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Fast Facts



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U.S. Men's Roster

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown	College
1	Matt Anderson	OH	6-9	190	West Seneca, N.Y.	Penn State
2	Sean Rooney	OH	6-9	220	Wheaton, Ill.	Pepperdine
3	Evan Patak	Opp	6-7	250	Pleasanton, Calif.	UC Santa Barbara
4	David Lee	MB	6-8	232	Alpine, Calif.	Long Beach State
5	Rich Lambourne	L	6-3	198	Tustin, Calif.	BYU
6	Paul Lotman	OH	6-7	225	Lakewood, Calif.	Long Beach State
7	Donald Suxho	S	6-5	216	Korce, Albania	USC
8	Andrew Hein	MB	6-11	220	Carol Stream, Ill.	Pepperdine
9	Jonathan Winder	S	6-8	200	Irvine, Calif.	Pepperdine
10	David Smith	MB	6-7	190	Saugus, Calif.	UC Irvine
11	Brook Billings	Opp	6-5	210	Santa Barbara, Calif.	USC
12	Tom Hoff	MB	6-8	207	Park Ridge, Ill.	Long Beach State
13	Clay Stanley	Opp	6-9	230	Honolulu, Hawai'i	Hawai'i
14	Kevin Hansen	S	6-5	205	Newport Beach, Calif.	Stanford
15	Russell Holmes	MB	6-8	210	Fountain Valley, Calif.	BYU
16	Jayson Jablonsky	OH	6-5	196	Yorba Linda, Calif.	UC Irvine
17	Delano Thomas	MB	6-7	210	Sacramento, Calif.	Hawai'i
18	Scott Touzinsky	OH	6-6	194	St. Louis, Mo.	Long Beach State
19	Alfee Reft	L	5-10	176	Oxnard, Calif.	Hawai'i

Head Coach: Alan Knipe (Huntington Beach, Calif.)

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Technical Coordinator: Chris Jackson (Phoenix, Ariz.)

Athletic Trainer: Aaron Brock (Storm Lake, Iowa)

Pronunciation Guide

3 Evan Patak	PAT-ek (like attic)
7 Donald Suxho	SOO-show
8 Andrew Hein	Hine
9 Jonathan Winder	WIN-der
17 Delano Thomas	del-A-no (like delay)
18 Scott Touzinsky	too-ZIN-skee



2009 Schedule

Date: June 13-14
Event: World League
Opponent: Netherlands
Location: Rotterdam

Date: June 15-21
Event: Pan American Cup
Opponent: Various
Location: Chiapas, Mexico

Date: June 19 and 21
Event: World League
Opponent: Italy
Location: Florence and Catania

Date: June 26-27 (7 p.m. both days)
Event: World League
Opponent: China
Location: San Jose State University Event Center Arena in San Jose, Calif.

Date: July 4-5
Event: World League
Opponent: China
Location: Nanjing

Date: July 10-11 (7 p.m. both days)
Event: World League
Opponent: Italy
Location: Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates, Ill.

Date: July 17-18 (7 p.m. both days)
Event: World League
Opponent: Netherlands
Location: Charles Koch Arena in Wichita, Kan.

Date: July 22-26
Event: World League Final Round (teams must qualify)
Opponents: TBD
Location: Belgrade, Serbia

Date: Aug. 14-16
Event: NORCECA World Championship Qualification
Opponents: Various
Location: USA

Date: Sept. 21-27
Event: America's Cup
Opponents: Various
Location: Brazil

Date: Oct. 12-18
Event: NORCECA Continental Championships
Opponents: Various
Location: Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

Date: Nov. 18-23
Event: FIVB Grand Champions Cup
Opponents: Various
Location: Osaka and Nagoya, Japan



2008 World League Review

The U.S. Men's National Team knew that the 2008 FIVB World League would be an important test. Their pool would include Olympic qualifier Bulgaria and European champion Spain along with an up-and-coming Finland.

Team USA opened its campaign on the weekend of June 13 in Finland with two straight = victories over an overmatched Finnish squad.

It would play its next two weekends in the United States. In Hoffman Estates, Ill. (June 20-21), it went 1-1 against Bulgaria in front of a crowd with as many Bulgarian fans as Americans.

Team USA started with a 25-23, 25-16, 25-16 victory over Bulgaria, but then lost in five the following night, 12-25, 25-16, 25-20, 12-25, 15-13.

"I'm not surprised they were better tonight (than Friday)," McCutcheon said. "We missed seven serves in the fifth set. When you give away seven points in a set that ends at 15, it is hard to win.

"I'm glad we were tested. We cannot improve if we are not tested."

Finland came to Green Bay, Wis. (June 27-28), and put up more of a fight than it had at home, taking the U.S. Men to four sets in two straight matches, but eventually losing both.

The U.S. Men played their first matches against Spain in Madrid (July 4 and 6) and won both, although Spain took them to five sets in the first match (25-23, 25-22, 29-31, 20-25, 18-16). The United States defeated Spain a little more easily the second night (25-19, 25-19, 25-23). Meanwhile, Bulgaria lost to Finland and its record fell to 5-3, while the United States' record was 7-1.

Team USA played its final two domestic World League matches in Bloomington, Ill., against Spain

and took two more victories over the European champion. Meanwhile, Bulgaria lost another match to Finland and Team USA was assured the pool victory.

With the pool secured, the United States left four of its starters – Reid Priddy, Ryan Millar, Clay Stanley and Lloy Ball – at home when it traveled to Bulgaria for its final two pool play matches. Their absence did not go unnoticed as Bulgaria won both matches, although the first match went to five sets (22-25, 26-24, 16-25, 25-23 10-15) and the second went to four (20-25, 25-20, 20-25, 35-33).

Most of Team USA traveled straight from Bulgaria to Rio de Janeiro. Priddy, Millar, Stanley and Ball were to join them in Rio, but a delayed flight meant the team only

had an hour to practice together before its first match against Serbia. It showed as Serbia won going away, 25-23, 25-19, 25-17.

The United States came back to beat Poland in a five-set, do-or-die battle (25-18, 23-25, 27-25, 18-25, 16-14) the next day. Poland reached match point in the fifth

set, but Team USA fought off the loss. Then, it had to wait for the outcome of the match between Poland and Serbia.

"We're usually pretty good when our backs are against the wall," Millar said. "It was exciting."

What came next – a three-set defeat of world No. 1-ranked Brazil (25-23, 25-22, 27-25) before a disappointed crowd of 11,615 – was a surprise to some, but not so much to the U.S. Men, who have done well against Brazil. Team USA is now 4-3 against Brazil since 2004.

Serbia surprised Russia with a three-set victory in the other semifinal, which set up the rematch between the U.S. Men and Serbia. This time, the United States was ready.



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2008 FIVB World League Final Pool Play Standings

Pool A

Brazil 10-2
France 7-5
Serbia 6-6
Venezuela 1-11

Pool B

Russia 10-2
Italy 8-4
Cuba 5-7
Korea 1-11

Pool C

USA 9-3
Bulgaria 8-4
Spain 4-8
Finland 3-9

Pool D

Poland 9-3
China 6-6
Egypt 5-7
Japan 4-8

U.S. Pool Play Results

Date: June 13-14

Opponent: Finland

Location: Helsinki, Finland (LänsiAuto Arena)

June 13: USA def. Finland, 3-1 (25-18, 25-19, 23-25, 25-20)

June 14: USA def. Finland, 3-0 (25-20, 25-19, 25-16)

Date: June 20-21

Opponent: Bulgaria

Location: Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates, Ill.

June 20: USA def. Bulgaria, 3-0 (25-23, 25-16, 25-16)

June 21: Bulgaria def. USA, 3-2 (12-25, 25-16, 25-20, 12-25, 15-13)

Date: June 27-28

Opponent: Finland

Location: Resch Center in Green Bay, Wis.

"I really wanted another crack at Serbia," Millar said.

Priddy led the U.S. charge with 21 points on 18 kills and three blocks. Stanley added 16 points on 12 kills – including the final three points of the match – three blocks and one ace.

Riley Salmon scored 13 points on 12 kills and one ace as the United States' 26-24, 23-25, 25-23, 25-22 victory in the final earned it the \$1 million World League check.

Ball was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player and also Best Setter. Lambourne won the award for Best Libero for the second year in a row.

"The guys competed like crazy," McCutcheon said after the final match. "They were absolutely tenacious out there. They were scrapping for every ball and focused on every play."

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June 27: USA def. Finland, 3-1 (25-20, 21-25, 25-17, 25-20)

June 28: USA def. Finland, 3-1 (25-17, 22-25, 25-18, 25-18)

Date: July 4 and 6

Opponent: Spain

Location: Madrid, Spain

July 4: USA def. Spain, 3-2 (25-23, 25-22, 29-31, 20-25, 18-16)

July 6: USA def. Spain, 3-0 (25-19, 25-19, 25-23)

Date: July 11-12

Opponent: Spain

Location: U.S. Cellular Coliseum in Bloomington, Ill.

July 11: USA def. Spain, 3-0 (25-19, 25-23, 27-25)

July 12: USA def. Spain, 3-1 (24-26, 25-22, 25-13, 25-18)

Date: July 18-19

Opponent: Bulgaria

Location: Varna, Bulgaria

July 18: Bulgaria def. USA, 3-2 (25-22, 24-26, 25-16, 23-25, 15-10)

July 19: Bulgaria def. USA, 3-1 (25-20, 20-25, 25-20, 35-33)

Final Round Results

Pool E

July 23: Brazil def. Russia, 25-23, 25-18, 25-15

July 24: Russia def. Japan, 25-14, 26-24, 25-18

July 25: Brazil def. Japan, 25-16 25-23 25-15

Pool F

July 23: Serbia def. USA, 25-23, 25-29, 25-17

July 24: USA def. Poland, 25-18, 23-25, 27-25, 18-25, 16-14

July 25: Serbia def. Poland, 25-16, 25-18, 25-21

Semifinals – July 26

USA def. Brazil, 25-23, 25-22, 27-25

Serbia def. Russia, 25-19, 25-19, 25-23

Finals – July 27

Bronze Medal: Russia def. Brazil, 25-23, 25-19, 23-25, 25-19

Gold Medal: USA def. Serbia, 26-24, 23-25, 25-23, 25-22



Final Standings

1. USA
2. Serbia
3. Russia
4. Brazil
5. Poland
6. Japan
- 7T. Bulgaria
- 7T. China
- 7T. Italy
- 10T. Cuba
- 10T. Finland
- 10T. France
- 13T. Egypt
- 13T. Korea
- 13T. Spain
- 13T. Venezuela

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Qualifying

After finishing fourth at the 2007 FIVB World Cup (the top three teams qualified for the Olympic Games), the U.S. Men's National Team had to qualify for the 2008 Olympics at the 2008 NORCECA Olympic Qualifying tournament on Jan. 6-11 in Caguas, Puerto Rico.

Team USA opened the tournament with a sweep of the Dominican Republic (25-13, 25-19, 25-19), then improved to 2-0 in pool play with a three-set victory over Barbados (25-14, 25-10, 25-16).



The third day of competition brought a rematch with Puerto Rico. The crowd at Hector Sola Bezares Coliseum was so large that officials had to close the doors and some ticket holders were shut out.

The Puerto Rican men's team was shut out, too, as Team USA won in straight sets (25-21, 25-23, 25-22), won the pool and qualified for the semifinals. Canada won the other pool.

In the semifinals on Jan. 10, the U.S. Men faced Cuba while Puerto Rico played Canada.

Although Cuba gave the U.S. Men their greatest battle of the tournament, Team USA pulled out another 3-0 win (25-22, 27-25, 25-18). Puerto Rico defeated Canada in the other semifinal and would face the U.S. Men one more time in the final.

The final was never in doubt for the United States, which won (25-20, 25-19, 25-20). The U.S. Men won the tournament with a 5-0 record and without dropping a set

Four members of the U.S. Men's National Team were honored for their play. Rich Lambourne was named best libero and best receiver. Rooney won best spiker. Millar was named top blocker and Stanley took best server.

Olympic Games

The U.S. Men's Olympic Volleyball Team went into the 2008 Summer Games in Beijing with many reasons to be optimistic.

At the end of July, the team had won its first FIVB World League title ever after six weeks of pool play and a brutal final round in Rio de Janeiro. The United States had improved its world ranking from eighth at the end of 2006 to third at the start of 2008.

U.S. Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon had worked hard to prepare the team for the Olympic Games, selecting players and staff who had bought into his concept of team before individual performance.

And yet, the U.S. Men were still under the Olympic radar. The team had not played for an Olympic gold medal since 1988 and had not won any medal since 1992, when it took bronze. In its Olympic preview issue, Sports Illustrated said, "Improved U.S. has a shot at a medal," but picked Brazil, Russia and Poland to win gold, silver and bronze respectively.

Prior to the start of the Olympic Games, the biggest stories about the U.S. Men were the return of setter Lloy Ball for his fourth Olympic Games and a video that outside hitter Reid Priddy had made about the length of the team's shorts.

On Aug. 8, the U.S. Men's Team participated in the Olympic Opening Ceremonies in Beijing. Prior to marching, they met U.S. President George Bush and First Lady Laura Bush. The players looked dapper, if not a little warm, in their navy blue blazers and pants as they marched into Beijing National Stadium.

On Aug. 9, the U.S. Men were in the gym at Beijing Normal University, where the U.S. Olympic Committee had set up a temporary training facility,

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holding their final practice before their first Olympic match against Venezuela on Aug. 10.

McCutcheon was called away from the practice and learned that his wife, Elisabeth McCutcheon, and her parents, Todd and Barbara Bachman, had been involved in an attack while sightseeing in Beijing. Todd was killed in the attack and Barbara was seriously injured. A female Chinese tour guide was also injured and the attacker had killed himself.

McCutcheon left the team to be with Elisabeth, who was not injured, and Barbara, who had undergone eight hours of surgery in China for her wounds.

Assistant coach Ron Larsen took over for McCutcheon for the U.S. Men's first three Olympic matches. It is a testament to the foundation laid by McCutcheon, his staff and athletes that the team won those three matches, and the next five after that, to capture a gold medal that few had expected. The nation went with them for the ride.

Aug. 10 pool play: USA defeats Venezuela, 25-19, 25-18, 22-25, 21-25, 15-10

The U.S. Men knew they could not take Venezuela lightly, even though it was ranked 20th in the world. Venezuela, which qualified for the Olympics as the South American zone champion, had upset the United States in the first match of the 2006 World Championships. Team USA had gone on to finish 10th.

Prior to the match at Beijing's Capital Indoor Stadium, the team huddled for a moment of silence in honor of the Bachman and McCutcheon families.

"We wanted to have a moment of silence to gather our thoughts," said team captain Tom Hoff. Team members also inscribed the initials of Todd and Barbara Bachman on the backs of their shoes.

Opposite Clay Stanley took the lead for the U.S. Men, as he would throughout the tournament, scoring a match-high 22 points with 21 kills and a block. Priddy totaled 17 points with 12 kills, three

blocks and two aces. Middle blocker David Lee contributed 14 points via eight kills, match-high five blocks and an ace. Middle blocker Ryan Millar added nine kills, three blocks and an ace for 13 points.

Team USA won the first two sets easily, but starting setter Lloy Ball suffered a minor calf injury during the third set and the United States fell. Kevin Hansen started the fourth set, which the United States led 14-11, before Venezuela tied it at 15-all. Venezuela won the set by scoring six of the final nine points. Ball returned in the fifth set, which the U.S. captured after trailing 2-4.

Aug. 12 pool play: USA defeats Italy, 24-26, 25-22, 25-15, 25-21

Italy entered the match ranked 10th in the world, but the United States had a 5-1 record against the Europeans since the previous Olympic Games in 2004. Team USA started shaky, but gathered momentum and got stronger.

"Today's match had a lot to do with our serve and their serve receive," Larsen said. "It helped with our block."

Team USA finished with four aces and 15 blocks as opposed to Italy with three aces and nine blocks.

Stanley led Team USA with 23 points on a match-high 19 kills, three blocks and one assist. Priddy added 20 points on 18 kills, two blocks. Millar

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scored 12 points on seven kills, three blocks and two aces. Lee had a match-high five blocks.

"I thought we started the match waiting to see Italy's strategy," Hoff said. "After the first and second sets, our block was very efficient. After that, our offense got going and felt comfortable knowing the block was going well."

Aug. 14 pool play: USA defeats Bulgaria, 27-29, 25-21, 25-14, 26-24

The United States had played Bulgaria, ranked fourth in the world, in four 2008 World League pool play matches, with the United States splitting two home matches and Bulgaria taking both of its home matches. However, the United States did not take four of its usual starting players to Bulgaria.

In Beijing, the U.S. team was at full strength, while Bulgaria was missing Plamen Konstantinov, one of its top players, who was sent home to clear up doping rumors. But the U.S. Men still got off to a slow start and dropped the first set. Things improved after that.

"We started slow, but got better as the game progressed," Larsen said. "I thought we did a wonderful job of playing some block defense against them. We started digging a lot of balls and blocking, and I thought we started transitioning really well."

Stanley led the American offense with 21 points via 18 kills on 32 swings, two blocks and an ace. Millar charted 17 points with 14 kills on 17 attacks, two blocks and an ace. Priddy contributed 13 kills and two aces for 15 points. Lee tallied a match-high seven blocks to go with four kills for 11 points. Riley Salmon added eight points, while Ball tacked on three blocks and three kills for six points and 32 assists.

"For us, it's wonderful to play a good volleyball match against a quality opponent such as Bulgaria," Larsen said. "They're a physical team. They have some big hitters. They play at a high level and put up a big block. For us, it's ideal to come in here and compete hard."

Aug. 16 pool play: USA defeats China, 25-22, 25-12, 25-18

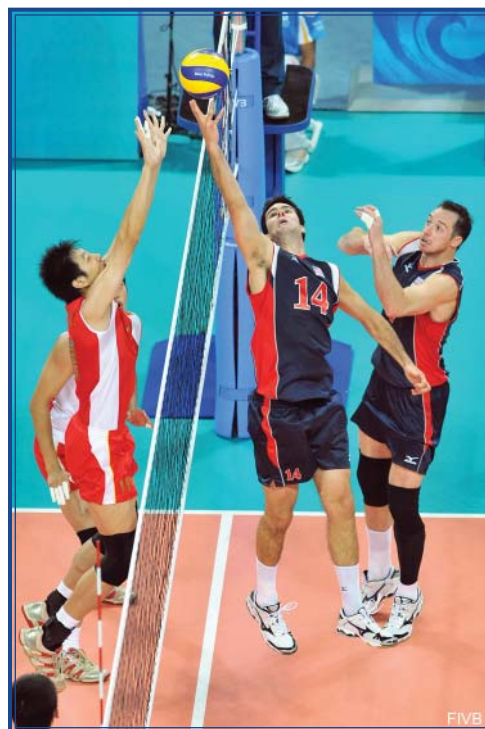
McCutcheon returned to the U.S. Men's Team for its match against China on Aug. 16 at the Beijing Institute of Technology Gymnasium (all other U.S. Men's matches were played at Capital Indoor Stadium). His mother-in-law and wife had returned to Minneapolis.

"I wouldn't have come back if I wasn't ready," McCutcheon said. "I think it was comforting just getting back in the normal rhythm of the team. All teams have a culture, and I'm certainly a part of ours. So it was great to get back into the game and get going again."

The U.S. Men did not have much problem with the Chinese, who were ranked 21st in the world heading into the Olympic Games and qualified by virtue of being the host country.

Stanley led the U.S. Men with 14 points on 12 kills, one ace and one block. Salmon added 10 points on nine kills and one ace.

Hansen got his first Olympic start at setter and was credited with 20 running sets and 41 still sets with one fault. He also scored three points on two kills and an ace.



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“Any time we win 3-0 it’s nice, and this is our first 3-0 match (at the Olympics),” Hansen said. “We executed and played well against a good Chinese team.”

Aug. 18 pool play: USA defeats Japan, 25-18, 25-12, 25-21

Team USA, now 5-0, secured the victory in Pool B and a quarterfinal match against Serbia, by sweeping Japan.

Although Japan actually had more kills than the U.S. Men (35-33), it committed double the number of errors (22-11). In addition, the Americans held a 16-5 block advantage. Team USA’s offense clicked at 39.7 attack efficiency thanks to 37 excellent service receptions on 43 attempts without an error for an 86.1 success percent.

Millar paced Team USA with 10 points including five kills on nine swings to go with four blocks. Lee chipped in nine points via five kills on seven attacks, three blocks and an ace.

Ball contributed 15 assists in the first two sets, while Hansen turned in eight assists in the final set. Libero Rich Lambourne provided 17 excellent service receptions on 19 errorless attempts.

“I was quite happy with the way the team played tonight,” McCutcheon said. “The guys were focused and were able to execute in all phases of the game. I thought it was a much better effort

and performance than our match against China. We got a little better tonight, and that is always one of our goals, to try and improve every time we step on the court.”

Aug. 20 quarterfinal: USA defeats Serbia, 20-25, 25-23, 21-25, 25-18, 15-12

There were good reasons for the U.S. Men to be nervous heading into the quarterfinal match against Serbia, ranked fifth in the world.

A victory would ensure that the U.S. Men would play for a medal. A loss would send them home.

Also, the U.S. Men had been swept by Serbia in the first match of the final round of the World League final round less than a month earlier. The United States had come back to defeat Serbia in the final, but it was a 3-1 battle (26-24, 23-25, 25-23, 25-22).

In Beijing, when Salmon delivered an ace for the final point, the team’s relief was palpable.

“I’d be lying if I said we weren’t anxious,” Priddy said. “I couldn’t nap. It’s almost like there’s more pressure than on a semifinal. There’s no second chance.”

Serbia’s Ivan Miljkovic led all scorers with 28 points on a match-high 23 kills, three aces and two blocks. Serbia out-hit the U.S. Men 61-56. The United States out-blocked Serbia 14-12 and had six aces as opposed to five for Serbia.

McCutcheon blamed his team’s poor performance early in the match to its worrying too much about the big picture and not enough about smaller, individual plays.

“There’s a tendency to want to force a great play and somehow change the momentum when things aren’t going your way,” McCutcheon said. “One of the things we’ve been doing this summer is trying to invest in good plays.”

Stanley led the U.S. Men in scoring with 18 points

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on 14 kills, two blocks and two aces. Priddy added 17 points on 14 kills and three aces. Lee had 15 points on 12 kills and three blocks. Salmon added 14 points on 12 kills, one block and one ace. Millar scored 11 points on a match-high seven blocks and four kills.

Aug. 22 semifinal: USA defeats Russia, 25-22, 25-21, 25-27, 22-25, 15-13

The mood of the U.S. Men's Team went from relief over making it to the semifinals to revelry following its victory over Russia, a team it had not beaten since before the 2004 Olympic Games and the team it lost to in the bronze medal match at those Games in Athens.

The victory meant the United States would play for the Olympic gold medal for the first time since 1988.

"We knew it was going to be a tough match," McCutcheon said. "I am proud of the way the guys were able to deal with the pressure and consistency of Russia at the end of the match."

Russia went into the Olympics ranked second in the world. Russia's Maxim Mikhaylov led all scorers in the match with 31 points, including a match-high 28 kills and four blocks along with one ace. Stopping Mikhaylov proved to be the challenge.

Team USA jumped to a 5-2 lead in the fifth set on a 4-1 run that included kills from Priddy and Millar and capped by two Russian errors. Russia picked up a tie at 7-all with a 4-1 run and took the lead at 11-10 on an ace.

Trailing 12-11, Lee came up big with down the stretch, tallying a kill and block on consecutive plays to yield a 13-12 advantage. After Russia tied the set at 13-all, Lee ended the match with a kill and block at 15-13. He scored four of his 12 points in the final five points of the match.

Stanley notched a team-high 19 points with a match-high seven aces, 11 kills and a block. Priddy collected 17 kills and an ace for 18 points, while Millar produced 12 kills on 20 attacks and two blocks for 14 points. Salmon tacked on 13 points all on kills.

Lambourne recorded 32 excellent receptions on 39 attempts without an error to go with seven digs. Ball handed out 30 assists for the match in addition to seven digs. Priddy tacked on a team-high 12 digs and 16 excellent service receptions on 17 attempts. Salmon contributed 10 digs and 24 excellent service receptions.

Aug. 24 gold medal: USA defeats Brazil, 20-25, 25-22, 25-21, 25-23

After the semifinal victory, Ball, who would be winning his first Olympic medal in four tries, pointed out to the media that the pressure was now off the U.S. Men. They had already exceeded expectations by making it to the gold medal match. Anything else would be icing on the cake.

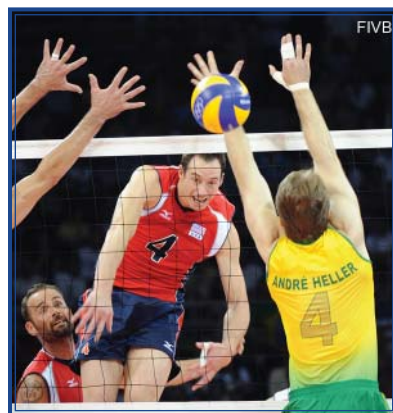
While the team did not play as if the pressure was completely off, it did look far more comfortable against world No. 1 ranked Brazil, the 2004 Olympic champion, than it had against Russia.

It could also have been the fact that the United States was 4-3 against Brazil since 2004, and had defeated the South Americans the last three times they had played.

"To be honest, I just think again trying to stay in the moment helped us," Priddy said.

"We're just so proud to be a part of this team representing our country. It's just very special. This group just really wanted to be together."

With the United States leading 2 sets to 1, the match came down to a hard-fought fourth set. Brazil led 8-6 at the first technical timeout and 16-14 at the second.



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With the United States still trailing 18-20, Priddy got the serve on a Lee block and served for the next three points on two blocks and a kill by Stanley to give the United States a 22-20 lead. With the U.S. leading 23-22 following a block that went off Stanley's head, Brazilian Head Coach Bernardo Rezende made a surprising move by replacing his star player and team captain, Giba, with his son, Bruno Rezende, for the serve.

Ball immediately went after the youngster, setting Millar down the middle. Rezende missed Millar's hit to the back row and the United States reached match point.

Brazil scored once on a kill by Murilo Endres. But Stanley put an end to the match with a right-side attack off a set by Millar toward Giba, who sent it out of bounds.

Following the final point, McCutcheon hugged his players and staff, and then left the floor briefly to gather his thoughts and his composure.

"It dawned on me that we'd just won the thing and I grabbed my staff. They've been so instrumental in our success, obviously for the first three matches of this tournament they were without me and they did a wonderful job," he said. "Then after I shook the coaches' hands, it was just a little too much."

Stanley led the United States with 20 points on a match-high 15 kills, three blocks and two aces. He was named the tournament MVP, finishing as the best scorer with 146 points on 116 kills, 15

blocks and 15 aces. He was also the leading server.

Among other notable performances, Priddy was fourth among all scorers with 112 points on 93 kills, 10 blocks and nine aces. He was fifth among servers. Millar was eighth among scorers with 97 points and Lee was ninth with 90.

Lee was second among all blockers, averaging one block per set. Millar was fourth, averaging 0.79 blocks per set.

While some of the U.S. Men's Team players saw more Olympic action than others, everyone got a chance to play at some point and everyone contributed to the gold medal win, whether it was in a match in Beijing, or at a practice in Anaheim, Calif. The 2008 U.S. Men's Volleyball Team should be remembered not only for overcoming a tragedy and winning a gold medal, but also for setting aside personal agendas for the good of the team, the sport and the country they love.

Tournament Results

Pool Play

Sunday, Aug. 10 - at Beijing Institute of Technology Gymnasium

Pool B: Russia def. Serbia, 20-25, 25-21, 25-22, 25-14

Pool A: Italy def. Japan, 25-19, 25-18, 23-25, 25-17

Sunday, Aug. 10 - at Capital Indoor Stadium

Pool A: USA def. Venezuela, 25-18, 25-18, 22-25, 21-25, 15-10

Pool B: Brazil def. Egypt, 25-19, 25-15, 25-18

Pool A: Bulgaria def. China, 25-20, 25-21, 26-28, 25-19

Pool B: Poland def. Germany, 25-17, 33-31, 25-20

Tuesday, Aug. 12 - at Beijing Institute of Technology Gymnasium

Pool B: Russia def. Germany, 25-27, 25-21, 21-25, 25-23, 16-14

Pool B: Poland def. Egypt, 25-21, 25-18, 25-10

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Tuesday, Aug. 12 - at Capital Indoor Stadium

Pool A: USA def. Italy, 24-26, 25-22, 25-15, 25-21

Pool B: Brazil def. Serbia, 25-27, 25-20, 25-17, 25-21

Pool A: China def. Venezuela 25-21, 21-25, 16-25, 25-21, 16-14

Pool A: Bulgaria def. Japan, 29-27, 23-25, 25-21, 25-19

Thursday, Aug. 14 - at Beijing Institute of Technology Gymnasium

Pool A: Italy def. Venezuela, 25-21, 25-20, 25-21

Pool B: Germany def. Egypt, 29-27, 25-21, 25-21

Thursday, Aug. 14 - at Capital Indoor Stadium

Pool B: Russia def. Brazil, 22-25, 26-24, 31-29, 25-19

Pool B: Poland def. Serbia, 31-29, 22-25, 25-22, 25-21

Pool A: China def. Japan, 25-20, 25-23, 17-25, 16-25, 15-10

Pool A: USA def. Bulgaria, 27-29, 25-21, 25-14, 26-24

Saturday, Aug. 16 - at Beijing Institute of Technology Gymnasium

Pool A: USA def. China, 25-22, 25-12, 25-18

Pool B: Russia def. Egypt, 25-19, 25-14, 25-18

Saturday, Aug. 16 - at Capital Indoor Stadium

Pool B: Serbia def. Germany, 25-21, 27-25, 24-26, 25-23

Pool A: Italy def. Bulgaria, 25-20, 25-21, 25-16

Pool B: Brazil def. Poland, 30-28, 25-19, 25-19

Pool A: Venezuela def. Japan, 25-23, 25-21, 25-23

Monday, Aug. 18 - at Beijing Institute of Technology Gymnasium

Pool A: Bulgaria def. Venezuela, 23-25, 25-19, 25-16, 25-22

Pool B: Brazil def. Germany, 25-22, 25-21, 25-23

Monday, Aug. 18 - at Capital Indoor Stadium

Pool B: Poland def. Russia, 17-25, 26-24, 24-26, 25-23, 15-12

Pool B: Serbia def. Egypt, 25-16, 25-13, 25-17

Pool A: Italy def. China, 25-17, 25-23, 21-25, 20-25, 16-14

Pool A: USA def. Japan, 25-18, 25-12, 25-21

Pool A Standings

USA 5-0

Italy 4-1

Bulgaria 3-2

China 2-3

Venezuela 1-4

Japan 0-5

Pool B Standings

Russia 4-1

Brazil 4-1

Poland 4-1

Germany 1-4

Serbia 2-3

Egypt 0-5

Wednesday, Aug. 20 – Quarterfinals at Capital Indoor Stadium

Russia def. Bulgaria, 20-25, 25-16, 25-22, 25-21

Italy def. Poland, 25-19, 25-22, 18-25, 26-28, 17-15

Brazil def. China, 25-17, 25-15, 25-16

USA def. Serbia, 20-25, 25-23, 21-25, 25-18, 15-12

Friday, Aug. 22 – Semifinals at Capital Indoor Stadium

USA def. Russia, 25-22, 25-21, 25-27, 22-25, 15-13

Brazil def. Italy, 19-25, 25-18, 25-21, 25-22

Sunday, Aug. 24 Capital Indoor Stadium

Bronze Medal: Russia def. Italy, 25-22 25-19 25-23

Gold Medal: USA def. Brazil, 20-25, 25-22, 25-21, 25-23

Final Standings

1. USA

2. Brazil

3. Russia

4. Italy

5T. Bulgaria

5T. China

5T. Poland

5T. Serbia

9T. Germany

9T. Venezuela

11T. Egypt

11T. Japan

2009 World League Preview

The U.S. Men's National Team that will compete in the 2009 FIVB World League is different from the team that won the 2008 World League and Olympic gold medals.

Gone are four-time Olympic setter Lloy Ball (Fort Wayne, Ind.) and two-time Olympian Gabe Gardner (San Clemente, Calif.), who have retired.

Also not on the roster are outside hitter Reid Priddy (Richmond, Va.) and middle blocker Ryan Millar (Palmdale, Calif.), who are taking the summer off from indoor competition. Outside hitter Riley Salmon (League City, Texas) was taken off the World League preliminary roster due to a knee injury.

However, along with a new roster come new opportunities for some old and new faces.

"We are a team in transition. Some of the guys that played at the Olympic Games will not play in World League," said U.S. Head Coach Alan Knipe, one of the new faces on the team. "We still have a fair amount of experienced guys and some new players. Playing the World League matches will be a good experience for them. Our goal is to maintain a high level and to introduce the young players."

World League will be Knipe's first high-level international competition with the U.S. Men's Team, which is ranked second in the world. Knipe previously coached U.S. Men's teams to a bronze medal at the 2007 World University Games and a gold at the 2008 Pan American Cup.

Knipe is taking a leave of absence as the head men's volleyball coach at Long Beach State University to coach the U.S. Men.

Knipe's World League staff includes Gary Sato (Los Angeles), who was an assistant coach for the 1988 and 1992 U.S. Men's Olympic Teams. He is also bringing John Hawks (Huntington Beach, Calif.), an



assistant coach for him at Long Beach State, and Chris Jackson (Phoenix, Ariz.) as the technical coordinator.

Two familiar faces do return from the 2008 staff for the trips to Netherlands and Italy. Rob Browning (Newport Beach, Calif.), the head women's volleyball coach at Saint Mary's College (Moraga, Calif.) and a former U.S. Men's assistant coach, will serve as team leader as he did at the 2008 World League and Olympic Games. Athletic trainer Aaron Brock (Storm Lake, Iowa) also remains with the team.

Seven players from last year's championship team are on the 2009 roster: Setter Kevin Hansen (Newport Beach, Calif.), libero Rich Lambourne (Tustin, Calif.), opposite Clay Stanley (Honolulu, Hawai'i) – the Olympic MVP – middle blockers Tom Hoff (Park Ridge, Ill.) and David Lee (Alpine, Calif.) and outside hitters Sean Rooney (Wheaton, Ill.) and Scott Touzinsky (St. Louis, Mo.).

"I think we have the ability to win our pool if we execute," Hansen said. "We did well

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against China when we played in Beijing. Italy is always tough. I don't know much about Netherlands except that they won the Olympic gold medal 12 years ago."

Two other players on the 2009 roster, opposite Brook Billings (Santa Barbara, Calif.) and setter Donald Suxho (Korce, Albania), are veterans of the 2004 Olympic team and both played in the 2006 World League pool play matches.

Suxho injured his Achilles tendon in the spring of 2007 and has not played a tournament with the U.S. Men's Team since then. Billings played in pool play matches in 2007 and 2008, but looks to play a bigger role this year with the retirement of opposite Gabe Gardner (San Clemente, Calif.).

"I'm going to do the best I can. I'm not looking to be the star," Billings said. "I just want to be part of the team and help the team repeat as World League champion."

Middle blocker Delano Thomas (Sacramento, Calif.) played in 2008 World League pool play matches and was an alternate for the Olympic team.

Six of the remaining nine remaining players on the roster – outside hitters Matt Anderson (West Seneca, N.Y.), Jayson Jablonsky (Yorba Linda, Calif.) and Paul Lotman (Lakewood, Calif.), opposite Evan Patak (Pleasanton, Calif.), middle blocker Andrew Hein (Carol Stream, Ill.), and libero Alfee Reft (Oxnard, Calif.) – were part of the 2008 Pan American Cup team that won the gold medal.

That same group, plus middle blocker David Smith (Saugus, Calif.), were part of the U.S. Men's Team that won the bronze medal at the 2007 World University Games under Knipe.

That leaves middle blocker Russell Holmes (Fountain Valley, Calif.) as the only player on the roster who has not played internationally

with a U.S. team. Holmes, who played collegiately at BYU and was named an AVCA All-American first teamer his senior year, played overseas last winter for Austria's HYPO TIROL in the Middle European Volleyball Zone Association.

U.S. Men vs. Netherlands

Team USA will open World League competition against Netherlands, ranked 28th in the world, in Rotterdam on June 13-14. They will play again on July 17-18 in Wichita, Kan.

The United States has a record of 21-30 against Netherlands since 1981. The last time the two teams played in an official championship was during the Olympic Games in 2004. Team USA won that match, 3-0 (26-24, 25-20, 25-18).

The two countries played five friendly matches in 2005 as part of a Pacific Northwest Tour and the International Sports Invitational in San Diego. The U.S. Men went 2-3 against the Dutch in those.

Netherlands has not competed in World League for six years. It won the gold medal in 1996, the silver in 1990 and bronze in 1988. It also won the Olympic gold medal at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta under then head coach Arie Selinger.

Current Dutch Head Coach Dutch head coach Peter Blangé says he is glad to see his team back in the World League. His goal now is to keep it there.

"I am really happy that we are participating in the World League again," Blangé said.

"Participation in the World League is essential to get the current team to grow. It is also of great importance that we stay in the World League after this edition. That is why we have to perform well and it would be nice if the Dutch crowd supports us in the best way possible."

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U.S. Men vs. Italy

Italy, ranked sixth in the world, will be the second stop for the U.S. Men on their World League tour. The teams will play on June 19 in Florence and on June 21 in Catania. They will meet again on July 19-20 in Hoffman Estates, Ill.

The last time the two teams played was in pool play at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, where the U.S. Men won 3-1 (24-26, 25-22, 25-15, 25-21). Italy went on to finish fourth.

Team USA went 4-0 against Italy in the 2007 World League and went on to finish third in the final round.

However the United States is 20-37 against Italy since 1981.

Italy has won eight World League gold medals, three silver and two bronze and should never be counted out.

U.S. Men vs. China

Team USA will play China on June 26-27 in San Jose, Calif., and again on July 4-5 in Nanjing, China.

The United States is 4-1 against China since 2004 and 40-12 since 1981. The U.S. Men defeated China 3-0 (25-22, 25-12, 25-18) when the teams played in pool play at the 2008 Summer Games. China went on to finish in a four-way tie for fifth.

Prior to that, the U.S. Men lost to China at the 2008 Four Nations Tournament in Germany; however the United States did not bring its starting team to the tournament.

ESPNU World League TV Schedule

All Times EDT

June 25: 7-9 p.m. U.S. Men at Netherlands (taped June 13)
June 25: 9-11 p.m. U.S. Men at Netherlands (taped June 14)

June 26: 2-4 p.m. Repeat of U.S. Men at Netherlands (June 13)
June 26: 4-6 p.m. Repeat of U.S. Men at Netherlands (June 14)

June 27: 2-4 a.m. Repeat of U.S. Men at Netherlands (June 13)
June 27: 4-6 a.m. Repeat of U.S. Men at Netherlands (June 14)

June 30: 4-6 a.m. Repeat of U.S. Men at Netherlands (June 13)

July 1: 7-9 p.m. U.S. Men at Italy (taped June 19)
July 1: 9-11 p.m. U.S. Men at Italy (taped June 21)

July 2: 2-4 a.m. Repeat of U.S. Men at Italy (June 19)
July 2: 4-6 a.m. Repeat of U.S. Men at Italy (June 21)
July 2: 2-4 p.m. Repeat of U.S. Men at Italy (June 19)
July 2: 4-6 p.m. Repeat of U.S. Men at Italy (June 21)

July 4: 4-6 a.m. Repeat of U.S. Men at Italy (June 19)
July 4: 12-2 p.m. Repeat of U.S. Men at Italy (June 21)

July 7: 9:30-11:30 p.m. Repeat of U.S. Men at Netherlands (June 14)

July 8: 7-9 p.m. U.S. Men vs. China from San Jose, Calif. (taped June 26)
July 8: 9-11 p.m. U.S. Men vs. China from San Jose, Calif. (taped June 27)

July 9: 2-4 a.m. Repeat of U.S. Men vs. China (June 26)
July 9: 4-6 a.m. Repeat of U.S. Men vs. China (June 27)

July 9: 2-3:30 p.m. Repeat of U.S. Men vs. China (June 26)
July 9: 4-6 p.m. Repeat of U.S. Men vs. China (June 27)

July 14: 9-11 p.m. Repeat of U.S. Men vs. China (June 26)

July 15: 7-9 p.m. U.S. Men at China (taped July 4)
July 15: 9-11 p.m. U.S. Men at China (taped July 5)

July 16: 2-4 p.m. Repeat of U.S. Men at China (July 4)
July 16: 4-6 p.m. Repeat of U.S. Men at China (July 5)
July 16: 8-10 p.m. Repeat of U.S. Men at China (July 4)

July 21: 7-9 p.m. U.S. Men vs. Italy from Hoffman Estates, Ill. (taped July 10)
July 21: 9-11 p.m. U.S. Men vs. Italy from Hoffman Estates, Ill. (taped July 11)

July 25: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Repeat of U.S. Men vs. Italy (July 10)
July 25: 12-2 p.m. Repeat of U.S. Men vs. Italy (July 11)

July 26: 12-2 a.m. Repeat of U.S. Men vs. Italy (July 10)
July 26: 2-4 a.m. Repeat of U.S. Men vs. Italy (July 11)

July 28: 9:30-11:30 p.m. U.S. Men vs. Netherlands from Wichita Kan. (taped July 17)

July 29: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Repeat of U.S. Men vs. Netherlands (July 17)
July 29: 9:30-11:30 p.m. U.S. Men vs. Netherlands from Wichita Kan. (taped July 18)

July 31: 4-6 a.m. Repeat of U.S. Men vs. Netherlands (July 17)
July 31: 6-8 a.m. Repeat of U.S. Men vs. Netherlands (July 18)
July 31: 2-4 p.m. Repeat of U.S. Men vs. Netherlands (July 17)
July 31: 4-6 p.m. Repeat of U.S. Men vs. Netherlands (July 18)

2009 Athlete Profiles



No. 1 Matt Anderson

Position: Outside Hitter
Height: 6-10 (204cm)
Weight: 190 lbs (86kg)
Hometown: West Seneca, N.Y.
College: Penn State
Birth Date: April 18, 1987
Joined Team: 2008

PERSONAL: Born Matthew John Anderson on April 18, 1987, in Buffalo, N.Y.... Parents are Nancy and Michael Anderson... Has three sisters, Jennifer (30), Joelle (27) and Amy (22) and one brother Joshua (25), one brother-in-law Rialdo (30), two nephews Aedan (4) and Tristin (2) and one niece Alexis (1)... Sister Joelle played volleyball at the College of Saint Rose... Sister Amy played volleyball and basketball at Hilbert College... Names Oasis as favorite musical entertainer, buffalo wings from Buffalo, N.Y., as favorite food, and Top Gun as favorite movie... Anderson attended West Seneca West High School (N.Y.) and led the boys volleyball team to a 17-0 regular-season record during his senior season... Squad was the 2004 Division I champions and Matt served as team captain... Matt was a member of the Eden Volleyball Club in Eden, N.Y.... Matt finished his junior year at Penn State in spring of 2008 where he majored kinesiology... In 2008, Matt left Penn State early to play for the Hyundai Capital Skywalkers, a professional volleyball club in Korea.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE: 2008 - Matt played on the U.S. Men's Team that traveled to Cuiaba, Brazil for the America's Cup in September. The team finished fifth. Matt scored 44 points on 39 kills and five blocks in three matches (13 sets)... Matt was a member of the U.S. Men's team that won gold at the 2008 Pan American Cup from June 2-7 in Winnipeg, Manitoba... He scored 29 points on 25 kills, two blocks and two aces during the tournament... Was a member of the U.S. Men's Training Team that traveled to Japan from May 17-25 to help prepare the Japanese National team for Olympic qualification. **2007** - Matt was a starting outside hitter for the Men's Junior National Team that finished seventh at the FIVB Men's Junior World Championship in Rabat, Morocco... He recorded 91 total points for an average of 3.37 points per game, racked up 77 kills (2.85 kills per

game) and added four aces, 10 blocks and 32 digs. **2006** - Was a member of the Men's Junior National Team that finished second at the NORCECA Men's Junior Continental Championship and qualified for the 2007 FIVB Men's Junior World Championship. **2005** - Was a member of the U.S. Boys Youth National Team that competed at the Four Nation Tournament in Cabo Frio, Brazil.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 - AVCA Co-Player of the Year with Paul Lotman of Long Beach State His team won the NCAA National Championship with a victory over Pepperdine in the final... Named Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA Tournament... AVCA All-American first team... EIVA Player of the Year... First Team All-EIVA... Led the Nittany Lions with 5.64 kills per game on .390 hitting... A two-time EIVA Player of the Week... AVCA National Player of the Week on Feb. 11... Had 15 or more kills in a regular-season match on 18 occasions... Had at least one dig in every match and had 17 matches of four or more digs, also recorded a block in all but two contests. **2007** - AVCA Second Team All-America... First Team All-EIVA... EIVA Championship All-Tournament Team... Averaged 4.35 kills per game as an opposite... Added 33 service aces, good for second on the team and ninth on the all-time single-season chart... Provided 104 total digs and 69 total blocks, good for averages of 1.02 digs per game and 0.68 blocks per game... Set a new career high and Penn State rally-scoring-era record with 35 kills (on .452 hitting) in the five-game win at No. 4 UC Santa Barbara (3/12)... also set a new rally-scoring record for attacks in that match with 62... Produced 24 double-digit kill matches for the season... Had six matches of 20 or more kills and 14 contests of 15 or more kills. **2006** - Second Team All-East... Played in 91 games and all 30 matches... Averaged 2.21 kills per game, 0.16 service aces per game, 1.09 digs per game and 0.62 blocks per game... Matt was one of six Nittany Lions to record more than 200 kills for the season... led the team in kills on six occasions, including a career-high 17 versus Ohio State (2/10).

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No. 11 Brook Billings

Position: Opposite
Height: 6-5 (196cm)
Weight: 210 lbs (95kg)
Hometown: Santa Barbara, Calif.
College: USC
Birth Date: April 1980
Joined Team: May 2002

PERSONAL: Born Brook Michael Billings on April 30, 1980, in Santa Barbara, Calif. ... Parents are David Billings and Daphne Von Essen... His stepmother's name is Beth Berger... He also has a sister, Summer Billings, and a brother, James Von Essen... Enjoys "snowboarding, basketball, electronics, a little bit of golf, surfing and music concerts"... One of the most defining moments in his life was being recruited and accepted to USC... Majored in public policy and management at USC... His off-court goals include finishing school, getting married and having a family... Considers real estate as a possible future profession... Most prized possessions are his family, his friends and his clothes... One of his fondest childhood memories is spending all day at East Beach in Santa Barbara with his friends... Lists Olympic Champion swimmer Amanda Beard as the person he would most like to have dinner with... Would like to have seen Sublime in concert... Says "a million dollar car-with wings" is the first thing he would buy if he won the lottery... Chose "mind reading" as the superpower he wants... His pet peeve is "when people drive slow in the far left lane on the freeway."

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:

2008 - FIVB World League (Gold Medal)... Four Nations' Tournament (Gold Medal). **2007** - Americas' Cup (Gold Medal)... Pan American Games (Silver Medal)... FIVB World League (Bronze Medal). **2006** - FIVB World League... Pan American Cup (Gold Medal)... Argentina Tour. **2005** - FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament (Gold Medal)... NORCECA Continental Championships (Gold Medal). **2004** - NORCECA Olympic Qualifying Tournament (Gold Medal)... Japan Tour... Houston Series... USA Global Challenge (Gold Medal)... Serbia and Montenegro Tour (Silver Medal)... Olympic Games (Fourth Place). **2003** - Colorado/Nebraska Tour... Canada

Tour... Pan American Games (Fourth Place)... NORCECA Zone Championships (Gold Medal)... World Cup (Fourth Place). **2002** - Dallas Tour... Six-Nation Tournament (Italy)... Louisville Tour... Bulgaria Tour... Greece Tour... Florida Tour... World Championships.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 - Brook was an alternate for the Olympic Team... Played in two World League pool play matches in Bulgaria and scored four points.. Played in the Four Nations' Tournament in Leipzig, Germany and then scored 16 points in an exhibition victory over Germany played in Chemnitz. **2007** - Brook had a stellar run at the Pan American Games on Aug. 23-28 in Rio de Janeiro, finishing as the United States' second-leading scorer, and fifth overall, with 61 points on 54 kills, six blocks and one ace. He led the U.S. Men in scoring in their matches against Argentina (12 points), Puerto Rico (14 points) and Cuba (16 points)... Played in four World League pool play matches and scored 20 points. **2006** - Was on the preliminary roster for the World Championships... Scored seven points for the U.S. Men in their opening World League match against Poland... Helped the squad win the inaugural Pan American Cup. **2005** - Earned a gold medal as Team USA won its second-straight NORCECA Continental Championship with a four-set victory over Cuba on Sept. 15... The USA Men qualified for the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup with the win... Also earned a gold medal in August at the FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament as the USA Men qualified for the 2006 World Championships. **2004** - Brook made his first-ever Olympic appearance in Athens, Greece as the USA Men finished fourth overall... Ranked sixth on the team in total points with 28 on 23 kills and five blocks... Team USA qualified for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, by winning the NORCECA Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Caguas, Puerto Rico on Jan. 10... The men posted a perfect record of 6-0 en route to the gold medal, which included a come-from-behind, 3-2 win over Cuba in the championship match... Scored a match-high 17 points on 16 kills and one block in a 3-1 pool-play win over Cuba after replacing starting opposite Clay Stanley. **2003** - Led Team USA in scoring and ranked third among all scorers with 73 points on 67 kills, five blocks and one service ace at the Pan American Games in the Dominican

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Republic...The Americans finished fourth (3-2) at the Pan Am Games after losing to Brazil in the bronze medal match...Saw action in just six of 11 matches at the World Cup and played 20 of a possible 37 sets but still scored 86 points on 73 kills and 13 blocks to finish fourth on the team in total points and tops in points per match at 14.33. **2002** - One of the team's biggest surprises during the 2002 season...Ranked first on the team in total points (266) and total kills (223)...Also ranked third in stuff blocks (30), points per set (2.83) and digs (97)...Scored a career-high 26 points (24 kills, one block, one ace) in a 3-2 upset of eventual World Champion Brazil on Sept. 30 during pool play...Also scored 21 points (19 kills, one block, one service ace) in a five-set win over Australia on June 30 and 20 points (17 kills, two blocks, one ace) in a 3-2 win over Greece on Aug. 30.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: **2002** - Earned All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) honorable mention...Led the team in kills (386) and in kills per game (4.39). **2001** - Earned Asics/Volleyball All-American and All-MPSF honorable mentions...Led USC in kills (390) and blocks (68) and was second in digs (118)...Finished eighth nationally in kill average at 4.88 (fourth in the

MPSF at 5.21)... Posted double-figure kills in 20 of his 22 matches, with nine matches of 20-plus kills. **2000** - Earned Asics/Volleyball All-America first team, AVCA All-America second team and All-MPSF first team honors...Led the team in kills (601) while hitting .339...Finished third on the team in digs (160) and had 73 blocks...Ranked fifth nationally in kill average (6.84) and third in the MPSF (6.83)...Posted double-figure kills in 24 of his 25 matches, with 18 matches of 20-plus kills and six matches of 30-plus kills (including an MPSF and USC season-high 50 kills at Loyola Marymount, a career best). **1999** - Started all but two matches at opposite hitter as just a freshman and made an immediate impact... Garnered Asics/Volleyball National Co-Freshman of the Year and MPSF Freshman of the Year honors, as well as being an All-MPSF honorable mention selection... Led the team in kills with 640, the most ever by a USC freshman and the fourth-most by any Trojan ever, while hitting .317... Finished sixth nationally in kill average (6.17)... He also had 169 digs (second on the team) and 92 blocks (fourth on the team)... Posted double-figure kills 26 times, with 17 matches of 20-plus kills and six matches of 30-plus kills.



No. 14 Kevin Hansen

Position: Setter
Height: 6-5 (196cm)
Weight: 205 lbs (93kg)
Hometown: Newport Beach, Calif.
College: Stanford
Birth Date: March, 19 1982
Joined Team: June 2005

PERSONAL: Born Kevin Christopher Hansen on March 19, 1982 in Newport Beach, Calif. ... Son of Erik and Ann Hansen... Majored in economics at Stanford University and has a master's degree in communications... Says one of his most defining moments in life was "college graduation"... Thinks most people would be surprised to know "I shoot up with needles at least four times a day" because he is diabetic... Was diagnosed with Type I diabetes when he was 10-years-old and told that sports would be difficult to pursue... Goals off the court are "to have a family and eventually work in the sports marketing industry"... Says "Being able to

represent your country while competing in foreign ones" is the best part about being on the National Team... Wants to live "on a sailboat traveling the world"... Says carbs are the luxury item he could not live without... Lists Jesus as the person he would most like to have dinner with... Describes himself as "competitive, athletic and spiritual"... Played in Russia for Fakel Novy Urengoi during the winter of 2008-09.

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2008

- Olympic Games (Gold Medal)... FIVB World League (Gold Medal)... Four Nations' Tournament (Gold Medal)... NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualifying Championship (Gold Medal). **2007** - NORCECA Continental Championship (Gold Medal)... Americas' Cup (Gold Medal)... Pan American Games (Silver Medal)... FIVB World League (Bronze Medal). **2006** - FIVB World League... Argentina Tour. **2005** - World University Games (11th Place).

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 - Kevin finished the 2008 season with 36 points in 63

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sets played. He averaged 0.21 kills per set; 0.11 aces per set; 0.25 blocker per set and 1.22 digs per set. His hitting percentage was 0.44... Kevin helped the U.S. Men win the Olympic gold medal in Beijing as the backup setter to Lloy Ball. Kevin started a match against China and played all three sets. He also played in matches against Venezuela and Japan.... Kevin helped the U.S. Men win its first World League gold medal. Hansen started seven pool play matches and the team lost only one of those. He finished 16th among all setters in World League pool play with 168 running sets and seven faults for an average of 4.2 running sets per set. He had 22 points on 10 kills, 10 blocks and two aces... Kevin helped the U.S. Men to a gold medal at the Four Nations Tournament on May 11-13 in Germany... Kevin was the backup setter to Lloy Ball at the NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualifier, which the U.S. Men won, qualifying for the 2008 Olympic Games. Hansen had playing time in all five matches as the U.S. Men finished the tournament with a kill percentage of 60 and a hitting percentage of 53. **2007** -Kevin finished the season having played 74 sets for the U.S. Men. He was credited with 21 kills, nine aces and 22 blocks and averaged 0.7 points per set... Kevin was the backup setter for Lloy Ball at the FIVB World Cup tournament where the U.S. men finished fourth. Hansen started in victories over Egypt and Korea and substituted in four others and was credited with 72 assists and two faults in 131 attempts... Kevin was the backup setter for Lloy Ball at the NORCECA Men's Continental Championship in Anaheim, Calif., where the U.S. Men won the gold medal and qualified for the FIVB World Cup. Kevin played the entire match against Barbados and was credited with 23 assists as the team's hitting percentage was 74 percent... Kevin was the backup to starting setter Lloy Ball at the Americas' Cup and the NORCECA Continental Championship... Kevin was the third-leading setter at the Pan American Games and helped carry the U.S. Men to the silver medal. He was credited with 6.88 sets per set... Kevin was the United States' second-leading blocker and 10th overall at the Pan Am Games with seven scoring blocks in 30 attempts for an average of 0.44 per set... Kevin was the fourth-leading setter in the World League final round and was credited with an average of six sets per set... Played in eight World League pool-play matches and started five. Finished 17th among all World League setters in pool play with

a 2.71 set average per set played. **2006** - Played in Greece during the winter of 2006 and spring of 2007... Was the backup setter to Donald Suxho on the World League team... Kevin helped the team finish 4-1 in Argentina.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: Finished his career third on Stanford's list of career leaders with 5,036 assists... Only the third player in Stanford men's volleyball history to amass 5,000 career assists... Four-time All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) selection... Ranked ninth all-time among Stanford setters averaging 12.89 assists per game. **2005** - Kevin averaged 12.70 assists, 1.91 digs, 0.53 blocks and 0.23 aces per game... First-Team All-MPSF ... American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) First-Team All-American ... MPSF Academic All-Conference. **2004** - Named Volleyball magazine Third-Team All-American... Molten/MPSF Player of the week... Led the team in hitting percentage (.445), serving aces (18), digs (188), and digs per game (1.92). **2003** - Played in all 29 matches... MPSF Honorable Mention for the second straight season... Distributed 1,318 assists, the sixth-most assists in a single season in program history... Finished the season with a 13.05 assists per game average, good for the 14th best average in the nation... Molten MPSF Player of the Week. **2002** - Honorable Mention All-MPSF... Molten/MPSF Player of the week... Guided Stanford to a .360 team hitting percentage in MPSF play, which ranked second in the conference ... The 1,317 assists was the seventh-highest single-season total in school history.



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No. 8 Andrew Hein

Position: Middle Blocker
Height: 6-11 (208cm)
Weight: 232 lbs (105kg)
Hometown: Carol Stream, Ill.
College: Pepperdine
Birth Date: July 1, 1984
Joined Team: 2007

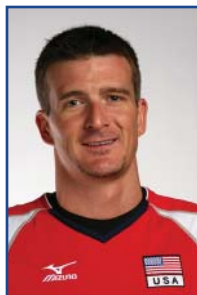
PERSONAL: Born Andrew Hein on July 1, 1984 in Hinsdale, Ill.... Parents are Ronald and Ann Hein... Attended West Chicago Community High School... Made national honor roll and was all-state in volleyball and basketball... Has a degree in psychology from Pepperdine... He is working on his MBA... Loves to watch NCAA basketball, football, and baseball... Lists chicken parmesan as his favorite food and the Chicago Cubs as his favorite baseball team... Enjoys The Simpsons (has every season on DVD) and South Park... Favorite movie is Jurassic Park.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE: 2008 - Played with the U.S. Men's Team that finished fifth in the America's Cup in September in Brazil. Played in six sets and scored nine points on four kills and five blocks... Was team captain of the U.S. Men's team that won gold at the 2008 Pan American Cup from June 2-7 in Winnipeg, Manitoba... Was the squad's second-leading scorer at the tournament with 38 points on 25 kills, 11 blocks and two aces... Was a member of the U.S. Men's Training team that traveled to Japan from May 17-25 to help prepare the Japanese team for Olympic qualification... Played professionally for Tomis Constanta in Romania. **2007** - Helped the U.S. men win a bronze medal at the World University Games in Bangkok, Thailand... Helped the U.S. men win a silver medal at the Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. **2005** - Played on the U.S. men's World University Games team that finished 11th in Izmir, Turkey. **2003** - Starting middle blocker as Team USA earned a bronze medal at the World University Games in Daegu, South Korea.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: 2006 - First team American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-America... Led the nation and the team in hitting percentage (.516) averaging 2.93 kills per game... First on the team with 1.59 blocks per game...

Ranked second on the team with 22 service aces. **2005** - Recorded seven kills and seven blocks in NCAA Championship match against UCLA... Started every match at the middle blocker position... Broke a 15-year old school record by hitting .909 (10-0-11) in the MPSF Championship match against Long Beach State (4/30)... Recorded first double-double of the season with a 10-kill, 12-block effort against Northridge in MPSF semifinal match (4/28)... Turned in 10 kills with nine blocks against Cal Baptist (4/8)... Hit .643 (10-1-14) with three blocks against UCSD (4/2)... Logged nine kills and seven blocks against Pacific (3/19)... Set a new career-high with nine digs to go along with 11 kills against USC (3/17)... Had fifth double-digit kill night with 13, while hitting .733 against Hawaii (3/4)... Set a new career-high for blocks with 12 against Hawaii (3/2)... Sports Import/AVCA National Player of the Week (2/14)... Recorded six blocks against CSUN (2/23)... Hit .583 (8-1-12) with three aces and four blocks against BYU (2/12)... Logged 10 kills on 12 swings with six blocks against BYU (2/11)... Went 15-0-19 with five blocks against Santa Barbara (2/8)... Recorded seven kills on eight swings with two aces and five blocks against UC San Diego (1/28)... Totaled a career-high 16 kills on 25 attempts with just one error and four blocks against Long Beach State (1/27)... Equaled a then-career-best 14 kills Irvine (1/21), committed just one error in the match for a .722 percentage... Also recorded eight block assist... Recorded six block assists against Pacific (1/14)... Had 10 kills and seven blocks against Stanford (1/15). **2004** - Started and played in every match of the season... Finished the year with a .441 hitting percentage, second on the team... Averaged 2.43 kills-per-game and led the team with 124 total blocks... Turned in 10 double-digit kill efforts on the season, including a season-high 16 against San Diego... Recorded four consecutive matches with 10+ kills between March 20 and April 1... Burned BYU for a season-best four service aces on Jan. 10... Recorded a season-high 10 block assists against Lewis. **2003** - Made an appearance 28 of the team's 30 matches, helping the Waves tally an overall record of 24-6 and win the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation regular season and post-season tournament titles for the second straight year... The Waves advanced to the semifinals before falling to eventual NCAA Champion, Lewis... Totaled 159 kills and a team-best .434 hitting percentage.

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No. 12 Tom Hoff

Position: Middle Blocker
Height: 6-6 (198cm)
Weight: 207 lbs (94kg)
Hometown: Park Ridge, Ill.
College: Long Beach State
Birth Date: June 9, 1973
Joined Team: 1996

PERSONAL: Born Thomas John Hoff on June 9, 1973 in Chicago, Ill.... Son of Margaret and Richard Hoff... His wife's name is Sandy... Together they are the proud parents of three daughters, Tatum Bella, born in 2003, Ella Aniston, born in 2005 and Ava Antonia, born in 2007... Enjoys engineering topics, fish tanks, hiking and mountain biking... Also has one brother, Rich, and a sister, Jennifer... Has twin nieces named Sarah and Amanda... Graduated from Long Beach State University in 1996 with a degree in mechanical engineering... In 2002, he was inducted into Long Beach State's Athletics Hall of Fame... In 2006, Tom was added to Long Beach State's men's volleyball Wall of Honor... Became the U.S. Men's team captain in 2005 and quickly found out that the title is not honorary: "It involves a lot more work behind the scenes that people don't know about," Hoff said. "Most of the work is done away from the scenes, behind closed doors"... Following the 2008 Olympics, played the winter of 2008-09 for Olympiacos in Greece.

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2008

- Olympic Games (Gold Medal)... FIVB World League (Gold Medal)... NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualifying Championship (Gold Medal). **2007** - FIVB World Cup... NORCECA Continental Championship (Gold Medal)... Americas' Cup (Gold Medal)... FIVB World League (Bronze Medal). **2006** - FIVB World Championships... FIVB World League... **2005** - Argentina Tour... Americas' Cup (Gold Medal)... NORCECA Continental Championships (Gold Medal)... World Grand Champions Cup (Silver Medal). **2004** - NORCECA Olympic Qualifying Tournament (Gold Medal)... Japan Tour... Houston Series... USA Global Challenge (First Place)... Serbia and Montenegro Tour (Second Place)... Olympic Games (Fourth Place). **2003** - Canada Tour... NORCECA Zone Championships (Gold Medal)... World Cup

(Fourth Place). **2002** - Florida Tour. **2001** - World League... NORCECA Zone Championships... Jeep America's Cup. **2000** - Americas' Cup... Bulgaria Tour... Continental Cup... Olympic Games... World League. **1999** - Canada Trip... Japan Trip... International Volleyball Challenge... Italy Trip... NORCECA Championship... World Cup. **1998** - Americas' Cup... Canada Cup... France Tournament... NORCECA Zone World Championship Qualifier... USA Champions Cup... World Championships. **1997** - Japan Trip... NORCECA Zone Championships. **1995** - World University Games.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008

- Tom served as team captain at the 2008 Olympic Games as the U.S. Men won the gold medal. Although he saw limited playing time, Hoff played a key role as team captain when U.S. Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon could not be with the team due to an attack on his in-laws... Served as U.S. team captain for the World League, which the U.S. Men won for the first time. Was 15th among all blockers in the final round with five blocks on 15 attempts... Served as U.S. team captain as the U.S. Men won the NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualifier. **2007** - Tom served as team captain for the FIVB World Cup, NORCECA Continental Championship, Americas' Cup and World League tournaments... He finished the season with 76 kills, 35 scoring blocks and 112 total points in 66 sets played... Scored 12 points in the United States' victory over Bulgaria at the FIVB World Cup... Scored a season-high 14 points on 11 kills and three blocks in Americas' Cup match against Canada. **2006** - Tom acted as team captain at both the FIVB World League and World Championship tournaments... Had 21 scoring blocks and finished the season with 95 points. **2005** - Tom capped the 2005 season as a member of the USA squad that captured the silver medal at the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup in November in Japan... The Americans, who lost to defending Olympic gold medalist Brazil in the first match of the tournament, lost just one set the rest of the way as they defeated Japan (3-1), 2004 Olympic silver medalist Italy (3-0), Egypt (3-0) and China (3-0) en route to their fifth medal in five events this season... The team captain scored 11 points as the USA Men stunned the world's best team when it defeated 2004 Olympic gold medalist Brazil in five sets to

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win the America's Cup tournament in Brazil on Aug. 7... Scored 10 points as Team USA won its second-straight NORCECA Continental Championship with a four-set victory over Cuba on Sept. 15... The USA Men qualified for the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup with the gold-medal win. **2004** - Tom made his second-straight Olympic appearance in Athens, Greece as the USA Men finished in fourth place... Ranked fifth on the team in scoring in Athens after posting 52 points on 42 kills, nine blocks and one service ace... Team USA qualified for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, by winning the NORCECA Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Caguas, Puerto Rico on Jan. 10... The men posted a perfect record of 6-0 en route to the gold medal, which included a come-from-behind, 3-2 win over Cuba in the championship match. **2003** - After two injury-filled seasons (2001 and 2002), Hoff has been relatively injury-free during the 2003 campaign and one of the major reasons the team has advanced to the World Cup... Finished tied for third on the team in blocks (13) and sixth on the team in scoring (71 points on 53 kills, 13 blocks and five service aces) at the World Cup. **2002** - Injuries limited him to just one match during the year... He scored two points on one kill and one block in a five-set loss to Italy on Sept. 21. **2001** - Injuries limited him to just three tournaments during the year... Still finished first in stuff blocks (53) and hitting percentage (.424)... Also was fourth on the team in kills (146)... Had 36 digs and seven service aces... Played professionally with Iraklas in Greece. **2000** - Saw action in every set of the Olympic Games, with 25 kills, 10 blocks and a .421 hitting percentage... Recorded 12 kills, two blocks and a .455 hitting percentage on the Bulgaria Tour... Set out the middle of the year with a bulging disc in his back... Posted 22 kills and a .588 hitting percentage in helping the team qualify for the 2000 Sydney Olympics at the Continental Cup... Played professionally for Toray Volleyball Team in Japan. **1999** - Finished the World Cup with a spectacular .621 hitting percentage along with 92 kills, 20 blocks and three aces... Helped the team claim its first NORCECA Zone Championship since 1985 with 37 kills and a .688 hitting percentage... Named the best middle blocker at the Ninth Annual Ruffini Memorial Tournament where the Americans defeated No. 1 Italy and No. 4 Yugoslavia... Posted 44 kills, 17 blocks and a .443 hitting percentage in 21 games played... Was the team's most

consistent offensive weapon on the Australia Trip, posting double-digit kills in all but one match that he started...Matched his career high with 22 kills against Korea... Led the team with 13 blocks and a .467 hitting percentage on the Canada Trip... Added 18 kills and a service ace. **1998** - Posted double-figure kills in all four matches of the China Tour, averaging 4.77 kills and .85 stuff blocks per game along with a .692 hitting percentage... Posted 20 kills and 10 stuff blocks in the Canada Cup semifinal match against Australia... Tallied nine or more kills in 12 of the last 13 matches of the season, including a career-high 22 kills against Russia at the World Championships. **1997** - Joined the team for the NORCECA Zone Championships, posting 39 kills, seven blocks and a .561 attack percentage in six matches...Came on strong on the Japan Tour with 57 kills, 16 blocks and a .472 hitting percentage.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: Spent two years at Ohio State before transferring to Long Beach State... Reached 1,000 Kills in fewer matches than any other player at Long Beach State... Ranks No. 5 in career kills (1,230), No. 2 in kills per game (6.54), No. 4 in hitting percentage (.369) and No. 2 in blocks per game (1.65) in LBSU history. **1996** - American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) First-Team All-American... Asics/Volleyball First-Team All-American... First-Team All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF)...AVCA National Player of the Week...Helped team finish 21-6 and 15-4 (second) in the MPSF...Posted 479 kills, 134 blocks and a .389 attack percentage. **1995** - AVCA First-Team All-American...Asics/Volleyball First-Team All-American...First-Team All-MPSF... Posted 751 kills, 176 blocks and a .357 hitting percentage.... Set a national record for most matches with 20 or more kills (25) and 10 or more blocks (nine)... AVCA National Player of the Week. **1994** - Sat out one year of eligibility after transferring from Ohio State. **1993** - First-Team All-Midwest Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (MIVA)... Guided the Buckeyes to the MIVA conference title and a 28-10 overall record... His 490 kills rank third all-time in Buckeye history... Second Team All American Selection. **1992** - Started as a true freshman, posting 80 total blocks and a .327 hitting percentage.

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No. 15 Russell Holmes

Position: Middle Blocker
Height: 6-8 (205cm)
Weight: 210 lbs (95kg)
Hometown: Fountain Valley, Calif.
College: BYU
Birth Date: July 1, 1982
Joined Team: 2009

PERSONAL: Born Russell Kenneth Holmes on July 1, 1982 in Anaheim, Calif. ... Parents are Mark and Tamara (Tami) Holmes... Has a younger brother, Dane, and an older sister, Leah... Russell's wife's name is Julie and their daughter, Sadie Rae, was born in June 2007... Russell served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to London, England... Started playing volleyball as a junior at Fountain Valley High School with friends... Graduated from Fountain Valley in 2001... Also lettered three years ... In 2001 his Long Beach club team won the Junior Olympics gold medal and he was named an All-American... Named to Volleyball Magazine's Fab 50 in 2001... He enjoys beach volleyball, surfing and snowboarding... Russell is an Eagle Scout... He graduated from BYU in 2008 with a degree in sociology... His most admired person is his father: "for his patience, love, support, integrity and hard work. He is someone I aspire to be like as a father and husband"... His happiest moment in life was witnessing the birth of his daughter.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE: 2008-09 – Played overseas for Austria's HYPO TIROL in the Middle European Volleyball Zone Association, winning the MEVZA Cup and the Austrian Cup.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 - Started in all 30 matches and all 113 games ... Named AVCA First-Team All-American... Earned All-MPSF First Team accolades... Finished the season fourth in the nation in hitting percentage at 0.454 and second in the nation averaging 1.52 blocks per game... Awarded MPSF Player of the Week honors on Feb. 19... Recorded two double-doubles on the season... Set new career highs with 19 kills vs.

Stanford (Feb. 22), 33 attempts at UC Irvine (Feb. 15), six digs and 11 block assists at UC Irvine (Feb. 16), and three assists three separate times in the season... Eleven total blocks Feb. 16 tied for the third best mark in school history since adopting international rules in 2001... 172 total blocks is the second best mark in school history since adopting international rules and fourth all time... Led the team in hitting percentage (.454), blocks with 172 total (15 solo and 157 assists) on the season ... Recorded 10 or more kills in 13 matches.

2007 - A second team AVCA All-America honoree for the second straight season... Named to the All-MPSF Second Team... Team captain... Played in all 29 matches, starting 28... Played in a team-high 99 games during the season... Named Sports Imports/AVCA National Player of the Week Jan. 29 for his performance against Penn State and Loyola-Chicago at the Outrigger Hotels Invitational in Hawaii... Named the Outrigger Hotels Invitational Tournament Most Outstanding Player award... Set a BYU season record for block solos with 28, beating out the previous record of 22 formerly held by Ryan Millar... Led the team in hitting percentage (.438), total blocks (144), blocks per game (1.45), block solos (28) and block assists (116)... Led the nation in block solos (28)... Recorded double digits in kills in eight matches... Hit .500 or better in 11 matches.

2006 - Named to the AVCA All-America Second Team... Earned second-team All-MPSF honors... A Student Athlete Academic Center Scholar Athlete... Started all 27 matches and was the only player on the team to play in all 104 games... Finished sixth in the nation with a .456 hitting percentage and third in MPSF play at .462... Averaged 1.49 blocks per game, eighth in the nation... Fourth in the MPSF in blocks per game, averaging 1.53 in league play... Had 155 total blocks, tied for second most in a BYU rally scoring season... Had 143 block assists, the fifth most in a BYU season... Recorded double-digit kills 12 times... Hit .400 or better 18 times.

2005 – Played in 30 matches and appeared in 98 games... Started 13 matches... Recorded 107 kills while hitting .368... Totaled 67 blocks... Had a career-high 14 kills against Penn State on Jan. 6.

2004 – Freshman red shirt the year BYU won the NCAA National Championship.

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No. 16 Jayson Jablonsky

Position: Outside Hitter
Height: 6-5 (198cm)
Weight: 205 lbs (93kg)
Hometown: Yorba Linda, Calif.
College: UC Irvine
Birth Date: July 23, 1985
Joined Team: 2008

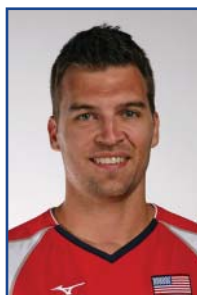
PERSONAL: Born Jayson Michael Jablonsky on July 23, 1985, in Orange, Calif.... Parents are Paul and Betty Jablonsky... Has two older siblings, Matt and Heather... Attended Esperanza High School (1999-2003) where he also played soccer... Played for the Balboa Bay Volleyball Club... Studied criminology at UC Irvine... Sushi is his favorite food... J.R.R. Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" is his favorite book... His favorite movie is Edward Scissorhands... The Office is his favorite television show... Listens to rock music with AFI as his favorite band... Likes to watch hockey and the Anaheim Ducks are his favorite professional team... Enjoys playing the guitar, the beach and trying to surf... His happiest moment in life has yet to come, but his fondest sports memory was winning the 2007 NCAA Division I men's volleyball national championship.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE: **2008** - Played on the U.S. Men's Team that finished fifth at the America's Cup in Brazil... Was an alternate for the U.S. Men's Olympic Team... Played on the gold-medal winning 2008 Pan American Cup team (June 2-7 in Winnipeg, Manitoba)... Scored 32 points on 25 kills, five blocks and two aces in the tournament... Was a member of the U.S. Men's Training Team that traveled to Japan to prepare the Japanese squad for Olympic qualification from May 17-25. **2007** - Helped the U.S. men win the bronze medal at the World University Games in Bangkok, Thailand. **2005** - Played on the USA Junior National Team that finished eighth in the 2005 FIVB Men's U-21 World Volleyball Championships in Andhra Pradesh, India. **2004** - Helped the USA Junior National Team to a second place finish at the 2004 NORCECA Junior Men's Volleyball Championship in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: **2007** - Helped UC Irvine to the NCAA Division I Men's Volleyball National Championship... Jayson was named second-team

All-America by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA)... Second team All-MPSF selection... Named to the NCAA all-tournament team after totaling 32 kills in two matches... In the postseason, he averaged 4.30 kills and 4.89 points per game... Averaged 3.89 kills, 1.58 digs and 4.61 points per game overall... Led the team against MPSF opponents with a 3.80 kill average... Ranked 18th nationally in aces (.371). Also was fourth in aces (0.38) among MPSF players and 10th in points per game (4.57)... UCI's all-time ace leader with 128. Had 46 aces, firing at least one in 28 of 34 matches this year. 46 aces tied for second in the season record book... Totaled kills in double-digits in 29 of 34 matches... Ends his career second in kills with 1,528 and in career attack attempts (3,081). Fourth in career digs (595)... Named Sports Imports/AVCA National Player of the Week Jan. 22... Named to the 2007 Elephant Bar All-Tournament team. **2006** - Named AVCA National Player of the Year as well as MPSF Player of the Year... First team All-America and All-MPSF... Named UCI's Male Athlete of the Year... First-team Asics/Volleyball Magazine All-American and Player of the Year... Named to the NCAA All-Tournament team... Averaged 4.17 kills per game which ranked 17th in the country, was 18th in points (4.89) and 11th in aces (.367)... Also averaged 1.61 digs and 0.65 blocks per game... Led the team with 40 service aces, which ranked second most in a season at UCI... Had 454 kills, which is seventh in the UCI season records and 892 attempts which is 10th... Following the end of the season, he ranks seventh in career kills (1,046), 10th in attempts (2,102) and fourth in aces (82)... Named AVCA National Player of the Week and MPSF Player of the Week on Feb. 13 and AVCA National Player of the Week on Mar. 20. **2005** - Named second-team All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF)... Named second team All-American by Volleyball Magazine... Led the team in kills, averaging 4.03 per game... Averaged 1.26 digs and 0.59 blocks per game... Totaled 27 service aces... Averaged 21 kills over the last five matches... Recorded kills in double-figures 24 times... Led the team against conference opponents with a 4.09 kill average, which ranked sixth in the league... Ranked eighth in points (4.70) among MPSF players. **2004** - Third on the team in kills, averaging 2.54 per game... Averaged 1.37 digs and 0.57 blocks per game... Totaled 15 service aces... Recorded kills in double-figures seven times.

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No. 5 Rich Lambourne

Position: Libero
Height: 6-3 (190cm)
Weight: 198 lbs (90kg)
Hometown: Tustin, Calif.
College: BYU
Birth Date: May 6, 1975
Joined Team: 2000

PERSONAL: Born Richard Edward Lambourne on May 6, 1975 in Louisville, Ky.... Now calls San Diego, Calif., home... Parents are Paul and Ann Lambourne... Has one brother, Stuart, and two sisters, Gwen and Tracy... Stuart was MVP at Foothills High and played volleyball briefly at BYU... Rich enjoys golf, beach volleyball and tennis... Majored in Japanese at BYU... Following the U.S. Men's gold medal victory at the Olympic Games, Rich appeared on Oprah Winfrey's Olympic show and the Bonnie Hunt Show. He was a star on the Hunt show, as Bonnie flirted with him... Rich was badly injured during a bike accident when he was 6. He skinned his shoulder to the bone and mangled the right side of his face. Says of the accident, "I could have been much uglier but due to my loving parents and medical science, I am only mostly unattractive"... His favorite food is Mexican... Pillars of the Earth is his favorite book... South Park and Family Guy are his favorite television shows... His favorite sports to watch include basketball, golf and football... Notes that he is a "bandwagon guy" when it comes to favorite professional sports teams... Michael Jordan is his favorite athlete... Lists his mom as his most admired person because of her "strength of character, conviction and faith"... Says he is "super sarcastic"... Played the 2008-09 winter season in Russia for Lokomotiv Belogorie.

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE: 2008 - America's Cup... Olympic Games (Gold Medal)... FIVB World League (Gold Medal)... Four Nations' Tournament (Gold Medal)... NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualifying Championship (Gold Medal). **2007 -** FIVB World Cup... NORCECA Continental Championship (Gold Medal)... Americas' Cup (Gold Medal)... Pan American Games (Silver Medal)... FIVB World League (Bronze Medal). **2006 -** FIVB World Championships... FIVB World League... Pan American Cup (Gold Medal)... Argentina Tour. **2005 -** Pacific Northwest Tour vs. Netherlands...

USOC International Sports Invitational (Silver Medal)... Argentina Tour... Americas' Cup (Gold Medal)... FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament (Gold Medal)... NORCECA Continental Championships (Gold Medal)... World Grand Champions Cup (Silver Medal). **2003 -** Colorado/Nebraska Tour... Canada Tour... Japan Tour (Training Team)... NORCECA Zone Championships (Gold Medal). **2002 -** Louisville Tour. **2001 -** Japan Tour... World League... NORCECA Zone Championships.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 - Played with the U.S. Men's Team that finished fifth at the America's Cup in Brazil... Played in every set of the Olympic Games and helped the U.S. Men to the gold medal. He was credited with 64 digs and 147 "excellent" service receptions on 230 total attempts for a success percentage of 63.91... Played in every set of the FIVB World League and was named best libero of the final round as the U.S. Men won their first World League title. Finished the final round with 45 digs and 25 faults in 74 total attempts for an average of three digs per set. He was also credited with 76 "excellent" receptions on 131 attempts for an efficiency percentage of 55... Played in all 15 sets for the U.S. Men at the NORCECA Olympic Qualifier as Team USA won and qualified for the 2008 Olympic Games. Rich was credited with 59 receptions and 29 digs. He was named Best Libero and Best Receiver of the tournament. **2007 -** Rich played in 147 sets for the U.S. Men, which was every set played in the season. He finished the year with 337 digs, averaging 2.29 digs per set... Rich ranked fourth among all liberos at the 2007 World Cup, finishing with 229 "excellent" receptions in 369 attempts for a success percentage of 59.62. The U.S. Men finished fourth... Rich was the third best digger of the NORCECA Continental Championship with 25 digs, 22 receptions and six faults in 53 attempts... Rich was named the Best Libero of the 2007 World League. He finished the final round with an average of 1.79 digs per set and 42 "excellent" serve receptions out of 87 attempts. Rich finished second among all World League "serve receivers" in pool play with a 65.47 efficiency percentage. **2006 -** Was the starting libero for all U.S. matches in 2006 and played 119 sets... Led the team in digs with 264... Helped the team remain undefeated (4-0) during the inaugural Pan American Cup in June and was named the tournament's best digger...

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Played on the Argentina tour when the team went 4-1. **2005** - Was the team's starting libero all season... Played every set of every match (119 sets overall) and led the team in digs with 283... Rich capped the 2005 season as a member of the USA squad that captured the silver medal at the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup in November in Japan... The Americans, who lost to defending Olympic gold medalist Brazil in the first match of the tournament, lost just one set the rest of the way as they defeated Japan (3-1), 2004 Olympic silver medalist Italy (3-0), Egypt (3-0) and China (3-0) en route to their fifth medal in five events this season... Earned "Best Libero" honors as the USA Men stunned the world's best team when it defeated 2004 Olympic gold medalist Brazil in five sets to win the America's Cup tournament in Brazil on Aug. 7... Earned a gold medal as Team USA won its second-straight NORCECA Continental Championship with a four-set victory over Cuba on Sept. 15... The USA Men qualified for the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup with the win... Named "Best Receiver" and earned a gold medal in August at the FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament as the USA Men qualified for the 2006 World Championships. **2004** - Was one of six alternates for the 2004 USA Men's Olympic

Volleyball Team. **2003** - Started for the United States in the NORCECA Zone Championships in Mexico as Team USA captured the gold medal and a berth in the 2003 World Cup, the first Olympic qualifier. **2002** - Competed with teammate Erik Sullivan for the starting libero position... Played in just one tour during the year (Louisville Tour vs. Australia and Canada)... Played in 29 totals sets during the year and racked up 76 digs (2.62 per set). **2001** - Captured the Best Digger award at the NORCECA Zone Championships in August as the U.S. earned the silver medal... Finished third on the team in digs with 102... Played professionally with the Vienna HotVolley in Austria after the National Team season ended.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: 1999 - Started at outside hitter on BYU's first-ever national championship team... Played in 82 games and posted 252 kills, 205 digs, 88 blocks and a .348 hitting percentage. **1998** - Played in 21-of-22 matches... Recorded 150 kills, 133 digs and 78 blocks. **1997** - Ranked fourth nationally with 2.73 digs per game... Named Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Player of the Week on March 22... Set a career-high with 23 digs against nationally ranked Hawai'i.



No. 4 David Lee

Position: Middle Blocker
Height: 6-8 (203cm)
Weight: 231 lbs (105kg)
Hometown: Alpine, Calif.
College: Long Beach State
Birth Date: March 8, 1982
Joined Team: 2006

PERSONAL: Born David

Cameron Lee on March 8, 1982 in Alpine, Calif.... Parents are Mac and Robin Lee... Also has two older brothers named Nathan and Mark... David is the tallest member of his immediate family... Played high school volleyball at Granite Hills High School in El Cajon... Played club volleyball for Seaside Volleyball Club... Enjoys listening to reggae and watching volleyball and basketball... When asked what songs are on his Ipod, responded with "I sold my Ipod in Turkey."... Majored in human development... Favorite foods are filet mignon and lobster... Favorite professional team is the Los Angeles Lakers... Following the Olympics,

David played the 2008-09 winter season for Sisley Treviso in Italy's Serie A League.

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE: 2008

- Olympic Games (Gold Medal)... FIVB World League (Gold medal)... NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualifying Championship (Gold Medal). **2007** - FIVB World Cup... NORCECA Continental Championship (Gold Medal)... Pan American Games (Silver Medal)... FIVB World League (Bronze Medal). **2006** - FIVB World League... Pan American Cup (Gold Medal)... Argentina Tour. **2005** - Pacific Northwest Tour vs. Netherlands... USOC International Sports Invitational (Silver Medal)... Argentina Tour... America's Cup (Gold Medal)... FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament (Gold Medal)... NORCECA Continental - Championships (Gold Medal). **2003** - World University Games (Bronze Medal).

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008

- Finished the 2008 season as the team's fourth leading scorer with 243 points in 95 sets played (2.56 points per set). Finished as the second-leading

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blocker with 63 (0.66 per set). Tallied 168 kills and had a hitting percentage of 0.58... David helped the U.S. Men win the gold medal at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. Finished second among all blockers at the Olympics with 33 kill blocks for an average of 1 per set. Finished ninth among all scorers (third among U.S. scorers) with 90 points on 53 kills, 33 blocks and four aces. In the United States' semifinal match against Russia, David came up big in the fifth set, tallying a kill and block on consecutive plays to yield a 13-12 advantage. After Russia tied the set at 13-all, Lee ended the match with a kill and block. He scored four of his 12 points in the final five points of the match.... Finished seventh among all blockers in the World League final round with eight blocks for an average of 0.53 per set as the U.S. Men won their first World League title. Was 13th among all blockers in pool play with an average of .45 blocks per set... David scored 28 points on 21 kills and seven blocks at the NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualifier, which the United States won to qualify for the 2008 Olympic Games. **2007** - David moved up from backup to part-time starter (sharing time with Tom Hoff) in 2007 and finished the season second on the team in stuff blocks with 69 for an average of 0.67 blocks per set. He was sixth on the team in scoring with 230 points... David was the United States' second-leading blocker and third overall at the FIVB World Cup, where the U.S. Men

finished fourth. David had 25 blocks, 36 faults and 47 rebounds in 108 attempts and averaged 0.63 blocks per set... David was the top U.S. blocker and fourth overall at the NORCECA Continental Championship. He was credited with 13 scoring blocks, seven errors and 13 rebounds on 32 attempts. He was the United States' leading scorer in its NORCECA victory over Barbados, finishing with 12 points on six kills and six blocks... David was the top U.S. blocker and second overall at the Pan American Games where he was credited with 12 blocks for an average of 0.75 per set... David was the United States' leading blocker and 10th overall in the final round of World League where he was credited with an average of 0.43 per set... Started seven out of 10 World League pool-play matches and played in 10... Was the 13th best blocker among all World League competitors in pool play with a 0.56 average per set. Was the second-leading U.S. blocker behind Ryan Millar.

2006 - Played in six FIVB World League matches in place of Ryan Millar... Played two matches in the inaugural Pan America Cup in June with a 4-0 record... Helped the team finish 4-1 on the Argentina tour. **2005** - David played 65 of 119 sets during the year but still finished second in total blocks with 59... Also finished second in blocks per set (0.91) and fifth in total points with 162... Scored five points on four kills and one block as the U.S. Men stunned 2004 Olympic gold medalist Brazil in five sets to win the America's Cup tournament in Brazil on Aug. 7... Named "Best Blocker" and earned a gold medal in August at the FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament as the U.S. Men qualified for the 2006 World Championships... Led Team USA in scoring with nine points on four kills, four blocks and one ace in a 3-0 win at the WCQT. **2003** - Scored 20 points as the U.S. Men captured the bronze medal at the World University Games with a 3-2 win over France in South Korea.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: 2004 - Was named a first team AVCA All American. **2003** - Named to the All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) second-team... Led the team and conference with a .483 hitting percentage... Recorded a team-high 1.18 blocks per game. **2002** - Appeared in 118 games as a sophomore... Averaged 2.64 kills and 0.95 blocks per game. **2001** - Averaged 1.17 kills and 0.75 blocks per game... Recorded five blocks in a match three times.

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No. 6 Paul Lotman

Position: Outside Hitter
Height: 6-7 (201cm)
Weight: 225 lbs (100kg)
Hometown: Lakewood, Calif.
College: Long Beach State
Birth Date: Nov. 3, 1985
Joined Team: 2008

PERSONAL: Born Paul Michael Lotman on Nov. 3, 1985, in Lakewood, Calif. ... Parents are Albert and Kathleen Lotman... Has two older brothers, Mark and Steven and an older sister, Shelley... Attended Los Alamitos High School (1999-2003)... Played for the Surf City club team in Huntington Beach... Graduated from Long Beach State in 2008 with a degree in sociology... Chipotle is his favorite food... "Angels and Demons" by Dan Brown is his favorite book... Favorite movie is Wedding Crashers and Entourage is his favorite TV show... Steve Nash is his favorite professional athlete and the Dallas Mavericks are his favorite team... Listens to hip-hop and house music... Enjoys beach volleyball... Admires his brother for his recovery from drug abuse... Likes to watch college basketball, volleyball, tennis and college football... His happiest moment in life was playing in his first collegiate volleyball game and his fondest sports memory is playing volleyball... Played for PAOK in Greece during the winter of 2008-09.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE: 2008 – Helped U.S. Men win the gold medal at the Pan American Cup in Winnipeg, Canada. **2007** – Helped the U.S. Men win the bronze medal at the World University Games in Bangkok, Thailand. **2005** – Played on the USA Junior National Team that finished eighth in the 2005 FIVB Men's U-21 World Volleyball Championships in Andhra Pradesh, India.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 – Named AVCA co-Player of the Year along with Penn State's Matt Anderson... Named AVCA First Team All-American... Named MPSF Player of the Year... Led 49ers to the semifinals of the NCAA tournament... Averaged a team-best 5.44 kills per game while adding 1.51 digs per contest, all while hitting 0.326... Paul tallied 20 or more kills 14 times in the season. He tallied double-figures in kills in 29 of the 30 matches... Paul led the team

with 60 service aces, a 49er single-season record. Paul finished second on the 49er career service ace chart with 135 aces. He ranked seventh in career kills (1,408) and ninth in career digs (631). **2007** – Named honorable mention All-MPSF after averaging 4.51 kills and 1.60 digs per game... Finished first on the team with 496 kills, 176 digs and 34 aces... Was third on the team with 88 blocks... Named the Most Valuable Player of the Active Ankle/Long Beach Guesthouse Classic (March 16-17) after helping the 49ers to a 2-0 record averaging a .387 hitting percentage, 4.8 kills, 1.5 digs and 1.4 blocks per game... Named the Sports Imports/AVCA Division I-II Men's National Player of the Week and the MPSF Player of the Week on March 19... Recorded double digits in kills in 27 matches with seven double-doubles on the season.

2006 – Had a strong first year as a full-time starter... Averaged 2.00 kills, 1.66 digs and 0.72 blocks per game while hitting .234... Hit double digits in kills seven times... Career-high 18 kills in win at UC Santa Barbara... Finished tied for second on the team with his 204 total digs ... Second on the team with 30 service aces.

2005 – Played in 23 matches and 64 games on the year ... Averaged 1.23 kills per game while hitting .238 ... Seventh on the team with 11 service aces and tied for fifth on the squad with 88 digs (1.38 dpg) ... 36 total blocks in 64 games (0.56 bpg) ... Career-high 11 kills in 25 attempts vs. UC Santa Barbara (1/15).

2004 – Redshirt season.



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No. 3 Evan Patak

Position: Opposite
Height: 6-8 (175cm)
Weight: 250 pounds (113kg)
Hometown: Pleasanton, Calif.
College: UC Santa Barbara
Birth Date: June 23, 1984
Joined Team: 2008

PERSONAL: Born Evan Hoburg Patak on June 23, 1984, in Santa Maria, Calif.... Parents are Kim and Gloria Patak... Has an older sister, Jessica... Evan played basketball and volleyball for Foothill High School (1998-2002) in Pleasanton... Evan played club volleyball for Diablo Valley... Graduated from UC Santa Barbara (2007) where he majored in sociology and minored in sports management... Caddyshack is his favorite movie and The Simpsons are his favorite TV show... Enjoys mountain biking, wakeboarding, and golfing... His favorite genre of music is hardcore metal with his favorite band as Killswitch Engage... Golden State Warriors are his favorite professional team and Anna Kournikova is his favorite athlete... Admires his parents because they are radical... Likes to watch extreme sports and college basketball... Played fall of 2008 for Aon hotVolleys in Vienna before moving to PAOK in Greece in January of 2009.

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:

2008 - America's Cup... Pan American Cup (Gold Medal)... Four Nations' Tournament (Gold Medal).
2007 - World University Games (Bronze Medal).
2003 - World University Games (Bronze Medal).

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 - Evan was a member of the U.S. Men's Team that placed fifth at the America's Cup in Brazil. He was the United States' leading scorer with 44 points in 13 sets (3.38 points per set)... Was an alternate for the Olympic team... Was named MVP and best server of the Pan American Cup in Winnipeg, Manitoba, as a young U.S. Men's team won the gold medal, defeating host Canada in the final... Was part of a training team that traveled to Japan to help the Japanese men's national team prepare for its Olympic qualifying tournament... Played professionally for San Juan Playeros in Puerto Rico and Aris Thessalonica in Greece. **2007** - Was the United States' leading scorer as the team won

the bronze medal at the World University Games in Bangkok, Thailand. **2003** - Helped the United States win a bronze medal at the World University Games in Daegu, Korea (Aug. 21-31).

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: 2007 - First team American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-America... Led the country in kills (5.78/game), service aces (.948/game), and points (7.09/game)... The 2007 All-MPSF First Team selection led the league in kills (5.98/game), aces (1.02/game), and points (7.40/game) in conference matches... Put down 30 or more kills seven times and set a new school single-season record with 110 aces... Finished his career with 2,112 kills, second in program history, and is UCSB's all-time leader in aces with 255. **2006** - Played in 20 matches and started 19 (72 games) before becoming ineligible... Despite missing nine matches, Patak was the national leader in kills per game at 5.88 (423 kills), aces per game at .722 (52 aces), and points per game (7.10)... In MPSF matches only, Patak led the league in kills per game at 6.06 (327 kills, 54 games), aces per game at .741 (40 aces), and points per game (7.13)... Had double figures in kills in all but one match... Posted 20 or more kills in 12 contests. **2005** - Named First Team All-American and First Team All-MPSF, appearing in 106 games... Led the team with 1,149 total attacks, including 63 in two matches against Hawai'i... Led the nation with 586 kills, including a single match-high of 48 at Stanford to set an NCAA Division I-II rally scoring-era record with 53 total points... Set a new single season UCSB record after leading the Gauchos with 58 service aces... Finished the season third with 55 block assists, including a career-high nine at Hawai'i... Totaled 110 digs on the season, third on the squad... Twice named MPSF Player of the Week, once earning AVCA National Player of the Week accolades. **2004** - Earned AVCA and MPSF Newcomer of the Year and Second Team All-American honors... Ranked fourth nationally with a 5.63 points per game average, fifth with a per game kill average of 4.75, and 13th in ace percentage at .385... Led the league in kill average (5.04), ranked fourth in ace average (.406), and fifth in points average (5.15)... Led the team with 432 kills, posting 32 against Cal State Northridge... Also led the Gauchos with 840 total attacks... Added a team-high 35 service aces, ranked second with 104 digs and third with 80 blocks.

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No. 19 Alfee Reft

Position: Libero
Height: 5-10 (175cm)
Weight: 176 (80kg)
Hometown: Oxnard, Calif.
College: Hawai'i
Birth Date: Dec. 15, 1982
Joined Team: 2006

PERSONAL: Born Alfredo Corino Reft on Dec. 15, 1982 in Oxnard, Calif.... Parents are Thomas and Grace Reft... Has one brother, Roderick, and two sisters, Cheryl and Charolotte... Started playing volleyball in 1993 with the Channel Islands Club out of Ventura, Calif.... Attended Oxnard High School from 1997-2001... lettered in volleyball all four years under coaches Pat Casey, Lori Rice, and Dan Ventura... Voted all-CIF in 2001... Alfee originally went to UC Santa Barbara in 2001, but saw limited playing time for two seasons. In 2003, he considered giving up volleyball and going to UCLA, but he also sent a tape to Hawai'i and ended up as the Warriors' starting libero beginning in the spring of 2004... Alfee was a setter until his last year of club volleyball, when he switched to libero to become more versatile... Graduated from Hawai'i in 2006 with a BA in English... Favorite food is Mexican... Favorite movie is Remember the Titans... Favorite professional team is the LA Lakers... Alfee has Alaskan, Asian and Filipino roots.

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2008 - Pan American Cup (Gold Medal). **2007** - World University Games (Bronze Medal).



No. 2 Sean Rooney

Position: Outside Hitter
Height: 6-9 (206cm)
Weight: 220 lbs (100kg)
Hometown: Wheaton, Ill.
College: Pepperdine
Birth Date: Nov. 13, 1982
Joined Team: May 2007

PERSONAL: Born Sean Michael Rooney on Nov. 13, 1982 in Wheaton, Ill.... Parents are Mike and Carol Rooney... Sean also has two sisters, Melissa and Megan... Sean attended Wheaton-Warrenville South High School. He was

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 - Was an alternate for the 2008 Olympic Team... Was the United States' designated libero for the 2008 Pan American Cup in Winnipeg, Manitoba, which the United States won. **2007** - Played in every match of the World University Games in Bangkok, Thailand where the U.S. Men won the bronze medal... Was on the preliminary roster for the FIVB World League but did not play.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: 2005 - Only returner that played in all 102 games... Selected to both the MPSF and AVCA All-America first teams as a libero... Also tabbed Asics/Volleyball Magazine first team All-American, while garnering Defensive Player of the Year honors... Collected 272 digs, setting a new UH single-season record... Tied for third in the nation in digs per game (2.67)... Posted 14 double-digit dig matches, including a career-high 22 digs against Pepperdine March 2... Picked up one kill on an overpass.

2004 - Alfee transferred to the University of Hawai'i in the fall of 2003 and became the Warriors' starting libero in the spring of 2004... Set the UH single-season record for digs in the rally scoring era with 238. He also had 72 assists with no ball-handling errors in being the only Warrior to play in all 114 games... Averaged 2.09 digs per game for the season... Posted nine double-digit dig performances... Had season-high 15-dig matches vs. Pepperdine (April 15) and UC Santa Barbara (Jan. 16)... Also sported 72 assists and two kills.

2003 - Redshirted with UC Santa Barbara.

2002 - Played sparingly as a freshman with UC Santa Barbara... Had four digs in seven games.

the 2001 Illinois State Player of the Year as he led the team to a state championship. He also competed in golf and basketball... He competed in the 1999 Junior Olympics, with the U.S. Junior National Team in 2000, and with the AAU National championship teams in 2000 and 2001, garnering the MVP award in 2001... He graduated from Pepperdine in 2005 with a degree in business administration... In 2004, Rooney joined the AVP beach volleyball tour. His highest placing was fifth, which he achieved three times... He was the tallest player on the AVP tour... During the winters of 2006 and 2007, Rooney played for the Hyundai Capital Skywalkers in the Korean League. He led the team to two Korean League titles and was

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named the league's most valuable player both years. He was considered a sports celebrity in South Korea... In 2007-08, he played for Dinamo-Yantar in Kaliningrad, Russia... Enjoys the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Jack Johnson, The Grateful Dead, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Dave Matthews and the Counting Crows... SportsCenter is his favorite TV show... Calls his grandfather his role model for "devoting his life to helping others."

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2008

– Olympic Games (Gold Medal)... FIVB World League (Gold Medal)... NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualifying Championship (Gold Medal). **2007** – FIVB World Cup... Americas' Cup (Gold Medal)... Pan American Games (Silver Medal)... FIVB World League (Bronze Medal). **2003** – World University Games (bronze).

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 – Sean finished the season with 167 points (2.98 points per set) and a hitting percentage of .41. He also finished with 140 kills (2.50 per set) and 20 blocks... Sean helped the U.S. Men win the Olympic gold medal in Beijing. Primarily played as a substitute and serving specialist... Helped the U.S. Men win their first FIVB World League title. Led the team in scoring with 20 points in a loss to Bulgaria on June 21... Helped the U.S. Men win the Four Nations Tournament on May 11-13 in Germany... Sean was named "Best Spiker" of the NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualifying tournament on Jan. 6-11 in Caguas, Puerto Rico. Sean finished the tournament with 46 points on 43 kills and three blocks as the U.S. Men qualified for the 2008 Olympic Games. **2007** – Sean finished the season as the team's seventh-leading scorer with 151 points. He averaged 2.07 points per set in 73 sets played. His hitting percentage was 0.444 and he averaged 1.88 kills per set... Sean was named the Most Valuable Player of the U.S. Men's match against Egypt at the FIVB World Cup. Sean scored 18 points on 15 kills, two blocks and one ace as the U.S. won in straight sets... Sean was the team's leading scorer at the Pan American Games and third overall with 64 points on 58 kills, five blocks and one ace in five matches. He was the Pan Am Games' leading "spiker". Traveled to every World League match and started in four. **2003** – Played with World University Games team that won a bronze medal in Daegu, Korea.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: 2005 – Sean ranked second nationally among NCAA Division I-II players in points per game with 6.35 while hitting .395 on the season as he led Pepperdine to the 2005 NCAA national championship... He extended his consecutive double-digit kill match streak to 50 matches, while averaging 1.46 digs and 0.49 aces per game... Totaled 20 or more kills in 14 matches, including two 30-plus kill contests in 2005... Sean tallied season-highs of 44.5 points, 36 kills and seven aces versus Pacific in the season-opening match on Jan. 14. He contributed a double-double of 22 kills and 10 blocks versus Long Beach State on Jan. 27... Sean was a four-time AVCA All-American and only the seventh male student-athlete to achieve such an honor.

2004 – Volleyball Magazine's Player of the Year... AVCA and Volleyball Magazine first team All-American... MPSF first team All-Conference... Led the team with 461 kills and hit .406 for the year... Banged out double-digit kills in final 25 matches of the season and 26 of 28 total... Recorded a season-high four service aces twice (Santa Barbara, Northridge) and ended the season with 29 total... Only double-double of the season came against Long Beach State (Feb. 4)... Finished year with 88 total blocks... Hit .667 with 10 kills on 15 swings without an error against Loyola.

2003 – First Team AVCA and Volleyball Magazine All-American... First-Team All-MPSF... Sean led the team with a total of 480 kills (.354 hitting percentage) and kills per game, with an average of 4.53. Sean also contributed 25 service aces and 83 total blocks on the season. Sean recorded individual season-best 12 digs and four service aces in the five-game decision loss to Lewis in the NCAA Championship Semifinals on May 1, 2003... Averaged 4.53 kills, .16 assists, .24 service aces, 1.59 digs and .78 blocks per game.

2002 – Selected the AVCA and the MPSF "Freshman of the Year"... AVCA second team All-American... Second team All-MPSF... Led the Waves with 510 kills, an average of 4.11 a game, and notched an impressive .378 attack percentage... Posted double-figure kill totals in 31 of the team's 34 matches... Helped Pepperdine compile a 29-5 record and advance to the NCAA title match before losing a four-game decision to Hawaii... The Waves captured the regular season MPSF title with a 20-2 mark and won the league's postseason tournament.

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No. 10 David Smith

Position: Middle blocker
Height: 6-7 (201cm)
Weight: 190 (86kg)
Hometown: Saugus, Calif.
College: UC Irvine
Birth Date: May 16, 1985
Joined Team: 2009

PERSONAL: Born David Smith on May 16, 1985 in Panorama City, Calif... Parents are Rick and Nancy... Has an older brother, Robert, and a younger sister, Kristen... David married wife, Kelli in 2008... David attended Saugus High School (1999-2003) where he played both volleyball and soccer... Studied civil engineering at UC Irvine... David was named the MVP of the 2007 USA Volleyball Adult Open... David was born with mild-to-severe hearing loss. He wears hearing aids to assist him on and off the court... Shredded beef is his favorite food... the Bible is his favorite book... Favorite big screen flick is the Italian Job... Watches The Office... Favorite bands are Supertones and Switchfoot... Anaheim Angels are his favorite professional team... Enjoys music and golf... Admires his parents for their unwavering support and love... Likes to watch basketball... Winning the 2007 NCAA Division I men's volleyball national championship is his happiest sports memory.

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2007

- World University Games (bronze medal). **2005**
- FIVB Men's Junior World Championship. **2004** -
NORCECA Junior Men's Volleyball Championship
(silver medal).

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2007 – Played on U.S. Men's Team that won the bronze medal at the World University Games in Bangkok, Thailand.

2005 – Played on the U.S. Men's Junior National Team that finished eighth in the 2005 FIVB Men's U-21 World Volleyball Championships in Andhra Pradesh, India. **2004** – Helped the USA Junior National Team to a second place finish at the 2004 NORCECA Junior Men's Volleyball Championship in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: 2007 – Named to the NCAA All-Tournament Team... Named first team

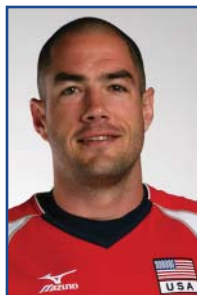
All-American and first team All-MPSF... Led the nation with a .559 hitting percentage, a new UCI season record... Hit .567 (61-6-97) in UCI's five post-season wins... Averaged 2.44 kills per game overall... Hit .573 (199-23-307) against MPSF opponents which led the conference... Topped the squad with a 1.37 blocking average overall (6th nationally) and had a 1.44 mark versus MPSF teams (3rd)... Hit .500 or better in 23 of the 34 matches this year, including hitting .800 or above five times... Recorded a block assist in every match this season, recording seven or more blocks nine times... UCI career block assists leader with 471 and total blocks leader with 520... Sixth in UCI career solo blocks with 49... Set a UCI season record with 160 block assists.

2006 – Named All-MPSF honorable mention... averaged 2.19 kills per game and owned a .412 hitting percentage... ranked 16th nationally in hitting and ranks third best in the UCI season record book... second on the team with a 1.27 blocking average which was 14th in the country... hit .700 or better six times, including .769 in the regular season meeting with Penn State, the eighth best mark in a match at UCI... had 13 block assists versus Long Beach State (4/1) which tied the UCI match record... his 129 block assists was third in the season record book and his 143 total blocks ranked fourth in a season... is ranked fourth in career block assists (301) and total blocks (338)..

2005 – Averaged 2.16 kills per game... second on the squad in hitting percentage at .401, which ranks third on the UCI season list... second on the team with a 0.86 blocking average... recorded kills in double-digits 11 times.

2004 – Averaged 2.22 kills per game which was fourth on the squad... led the team in hitting percentage at .369, which ranks ninth in the UCI season records... second on the team with a 1.03 blocking average... had 102 block assists, which is ninth most in a season at UCI... recorded kills in double-digits eight times... totaled a career-high nine block assists against USC and pounded a career-best 17 kills against Penn State... recorded at least one block assist in all but two matches... hit .846 against Pacific which ranks third in the UCI match record books... also ranks eighth in match hitting percentage with a .737 clip versus Pepperdine.

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No. 13 Clay Stanley

Position: Opposite
Height: 6-9 (205cm)
Weight: 230 lbs (104kg)
Hometown: Honolulu, Hawai'i
College: Hawai'i
Birth Date: Jan. 20 1978
Joined Team: November 2000

PERSONAL: Born Clayton Iona Stanley on Jan. 20, 1978 in Honolulu, Hawai'i... Parents are Jon Stanley and Sandra Haine... Has three brothers: Reese Haine, Wil Stanley and Jon Stanley, and two sisters Taeya Stanley and Natasha Haine... His father played on 1968 Men's Olympic Volleyball Team and is a member of the Volleyball Hall of Fame... His mother played in the IVA for the Denver Comets... Clay's late step-grandfather, Tom Haine, was also on 1968 Men's Olympic Volleyball Team... Many members of his family were on hand to see Clay with the Olympic gold medal in 2008 in Beijing, where he was named the MVP of the tournament... Clay did not play volleyball in high school. Kaiser High School in Honolulu did not have a boys' team when he was there... He played basketball, occupied the goal in water polo and skateboarded... He took up volleyball after having fun at a Junior Olympics tournament when he was 17... Nicknamed "Bird"... Majored in Spanish at Hawai'i... Enjoys surfing and playing video games... Played the 2008-09 winter season with Zenit Kazan, which won the Russian Superleague Championship.

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2008

- Olympic Games (Gold Medal)... FIVB World League (Gold Medal)... NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualifying Championship (Gold Medal). **2007** - FIVB World Cup... NORCECA Continental Championship (Gold Medal)... Americas' Cup (Gold Medal)... FIVB World League (Bronze Medal). **2006** - FIVB World Championships... FIVB World League. **2005** - NORCECA Continental Championships (Gold Medal)... World Grand Champions Cup (Silver Medal). **2004** - NORCECA Olympic Qualifying Tournament (Gold Medal)... Japan Tour... Houston Series... USA Global Challenge (Gold Medal)... Serbia and Montenegro Tour (Silver Medal)... Olympic Games (Fourth Place). **2003** - Colorado/Nebraska Tour... Canada Tour... NORCECA Zone Championships (Gold

Medal)... World Cup (Fourth Place). **2002** - Louisville Tour... Bulgaria Tour... Greece Tour... Florida Tour... World Championships. **2001** - Japan Tour... World League... NORCECA Zone Championships... Jeep America's Cup. **1999** - World University Games... Pan American Games.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 – Clay finished the 2008 season as the team's co-leading scorer with 356 points (3.83 points per set) and as the team leader in service aces with 36 (.39 aces per set). He finished second on the team in kills with 281 (3.02 kills per set) and third on the team in digs with 112 (1.20 digs per set). He had a total of 39 blocks (.42 blocks per set), and a hitting percentage of 0.42... Clay was named MVP of the Olympic men's volleyball tournament as the U.S. Men finished with a gold medal. Clay was the top scorer of the tournament with 146 points on 116 kills, 15 blocks and 15 aces. He was also the leading server, averaging 0.45 aces per set. He was the leading scorer in seven out of eight of the United States' matches. Clay finished fifth among hitters with an efficiency percentage of 32.91... Clay helped the U.S. Men win their first World League title and was tied with teammate Reid Priddy for second in scoring in the final round. Clay finished with 63 points on 50 kills, eight blocks and five aces. Stanley's five aces put him fourth among all servers in the final round with an average of 0.33 per set. Clay had 11 aces in pool play to finish seventh overall... Clay was named the top server at the NORCECA Olympic Qualifier as the U.S. Men qualified for the 2008 Olympic Games. Clay finished the qualifier as the top U.S. scorer with 49 points on 33 kills, 10 aces and six blocks. **2007** - Clay finished the 2007 season with 39 aces to tie Reid Priddy for the team lead. He was fifth on the team in scoring with 281 points and averaged 2.81 points per set... Clay was the United States' leading server and fifth overall at the 2007 FIVB World Cup, where the U.S. Men finished fourth. He finished with 13 aces in 91 attempts and had an average of 0.33 aces per set... Clay was named Best Server for the NORCECA Continental Championship. He was credited with eight aces, 39 serve hits and 15 faults on 62 attempts for an average of 0.47 aces per set. He was also the United States' second-leading scorer and 13th overall with 59 points on 47 kills, eight aces and four blocks... Clay was the United States' leading scorer at Americas' Cup and second overall with

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55 points on kills, six blocks and five aces... Clay was the United States' leading server, and fourth overall, in the final round of the World League tournament. He was credited with four aces, six faults and 17 serve hits in 27 attempts for an average of 0.29 aces per set. Clay did not rejoin the team for World League until the matches in France on June 8-9 because his Russian club team (Dynamo Kazan) played in the final of the Russian Superleague, which it won. **2006** - Struggled with a knee injury throughout the season... Was the team's third-leading scorer in World League matches with 94 points in 12 matches. Led the team in aces in World League play with 16. **2005** - Clay capped the 2005 season as a member of the USA squad that captured the silver medal at the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup in November in Japan... The Americans, who lost to defending Olympic gold medalist Brazil in the first match of the tournament, lost just one set the rest of the way as they defeated Japan (3-1), 2004 Olympic silver medalist Italy (3-0), Egypt (3-0) and China (3-0) en route to their fifth medal in five events this season... He led the United States in scoring in each of the five matches in Japan... Clay blasted 10 kills with two service aces and one block in the win over China and finished third among all scorers with 82 points on 65 kills, nine blocks and eight service aces... Scored a team-high 14 points as Team USA won its second-straight NORCECA Continental Championship with a four-set victory over Cuba on Sept. 15... The USA Men qualified for the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup with the gold-medal win. **2004** - Clay made his first-ever Olympic appearance in Athens, Greece as the USA Men finished fourth overall... Clay led the team and finished fifth overall in scoring with 110 points on 83 kills, 17 aces and 10 blocks... His 17 aces ranked second among all players in the tournament... His father, Jon, was a starter on the 1968 USA Men's Olympic Volleyball Team... Together, they become the first father-son Olympians in USA Volleyball history... Captured Best Server honors as Team USA qualified for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, by winning the NORCECA Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Caguas, Puerto Rico on Jan. 10... The men posted a perfect record of 6-0 en route to the gold medal, which included a come-from-behind, 3-2 win over Cuba in the championship match. **2003** - Named Most Valuable Player of the NORCECA Zone Championships in September after leading Team USA to the gold medal and a berth in the 2003 World Cup, the

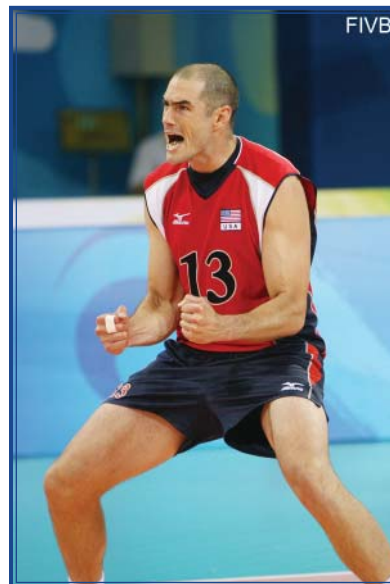
first Olympic qualifier... Led the United States in scoring (and finished 11th overall) at the World Cup with 128 points on 97 kills, 17 service aces and 14 blocks. **2002** - Rejoined the team in June and played an integral part in the team's success...

Played in just 75 of a possible 141 sets during the year but still finished the season ranked first on the team in service aces (33), second in points per set (2.88) and third in kills (161) and in total points (216). **2001** - Led the team in service aces (24) and finished second in kills (217)... Tied for third in blocks (20) and added 79 digs while hitting .294 on the year... After the National Team season he played professionally for P.A.O.K. in Greece.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: 2000 - Third-Team All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation... Ranked in the Top 15 of the nation with a 5.53 kill average... Led the MPSF in aces and tied team record with 54... Finished career 10th on all-time kill list at Hawaii... Had 39 kills in two games, against then-No.1 Long Beach (Feb. 16) and against then No.4 UCLA... Against Long Beach (Feb. 16) also recorded nine digs and seven blocks... Was moved to middle blocker position on April 7, recorded 12 kills and eight blocks, a career-high. **1999** - Recorded a team-high 4.95 kills per game... broke Hawaii's single-match kill record with 50 kills against UCLA... MPSF Player of the Week (Apr. 24)... Led the team in kills seven times... Three matches with more than 30 kills and four with more than 20 kills.

1998 - Redshirted the 1998 season.

1997 - Played in 22 matches... Recorded 11 kills, two solo blocks and five block assists against USC (April 11)... Had 11 kills in his debut against UC San Diego (Jan. 17)... Had season-high seven digs against Cal State Northridge (March 7).



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No. 7 Donald Suxho

Position: Setter
Height: 6-5 (196cm)
Weight: 216 lbs (98kg)
Hometown: Korce, Albania
College: USC
Birth Date: February 1976
Joined Team: January 2001

PERSONAL: Born Donald Suxho on Feb. 21, 1976 in Albania... He was the starting setter for the Albanian National Team (1995-96) and junior national team (1991-96)... He also played for the Skenderbeu club team from 1991 to 1996 that was coached by his father, Petraq (who was an assistant for the Albanian national team and the head coach of the country's junior national team), and the Studenti club team that won the 1996 Albanian national championship. He prepped at Koci Bako High in Korce, Albania. He also played soccer and was a swimmer. His brother, Rando, also played volleyball in Albania... Donald came to America in 1996 and lived in Massachusetts while searching for a college... Communications major at USC...Enjoys skiing, hiking, swimming, movies and traveling... Donald has a son named Shane... Says one of the most defining moments in his life is choosing to play volleyball at USC because "I am who I am because of that"... His goals off the court are to "be the best person I can be and give my son a better life than mine"... Most prized possessions are "my son, my car and my family"... One of his fondest childhood memories is traveling to Bulgaria for the first time... Wants to vacation in Tahiti... Says the luxury item he could not live without is a "nice car"... If he won the lottery, he would buy his "parents all they want, open a savings account for my son" and party around the world with his friends... Says most people would be surprised that he has a big heart... Describes himself as "fun, outgoing and not picky".

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:

2006 - FIVB World Championships... FIVB World League... Pan American Cup (Gold Medal)... Argentina Tour. **2005** - Pacific Northwest Tour vs. Netherlands... USOC International Sports Invitational (Silver Medal)...Argentina Tour... Americas' Cup (Gold Medal)... FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament (Gold Medal)... NORCECA Continental Championships

(Gold Medal)... World Grand Champions Cup (Silver Medal). **2004** - NORCECA Olympic Qualifying Tournament (Gold Medal)... Japan Tour... Houston Series... USA Global Challenge (First Place)... Serbia and Montenegro Tour (Second Place)... Olympic Games (Fourth Place). **2003** - Colorado/Nebraska Tour... Canada Tour... Pan American Games (Fourth Place)... NORCECA Zone Championships (Gold Medal)... World Cup (Fourth Place). **2001** - World League... NORCECA Zone Championships.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2007 - In March, Donald partially ruptured his left Achilles tendon while playing for Acqua Paradiso in Italy. Suxho had surgery in Italy and then returned to the United States for rehab with the U.S. Men's National Team's athletic trainer Aaron Brock. **2006** - Started every match at the World Championships...Was the starting U.S. setter in every match of the FIVB World League... Started as setter for the inaugural Pan American Cup, but did not play the entire tournament due to a sprained ankle... Helped the team finish 4-1 in the Argentina series... Finished the season with 42 kills and 15 aces. **2005** - Nominated by USA Volleyball for the 2005 United States Olympic Committee (USOC) SportsMan of the Year honor... In his first year as the full-time starter, Donald quarterbacked Team USA to one of its most successful seasons in years...The Americans posted a record of 27-6 and earned five podium placements during the year, including a silver medal at the USOC International Sports Invitational (San Diego, Calif.); a gold medal at the America's Cup (Brazil); a gold medal at the FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament (Puerto Rico); a gold medal at the NORCECA Championships (Canada); and a silver medal at the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup (Japan)... Suxho led the team in service aces with 25 and helped the Americans post a stellar hitting percentage of .376 on the season... He also finished third on the team in blocks with 48... He capped his first season as a starter for the USA squad that captured the silver medal at the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup in November in Japan... The Americans, who lost to defending Olympic gold medalist Brazil in the first match of the tournament, lost just one set the rest of the way as they defeated Japan (3-1), 2004 Olympic silver medalist Italy (3-0), Egypt (3-0) and China (3-0) en route to their fifth medal in five events this season...

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Started at setter as the USA Men stunned the world's best team when it defeated 2004 Olympic gold medalist Brazil in five sets to win the America's Cup tournament in Brazil on Aug. 7... Earned "Best Server" honors as Team USA won its second-straight NORCECA Continental Championship with a four-set victory over Cuba on Sept. 15... The USA Men qualified for the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup with the gold-medal win... Also earned a gold medal in August at the FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament as the USA Men qualified for the 2006 World Championships. **2004** - Donald made his first-ever Olympic appearance in Athens, Greece as the USA Men finished fourth overall... Team USA qualified for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, by winning the NORCECA Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Caguas, Puerto Rico on Jan. 10... The men posted a perfect record of 6-0 en route to the gold medal, which included a come-from-behind, 3-2 win over Cuba in the championship match... Served as the back-up setter to starter Lloy Ball. **2003** - Started at setter until the NORCECA Zone Championships in Mexico as Team USA captured the gold medal and

a berth in the 2003 World Cup, the first Olympic qualifier... Served as the back-up setter to starter Lloy Ball at the NORCECA championships and World Cup.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: 2000 - American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) National Player of the Year... AVCA First-Team All-American... First-Team All Mountain Pacific Sports Federation... Asics/*Volleyball* First-Team All-American... Led the team in assists (2,025) and aces (57) and ranked second in digs (169) and third in blocks (94). **1999** - AVCA First-Team All-American... Asics/*Volleyball* Second-Team All-American... Second-Team All-MPSF... Set a USC single-season record with 63 aces... Ranked second in the country with a .594 aces-per-game average and No. 7 with 17.6 assists per game. **1998** - Third-team All-MPSF... Played in each of the team's 99 games... Recorded 1,518 assists, 214 digs, 103 blocks and 95 kills. **1997** - Starting setter as a freshman... Set an NCAA single-match record with 129 assists against Ohio State... Posted 1,585 assists, 220 digs, 93 kills and 63 blocks.



No. 18 Scott Touzinsky

Position: Outside Hitter
Height: 6-6 (193cm)
Weight: 190 lbs (86kg)
Hometown: St. Louis, Mo.
College: Long Beach State
Birth Date: April 1982
Joined Team: 2007
Web Site: www.scotttouzinsky.com

PERSONAL: Born Scott Joseph Touzinsky on April 22, 1982 in St. Louis, Mo. ... Parents are Charles and Anne Touzinsky... Scott has two older brothers, Chip and Keith... Scott married wife Angelique Vogel, a promotional spokesmodel, in 2006... He says getting married has been his happiest moment in life... Scott attended St. John Vianney High School in St. Louis from 1997-2000... Scott's Vianney jersey number was retired in a ceremony after he returned home from winning the Olympic gold medal in Beijing... He attended Long Beach State University 2001-05 and graduated with a degree in communication studies... Scott's favorite food is sushi... His favorite movie is *Gone in 60 Seconds*... Scott's favorite TV show is *Entourage*... His favorite sports team is the St. Louis Cardinals,

but his favorite athlete is Michael Jordan... Scott admires his mother for all she has done for him without complaining... On Dec. 18, 2004, Scott tore his ACL while competing in a match in Greece, where he was playing for a club team. He had surgery on March 1, but was told he might never play volleyball at the professional level again. After six months of intense rehab, he was back playing professional volleyball in Belgium.

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2008 - America's Cup... Olympic Games (Gold medal)... FIVB World League (Gold medal)... Four Nations Tournament (Gold medal)... NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualifying Championship (Gold Medal). **2007** - NORCECA Continental Championship (Gold medal). **2003** - World University Games (Bronze medal).

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 - Scott finished the season with 98 points (1.78 points per set) and a hitting percentage of .42. He had a total of 82 kills (1.49 per set) and 53 digs (.96 per set)... Scott played on the America's Cup team that finished fifth... Scott helped the U.S. Men win the gold medal at the 2008 Olympic Games, serving primarily as a serving specialist. Scott

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helped the U.S. Men win their first FIVB World League title... Scott was the leading scorer in the United States' exhibition match with Germany on May 15 in Chemnitz, Germany. **2007** - Scott made the 12-man roster for the NORCECA Continental Championship and scored nine points on seven kills and two aces in the match against Barbados on Sept. 17.

2003 - Played on the 2003 World University Games team that won a bronze medal in Daegu, Korea. His Long Beach State teammates David Lee and Tyler Hildebrand were also on the team, which was coached by Arnie Ball, father of U.S. National Team setter Lloy Ball, and head men's volleyball coach at IPFW.



No. 17 Delano Thomas

Position: Middle Blocker
Height: 6-7 (201cm)
Weight: 210 lbs (95kg)
Hometown: Sacramento, Calif.
College: Hawai'i
Birth Date: Jan. 26, 1983
Joined Team: 2005

PERSONAL: Born Delano Vanneto Thomas on Jan. 26, 1983 in Berkeley, Calif. ... Son of Vannteo Thomas and Kathleen O'Connor... Has two sisters, Ami and Naomi... Majored in sociology at the University of Hawai'i... Worked out briefly with Hawaii's football team as a wide receiver and special teams player... His favorite television show is the Chapelle Show... Raiders are his favorite sports team... Lists soccer as his favorite sport to watch... Says his mother is the person he admires most.

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2008 - World League (Gold Medal)... Four Nations' Tournament (Gold Medal). **2007** - Pan American Games (Silver Medal). **2005** - Pacific Northwest Tour vs. Netherlands... USOC International Sports Invitational (Silver Medal)... **2002** - NORCECA Men's Junior Championships (Bronze Medal)

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 - Delano finished the 2008 season with a total of 56 points (2.15 points per set) and a hitting percentage of .56. He finished with a total of 42 kills (1.62 per set) and 18 digs (.69 digs per set)...Delano was an alternate for the 2008 Olympic Team...

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: Finished his career at Long Beach State as the career and single-season ace leader. **2004** - First-team All-American... Scott became the all-time ace leader at Long Beach State with two against Stanford on Jan. 23. With the 133rd ace of his career, Scott passed Brent Hilliard's mark of 132 set in 1993... ranks fifth all-time at the school with 1,625 kills, falling 16 kills shy of fourth-place David McKenzie. Scott became just the third player in NCAA Division I-II to score 40 or more kills in an all rally-scoring match when he posted 40 versus BYU on Jan. 30... Long Beach State fell to BYU in the NCAA men's championship. **2003** - Second-team All-American. **2001** - MPSF Freshman of the Year.

Delano was an alternate for the 2008 Olympic Team... Started two FIVB World League matches in Bulgaria, scoring nine points in one and six in the other. Team USA, which was missing four usual starters, lost both matches but went on to win World League. Delano also went on the World League trip to Finland and played as a substitute... Delano scored 13 points in an exhibition match against Germany on May 15 in Chemnitz... Scored 25 points in 10 sets as the U.S. Men won the Four Nations' Tournament on May 11-13 in Leipzig, Germany... Played during the winter for ACH Volley in Slovenia. **2007** - Delano was the United States' leading server at the Pan American Games with an average of 0.56 aces per set. He was the fourth-leading U.S. scorer at the Pan American Games with a total of 42 points on 27 kills, six blocks and nine aces... Was on the preliminary rosters for the NORCECA Continental Championship and the FIVB World League, but did not play.

2006- Was on the preliminary rosters for the World League and the World Championships but did not play. **2005** - Played in 16 sets during the year and scored 27 points on 17 kills, five blocks and five service aces... In his first match, a 3-1 loss to the Netherlands on June 3, Delano scored nine points on five kills, three aces and one block.

2002 - Delano scored a match-high 21 points as the U.S. Men's Junior National Team defeated Mexico, 25-20, 20-25, 25-20, 25-20, to win the bronze medal at the NORCECA Junior Continental Championship on July 30, 2002, in Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada... He blasted a match-high 17 kills with a match-high four blocks and earned a spot on the all-tournament team as the Best Attacker.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: 2003 - Earned first team American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-America honors as a sophomore... Offensively, he produced 2.74 kills and 0.41 aces per game while hitting .453 ... Defensively, Thomas contributed 1.40 blocks per game for ninth best in the country... Also named to the All-Mountain

Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) second team... He helped the Warriors to an MPSF tournament semifinal berth before losing to BYU. **2002** - Was a member of the Hawai'i team that captured the NCAA Men's Volleyball Championship for the first time...Named a freshman All-American by *Volleyball Magazine*.



No. 9 Jonathan Winder

Position: Setter
Height: 6-8 (203cm)
Weight: 216 lbs (98kg)
Hometown: Irvine, Calif.
College: Pepperdine
Birth Date: Jan. 4, 1986
Joined Team: 2008

Men's U-21 World Volleyball Championships in Andhra Pradesh, India. **2004** - Helped the U.S. Junior National Team win the silver medal at the NORCECA Championships in Winnipeg, Canada.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 - AVCA All-American first team... Led his team to the NCAA National Championship match, where it fell to Pepperdine (27-30, 33-31, 30-25, 30-23)... Named to the NCAA All-Tournament Team... Named MPSF Tournament MVP. Pepperdine won the tournament with a victory in the final over BYU (28-30, 28-30, 32-30, 30-27, 15-8)... Averaged 12.51 assists per game along with 1.97 digs, 0.91 blocks and 0.68 kills. Winder had seven assist-dig double-doubles... He set the school career record for assists on Jan. 19 at Stanford. He became the first Wave to surpass the 4,000 mark against UC Irvine on Jan. 23, and then went past 5,000 during the fourth game of the MPSF Tournament final against BYU on April 26... Pepperdine's Scholar-Athlete of the Year. **2007** - AVCA Division I-II Men's National Player of the Year... Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) Player of the Year... American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-America first team... Second in NCAA Division I-II with 13.34 assists per game... Second in the league in assists per game (conference matches only) with 13.06, and led his team to a .328 hitting percentage in conference play... Fifth in the conference in digs per game with 2.10, and averaged 1.04 blocks per game. **2006** - Named second-team All-American and third-team All-MPSF... Averaged 13.30 assists per game, which ranked seventh nationally... Started all 25 matches and played in 90 games... Averaged 1.64 digs, 1.14 blocks and 0.82 kills... Hit .388 with 74 kills on 139 swings. **2005** - Set the Waves to the NCAA championship and earned a spot on the all-tournament team... Named the AVCA National Newcomer of the Year... Second-team AVCA All-American, the MPSF Freshman of the Year and to the All-MPSF third team... Averaged 13.40 assists in 27 matches and 102 games.

PERSONAL: Born Jonathan Stevens Winder on January 4, 1986, in Irvine, Calif.... Parents are Bill (deceased) and Jean Winder... Has an older brother, Jordan, and an older sister, Jenille... Attended Woodbridge High School (2000-04) in Irvine, Calif., where he played both basketball and volleyball... He was named Sea View League Male Athlete of the Year... Graduated from Pepperdine in April 2008 with a degree in advertising... Says his favorite food is artichokes... Favorite book is "Ruthless Trust" by Brennan Manning... Favorite movie is Anchorman... Enjoys watching The Office on TV as well as college basketball... Fly-fishing is his hobby... Admires his father, who died when Jonathan was 4, because "he lived his life not for himself but for his family, his friends and God"... Chicago Cubs are his favorite professional team and Dwight Howard is his favorite athlete... Happiest moment in life was getting baptized... Winning the 2005 NCAA national championship is his fondest sports memory.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE: 2008 - Helped lead the U.S. Men to the gold medal at the 2008 Pan American Cup from June 2-7 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada... Scored six points during the tournament on one kills, three aces and two blocks... Was a member of the U.S. Men's Training Team that traveled to Japan to prepare the Japanese for Olympic qualifying. **2007** - Helped the U.S. men win the bronze medal at the World University Games in Bangkok, Thailand. **2005** - Played on the USA Junior National Team that finished eighth in the 2005 FIVB

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Head Coach: Alan Knipe

First Year



Age: 40
Hometown: Huntington Beach, Calif.
Family: Wife, Jennifer; Two sons, Aidan & Evan
College: Long Beach St.

USA Volleyball named Alan Knipe its U.S. Men's Team head coach on April 1, 2009.

Knipe, 40, took a leave of absence from Long Beach State, where he has been the head coach for the past nine years. Two of Knipe's former players – David Lee and Scott Touzinsky – were members of the U.S. Men's Olympic Volleyball Team that won the gold medal in 2008 in Beijing. Knipe was an assistant coach when U.S. Team Captain Tom Hoff played at Long Beach State.

"Anyone who gets involved with volleyball sets their sights on being involved with the Olympic team," Knipe said. "I don't think that changes from your playing days to your coaching days.

"I would not have been able to take this position if I did not work at Long Beach State. They were great to work with in making this happen and giving me a leave of absence."

Knipe took over for Hugh McCutcheon, who guided the U.S. Men's Team to victories at the 2008 FIVB World League and the Beijing Olympics. McCutcheon took over the U.S. Women's Team in January.

"I am very excited to have Alan join the USA Volleyball staff and lead our men's team toward London in 2012. This is a very big hire," USA Volleyball CEO Doug Beal said. "His experience and success with USAV's national and high performance programs have been outstanding. I look for him to continue the momentum the U.S. men built in 2008."

"I think Alan will do a great job continuing the success of the men's program," McCutcheon said. "He's an excellent coach with a lot of collegiate experience that will allow a seamless and successful transition into the international arena."

Knipe has a long relationship with USA Volleyball. Most recently, he served as the head coach for the U.S. Men's National Team at the 2008 Pan America Cup in Winnipeg, Canada, where it won a gold medal. He was the head coach for the U.S. Men's Team that won a bronze medal at the 2007 World University Games in Thailand.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to work with these great athletes. There is a very good and successful group coming back from the Olympics," Knipe said. "A lot of these guys have a lot of great volleyball left in them. Plus, I worked with many of the younger players during the past two summers and they are a nice group."

Knipe has run the Southern California tryouts for USA Volleyball's high performance department since 1999. He was an assistant coach for the U.S. Boys' Youth National Team in 1999 and has helped at high performance camps in other years.

Knipe also played on the U.S. National Team in 1992-93 and competed at World League.

Knipe is in his 17th year with the 49ers men's volleyball program, including three years as a player (1990-92) and five years as an assistant (1996-2000). Long Beach State is ranked seventh in the most recent Bison/AVCA Division I-II Men's Coaches Top 15 Poll

In his nine seasons as the head coach of the Long Beach State, Knipe has led the 49ers to one NCAA final (2004) and one semifinal appearance (2008) along with six other postseason appearances in nine years. He earned 2008 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) Coach of the Year honors and was also named 2008 Volleyball Magazine Coach of the Year as Long Beach State advanced to the NCAA semifinals behind AVCA co-Player of the Year Paul Lotman.

Knipe was named the 2004 AVCA National Coach of the Year when he guided his squad to an appearance in the NCAA Championship match,

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where it fell to BYU.

In the 1994 and 1995 seasons, Knipe served as the head men's volleyball coach at Golden West College. In his second season, the Rustlers won the California State JC title and Knipe was named California State Coach of the Year.

Knipe played at Long Beach State from 1990-92, winning the NCAA Championship in 1991 and being named All-America in 1992. Knipe graduated from Long Beach State in 1992 with a degree in communications.

Knipe played on the Bud Light 4-Man Pro Beach Volleyball Tour and has won seven USA Volleyball National Open Championships with Team Paul Mitchell.

In 1995, Knipe played for Spoleto in the Italian Pro League. In 1996 he played for the Zellik Club in Belgium.

A 1987 graduate of Huntington Beach's Marina High School, Knipe spent one year at Orange Coast College before transferring to Long Beach



State.

Knipe lives in Huntington Beach, Calif., with his wife, Jennifer, and their two sons, Aidan and Evan. The U.S. Men's Volleyball Team trains at the American Sports Centers in Anaheim, Calif.

In 1992 he returned as assistant coach for the Olympic Team that won the bronze medal. He went on to be the U.S. Men's head coach for the indoor team at the 1997 Pan American Games.

His coaching career has included pro beach championships with the four-person professional beach volleyball league, where he coached top players including sister Liane and pro beach star Gabrielle Reece. He was also the head coach for the U.S. Beach Team at the 2007 Pan American Games.

Sato played volleyball at Santa Monica High School and Santa Monica College before moving on to UC Santa Barbara, where he was an All-American outside hitter.

Sato is the eldest of six children born into what has become volleyball's "First Family," known worldwide for their contributions to the sport. Brother Eric won the Olympic gold medal with the U.S. Men in 1988 and a bronze in 1992. His sister Liane won the Olympic bronze medal with the U.S. Women in 1992 and also played on the '88 Olympic

Assistant Coach: Gary Sato



Dr. Gary Sato (Los Angeles) has been involved with the U.S. Men's National Volleyball Team for more than 20 years.

Sato was an assistant coach for the U.S. Men's Team from 1985-88, including the team that won the 1988 Olympic gold medal in Seoul.

His brother, Eric, was a player on that team. He was also an assistant for the teams that won the 1986 World Championship and the 1987 Pan American Games.

Sato served as head coach for the U.S. Men's gold-medal win at the 1985 FIVB World Cup in Japan and was voted the Most Valuable Coach of the tournament.

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team. Brothers Scott (San Diego State) and Glenn (Loyola Marymount) both played college volleyball and Glenn also coached.

Sato graduated with a degree in kinesiology from Pepperdine University where he took over the head coaching position of the women's team in 1979. He has also won two NCAA National Championships

with Pepperdine teams in 1978 and 2005.

From 1989-92 Sato studied at the Southern California University of Health Sciences and graduated as a Doctor of Chiropractic.

Sato has three children: Andrew (15), Katie (12) and Malia (10).

Assistant Coach: John Hawks



John Hawks (Huntington Beach, Calif.) recently completed his first season as the men's assistant coach under Alan Knipe at Long Beach State University.

Hawks spent the 2007-08 seasons at USC as the top assistant coach and four years at UC Irvine (2003-06).

The last two years at USC, Hawks was responsible for recruiting the top classes in the country and helping guide the Trojans to two consecutive playoff appearances while also compiling the most wins in the program since 2000.

During his four years at UC Irvine, the Anteaters won 70 matches and qualified for the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships three times. He was on the sidelines during the 2006 season, when UCI won the program's first conference title, led the nation in wins (27-5) and reached the national semifinals after spending eight weeks at No. 1.

"He is one of the really good young coaches in the country," Knipe said. "He has a great deal of experience, from high school, club, and the national junior and youth programs."

In May of 2008, Hawks headed up a small group of U.S. National Team players that trained in Japan, successfully helping the Japanese to qualify for the Olympic Games in Beijing.

In June, Hawks spent time as an assistant to Knipe with the U.S. National Team at the Pan American Cup in Winnipeg, Canada, where the Americans won gold and qualified for the America's Cup in 2008.

He was also an assistant to Andy Read and the U.S. Boys' Youth Team that went undefeated at the NORCECA Youth Continental Championship en route to the gold medal and qualification into the 2009 FIVB World Championship.

Hawks served as the head coach at the 2006 USA Volleyball Boys' Select A2 Training Camp, and was an assistant coach for the 2006 Men's Junior A2 Team, 2007 Junior National Team and the 2007 World University Games team, which won the bronze medal in Bangkok, Thailand.

Hawks began his college coaching career as an assistant coach at Grossmont Junior College in California, where he also played, from 1995 to 1997.

He was the head boys' coach at California's Santa Margarita High from 2001 to 2002, after serving four years as an assistant coach. He was named the 2001 CIF Southern Section Coach of the Year and the Orange County Register Coach of the Year. Hawks spent five seasons as an assistant at his alma mater, Edison High (1990-94) and moved into assistant coaching duties at San Dieguito High (1995) and Francis Parker High (1996). He moved to Santa Margarita High (1997-2000), assisting the boys' (1997-2000) and girls' (1997-99) squads.

On the club level he coached Balboa Bay Volleyball Club for nine years (1996-2006), winning seven medals at the Junior Olympics (1998, 2000-03, 2005-06), including gold in 1998 and 2000, and silver in 2005.

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Athletic Trainer: Aaron Brock



Aaron Brock (Storm Lake, Iowa) is in his fifth year as the full-time certified athletic trainer for the U.S. Men's National Team. In 2008, he was part of the staff that guided the team to the Olympic gold medal in Beijing and the World League title.

Before joining the U.S. Men's Team, Brock had worked for various pro teams, colleges and high schools. He also worked with the U.S. Water Polo Team at the 2003 Pan American Games and the 2004 Olympics.

Brock, who was a four-sport high school athlete in Storm Lake, Iowa, went to the University of Iowa for both his bachelor's and master's degrees. His

master's degree in exercise science makes him eligible for just about any job in athletic training.

Aaron's day starts around 8 a.m. when he writes up rehabilitation and treatment protocols. He also gets the players ready for practice with taping and stretching exercises.

Once practice starts, he runs a 15-minute injury-prevention session that includes core abdominal and back exercises and proprioception exercises for ankle and knee stability. Finally, there are shoulder exercises to generate strength and wake up the muscles.

Players who can't practice due to injury will go to the athletic training room and do rehab. Brock monitors practice in case there is an injury. After practice, Brock runs a stretching session. Then it's time for more treatments for the athletes who are playing and practicing while injured.

Aaron is married and has a son who was born in 2006.

Technical Coordinator: Chris Jackson



Chris Jackson (Phoenix, Ariz.) comes to the U.S. Men's Team from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, where he was an assistant coach for one year.

Prior to that, Jackson served as an assistant coach for both the men's and women's programs at USC, including being

a part of the women's Final Four team in 2007.

He also served as an assistant coach for the U.S. Boys' Youth National Team that won the 2008 NORCECA Continental Championship.

Jackson was also on the coaching staff at Phoenix Brophy Prep from 2004-06, which included a state title in 2005. His 16-year old group from the Southern California Volleyball Club finished fourth in the nation. He has also coached at Club Arrowhead in the Northwest Valley since 2000.

Jackson played high school volleyball at Glendale Deer Valley in Arizona.

He went on to play at Brigham Young University and was a freshman on their national championship team in 2004. He is a 2007 graduate of Arizona State University. He is single.



2008 Results

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NORCECA Men's Continental Olympic Qualifier in Puerto Rico

01/06	Dominican Republic (1-0)	W (25-13, 25-19, 25-19)	Caguas	Priddy/Gardner (8)	700
01/07	Barbados (2-0)	W (25-14, 25-10, 25-16)	Caguas	Rooney (22)	850
01/08	Puerto Rico (3-0)	W (25-21, 25-23, 25-22)	Caguas	Millar (12)	9,750
01/10	Cuba (4-0)	W (25-22, 27-25, 25-18)	Caguas	Salmon/Stanley (11)	3,000
01/11	Puerto Rico (5-0)	W (25-20, 25-19, 25-20)	Caguas	Rooney (16)	6,500

Final Standings (Winner qualifies for 2008 Olympic Games): 1. USA; 2. Puerto Rico; 3. Cuba; 4. Canada; 5. Mexico; 6. Dominican Republic; 7. Trinidad & Tobago; 8. Barbados

Four Nations Tournament in Germany

05/11	Czech Republic (6-0)	W (20-25, 25-20, 26-24, 26-24)	Leipzig	Gardner (22)	NA
05/12	China (6-1)	L (19-25, 22-25, 21-25)	Leipzig	Salmon (10)	NA
05/13	Germany (7-1)	W (25-21, 25-23, 25-20)	Leipzig	Rooney (17)	NA

Final Standings: 1. USA; 2. Germany; 3. China; 4. Czech Republic

Exhibition Match in Germany

05/15	Germany (8-1)	W (25-17, 25-23, 22-25, 25-20)	Chemnitz	Touzinsky (20)	NA
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U.S. Olympic Team Exhibition for Volleyball in California

5/27	Argentina (9-1)	W (19-25, 27-29, 25-20, 25-20, 15-12)	Irvine	Priddy (19)	3,000
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Pan American Cup in Manitoba, Canada

(Matches not counted in overall results as U.S. sent an A2 team)

6/2	Costa Rica	W (25-15, 25-18, 25-17)	Winnipeg	Patak (11)	300
6/3	Mexico	W (25-20, 25-11, 25-16)	Winnipeg	Hein (11)	225
6/6	Dominican Republic	W (25-23, 32-30, 22-25, 25-23)	Winnipeg	Patak (24)	1,150
6/7	Canada	W (25-22, 27-29, 25-22, 25-22)	Winnipeg	Patak (24)	1,450

Final Standings: 1. USA; 2. Canada; 3. Dominican Republic; 4. Mexico; 5. Costa Rica; 6. Trinidad & Tobago; 7. Puerto Rico

FIVB World League

6/13	at Finland (10-1)	W (25-18, 25-19, 23-25, 25-20)	Espoo	Priddy (15)	3,380
6/14	at Finland (11-1)	W (25-20, 25-19, 25-16)	Espoo	Priddy (17)	4,085
6/20	Bulgaria (12-1)	W (25-23, 25-16, 25-16)	Hoffman Estates, Ill.	Stanley (17)	4,200
6/21	Bulgaria (12-2)	L (12-25, 25-16, 25-20, 12-25, 15-13)	Hoffman Estates, Ill.	Rooney (20)	5,100
6/27	Finland (13-2)	W (25-20, 21-25, 25-17, 25-20)	Green Bay, Wis.	Stanley (19)	2,100
6/28	Finland (14-2)	W (25-17, 22-25, 25-18, 25-18)	Green Bay, Wis.	Gardner (18)	2,000
7/4	at Spain (15-2)	W (25-23, 25-22, 29-31, 20-25, 18-16)	Madrid	Stanley (23)	4,180
7/6	at Spain (16-2)	W (25-19, 25-19, 25-23)	Madrid	Priddy (16)	4,145
7/11	Spain (17-2)	W (25-19, 25-23, 27-25)	Bloomington, Ill.	Priddy (15)	4,610
7/12	Spain (18-2)	W (24-26, 25-22, 25-13, 25-18)	Bloomington, Ill.	Priddy (21)	4,957
7/18	at Bulgaria (18-3)	L (22-25, 26-24, 16-25, 25-23 10-15)	Varna	Rooney (19)	6,250
7/19	at Bulgaria (18-4)	L (20-25, 25-20, 20-25, 35-33)	Varna	Rooney (21)	6,600

Final Pool Standings: 1. USA; 2. Bulgaria; 3. Finland; 4. Spain

FIVB World League Final Round in Brazil

7/23	Serbia (18-5)	L (23-25, 19-25, 17-25)	Rio de Janeiro	Stanley (10)	1,860
7/24	Poland (19-5)	W (25-18, 23-25, 27-25, 18-25, 16-14)	Rio de Janeiro	Priddy/Stanley (21)	3,180
7/26	Brazil (20-5)	W (25-23, 25-22, 27-25)	Rio de Janeiro	Stanley (16)	11,615
7/27	Serbia (21-5)	W (26-24, 23-25, 25-23, 25-22)	Rio de Janeiro	Priddy (21)	5,700

Final World League Standings: 1. USA; 2. Serbia; 3. Russia; 4. Brazil; 5. Poland; 6. Japan; 7T. Bulgaria; 7T. China; 7T. Italy; 10T. Cuba; 10T. Finland; 10T. France; 13T. Egypt; 13T. Korea; 13T. Spain; 13T. Venezuela

2008 Results

Date	Opponent (Record)	Result	City	Points Leader	Attendance
Olympic Games in China					
8/10	Venezuela (22-5)	W (25-18, 25-18, 22-25, 21-25, 15-10)	Beijing	Stanley (22)	11,000
8/12	Italy (23-5)	W (24-26, 25-22, 25-15, 25-21)	Beijing	Stanley (23)	12,500
8/14	Bulgaria (24-5)	W (27-29, 25-21, 25-14, 26-24)	Beijing	Stanley (21)	5,700
8/16	China (25-5)	W (25-22, 25-12, 25-18)	Beijing	Stanley (14)	3,650
8/18	Japan (26-5)	W (25-18, 25-12, 25-21)	Beijing	Millar (10)	5,800
8/20	Serbia (27-5)	W (20-25, 25-23, 21-25, 25-18, 15-12)	Beijing	Stanley (18)	7,500
8/22	Russia (28-5)	W (25-22, 25-21, 25-27, 22-25, 15-13)	Beijing	Stanley (19)	12,500
8/24	Brazil (29-5)	W (20-25, 25-22, 25-21, 25-23)	Beijing	Stanley (20)	13,000

Final Olympic Games Standings: 1. USA; 2. Brazil; 3. Russia; 4. Italy; 5T. Bulgaria; 5T. China; 5T. Poland; 5T. Serbia; 9T. Germany; 9T. Venezuela; 11T. Egypt; 11T. Japan

America's Cup in Brazil

(Matches not counted in overall results as U.S. sent an A2 team)

9/24	Cuba	L (19-25, 27-25, 25-23, 21-25, 8-15)	Cuiaba	Anderson (24)	2,800
9/25	Argentina	L (17-25, 25-16, 16-25, 25-17, 13-15)	Cuiaba	Patak (30)	2,500
9/27	Mexico	W (25-23, 25-19, 25-15)	Cuiaba	Patak (14)	500

Final America's Cup Standings: 1. Cuba; 2. Brazil; 3. Venezuela; 4. Argentina; 5. USA; 6. Mexico



2008 Pan American Cup Gold Medalists

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2008 USA Men's Volleyball Statistics

No.	Name	Sets Played	Total Kills	Kills Per Set	Hitting Errors	Total Attempts	Hitting %	Service Aces	Aces Per Set	Stuff Blocks	Blocks Per Set	Digs	Digs Per Set	Points	Points Per Set
13	STANLEY	93	281	3.02	47	557	0.420	36	0.39	39	0.42	112	1.20	356	3.83
8	PRIDDY	96	282	2.94	30	543	0.464	27	0.28	47	0.49	160	1.67	356	3.71
9	MILLAR	98	174	1.78	27	311	0.473	12	0.12	67	0.68	65	0.66	253	2.58
7	LEE	95	168	1.77	15	264	0.580	12	0.13	63	0.66	54	0.57	243	2.56
10	SALMON	106	205	1.93	36	424	0.399	8	0.08	16	0.15	145	1.37	229	2.16
2	ROONEY	56	140	2.50	19	294	0.412	7	0.13	20	0.36	47	0.84	167	2.98
15	GARDNER	42	134	3.19	27	266	0.402	5	0.12	19	0.45	49	1.17	158	3.76
18	TOUZINSKY	55	82	1.49	13	163	0.423	8	0.15	8	0.15	53	0.96	98	1.78
17	THOMAS	26	42	1.62	4	72	0.556	8	0.31	6	0.23	18	0.69	56	2.15
6	EATHERTON	26	27	1.04	1	48	0.542	0	0.00	6	0.23	7	0.27	33	1.27
11	BILLINGS	10	19	1.90	7	43	0.279	0	0.00	5	0.50	9	0.90	24	2.40
12	HOFF	50	13	0.26	5	30	0.267	0	0.00	9	0.18	9	0.18	22	0.44
4	PATAK	7	4	0.57	1	7	0.429	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	4	0.57
1	BALL	81	26	0.32	1	51	0.490	14	0.17	19	0.23	98	1.21	59	0.73
14	HANSEN	63	13	0.21	1	27	0.444	7	0.11	16	0.25	77	1.22	36	0.57
5	LAMBOURNE	124	0	0.00	0	0	0.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	286	2.31	0	0.00
	TOTALS	124	1610	12.98	234	3100	0.444	144	1.16	340	2.74	904	7.29	2094	16.89

2007 Results

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent (Record)</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Points Leader</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
World League					
05/25	France (0-1)	L (25-13, 19-25, 17-25, 26-24, 13-15)	Portland	Gardner (20)	2350
05/27	France (1-1)	W (25-22, 25-22, 22-25, 25-20)	Portland	Priddy (19)	1640
06/01	Japan (2-1)	W (25-17, 23-25, 27-25, 25-19)	Green Bay	Gardner (22)	1885
06/02	Japan (3-1)	W (20-25, 25-22, 25-22, 25-18)	Green Bay	Priddy (18)	1760
06/08	at France (3-2)	L (22-25, 25-19, 36-38, 18-25)	Lyon	Priddy (18)	3422
06/09	at France (4-2)	W (22-25, 29-27, 25-23, 25-21)	Lyon	Salmon (18)	3207
06/15	Italy (5-2)	W (25-21, 25-21, 25-27, 29-27)	Chicago	Priddy (18)	3020
06/16	Italy (6-2)	W (25-19, 30-28, 25-23)	Chicago	Stanley (22)	3720
06/23	at Japan (7-2)	W (25-17, 25-23, 25-15)	Kumamoto	Gardner (14)	5000
06/24	at Japan (8-2)	W (25-23, 25-22, 25-22)	Kumamoto	Millar (13)	5000
06/29	at Italy (9-2)	W (25-18, 23-25, 25-16, 31-29)	Naples	Gardner (26)	4250
07/01	at Italy (10-2)	W (28-26, 25-21, 25-13)	Avellino	Stanley (14)	4150

World League Final Round in Poland

07/12	France (11-2)	W (25-21, 25-20, 28-26)	Katowice	Gardner (16)	7000
07/13	Poland (11-3)	L (22-25, 34-36, 23-25)	Katowice	Stanley (15)	10,120
07/14	Russia (11-4)	L (22-25, 25-17, 13-25, 21-25)	Katowice	Priddy (18)	10,000
07/15	Poland (12-4)	W (25-19, 25-21, 22-25, 25-19)	Katowice	Priddy (21)	10,120

Final Standings: 1. Brazil; 2. Russia; **3. USA**; 4. Poland; 5. Bulgaria; 6. France; 7. Cuba, Finland 9. China, Italy, Korea, Serbia; 13. Argentina, Canada, Egypt, Japan

Pan American Games in Brazil

07/23	Venezuela (13-4)	W (25-19, 25-22, 25-20)	Rio de Janeiro	Rooney (14)	6,835
07/24	Argentina (14-4)	W (25-17, 25-22, 25-21)	Rio de Janeiro	Billings (12)	5,720
07/25	Puerto Rico (15-4)	W (25-22, 25-17, 25-23)	Rio de Janeiro	Billings/Rooney (14)	5,215
07/27	Cuba (16-4)	W (25-23, 25-17, 26-24, 25-23)	Rio de Janeiro	Billings (16)	NA
07/28	Brazil (16-5)	L (16-25, 20-25, 22-25)	Rio de Janeiro	Rooney/Polster (10)	NA

Final Standings: 1. Brazil; **2. USA**; 3. Cuba; 4. Venezuela; 5. Puerto Rico; 6. Argentina; 7. Canada; 8. Mexico

Americas' Cup in Brazil

08/15	Canada (17-5)	W (25-18, 20-25, 25-16, 25-23)	Manaus	Stanley (20)	2,100
08/16	Argentina (18-5)	W (25-20, 25-14, 25-19)	Manaus	Priddy (18)	3,200
08/18	Cuba (19-5)	W (25-23, 25-15, 25-20)	Manaus	Stanley (10)	4,800
08/19	Brazil (20-5)	W (25-16, 25-23, 19-25, 21-25, 19-17)	Manaus	Stanley (23)	10,500

Final Standings: 1. **USA**; 2. Brazil; 3. Cuba; 4. Argentina

NORCECA Men's Continental Championship in California

09/16	Mexico (21-5)	W (25-11, 25-15, 25-20)	Anaheim	Priddy (12)	550
09/17	Barbados (22-5)	W (25-13, 25-13, 25-4)	Anaheim	Lee (12)	850
09/18	Puerto Rico (23-5)	W (25-19, 27-25, 25-18)	Anaheim	Priddy (19)	725
09/20	Canada (24-5)	W (32-30, 19-25, 25-19, 26-24)	Anaheim	Priddy (18)	600
09/21	Puerto Rico (25-5)	W (25-20, 23-25, 25-22, 25-23)	Anaheim	Salmon (16)	900

Final Standings: 1. **USA**; 2. Puerto Rico; 3. Cuba; 4. Canada; 5. Dominican Republic; 6. Barbados; 7. Mexico; 8. Trinidad & Tobago

FIVB Men's World Cup in Japan

11/18	Brazil (26-5)	W (28-26, 30-28, 25-20)	Matsumoto	Priddy (16)	6,500
11/19	Puerto Rico (26-6)	L (21-25, 25-20, 17-25, 22-25)	Matsumoto	Priddy (16)	2,560
11/20	Spain (26-7)	L (25-21, 20-25, 25-27, 20-25)	Matsumoto	Gardner (13)	3,100
11/22	Bulgaria (27-7)	W (29-27, 20-25, 28-30, 25-22, 15-12)	Toyama	Salmon (23)	1,420
11/23	Egypt (28-7)	W (25-22, 25-18, 25-19)	Toyama	Rooney (18)	3,500
11/25	Tunisia (29-7)	W (22-25, 25-19, 25-19, 25-17)	Okayama	Gardner (20)	3,000
11/26	Korea (30-7)	W (25-18, 25-15, 25-18)	Okayama	Lee (12)	1,500
11/27	Australia (31-7)	W (25-17, 25-12, 25-19)	Okayama	Priddy (13)	700
11/30	Japan (32-7)	W (25-18, 27-27, 25-19)	Tokyo	Priddy (16)	10,000
12/01	Argentina (33-7)	W (25-16, 25-19, 25-18)	Tokyo	Priddy (17)	3,050
12/02	Russia (33-8)	L (23-25, 25-20, 25-22, 17-25, 8-15)	Tokyo	Gardner (21)	8,200

Final Standings (Top 3 teams qualify for 2008 Olympic Games): 1. Brazil; 2. Russia; 3. Bulgaria; **4. USA**; 5. Spain; 6. Puerto Rico; 7. Argentina; 8. Australia; 9. Japan; 10. Egypt; 11. Korea; 12. Tunisia

2007 USA Men's Volleyball Statistics

No.	Name	Sets Played	Total Kills	Kills Per Set	Hitting Total Errors	Total Attempts	Hitting %	Service Aces	Aces Per Set	Stuff Blocks	Blocks Per Set	Digs	Digs Per Set	Points	Points Per Set
8	PRIDDY	121	421	3.48	56	822	0.444	39	0.32	65	0.54	254	2.10	525	4.34
9	MILLAR	127	252	1.98	19	514	0.599	13	0.10	83	0.65	90	0.71	347	2.73
10	SALMON	123	284	2.31	34	395	0.633	11	0.13	30	0.24	207	1.68	330	2.68
15	GARDNER	86	281	3.27	57	549	0.408	15	0.17	33	0.38	99	1.15	329	3.82
13	STANLEY	100	214	2.14	26	416	0.452	39	0.39	28	0.28	78	0.78	281	2.81
7/4	LEE	103	152	1.47	24	261	0.490	9	0.09	69	0.67	38	0.37	230	2.23
2	ROONEY	73	137	1.88	18	268	0.444	3	0.04	11	0.15	53	0.73	151	2.07
12	HOFF	66	76	1.15	12	127	0.504	1	0.01	35	0.53	32	0.48	112	1.70
11	BILLINGS	32	73	2.28	15	139	0.417	2	0.06	14	0.44	30	0.94	89	2.78
3	POLSTER	23	50	2.17	7	103	0.417	4	0.17	8	0.35	39	1.69	62	2.69
17	THOMAS	16	26	1.63	5	41	0.512	9	0.56	5	0.31	8	0.50	40	2.50
6	EATHERTON	17	17	1.00	3	35	0.400	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	0.29	17	1.00
18	TOUZINSKY	3	7	2.33	0	9	0.778	2	0.67	0	0.00	3	1.00	9	3.00
16	MCKIENZIE	10	5	0.50	2	21	0.143	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.10	5	0.50
2	OLREE	7	0	0.00	0	1	0.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
18	NIELSEN	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
14	HANSEN	74	21	0.28	8	46	0.283	9	0.12	22	0.30	72	0.97	52	0.70
1	BALL	29	5	0.17	2	12	0.250	3	0.10	8	0.27	23	0.79	38	1.31
18	TALIAFERRO	26	12	0.46	2	24	0.417	5	0.19	9	0.35	18	0.69	26	1.00
5	LAMBOURNE	147	0	0.00	0	0	0.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	337	2.29	0	0.00
	TOTALS	147	2039	13.87	293	3852	0.453	175	1.19	430	2.92	1394	9.48	2897	19.7

Volleyball Glossery

Ace - a served ball that directly results in a point.

Bagel - winning a game 25-0.

Bic - A quick attack with the hitter coming out of the back row.

Block - an attempt by a player or players to interrupt the ball before, as or just after it crosses the net.

Bump (Pass) - technique of playing the ball using fore-arms, hands together, to direct the ball.

Bump (Set) - a forearm pass used as a set.

Carry - a fault called if the ball comes to rest in the course of contact by one player.

Chickenwing - a last-ditch way to dig a ball using your elbow and a bent arm.

Court - the playing surface divided into two equal areas by a net. In its official form, volleyball is played on a rectangular court 18 meters (59 feet 0.75 inches) long and 9 meters (29 feet 6.475 inches) wide; the women's net placed at 2.24 meters (7 feet 4.125 inches) high and the men's net at 2.44 meters (8 feet) high.

Coverage - most often, refers to backing up a teammate's hit when the block is up and the ball comes back.

Cross Court/Cut Shot - an offensive hit when a player, instead of hitting with power, slices the ball just over and nearly parallel to the net.

Dig - to pass a very hard hit spike; a ball brought up (saved) with any part of the body, particularly from a spike attempt.

Dink - a very softly-hit spike; ball played just over the net or the blockers hands.

Down-Referee - secondary referee. He/she stands on the floor at the opposite end of the net as the up-referee. Also known as the second official.

Dump - when the setter, instead of setting the hitters, attacks the ball over the net.

Facial - a spike that hits the opposing blocker or floor defender in the face.

Foot Fault - stepping on the court or out of bounds before serving the ball.

Free Ball - a ball the opponent cannot attack and must yield by passing over the net.

Husband and Wife - when a serve drops untouched between two receivers who fail to move.

Just - when two players on opposing sides attempt to block the ball by vying to push it onto each other's side of the net.

Kill - an attack that results in an immediate point.
Paint Brush - a wipe off shot by the spiker (painter) on a blocker.

Pancake - a one-handed floor defensive technique where the hand is extended along the floor, palm down, and the ball rebounds off the back of the hand.

Pass - the first of three contacts on the offensive side - overhead or forearm.

Perimeter Defense - backrow defenders work in the area a meter in from the backline and sidelines up to the three-meter line.

Pipe - a ball set in the middle of the court, on the three-meter line, for a backrow player to hit.

Quick - an attack option in which the attacker contacts the ball immediately after it is released from the setter's hands.

Red card - a severe sanction given by the up-referee.

Roof - to block a spike, usually straight down and for a point.

Screening - an attempt by a player to conceal the start of a teammate's serve by obstructing an opponent's line of sight. Screening is illegal.

Seams - the space between the blockers and between back-court defenders.

Set - the act of getting the ball into the position for the hitters to attack the ball. Usually done overhead with two hands.

Setter - the team quarterback. Attempts to "set" every second contact for his/her hitters to attack.

Serve - the act of putting the ball into play.

Shank - to pass the ball badly.

Six Pack - another term for getting a spiked ball in the face on defense. A "Twelve Pack" actually knocks down the defender. In the past the defender was then obligated to buy the spiker a six pack of his/her desired beverage (roots are found in doubles sand play).

Sizzle the Pits - a spike that goes under, and past, the armpits of a big block.

Slide - a movement from an attacker's serve receive position past another into a third; usually the ball is hit while "sliding out" towards the sideline.

Spike - a ball hit forcibly from a height not less than the top of the net. AKA a bury, crush, hammer, kill, put-away or slam.

Stuff - a block in which the ball goes straight down to the floor with no hope of being picked up by an opposing player.

Tool - when a ball is intentionally spiked off a blocker's hands to make it go out of bounds.

Touch - when the ball lands out of bounds, but not before contacting one of the players.

Up-Referee - the main referee. He/she stands upon a special chair. Also known as the first referee.

Yellow card - a first sanction given by the up-referee, costs the sanctioned team a point.

USA Volleyball Fact Sheet

Name: USA Volleyball

Headquarters: Colorado Springs, Colo.

Founded: 1928

Membership: More than 200,000

Founded in 1928, USA Volleyball is a Colorado incorporated non-profit organization recognized by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and the Federation International de Volleyball (FIVB) as the National Governing Body for the sport of Volleyball in the United States.

USA Volleyball is responsible for both the Olympic disciplines of indoor volleyball and beach volleyball. USA Volleyball has over 240,000 registered members, 12,000 teams and 5,000 clubs nationwide. With an annual budget in excess of \$11 million dollars, USA Volleyball supports the USA men's and women's senior national team programs, youth and junior national teams, national championship events, coaching education and certification programs, grassroots development, and programs for the disabled and Paralympic Teams. USA Volleyball has a rich tradition of success as evidenced by winning an Olympic medal in every Olympic Games since 1984 and capturing numerous World Cup, World Championship and Continental Championship titles.



USA Volleyball®

USA Volleyball is committed to and works toward opportunity for all to participate. It is an advocate for all Americans endeavoring to assure universal access to opportunities at all levels of the game.

Chief Executive Officer: Doug Beal

Board Chairman: David Schreff

U.S. Men's Head Coach: Alan Knipe (First Year)

U.S. Women's Head Coach: Hugh McCutcheon (First Year)

Beach Volleyball Programs Director: Ali Wood Lamberson (Third Year)

Sitting Teams Head Coach and Director: Bill Hamiter (First Year)

Major 2009 Indoor Senior National Team Events:

FIVB World League (Men, June 13-July 26, Various Sites)

NORCECA Pan American Cup (Women, June 29-July 5, Miami, Fla.)

NORCECA World Championship Qualification (Women, July 6-8, Orlando, Fla.)

FIVB Grand Prix (Women, July 31-Aug. 23, various sites)

NORCECA World Championship Qualification (Men, Aug. 13-16, USA)

NORCECA Continental Championship (Women, Sept. 21-27, Puerto Rico)

FIVB Grand Champions Cup (Women, Nov. 10-15, Japan)

FIVB Grand Champions Cup (Men, Nov. 18-23, Japan)

Major 2009 Indoor Grassroots Events:

USA Open Volleyball Championships (May 23-30, Minneapolis, Minn.)

USA Girls Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships (June 26-July 5, Miami, Fla.)

USA Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships (July 1-8, Atlanta, Ga.)

Other: USA Volleyball consists of 40 regional volleyball associations which manage grassroots playing opportunities for the USA Volleyball membership and is affiliated with 35 member organizations (i.e. NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA, YMCA) that provide playing opportunities at a variety of levels.

Olympic Team Rosters

1964 (Tokyo)

9th Place

Mike Bright
Barry Brown
Keith Erickson
William Griebenow
Richard Hammer
Jacob Highland
Ron Lang
Charles Nelson
Mike O'Hara
Ernie Suwara
John Taylor
Pete Velasco, Jr.
Head Coach: Harry Wilson

1968 (Mexico City)

7th Place

John Alstrom
Mike Bright
Wink Davenport
Smitty Duke
Tom Haine
John Henn
Butch May
Danny Patterson
Larry Rundle
Jon Stanley
Rudy Suwara
Pete Velasco, Jr.
Head Coach: Jim Coleman

1984 (Los Angeles)

Gold Medal

Aldis Berzins
Craig Buck
Rich Duwelius
Dusty Dvorak
Karch Kiraly
Chris Marlowe
Pat Powers
Steve Salmons
Dave Saunders
Paul Sunderland
Steve Timmons
Marc Waldie
Head Coach: Doug Beal

1988 (Seoul)

Gold Medal

Craig Buck
Bob Ctvrtlik
Scott Fortune
Karch Kiraly
Ricci Luyties
Doug Partie
Jon Root
Eric Sato
Dave Saunders
Jeff Stork
Troy Tanner
Steve Timmons
Head Coach: Marv Dunphy

1992 (Barcelona)

Bronze Medal

Nick Becker
Carlos Briceno
Bob Ctvrtlik
Scott Fortune
Dan Greenbaum
Brent Hilliard
Bryan Ivie
Doug Partie
Bob Samuelson
Eric Sato
Jeff Stork
Steve Timmons
Head Coach: Fred Sturm

1996 (Atlanta)

9th Place

Lloy Ball
Bob Ctvrtlik
Scott Fortune
John Hyden
Bryan Ivie
Mike Lambert
Dan Landry
Jeff Nygaard
Tom Sorensen
Jeff Stork
Ethan Watts
Brett Winslow
Head Coach: Fred Sturm

2000 (Sydney)

11th Place

Lloy Ball
Kevin Barnett
Tom Hoff
John Hyden
Mike Lambert
Dan Landry
Chip McCaw
Ryan Millar
Jeff Nygaard
George Roumain
Erik Sullivan
Andy Witt
Head Coach: Doug Beal

2004 (Athens)

4th Place

Lloy Ball
Kevin Barnett
Brook Billings
Phil Eatherton
Gabe Gardner
Tom Hoff
Ryan Millar
Reid Priddy
Riley Salmon
Clay Stanley
Erik Sullivan
Donald Suxho
Head Coach: Doug Beal

2008 (Beijing)

Gold Medal

Lloy Ball
Gabe Gardner
Kevin Hansen
Tom Hoff
Rich Lambourne
David Lee
Ryan Millar
Reid Priddy
Sean Rooney
Riley Salmon
Clay Stanley
Scott Touzinsky
Head Coach: Hugh McCutcheon

International Tournament Fact Sheet

Introduction: Volleyball has major international competitions every year and, at its highest level, is a physically demanding sport played by some of the world's most elite athletes. Of course, volleyball is also a popular recreational activity enjoyed by more than 38 million persons in the United States (more than any team sport but basketball) and more than 800 million persons globally, making it the world's most popular participant sport. This fact sheet is designed to provide more understanding about international volleyball and its major competitions, including the Olympic Games.

International Governing Body: The international governing body for volleyball is the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB), headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland. The FIVB is the world's largest sports federation, with more than 200 member nations. Under the direction of its president, Dr. Ruben Acosta of Mexico, the FIVB oversees the administration of volleyball throughout the world and is responsible for producing several major events, including the Olympic Games, World Championships, World Cup, World League and World Grand Prix.

National Governing Body: The national governing body (NGB) for volleyball in the United States is USA Volleyball, formerly known as the United States Volleyball Association. Founded in 1928, USA Volleyball is responsible for the administration of all forms of volleyball in the United States, including producing the annual USA Open Volleyball Championships, Junior Olympic Championships and the USA Outdoor National Championships. As mandated by the 1978 Amateur Sports Act, USA Volleyball is responsible to the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) and the FIVB for training and nominating the teams that represent the U.S. in the Olympic Games and other important volleyball competitions worldwide.

Major Competitions: The four major events on the international volleyball calendar are the Olympic Games (men and women, indoor and beach), World Championships (men and women, indoor and beach), World Cup (men and women, indoor), World League (men, indoor) and World Grand Prix (women, indoor). All events are conducted quadrennially, with the exceptions of the annual World League/Grand Prix and the biennial Beach World Championships.

World Rankings: Following the decision of the FIVB Board of Administration, a new system of point attribution based on a new scale has been implemented for the FIVB World Ranking of Volleyball National Teams. The following competitions are now included:

- Senior World Championships included for four years - 25 percent reduction each year. Points are also granted for the qualification matches, to the best non-qualified teams.
- Olympic Games included for four years – 25 percent reduction each year. Points are also granted for the qualification matches, to the best non-qualified teams.
- World Cup included for two years - 50 percent reduction the second year.
- Senior Continental Championships included for two years - 50 percent reduction the second year; points are also granted for the qualification matches to the best non-qualified teams.
- Men's World League / Women's World Grand Prix included for one year.
- Junior World Championships included for two years - 50 percent reduction the second year.
- Junior Continental Championships included for two years - 50 percent reduction the second year.

Following are the top 20 teams in the FIVB World Rankings as of Jan. 15, 2009:

Men	Women
1. Brazil	1. Brazil
2. USA	2. USA
3. Russia	3. Cuba
4. Bulgaria	4. Italy
5. Serbia	5. China
6. Italy	6. Japan
7. Poland	7. Serbia
8. China	8. Russia
9. Japan	9. Poland
10. Spain	10. Korea
10. Puerto Rico	11. Turkey
12. Argentina	12. Germany
13. Germany	13. Dominican Rep.
14. Australia	14. Kazakhstan
14. Venezuela	15. Netherlands
16. Egypt	16. Kenya
17. France	17. Peru
18. Korea	18. Algeria
18. Cuba	19. Thailand
20. Tunisia	19. Puerto Rico

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Olympic Games: Volleyball made its debut in the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo. Twelve teams in both the men's and women's draw earn the right to compete:

For the 2012 Olympics, England, as the host country, gets an automatic berth. Eleven other countries must qualify. Three countries will qualify at the 2011 World Cup. After that, countries can qualify at their zone qualifiers, or at other international qualifying events.

Past Olympic Champions (Men)

1964: Soviet Union (USA, ninth)
1968: Soviet Union (USA, seventh)
1972: Japan, (USA, DNQ)
1976: Poland (USA, DNQ)
1980: Soviet Union (USA, DNQ)
1984: USA
1988: USA
1992: Brazil (USA, third)
1996: Netherlands (USA, ninth)
2000: Yugoslavia (USA, 11th)
2004: Brazil (USA, fourth)
2008: USA

Past Olympic Champions (Women)

1964: Japan (USA, fifth)
1968: Soviet Union (USA, eighth)
1972: Soviet Union (USA, DNQ)
1976: Japan (USA, DNQ)
1980: Soviet Union (USA, DNP)
1984: China (USA, second)
1988: Soviet Union (USA, seventh)
1992: Cuba (USA, third)
1996: Cuba (USA, seventh)
2000: Cuba (USA, fourth)
2004: China (USA, fifth)
2008: Brazil (USA, second)

World Championships: World Championships are held every four years in the second year after the Olympics. The site, usually separate for the men's and women's competitions, is determined by the FIVB based on bids received from interested cities. The 24 berths for the men and women are gained in the following manner:

- Host country
- Defending world champions
- FIVB determines the appropriate number of qualification spots for each continent/zone based on performance at the previous World Championships.

Past World Champions (Men)

1949: Soviet Union (USA, DNP)
1952: Soviet Union (USA, DNP)
1956: Czechoslovakia (USA, sixth)
1960: Soviet Union (USA, seventh)
1962: Soviet Union (USA, DNP)
1966: Czechoslovakia (USA, 11th)
1970: East Germany (USA, 18th)
1974: Poland (USA, 14th)
1978: Soviet Union (USA, 19th)
1982: Soviet Union (USA, 13th)
1986: USA
1990: Italy (USA, 13th)
1994: Italy (USA, third)
1998: Italy (USA, ninth)
2002: Brazil (USA, ninth)
2006: Brazil (USA, 10th)

Past World Champions (Women)

1952: Soviet Union (USA, DNP)
1956: Soviet Union (USA, ninth)
1960: Soviet Union (USA, sixth)
1962: Japan (USA, DNP)
1966: Japan (USA, second)
1970: Soviet Union (USA, 11th)
1974: Japan (USA, 12th)
1978: Cuba (USA, fifth)
1982: China (USA, third)
1986: China (USA, 10th)
1990: Soviet Union (USA, third)
1994: Cuba (USA, sixth)
1998: Cuba (USA, 13th)
2002: Italy (USA, second)
2006: Russia (USA, ninth)

World Cup: The World Cup is held every four years, in the year prior to the Olympic Games. Though originally held at various sites, it has been hosted by Japan since 1977. Prior to 1991, the World Cup took place in the year immediately following the Olympics. The 12 berths in the World Cup for men and women are gained in the following manner:

- Host country (Japan- Men and Women)
- Defending World Cup champion
- Winners of the five zone championships
- The highest-placed team (of each zone) not qualified for the Olympic Games in accordance with the ranking of the zone championships.

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Past World Cup Champions (Men)

1965: Soviet Union (USA, DNP)
1969: East Germany (USA, DNP)
1973: Soviet Union (USA, seventh)
1977: Soviet Union (USA, 10th)
1981: Soviet Union (USA, DNQ)
1985: USA
1989: Cuba (USA, fourth)
1991: Soviet Union (USA, third)
1995: Italy (USA, fourth)
1999: Russia (USA, fourth)
2003: Brazil (USA, fourth)
2007: Brazil (USA, fourth)

Past World Cup Champions (Women)

1973: Soviet Union (USA, sixth)
1977: Japan (USA, seventh)
1981: China (USA, fourth)
1985: China (USA, DNQ)
1989: Cuba (USA, DNQ)
1991: Cuba (USA, fourth)
1995: Cuba (USA, seventh)
1999: Cuba (USA, ninth)
2003: China (USA, third)
2007: Italy (USA, third)

Zone Championships: The volleyball world is divided into five international zones. The United States is in the NORCECA (North America Central America Caribbean) Zone, with championships held every other year at various sites. The other zones are Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. The frequency of zone championships competition varies in each of the five sections. Any nation in a particular zone may participate in its zone championships whenever such a competition is conducted.

Past NORCECA Champions (Men)

1969: Cuba (USA, third)
1971: Cuba (USA, second)
1973: USA
1975: Cuba (USA, third)
1977: Cuba (USA, fifth)
1979: Cuba (USA, fifth)
1981: Cuba (USA, second)
1983: USA
1985: USA
1987: Cuba (USA, second)
1989: Cuba (USA, third)
1991: Cuba (USA, second)
1993: Cuba (USA, second)

1995: Cuba (USA, second)
1997: Cuba (USA, second)
1999: USA
2001: Cuba (USA, second)
2003: USA
2005: USA
2007: USA

Past NORCECA Champions (Women)

1969: Mexico (USA, sixth)
1971: Mexico (USA, third)
1973: Cuba (USA, third)
1975: Cuba (USA, second)
1977: Cuba (USA, third)
1979: Cuba (USA, second)
1981: USA
1983: USA
1985: Cuba (USA, second)
1987: Cuba (USA, second)
1989: Cuba (USA, third)
1991: Cuba (USA, second)
1993: Cuba (USA, second)
1995: Cuba (USA, second)
1997: Cuba (USA, second)
1999: Cuba (USA, second)
2001: USA
2003: USA
2005: USA
2007: Cuba (USA, second)

World League and World Grand Prix: The World League features the top 12 men's volleyball teams in the world in competition for a total purse that has grown to \$15 million since the inaugural season in 1990. Teams are divided into three, four-team pools and each country playing the other teams in their pool four times (twice at home, twice on the road). The winner and runner-up in each pool advance to a seeded playoff round. The regular season is usually played in May and June with playoffs in early July.

The World Grand Prix is the women's counterpart to the World League, and offers a total purse of \$2 million to its 12-team field. Teams play in different four-team pools each weekend, at round-robin tournaments hosted by cities throughout Asia. The three teams with the best records join the host country for the Grand Prix Finals. The regular season is played in August and early-September with playoffs in mid-September.

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Men's World League Champions

1990: Italy (USA, fourth in pool)
1991: Italy (USA, third in pool)
1992: Italy (USA, first in pool, third overall)
1993: Brazil (USA, fifth in pool)
1994: Italy (USA, fourth in pool)
1995: Italy (USA, fourth in pool)
1996: Netherlands (USA, DNP)
1997: Italy (USA, DNP)
1998: Cuba (USA, DNP)
1999: Italy (USA, DNP)
2000: Italy (USA, first in pool, sixth overall)
2001: Brazil (USA, third in pool, tied-ninth overall)
2002: Russia (USA, DNP)
2003: Brazil (USA, DNP)
2004: Brazil (USA, DNP)
2005: Brazil (USA, DNP)
2006: Brazil (USA, 10th)
2007: Brazil (USA, first in pool, third overall)
2008: USA (USA, first in pool)

Women's World Grand Prix Champions

1993: Cuba (USA, seventh regular season)
1994: Brazil (USA, fifth regular season)
1995: USA
1996: Brazil (USA, fifth)
1997: Russia (USA, eighth)
1998: Brazil (USA, eighth)
1999: Russia (USA, DNP)
2000: Cuba (USA, sixth)
2001: USA
2002: Russia (USA, sixth)
2003: China (USA, third)
2004: Brazil (USA, third)
2005: Brazil (USA, eighth)
2006: Brazil (USA, seventh)
2007: Netherlands (USA, seventh)
2008: Brazil (USA, fourth)

