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U.S. Men's Roster

| No | Name | Pos | Ht | Wt | Hometown | College |
|----|-----------------|-----|------|-----|-----------------------|------------------|
| 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 |
| 8 | Reid Priddy | OH | 6-5 | 196 | Richmond, Va. | Loyal Marymount |
| 9 | Ryan Millar | MB | 6-8 | 216 | Palmdale, Calif. | BYU |
| 10 | Riley Salmon | OH | 6-6 | 196 | League City, Texas | Pierce College |
| 12 | Tom Hoff | MB | 6-8 | 207 | Park Ridge, Ill. | Long Beach State |
| 13 | Clay Stanley | Opp | 6-9 | 230 | Honolulu, Hawai'i | Hawaii |
| 14 | Kevin Hansen | S | 6-5 | 205 | Newport Beach, Calif. | Stanford |
| 16 | Andrew Hein | MB | 6-11 | 220 | Carol Stream, Ill. | Pepperdine |
| 17 | Jonathan Winder | S | 6-8 | 200 | Irvine, Calif. | Pepperdine |
| 19 | Alfee Reft | L | 5-10 | 176 | Oxnard, Calif. | Hawaii |

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Pronunciation Guide

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| 3 Evan Patak..... | PAT-ek (rhymes with attic) |
| 8 Andrew Hein..... | Hine |
| 9 Jonathan Winder..... | WIN-der |



U.S. Men's 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. 15-17
Event: 2010 FIVB World Championship Qualifier for NORCECA Group F
Opponents: Various
Location: USA

Date: Sept. 12-17
Event: Brazil Tour
Opponents: Brazil
Location: Brazil

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

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

2009 NORCECA Championship Schedule

Group A (All times EDT)

Sept. 12

6 p.m. Cuba vs. Dominican Republic

8 p.m. Puerto Rico vs. Barbados

Sept. 13

4 p.m. Barbados vs. Cuba

8 p.m. Dominican Republic vs. Puerto Rico

Sept. 14

4 p.m. Dominican Republic vs. Barbados

8 p.m. Puerto Rico vs. Cuba

Group B

Sept. 12

2 p.m. USA vs. Mexico

4 p.m. Canada vs. Panama

Sept. 13

2 p.m. Mexico vs. Canada

6 p.m. Panama vs. USA

Sept. 14

4 p.m. Mexico vs. Panama

6 p.m. USA vs. Canada

Sept. 15 Quarterfinals

6 p.m. Pool B 2nd vs. Pool A 3rd

8 p.m. Pool A 2nd vs. Pool B 3rd

Sept. 16

2 p.m. Pool A 4th vs. Quarterfinal Loser

4 p.m. Pool B 4th vs. Quarterfinal Loser

6 p.m. Pool A Winner vs. Quarterfinal Winner

8 p.m. Pool B Winner vs. Quarterfinal Winner

Sept. 17

2 p.m. Eighth-place Match

4 p.m. Sixth-place Match

6 p.m. Third-place Match

8 p.m. Championship Match

2009 NORCECA Preview

Throughout the summer of 2009, first-year U.S. Men's National Volleyball Team Head Coach Alan Knipe emphasized that the season would be a learning experience for both him and his players.

Now it is time to put the education into effect as the U.S. Men travel to Bayamon, Puerto Rico for the 2009 NORCECA Men's Continental Championship on Oct. 12-17.

The U.S. Men, ranked third in the world and first in NORCECA, are the three-time defending champions of the event, having last won in Anaheim, Calif., in 2007. In fact, the United States and Cuba are the only two countries that have ever won the tournament.

The team that wins this year's NORCECA Championship will qualify for the FIVB Grand Champion Cup on Nov. 18-23 in Japan.

The U.S. Men will play in Group B with Canada, Mexico and Panama while Group A will include Barbados, Cuba, Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico.

Cuba has recently improved its FIVB world ranking from 18th to 12th after a fourth-place finish in the 2009 World League. Puerto Rico will enjoy a home-court advantage.

But Knipe is more concerned about how his team will play.

"A big chunk of our team has already gone to their pro clubs," Knipe said. "The important thing for us to do is be really concerned with our side of the net and how we prepare for each opponent."

Included on the U.S. Men's roster for the first time this year are 2008 Olympic gold medalists outside hitter Reid Priddy (Richmond, Va.) and middle blocker Ryan Millar (Palmdale, Calif.). After taking the summer off from the U.S. team, both players had been training with the team at the American Sport Center in Anaheim; however Priddy left to be with his Russian club team, Lokomotiv Novosibirsk, at the end of September.

Their return means that the U.S. Men have nine players from the 2008 Olympic and World League championship teams in Puerto Rico: Kevin Hansen (Newport Beach, Calif.), Tom Hoff (Park Ridge, Ill.), Rich Lambourne (Tustin, Calif.), David Lee (Alpine, Calif.), Millar, Priddy, Sean Rooney (Wheaton, Ill.), Riley Salmon (League City, Texas) and Clay Stanley (Honolulu, Hawaii).

"It's the first time all summer that we have had the opportunity to choose our roster from almost all the guys in the program," Knipe said. "We're excited to get down there."

There are plenty of other athletes on the roster who can contribute as well.

Newcomer Jonathan Winder (Irvine, Calif.), who will back up Hansen as a setter, earned praise from Knipe for his performance during the team's recent tour of Brazil.

Outside hitter Paul Lotman (Lakewood, Calif.) was the team's leading scorer in Brazil and also played well at the 2010 FIVB World Championship Qualifier. At middle blocker, Andy Hein (Carol Stream, Ill.) started during World League along with Lee and finished as the 12th leading blocker among all players in pool play.

At opposite, Evan Patak (Pleasanton, Calif.) shared starting duties at World League with Olympic MVP Stanley and was named the MVP and Best Server of the 2010 FIVB World Championship Qualifier.

Lambourne and Alfee Reft (Oxnard, Calif.) will handle the libero duties. Lambourne was named Best Libero, Best Digger and Best Receiver at the 2010 FIVB World Qualifier.



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The U.S. Men's National Team that opened the 2009 season at World League was very different from the team that won the 2008 World League and Olympic gold medals.

Gone were four-time Olympic setter Lloy Ball (Fort Wayne, Ind.) and two-time Olympian Gabe Gardner (San Clemente, Calif.), who retired from the U.S. Men's Team.

Also missing from the roster were outside hitter Reid Priddy (Richmond, Va.) and middle blocker Ryan Millar (Palmdale, Calif.), who took the summer off from indoor competition. Outside hitter Riley Salmon (League City, Texas) had to sit out the competition due to an FIVB suspension.

However, along with a new roster came 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 first-year U.S. Head Coach Alan Knipe. "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."

But the 2009 World League started on a sour note for the team as it was swept by Netherlands in their first match, 22-25, 19-25, 24-26) on June 12 in Rotterdam. Opposite Evan Patak (Pleasanton, Calif.) led the United States in scoring with 10 points on nine kills and one block.

Team USA fought back to beat Netherlands 3-2 (25-16, 30-32, 25-17, 20-25, 15-6) the next night, and then traveled to Italy, where it won two more matches and improved its record to 3-1. But it was

still in second place in its pool behind Netherlands.

The U.S. Men played their first home 2009 World League matches against China in San Jose, Calif., and moved into the lead in Pool A with two straight wins. Opposite Clay Stanley, the MVP of the 2008 Olympic Games, also returned to the team.

The U.S. Men hit the road again to play their next two matches in China. The Chinese team surprised

Team USA with a 3-2 (25-19, 27-29, 18-25, 26-24, 15-12) victory to open the weekend before the United States came back to win, 3-1 (25-18, 20-25, 25-21, 25-12) the following night and maintain its Pool A lead with a 6-2 record.

Team USA played its final four World League pool play matches in the United States. First, Italy visited Hoffman Estates, Ill., and surprised the U.S. Men by taking a 3-1 (20-25, 25-20, 25-22, 26-24) victory in the first match. However Team USA came back with strong serving in the second match and defeated Italy, 3-1 (25-19, 18-25, 25-22, 25-21).

Hosting Netherlands in Wichita, Kan., the U.S. Men knew that they could clinch the pool with just one victory. Instead they swept Netherlands twice, gaining a bit of revenge for the first-match loss they had suffered.

Team USA advanced to the Final Round in Belgrade, Serbia, where it was swept by Serbia in its first match and by Russia in its second to end its 2009 World League campaign in sixth place.

"We leave knowing a lot more about our team and the others as well," said U.S. Head Coach Alan Knipe (Huntington Beach, Calif.). "A lot of work



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has to be done. There's a lot of room for growth on this team and we also will be able to add some more experienced players toward the end of the summer. I hope that with the experience gained here by getting to the final six in addition to some more experienced players, we can develop into a better volleyball team than we are right now."

Pan Am Cup

While the U.S. Men's top team was competing in World League, an A2 team, led by UC Santa Barbara men's volleyball head coach Rick McLaughlin, traveled to Chiapas, Mexico on June 15-21 for the Pan American Cup.

The team won its pool with victories over Dominican Republic and Canada. It faced the Dominican again in the semifinals and won in three sets. If played Canada again in the final and won 3-2 (32-30, 16-25, 24-26, 25-17, 15-12).

Opposite Dean Bittner (Lakewood, Calif.) was named the tournament MVP.

2010 FIVB World Championship Qualifier

The U.S. Men played host to Dominican Republic, Guatemala and Panama for the 2010 FIVB World Championship Qualifier on Aug. 15-17 in Irvine, Calif.

Team USA swept all three matches against its NORCECA foes to advance to the 2010 FIVB World Championship in Italy.

The United States' Evan Patak (Pleasanton, Calif.) was named the tournament Most Valuable Player and Best Server. He finished the tournament with 37 points on 20 kills, two blocks and 15 aces.

Sean Rooney (Wheaton, Ill.) of the United States was named Best Spiker. Team USA's David Smith (Saugus, Calif.) was named the Best Blocker.

Rich Lambourne (Tustin, Calif.) took Best Libero, Digger and Receiver. Donald Suxho (Korce, Albania) was named Best Setter.



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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

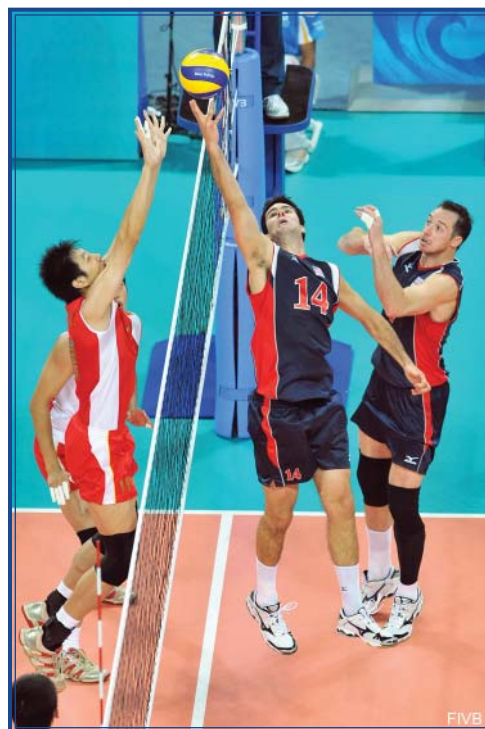
McCutcheon returned to the U.S. Men's Team for its match against China on Aug. 16 at the Beijing Institute of Technology Gymnasium (all other U.S. Men's matches were played at Capital Indoor Stadium). His mother-in-law and wife had returned to Minneapolis.

"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.

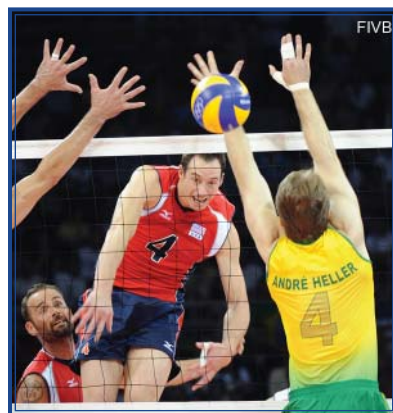
While the team did not play as if the pressure was completely off, it did look far more comfortable against world No. 1 ranked Brazil, the 2004 Olympic champion, than it had against Russia.

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

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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... Has two sisters, Kristen and Erika... Married Sarah Engle in August of 2009... Sarah was a four-year volleyball letterwinner and Academic All-Conference standout as an outside hitter at the University of Delaware (2001-04)... Sarah's sister Ashley is a standout volleyball player at the University of Texas and played on the 2007 U.S. Women's Junior National Team... Kevin 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: 2009 – 2010 FIVB World Championship Qualifier (Gold Medal)... FIVB World League (Gold Medal)... FIVB World League (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: 2009 – Kevin helped the U.S. Men win the 2010 FIVB World Championship Qualifier on Aug. 15-17 in Irvine, Calif. **2008** – Kevin finished the 2008 season with 36 points in 63 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

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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.



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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.

2009 Athlete Profiles

No. 16 Andy Hein



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

PERSONAL: Born Andrew "Andy" Hein on July 1, 1984 in Hinsdale, Ill.... Parents

are Ronald and Ann Hein... Andy has a sister named Caroline... Andy 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.

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2009

– 2010 FIVB World Championship Qualifier for NORCECA Group F (Gold Medal)... FIVB World League. **2008** – America's Cup... Pan American Cup (Gold Medal). 2007 – Pan American Games (Silver Medal)... World University Games (Bronze Medal). 2005 – World University Games. 2003 – World University Games (Bronze Medal).

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2009

– Andy was the United States' second-leading blocker and third overall as the U.S. Men won the 2010 FIVB World Championship Qualifier for NORCECA Group F held Aug. 15-17 in Irvine, Calif. Hein finished with four blocks and six errors on 15 attempts for an average of 0.44 blocks per set. He tied for ninth among scorers with 19 points on 15 kills and four blocks... Andy started at middle blocker for the U.S. World League team that won its pool and finished sixth overall. Andy was the team's second-leading blocker and 12th overall in pool play with 26 blocks in 65 attempts and an average of 0.58 blocks per set. He was the team's fourth-leading scorer in World League with 101 points on 72 kills, 26 blocks and three aces. **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

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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 semi-finals before falling to eventual NCAA Champion, Lewis... Totaled 159 kills and a team-best .434 hitting percentage...

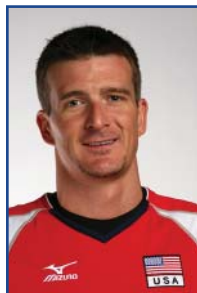
Recorded four service aces, 29 digs, and 107 blocks (8-99)... His 99 block assists were a team second-best... Hit double-digit kills on four occasions with his best showing against USC and Hawai'i where he established a career-high 13 kills in back-to-back matches... Hit a career-high .778 (7-9) versus UCLA where he also had four block assists... Had a career-high eight total blocks at Hawai'i (0-8) and versus Lewis (0-8)... Averaged 1.75 kills, 0.23 assists, 0.04 aces, 0.32 digs, and 1.18 blocks per game.



U.S. team captain Tom Hoff accepts the trophy for winning the 2008 FIVB World League from FIVB President Ji-zhong Wei in Brazil.

2009 Athlete Profiles

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: September 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 five daughters, Tatum Bella, born in 2003, Ella Aniston, born in 2005, Ava Antonia, born in 2007 and twins Demi and Zoey born in September 2009... 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:

2009 – Brazil Tour... FIVB World League. **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: 2009 – Tom traveled with a group of newer players and veterans for five "friendly" matches in Brazil. The U.S. team did not win a match... Tom served as team captain and played in two World League pool play matches and one final round match as the U.S. Men placed sixth. **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

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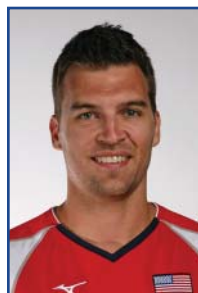
gold medalist Brazil in the first match of the tournament, lost just one set the rest of the way as they defeated Japan (3-1), 2004 Olympic silver medalist Italy (3-0), Egypt (3-0) and China (3-0) en route to their fifth medal in five events this season... The team captain scored 11 points as the USA Men stunned the world's best team when it defeated 2004 Olympic gold medalist Brazil in five sets to 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. **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... Sat 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. **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)...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). **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 fifth 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. 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: November 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:

2009 – 2010 FIVB World Championship Qualifier for NORCECA Group F (Gold Medal)... FIVB World League. **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: 2009 – Rich helped the U.S. win the 2010 FIVB World Championship Qualifier on Aug. 15-17 in Irvine, Calif. He won Best Digger (0.89 digs per set), Best Receiver (23 excellents and no faults in 29 attempts) and Best Libero (31 excellents and four faults in 64 attempts)... Rich was the United States' starting libero in every match but one of the 2009 FIVB World League, where the U.S. Men placed sixth... Rich averaged 1.84 digs per set in pool play and had 94 excellent receptions on 294 attempts. He was fourth among liberos in the final round with 24 "excellents" on 48 attempts and an average of four per set. **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...

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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... 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 HotVolleys 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.

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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: June 2003

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: 2009

– 2010 FIVB World Championship Qualifier for NORCECA Group F (Gold Medal)... FIVB World League. **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: 2009 – David helped the U.S. Men win the 2010 FIVB World Championship Qualifier on Aug. 15-17 in Irvine, Calif. ... Helped the U.S. Men to a sixth place

finish at World League. David was the leading blocker in the final round, but did not receive the award because the U.S. Men did not play for a medal. He finished with eight blocks and six errors in 26 attempts for an average of 1.33 blocks per set. David was the United States' leading blocker and fourth overall with 30 blocks and 32 errors in 80 attempts and an average of 0.67 blocks per set. **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 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

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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. Did not make the trip to play France in pool play... 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 just 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 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... Named "Best Blocker" and earned a gold medal in August at the FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament as the USA 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 over Barbados on Aug. 25 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 Daegu, 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 University
Birth Date: Nov. 3, 1985

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.

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2009 – Tour of Brazil... 2010 FIVB World Championship Qualifier for NORCECA Group F (Gold Medal). **2008** – Pan American Cup (Gold Medal). **2007** – World University Games (Gold Medal). **2005** – FIVB Men's U-21 World Championship.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2009 – Traveled to Brazil with a U.S. Men's Team made up of veterans and newcomers for five exhibition matches on Sept. 22-27. The team went 0-5. Paul was the high scorer in two of the matches with 12 points in each... Helped U.S. Men win the FIVB World Championship Qualifier on Aug. 15-17 in Irvine, Calif. Paul played in six sets and scored 10 points on nine kills and one ace. **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 Championship 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. 9 Ryan Millar



Position: Middle Blocker
Height: 6-8 (204cm)
Weight: 216 lbs (98kg)
Hometown: Palmdale, Calif.
College: BYU
Birth Date: January 1978
Joined Team: May 1999
Web Site: www.ryanmillar.com

PERSONAL: Born Ryan Madsen Millar on Jan. 22, 1978 in San Dimas, Calif. ... Parents are Steven and Mardi... He is married to Suzanne... Together, they are proud parents of Max, born in June of 2006... Ryan also has two brothers: James and Jon... Enjoys snowboarding, golfing and being with his wife... Graduated from BYU in 2001 with a degree in sociology... In July 2006, Millar was named as an assistant coach for the BYU men's volleyball team under Head Coach Tom Peterson... In August 2006, Ryan was named co-interim head coach of the BYU men's volleyball team after Peterson's sudden resignation. After one season with the BYU men's program, Millar returned to the U.S. Men's National Team and removed his name from consideration for the BYU head coaching position... His most defining moment was getting married at 19... His happiest moment in sports was winning the gold medal at the 2008 Olympic Games... While celebrating the gold medal victory, Ryan held up a poster of son, Max... Disneyland held a parade for Ryan following the gold medal victory. He also got to throw out the first pitch at an LA Dodgers game and appeared on the Oprah Winfrey and Bonnie Hunt shows... Lists his life goals as "I want to be a great husband, I want to be a great father, and I want to coach an NCAA school to a National Championship"... He would also like to play on the Senior PGA Tour... Lists his gold medal and his golf clubs as his most prized possessions... Following the Olympics, Ryan played the 2008-09 and 2009-10 winter seasons for Istanbul Buyuksehir Belediyesi in Turkey.

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. **2006** – FIVB World Championships... FIVB World League... Pan American Cup (Gold Medal)... Argentina Tour. **2005** – 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)... Houston Series... USA Global Challenge (First Place)... Olympic Games (Fourth Place). **2003** – NORCECA Zone Championships (Gold Medal)... World Cup (Fourth Place). **2002** – Florida Tour... World Championships. **2001** – Did not play with the National Team. **2000** – Americas' Cup... Australia Tour... Continental Cup... Korea Tour... Olympic Games... World League. **1999** – Americas' Cup... Japan Trip... International Volleyball Challenge... Italy Trip.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2009 – Ryan took the summer off from indoor volleyball while he focused on his volleyball camps. **2008** – Ryan finished the 2008 season as the team's third leading scorer with 253 points in 98 sets (2.58 points per set). He was the team's leading blocker with 67 (0.68 blocks per set). He finished with 174 kills and a hitting percentage of 0.47... Ryan helped the U.S. Men to the gold medal at the 2008 Olympic Games, starting in every match at middle blocker. Ryan was eighth among all scorers at the Olympic with 97 points on 66 kills, 26 blocks and five aces. Ryan's 26 blocks put him fourth among all blockers with an average of 0.79 per set. Ryan was the United States' leading scorer in the pool play match against Japan with 10 points. During the gold medal match against Brazil, Ryan had the winning set for teammate Clay Stanley's final kill... Ryan helped the U.S. Men to their first World League gold medal. Ryan led the U.S. and was fifth overall in blocking in the final round with nine blocks, 18 faults and 24 rebounds on 51 attempts for an average of 0.60 blocks per set. He was third among all blockers in pool play with 25 blocks for a 0.63 average per set. Ryan was the United States' fourth-leading scorer and ninth overall in pool play with 37 points on 26 kills, nine blocks and two aces... Ryan was named Top Blocker at the NORCECA Olympic qualifier as the U.S. Men won the tournament and qualified for the 2008 Olympic Games. Millar was third among the U.S. players

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in scoring with 42 points on 32 kills and 10 blocks. **2007** – Ryan was named USAV’s male indoor player of the year for 2007. He played in 127 sets in 2007, more sets than any other player besides libero Rich Lambourne. Ryan led the U.S. Men in blocks in 2007 with 84, averaging 0.66 blocks per set. He was the second-leading scorer on the U.S. Men’s Team (behind Reid Priddy) with 350 points. Ryan averaged 2.75 points per set... Ryan was second among all blockers in the World Cup, where Team USA placed fourth, with a total of 27 blocks in 40 sets for an average of 0.675 blocks per set... Ryan was the United States’ third-leading scorer, and 19th overall, at the NORCECA Continental Championship. He finished the tournament with 45 points on 36 kills, eight blocks and one ace over five matches... Ryan was the second-leading blocker overall, and the U.S. leader at Americas’ Cup with an average of 0.60 blocks per set... Ryan was second among all blockers at the end of World League pool play with 36 blocks in 89 attempts and an average of 0.80 blocks per set. **2006** – Served as team captain when Tom Hoff was not on the court... Led the team in scoring blocks with 51... Was fourth on the team in points scored with 122... Played in six out of 12 World League matches. The matches he missed were due to the birth of his son, Max... Ryan helped the team win the inaugural Pan American Cup in June. **2005** – Ryan earned “Best Blocker” accolades at the season-ending FIVB World Grand Champions Cup as the United States won the silver medal with a 4-1 record... He finished the event tops in both total blocks (20) and blocks per set (1.18). Captured “Best Blocker” 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** – Ryan made his second-straight Olympic appearance in Athens, Greece as the USA Men finished four overall... Ranked fourth on the team in scoring with 70 points on 53 kills, 16 blocks and one service ace... Tied for fourth overall in total blocks with 16... 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** – Finished second among all players at the World Cup in blocking with 27 total stuffs (an average of 0.73 per set)... Was also second on the team in scoring (and 18th overall) with 116 total points on 87 kills, 27 blocks and two service aces. **2002** – Re-joined the team in August and helped guide the team to a ninth-place finish at the World Championships in Argentina. **2001** – Did not play with the National Team... Played professionally with Bossini Montichiari in Italy. **2000** - Led the team with a .573 hitting percentage at the Americas’ Cup... Second on the squad with 64 kills and 10 blocks... Recorded 108 kills, 32 blocks, nine aces and a .439 hitting percentage in World League play... Set a career high with six blocks against the Netherlands... Helped U.S. Men qualify for the 2000 Sydney Olympics with 25 kills, four blocks, three aces and a .462 hitting percentage at the Continental Cup... Posted 47 kills, 11 blocks and three aces on the Korea Tour... Played professionally in Italy for Volley Forli. **1999** - Starting middle blocker on the second-place Americas’ Cup team... Helped the team defeat Italy and Yugoslavia on the trip to Italy with 41 kills, 12 blocks and a team-leading .515 hitting percentage... Earned his first international experience on the Japan Tour, posting a team-leading .590 hitting percentage with 44 kills and nine stuff blocks.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: One of only five players to earn AVCA First-Team All-American three times. **1999** – Led BYU to its first NCAA title... Volleyball Magazine National Player of the Year... American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) First-Team All-American... First-Team All-MPSF... Finished the season ranked first in the country in hitting percentage (.498) and blocks per game (.2.14). **1998** – AVCA and Volleyball Magazine First-Team All-American... First-Team All-MPSF... Posted a season-high 31 kills against Pepperdine... Finished second in the nation in blocks per game (2.02). **1997** – AVCA and Volleyball Magazine First-Team All-American... MPSF Player of the Year... Finished the year ranked No. 4 in the country in kills per game (6.47) and posted a career-high 48 kills against Pepperdine. **1996** – Volleyball Magazine Freshman of the Year... Third-Team All-MPSF... Ranked second in the country in blocks per game.

2009 Athlete Profiles

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: April 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:

2009 – 2010 World Championship Qualifier for NORCECA Group F (Gold Medal)... FIVB World League. **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: 2009 – Evan was named the MVP and Best Server of the 2010 World Championship Qualifier as the United States won all three matches to qualify for the World Championship. Evan was the United States' leading scorer and second overall with 37 points on 20 kills, two blocks and 15 aces in six sets played... Evan was the United States' second-leading scorer in pool play at the FIVB World League as he shared starting opposite duties with

Clay Stanley. He finished with 114 points on 91 kills, six blocks and 17 aces. His 17 aces put him third among all servers with an average of .38 per set. **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 this season 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... His season-high of 31 kills came in his final match of the year at Cal State Northridge (3/31)... The 31 kills was the most by any Gaucho all season... Aced opponents five or more times in five matches, including a season-high seven against Hawai'i (1/14)... Set a new hitting percentage career-high

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by going 19-2-26 for a .654 clip against UC San Diego (3/3)... His season-high in points was 36 at Cal State Northridge (3/31), which was the highest point total put up by any UCSB player in 2006... Led the Gauchos in kills (423), kills per game (5.88), attempts (810), aces (52), aces per game (.72), total points (501.5), and points per game (6.97). **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



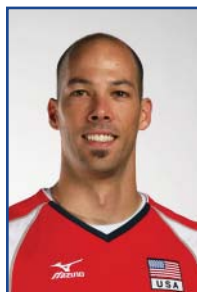
432 kills, posting 32 against Cal State Northridge... Also led the Gauchos with 840 total attacks... Added a team-high 35 service aces, ranked second with 104 digs and third with 80 blocks.



Ryan Millar hits against Finland during the 2008 FIVB World League.

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No. 8 Reid Priddy



Position: Outside Hitter
Height: 6-5 (196cm)
Weight: 196 lbs (89kg)
Hometown: Richmond, Va.
College: Loyola Marymount
Birth Date: Oct. 1, 1977
Joined Team: May 2000
Web Site: www.reidpriddy.com

PERSONAL: Born William Reid Priddy on Oct. 1, 1977 in Richmond, Va. ... Parents are Ken and Sharon Priddy... Also has three sisters: Brooke, Kara and Dylan... Reid married Lindsay Pierce in March 2007. The couple lives in Southern California... Enjoys wakeboarding, surfing and making humorous videos... Graduated from LMU with a degree in communication studies in 2000... Was also recruited by Cal State Northridge, USC and UC Santa Barbara... Plays beach volleyball on the AVP tour when he has time away from the national team... Reid started playing volleyball after his family moved from Richmond to Florida where he tried it in a summer-school PE class... When his family later moved to Phoenix, Ariz., in 1994, he played for Mountain Pointe High School, participating in the first year of varsity volleyball in the state. As a junior, he led the school to its first state championship in 1995. He graduated from high school in 1996. "Men's volleyball was such a new sport in our area that there was no example to follow. At the time we would shop at the thrift store for our clothes, trying to find the craziest outfit we could. We were very active, playing beach volleyball, wake-boarding, going to the lake and jumping off rocks and stuff like that."... Reid played for Lokomotiv Novosibirsk in Russia during the winters of 2008-09 and 2009-10..

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2008

– Olympic Games (Gold Medal)... FIVB World League (Gold Medal)... NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualification 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... Pan American Cup (Gold Medal)...

Argentina Tour. **2005** – 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... Pan American Games (Fourth Place)... NORCECA Zone Championships (Gold Medal)... World Cup (Fourth Place). **2002** – Bulgaria Tour... Greece Tour... Florida Tour... World Championships. **2001** – Japan Tour... World League... World Championship Qualifier... NORCECA Zone Championships... Jeep America's Cup. **1999** – Pan American Games.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2009

– Reid took the summer off from the U.S. Men's indoor team and played beach volleyball on the AVP Tour. **2008** – Reid helped the U.S. Men win the gold medal at the 2008 Olympic Games. Reid finished fourth among all scorers and second among U.S. scorers with 112 points on 93 kills, 10 blocks and nine aces. His kill efficiency percentage of 30.1 put him 10th among all hitters. Reid was fifth among servers with an average of 0.27 aces per set. He averaged 1.79 digs per set... Helped the U.S. Men win their first FIVB World League title. Reid and teammate Clay Stanley tied for second in scoring in the final round behind Serbia's Ivan Miljkovic. Reid finished the final round with 63 points on 53 kills, six blocks and four aces. Reid was also the team's leading scorer in pool play with 101 points on 82 kills, 10 blocks and nine aces... Reid helped the U.S. Men qualify for the Olympics by winning the NORCECA qualifying tournament on Jan. 6-11 in Caguas, Puerto Rico. Priddy scored 24 points on 19 kills, three aces and two blocks. **2007** – Reid was the United States' leading scorer in 2007 with 525 points scored in 121 sets for an average of 4.34 points per set. His season-high was the 21 points he scored against Poland in the third-place match at World League. Reid led the team in kills with 421 in 822 attempts. Reid tied Clay Stanley for most aces on the team in 2007 with 29. He was second on the team in digs with an average of 2.1 digs per set and was third in stuff blocks with 65... Reid was the United States' scoring leader in the World Cup, World League and NORCECA Continental Championship... Reid finished the World Cup tied for ninth overall with 139 points scored on 112 kills, 15 blocks and 12

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aces. Reid was the United States' leading receiver and second overall at the World Cup with a 71.43 efficiency percentage... Reid finished the NORCECA Championship with 72 points on 63 kills, six aces and three blocks in five matches... He was the leading receiver at the Americas' Cup tournament with 66 "excellents" and only one fault in 96 attempts. He also had 29 service receptions... Priddy just missed winning the World League's Top Scorer award when he was passed by Russia's Semen Poltavsky in the final match. Priddy finished the World League final round with 61 points scored on 53 kills, four blocks and four serves. He completed pool play as the tournament's third-leading scorer with 181 points on 143 kills, 24 blocks and 14 kills in 12 matches. **2006** – Led the team in overall scoring in 2006 with 416 and in overall kills with 343. His kill percentage was 48 percent... Also led the team in aces with 26. Was second on the team in scoring blocks with 47... Led the U.S. team in scoring in seven out of 12 World League matches, including 21 points against Serbia & Montenegro... Was one of the overall World League leaders in scoring and hitting during pool play... Helped the U.S. team go undefeated (4-0) at the inaugural Pan American Cup in June... Reid led the team in scoring on the Argentina tour... Had the high score in the first (18), third (23) and fifth (16) matches in Argentina. **2005** – Reid made his indoor season debut in Japan at the World Grand Champions Cup as the U.S. Men claimed the silver medal with a record of 4-1... Played in each of the final four matches (eight out of 13 sets) and scored 27 points on 23 kills, two blocks and two service aces... Finished ninth three times in 10 AVP tournaments during the year. **2004** – Reid made his first Olympic appearance in Athens, Greece as the USA Men finished fourth overall... Priddy finished second on the team and 11th overall in total scoring with 86 points on 72 kills, 11 blocks and three service aces... 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 16 points on 13 kills and three blocks in the championship match. **2003** – Emerged as one of the starting outside hitters on the left side... Served



as the team captain at the Pan American Games... Battled an abdominal injury for much of the season but still finished third on the team in kills (224) and fourth on the squad in service aces (17). **2002** – Rejoined the team in late July... Played in 58 of a possible 141 sets during the year... Led the team in total points (70), kills (60) and blocks (eight) in six matches at the World Championships... Finished the season first on the team in points per game (2.98) and sixth in total points (173)... Also had 92 kills, 66 digs, 21 blocks and 10 service aces. **2001** – Led the team in kills (258) and digs (184)... Finished second on the team in blocks (41) and was tied for third in service aces (14)... Played professionally for the Vienna Hotvolleys in Austria. **2000** – Was one of four alternates for the Olympic Games in Sydney.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: 2000 – Earned American Volleyball Coaches Association first-team All-America honors as a senior at Loyola Marymount University. **1999** – Earned AVCA second-team All-America honors for the second-straight season... Also garnered second-team all-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) honors... Led the team in kills (435), kills per game (5.80) and service aces (35). **1998** – Became the first All-American in school history when he was named to the second-team AVCA All-American team... Led the Lions with 391 kills and in matches with 10-or-more kills (17)... Was second on the team in kills per game (4.83), digs (178) and digs per game (2.20)... Also earned all-MPSF honorable mention accolades. **1997** – Appeared in 18 matches (42 games)... Posted 150 kills, 70 digs and 12 aces.

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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: May 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 Charlotte... 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:

2009 – Brazil Tour... FIVB World League. **2008** – Pan American Cup (Gold Medal). **2007** – World University Games (Bronze Medal).

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2009 – Started two matches for U.S. Men during their Brazil tour... Started one match in pool play during the FIVB World League. **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.



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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 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 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... In 2008-09 and 2009-10 he played for Fakel Novy Urengoi in 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: 2009 – 2010 FIVB World Championship Qualifier for NORCECA Group F (Gold Medal)... FIVB World League. **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: 2009 – Sean was named Best Spiker at the 2010 FIVB World Championship Qualifier for NORCECA Group F on Aug. 15-17 in Irvine, Calif., as the U.S. won all three matches and qualified for the 2010 World Championship. Sean finished the competition with 19 kills and one error on 29 attempts for a success percentage of 65.52... Sean was the United States' leading scorer in both pool play and the final round of the FIVB World League competition, where the U.S. Men finished sixth. Sean started every pool play match except the final one against Netherlands. He finished pool play with 167 points on 149 kills, 15 blocks and three aces in 42 sets to put him eighth overall. In the final round, he had 20 points on 17 kills, two blocks and one ace in six sets. **2008** – Sean finished the 2008 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. The U.S. Men won the tournament and 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 United States 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" with an efficiency percentage of 42.11... Traveled to every World League match and started in four. **2003** – Played with the 2003 World University Games team that won a bronze medal in Daegu, Korea.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: 2005 – By the end of his college career, 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. Rooney 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: Had a stellar season culminating in being named Volleyball Magazine's Player of the Year... Postseason accolades included being named AVCA first team All-American and Volleyball first team All-American... Tabbed 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: Coming off a successful season in 2002, Sean proved his worth once again as a starting outside hitter during the 2003 campaign. Named as a First Team All-American by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) and by Volleyball Magazine; Sean was also tabbed First-Team All-MPSF. As a key component to the Wave's 24-6 season, Sean led the team with a total of 480 kills (.354 hitting percentage) and also led the team in kills per game, with an average of 4.53. Sean also contributed 25 service aces and 83 total blocks on the season. On January 9, 2003, Sean obtained an individual season-high 22 kills in a five-game win over Cal Baptist. Sean also added an individual season-best 12 digs and four service aces in the 5-game decision loss to Lewis in the NCAA Championship Semi-Finals on May 1, 2003...

Averaged 4.53 kills, .16 assists, .24 service aces, 1.59 digs and .78 blocks per game. 2002: Selected the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) and the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) "Freshman of the Year"... 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 post-season tournament... A second team All-American selection by the AVCA and a second team All-MPSF pick as a rookie... 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... Notched career-best total of 28 kills against UCLA... Recorded 26 service aces, 171 digs and 72 total blocks... Recorded career-high total of seven blocks against UC Irvine.



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No. 10 Riley Salmon



Position: Outside Hitter
Height: 6-6 (197cm)
Weight: 196 lbs (89kg)
Hometown: League City, Texas
College: Pierce College
Birth Date: July 2, 1976
Joined Team: May 2001

PERSONAL: Born Riley Salmon on July 2, 1976 in Amarillo, Texas... Parents are Mike and

Jennalee Clepper... His wife's name is Millie... He also has one sister: Sari... Riley and Millie became parents for the first time in December, 2005, with the birth of their daughter Isabel Maria. Their son, Lincoln Riley, was born in October, 2008... Attended Clear Creek High School in League City, Texas... Tried Little League baseball, tennis and basketball before taking up volleyball... Riley was working as a warehouse supervisor for General Electric in 1999 when a scout called him and asked him to try out for a professional volleyball team in Italy Also enjoys sports and reading... Favorite sports team is the Houston Rockets of the NBA... Favorite TV show is "The Simpsons"... Favorite musical group is Limp Bizkit.

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:

2009 – Brazil Tour. **2008** – 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)... FIVB World League (Bronze Medal). **2006** – FIVB World Championships... Pan American Cup (Gold Medal). **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)... World Grand Champions Cup (Silver Medal). **2004** – NORCECA Olympic Qualifying Tournament (Gold Medal) ... 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). **2002** – Bulgaria Tour... Greece Tour...Florida Tour... World Championships. **2001** – Japan Tour... World League... World Championship Qualifier... NORCECA Zone Championships... Jeep America's Cup. **2000** – France Tour.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2009 – Was a member of the team of veterans and young players that traveled to Brazil for five friendly matches on Sept. 22-27. The U.S. Team did not win a match. **2008** – Riley helped the U.S. Men win the gold medal at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. He finished 14th among all scorers with 83 points on 771 kills, eight blocks and four aces... Helped the U.S. Men win their first FIVB World League title. Was the team's third-leading scorer, eighth overall, in the final round with 39 points on 36 kills, two blocks and one ace... Riley helped the U.S. Men win the NORCECA Olympic Qualifier in Caguas, Puerto Rico and qualify for the 2008 Olympic Games. Riley finished the tournament with 39 points on 33 kills, five blocks and one ace. He was credited with 72 receptions. **2007** – Riley played in 123 sets for the U.S. Men in 2007 and was the team's third-leading scorer with 330 points on 284 kills, 30 blocks and 11 aces. He leads all starters with a hitting percentage of 0.633. Riley was third on the team in digs with 207 (1.68 digs per set)... Riley was named the MVP of the United States' World Cup match against Bulgaria as he scored 23 points on 20 kills, one block and two aces. Salmon converted 57 percent of his spike attempts to points. He also had five digs and 18 "excellent" serve receptions in 30 attempts as Team USA defeated Bulgaria and went on to finish fourth at the World Cup. Riley was the United States' second-leading receiver and seventh overall at the World Cup with a 61.70 efficiency percentage... Riley was the United States' fourth-leading scorer and 22nd overall at the NORCECA Continental Championship. He finished the tournament with 37 kills and four blocks. He was the team's leading scorer in its final NORCECA match against Puerto Rico with 16 points on 16 kills... Riley was the United States' third leading scorer, and 13th overall, in the World League final round, finishing with 36 points on 31 kills, three blocks and two aces... Riley was the United States' third-leading hitter and eighth overall in World League pool play with 93 kills in 184 attempts for a success rate of 50.54 percent. He was the team's third-leading

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receiver and sixth overall with 129 “excellents” in 222 attempts. **2006** – Riley tied Jim Polster for the third greatest number of kills at the World Championships with 82. He was also third in digs with 63... For the season, Riley was fourth on the team in kills with 132, even though he did not play in the World League. He was also fourth in digs with 98... Riley was on the roster for the World League, but never got to play due to a shoulder injured due to overuse... He helped the U.S. to a gold medal at the inaugural Pan American Cup in Mexico. **2005** – Riley, who led the team in scoring 12 times during the year, led the United States in total points (381), points per set (3.66) and kills (322) during the year... Finished second on the team in kills per set (3.10), service aces (23) and digs (154)... He 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... Scored a team-high-tying 16 points on 15 kills and one ace 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... Salmon was named “Best Server” of the America’s Cup... Helped Team USA win 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 captured Most Valuable Player and “Best Spiker” honors 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** – Riley made his first-ever Olympic appearance in Athens, Greece... 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 10 points on nine kills and one service ace in the championship match. **2003** – Member of the team that played 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... Emerged as a force on the left side during the World Cup... Finished third on the team in scoring and 24th overall with 103 points on 83 kills, 13 blocks and seven aces. **2002** – Rejoined the team in late July... Played in just 36 of a possible 141 sets during the year... Still had 86 total points, 71 kills, nine blocks, six blocks and 20 digs... Posted a hitting percentage of .318 and averaged 2.39 points per set. **2001** – Finished third on the team in kills (167) and fourth in service aces (12)... Also had 88 digs and 14 blocks... Played professionally for P.A.O.K. in Greece.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: Played two years of varsity volleyball at Pierce College in Los Angeles, Calif., from 1994-96.



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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 for the Russian club team Zenit Kazan during the winters of 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10.

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:

2009 – 2010 FIVB World Championship Qualifier for NORCECA Group F (Gold Medal)... FIVB World League. **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: 2009 – Clay helped the U.S. Men win the gold medal at the 2010 FIVB World Qualifier on Aug. 15-17 in Irvine, Calif. ... Clay played in eight World League pool play matches, splitting time with fellow opposite Evan Patak, and started both final round matches as the U.S. Men won their pool and went on to finish sixth. Clay finished World League pool play with 80 points on 63 kills, five blocks and 12 aces... Clay was the United States' third leading scorer in the final round with 18 points on 17 kills and one ace. **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



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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 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 U.S. 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 win.

2004 – Clay made his first 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. **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... 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 Hawai'i'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... Had back-to-back 30-kill matches with 30 against UCSB (March 6) and 32 at Long Beach (March 12). **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).

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No. 17 Jonathan Winder



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

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 Division I men's volleyball national championship is his fondest sports memory.

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:

2009 – Brazil Tour... FIVB World League. **2008** – Pan American Cup. **2007** – World University Games (Bronze Medal). **2005** – FIVB U-21 World Championship. **2004** – NORCECA Junior Men's Volleyball Championship (Silver Medal).

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2009

– Jonathan accompanied the team to Brazil where it played five exhibition matches against the Brazilian Men's National Team. He started three matches at setter... Jonathan helped the U.S. Men's Team place sixth in the FIVB World League. He played as a substitute in pool play matches. **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 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 2004 NORCECA Junior Men's Volleyball Championship in Winnipeg, Manitoba, 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... He was named Pepperdine's Scholar-Athlete of the Year for 2007-08. **2007** - 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 following his sophomore season... Averaged 13.30 assists per game, which ranked seventh nationally... Started all 25 matches and played in 90 games... Also averaged 1.64 digs, 1.14 blocks and 0.82 kills... Hit .388 with 74 kills on 139 swings... His most assists were 70 in five games (2/18 vs. Cal State Northridge), 64 in four games (1/14 vs. Pacific) and 52 in three games (4/8 vs. UC Santa Barbara)... Other season highs were seven kills (3/18 at UC Irvine), three aces

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(2/24 at Pacific), nine digs (3/1 at UCLA and 3/16 vs. UCLA) and eight blocks (1/14 vs. Pacific)... Earned MPSF All-Academic honors. **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 after his freshman season... Also named a second-team 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... Also averaged 1.23 digs, 1.07 blocks and 0.54 kills... Hit .368 with 55 kills on 114 attempts... Named AVCA National Player of the Week on March 13... His most assists were 72 in five games (3/12 vs. UCLA), 68 in four games (3/4 at Hawaii) and 51 in three games (3/31 at Long Beach State)... At the NCAA Championships, had 40 assists in the three-game win over Ohio State (5/5) and 52 in the five-game win over UCLA (5/7)... Had two assist-dig double-doubles, getting 57-11 at Stanford (1/15) and 46-11 vs. Cal State Northridge (4/28)... Had one assist-block double-double with 54 assists, 10 blocks and nine digs at Cal State Northridge (4/15).



Clay Stanley prepares to serve during the first match of the 2008 Olympic Games.

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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, where it fell to BYU.

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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.

Assistant Coach: Gary Sato



Dr. Gary Sato (Los Angeles) had been involved with the U.S. Men's National Volleyball Team for more than 20 years when he rejoined the team as assistant coach under Head Coach Alan Knipe in the summer of 2009.

"After seeing the teams perform so well at the Olympic Games in Beijing, it rekindled the fire in me," Sato said. "The situation with the men's program, being in Anaheim and the women moving there was similar to the circumstances when I first joined the program in 1984 (when both teams were based in San Diego).

"I'm excited to be back. I was telling people that USA Volleyball had gone green and they recycled me."

Sato first served as an assistant coach for the U.S. Men's Team from 1984-88, 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. In 1992 he returned as assistant coach for the Olympic Team that won the bronze medal.

Sato's coaching career has included pro beach championships and he was 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.

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Sato is the eldest of six children 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.

Sister Liane won the Olympic bronze medal with the U.S. Women in 1992 and also played on the '88 Olympic 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 and held it until 1982. He has also won two

NCAA National Championships as an assistant and volunteer coach with Pepperdine's men's volleyball 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. Just prior to rejoining the U.S. Men's National Team in 2009, Sato worked at Sato Chiropractic along with serving as a coach for the Santa Monica Beach Volleyball Club and as the technical director for the Sinjin Smith Volleyball Academy HAX.

Sato has three children: Andrew (15), Katie (13) and Malia (10).

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.

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 the men's and women's programs at USC.

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

Jackson was 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. He is a 2007 graduate of Arizona State University. He is single.

2009 Results

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Opponent (Record)</u> | <u>Result</u> | <u>City</u> | <u>Points Leader</u> | <u>Attendance</u> |
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| NORCECA Pan American Cup in Chiapas, Mexico | | | | | |
| <i>(Matches not counted in overall results as U.S. sent an A2 team)</i> | | | | | |
| 6/16 | Dominican Rep. | W (31-29, 25-19, 25-20) | Tuxtla Gutierrez | Holt (12) | 1,300 |
| 6/17 | Canada | W (25-22,22-25, 25-21, 26-24, 15-13) | Tuxtla Gutierrez | Tarr (22) | 1,750 |
| 6/19 | Dominican Rep. | W (25-21, 25-23, 24-14) | Tuxtla Gutierrez | Bittner (14) | 1,350 |
| 6/20 | Canada | W (32-30, 16-25, 24-26, 25-17, 15-12) | Tuxtla Gutierrez | Bittner (26) | 2,507 |

Final Standings: 1. USA, 2. Canada, 3. Dominican Republic, 4. Puerto Rico, 5. Mexico, 6. Guatemala, 7. Panama

FIVB World League

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|------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------|
| 6/13 | Netherlands (0-1) | L (22-25, 19-25, 24-26) | Rotterdam | Patak (10) | 2,944 |
| 6/14 | Netherlands (1-1) | W (25-16, 30-32,25-17, 20-25, 15-6) | Rotterdam | Patak (22) | 2,967 |
| 6/19 | Italy (2-1) | W (25-21, 30-28, 21-25, 25-21) | Florence | Rooney (19) | 5,500 |
| 6/21 | Italy (3-1) | W (25-19, 18-25, 25-22, 25-20) | Catania | Patak (21) | 5,200 |
| 6/26 | China (4-1) | W (25-20, 25-19, 25-21) | San Jose, Calif. | Anderson (11) | 4,315 |
| 6/27 | China (5-1) | W (25-20, 25-23,25-22) | San Jose, Calif. | Rooney (16) | 5,000 |
| 7/4 | China (5-2) | L (19-25, 29-27, 25-18, 24-26, 12-15) | Nanjing | Stanley (21) | 3,600 |
| 7/5 | China (6-2) | W (25-18, 20-25, 25-21, 25-12) | Nanjing | Patak (17) | 3,750 |
| 7/10 | Italy (6-3) | L (25-20, 20-25, 22-25, 24-26) | Hoffman Estates, Ill. | Stanley (16) | 4,310 |
| 7/11 | Italy (7-3) | W (25-19, 18-25, 25-22, 25-21) | Hoffman Estates, Ill. | Rooney (22) | 4,183 |
| 7/17 | Netherlands (8-3) | W (25-21, 32-30, 31-29) | Wichita, Kan. | Stanley (18) | 4,475 |
| 7/18 | Netherlands (9-3) | W (25-19, 25-18, 26-24) | Wichita, Kan. | Patak (12) | 4,825 |
| 7/22 | Serbia (9-4) | L (20-25, 23-25, 22-25) | Beograd | Lee (14) | 10,340 |
| 7/23 | Russia (9-5) | L (22-25, 22-25, 23-25) | Beograd | Rooney (14) | 1,150 |

Final Standings: 1. Brazil, 2. Serbia, 3. Russia, 4. Cuba, 5. Argentina, **6. USA**, 7. Italy (T), Finland (T), 9. Bulgaria (T), France (T), Netherlands (T), Poland (T), 13. China (T), Japan (T), Korea (T), Venezuela (T).

2010 FIVB World Championship Qualifier for NORCECA Group F in California

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|------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------|--------------|-----|
| 8/15 | Guatemala (10-5) | W (25-8, 25-10, 25-6) | Irvine | Patak (21) | 425 |
| 8/16 | Panama (11-5) | W (25-12, 25-14, 25-11) | Irvine | Stanley (13) | 350 |
| 8/17 | Dominican Rep. (12-5) | W (25-16, 25-19, 25-15) | Irvine | Patak (16) | 750 |

Final Standings: 1. USA, 2. Dominican Republic, 3. Panama, 4. Guatemala

Brazil Tour

(Matches not counted in overall results as U.S. did not send full National Team)

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|------|--------|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----|
| 9/22 | Brazil | L (25-23, 18-25, 20-25, 21-25) | Montes Claros | Tarr (12) | NA |
| 9/23 | Brazil | L (19-25, 29-31, 15-25) | Montes Claros | Lotman (12) | NA |
| 9/24 | Brazil | L (23-25, 28-30, 17-25) | Uberlandia | Lotman (12) | NA |
| 9/25 | Brazil | L (21-25, 22-25, 25-22, 18-25) | Uberlandia | Jablonsky (17) | NA |
| 9/26 | Brazil | L (23-25, 19-25, 12-25) | Uberlandia | Anderson (10) | NA |

2008 Results

| Date | Opponent (Record) | Result | City | Points Leader | Attendance |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---------------------|------------|
| <u>NORCECA Men's Continental Olympic Qualifier in Puerto Rico</u> | | | | | |
| 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

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|-------|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------|--------------|----|
| 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

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|-------|---------------|--------------------------------|----------|----------------|----|
| 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

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|------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------|-------------|-------|
| 5/27 | Argentina (9-1) | W (19-25, 27-29, 25-20, 25-20, 15-12) | Irvine | Priddy (19) | 3,000 |
|------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------|-------------|-------|

Pan American Cup in Manitoba, Canada

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

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|-----|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------|------------|-------|
| 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

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|------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------|
| 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

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|------|---------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------|
| 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 U.S. 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.

Bick - 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 forearms, 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.
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- 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 July 28, 2009:

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

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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)
2009: Brazil (USA, first in pool, sixth overall)

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)
2009: Brazil (USA, ninth)

