

## 13 Black Starts Strong.

Our 13 Black team has made WVA history by being the first team to ever take home four gold medals over three weekends of play. Keep up the good work ladies!

## Have You Seen Our Tweets?

Keep up with WVA tournament results and happenings at [twitter.com/wivbacademy](http://twitter.com/wivbacademy)

## Sit-In Theater at WVA

You may be wondering what a Sit-In Theater is... Well, it's WVA's version of the more famous Drive-In Theater. As one of our teams recently found out, our giant white walls provide a wonderful backdrop for projected images. Because of this we have decided to host our first ever Sit-In Theater Night in our building. We will provide the movie and you provide the chair. Stay tuned for more details.



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## WVA Goes DIY!

Many of you may have seen the informational flyer about our "DIY" challenge. Perhaps you heard your son or daughter speaking about some sort of bathroom remodel. Well, at Wisconsin Volleyball Academy we are about more than bettering the game of volleyball one athlete at a time; we are about bettering the world one bathroom at a time.

We challenged our teams to come up with a design for one of our bathrooms. During our picture night all of our players voted on the top two designs. Our two finalists are the 18-White team and the 14-Black team. 18-White came up with a Harry Potter theme and 14-Black came up with a disco theme. Each finalist will have one day to complete the bathroom makeover. Upon completion, our coaching staff and board will do the final judging. The winners will get a team picture hung in our building announcing to the world that they are the winners of the WVA goes DIY challenge.

Although only one lucky and talented team will win, like in the world of sport, there is more to this contest than winning and losing. Because of this contest, our players, coaches, family members, friends, and loved ones will have an opportunity to enjoy a true mental escape from the stresses of their daily lives while they do their business in either a Harry Potter-wonderland or in a disco-style party room.

# Pictures of the Month



# WVA Snapshots

Keep sending your pics our way!





**Coach Profile:**  
Steve Verboomen

1984 – 1998  
Head Coach at  
Wausaukee,  
Assistant Coach at  
Faith Baptist  
College, Volleyball  
Camps (setter  
technician - worked  
specifically with  
setters)

Awards  
300 wins, 3  
conference titles, 4  
state tourney trips  
(runner up once),  
Wisconsin All Star  
State Coach,  
Press Gazette  
Coach of the Year-  
twice

1998 - 1999  
Kimberly  
Freshmen Coach

2001 - 2003  
Kimberly Boys  
Head Coach

2009 - 2011  
Kimberly Girls  
Varsity Assistant

Coach Verboomen is  
the lead Instructor of  
both the  
Developmental  
Program and our  
setter sessions

Keep an eye on the  
website for more  
details on our 2012  
setter sessions

Are you a “club volleyball parent?” R.J. Foster, Wordsmith

Since its invention in 1885, the game of volleyball has been evolving-for players and supporters. It takes training and dedication to be a club volleyball player. Do you know what it takes to be a club volleyball parent?

- If you can tell, just by lifting a backpack or duffle-bag that there’s a kneepad missing, you may be a club-volleyball-parent.
- If your GPS has saved locations like “Bubble Dome-WI Dells,” you may be a club-volleyball-parent.
- If you can hold your breath long enough to wrap & tape a sweaty ankle before locking it back into a hinged brace, you may be a club-volleyball-parent.
- If over 75% of your child’s wardrobe has a club-logo and/or a number, you may be a club-volleyball-parent.
- If you can recite the names & positions of every member of your child’s team, but can’t recall the name of the parent sitting next to you, you may be a club-volleyball-parent.
- If you know that “libero” is not the zodiac sign for an October birthday, you’re well on your way to being a club-volleyball-parent.
- If you know that “6-2” and “5-1” are NOT the heights of the tallest and shortest kids on the team, you’re probably a club-volleyball-parent.
- And, if you’ve gotten used to seeing your daughter in shorts that have to look like they’re three-sizes-too-small to fit “perfectly,” you’re definitely a club-volleyball-parent.

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## Coming Home...

One great thing about the holidays is that many WVA alumni make their way back to the area to visit family and friends. This provided us with an opportunity to invite some of our "old" players back to challenge a few of our older teams. It was a pleasure seeing everyone and hope 2012 brings nothing but the best!

## Upcoming Events

### Weekend of February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

12 Black @ Green Bay Fest, 13 Black and 13 White @ Badger Power League, 15 Black and 15 White @ Badger Power League, 16 Black @ Great Lakes Power League, 18 Central @ Trailblazer Challenge, Flyers 14 White @ Northern Impact, Flyers 14 Black @ FC Elite Open, Nightmares 16s and Nightmares 17s @ Molten Boys Festival

### Weekend of February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

17 Black, 18 Black, and 18 White @ Great Lakes Power League, 17 White and 18 Central @ Badger Power League, 16 White @ Capital Spike-A-Rama, and Flyers 14 White @ Fond du Lac Invite

### Weekend of February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

13 Black and 13 White @ UW Whitewater Open, Nightmares 17s @ Great Lakes Boys Festival, 14 Silver and 14 White @ UW Whitewater Open, 14 Black and 15 Black @ Just-A-Game Black Party, and Flyers 14 Black @ Frigid on the Fox

### Weekend of February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

12 Black @ WVA Invite, 13 Black and 13 White @ Riptide Open, 14 Black, 14 White, 14 Silver, and 16 White @ Badger Power League, 16 Black @ Great Lakes Power League, Flyers 14 White, 15 White, and 17 White @ WVA Invite, and Nightmares 16s at Igloo Games

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