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6th Annual Hoosier Illini



Classic



HOSTED AT:

INDIANA UNIVERSITY AT BLOOMINGTON'S
HEALTH AND PHYSICAL RECREATION CENTER

-HPER WILDERMUTH-

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24TH AND SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25TH
PLAY BEGINS 9:00 AM BOTH MORNINGS

ALL-STAR GAME AND BOUNCE CONTEST SATURDAY NIGHT
FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 7:30 PM

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THE INDIANA UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS MEN'S VOLLEYBALL CLUBS WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME YOU AND THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE SIXTH ANNUAL HOOSIER-ILLINI CLASSIC!

THROUGH THE PAST FIVE YEARS, THIS EVENT HAS GROWN FROM A COMPETITIVE REGIONAL EVENT WITH MOSTLY MIDWESTERN TEAMS TO A PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL TOURNAMENT THAT INCLUDES TEAMS FROM THE EAST COAST TO THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS. THE HARD WORK AND PLANNING FOR THE HOOSIER-ILLINI CLASSIC (HIC) BEGINS ALMOST A YEAR IN ADVANCE, AS TEAMS HOPE TO SECURE THEIR PLACE IN THE NEXT YEAR'S TOURNAMENT AS THE CURRENT ONE CONCLUDES. BEHIND THE SCENES, MR. DAN KITCHEL, DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION FOR THE MIDWEST INTERCOLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION (MIVA), HELPS THE TOURNAMENT RUN SMOOTHLY YEAR AFTER YEAR.

IN 2002, THE HIC DEBUTED, FIELDING 28 TEAMS, MOSTLY FROM THE MIDWEST. MICHIGAN STATE DEFEATED LAKELAND COLLEGE TO WIN THE INAUGURAL TITLE. INDIANA UNIVERSITY AND ECKERD COLLEGE WERE THE SEMI-FINALISTS. THE EVENT WAS A DUAL SUCCESS, SINCE IT PROVIDED EXCELLENT COMPETITION FOR THE PARTICIPANTS AND HELPED THE CO-HOSTING CLUBS RAISE FUNDS FOR THEIR PROGRAMS.

IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS, THE TOURNAMENT HAS INCREASED COMPETITION AND GROWN TO 40 TEAMS. FOR MANY PARTICIPANTS, THE TOURNAMENT IS KNOWN AS A "MINI-NATIONALS". AND ALSO REFUTES THE IDEA THAT TEAMS MUST TRAVEL TO TOURNAMENTS IN THE WESTERN REGION TO FACE THE TOP COMPETITION. THE POINT WAS MADE CLEAR IN 2005. THE FINALS OF THE 2005 HIC, AS WELL AS THE OUTCOME, WAS A DUPLICATE OF THE NIRSA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL WITH MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY TOPPING THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-OSHKOSH FOR THE TITLE.

IN 2006, THE HIC PARTICIPATION SAW ITS GREATEST REACH ACROSS THE COUNTRY. OUT-OF-REGION TEAMS FROM TEXAS A&M AND CENTRAL FLORIDA, ALREADY MAINSTAYS OVER THE PAST COUPLE YEARS IN THE HIC FIELD, WERE JOINED BY THE UNIVERSITIES OF UTAH AND COLORADO UNIVERSITY'S SQUADS. THESE TWO ADDITIONS TO THE FIELD BROUGHT A TWO OF THE STRONGEST, MOST CONSISTENTLY COMPETITIVE TEAMS FROM THE WEST. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WERE STRONG EASTERN TEAMS FROM SUNY-BUFFALO, VIRGINIA TECH, AND THE NAVY. IN ALL, THESE TEAMS FROM OUTSIDE THE MIDWEST CONTRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL FEEL OF THE TOURNAMENT.

PERHAPS THE GREATEST ASPECT OF THE HIC IS THAT IT ATTRACTS MANY OF THE COUNTRY'S STRONGEST TEAMS, INCLUDING THE PAST TWO NIRSA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS. IN 2006, HIC TEAMS MADE UP NEARLY HALF OF THE 48 TEAM DIVISION I FIELD AT NATIONALS IN SALT LAKE CITY, AND ALSO INCLUDED THE DIVISION I-AA CHAMPIONS - UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI. THE HIC LOOKS TO SUSTAIN ITS STATUS AS A TOURNAMENT WITH NATIONAL APPEAL THAT FIELDS TOP COMPETITION.

THE HARD WORK AND PLANNING FOR THE HOOSIER-ILLINI CLASSIC (HIC) BEGINS ALMOST A YEAR IN ADVANCE, WITH TEAMS TRYING TO SECURE A BERTH IN THE NEXT YEAR'S TOURNAMENT EVEN AS THE CURRENT ONE CONCLUDES. THE HIC WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE OF MR. DAN KITCHEL, DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION FOR THE MIDWEST

INTERCOLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION (MIVA), WHO WORKS BEHIND THE SCENES TO HELP THE TOURNAMENT RUN SMOOTHLY EACH YEAR.



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2006 Recap

WHILE THE ACTION OF THE 2005 HIC WAS DIFFICULT TO MATCH, THE 2006 VERSION PROVIDED SOME OF THE BIGGEST UPSETS SEEN SINCE THE TOURNAMENT'S INCEPTION, MAKING IT ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING, AND AT TIMES FRUSTRATING HIC FOR ITS PARTICIPANTS AND FANS.

MOST NOTABLY, TWO TOP TEN TEAMS FROM THE BIG TEN WERE THWARTED IN THEIR QUEST FOR HIC GLORY. MICHIGAN STATE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS DROPPED THEIR ROUND OF SIXTEEN CONTESTS TO TEXAS A&M AND UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME RESPECTIVELY, PREMATURELY ENDING THEIR BID FOR THE TITLE.

MEANWHILE, WISCONSIN TEAMS WERE MAKING QUITE A DENT IN THE ACTION BY CLAIMING THREE OF THE SEMI-FINALIST POSITIONS IN THE FORM OF UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-OSHKOSH, LAKELAND, AND UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-WHITewater. OSHKOSH WENT ON TO CLAIM THEIR FIRST HIC TITLE, AND EVENTUALLY THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MARKING THE SECOND STRAIGHT SEASON THE HIC CHAMPION CLAIMED THE NIRSA NATIONAL TITLE AS WELL.

ALSO OF NOTE WAS THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON'S SECOND STRAIGHT TRIP TO THE HIC SEMIFINALS, AS WELL AS PITTSBURGH'S RECOVERY FROM A ROUGH FIRST DAY TO A SILVER DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP. ALTHOUGH NOTRE DAME AND TEXAS A&M PROVIDED THE TWO BIGGEST UPSETS OF THE TOURNAMENT, NEITHER WAS ABLE TO CONTINUE THEIR WINNING WAYS ANY FURTHER INTO THE TOURNAMENT.



HIC 2006

YOUR HOSTING HOOSIERS OUTPLAYED THEIR SEED THE FIRST DAY, FINISHING SECOND IN THEIR POOL WHILE SURPRISING LAKELAND BY PUSHING THEM TO THE LIMIT, ULTIMATELY LOSING IN THE THIRD GAME. THE HOOSIERS ALSO HANDED PITTSBURGH THEIR FIRST UPSET LOSS ON SATURDAY. ON SUNDAY, THE HOOSIERS WEREN'T ABLE TO GET IN A FLOW AND DROPPED THEIR ROUND OF SIXTEEN MATCH TO WISCONSIN-WHITewater.

THE FIGHTING ILLINI TORE THROUGH THEIR COMPETITION ON SATURDAY, BUT AS MENTIONED EARLIER COULDN'T SOLVE THE FIGHTING IRISH AS THEY SETTLED FOR A SHOCKINGLY EARLY END ON SUNDAY.



All-Star Game



HIC 2006

THE ALL-STAR GAME IS A FEATURE THAT HIC OFFERS THAT TRULY DIFFERENTIATES IT FROM THE OTHER MAJOR TOURNAMENTS. THE ALL-STAR GAME GIVES PLAYERS A CHANCE TO PLAY WITH THE BEST PLAYERS FROM ACROSS THE NATION AND CAN EVEN JOIN FORMER HIGH SCHOOL AND CLUB TEAMMATES. THE GAME IS FORMATTED EAST VS. WEST, WITH THE BORDER OF INDIANA AND ILLINOIS PROVIDING A CUT-OFF. LAST YEAR, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY'S SANTE PERRELLI AND MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY'S BRIAN NASH SERVED AS HONORARY ALL-STAR GAME HEAD COACHES DIRECTING THE TWO SQUADS. RULES ARE LOOSELY APPLIED AND YOU CAN ALWAYS EXPECT SOME STELLAR DIGS, BIG BOUNCES, AND GOOFY PLAYS. ABOVE ALL, THESE EVENTS ALLOW USUAL OPPONENTS TO TEAM UP AND HAVE FUN!!!



All-Time ASG Wins

EAST:	1
WEST:	3
TIES:	1

Bounce Contest



HIC 2006

BEFORE THE ALL-STAR GAME, THE ILLINI RUN A BOUNCE CONTEST WITH THE WINNER RECEIVING A CASH PRIZE. IN THE PAST, CONTESTANTS HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLY CREATIVE AND THE EVENT IS GENERALLY A GREAT CROWD PLEASER, NO MATTER HOW SUCCESSFUL THE BOUNCE ATTEMPTS ACTUALLY ARE! THE FIRST ROUND, EACH CONTESTANT HAS A MINUTE TO HIT AS MANY BALLS AS HE CAN, TRYING TO GET THE HIGHEST BOUNCE POSSIBLE. THE TOP TWO CONTESTANTS MOVE ON TO THE FINALS FOR A CREATIVITY ROUND WHERE JUDGES TURN A BLIND EYE TO SLIGHT NET INFRACTIONS, AND AWARDING THE TITLE TO THE CONTESTANT WITH THE MOST CREATIVE SUCCESSFUL BOUNCE. FORMER ILLINI CHRIS NEYLON - WIDELY CONSIDERED THE GREATEST HIC BOUNCER IN HISTORY - AND FORMER DAYTON FLYER JON MILLER HAVE EACH WON THE BOUNCE CONTEST TWICE. IN MILLER'S FINAL HIC BOUNCE CONTEST, HE CATAPULTED OFF OF

A TEAMMATES BACK FOR A HUGE SMASH AND A FINAL BOUNCE CONTEST CHAMPIONSHIP. SOON AFTER THE BOUNCE CONTEST ENDS, THE ALL-STAR GAME BEGINS, CONTINUING A FUN NIGHT FOR PLAYERS, FRIENDS, AND FANS. AGAIN, THE BOUNCE CONTEST IS JUST ANOTHER WAY THE HIC SETS ITSELF APART AND PROVIDES AN ALTERNATIVE TO SPENDING THE EVENING IN A HOTEL ROOM WISHING YOU HAD HBO.



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"Classic" Quotes

Kris Lewes

FORMER MIAMI UNIVERSITY RED HAWK, TWO-TIME HIC ALL-STAR, ALL CONFERENCE GMMVC

I'D SAY THE BEST PART ABOUT THE HOOSIER-ILLINI WAS SEEING SO MANY PEOPLE I KNEW. WHETHER IT WAS FORMER TEAMMATES, MY BROTHER WHO PLAYS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, OR PEOPLE I PLAYED AGAINST IN HIGH SCHOOL, IT'S REALLY NEAT TO SEE PEOPLE AGAIN LATER IN THEIR CAREER. I ACTUALLY GOT TO PLAY ALONGSIDE A FORMER HIGH-SCHOOL TEAMMATE IN THE ALL-STAR GAME MY SENIOR YEAR. YOU DON'T FORGET THAT TYPE OF STUFF.

Sante Perrelli

HEAD COACH OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, MIVA COMMISSIONER, HONORARY HIC ALL-STAR GAME COACH 2006 NIRSA NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR

THE HOOSIER-ILLINI TOURNAMENT HAS GROWN TO BECOME THE BEST RUN AND MOST COMPETITIVE IN-SEASON INTER-REGIONAL TOURNAMENT IN THE NATION. BLOOMINGTON HAS PROVED TO BE A GREAT LOCATION FOR TEAMS, AND THE HOMETOWN EFFORTS MADE FROM YEAR TO YEAR HAS MADE THIS EVENT A MUST FOR ANY TEAM SEEKING TO COMPETE AGAINST THE VERY BEST CLUB TEAMS IN THE NATION.

John McSorley

HOOSIER SOPHOMORE, REFLECTING ON HIS FIRST HIC EXPERIENCE

ASA FRESHMAN, THE HOOSIER-ILLINI GAVE ME MY FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE AGAINST SOME OF THE STRONGEST COMPETITION FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. HOOSIER-ILLINI WAS ONE OF THE BETTER MOMENTS OF MY FRESHMAN YEAR BECAUSE OF ALL THE EXCITEMENT GENERATED LEADING UP TO THE TOURNAMENT BY OUR CLUB. THE PRIDE OUR CLUB HAS IN THIS EVENT IS APPARENT AS WE HEAR ABOUT IT FROM THE OLDER GUYS FROM DAY ONE.



"Classic" Quotes

Alan Urban -

FORMER ILLINI PLAYER REFLECTING ON PAST EXPERIENCE

OUTSIDE OF NATIONALS, THE HOOSIER-ILLINI CLASSIC IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST TOURNAMENTS OF THE YEAR. YOU CAN REALLY GO THERE AND MAKE A NAME FOR YOURSELF NATIONALLY. IT TRULY HAS THE BEST TEAMS IN THE COUNTRY COMPETING IN IT EVERY YEAR.

Jason Reed -

FORMER MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY SPARTAN, 2005 AND 2006 BIG TEN DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

ASIDE FROM THE GREAT TEAMS THAT SHOW UP TO THE HOOSIER-ILLINI, IT'S A LOT OF FUN. THERE ARE TEAMS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY THAT COME TO THIS TOURNAMENT, WHICH CREATES A GREAT ENVIRONMENT TO MEET A TON OF PEOPLE. IT'S ONE OF THE BEST TOURNAMENTS IN THE COUNTRY.

Jeremy Levy -

FORMER HOOSIER AND TWO-TIME HIC ALL-STAR, ALL-MIVA 2002 AND 2003 BIG TEN DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
HIC CO-FOUNDER

PLAYING IN THE HOOSIER-ILLINI IS A GREAT EXPERIENCE AS ITS NOT EVERY WEEKEND YOU GET TO PLAY AGAINST THE BEST TEAMS IN THE COUNTRY. THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THE AMAZING COMPETITION AT THE HOOSIER-ILLINI PREPARES YOU FOR THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT.

Chris Reilly -

FORMER HOOSIER, ALL-AMERICAN, TWO-TIME HIC ALL-STAR, ALL MIVA, 2001, 2002, AND 2003 ALL CONFERENCE BIG-TEN

THE HOOSIER-ILLINI CLASSIC IS A TREMENDOUS STORY. WHAT STARTED OUT AS A PIPE DREAM BETWEEN TWO TEAMS, IN JUST A FEW YEARS, HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS THE NATION'S PREMIER MENS COLLEGIATE CLUB VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT. THIS TOURNAMENT BRINGS THE NATION'S BEST TALENT TO BLOOMINGTON EVERY SPRING FOR AN UNPARALLELED CLUB VOLLEYBALL EXPERIENCE.



HIC *Past Champions*

2006 CHAMPIONS: UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-OSHKOSH
FINALIST: LAKELAND COLLEGE

2005 CHAMPIONS: MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY
FINALIST: UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-OSHKOSH

2004 CHAMPIONS: **MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE
FINALIST: MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

2003 CHAMPIONS: UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
FINALIST: LAKELAND COLLEGE

2002 CHAMPIONS: MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
FINALIST: LAKELAND COLLEGE

** NON-NIRSA SANCTIONED ROSTER



Thanking...

FIRST AND FOREMOST, THE HOOSIER AND ILLINI PLAYERS WOULD LIKE TO THANK MR. DAN KITCHEL FOR HIS TIRELESS WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE HIC AS WELL AS THE BIG TEN, MIVA, AND MEN'S VOLLEYBALL AS A WHOLE. HIS DETAIL-ORIENTED STYLE AND DISTINCT DEMEANOR IS RECOGNIZED BY THE ENTIRE MIVA FAMILY AND EXTENDS EVEN FURTHER INTO THE NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL SCENE. HIS WORK IS BEST ARTICULATED BY THIS QUOTE FROM MIVA COMMISSIONER SANTE PERRELLI:

DAN'S VOLUNTEER EFFORTS TO HELP ORGANIZE LEGITIMATE COMPETITIONS FOR COLLEGE CLUB TEAMS GOES BEYOND JUST BEING A TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR. HE HELPS TEACH HOW TO RUN AN EVENT AND IS A GOOD FRIEND AND VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR ANYONE SEEKING TO IMPROVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEN'S INTERCOLLEGIATE CLUB VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS. WHILE HIS EFFORTS ARE OFTEN UNDERAPPRECIATED, THOSE IN THE KNOW APPRECIATE ALL THAT HE CONTINUES TO DO FOR THE INTERCOLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL COMMUNITY.

IN SHORT, THANKS KITCHEL!

ADDITIONALLY, THE CO-HOSTS OF THE HIC WOULD LIKE TO THANK:

- INDIANA UNIVERSITY RECREATIONAL SPORTS DIVISION
- JOSH DOWNING
- THE INNUMERABLE AMOUNT OF OFFICIALS WHO DEDICATED THEIR WEEKEND TO THE EVENT, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO RETURN YEAR AFTER YEAR
- THE HPER STAFF
- TO THOSE PLAYERS WHO CAME BEFORE US AND BUILT THE HIC, MOST NOTABLY CO-FOUNDERS SCOTT MILLER AND JEREMY LEVY

AND FINALLY, MOST OF ALL, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FANS - ESPECIALLY PARENTS - AND THE PARTICIPANTS, BOTH OF WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO MAKE THE HIC A SUCCESS EVERY YEAR.

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