

Shooting Stars Family & Friends:

I can not believe that July is gone and we are in the second week of August already! It seems like July is such a busy month and we hope that you had time to have some family fun along with playing basketball. There also is much information I need to share with you in this newsletter so I apologize in advance for the length.

TEAM UPDATES:

Boys 10u - Noah's Ark Classic: Went 1-3 on the weekend. Lost a couple games to very good teams and beat the Wisconsin Storm by 24! They played hard and did a nice job against good teams. **Chicago:** Went 2-4 playing some of their best basketball of the year.

Boys 11u Black - Jimmy V Classic: Went 4-1 losing in championship game. **Chicago:** Won tournament by beating a team from Virginia by 1 in the finals.

Boys 12u - Jimmy V Classic: Went 4-2, got the second seed in their pool and got a first round bye. Lost in the semi-finals to the eventual champions. **Noah's Ark Classic:** Went 2-3 losing in the silver bracket championship. **Chicago:** Went 2-4 playing some very good competition in the tournament. Lost in the silver bracket semi-finals.

Girls 12u Black - Jimmy V Classic: Went 2-3 and lost in the round of 16 tournament play. **Noah's Ark Classic:** Went 4-1 lost in championship 33-26. **Chicago:** Went 3-3 in tournament playing pretty well at times.

Girls 12u Purple - Jimmy V Classic: Lost all four games but continued to show improvement. **Noah's Ark Classic:** Went 3-2 lost in championship by 8.

Boys 13u - Jimmy V Classic: Went 0-3 in pool play, won 2 games in bracket play and eventually lost in semi-finals.

Girls 13u - Jimmy V Classic: 4-2 overall. 1 pool play loss. Lost in semis to get knocked out. **North Tartan Meltdown:** Lost first two games to eventual champion and runner-up, then won the consolation bracket of the tournament.

Boys 14u - Hoosier Shootout: Went 3-0 in pool play, which earned first round bye in the single elimination tournament. Lost in the semi-final to a team from

Alabama. Battled throughout the whole game, but fell short at the end. The Alabama team ended up winning the tournament. Chicago Classic: Went 1-1 in pool play and lost in the first round of the single elimination tournament. Jimmy V Classic: Finished the season on a pretty high note, playing really well and going 3-0 in pool play. Received a first round bye then lost in second and third rounds.

Girls 14u - Jimmy V Classic: Won tournament while going 4-1 overall. 2-1 in pool play and 2-0 in bracket play. North Tartan Meltdown: Won last 2 of 3 games finishing tournament on an upside. Girls 15u - Premier Invitational: Went 8-0 and won tournament. Nike Summer Showcase: Won tournament. Jimmy V Classic: Won tournament. North Tartan Meltdown: Went undefeated and won tournament. USJN Chicago Tournament: Went 3-1 losing in championship game by 5 points.

While our Girls 13u, 14u and 15u teams were in Minneapolis, they were able to attend a WNBA Minnesota Lynx game. They got to sit court-side, be in the tunnel as the team came back to the court for the second half and talk to one of the players after the game. You can read more about this on the Current Events section of our website or on Facebook. As we wrap up another season, we are looking at ways to improve. We would like for you to take a short survey by clicking on: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22AYZPHY43U> . We truly look forward to and appreciate your feedback.

One of our Shooting Stars members passed this opportunity along to us: *The New London Girls basketball association is hosting a streetball 3 on 3 tournament in downtown New London on September 11th. Registration forms and information can be found at www.nlgyba.hoopsystems.com .*

August Happy Birthdays:

3rd Jacob Rand

6th Tommy Durrand

7th Crystal Lamb

14th Connor Arneson

15th Ben Reilly

22nd Eli Stanek

24th Amber Pethke
27th Maddy Reed
28th Billy Courchene
29th Brett Ellestad
31st Elliott Dyer.

And in closing, we are now on Facebook. Simply go to our website www.shootingstars.com , scroll to the bottom of the homepage and click on the icon. We hope this is another positive way we can stay in communication and promote Shooting Stars!

Keep Shooting for the Stars,
Craig