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TRIANGLE TEAMS COMPETE AT THE JUNIOR OLYMPIC GIRL'S NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

MINNEAPOLIS, MN, JUNE 29-JULY 8, 2007: Five (5) Triangle Volleyball Club earned bids to attend the Junior Olympic Girl's National Volleyball Championships (JOVC). This tournament is the concluding and premier event for the junior club season and determines the National Champion for each age-group in three (3) different divisions. The three divisions are *Open* (28 teams earn bids through finishes at National Qualifiers or at-large consideration by USA Volleyball) and *National* and *American* (48 teams per division earn bids through finishes in Regional championship or bid tournaments).

Triangle sent five teams in each competitive age group from 14 & under through 18 & under. This is only the second time in Carolina Region history that a club has qualified this many teams to the National Championship (Carolina Juniors, Charlotte, NC - 2005). This is the toughest competition in the country and Triangle teams competed hard, earning the Club's best overall finish with the following results:

14 Black-National Division, tied for 13th place

15 Black-National Division, 38th place

16 Black-American Division, tied for 27th place

17 Black-American Division, tied for 47th place

18 Black-National Division, tied for 5th place

In addition, Katie Kabbes (6' 5" Jr., Outside Hitter, Triangle 18 Black), was named to the fourteen-person National Division All-tournament team.

Past Triangle teams have also had ground-breaking performances at the Junior Olympic Championships. In 2004 (Houston, TX), Triangle 18s finished T-11 of 64 teams in the club division. In 2005 (Salt Lake City, UT), Triangle 17 Kaepa finished T-5 in the Club National Division. And in 2006 (Atlanta, GA),

Triangle 18 Black became the only team in North Carolina history to qualify for the prestigious 28-team Open division. This team posted a spectacular 15th place finish in the Open division despite playing with key injuries.

The rosters, including hometowns, for each Triangle student-athlete competing at JOVC are listed below:

14 Black

Madison Bugg, Apex
Ashleigh Crutcher, Raleigh
Terra Ecker, Chapel Hill
Colby Gabel, Mebane
Kristen Harris, Apex
Jennifer Hines, Apex
Alston Kearns, Apex
Amanda Kramer, Cary
Taylor Mihok, Raleigh
Victoria Phillips, Durham
Karson Ratliff, Wake Forest

15 Black

Katie Bok, Cary
Hannah DelaCourt, Raleigh
Christina Dorismond, Cary
Michelle Fadool, Raleigh
Meridith Ludwig, Durham
Gillian McBrayer, Durham
Maria Perry, Cary
Casie Slaughter, Raleigh
Karen Stedman, Durham
Avery Striebel, Raleigh

16 Black

Kayla Austin, Chapel Hill
Katie Bray, Cary
Mary Martha Krull, Raleigh
Janet Pressler, Durham

Kerry Rom, Cary
Mary Hannah Ross, Henderson
Cayla Shortley, Raleigh
Kathleen Slay, Raleigh
Kirby Winters, Chapel Hill

17 Black

Megan Brown, Wake Forest
Lauren Elmore, Chapel Hill
Morgan Fox, Chapel Hill
Angie Gontaruk, Cary
Charlotte Harris, Chapel Hill
Christina House, Raleigh
Maeve McGarry, Raleigh
Michelle White, Chapel Hill
Elizabeth Willis, Raleigh
Jennifer Zering, Cary

18 Black

Nicole Boyle, Chapel Hill
Katie Camp, Raleigh
Rachel Devon, Chapel Hill
Vanessa Dorismond, Cary
Holly Fong, Greenville
Kaylie Gibson, Apex
Caroline Hammersley, Raleigh
Stefanie Holler, Wake Forest
Katie Kabbes, Cary
Ginny Phillips, Durham