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Viking Club/Team Wisconsin Basketball

Tradition

Now in its 22nd year, the Viking Club/Team Wisconsin strives to prepare each athlete to achieve their personal best. With an emphasis on skill development and high quality competition, thousands of athletes have chosen to make Viking Club/Team Wisconsin their AAU club of choice.

With over 400 scholarship athletes and close to a thousand former collegiate and professional players, the Viking Club/Team Wisconsin has a "Tradition of Excellence" second to none.

2009 Programs

Schedules and Programs for the 2009 season are being finalized now. Programs information, schedules and registrations for all programs will be available on www.wivikingclub.org soon. Program offerings will be similar to the 2008 programs.

There is *another* new change to the AAU age group determining dates. The new guidelines:

http://aaugirlsbasketball.org/pages/agedefinition_new.asp

We will also have a uniform discount for those still able to use their 2008 uniform. More information on this will be in the registration packets. So, make sure to keep your uniforms in good condition!!!

2008 AAU Junior Olympic Champions

With only 7 players, the Team Wisconsin Select coached by Royce Samuels and Gordy Hoyt were able to go undefeated through both the pool and brackets to claim the 2008 AAU Junior Olympic Championship. Team Wisconsin defeated a tough Tennessee Elite team twice to win the title. Congratulations go out to the coaches and players:

TOURNAMENT MVP: Nicole Griffin (Milwaukee Vincent)
Sam Hoyt (Durand)
Sam Price (Eau Claire North)
Katie Wolff (Marshfield)
Heather Kessler (Antigo)
Briana Radowicz (Mukwonago)
Laura Petersen(Osseo-Fairchild)



2008 Junior Olympics Champions: Detroit

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Team Wisconsin athletes sign NCAA Scholarships

Ten 2009 Seniors signed their NCAA Letters of Intent to Division I and II universities, and their basketball programs, this month. We congratulate these athletes on their accomplishment and wish them the best of luck in their senior seasons. All college commitments are posted on our website, www.wivikingclub.org. More will be posted soon, especially with the depth of the 2009 class!!

Team Wisconsin Select Doucette:

- #10 Anna Cole (Mondovi HS) - University of Kentucky
- #2 Katie Wolff (Marshfield HS) - Winona State University (MN)
- #12 Courtney Doucette (Colfax HS) - UM-Duluth
- #4 Sam Barber (DC Everest) - Winona State University (MN)
- #30 Kaycee Charette (Prescott) - MN State Moorhead
- #32 Katey Wrobel (Osseo-Fairchild) - MN State Moorhead

Team Wisconsin Select Samuels:

- #3 Sam Price (Eau Claire North) - Kent State University (OH)
- #5 Sam Hoyt (Durand) - Michigan Tech University
- #31 Heather Kessler (Antigo) - Michigan Tech University
- #21 Laura Peterson (Osseo-Fairchild) - University of Mary (ND)

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Early Registration Discount Ends 1/31/09
- Team Wisconsin tryout—Madison: 3/15/09
- Team Wisconsin tryout—Eau Claire: 3/21/09
- Futurestars/VC Team Placement: 3/28-29/2009
- "Prepare to Succeed" practices/scrimmages & 8th Grade Team Placement: 4/4-5/2009

2008 Viking Club/Team Wisconsin Profiles

A few of the 2008 Team Wisconsin teams will be profiled with a season recap. I would like to thank their coaches for submitting their team's season recaps.

Team Wisconsin JR Select Doucette

Team Wisconsin Select was made up of nine seniors to be from throughout the state of Wisconsin. The team played in nine tournaments (March—July) and finished with a 33-12 record. Tournaments were played throughout Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois and Ohio. Highlights to their season include a 7-4 record at the USJN Midwest Premier in Cincinnati and Chicago Summer Showcase tournaments against some of the top teams and players in the country. They won their pool in Cincinnati and finished tied for 5th place.



Sam Barber of D.C. Everest, Katie Wolff of Marshfield, Courtney Doucette of Colfax, Brittany Gregorich of Altoona, Cate Schofield of Wausau West, Kaycee Charette of Prescott, Katie Wrobel of Osseo-Fairchild, Anna Cole of Mondovi, and Brianna Radowicz from Muckwonago. Sam Doucette a junior to be from Colfax also

Another highlight was that the girls never gave up and supported each other throughout. Our 45th game was a win in the Chicago tournament in which we were as fired up as game one in early March. Much of the team has spent three seasons together and are great friends and teammates. Team members include;

helped us a lot this year when the team was short handed as some events. Coaches Joe Doucette from Colfax and Chuck Gregorich from Altoona were the team's coaches led the team to a great season. We are very proud of the entire team and coaches.

Team Wisconsin 13 White

The 13U Team Wisconsin White coached by Matt Rasmussen (Woodbury, MN) grew a lot as the season went on. A young team that went into a lot of our tournaments as the youngest ones in their division. The team played an extremely competitive schedule, which really benefitted them once they came across teams in their own age division. The highlight of the season was winning the Great Lakes Summer Showcase tournament going 5-1. The pro-

gress that this team gained was phenomenal! The team consisted of: Janelle Vircks (Wausau Newman), Grace Kennedy (Wausau Newman), Anna Marson (Hill Murray), Amanda Dehmow (Adams-Friendship), Corissa Schmidt (Frederic), Maria Miller (Frederic), Abby Spencer (Baraboo),



Julianna Dusold (Muskego), Ashley Colla (Muskego) and Holly Darton (Northland Pines). Maria Miller and Ashley Colla were both named to the All-Star team at the USJN Premier Event in Cincinnati, a great accomplishment!

Team Wisconsin 15 Red

Team Wisconsin 15 Red, was a team consisting of many new athletes to the Viking Club/ Team Wisconsin. As the season progressed, they really began to play well together. According to Coached Steve Schiell of Amery the season highlights were: winning the Shootout in the Valley (Appleton) with only 5 girls, and placing 3rd at the La Crosse Spring Fling Tournament. In the Adidas Midwest (Ames, IA) they were once again in all of the games even though they did not win any games, they played high level teams and were in each game. Participating in the largest tournament in the country, they placed 16th at the Nike Summer Showcase in

Chicago. Here they played some of our best basketball against some of the best teams in the country. Coach Schiell felt they truly learned that they could play at a high level. For the season; leading Scorers were Kaitlyn Haag (Hudson) and Martha Wilms (Sparta). Our most improved player was Kendra Schiell (Amery). Our top assist player was Jessica Jentz (Platteville). Jamie Hoernke (MT. Horeb) and Lorell Krielkamp (Baraboo) were both great shooters from behind the 3 point line. Caitlin Crane (Baraboo), brought a toughness and



competitiveness at point guard, Jen Wilkinson (Sauk Prairie) was a great inside presence, unfortunately was injured in the middle of the summer and Kelsey Zwaga (Verona) gave the team great athleticism.

Team Wisconsin 13 Red

This spring and summer the Team Wisconsin 13 Red team came together and made great strides in their knowledge of the game.

Viking Club alumni Monica Wittrock returned to program, coaching the team to a great season. Coaching with the same passion she played the game with, Monica's energy and enthusiasm on the sideline helped take the team to another level. By the end of the summer it was easy to see the improvements that each girl made on their individual skill level. Their record did not demonstrate their progress, but there were many glimpses of how great the team was.



According to Coach Wittrock, "I believe that everyone's school team has gained a much stronger player." In the end, this is what it is all about.

Team Wisconsin 13 Red was another team which competed in many events against older teams. This was a great learning experience for them. The team had a great time together, both on and off the court, making many new friendships.

The team consisted of: Alexis Brown (Fall Creek), Cansis Bodsberg (Boyceville), Krista Bodsberg (Boyceville), Ruth Leland (Merrill), Chloe Zeman (Bloomer), Mary Wolff (Marshfield), Beth Richmond (Eau Claire), Meg Herrman (Sparta), Shelby Frederickson (Sparta), and Kristina Hanson (Eau Claire).

Other News

NEW EVENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY AND JV TEAMS:

We are excited to introduce a new event:

STATE WARS: Midwest High School Invitational

This will be held at the BRAND NEW Multi-Million Dollar facilities at the University of Dubuque in Dubuque, IA.

This event will be held July 17-19, 2009. This DOES NOT conflict with the NCAA observation period. It is a great time to get your high school programs into a highly competitive tournament, against teams from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois and more!!

Check out the www.wivikingclub.org site for more information and registration materials, which will be posted soon!!!!

MOVING:

Starting on December 1, 2008, Kara Noll will not be available in the Menomonie, WI office. Kara, Jackson and Tyler have *finally* moved to Dubuque, IA, to join Mark (and many VC/TW alumni) at the University of Dubuque. Kara will still be coordinating the Viking Club/Team Wisconsin program, but from a distance!! The best way to contact Kara is through the email:

wikingclub@wivikingclub.org

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

If you have any individual or team accomplishments you would like added to our newsletters, email wikingclub@wivikingclub.org.

2009 Seniors, let us know when you commit to a college, we will include it on our website and newsletters.

HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY!!!

"The most important key to achieving great success is to decide upon your goal and launch, get started, take action, move."

-John Wooden