

## Teamwork prevails in Oxford.....

After finishing second in silver at their first tournament, the Borderline "13 Red Lightening" team continued its winning ways and dug deep on Saturday to overcome a one-game deficit in the Gold Bracket finals. Borderline "13 Red Lightening" finished pool play 2-1 starting the morning with a marathon battle with Clippard Volleyball Club ( 27-25; 27-29 and 15-11). They continue to improve their play by beating Champaign Volleyball Company (25-10; 25-12). In the third game of pool play they received their first and only loss of the day at the hands of Cincy East Navy (23-25; 17-25), which resulted in a second place finish in pool and qualification for Gold Bracket play.

After the break, "Red Lightening" was back to its winning form and defeated McGee Green (25-9; 25-14), Cincy East VBC White (25-13; 25-17) in route to a Gold Final rematch with undefeated Cincy East VBC Navy. The first set of the finals was reminiscent of the afternoon match-up with "Red Lightening" falling behind early and losing 18-25, however during the intermission the team settled down and fought back to win the next set 25-22, to send the match into overtime. The third set started slow with each team siding out back and forth, then "Red Lightening" took the lead with tough serving and fended off a furious comeback from Cincy East with great defense and hustle plays. After a service error by East, "Red Lightening" capped the long day and tournament with a serve ace, two kills and a victory celebration; final score 15-11 and "Red Lightening" wins the tournament crown. Upon receiving their 1<sup>st</sup> place sock-trophies, a player stated, "These socks are as good as Gold!" and another player stated, "This court is where we sweat in practice, so we really wanted this win!".

**Congratulations girls, you did a great job!**

