronze Division Champions.

Playing the afternoon flight allowed us some free time to tour

Houston. Members of our team went on a tour of downtown via the light rail system, to the Houston Zoo, and to NASA. Courtesy of a friend of the family who lived in Houston, we even had a Cincinnati favorite – a corn hole game that we set up in front of our hotel. The American and Russian men's volleyball teams were staying at our hotel, and the Russians really thought we were strange!

We had a great season and showed lots of improvement while having fun and making new friends. The trip to Houston and the Bronze Division Championship was a great way to end our season.

Players included Catherine Wolfe, Celeste Lindsey, Bethany Willenbrink, Amanda Glacken, Allison Meyer, Elizabeth Brandel, Maria Schmitt, and Emily Guthrie.

— Lori Busse, Head Coach, Mizuno Cincy Classics 17 Black

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Blackswamp 12s Experience Nationals in Houston

Wednesday, June 23, 2004 was Day 1 of competition, the beginning of pool play. Our first opponent was the Fort Smith Junior 12-1 team from Fort Smith, Arkansas. We lost the first game 19-25, we won the second game 25-20, and we won the third game 15-12 to battle back and win our first match at Nationals!

Our second opponent was the Asics MAVS 12-1 team from Kansas City, Missouri. We lost the first game 18-25 and we lost the second game 20-25, for our first match loss at Nationals. It was a tough loss because we opened game 1 with a 5-1 lead, then led again at 10-9 before losing 18-25, and in game 2, we had a 15-9 lead before our opponents had a 12-point run, then won the game and match. But we love our Swampers!

Our third opponent was the Celtic Force 12 Black team from Chicago, Illinois. We lost the first game 27-29 (our narrowest margin of defeat), we won the second game 25-14, and we battled back to win the third game 15-4 to win our second match at Nationals.

We finished our pool in a 3-way tie for second place, so we had to play a critical tiebreaker game versus a team that beat us earlier, the Asics MAVS 12-1 team from Kansas City, Missouri. Whoever wins finishes second in the pool, whoever loses finishes third. We lost the tiebreaker game 20-25, placing us third in our pool after Day 1 and essentially knocked us out of the Gold and Silver brackets entering into Day 2 of competition. But despite our slow start, we had an overall good day!

Thursday, June 24, 2004 was Day 2 of competition, continuing pool play. Our first opponent was the AZ Sky 12 Hot Tamales team from Phoenix, Arizona. We won the first game 25-12 and we won the second game 25-14 to win our 3rd match at Nationals!

Our second opponent was the Nebraska Elite 12-Purple team from Omaha, Nebraska. We lost the first game 24-26, we won the second game 25-18, and we won the third game 15-8 to battle back and win our 4th match at Nationals!

Our third opponent was the Milwaukee Sting 12 Gold team from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We lost the first game 15-25 (our largest margin of defeat), and we lost the second game 21-25 to lose our 2nd match at Nationals. It was a tough loss because we opened game 1 with a 5-3 lead, then our opponents went on an 11-point run to make it 6-14, eventually winning game 1. In game 2, we had a 3-0, 7-5, 12-9, and 19-14 leads before our opponents went ahead to win the game 21-25, and with it, the match.

Our Day 2 match record was 2-1; we beat teams from Phoenix, Arizona and Omaha, Nebraska. Despite our unforced errors, we had an overall good day! We finished in second place in our Day 2 pool,



Left to right: Taylor Burns, Alex Hossler, Brittany Egbert, Mary Ellen McAllister, Alexa Frank, Elizabeth Bentz, Maggie Yost, Stephanie Smith, Alexis Creeger, Brianna Richey, Jessica Dull, Samantha Gosche

which unfortunately knocked us out of the Bronze level brackets.

Friday, June 25, 2004 was Day 3 of competition, continuing pool play. We had only 2 matches this day.

Our first opponent was the High Country 12-1 team from Salt Lake City, Utah. We won the first game 25-3 (our largest margin of victory), and we won the second game 25-15 to win our 5th match.

Our 2nd opponent was the Bongo 12 Gold team from Platteville, Colorado. We won the first game 25-20, and we won the second game 25-18 to win our sixth match at Nationals!

Our match record on Day 3 was 2-0, and we beat teams from Salt Lake City, Utah and Platteville, Colorado. We had an excellent day by finishing first place in our Day 3 pool.

Saturday, June 26, 2004 was Day 4 of competition — The Finals! We had a maximum of 3 matches today, single elimination, so we play until we win all 3, or until we lose. Our first opponent was the AZ Sky 12-1 team from Phoenix. We won the first game 25-6, and we won the second game 25-12 to win our seventh match at Nationals!

Our 2nd opponent was the Dunes 12 Teal team from Michigan City, Indiana. We lost the first game 19-25, and we lost the second game 22-25 to lose our 3rd and final match at Nationals.

Our match record on Day 4 was 1-1, and we beat another team from Phoenix, Arizona.

For the whole 4-day competition, our Swampers ended up with a respectable 7-3 match record, and a 14-10 game record. We competed against some strong teams which we could have beaten. We played to our strengths and we showed our weaknesses. We learned a lot, we gained valuable championship experience, and we have memories which will last a lifetime. Way to go Swampers!

— Dave Reinhart, Director, Blackswamp VBC

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5 NKYVC Tsunami Teams Take Houston by Storm!

For the past 5 years, Northern Kentucky-Ohio Volleyball Club has been building a club program from the ground up by training each new age division a year at a time. In 2004, NKYVC fielded teams in age divisions from 10U through 16U, and will expand to 17U in 2005.

We have developed a training program that prepares our athletes for national-level competition. Because of that training and the efforts put forth by every NKYVC athlete and coach, we are now a nationally competitive club and one of the premier clubs in Greater Cincinnati and the Ohio Valley Region.

Every year since its inception, NKYVC has qualified and sent its top teams to the USA Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships. The 2004 USAV season maintained that momentum as the 121, 131, 141, 151, and 161 Tsunami teams arrived in Houston, excited to represent the NKYVC family and eager to compete against the nation's most competitive teams. In addition to the stellar performance of all five teams, there were two significant highlights for NKYVC at this year's nationals.

The 141 Tsunami Team finished the season as National Runner-Ups in the 14 National Club division. The 14 Nami team fought a great battle for the finals, losing in three games to Cincinnati Classics 14 Red. It is always exciting to watch the defensive wizardry of this team and the special antics

of the "nami mommies" cheering and supporting their daughters and teammates on the sidelines! I think the "nami mommies" are nationally recognized as well! It was also very exciting to have every NKYVC team and their families supporting Jill Hunt (Bornhorn) and her squad. *We are family* at NKYVC!

In addition, two NKYVC 161 Tsunami athletes earned All-Tournament honors at the USAV Junior Olympic National Championships. Katelyn Luckman and Andrea Price led their 161 Tsunami team to a 5th-place National Club finish at the 2004 games. "Both young ladies played consistently over the 4-day event and impacted the overall team performance and finish significantly," Coach Kathy Kleinhuizen stated. "We are proud of all our NKYVC athletes, and when they are recognized nationally for their contribution and efforts it is a great honor for the individuals and the entire club."

NKYVC would like to applaud all the teams that participated in the Junior Olympic Championships held June 23rd-June 30th in Houston. Our consistent attendance at the national championships and exceptional performance

is something to be very proud of. We look forward to many more years of sending teams to participate in the Championship games!

The coaches and players on the following pages represented NKYVC and the OVR at the 2004 USA Junior Olympic Nationals...

We have been competing successfully in the Ohio Valley and USAV Nationals for the past 5 years... it is reassuring to know our training methods work and our program, athletes and coaches are nationally recognized for their efforts," — *Katie Wesseling, NKYVC Club Director*

I hope people realize how hard our athletes work to accomplish their goals in both the OVR and nationally. I am proud to be a part of this club and the development of our athletes and coaches. Every year they decide they want to accomplish more, and that truly exemplifies the art of being an athlete and sportsperson," — *Kathy Kleinhuizen, NKYVC Coaching Director*



141 Tsunami: 2nd/48 teams, 14 National Club division

Head Coach: Jill Hunt (Bornhorn)

Team Members: Kristen Allen, Katelynn Bachman, Maggie Bowers, Meagan Dunn, Jessica Kramer, April Lubrecht, Kenzie Martin, Sarah Robinson, Nicole Staverman

It is always exciting to watch the defensive wizardry of this team and the special antics of the "nami mommies" cheering and supporting their daughters and teammates on the sidelines!

141 Tsunami left their mark and their best volleyball in Houston-we look forward to next season!

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121 Tsunami: 19th/64 teams, 12 Club Division

Head Coach: Sara Palazzo

Team Members: Lindsey Elders, Cayla Flood, Brooke Jones, Ashley Robinson, Leslie Schellhaas, Karlie Ward, Lauren Wolf, Kendall Wulfeck, Jaimie Wulfeck

"My girls played very solid and had the highest finish out of all the 12s teams competing from the Ohio Valley Region (tied for 19th). The entire team rose to the occasion, played up to, or better, than their potential. When they weren't playing, they had a blast making friends with Team St. Louis and cheering on the Puerto Ricans to victory!"
— Coach Sara Palazzo



131 Tsunami Finished 29th/64, 13 Club Division

Head Coach: Angie Reckers (Boden)

Team Members: Caitlin Clark, Kaela Freppon, Sarah Iden, Jordan Laumann, Heather Schierer, Alyxandra Schulte, Karley Reid, Sarah Haas, Mary Turner, Olivia Kennedy.

"This year we certainly achieved all of our goals at nationals we ended the season as a bonded and accomplished team. I couldn't have asked for a better team to coach. These young athletes have amazing futures with volleyball and life. The love and work ethic they have for the game is immeasurable. We enjoyed a very successful season and this team will never be forgotten."
— Coach Angie Reckers



151 Tsunami Finished 29th/48 teams at 15 American Division

Head Coach: Maureen Donnellen

Team Members: Elizabeth Carl, Rachel Gadberry, Stephanie Niemer, Kristin Wells, Aimee Ryan, Liza Toebbe, Danielle Wurtz, Heather Knuze, Maria Scherrer. Not in photo: Rachel Gadberry.

Together, the 151 team learned to overcome obstacles by working harder than they've ever worked before and learned about what it takes to compete at the highest level of their potential. Each finished the season knowing what it means when coach says, "Take nothing for granted." Congratulations, 15-1 Nami. We can't wait to see what you do with your next season.
— Coach Maureen Donnellen



161 Tsunami Finished 5th/48 Teams 16 National Division

Head Coach: Kathy Kleinhuisen

Assistant Coach: Julie Neiser

Team Members: Nicole Baker, Abbey Blank, Megan Dooley, Jessica Isaac, Katelyn Luckman, Hillary Otte, Andrea Price, Allie Bertke, Kristy Hock, Stephanie Hemmer.

The "nami" went undefeated at the national championships 8-0 until the quarterfinals where they faced off against eventual tournament champions Tampa Bay Black, bringing to a close a fantastic club season.

Team Motto: *Hardest working team in the gym!*

Team Belief: *Leave no teammate behind!*

"Words can not describe the kinds of athletes and young women on my roster – it is a pleasure to coach each of them."
— Coach K

