

## WV ODP Teams Continue to Improve – Have Successful 06-07 Season

The WVSA Olympic Development Program continues to build on its successes thru the years. A total of 238 players tried out for the program during the months of November and December. In January the boys' teams traveled to North Carolina for an interregional tournament while the girls trained in Morgantown. In February all teams competed in an indoor 7v7 tournament so the coaches could evaluate them in a competitive setting. The month of March found teams training outdoors in Charleston. April training was set to be held in Beckley, but the weather didn't cooperate and the session was forced to cancel. May proved to be a very productive event with players attending Cedar Lakes Conference Center for a mini camp held over the first weekend of the month. Six regional staff members also attended this camp and trained the players alongside the state coaches, also pre-identifying players for the regional pools. This was a great experience for all players as it gave them an additional opportunity to be recognized by the regional staff, as well as to come together as a team in preparation for the Regional tournament.

Approximately 183 players traveled to New Jersey to play in the Region 1 ODP tournament. Although there were not many 'wins', the teams competed exceptionally well in every contest and had the opportunity to be seen by more than 150 college coaches.

1990 Boys: Virginia L3-0, Rhode Island W 2-0, Eastern NY North W 4-3

1990 Girls: (played with the Delaware team) Virginia L3-0, Massachusetts W 3-2, Maryland L 7-0

1991 Boys: Rhode Island W 2-1, Eastern NY North L 3-1, Maryland L 7-1

1991 Girls: Eastern NY South L 5-0, Maryland L 4-0, Massachusetts L 5-0

1992 Boys: New Hampshire L 1-0, New Jersey L 8-0, Delaware L 6-1

1992 Girls: Delaware L 2-0, Eastern NY South L 7-0, Eastern Penn L 5-1

1993 Boys: Eastern Penn L 7-1, NY West L 4-0, Vermont L 5-1

1993 Girls: NY West L 1-0, Eastern Penn L 2-1, Maine L 3-1,

1994 Boys: Connecticut L 1-0, Virginia L 6-0, Eastern Penn L 2-0

1994 Girls: NY West W 2-0, Delaware W 2-0, Massachusetts L 4-1

During the summer, several players participated in the Region 1 ODP camps. These camps are an excellent training venue for region 1 players as well as provide those in attendance with an opportunity to make the regional pool teams and be seen by college coaches. On the girls side, the thirteen year olds continued their success by placing another player on the region 1 pool team. In 2005, Caitlin Wilson made the region 1 pool, in 2006 Savannah Thomas made it and this past summer (2007) Haley Hamilton made it. \*\*For more on Caitlin's experience read her article on this website, located in the ODP Regional Camp link. Jordan Thornton also enjoyed success at camp, getting taken out of the pool on the last day. 1991 girls team member, Chelsie Maiden also made the regional pool team in 06 and was selected in the pool games several days this year before being taken out. In all, over 25 girls traveled to Rhode Island for the training opportunity. On the boys side, WV sent one 1991 boy – Chris Kennedy, and he made the regional pool team and participated in the call back camp at Kutztown. Several other

WV boys gained valuable training at their camps at Rider and Kutztown. WV is proud of these players and wishes them continued success in the region. WV will soon have a player in the national pool!

WV ODP continues to improve due in part to the players dedication to the sport and the efforts their club programs put into player development and also in part to our ODP coaching staff which we can proudly say fields over 10 head college coaches as well as several assistant college coaches and additional licensed staff.