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TRIANGLE VOLLEYBALL CLUB HOSTS INAUGURAL JOE UNIACKE MEMORIAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

MORRISVILLE, NC; OCTOBER 13, 2007: This past weekend *Triangle Volleyball Club* proudly hosted the first-ever **Joe Uniacke Memorial Volleyball Tournament (JUMT)**. This middle school tournament was named in memory of Joe Uniacke, a former middle school volleyball coach, *Triangle* parent (Sara, Class of 2006; Bridget, Class of 2008), and dedicated volleyball enthusiast. All proceeds from the event go to the *Joe Uniacke Memorial Scholarship at Triangle*. This scholarship fund is designed to provide financial assistance to deserving student-athletes who wish to participate in club volleyball.

Joe (October 12, 1949-February 3, 2007), served as head volleyball coach at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, in Raleigh, NC for ten years. During his tenure he coached all three of his daughters, Emily, Sara, and Bridget. Joe's love of volleyball continued as he watched his daughters compete at Cardinal Gibbons High School, where he was a devoted fan. Joe was also an enthusiastic supporter of his daughters' club volleyball teams and was especially supportive of *Triangle Volleyball Club*. This event is intended to honor his special dedication to volleyball by sharing this sport with middle school youth in the Triangle area.

Twelve area teams participated in this inaugural event:

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| <i>Cary Panthers</i> | <i>St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School</i> |
| <i>Cathedral School</i> | <i>St. Michael's Catholic School</i> |
| <i>Kerr-Vance Academy</i> | <i>St. Raphael's Catholic School</i> |
| <i>Immaculata Catholic School</i> | <i>St. Thomas More Catholic School</i> |
| <i>Our Lady of Lourdes School</i> | <i>The Franciscan School</i> |
| <i>Salem Middle School</i> | <i>Tri-County Mix</i> |

After a round of pool play the teams played in brackets to determine the overall division winners. The results are as follows:

Tournament Champion (Gold Division Winner)

- St. Mary Magdalene's Catholic School*
- Gold Division runner-up *The Franciscan School*
- Silver Division Winner *Tri-County Mix*
- Silver Division runner-up *St. Michael's Catholic School*

Tournament MVP

Madison Bugg, St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School

All-Tournament Team (Gold Division)

Carolyn Albright, The Franciscan School
Madison Bugg, St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School
Eleanor Derouin, The Franciscan School
Riley Dixon, Cary Panthers
Maddie Irvin, St. Raphael's Catholic School
Victoria Phillips, Immaculata Catholic School

All-Tournament Team (Silver Division)

Mary Ellen Barone, St. Michael's Catholic School
Ashton Byrne, Our Lady of Lourdes School
Sasha Karellov, Tri-County Mix
Kelly Majewski, St. Michael's Catholic School
Hannah Powell, Kerr-Vance Academy
Claudia Schweighardt, Our Lady of Lourdes School
Ada Taylor, Tri-County Mix

Special Recognition

Caring Team-Our Lady of Lourdes School, Coached by Kara Roach

Joe Uniacke Caring Coach Award-Kelley Davidson, Salem Middle School

As the only middle school volleyball tournament event in the area the JUMT will become an annual event to showcase and provide a competitive venue for middle school volleyball teams.

Triangle Volleyball Club would also like to recognize the JUMT sponsors who made this inaugural event possible:

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Next year's JUMT will be held in October, 2008. If you would like additional information on this event please contact Tournament Director, Jenna Hinton, hinton@trianglevolleyball.org or 919.544.9400.