

**NORTHERN  
KENTUCKY JUNIOR  
VOLLEYBALL**

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**Calendar:**

- Preseason Volleyball Clinic  
10/15 @ Campbell County  
Middle School
- New Parent Meeting on  
10/26 @ Beechwood High  
School Library 7pm
- KHSAA State Tournament  
10/28-29 @ NKU
- 10/30, 11/6, & 11/13 Tryouts  
@ Campbell County Middle  
School
- OHSAA State Tournament  
11/10-12 @ Wright State U
- 11/20 Parent Day ( Team  
meeting, deposit due)
- 4/8-4/9/06 Kaepa Aces Chal-  
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# NKJV Aces



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## My First Issue by Ricky Perry

I graduated from Norwood High School in 1976. I was on The Mirror Staff. We published a news magazine once a month. I have always wanted to write, but money was the object. No one wanted to pay me. After almost 30 years my dream has come true. The money is still the same. Hello, my Name is Ricky Perry. After many years on the Board Bill Schwab wearing many hats has turned the NKJV newsletter to me. Bill has donated a lot of his time and efforts to make sure that we are a club focused on the kids.

Thanks Bill for all of your continued hard work.

My daughter Andrea has played for 3 years at NKJV. She has played since the 3rd grade and came to NKJV when Molly McDermott

( Archbishop McNicholas High School Head Coach) suggested she check out the club. I was asked last year to join the Board taking care of registration and nkjv.net . I am very excited about my new duties. I hope that you will see this as a added way to find out what is going on in and around the club. I look forward to any news, comments, stories you have.



The libero will wear a different-colored jersey.

## What's A Libero?

For the first time this season, Kentucky High School volleyball teams will be able to use the libero (LEE-bah-roh) position in competition.

The National Federation of State High School Associations made the rule change to allow for the position that has been used at the international and college level for years. Many high school players have used it in club ball.

The libero is intended to be a player who specializes in defense and serve reception and can replace any back-row player except the server.

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## Taylor Tanner 2005 NKJV Scholarship Award Winner

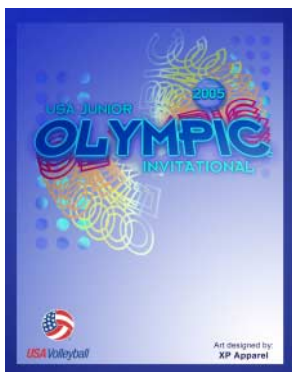
This year the recipient of the NKJV scholarship is Taylor Tanner from 18 Purple. Taylor has played for NKJV for numerous years. She has been a member of many great teams throughout her career with NKJV. As a

14 year old, her team placed 10th at the JOVC. As a 16 Year old, her team won

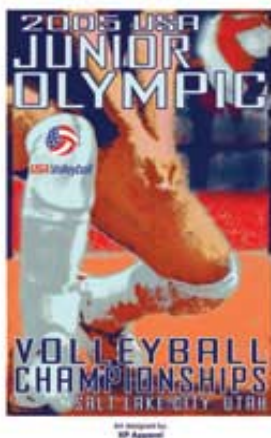
the Invitational. As a 17 Year old, her team placed 5th at the JOVC. As an 18 year old, her team placed 3rd at the Invitational, and she was named to the all tournament team. In addition, Taylor enjoyed a very successful career at Ryle High School. Taylor will continue her career at Marshall University.



Taylor with Tasha, Jen, Mom & Dad



*“At the closing ceremony, we had two players get named to the All Tournament Team”*



## Aces at Junior Olympic Invitational In Louisville, KY

### NKJV 13 Purple –

By traveling to the national invite in Louisville, the 13s had their first experience at a national tournament. The experience and structure of the tournament was very different from what they were used to, and the girls adjusted very well. The team grew by overcoming defeat, injury and loss, and each player grew with every victory and accomplished goal. The tournament provided the girls with the ability to advance as individuals as well as a team, and as a result, every player is better and more skilled. The tournament was beneficial for all the girls. Written by assistant coach: **Sarah Kloentrup**

### NKJV 18 Purple –

If there is a word that has described our team all year it is chemistry. We started off the season placing first in our pool at the Central Zone Shoot-out. We placed in the top ten at the Central Zone Invitational and the Bluegrass Pre Qualifier. Our team chemistry continued as we traveled to Indy for the qualifier. Despite playing great all weekend, we fell just short of our goal of win-

ning, but placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall.

Playing at the 18s level is very challenging and there are many great teams that we faced during the year. Perhaps the strongest opponents we met were at the Pioneer Region Bid Tournament. We narrowly lost to Cincy Peppers and Mava 18-1 in two nail biting matches that ended in three games with only the difference of two points. Unfortunately, these two losses kept us from receiving the bid to the JOVC in Salt Lake.

However, playing a tough schedule and meeting up with some of the best teams in our area, we were prepared for the Junior Olympic Invitational held in Louisville, which would be the culminating tournament for 18 Purple. Our team lost only one match in our first three days of play. On our final day, we needed to win three matches to win the entire tournament. We played great in our first match of the day against a team called R & B Select. This win advanced us to the semi-finals where we lost to the eventual champion Michigan Elite in a tough three game loss.

Our team then had to wait around for the final match to be played and for the medal ceremony. Although it was tough to accept the loss, our team went out for a final team lunch. It was great to spend time together for one last time before all the girls on the team go to college. At the closing ceremony, we had two players get named to the All Tournament Team: **Ashley Klare and Taylor Tanner**.

Overall, the tournament was a great experience, and one that I will never forget. There are so many great experiences that come with club ball. Our team also went to Six Flags and bowling while we were in Louisville. We have special memories that will last a lifetime.

As for the future of the girls on the team. I am happy to say that 7 players will be continuing their careers in college: **Jenna Gronotte** – Georgetown College; **Ashley Klare** – Samford University; Jennifer Ryles – Spring Arbor University; **Taylor Tanner** – Marshall University; **Katelyn Barbour** – Morehead State University; **Lauren Taylor** – Cumberland College;

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## Aces at Junior Olympic Nationals in Salt Lake City, UT

### NKJV 14-Purple By Tasha Tanner

Six months of practices and tournaments had paid off when our team qualified for Nationals at the American Division. The preparation would be a good volleyball experience and a wonderful life experience. The mountain view was gorgeous as well as the Tabernacle. We were able to meet teams from around the country and exchange memorable gifts. The players saw and played some great volleyball which will help them continue into their high school seasons. When we finished playing for the day we would eat as a team and have a fun time riding the shuttle or dancing outside the restaurants. Hopefully in the next few years the players will grow more and get to have more fun experiences with their volleyball careers.

**Tasha Tanner** coach of 14 Purple

### NKJV 15-Purple By Andrea Perry

15 Purple's trip to the west for Nationals was a typical adventure for the girls, coaches, and parents. It included stitches,

boys, and of course a little bit of volleyball. It was a typical morning for us waking up at 4:15 am to catch our early flight to Salt Lake City. It was most definitely worth it as we flew over the Great Salt Lake right before we landed among the beautiful mountains. The first day we arrived we took it easy, relaxing, lying out (especially Tony who got a nice red stripe on his side), and exploring our new home of Sandy, UT.

Within a half hour of the **Menne's** arrival **Kaytie** was off to the hospital for stitches under her eyebrow from a minor fall from the bed hitting the nightstand. The stitches didn't stop **Kaytie** from playing hard though.

Later that night after dinner we met a baseball team of teenage boys from Las Vegas that were also staying in our hotel. Throughout the week we became friends with them and some of the girls even went to one of their baseball games. The boys also attempted to come to one of our volleyball games at the Salt Palace, but weren't allowed in because it was after 9:00 PM and they stopped selling tickets to enter. This led to them be chased out of the complex by security guards. Staying in Sandy, a suburb about thirty minutes from

downtown, had some advantages and disadvantages. Everyday all the girls, along with the coaches, and some parents would squeeze into the cars families had rented to get to the Salt Palace. This was much appreciated because it meant avoiding taking the train, which has several stops on its trip downtown, saving time. Sandy was a nice area and wasn't congested with volleyball players so we could get into restaurants a lot easier than we could have in downtown Salt Lake. It had a great view of the mountains in every direction. We also had a mall right across the street from our hotel and a Starbucks within walking distance.

The Salt Palace was a huge complex with about fifty courts. We saw teams from all over the country including Hawaii, Maryland, and California. Everyday we played in the afternoon wave, which meant a later bedtime and we got to sleep in! We didn't do the greatest in Salt Lake going 4 and 6, but I know everyone had fun including parents and coaches. It was a great view of the mountains in every direction. We also had a mall right across the street from

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Written by **Andrea Perry** 15 Purple

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**Aces At Junior Olympic Invitational** *continued*

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**Julie Schumacher** –  
Mount Saint Joseph. Our  
only junior, Cassie Moore  
will be a senior at Ryle  
High School, and hopes  
to continue her career  
playing at the collegiate  
level following graduation  
in 2006.

**Jen Woolf**

**NKJV 16 Purple –**

We had a great weekend  
at the Invitational this  
year! After entering the  
Invitational ranked 41st  
out of 42 teams, our play-  
ers exceeded all of our  
expectations and finished  
in 13th. Who knew that

ice cream was such an in-  
centive! We missed out on  
making the Gold bracket  
playoffs in a heartbreaking  
tiebreaking game. Our play-  
ers gave their all in the  
matches and we received  
several compliments on our  
'heart' from the other  
team's fans and referees.  
We enjoyed ourselves both  
on the court and off (team  
dinners, pizza party, shop-  
ping, swimming and Six  
Flags). It was also great to  
see our other NKJV teams  
play and to support them in  
their efforts. We couldn't  
be more proud of our play-  
ers.

**Vicki & Sarah**

16 Purple Coaches

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