

# WVC VIBE



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## **UW-Oshkosh finishes 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Hoosier/Illini Tournament**

Recently, (Feb 22-23) the Titans of UW-Oshkosh traveled to Bloomington, IN to compete in one of the biggest mid-year events of the season. The Hoosier/Illini tournament is hosted annually by Indiana University and The University of Illinois. This year the tournament welcomed 30 teams from all over the country. Oshkosh won its opening day pool by defeating Illinois II, Indiana II, and the University of Florida all 2 sets to none. The Titans then lost a crossover match to #21 Ohio State, but still advanced to the 16 team gold bracket on Sunday. In the playoffs UW-O defeated the University of Michigan and Purdue University before bowing out to UW-Milwaukee in a deciding 3<sup>rd</sup> set in the semis. The appearance in the semi-finals marked the 10<sup>th</sup> straight year UW-Oshkosh has accomplished that feat at the prestigious event and has them poised to once again be a contender on the national level.

Marquette University also attended the Hoosier/Illini. The Golden Eagles advanced to the quarterfinals of the silver bracket.

## **Men's Division 1 Update**

This season is shaping up to be one of the most competitive seasons in recent WVC history. UW-Eau Claire has made some noise in its inaugural season by defeating UW-Oshkosh at the first playdate at the beginning of the month. Not to be out done by their NCVF DII rival, UW-Stout defeated UW-La Crosse on February 22<sup>nd</sup> before the Eagles turned it around on the same day and beat Eau-Claire in a tight 5 set match. While those 4 teams have been battling for the top spot Marquette, UW-Whitewater, UW-Platteville, Wheaton College, and UW-Stevens Point have beaten up on each other and remain just a few games apart. There is plenty to still be decided over the final month of the season.

## **Men's Division 2 Update**

After 3 playdates, UW-Oshkosh II has an undefeated record at 11-0; Oshkosh III sits at 8-2. After that five teams are within 3 games of each other (Marquette II, UW-Parkside, UW-Whitewater II, UW-Milwaukee II, and Concordia). The final playdate will take place on March 8<sup>th</sup> at UW-Oshkosh.

**Women's Division Update**

In WVC Women's play UW-La Crosse swept the Varsity and JV divisions winning the championship at Playdate #1. The Eagles def. UW-Stevens Point "A" and "B" respectively. La Crosse Setter, Laura Neubert, was selected as Most Outstanding player for the varsity division while Ashley Block took home the honors for the JV division.

Results were not reported for Playdate #2 at UW-Eau Claire. The women will continue their season at UW-Stout on March 8<sup>th</sup> and UW-La Crosse on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Longtime WVC official passes away**

The Wisconsin Volleyball Conference lost one its biggest personalities with the passing of Dale Rohde on January 15, 2014 after a courageous four month battle with lymphoma, at the age of 49. Dale officiated hundreds of WVC matches and tournaments over the years and was a huge supporter of our conference. A skilled outdoor player, Dale also contributed to the Badger Region as the referee assigner, referee chair, and outdoor chair. Memorials in Dale's name can be made to Badger Region Volleyball to support the Dale Rohde Memorial Tournament. More details can be found at: <http://badgervolleyball.org/dale-rohde-memorial/>

**The WVC would like to congratulate Ryan Theis on being selected as the Head Coach of the Marquette University Women's Volleyball Team!**

Originally from Madison, WI, Theis had a stellar playing career as setter and team leader for the UW-Milwaukee Men's Club team from 1997-2000. He was inducted into the WVC Hall of Fame in 2009. Since his WVC days Ryan has had success at every stop in his coaching career which includes stints at Eastern Illinois, Northwestern University, Indiana University, the University of Florida, and most recently as Head Coach of Ohio University for the past six years.

Joining Theis on the Golden Eagles sideline will be Erich Hinterstocker, as Associate Head Coach. Hinterstocker comes to Marquette after a year at the University of Minnesota working alongside former Olympic coach Hugh McCutcheon. Prior to Minnesota Erich was the head coach at North Dakota State University for 5 years leading the Bison program to a record of 95-38 and a 60-6 record in Summit League play. Erich is an alumnus of Marquette University and played for the Men's club team from 1994-1996. He was team captain and all-conference performer.

Welcome back to Milwaukee Ryan Theis and Erich Hinterstocker!



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