

WVC VIBE



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UW-Oshkosh claims Hoosier/Illini Tournament Championship

Recently, (Feb 23-24) 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 32 teams, 9 of which are currently featured in the top 25 of the NCVF National Rankings. UW-O was able to run the table with a perfect record of 8-0 over the 2 day event (which also extended its match win streak to 20 in a row!). On elimination Sunday the Titans dismantled the likes of Missouri, Notre Dame (last year's National Champion) in the quarterfinals, Ohio State in the semis, and UW-Milwaukee to claim the tournament crown. Leading the way for UW-O was Outside Hitter Nick Mueller with 58 kills while hitting .412, Outside Hitter Bill Meidenbauer with 53 kills and 3 matches with double digit kills and 14 blocks, and Middle Blocker Dan Ruys with 22 blocks and 45 kills with a .623 hitting percentage. This marks the first time UW-Oshkosh has won the Hoosier/Illini event since 2007; the Titans went on to win the National Championship that season.

Marquette visits SoCal

Over the weekend of February 9 & 10 the Marquette University Men's Team traveled to sunny Southern California and the campus of USC for the SoCal Invite. The Golden Eagles managed to go 4-4 at the event, good for a 12th place finish.

WVC to be well represented at Iowa Black and Gold Spring Challenge

Five WVC teams will travel to Iowa City, IA on March 2-3 to participate at the University of Iowa Black and Gold Spring Challenge. The WVC contingent includes UW-Whitewater, UW-Platteville, UW-Stevens Point, UW-Oshkosh II, and UW-Oshkosh III. The tournament should have an interesting format with 21 total team participating and a mixture of "A" teams, "B" teams, and Iowa Alumni teams. Good luck to all our teams!

Midwest 10 Play Date and Championship this weekend

Lakeland College, Marquette University, and UW-Oshkosh head to DeKalb, IL the home of Northern Illinois University this weekend to complete the Midwest 10 competition schedule. UW-O enters with a 5-0 record; MU is right behind at 4-1; LC comes in at 2-3. Other teams in attendance are Ball State, Illinois State, Iowa State, Northern Illinois, Notre Dame, and UW-Milwaukee. Good Luck to all three WVC teams!

Men's Division 2 Update

The race for the Men's JV regular season crown is tightening up. Oshkosh leads the pack with a record of 6-0, but Marquette II is right there at 8-1 along with Moody Bible Institute and UW-O III who also only have a single loss after two playdates. Moody Bible will host the 3rd and final playdate the weekend of March 2nd. Best of luck to everyone!

Women's Division Update

In WVC Women's play a rivalry is quickly developing between UW-Eau Claire and UW-La Crosse. At the January 26th playdate UW-L defeated the Blugolds in two tight sets to win the playdate. Outside Hitter Holly Vogelsang was named Most Outstanding Player. At the February 10th playdate UW-Eau Claire got their revenge with a 3 set win over the Eagles in the finals. This time it was UW-Eau Claire Outside Hitter Karen Sueppel who took home Most Outstanding Player honors. A week later the two teams would square off again in the finals of the third playdate hosted by UW-Stout. UW-Eau Claire claimed the rubber match win in 2 sets. Leah Klink, Outside Hitter, was named the Most Outstanding Player. The final playdate will take place on March 9th at UW-La Crosse. While the Blugolds and Eagles have been battling it out at the top a number of teams have been jockeying for position for the WVC State Championships. UW-Green Bay, UW-Oshkosh, UW-River Falls, UW-Stevens Point, and UW-Whitewater have all made semi-final appearances at the playdates.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**2013 WVC STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
MARCH 29-30, 2013****@ University of Wisconsin Oshkosh****Please plan to join us for great volleyball and the
2013 Hall of Fame induction ceremony**

If you have information about your team, alumni, or other events that you'd like to share, please send to Scott Spiess at spiessvb@hotmail.com. Thank You!
