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PRESS RELEASE

Triangle 18 Black wins Lone Star Classic and 'double' qualifies for Jr. Nationals

Only second time in North Carolina history that a team captures National Qualifier crown

Morrisville, NC, April 30, 2010: Dallas, Texas was the site for the 2010 Mizuno® Lone Star Classic, a national qualifying event for the USA Volleyball Girls' Jr. National Championships, and considered by some to be the toughest qualifier in the country. Triangle 18 Black captured the Open division championship with a 3-set win over a tough Texas Tornadoes team [25-23, 15-25, 15-10]. 18 Black's overall record was 8-1 for the 3-day event. 18 Black entered the event as the overall #2 seed, behind the #1 seeded Tornadoes.

Earlier this season, 18 Black finished second in the Mizuno® Hoosier Mideast Qualifier in Indianapolis. The finish qualified 18 Black to be among only 32 teams in the nation to compete in the esteemed Open division at the USA Girls' Volleyball Jr. National Championships. The win at Lone Star 'double' qualifies the team and is only the second time in the history of Carolina Region/USAV volleyball that a team has won a national qualifying event. In 2006, Triangle 18 Black was the first team to ever from the Carolina region to qualify in the Open division.

Triangle 18 Black is coached by Robin Bugg and Nicole O'Connell. The team members are:

Madison Bugg	Sophomore, Cardinal Gibbons High School	Apex
Morgan Cochran	Senior, Eastern Alamance High School	Mebane
Christina Dorismond	Senior, Cardinal Gibbons High School	Cary
Jill Edwards	Senior, Panther Creek High School	Raleigh
Michelle Fadool	Senior, Cardinal Gibbons High School	Raleigh
Alston Kearns	Junior, Apex High School	Apex
Brittany Northcutt	Senior, Northwest Guilford High School	Greensboro
Sophia Palles	Senior, Sanderson High School	Raleigh
Kathleen Slay	Senior, Wakefield High School	Raleigh
Avery Striebel	Senior, Cardinal Gibbons High School	Raleigh

Triangle Volleyball Club, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was founded in 2002 and is dedicated to the education of student-athletes through excellence in the sport of volleyball. *Triangle* is equally committed to growing volleyball in North Carolina and has expanded its programs and offerings, leading the way for NC junior volleyball. *Triangle Volleyball Club* is a member of the Carolina Region of USA Volleyball, the national volleyball organization of the U.S. Olympic program. For more information visit www.trianglevolleyball.org; www.carolinaregionvb.org; www.usavolleyball.org.

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