

Wisconsin District Cup Team 12's

The 12 and under Wisconsin District Cup team came into the Midwest tournament as the #5 seed out of 13 teams and that is exactly where they ended up. The team was filled with incredible players that represented Wisconsin in the most respectable manner. They competed hard and with great sportsmanship. I witnessed some incredible matches and individual improvement. I chaperoned the trip along with my wife Suzanne and without any parents, so it was the first time that many of these players went to a tournament in a team type of atmosphere. It was great to be a part of it.

The boys were represented by Sean Bailey, Casey Johnson, Anand Saluja, and Neel Raut. The girls were represented by Lindsay Zimmerman, Amanda Skonieczny, Elise Gerard, and Kiki Risgaard. Each player on our team was able to play singles, some doubles, and some mixed doubles. It was a great variety for each of them.

The tournament, in Gambier, OH, was a long drive all day on Thursday. Play started Thursday morning and started the day with a win over Northwest Ohio. In the afternoon, we played the #2 overall seed, Ohio Valley, and were not able to come up with the upset. Friday morning we beat a team that combined both Southern IL and Middle IL districts. That put us in the upper half for playoffs. We had a chance to improve our ranking playing #3 seeded Central Indiana and #4 Southeastern Michigan, but fell short in each of those matches. All of the players except for Saluja will be aging up, so we are looking forward to a new and continuing group of young talent for next summer. Those of you aging up, you'll be missed! Thanks for the memories!
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