Maverick 13-1 Wins Bronze Medal at AAUs



Back row: Brittany Morris (#12), Kathryn Dilger (#8), Niinie Djakic (#22), Kara Lapso (#18), Tony Messina (coach).

Middle row: Brittany Snider (#7), Alyssa Brigeman (#4),

Marrissa Roach (#10).

Front row: Meghan Cugliari (#1), Maddie Mawby (#24).

HE MAVERICK 13-1 TEAM participated in the 2004 AAU National Volleyball Tournament from June 15-19, 2004 in Orlando, Florida. Maverick 13-1 was one of 24 teams from around the country to participate in the 13-and-under bracket.

On the first day of competition, the Mavericks defeated Gigantes Volleyball from Puerto Rico, Tampa Bay 13 Black, and Montana Juniors. This qualified the Mavericks to proceed to the top twelve teams. On the second day of competition, the Mavericks defeated Orlando 13 Elite, Kaepa Northern Lights 13-1 from Minnesota, and Louisville Club South 13 Black, placing the team in the top 6 teams of the tournament. The third day of competition determined seeding, with the Mavericks ending the day seeded 5th after difficult matches against Gigantes Volleyball and Avono, both from Puerto Rico.

The fourth and final day, the Mavericks' first match was against the 3rd seed, Victor Rojas 2 from Puerto Rico. In a very exciting match, the Mavericks prevailed 16-25, 25-15, 15-12. This victory advanced the Mavericks to the semifinals, paired once again with the Avono team. The Mavericks were defeated 25-10, 25-12 to end the tournament with a third place finish overall. The girls received bronze medals and a team trophy at the closing ceremonies held at Disney's Wide World of Sports complex.

— Jim Beharry, Director, Maverick / Third Degree



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