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September 2012 Bethany Alumni Volleyball Tournament!



Men's Alumni Team (1998-2006)

Back (l-r): Tim Braun, Todd Schellenberg, Dan Schellenberg, Luke Heidebrecht
Front (l-r): Tyrel Braun, Craig Glen, Harley Bell

devastated with injury, ending the weekend with 3 less players than at the start. Credit goes to the coaches, Luke and Rob, for bringing the team to a place where they can compete in this game we call 'volleyball.' They had 2 players who were playing in their first ever volleyball games . . . "Well done, men!"

The Men's finals saw the youngest alumni (2010-11) playing the oldest Men's alumni team (1998-2006). The young team took it to them in the first set, but the match belonged to the team with the most stamina, and experience came back to take the final 2 sets for victory and this year's bragging rights. Congratulations to the Men's alumni team (1998-2006)! The 2007-10 team managed to win in the Bronze match in a sweep, while reconnecting with family and friends.

The Women's finals saw the Eagles competing against their coaches – somewhat of a rematch from last year – but ending with the opposite result! The Eagles were stretched in a tight first set (30-28) before finishing off Alumni #2 (2004-2010) in an exciting 2 straight (25-23) final, keeping the trophy close to home! Congratulations to the current Eagles team! In the Bronze game it was Alumni 1985-2002 vs. Alumni 2008-2011, with the youth prevailing in the end.

Also recognized this weekend was our 2012 Volleyball Alumnus of the Year, Rob Braun. He has been a fixture here at Bethany over the years and is currently coaching our Men's team, for which we are extremely grateful. Thank you, Rob, for giving of your time and expertise.

Thanks to everyone who came and participated in the great weekend! We hope to see you all, and even more alumni and friends, next year!

Bethany alumni tournaments mean more than athletes simply coming back to their alma mater to compete in the sport in which they played while at college. While it is that, it is more like a family reunion – an extension of community as experienced while attending Bethany College. It is an event that brings family and friends back to a place that has impacted their lives and produced fond memories and friendships. It is a reconnection with "old" school mates and a chance to catch up on where they are at in their lives. It also allows for opportunities to see extended family – even those we may not know that well, or at all. It is a time to sit and hear stories of others' good ole days from several generations of students. From grandparents to future students, it is a place to connect, and this year's tournament was no exception. In fact, we even had actual family reunions with many Brauns, Schellenbergs, and Willems' in attendance. Over all, the Volleyball play was extremely entertaining, with many close matches and competitive play!

On the Men's side, the Bethany Eagles finished in fourth place. While not winning many sets, they still managed to challenge and keep the score close. However, the squad was somewhat



Women's 2012-13 Bethany Eagles Team

Back (l-r): Kara Doerksen, Ashten Eby, Alyssa Willems, Kristen Andres, Sarah Braun
Front (l-r): Erin Bader, Jaymie Baumann, Jordan Heppner

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