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Triangle 18 Black finishes 3<sup>rd</sup> at Big South,  
Qualifies for Junior Nationals

*Second consecutive qualification for Triangle’s 18’s*

**Atlanta, GA, April 4, 2011:** The Georgia World Congress Center served as the site of the 2011 Big South national qualifier. This annual event boasts 144 volleyball courts under one roof and is the largest national qualifying event of its kind in the nation.

Triangle 18 Black entered Big South ranked 24<sup>th</sup> in the country. In the first two rounds of pool play Black defeated its opponents in straight sets to emerge 6-0 after two days of competition. In the 3-team Gold pool held Sunday morning Triangle defeated both Front Range Volleyball Club, Englewood, CO [25-23, 25-16] and Columbus Volleyball Academy 18 Silver [23-25, 29-27, 11-15] to secure a spot in the Gold semi-final. Triangle’s quest was stalled by a two set defeat at the hands of ASICS Willowbrook, Houston, TX [23-25, 19-25].

Triangle faced A5 Mizuno 18-1 Bob (Atlanta, GA) in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place match; their final opportunity to earn an open bid. After a dramatic 3-set match Triangle emerged victorious [22-25, 25-16, 24-22] clinching the bid and securing Triangle’s place among only 32 teams in the country to compete in the prestigious open division at USA Volleyball Girls’ Junior Nationals to be held late June in Atlanta, GA.

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

Madison Bugg	Junior, Cardinal Gibbons High School	Apex
Ashleigh Crutcher	Senior, Cary Academy	Raleigh
Caroline Douglas	Senior, J.H. Rose High School	Greenville
Kristen Harris	Senior, Apex High School	Apex
Alston Kearns	Senior, Apex High School	Apex
Karson Ratliff	Senior, Wake Forest-Rolesville High School	Wake Forest
Camden Spade	Senior, Athens Drive High School	Raleigh
Lorin Thomas	Senior, Broughton High School	Raleigh
Hannah Thompson	Senior, Northern Vance High School	Henderson
Ali White	Junior, Apex High School	Apex

*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](http://www.trianglevolleyball.org); [www.carolinaregionvb.org](http://www.carolinaregionvb.org); [www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org). Big South is a national qualifying event for the USA Volleyball Girls’ Jr. National Championships, and the largest single weekend qualifying event of its kind. For more information visit, <http://www.bigsouth.us/>.