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**Olympic Press Kit**  
***2008 U.S. Men's National Volleyball Team***

*2008 World League Gold Medalist*

Ranked No. 3 in the World

Olympic Games: 1964, 1968, 1984, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000,  
2004, Qualified for 2008

*1984 Gold Medalist - Olympic Games*

*1988 Gold Medalist - Olympic Games*

*1992 Bronze Medalist - Olympic Games*

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## Fast Facts



**Back Row:** Clay Stanley

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## ***U.S. Men's Olympic Roster***

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Wt.</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>School</b>
1	Lloy Ball	S	6-8	209	36	Woodburn, Ind.	IPFW
2	Sean Rooney	OH	6-9	220	25	Wheaton, Ill.	Pepperdine
4	David Lee	MB	6-8	210	26	Alpine, Calif.	Long Beach State
5	Rich Lambourne	L	6-3	200	33	Tustin, Calif.	BYU
8	Reid Priddy	OH	6-5	195	30	Richmond, Va.	Loyola Marymount
9	Ryan Millar	MB	6-8	220	30	Palmdale, Calif.	BYU
10	Riley Salmon	OH	6-6	196	32	League City, Texas	Pierce College
12	Tom Hoff	MB	6-8	215	35	Park Ridge, Ill.	Long Beach State
13	Clay Stanley	Opp.	6-9	229	30	Honolulu, Hawai'i	Hawai'i
14	Kevin Hansen	S	6-5	205	26	Newport Beach, Calif.	Stanford
15	Gabe Gardner	Opp.	6-9	227	32	San Clemente, Calif.	Stanford
18	Scott Touzinsky	OH	6-6	195	26	St. Louis, Mo.	Long Beach State

**Head Coach:** Hugh McCutcheon (Christchurch, New Zealand)

**Assistant Coach:** Ron Larsen (Lafayette, Calif.)

**Assistant Coach:** John Speraw (Irvine, Calif.)

**Technical Manager:** Jamie Morrison (Dana Point, Calif.)

**Athletic Trainer:** Aaron Brock (Storm Lake, Iowa)

**Consultant Coach:** Marv Dunphy (Malibu, Calif.)

## ***Pronunciation Guide***

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Pronunciation</b>
1	Lloy Ball.....	Loy
8.	Reid Priddy.....	Reed PRI-dee
9.	Ryan Millar.....	mill-AR
10.	Riley Salmon.....	SAWL-men
18.	Scott Touzinsky.....	too-ZIN-skee

## ***Olympic Alternates***

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Wt.</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>School</b>
3	Evan Patak	Opp.	6-8	250	24	Pleasanton, Calif.	UC Santa Barbara
6	Phil Eatherton	MB	6-9	223	34	Glencoe, Mo.	Ball State
7	Jayson Jablonsky	OH	6-5	205	23	Yorba Linda, Calif.	UC Irvine
11	Brook Billings	Opp	6-5	210	28	Santa Barbara, Calif.	USC
16	Brandon Taliaferro	S	6-5	220	30	San Clemente, Calif.	UCLA
17	Delano Thomas	MB	6-7	210	25	Sacramento, Calif.	Hawai'i
19	Alfee Reft	L	5-10	176	25	Oxnard, Calif.	Hawai'i

## 2008 Schedule

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**Date:** Jan. 6-11

**Event:** NORECA Men's Continental Olympic Qualifier

**Opponent:** Various

**Location:** Caguas, Puerto Rico

**Date:** May 9-16

**Event:** Four Nations Tournament

**Opponent:** Germany, Czech Republic and China

**Location:** Leipzig, Germany

**Date:** May 27

**Event:** U.S. Olympic Exhibition for Volleyball

**Opponent:** Germany

**Location:** Irvine, Calif.

**Date:** June 2-7

**Event:** Pan American Cup (confirmed)

**Opponent:** Various

**Location:** Winnipeg, Canada

**Date:** June 13-14

**Event:** World League

**Opponent:** Finland

**Location:** Espoo, Finland (LänsiAuto Arena)

**Date:** June 20-21

**Event:** World League

**Opponent:** Bulgaria

**Location:** Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates, Ill.

**Date:** June 27-28

**Event:** World League

**Opponent:** Finland

**Location:** Resch Center in Green Bay, Wis.

**Date:** July 4 and 6

**Event:** World League

**Opponent:** Spain

**Location:** Madrid, Spain

**Date:** July 11-12

**Event:** World League

**Opponent:** Spain

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

**Date:** July 18-19

**Event:** World League

**Opponent:** Bulgaria

**Location:** Varna, Bulgaria

**Date:** July 23-27

**Event:** World League Final

**Opponent:** Various

**Location:** Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**Date:** Aug. 10-24

**Event:** Olympic Games

**Opponent:** Various

**Location:** Beijing, China

**Date:** Sept. 6-14

**Event:** Americas' Cup

**Opponent:** Various





## *2008 Olympic Men's Volleyball Schedule*

**Pool A:** Bulgaria, China, Italy, Japan, **USA**, Venezuela

**Pool B:** Brazil, Egypt, Germany, Poland, Russia, Serbia

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

Pool B: Serbia vs. Russia, 10 a.m.

Pool A: Italy vs. Japan, Noon

### **Sunday, Aug. 10 - at Capital Indoor Stadium**

Pool A: **USA vs. Venezuela**, 12:30 p.m.

Pool B: Brazil vs. Egypt, 2:30 p.m.

Pool A: Bulgaria vs. China, 8 p.m.

Pool B: Poland vs. Germany, 10 p.m.

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

Pool B: Russia vs. Germany, 10 a.m.

Pool B: Egypt vs. Poland, Noon

### **Tuesday, Aug. 12 - at Capital Indoor Stadium**

Pool A: **USA vs. Italy**, 12:30 p.m.

Pool B: Serbia vs. Brazil, 2:30 p.m.

Pool A: Venezuela vs. China, 8 p.m.

Pool A: Japan vs. Bulgaria, 10 p.m.

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

Pool A: Italy vs. Venezuela, 10 a.m.

Pool B: Germany vs. Egypt, Noon

### **Thursday, Aug. 14 - at Capital Indoor Stadium**

Pool B: Brazil vs. Russia, 12:30 p.m.

Pool B: Poland vs. Serbia, 2:30 p.m.

Pool A: China vs. Japan, 8 p.m.

Pool A: **Bulgaria vs. USA**, 10 p.m.

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

Pool A: **USA vs. China**, 10 a.m.

Pool B: Russia vs. Egypt, Noon

### **Saturday, Aug. 16 - at Capital Indoor Stadium**

Pool B: Serbia vs. Germany, 12:30 p.m.

Pool A: Italy vs. Bulgaria, 2:30 p.m.

Pool B: Brazil vs. Poland, 8 p.m.

Pool A: Venezuela vs. Japan, 10 p.m.

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

Pool A Bulgaria vs. Venezuela, 10 a.m.



Photo courtesy of the FIVB

Pool B Germany vs. Brazil, Noon

### **Monday, Aug. 18 - at Capital Indoor Stadium**

Pool B: Poland vs. Russia, 12:30 p.m.

Pool B: Egypt vs. Serbia, 2:30 p.m.

Pool A: China vs. Italy, 8 p.m.

Pool A: **Japan vs. USA**, 10 p.m.

### **Wednesday, Aug. 20 - at Capital Indoor Stadium**

Men's quarterfinal 01, 10 a.m.

Men's quarterfinal 02, Noon

Men's quarterfinal 03, 8 p.m.

Men's quarterfinal 04, 10 p.m.

### **Friday, Aug. 22 - at Capital Indoor Stadium**

Men's semifinal 01, 12:30 p.m.

Men's semifinal 02 8 p.m.

### **Sunday, Aug. 24 Capital Indoor Stadium**

Men's bronze-medal match, 10 a.m.

Men's gold-medal match, Noon

## 2007-08 Season Review

The U.S. Men's National Team went into the 2007 season ready to put a disappointing 2006 — in which it finished 10th in World League and the FIVB World Championship and watched its world ranking drop from fifth to eighth — in the rear-view mirror.

In March of 2007, the U.S. Men's Team suffered a blow when Donald Suxho, the team's starting setter since 2005, suffered a ruptured Achilles tendon while playing for his Italian club team. It meant a season of rehab for the native of Albania.

Suxho's loss was tempered, however, by the announcement of the return of three-time Olympic setter Lloy Ball, who agreed to come back to the team in hopes that he might be able to help the team qualify for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China, and maybe even gain an Olympic medal in the process.



Because his Russian club team played late into its season, Ball did not participate in the 2007 World League. The U.S. Men were down to two setters: Kevin Hansen and Brandon Taliaferro.

The United States began its 2007 World League with a split of its two matches with France in Portland, Ore. It beat Japan twice in Green Bay, Wis., then split another pair of matches with France as host. From there, it was all USA in pool play as the U.S. Men won Pool B by sweeping four matches from Italy and two more from Japan. They made it to the final round (in Katowice, Poland) for the first time since 2000.

The United States' first opponent in the final round in Poland was France and the U.S. Men took their third victory over the European team in the first round of the final. Poland also defeated France, which put the United States and

Poland into the semifinal. The United States lost to Poland in its second match of pool play. It then lost to Russia in the semifinal and wound up facing Poland again in the third-place match.

The U.S. Men defeated hometown favorite Poland, 3-1 (25-19, 25-21, 22-25, 25-19) before a standing-room-only crowd of 10,120 for a third-place finish.

Third place is the best World League finish for the United States since 1992, when it also placed third. U.S. libero Rich Lambourne was named Best Libero for the 2007 World League.

The 2007 Americas' Cup on Aug. 15-19 in Manaus, Brazil marked the return of Ball to the team and saw the U.S. Men defeat Canada, Argentina and Cuba on their way to the final match against Brazil. It took five sets, but Team USA surpassed Brazil, 25-16, 25-23, 19-25, 21-25, 19-17.

The U.S. Men's National Team's road to the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing began in Anaheim, Calif., at the NORCECA Men's Continental Qualifier, which was held Sept. 16-21 at the Anaheim Convention Center.

Eight teams from North and Central America and the Caribbean were competing for the title of NORCECA champion and to qualify for the FIVB World Cup tournament in November and December. The top three finishers at the World Cup would qualify for the Olympics.

The U.S. Men, now ranked No. 5 in the world, did well from the start, sweeping their first three matches against Mexico, Barbados and Puerto Rico to win their pool and advance to the semifinals.

Team USA beat Canada in the semifinals to advance to the finals, where it would play



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Puerto Rico a second time. Puerto Rico put up a fight, but the U.S. Men took a 3-1 (25-20, 23-25, 25-22, 25-23) victory to win the gold medal and an automatic berth at the World Cup in Japan.

The top three finishers at the World Cup would qualify for the 2008 Olympic Games.

Ball was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player and also won the Best Setter award, finishing with 115 running sets and 196 still sets with six faults for a 6.76 average per set. Clay Stanley (Honolulu, Hawai'i) was named the Best Server with eight aces, 39 serve hits and 15 faults on 62 attempts for an average of 0.47 aces per set.

McCutcheon won the inaugural Jim Coleman Award as the tournament's most outstanding coach.

The U.S. players headed back to their professional teams for six weeks before returning to prepare for the World Cup.



Photo by Jose Jimenez

Team USA opened the tournament by defeating Brazil in three sets (28-26, 30-28, 25-20).

But that victory was followed by two straight losses to lower-ranked teams: Puerto Rico (No. 17), which beat Team USA, 25-21, 20-25, 25-17, 25-22 and Spain (ranked 24th), which defeated the U.S. Men, 21-25, 25-20, 27-25, 25-20.

Following the match against Spain, Team USA had to travel from Matsumoto to Toyama and used the time to regroup and get back on track.

The team responded with a five-set victory over Bulgaria (29-27, 20-25, 28-30, 25-22, 15-12) and went on to win six straight matches to gain a tie for third going into its final match against Russia.

As expected, the match against Russia was a battle. Russia had been undefeated in the tournament until it lost 2-3 to Bulgaria in its ninth

match. A 0-3 loss to Brazil in its 10th match put Russia in the position of losing out on an Olympic berth if it were to lose to the U.S. Men.

After falling in the first set, the U.S. Men came back to win the second and third sets. They were tied with Russia 16-16 in game four when things broke down and Russia went on a 7-0 run to take a 23-16 lead. The Russians went on to win the set 25-17.

In the fifth set, Russia jumped out to an 8-3 lead and the U.S. Men never recovered. The final score was 25-23, 20-25, 22-25, 25-17, 15-8 in favor of Russia. Brazil, Bulgaria and Russia earned berths to Beijing. Team USA's world ranking improved to No. 3.

### 2008

A few weeks later, the U.S. Team convened in Anaheim to prepare for the NORCECA Men's Continental Olympic Qualifier on Jan. 6-11 in Caguas, Puerto Rico.

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Team USA opened the NORCECA Qualifier 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.

The U.S. Men's National Volleyball Team goes into the 2008 World League ranked third in the world.

But rankings can be deceiving and there is a lot of parity among the top 10-ranked teams. The U.S. Men will have to work hard and stay focused if they hope to reach their goal of winning a medal in Beijing.

After qualifying for the 2008 Olympic Games at the NORCECA Men's Continental Olympic Qualifier on Jan. 6-11 in Caguas, Puerto Rico, U.S. Men's Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon and his staff established a 2008 schedule that would allow him to pick the best team for the Olympics and would see that team excel at the right time in August.

"We have planned extensively for this season with the intent of having our team peak at the Olympic Games," McCutcheon said.



That process began in May at the Four Nations Tournament in Germany where the U.S. Men won despite being without some of their top players including Lloy Ball, Ryan Millar, Reid Priddy, Clay Stanley and Tom Hoff.

Team USA defeated both the Czech Republic and host Germany in three sets each, but lost in three sets to China, a team that will be in United States' pool at the Olympic Games.

"We used a different lineup and never really found our rhythm," McCutcheon said after the China match. "It's disappointing to lose; but we're learning a lot about this group, which is ultimately why we're here."

May 19 was the first day that McCutcheon had the majority of his players back in the gym at the American Sports Center in Anaheim, Calif., following their seasons on international club teams.

While unifying the athletes after their time away can be challenging, they also share a common bond, said team captain Tom Hoff.

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"We all take our jobs very seriously when we are overseas," Hoff said. "It's a great strong bond for us."

That unity was tested at the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Exhibition for Volleyball on May 27 in Irvine, Calif.

The U.S. Men played Argentina, who surprised Team USA by winning the first two sets before eventually falling 3-2 (19-25, 27-29, 25-20, 25-20, 15-12) before a raucous crowd of around 3,000 at the Bren Center.

"We've only had this group together a little over a week," McCutcheon said following the match.

"I'm not surprised. I thought we were able to learn some really good lessons. We've got a lot of work to do. The good news is we have time to put things in place."

### 2008 World League

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

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

It would play its next two weekends in the United States. In Hoffman Estates, Ill. (June 20-21), it went 1-1 against Bulgaria in front of a crowd with as many Bulgarian fans as Americans. Team USA started with a 25-23, 25-16, 25-16 victory over Bulgaria, but then lost in five the following night, 12-25, 25-16, 25-20, 12-25, 15-13.

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

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

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

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

Team USA played its final two domestic World League matches in Bloomington, Ill., against Spain and took two more victories over the European champion. Meanwhile, Bulgaria lost another match to Finland and Team USA was assured the pool victory.

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



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Courtesy of the FIVB

Most of Team USA traveled straight from Bulgaria to Rio de Janeiro. Priddy, Millar, Stanley and Ball were to join them in Rio, but a delayed flight meant the team only had an hour to practice together before its first match against Serbia. It showed as Serbia won going away, 25-23, 25-19, 25-17.

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

Then, Team USA had to wait for the outcome of the match between Poland and Serbia.

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

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

Serbia surprised Russia with a three-set victory in the other semifinal, which set up the rematch be-

tween the U.S. Men and Serbia. This time, the United States was ready.

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

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

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

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

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

"You hope that we can build on this wonderful base we've built as we go into the Olympic Games."

## 2008 Olympic Preview

**T**he U.S. Men's National Volleyball Team will play in its seventh-straight Olympic Games when it takes the court in August in Beijing. While just making it to the Olympic Games is an honor for many countries, more is expected of a U.S. team with a legacy of greatness.

Is the 2008 U.S. Men's Team – ranked No. 3 in the world and 2008 World League champion – the one that will recapture the glory of the 80s and early 90s, when Team USA won gold in 1984 and '88 and bronze in '92? It seems to have many of the ingredients necessary to win a medal: a roster of experienced and professional athletes, a no-nonsense coach who stresses team success ahead of individual agendas and a new headquarters at sea level surrounded by supportive fans of the sport.

The pieces are all in place. All that remains is for the Games to begin.

### The Players

"We have a lot of good volleyball players. We have some depth, we have some experience," U.S. Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon said. "And we have guys who believe that they can do it. I think that's important."

No one brings more Olympic experience to the team than setter Lloy Ball (Fort Wayne, Ind.), who is competing in his fourth Games in Beijing. Ball was 24, the youngest volleyball player ever to compete in the Olympic Games, when he played in Atlanta in 1996 and finished ninth. He was 28 in Sydney in 2000 when the U.S. Men tied for 11<sup>th</sup>

and 32 in Athens in 2004 when Team USA finished a surprising fourth.

Since returning to the U.S. Men's Team in 2007, Ball has handled the majority of the starting setting duties as Team USA won the Americas' Cup and the NORCECA Continental Championship, finished fourth at the FIVB World Cup and first at the 2008 NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualifier and the World League.

He was named the MVP and Best Setter at both the 2007 NORCECA Continental Championship and the

2008 World League Final Round.

But note that the U.S. Men were having success even before Ball's return. They finished third in the 2007 FIVB World League with Kevin Hansen (Newport Beach, Calif.) as the primary starting setter.

At outside hitter, Team USA will look to Reid Priddy (Richmond, Va.) and Riley Salmon (League City, Texas), both of whom competed at the 2004 Summer Games. Priddy has been the team's leading scorer for the past two seasons and is its top passer as well. Salmon has provided consistent numbers as both a scorer and passer.

Hot on their heels, has been newcomer Sean Rooney (Wheaton, Ill.), who left behind a career in beach volleyball to return to the indoor game in 2007. Rooney was named "Best Spiker" of the NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualifying tournament on Jan. 6-11 in Caguas, Puerto Rico, which the U.S. Men won to qualify for Beijing. Scott Touzinsky (St. Louis, Mo.) has also been getting playing time at outside hitter and as a serving specialist. Touzinsky joined the team in 2007 after recovering from a serious knee injury.

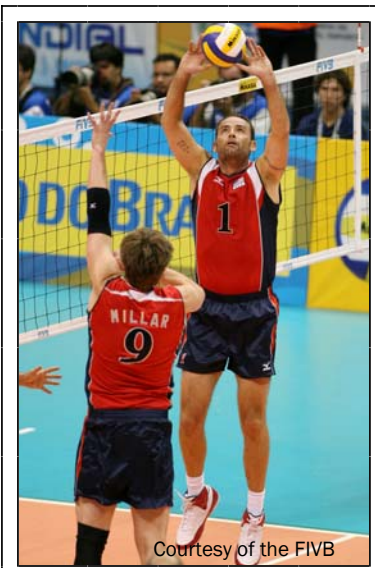
Tom Hoff (Park Ridge, Ill.) and Ryan Millar (Palmdale, Calif.) each bring two Olympic Games' worth of experience to the middle blocker position. Hoff has served as the team's captain since 2005 and has been the player the team looks to when it needs a key block or an important win.

Millar was named USA Volleyball's men's indoor player of the year for 2007 after finishing the season as the team's leading blocker, second-leading scorer and playing in more sets than any player but libero Rich Lambourne (Tustin, Calif.).

David Lee (Alpine, Calif.), playing in his first Olympic Games, has brought consistent hitting and blocking to the position and has quickly gained great international experience by playing in two World Leagues, the Pan American Games and the World Cup among other tournaments.

At opposite, Clay Stanley (Honolulu, Hawai'i) will be looking to make his second Olympic appearance and continues to be the team's top server, finishing the 2007 season with 39 aces. He was named the top server at the 2008 NORCECA Olympic Qualifier in January.

While Gabe Gardner also competed at the 2004 Summer Games, he did not play opposite. Gardner switched positions from outside hitter to opposite at the beginning of 2007 and made the most of the transition, finishing the season as the team's fourth-leading scorer with 329 points. He averaged 3.82 points per set.



Courtesy of the FIVB



## 2008 Olympic Preview

Finally, Lambourne has been the team's starting libero since 2005 and has shown improvement every year. He was named the top libero at both the 2007 and 2008 World League final rounds, and he was named best libero and best receiver at the NORCECA Olympic Qualifying Tournament.

### The Coach and Staff

Hugh McCutcheon of Christchurch, New Zealand, took over as the U.S. Men's Head Coach in 2005 after Doug Beal left to take over as USA Volleyball CEO.

McCutcheon served as Beal's assistant at the 2004 Olympic Games and had a good idea of what the head coaching job would entail as August, 2008 drew closer.

He has encouraged the U.S. players to put the team ahead of their personal agendas and to take a professional attitude. After a difficult season in 2006 in which the U.S. Men finished 10<sup>th</sup> at two major tournaments – the FIVB World League and the World Championship – the new attitude started to catch on and the team attained a new cohesiveness.

"What you don't want is someone who is so invested in their own personal agenda that they compromise the greater team goal of winning a medal," McCutcheon said. "I think we have a good group. They are absolutely professional. They understand the magnitude of what we are trying to achieve."

In Beijing, McCutcheon will not only rely on his own experience, but also the experience of his regular staff, including assistant coaches Ron Larsen and John Speraw, technical manager Jamie Morrison and athletic trainer Aaron Brock.

Marv Dunphy, the Pepperdine men's volleyball coach who was the head coach of the 1988 U.S. Men's Team that won a gold medal in Seoul, South Korea and who also served as the U.S. Men's consultant coach at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, will serve as the consultant coach.

Carl McGown, who has coached at six world championships and six Olympic Games, will serve as a scout.

Rob Browning, head coach of the women's volleyball team at St. Mary's College of California who was an assistant for the U.S. Men's National Team at the 2000 and 2004 Olympic Games, will serve as team leader.

### The Competition

The men's Olympic volleyball competition will begin Aug. 10 and run through the finals on Aug. The preliminary matches will be held at both Capital Indoor Stadium and Beijing Institute of Technology Gymnasium and the finals will be held at the Capital Indoor Stadium.

There is one thing to know about all the teams that will be competing in Beijing: there are no slouches at the Olympic Games. It is a cliché, but on any given day, any team can beat any other team.

For the U.S. Men, the trick will be not to let one loss ruin their tournament.

"You just have to stay focused on what you really want in the end," Olympic veteran Hoff said. "Playing a bad game or bad set is not the end of it. It's a long tournament."



The U.S. Men will begin competition in Pool A on Sunday, Aug. 10 at 12:30 p.m. local time against Venezuela (20<sup>th</sup> in the world) at Capital Indoor Stadium. The U.S. Men are 1-1 against Venezuela since 2004 and 9-3 since 1981, having lost to the South Americans at the 2006 World Championships and beaten them at the 2007

Pan American Games.

On Aug. 12, Team USA will battle Italy (10<sup>th</sup> in the world) at 12:30 p.m. at Capital Indoor Stadium. The U.S. Men are 5-1 against Italy since 2004 and 19-37 since 1981. The two teams last faced each other at the 2007 World League where the United States went 4-0.

On Aug. 14, the United States will play Bulgaria (fourth in the world) at 10 p.m. at Capital Indoor Stadium. The U.S. Men are 2-4 against Bulgaria since 2004 and 21-13 overall. The teams played each other in four 2008 World League pool play matches, with the United States winning one home match and losing one and Bulgaria taking both of its home matches. However, the United States did not take four of its usual starting players to Bulgaria.

On Aug. 16, Team USA will face host China (21<sup>st</sup> in the world) at the Beijing Institute of Technology Gymnasium. The United States is 3-1 against China since 2004 and 39-12 since 1981. The U.S. Men lost to China at the 2008 Four Nations Tournament in Germany; however the United States did not bring its starting team to the tournament.

Team USA will finish pool play on Aug. 18 at 10 p.m.

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against Japan (11<sup>th</sup> in the world) at Capital Indoor Stadium. The U.S. Men are 10-0 against Japan since 2004 and 136-59 since 1981. The two teams played five times in 2007, four times in World League and once at the World Cup, with the United States winning all five matches.

The quarterfinals will begin on Wednesday, Aug. 20, which is when the top four teams in each pool will cross over to face teams in the other pool. Pool B consists of Brazil, Egypt, Germany, Poland, Russia, and Serbia.

Brazil, ranked No. 1 in the world, has been the dominant force in men's volleyball since the turn of the century, winning every World Championship, World Cup and World League title from 2002 until 2008. However the U.S. Men have had success against Brazil, going 12-15 against the South Americans since 2000 and 4-3 since 2004.

Most recently, Team USA defeated Brazil in Rio de Janeiro in three sets, 25-23, 25-22, 27-25, to advance to the final round of the 2008 World League. The U.S. Men went on to win World League, becoming the first non-Brazilian team to do so since 2001.

The United States has had a tougher time against No. 2-ranked Russia, the team that defeated the U.S. Men in the 2004 Olympic bronze-medal match. The U.S. Men are 0-2 against Russia since 2004. The two teams last played each other in the final match of the 2007 World Cup. A victory would have given the U.S. Men a spot on the podium and a berth in the Olympic Games, but Russia ended up winning in five sets.

"I think we match up well with Brazil. We have a similar style of play," McCutcheon said. "Russia presents us with some different challenges. They are a little taller than us. But I think every time we play them we get closer."

The U.S. Men now know No. 5 Serbia pretty well after playing it twice in the 2008 World League final round and going 1-1, including a four-set victory in the gold-medal match on July 27. Team USA is 2-4 against Serbia since 2004 and 9-11 since 1981.

Team USA is 2-5 against world No. 6 Poland since 2004. Most recently, the United States defeated Poland in five sets in the final round of the 2008 World League tournament.

The U.S. Men are 7-0 against No. 14 Egypt since 1981 and last beat the African team at the 2007 World Cup. Team USA is 16-5 against No. 17 Germany, having last defeated it at the Four Nations Tournament and a follow-up exhibition match, both in Germany.

Teams that have qualified for the 2008 Olympic Games, how they qualified, and the U.S. Men's record against them from 1981-Aug. 1, 2008:

1. China (host country, 21<sup>st</sup> in the world, 39-11)
2. Brazil (1<sup>st</sup> World Cup, 1<sup>st</sup> in the world, 58-69)
3. Russia (2<sup>nd</sup> World Cup, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the world, 54-38)
4. Bulgaria (3<sup>rd</sup> World Cup, 4<sup>th</sup> in the world, 21-13)
5. Egypt (Africa zone qualifier, 14<sup>th</sup> in the world, 7-0)
6. Serbia (Europe zone qualifier, 5<sup>th</sup> in the world, 9-11)
7. USA (NORCECA zone qualifier, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the world)
8. Venezuela (South America zone qualifier, 20<sup>th</sup> in the world, 9-3)
9. Japan (Asia zone qualifier, 11<sup>th</sup> in the world, 136-59)
10. Germany (Winner of Dusseldorf, Germany qualifying tournament, 17<sup>th</sup> in the world, 16-5)
11. Italy (Winner of Tokyo, Japan qualifying tournament, 10<sup>th</sup> in the world, 19-37)
12. Poland (Winner of Espinho, Portugal qualifying tournament, 6<sup>th</sup> in the world, 31-14)

## Player Profiles



### #1 - Lloy Ball

**Position:** Setter  
**Height:** 6-8 (203cm)  
**Weight:** 210 lbs (95kg)  
**Hometown:** Woodburn, Ind.  
**College:** IPFW  
**Birth Date:** Feb. 17, 1972  
**Joined Team:** May 1993

**PERSONAL:** Born Lloy James Ball on Feb. 17, 1972 in Fort Wayne, Ind.... Parents are Arnie and Sandy Ball... Lloy has two sisters, Amy Uptgraph and Jana Bryan... Lloy's wife's name is Sarah, and they are the proud parents of a son, Dyer, born in 2001, and a daughter, Mya, born in August 2006... Recruited to play basketball at the University of Indiana for Coach Bobby Knight... Played volleyball for his father, Arnie, at IPFW, where he also got a communications degree... Began playing volleyball before the age of five -- "I remember dad setting up pillows along the floor in the family room. Then, he and I would play one-on-one volleyball with a balloon. Slowly, I progressed to a heavier ball and more organized games."... Since there was no high school volleyball in Indiana, Lloy only played in the summer and made his first breakthrough at age 15 by getting an automatic position on the 1987 Olympic Festival... Lloy became the youngest U.S. men's volleyball Olympian when He played in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta at age 24. Lloy is a three-time Olympian. Following the 2004 Olympics, he stopped playing with the U.S. Men, but played two seasons with the Iraklis volleyball club in Greece and the 2006-07 season with the Dinamo KAZAN in Russia... Lloy rejoined the U.S. Men's Team in 2007 to help with Olympic qualifying... Lloy has won championships with professional teams in Greece, Italy and Russia... Lloy likes to go boating on the lake in Indiana and swimming with his kids... He listens to The Game, Jay Z, Metallica, 30 Seconds to Mars and "80s Hair Bands"... Lloy has several tattoos.

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2008** – FIVB World League (Gold Medal)... NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualifying Championship (Gold Medal). **2007** – FIVB World Cup... NORCECA Continental Championship (Gold Medal)... America's Cup (Gold Medal). **2004** – NORCECA Olympic Qualifying Tournament (Gold Medal)... Houston Series... USA Global Challenge... Serbia and Montenegro Tour... Olympic Games. **2003** – NORCECA Zone Championships (Gold Medal)... World Cup (Fourth Place). **2002** – Bulgaria Tour... Greece Tour... Florida Tour... World Championships. **2001** – Did not play with the National Team. **2000** – Americas' Cup... Australia Tour... Bulgaria Tour... Continental Cup... Korea Tour... Olympic Games... World League. **1999** – Americas' Cup...

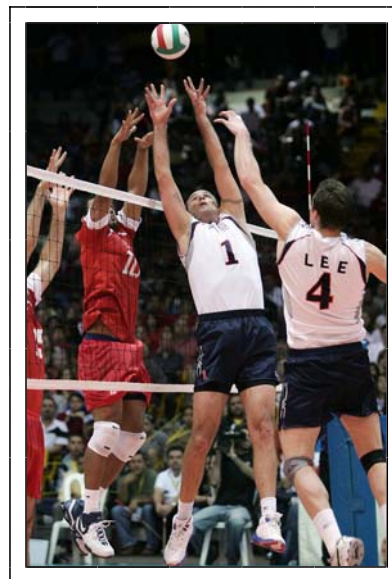
Canada Trip... International Volleyball Challenge... Italy Trip... NORCECA Championship. **1998** – Americas' Cup... Brazil Tour... Canada Tour... NORCECA Zone World Championship Qualifier... USA Championships Cup... World Championships. **1997** – Japan Tour... NORCECA Zone Championship. **1996** – Bulgaria Tour... Deutschland Cup... Japan Trip... Olympic Games... Russia Trip. **1995** – NORCECA Zone Championships... Pan American Games... USA Centennial Cup... World Cup... World League. **1994** – FIVB World Super Four... World Championship... World League. **1993** – FIVB Grand Champions Cup... NORCECA Zone Championship... World University Games.

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008** – Lloy was named Most Valuable Player and Best Setter at the 2008 World League final round in Rio de Janeiro. He was credited with 142 running sets, 182 still sets and five faults on 329 attempts in the final round for an average of 9.47 running sets per set. A running set is defined as a set from a player that puts their hitter against one blocker or none. Still sets happen when a player sets an attacker and there are two blockers or more. He also scored five points on four kills and one ace... Lloy was the starting setter for the U.S. Men at the NORCECA Olympic Qualifier as Team USA won and qualified for the 2008 Olympic Games. Lloy started every match as the U.S. Men finished with a kill percentage of 60 and a hitting percentage of 53. **2007** – Lloy played with the U.S. Men for the first time since the 2004 Olympic Games in 2007. He finished the season having played 29 sets for the U.S. Men and was credited with 38 points... Lloy was the starting setter for the U.S. Men at the 2007 FIVB World Cup, where Team USA placed fourth. Ball ranked fifth among all setters and was credited with 328 assists and four faults in 722 attempts. He was also credited with scoring 27 points on eight kills, 12 blocks and seven aces... In just his second tournament after he had returned to the U.S. Men's Team, Lloy was named the Most Valuable Player of the NORCECA Men's Continental Championship and the Best Setter. Lloy was credited with 116 running sets, 196 still sets and six faults on 317 total attempts for an average of 6.76 sets per set. The U.S. Men won the tournament and qualified for the 2007 FIVB World Cup... Lloy first returned to the team for the Americas' Cup on Aug. 14-19 in Manaus, Brazil. The U.S. Men defended their tournament title, defeating Brazil in the final... Lloy was on the U.S. 18-man roster for World League, but did not play because his Russian club team was in the finals of the Superleague. **2004** – Lloy made his third-straight Olympic appearance in Athens, Greece, where Team USA finished fourth... 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



**BALL:** Cuba in the championship match. **2003** – Named Best Setter 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... Guided the USA Men to a fourth-place finish at the World Cup with an 8-3 record. **2002** – Captained Team USA to a ninth-place finish at the 24-team World Championships as the team finished with a record of 4-2 and handed eventual world champion Brazil its only loss of the tournament. **2001** – Did not play with the National Team. Played professionally for Casa Modena Salumi in Italy and led the team to the 2001-2002 Italian Domestic League championship... Also earned Most Valuable Player honors at the Italian Domestic League All-Star match. **2000** – Finished the year first on the team in aces (44), second in digs (220) and fourth in blocks (63)... Set every match of the Continental Cup in leading the team to the title and a berth in the 2000 Sydney Olympics... Posted seven digs, four kills and four aces... Led the team to a 4-1 record on the Korea Tour with 17 digs, 12 kills, 11 aces and nine blocks... Led the team to a 4-0 record against Olympic host Australia... Named best setter at the 2000 World League and Americas' Cup... Played professionally for Daytona Volley in Italy. **1999** – Led the team to a second-place finish at the Americas' Cup... Earned the best setter honor at the NORCECA Zone Championship, where the team defeated Cuba to claim the title for the first time since 1985... Named the best setter at the Ninth Annual Ruffini Memorial Tournament in Italy where the team defeated No. 1-ranked Italy and No. 4-ranked Yugoslavia... Played in just five games of the Canada Trip, posting three kills, two aces and two block. **1998** – Led the team to a 47-19 overall record and a ninth-place finish at the World Championships... Started the season on the China Tour with 10 kills, six blocks, four aces and a .571 hitting percentage in three victories... Guided the team to the USA Champions Cup title with 13 kills, five blocks, two aces and a .524 hitting percentage... Posted 11 kills, nine digs, four blocks, two aces and a .643 hitting percentage in two victories over Poland. **1997** – Played all four matches of the Japan Trip, recording 12 kills, seven blocks, two aces and a .500 attack percentage... Helped the team to a second-place finish at the NORCECA Zone Championship. Had his best match of the season on the Japan Tour with 11 digs, eight kills, two aces and a .778 hitting percentage. **1996** – Starting setter for the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games and at 24 the youngest U.S. Olympic men's volleyball player. The U.S. Men placed ninth in Atlanta... Posted nine kills, three aces and a .571 hitting percentage in two victories over Bulgaria... Had seven kills, five blocks, two aces and a .778 attack percentage on the Russia Trip... Recorded 16 kills, 11 blocks and 10 aces in winning all five matches of the Japan Tour... Served 12 aces and blocked 11 balls in leading the team to the Deutschland Cup title. **1995** – Had five or more kills 17 times, including a career-high nine kills against Japan... Started the season strong with three victories on the Stars & Spikes Tour against Canada, registering 14

kills, four blocks, two aces and a .722 attack percentage... Helped the team win a silver medal at the Pan American Games with 15 kills, seven blocks and five aces... Played well on the Japan Trip with 15 kills, 11 blocks and three aces in two matches... Set in 11 of the team's 12 World League matches... Set the team to a fourth-place finish at the World Cup with 38 kills, 25 aces, 17 blocks and a 478 hitting percentage. **1994** – Came to USA national team full-time in May 1994 after concluding stellar collegiate career... Led team with four stuff blocks versus Argentina in World Championship pool play... Posted seven service aces against Cuba in World Championships.



**Lloy Ball**

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS:** Finished with school records for career assists (6,526), block assists (416) and service aces (167)... Also ranked third in career digs (771) and ninth in career kills (770)... Finished second in NCAA history in career assists and among top five in service aces. **1994** – American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) First-Team All-American... Asics/Volleyball First-Team All-American... Midwest Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (MIVA) Player of the Year... Directed Volleydons to the NCAA championship semifinals... Suffered a broken hand in a pick-up game of basketball prior to the championships. **1993** – AVCA Second-Team All-American... Asics/Volleyball Second-Team All-American... MIVA Player of the Year... Led the team in assists (1,762), digs (195) and aces (40)... Registered career-high 106 assists versus Ball State... Ranked No. 19 in the nation with a 407 hitting percentage and No. 16 with .38 aces per game. **1992** – AVCA Second-Team All-American... Asics/Volleyball Monthly First-Team All-American... First-Team All-MIVA... MIVA Tournament MVP... Recorded the second highest block assists (137) and digs (259) in school history... His 2.047 season assists were a school record and ranked third all-time in the NCAA. **1991** – Asics/Volleyball Monthly National Freshman of the Year... All-MIVA... Recorded 1,421 assists, 171 digs, 164 kills and 113 blocks.

## Player Profiles



### #15 - Gabe Gardner

**Position:** Outside Hitter  
**Height:** 6-9 (205cm)  
**Weight:** 227 lbs (103kg)  
**Hometown:** San Clemente, Calif.  
**College:** Stanford  
**Birth Date:** 1976  
**Joined Team:** Sept. 1999  
**Web Site:**  
[www.GabeGardner.com](http://www.GabeGardner.com)

**PERSONAL:** Born Gabriel Bryan Gardner in 1976 in San Diego, Calif.... Now calls San Clemente, Calif., home... Parents are Frank and Deborah Gardner... Has three brothers: Phinney, Zack and Nick... Phinney is a former member of the U.S. Water Polo national team and also played at UC Berkeley... Gabe attended San Clemente (Calif.) High School and also was the goal keeper on the water polo team... Gabe was named the Orange County Athlete of the Year in 1995... Gabe and his wife Julie, who is in medical school, were married in Athens, Greece, in September 2004, following the Olympic Games... In August 2007, they welcomed son Harper to the family... Gabe graduated with a Human Biology degree from Stanford... While they were at Stanford, Gabe and now-wife Julie used to double-date with Google founder Sergey Brin and his then-girlfriend, who also went to Stanford. Brin was in the process of starting Google and once asked Gabe about working for the Web search engine, but Gabe chose volleyball instead... Enjoys surfing, beach volleyball and playing the guitar... Gabe has played with professional teams in Argentina, Turkey and Italy.

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2008** – 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)... FIVB World League (Bronze Medal). **2006** – FIVB World Championships... FIVB World League... Argentina Tour. **2005** – FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament (Gold Medal). **2004** – NORCECA Olympic Qualifying Tournament (Gold Medal)... Japan Tour... Houston Series... USA Global Challenge (Gold Medal)... Serbia and Montenegro Tour (Silver Medal)... Olympic Games (Fourth Place). **2003** – Colorado/Nebraska Tour... Canada Tour... Pan American Games (Fourth Place)... World Cup (Fourth Place). **2002** – Dallas Tour... Six-Nation Tournament (Italy)... Louisville Tour. **1999** – Pan American Games. **1998** – France Trip... Portugal Trip. **1995** – World University Games.

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008** – Helped the U.S. Men win a gold medal at the FIVB World

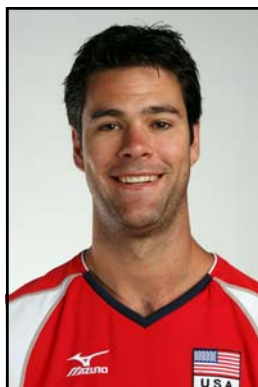
League. Scored 65 points in pool play on 55 kills, eight blocks and two aces... Helped the U.S. Men to a gold medal at the Four Nations Tournament on May 11-13 in Germany... Helped the U.S. Men won to qualify for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing by winning the NORCECA Olympic Qualifier in Caguas, Puerto Rico. **2007** – Gabe moved from outside hitter to opposite at the start of the 2007 season and adjusted well... Gabe finished the season as the team's fourth-leading scorer with 329 points. He averaged 3.82 points per set. Averaged 3.27 kills per set... Gabe was the United States' second-leading scorer and 18th overall at the FIVB World Cup where the U.S. Men finished fourth. He finished with 118 points on 101 kills, 12 blocks and five aces. His 101 kills was second best for the U.S. Men. Gabe was the leading scorer in three World Cup matches for the U.S. Men, including the final match against Russia, in which he scored 21 points as the U.S. Men lost in five sets... Was the United States' sixth-leading scorer of the NORCECA Continental Championship, where he shared time at opposite with Clay Stanley. Gabe finished with 27 points on 24 kills, one block and two aces... Gabe Was the United States' leading "spiker", and third overall, in World League pool play and was credited with a success percentage of 62.23. In the final round, he was credited with a 55.84 percent success rate, which was the best among the U.S. players and fourth overall. He was also the team's second-leading scorer in both pool play and the final round. **2006** – Competed in the FIVB World League where the U.S. Men finished tied for 10th... Gabe helped the U.S. Men win the Argentina series 4-1. **2005** – Earned a gold medal in August at the FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament as the USA Men qualified for the 2006 World Championships. **2004** – Gabe made his first-ever Olympic appearance in Athens, Greece as the USA Men finished fourth overall... Team USA qualified for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, by winning the NORCECA Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Caguas, Puerto Rico on Jan. 10... he 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** – Returned from a leg injury suffered at the Pan American Games in August to play in the World Cup in November... Saw considerable action and finished seventh on the team in scoring with 62 points on 56 kills and six blocks. **2002** – Played in the first three tours of the season... Still ranked second on the team in kills per set (2.28) and fourth in points per set (2.70)... Was eighth on the team in kills (91) and in total points (108)... Scored 18 points (14 kills, three blocks, one ace) as the U.S. swept defending Olympic champion Yugoslavia on June 6 for its only win in Italy. **1999** – Started for the Pan American Games squad at outside hitter. **1998** – Led the team with 25 kills in a match against Portugal... Also tallied 16 kills in the



**GARDNER:** last match of the series against Portugal.

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS:** Played two seasons at USC and one year at Stanford. **1999** – Led Stanford with 6.79 kills per game in 47 games and 13 matches played... Despite missing nine matches, still second on the team with 319 kills... Ranked third on the squad with 1.64 digs per game. **1998** – Sat out a season after transferring from USC. **1997** – Played in 15 matches for USC before deciding to transfer... Was

third on the team with 342 kills, hitting .308... Added 41 blocks, 90 digs and 13 aces... Posted 20 or more kills 11 times and hit the 30-plus kill plateau three times... Registered a career-high 41 kills against Pepperdine in his last match as a Trojan. **1996** – As a starter, led the Trojans with 490 kills, hitting .245... Ranked 11th nationally in kills per game (5.51)... Named to the *Asics/Volleyball Magazine* Freshmen All-America team and earned honorable mention All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federations honors.



## #14 - Kevin Hansen

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

**PERSONAL:** Born Kevin Christopher Hansen on March 19, 1982 in Newport Beach, Calif.... Son of Erik and Ann Hansen... Majored in economics at Stanford University and has a master's degree in communications... Says one of his most defining moments in life was "college graduation"... Thinks most people would be surprised to know "I shoot up with needles at least four times a day" because he is diabetic... Was diagnosed with Type I diabetes when he was 10-years-old and told that sports would be difficult to pursue... Goals off the court are "to have a family and eventually work in the sports marketing industry"... Says "Being able to represent your country while competing in foreign ones" is the best part about being on the National Team... Wants to live "on a sailboat traveling the world"... Says carbs are the luxury item he could not live without... Lists Jesus as the person he would most like to have dinner with... Describes himself as "competitive, athletic and spiritual".

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2008** – FIVB World League (Gold medal)... Four Nations Tournament (Gold Medal)... NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualifying Championship (Gold Medal). **2007** – NORCECA Continental Championship (Gold Medal)... Americas' Cup (Gold Medal)... Pan American Games (Silver Medal)... FIVB World League (Bronze Medal). **2006** – FIVB World League... Argentina Tour. **2005** – World University Games (11th Place).

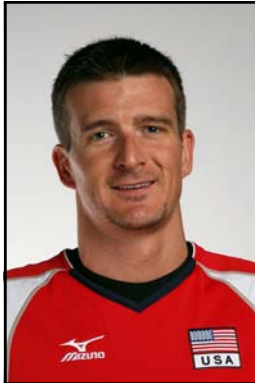
**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008** – Kevin helped the U.S. Men to a gold medal at the Four Nations Tournament on May 11-13 in Germany... Kevin was the backup setter to Lloy Ball at the NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualifier, which the U.S. Men won, qualifying for the 2008 Olympic Games. Hansen had playing time in all five matches as the U.S.

Men finished the tournament with a kill percentage of 60 and a hitting percentage of 53. **2007** – Kevin finished the season having played 74 sets for the U.S. Men. He was credited with 21 kills, nine aces and 22 blocks and averaged 0.7 points per set... Kevin was the backup setter for Lloy Ball at the FIVB World Cup tournament where the U.S. men finished fourth. Hansen started in victories over Egypt and Korea and substituted in four others and was credited with 72 assists and two faults in 131 attempts... Kevin was the backup setter for Lloy Ball at the NORCECA Men's Continental Championship in Anaheim, Calif., where the U.S. Men won the gold medal and qualified for the FIVB World Cup. Kevin played the entire match against Barbados and was credited with 23 assists as the team's hitting percentage was 74 percent... Kevin was the backup to starting setter Lloy Ball at the Americas' Cup and the NORCECA Continental Championship... Kevin was the third-leading setter at the Pan American Games and helped carry the U.S. Men to the silver medal. He was credited with 6.88 sets per set... Kevin was the United States' second-leading blocker and 10th overall at the Pan Am Games with seven scoring blocks in 30 attempts for an average of 0.44 per set... Kevin was the fourth-leading setter in the World League final round and was credited with an average of six sets per set... Played in eight World League pool-play matches and started five. Finished 17th among all World League setters in pool play with a 2.71 set average per set played. **2006** – Played in Greece during the winter of 2006 and spring of 2007... Was the backup setter to Donald Suxho on the World League team... Kevin helped the team finish 4-1 in Argentina.

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS:** Finished his career third on Stanford's list of career leaders with 5,036 assists... Only the third player in Stanford men's volleyball history to amass 5,000 career assists... Four-time All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) selection... Ranked ninth all-time among Stanford setters averaging 12.89 assists per game. **2005** – Kevin averaged 12.70 assists, 1.91 digs, 0.53 blocks and 0.23 aces per game... First-Team All-MPSF ... American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) First-Team All-American ... MPSF Academic All-Conference. **2004** – Named Volleyball magazine Third-Team All-American... Molten/MPSF Player of the week... Led the team in hitting percentage (.445), serving aces (18), digs (188), and digs per game (1.92). **2003** – Played in all 29 matches... MPSF Honorable Mention for the second straight

**HANSEN:** 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.



## #12 - Tom Hoff C

**Position:** Middle Blocker  
**Height:** 6-8  
**Weight:** 207  
**Hometown:** Park Ridge, Ill.  
**Birth Date:** June 9, 1973  
**College:** Ohio State/Long Beach State  
**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 three daughters, Tatum Bella, born in 2003, Ella Aniston, born in 2005 and Ava Antonia, born in 2007... Enjoys engineering topics, fish tanks, hiking and mountain biking... Also has one brother, Rich, and a sister, Jennifer... Has twin nieces named Sarah and Amanda... Tom got started playing volleyball on the beaches in Chicago thanks to his older brother. He played high school volleyball at Maine South... 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.

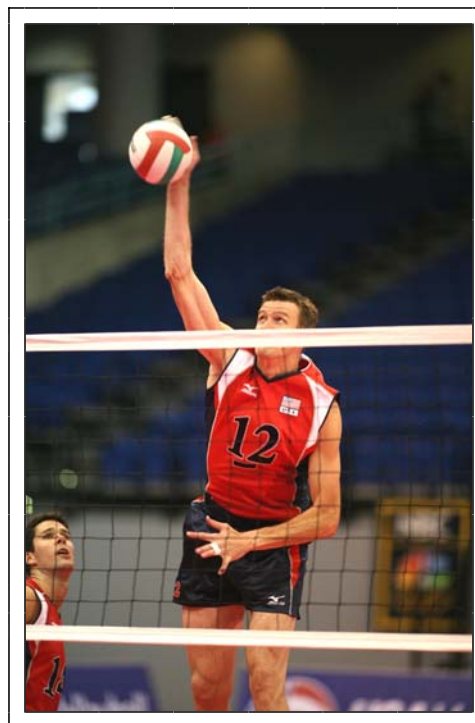
**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2008** – FIVB World League (Gold medal)... NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualifying Championship (Gold medal). **2007** – FIVB World Cup... NORCECA Continental Championship (Gold Medal)... Americas' Cup (Gold Medal)... FIVB World League (Bronze Medal). **2006** – FIVB World Championships... FIVB World League... **2005** – Argentina Tour... Americas' Cup (Gold Medal)... NORCECA Continental Championships (Gold Medal)... World Grand Champions Cup (Silver Medal). **2004** – NORCECA Olympic Qualifying Tournament (Gold Medal)... Japan Tour... Houston Series... USA Global Challenge (First Place)... Serbia and Montenegro Tour (Second Place)... Olympic Games (Fourth Place). **2003** – Canada Tour... NORCECA Zone Championships (Gold Medal)... World Cup (Fourth Place). **2002** – Florida Tour. **2001** – World League... NORCECA Zone Championships... Jeep America's Cup. **2000** – Americas' Cup... Bulgaria Tour... Continental Cup... Olympic Games... World League. **1999** – Canada Trip... Japan Trip... International Volleyball Challenge... Italy Trip... NORCECA Championship... World Cup. **1998** – Americas' Cup... Canada Cup... France Tournament... NORCECA Zone World Championship Qualifier... USA Champions Cup... World Championships. **1997** –

Japan Trip... NORCECA Zone Championships. **1995** – World University Games.

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008** – 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** – Hoff 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** – Hoff acted as team captain at both the FIVB World League and World Championship tournaments... Had 21 scoring blocks and finished the season with 95 points. **2005** – Tom capped the 2005 season as a member of the USA squad that captured the silver medal at the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup in November in Japan... The Americans, who lost to defending Olympic gold medalist Brazil in the first match of the tournament, lost just one set the rest of the way as they defeated Japan (3-1), 2004 Olympic silver medalist Italy (3-0), Egypt (3-0) and China (3-0) en route to their fifth medal in five events this season... The team captain scored 11 points as the USA Men stunned the world's best team when it defeated 2004 Olympic gold medalist Brazil in five sets to win the America's Cup tournament in Brazil on Aug. 7... Scored 10 points as Team USA won its second-straight NORCECA Continental Championship with a four-set victory over Cuba on Sept. 15... The USA Men qualified for the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup with the gold-medal win. **2004** – Tom made his second-straight Olympic appearance in Athens, Greece as the USA Men finished in fourth place... Ranked fifth on the team in scoring in Athens after posting 52 points on 42 kills, nine blocks and one service ace... Team USA qualified for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, by winning the NORCECA Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Caguas, Puerto Rico on Jan. 10... The men posted a perfect record of 6-0 en route to the gold medal, which included a come-from-behind, 3-2 win over Cuba in the championship match. **2003** – After two injury-filled seasons (2001 and 2002), Hoff has been relatively injury-free during the 2003 campaign and one of the major reasons the team has advanced to the World Cup... Finished tied for third on the team in blocks (13) and sixth on the team in scoring (71 points on 53 kills, 13 blocks and five service aces) at the World Cup. **2002** – Injuries limited him to just one match during the year... He scored two points on one kill and one block in a five-set loss to Italy on Sept. 21. **2001** – Injuries limited him to just three

**HOFF:** tournaments during the year... Still finished first in stuff blocks (53) and hitting percentage (.424) ... Also was fourth on the team in kills (146)... Had 36 digs and seven service aces... Played professionally with Iraklas in Greece. **2000** – Saw action in every set of the Olympic Games, with 25 kills, 10 blocks and a .421 hitting percentage... Recorded 12 kills, two blocks and a .455 hitting percentage on the Bulgaria Tour... Set out the middle of the year with a bulging disc in his back... Posted 22 kills and a .588 hitting percentage in helping the team qualify for the 2000 Sydney Olympics at the Continental Cup... Played professionally for Toray Volleyball Team in Japan. **1999** – Finished the World Cup with a spectacular .621 hitting percentage along with 92 kills, 20 blocks and three aces... Helped the team claim its first NORCECA Zone Championship since 1985 with 37 kills and a .688 hitting percentage... Named the best middle blocker at the Ninth Annual Ruffini Memorial Tournament where the Americans defeated No. 1 Italy and No. 4 Yugoslavia... Posted 44 kills, 17 blocks and a .443 hitting percentage in 21 games played... Was the team's most consistent offensive weapon on the Australia Trip, posting double-digit kills in all but one match that he started... Matched his career high with 22 kills against Korea... Led the team with 13 blocks and a .467 hitting percentage on the Canada Trip... Added 18 kills and a service ace. **1998** – Posted double-figure kills in all four matches of the China Tour, averaging 4.77 kills and .85 stuff blocks per game along with a .692 hitting percentage... Posted 20 kills and 10 stuff blocks in the Canada Cup semifinal match against Australia... Tallied nine or more kills in 12 of the last 13 matches of the season, including a career-high 22 kills against Russia at the World Championships. **1997** – Joined the team for the NORCECA Zone Championships, posting 39 kills, seven blocks and a .561 attack percentage in six matches... Came on strong on the Japan Tour with 57 kills, 16 blocks and a .472 hitting percentage.

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS:** Spent two years at Ohio State before transferring to Long Beach State... Reached 1,000 Kills in fewer matches than any other player at Long Beach State... Ranks No. 5 in career kills (1,230), No. 2 in kills per game (6.54), No. 4 in hitting percentage (.369) and No. 2 in blocks per



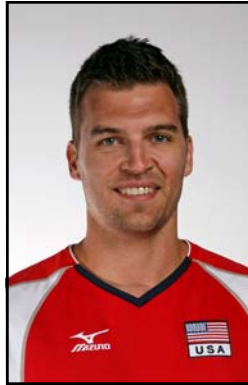
**Tom Hoff**

game (1.65) in LBSU history. **1996** – American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) First-Team All-American... Asics/Volleyball First-Team All-American... First-Team All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF)... AVCA National Player of the Week... Helped team finish 21-6 and 15-4 (second) in the MPSF... Posted 479 kills, 134 blocks and a .389 attack percentage. **1995** – AVCA First-Team All-American... Asics/Volleyball First-Team All-American... First-Team All-MPSF... Posted 751 kills, 176 blocks and a .357 hitting percentage.... Set a national record for most matches with 20 or more kills (25) and 10 or more blocks (nine)... AVCA National Player of the Week. **1994** – Sat out one year of eligibility after transferring from Ohio State. **1993** – First-Team All-Midwest Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (MIVA)... Guided the Buckeyes to the MIVA conference title and a 28-10 overall record... Second Team All American Selection. **1992** – Started as a true freshman, posting 80 total blocks and a .327 hitting percentage.





## Player Profiles



### #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... Enjoys golf, beach volleyball and tennis... Happiest moment in sports was winning the national championship at BYU in 1999... Stuart was MVP at Foothills High and played volleyball briefly at BYU... Enjoys golf, beach volleyball and tennis... Majored in Japanese at BYU... Happiest moment in sports was winning the national championship at BYU in 1999... 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".

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE: 2008** – FIVB World League (Gold medal)... Four Nations Tournament (Gold medal)... NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualifying Championship (Gold Medal). **2007** – FIVB World Cup... NORCECA Continental Championship (Gold Medal)... Americas' Cup (Gold Medal)... Pan American Games (Silver Medal)... FIVB World League (Bronze Medal). **2006** – FIVB World Championships... FIVB World League... Pan American Cup (Gold Medal)... Argentina Tour. **2005** – Pacific Northwest Tour vs. Netherlands... USOC International Sports Invitational (Silver Medal)... Argentina Tour... Americas' Cup (Gold Medal)... FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament (Gold Medal)... NORCECA Continental Championships (Gold Medal)... World Grand Champions Cup (Silver Medal). **2003** – Colorado/Nebraska Tour... Canada Tour... Japan Tour (Training Team)... NORCECA Zone Championships (Gold Medal). **2002** – Louisville Tour. **2001** – Japan Tour... World League... NORCECA Zone Championships.

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008** — Played 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... Helped the U.S. Men to a gold medal at the Four Nations Tournament on May 11-13 in Germany... Played in all 15 sets for the U.S. Men at the NORCECA Olympic Qualifier as Team USA won and qualified for the 2008 Olympic Games. Rich was credited with 59 receptions and 29 digs. He was named Best Libero and Best Receiver of the tournament. **2007** – Rich played in 147 sets for the U.S. Men, which was every set played in the season. He finished the year with 337 digs, averaging 2.29 digs per set... Rich ranked fourth among all liberos at the 2007 World Cup, finishing with 229 "excellent" receptions in 369 attempts for a success percentage of 59.62. The U.S. Men finished fourth... Rich was the third best digger of the NORCECA Continental Championship with 25 digs, 22 receptions and six faults in 53 attempts... Rich was named the Best Libero of the 2007 World League. He finished the final round with an average of 1.79 digs per set and 42 "excellent" serve receptions out of 87 attempts. Rich finished second among all World League "serve receivers" in pool play with a 65.47 efficiency percentage. **2006** – Was the starting libero for all U.S. matches in 2006 and played 119 sets... Led the team in digs with 264... Helped the team remain undefeated (4-0) during the inaugural Pan American Cup in June and was named the tournament's best digger... 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 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

**LAMBOURNE:** the gold medal and a berth in the 2003 World Cup, the first Olympic qualifier. **2002** – Competed with Erik Sullivan for the starting libero position... Played in one tour during the year (Louisville Tour vs. Australia and Canada)... Played 29 sets 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.

**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.



#### #4 - David Lee

**Position:** Middle Blocker  
**Height:** 6-8 (203cm)  
**Weight:** 232 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... Has two older brothers, Nathan and Mark... Played high school volleyball for Granite Hills in El Cajon... Played club volleyball for Seaside Volleyball Club... Enjoys listening to reggae and watching volleyball, basketball and curling... Hobbies include building model trains/airplanes and collecting stamps... Majored in human development... Favorite foods are filet mignon and lobster... Favorite movie is Zoolander... Favorite professional team is the Los Angeles Lakers... David is the tallest member of his immediate family.

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE: 2008** – FIVB World League (Gold Medal)... NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualifying Championship (Gold Medal). **2007** – FIVB World Cup... NORCECA Continental Championship (Gold Medal)... Pan American Games (Silver Medal)... FIVB World League (Bronze Medal). **2006** – FIVB World League... Pan American Cup (Gold Medal)... Argentina Tour. **2005** – Pacific Northwest Tour vs. Netherlands... USOC International Sports Invitational (Silver Medal)... Argentina Tour... America's Cup (Gold Medal)... FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament (Gold Medal)... NORCECA Continental – Championships (Gold Medal). **2003** – World University Games (Bronze Medal).

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008** – Finished seventh among all blockers in the World League final round with eight blocks for an average of 0.53 per set as the U.S. Men won their first World League title. Was 13th among all blockers in pool play with an average of .45 blocks per set... David scored 28 points on 21 kills and seven blocks at the NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualifier, which the United States won to qualify for the 2008 Olympic Games. **2007** – David moved up from backup to part-time

starter (sharing time with Tom Hoff) in 2007 and finished the season second on the team in stuff blocks with 69 for an average of 0.67 blocks per set. He was sixth on the team in scoring with 230 points... David was the United States' second-leading blocker and third overall at the FIVB World Cup, where the U.S. Men finished fourth. David had 25 blocks, 36 faults and 47 rebounds in 108 attempts and averaged 0.63 blocks per set... David was the top U.S. blocker and fourth overall at the NORCECA Continental Championship. He was credited with 13 scoring blocks, seven errors and 13 rebounds on 32 attempts. He was the United States' leading scorer in its NORCECA victory over Barbados, finishing with 12 points on six kills and six blocks... David was the top U.S. blocker and second overall at the Pan American Games where he was credited with 12 blocks for an average of 0.75 per set... David was the United States' leading blocker and 10th overall in the final round of World League where he was credited with an average of 0.43 per set... Started seven out of 10 World League pool-play matches and played in 10. 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 American 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



**LEE:** 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.



### **#9 - Ryan Millar**

**Position:** Middle Blocker

**Height:** 6-7 (204cm)

**Weight:** 216 lbs (98kg)

**Hometown:** Palmdale, Calif.

**College:** BYU

**Birth Date:** Jan. 22, 1978

**Joined Team:** May 1999

**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 2006... Ryan also has two brothers: James and Jon... Enjoys snowboarding, golfing and being with his wife... 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 NCAA men's volleyball championship in 1999 at BYU... Graduated from BYU in 2001 with a degree in sociology... 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.

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2008** – 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: 2008** – Millar 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 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 U.S. 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

**MILLAR:** 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... et a career high with six blocks against the Netherlands... Helped team USA 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.



**Ryan Millar**

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS:**

Earned 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.



## Player Profiles



### #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](http://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. Reid says Lindsay "makes me a better person."... 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."... Listens to Mute Math, Lifehouse, 12 Stones, Tribe Called Quest... Reid has played internationally in Greece and Russia.

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2008** – 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.

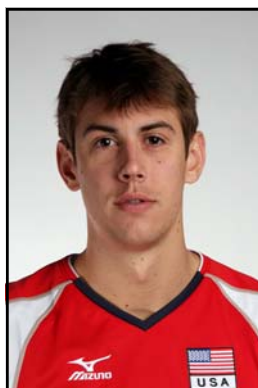
**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008** – Helped the U.S. Men win their first FIVB World League title. Reid and teammate Clay Stanley tied for second in scoring in the final round behind Serbia's Ivan Miljkovic. Priddy finished the final round with 63 points on 53 kills, six blocks and four aces. Reid was 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 in the tournament. **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 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 USA Men claimed the silver medal with a record of 4-1... Played in each of the final four matches (eight out of 13 sets)



**PRIDDY:** and scored 27 points on 23 kills, two blocks and two service aces... Finished ninth three times in 10 Association of Volleyball Professionals (AVP) tournaments during the year. **2004** – Reid, an alternate for the 2000 Olympic Team, made his first-ever 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 USA Men's Volleyball team alternates for the Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.

**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



## #2 - Sean Rooney

**Position:** Outside Hitter  
**Height:** 6-9 (206cm)  
**Weight:** 220 lbs (100kg)  
**Hometown:** Wheaton, Ill.  
**Resides:** Newport Beach, Calif.  
**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 is considered a sports celebrity in South Korea... 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 grand-

father his role model for "devoting his life to helping others."

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2008** – FIVB World League (Gold medal)... Four Nations Tournament (Gold medal)... NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualifying Championship (Gold Medal). **2007** – FIVB World Cup... Americas' Cup (Gold Medal)... Pan American Games (Silver Medal)... FIVB World League (Bronze Medal). **2003** – World University Games (Bronze).

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008** – Helped the U.S. Men win their first FIVB World League tournament. 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 **ROONEY:** 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.

**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. He has earned AVCA Division I-II All-America First-Team selection each of the past three seasons and is only the eighth player to be named first team three times. **2004:** Had a stellar season culminating in being named Volleyball Magazine's Player of the Year... Post season 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 Jan. 9, 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.



## #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... Attended Clear Creek High School in League City, Texas... Tried Little League baseball, tennis and basketball before taking up volleyball... Graduated in 1996 from Pierce College in Los Angeles... 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." His role model is Tiger Woods, "the ultimate grinder." Has

played for professional teams in Greece, Turkey and Italy.

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2008** – 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.





## Riley Salmon

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008** – 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... Helped the U.S. Men win the Four Nations Tournament on May 11-13 in Germany... 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 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.

## Player Profiles



### #13 - Clay Stanley

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

**PERSONAL:** Born Clayton Stanley on Jan. 20, 1978 in Honolulu, Hawaii... 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 step-grandfather, Tom Haine, was also on 1968 Men's Olympic Volleyball Team... 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 Hawaii... Enjoys surfing and playing video games.

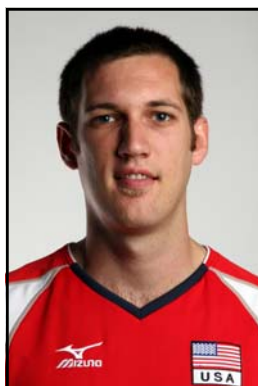
**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:** **2008** – FIVB World League (Gold medal)... NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualifying Championship (Gold Medal). **2007** – FIVB World Cup... NORCECA Continental Championship (Gold Medal)... Americas' Cup (Gold Medal)... FIVB World League (Bronze Medal). **2006** – FIVB World Championships... FIVB World League. **2005** – NORCECA Continental Championships (Gold Medal)... World Grand Champions Cup (Silver Medal). **2004** – NORCECA Olympic Qualifying Tournament (Gold Medal)... Japan Tour... Houston Series... USA Global Challenge (Gold Medal)... Serbia and Montenegro Tour (Silver Medal)... Olympic Games (Fourth Place). **2003** – Colorado/Nebraska Tour... Canada Tour... NORCECA Zone Championships (Gold Medal)... World Cup (Fourth Place). **2002** – Louisville Tour... Bulgaria Tour... Greece Tour... Florida Tour... World Championships. **2001** – Japan Tour... World League... NORCECA Zone Championships... Jeep America's Cup. **1999** – World University Games... Pan American Games.

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:** **2008** – Clay helped the U.S. Men win their first World League title and was tied with teammate Reid Priddy for second in scoring in the final round. Clay finished with 63 points on 50 kills, eight blocks and five aces. Stanley's five aces put him fourth among all servers in the final round with an average of 0.33 per set. Clay had 11 aces in pool play to finish seventh overall... Clay was

named the top server at the NORCECA Olympic Qualifier as the U.S. Men qualified for the 2008 Olympic Games. Clay finished the qualifier as the top U.S. scorer with 49 points on 33 kills, 10 aces and six blocks. **2007** – Clay finished the 2007 season with 39 aces to tie Reid Priddy for the team lead. He was fifth on the team in scoring with 281 points and averaged 2.81 points per set... Clay was the United States' leading server and fifth overall at the 2007 FIVB World Cup, where the U.S. Men finished fourth. He finished with 13 aces in 91 attempts and had an average of 0.33 aces per set... Clay was named Best Server for the NORCECA Continental Championship. He was credited with eight aces, 39 serve hits and 15 faults on 62 attempts for an average of 0.47 aces per set. He was also the United States' second-leading scorer and 13th overall with 59 points on 47 kills, eight aces and four blocks... Clay was the United States' leading scorer at Americas' Cup and second overall with 55 points on kills, six blocks and five aces... Clay was the United States' leading server, and fourth overall, in the final round of the World League tournament. He was credited with four aces, six faults and 17 serve hits in 27 attempts for an average of 0.29 aces per set. Clay did not rejoin the team for World League until the matches in France on June 8-9 because his Russian club team (Dynamo Kazan) played in the final of the Russian Superleague, which it won. **2006** – Struggled with a knee injury throughout the season... Was the team's third-leading scorer in World League matches with 94 points in 12 matches. Led the team in aces in World League play with 16. **2005** – Clay capped the 2005 season as a member of the USA squad that captured the silver medal at the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup in November in Japan... The Americans, who lost to defending Olympic gold medalist Brazil in the first match of the tournament, lost just one set the rest of the way as they defeated Japan (3-1), 2004 Olympic silver medalist Italy (3-0), Egypt (3-0) and China (3-0) en route to their fifth medal in five events this season... He led the United States in scoring in each of the five matches in Japan... Clay blasted 10 kills with two service aces and one block in the win over China and finished third among all scorers with 82 points on 65 kills, nine blocks and eight service aces... Scored a team-high 14 points as Team USA won its second-straight NORCECA Continental Championship with a four-set victory over Cuba on Sept. 15... The USA Men qualified for the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup with the gold-medal win. **2004** – Clay made his first-ever Olympic appearance in Athens, Greece as the USA Men finished fourth overall... Clay led the team and finished fifth overall in scoring with 110 points on 83 kills, 17 aces and 10 blocks... His 17 aces ranked second among all players in the tournament... His father, Jon, was a starter on the 1968 USA Men's Olympic Volleyball Team... Together, they become the first father-son Olympians in USA Volleyball history... Captured Best Server honors as Team USA qualified for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, by winning the NORCECA Olympic

**STANLEY:** Qualifying Tournament in Caguas, Puerto Rico on Jan. 10... The men posted a perfect record of 6-0 en route to the gold medal, which included a come-from-behind, 3-2 win over Cuba in the championship match. **2003** – Named Most Valuable Player of the NORCECA Zone Championships in September after leading Team USA to the gold medal and a berth in the 2003 World Cup, the first Olympic qualifier... Led the United States in scoring (and finished 11th overall) at the World Cup with 128 points on 97 kills, 17 service aces and 14 blocks. **2002** – Rejoined the team in June and played an integral part in the team's success... Played in just 75 of a possible 141 sets during the year but still finished the season ranked first on the team in service aces (33), second in points per set (2.88) and third in kills (161) and in total points (216). **2001** – Led the team in service aces (24) and finished second in kills (217)... Tied for third in blocks (20) and added 79 digs while hitting .294 on the year... After the National Team season he played professionally for PAOK in Greece.

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



## #18 - Scott Touzinsky

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

**PERSONAL:** Born Scott Joseph Touzinsky on April 22, 1982 in St. Louis, Mo. ... Parents are Charles and Anne Touzinsky... Scott has two older brothers, Chip and Keith... Scott married wife Angelique Vogel, a promotional spokesmodel, in 2006... He says getting married has been his happiest moment in life... Scott attended St. John Vianney High School in St. Louis from 1997-2000... He attended Long Beach State University 2001-05 and graduated with a degree in communication studies... Scott's favorite food is sushi... His favorite movie is Gone in 60 Seconds... Scott's favorite TV show is Entourage... His favorite sports team is the St. Louis Cardinals, but his favorite athlete is Michael Jordan... Scott admires his mother for all she has done for him without complaining... On Dec. 18, 2004, Scott tore his ACL while competing in a match in Greece, where he was playing for a club team. He had surgery on March 1, but was told he might never play volleyball at the professional level again. After six months of intense rehab, he was playing professionally in Belgium.

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2008** – FIVB World League (Gold medal)... Four Nations Tournament (Gold Medal)... NORCECA Continental

tal Olympic Qualifying Championship (Gold Medal). **2007** – NORCECA Continental Championship (Gold Medal). **2003** – World University Games (Bronze Medal).

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008** – Scott helped the U.S. Men win their first FIVB World League title... Scott was the leading scorer in the United States' exhibition match with Germany on May 15 in Chemnitz, Germany. **2007** – Scott made the 12-man roster for the NORCECA Continental Championship and scored nine points on seven kills and two aces in the match against Barbados on Sept. 17. **2003** – Played on the 2003 World University Games team that won a bronze medal in Daegu, Korea. His Long Beach State teammates David Lee and Tyler Hildebrand were also on the team, which was coached by Arnie Ball, father of U.S. National Team setter Lloy Ball, and head men's volleyball coach at IPFW.

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS:** Finished his career at Long Beach State as the career and single-season ace leader. **2004** – First-team All-American... Scott became the all-time ace leader at Long Beach State with two against Stanford on Jan. 23. With the 133rd ace of his career, Scott passed Brent Hilliard's mark of 132 set in 1993... ranks fifth all-time at the school with 1,625 kills, falling 16 kills shy of fourth-place David McKenzie. Scott became just the third player in NCAA Division I-II to score 40 or more kills in an all rally-scoring match when he posted 40 versus BYU on Jan. 30... Long Beach State played BYU in the NCAA men's volleyball championship match in Honolulu, Hawaii. BYU won 15-30, 30-18, 20-30, 32-30, 19-17. **2003** – Second-team All-American. **2001** – MPSF Freshman of the Year.



## Staff Profiles



### Head Coach: Hugh McCutcheon

#### Fourth Year (99-33)

**Age:** 38

**Hometown:** Christchurch, New Zealand

**Resides:** Irvine, Calif.

**Family:** Wife is Elisabeth "Wiz" McCutcheon

**College:** Brigham Young University (Bachelors in PE, MS in Exercise Science and MBA)

U.S. Men's National Team Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon brought honor to both the United States and New Zealand when he led his team to its first World League title in July of 2008.

"This is the biggest achievement by a New Zealander in the history of volleyball and by any New Zealand-born coach for some time," said Tony Barnett, New Zealand national team head coach and a former teammate of McCutcheon's in the New Zealand media.

In his fourth year at the helm, McCutcheon, 38, a native of Christchurch, New Zealand, has brought his team back from disappointment in 2006 and helped it reach a No. 3 world ranking, a World League title and a berth at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

However that Olympic berth took a little longer than McCutcheon hoped.

A fourth-place finish at the FIVB World Cup (where the top three teams qualified for the Olympics) at the end of 2007 meant the team had to travel to Caguas, Puerto Rico for the 2008 NORCECA Men's Continental Olympic Qualifying Championship on Jan. 6-11. The U.S. Men won five straight matches without dropping a set to win the tournament and qualify for the Olympic Games.

"I feel relieved and excited," McCutcheon said. "The team rose to the occasion and we executed in all the aspects of the game. So many guys performed at their highest level and with a lot of energy."

The U.S. Men opened the 2007 season with a third-place finish at World League. The United States went 10-2 in pool play, with two losses to France. It went 2-2 in the final round, defeating host Poland in the bronze-medal match in front of more than 10,000 Polish fans.

"It was a matter of the guys just working really hard," McCutcheon said. "We talked about it before the match; we weren't going to leave the floor without doing everything we could. Guys were covering, guys

were playing defense. It was a great team effort."

McCutcheon handed the team over to assistant coach Ron Larsen for the 2007 Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The United States finished 4-1, with its only loss coming to hometown favorite Brazil in the gold-medal match.

McCutcheon and his men won the gold medal in the Americas' Cup, defeating a young Brazilian team in the final. Then the United States hosted the NORCECA Men's Continental Championship in Anaheim, Calif.

McCutcheon's team rolled through the NORCECA Championship, defeating Puerto Rico, 3-1 in the final. McCutcheon was presented with the inaugural Jim Coleman Award as the tournament's most outstanding coach.

In 2006, the U.S. Men encountered some bumps in the road to Beijing. Nevertheless, the team finished the season with a winning record at 18-14. In April, McCutcheon and the team moved their center of operations from Colorado Springs, Colo. The move had many benefits as it put the team in the center of the men's volleyball universe in Southern California and also removed the effects of Colorado's high altitude on the team's serves.

The team opened the international season by winning the inaugural Pan American Cup in Mexico, taking four matches in a row. That was followed with a tour of Argentina where the U.S. men finished 4-1.

But injuries and the disruption caused by moving the team from Colorado Springs, Colo., to Anaheim, Calif., caught up with the team at the World League, where it did not advance from pool play and finished tied for 10th. That was followed by another 10th-place finish at the 2006 World Championships in Japan. The U.S. Men's world ranking slipped from fifth to eighth.

"We struggled to maintain the consistency we had (in 2005)," McCutcheon said. "The same issues we had during the summer (in the World League) were the same we had at the World Championships. Integrating the players was difficult."

However, 2006 ended on a high note for McCutcheon, who married U.S. Women's National Team player Elisabeth "Wiz" Bachman on Dec. 9 in Minneapolis.

The U.S. Men's Team flourished in McCutcheon's first year as head coach in 2005 by going 27-6 and winning five medals in five tournaments. The team earned a silver medal at the USOC International Sports Invitational in San Diego, Calif., gold medals

at the Americas' Cup in Brazil, the FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament in Puerto Rico and the NORCECA Continental Championship in Canada and another silver medal at the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup in Japan.

McCutcheon was selected to become the new head coach of the USA men's national volleyball team, USA Volleyball announced Feb 3, 2005. McCutcheon took over the position from longtime head coach Doug Beal, who resigned to become the new Chief Executive Officer of USA Volleyball.

"It is a great undertaking, obviously, but I am honored and privileged to be the coach of this team," said McCutcheon. "I am genuinely excited to work with the guys and to continue my relationship with USA Volleyball."

McCutcheon, a former Brigham Young University assistant coach, joined USA Volleyball as a full-time assistant coach for the men's national team program in April 2003. McCutcheon was no stranger to the organization. In the summers of 2001 and 2002, respectively, he served as a volunteer assistant coach for the men's national team, helping out during the 2001 World League, the 2002 World Championships and on five international tours. He has also served as the head coach of the USA Boys Youth National Team in 2000 and 2001.

McCutcheon was the top assistant coach and recruiter for BYU from 1995- 2001. During that time the Cougars posted a record of 138- 44 and captured two NCAA men's volleyball championships (1999 and 2001).

After leaving BYU, McCutcheon was the head coach of the Vienna Hotvolleys in Austria for two seasons. In his first season there, the Hotvolleys won the 2001-02 Inter-Liga, Austrian Cup and Austrian League championships. He also coached the first Austrian team to ever beat an Italian A1 opponent.

McCutcheon played on the New Zealand junior and senior national teams from 1988-90 before coming to



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## Hugh McCutcheon

the United States. He was also a member of New Zealand's national team in 1996 and represented his country on the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour in 1997.

He played for BYU from 1991-1993 after transferring from the University of Canterbury in New Zealand. In 1993 he earned honorable mention All-America honors. In 1992 he earned Academic All-Conference honors from the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.

After receiving his bachelor's degree in physical education from BYU in 1993, McCutcheon played professionally for two years in Finland and Japan before returning to BYU to complete his master's degree in exercise science in 1998.

In 1999, McCutcheon received an MBA from BYU's Marriott School of Management.



## Assistant Coach: Ron Larsen

Ron Larsen is in his fourth season as assistant coach for the USA Men's National Volleyball Team.

In 2007, he served as the head coach for the U.S. Men's Team that won the silver medal at the 2007 Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Larsen, formerly the head coach of the UC San Diego men's volleyball team, was hired as an assistant coach for the USA Men on April 13, 2005. He serves as the top assistant coach to Team USA head coach Hugh McCutcheon.

"You need someone who knows how to work hard, because you put in a lot of hours," explained McCutcheon when asked what qualities he was looking for in an assistant coach. "You also want them to be good in the gym. I think you also want someone who is an upstanding individual, someone with honesty, integrity and loyalty."

"Ron was an easy choice because he filled all of those criteria," McCutcheon added. "He has a wealth of coaching experience and I know that philosophically we're aligned, so that's good. He is very passionate about the game. I also think for me, being a younger coach, Ron is a good fit because he has been in the game for so many years."

Larsen, the 2004 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) Coach of the Year, completed six seasons as the UCSD head coach. Larsen came to UCSD in 2000—in the school's final year of NCAA Division III affiliation—and led the Tritons to one of the most memorable seasons in the program's history. UCSD won the Molten Division III Men's Volleyball Invitational Championship that season and recorded the most wins (nine) for a Triton team in 10 seasons.

That year he also led the team to its first MPSF victory in three seasons. Competing as the only Division II team and the only non-scholarship program in the nation's toughest men's volleyball conference, the Tritons have continued to make strides in meeting the formidable challenge.

The 2004 season saw UCSD go 8-21 overall and 4-18 in the MPSF. The season included wins against No. 11 Penn State, No. 9 UC Irvine and No. 7 UC Santa Barbara.

The win over the Gauchos marked two program firsts: defeating UCSB and giving the Tritons four victories in the MPSF, the most in school history.

"I'm excited about the opportunity and the challenges; I'm looking forward to it," said Larsen. "It's an honor to be able to coach the best players in the United States and it's an honor to be able to compete against the best players in the world. I think it's a chance to do something that I have always wanted to do. It's going to be great working with Hugh and Doug... It will be a great experience."

Larsen's experience in the men's collegiate game, particularly in the highly competitive MPSF, was a big draw, said McCutcheon.

"For me, having been out of the college game for the last four years, to be able to get Ron—who has been in the thick of things—was a really big deal," he admitted. "Obviously we want to get new guys into our program; I think there is a wealth of young talent out there. The fact that Ron has been in that league and seen those players—and of course seen the best teams from the EIVA and the MIVA—helps us a lot."

Larsen came to UCSD from the University of Rutgers-Newark. A veteran of seven seasons at the New Jersey university, Larsen has coaching roots in the University of California (UC) system.

His coaching career began at the University of California-Berkeley, where he led the Bears' men's volleyball team to a record of 102-29 at the club level. He coached at Cal from 1980-84 and again from 1987-89.

He also served as an assistant coach of the women's volleyball team at St. Mary's College from 1987-88 before moving on to the University of California, Davis in 1989.

At Davis, he served as assistant coach of the women's team for four seasons and as head coach of the men's team from 1991-93, leading the Aggies to a 65-31 record and a fifth-place finish at the 1993 national club volleyball tournament.

Larsen served as head men's and women's coach at Rutgers-Newark from 1993-99, compiling a record of 97-80 in men's volleyball and 111-79 with the women's team. The men's team was consistently ranked in the nation's top 15.

Larsen was named New Jersey Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 1996 and 1998 and Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (EIVA) Coach of the Year in 1998.

Larsen's coaching experience also includes the 1995 USA Olympic Festival, where he served as head coach of the North Men's Team and led his squad to a silver medal. He also coached the 1996 USA Boys Youth National Team, featuring the nation's top 18 high school players.





## Assistant Coach: John Speraw

John Speraw joined the U.S. Men's Volleyball Team as an assistant coach in April of 2007, agreeing to help the team as long as he could remain head coach of the men's volleyball team at the University of California at Irvine, where he had coached for five years.

A few weeks later, Speraw led the Anteaters to the 2007 NCAA Men's Volleyball Championship, defeating IPFW in the final, 3-1 (30-20, 24-30, 30-23, 30-28). It was UCI's first national championship since the men's water polo team took the crown in 1989. The Anteaters ended the season 29-5 overall, the most wins in school history and the most in the country this year.

In his fourth season with Irvine, Speraw was named 2006 AVCA National Coach of the Year as well as Mountain Pacific Sports Federation and Volleyball Magazine Coach of the Year following UC Irvine's most successful season in school history.

UC Irvine rewrote its men's volleyball record book in 2006 starting with a school-best 27-5 record (.844), a win total that was the most among all NCAA Division I-II schools a year ago. The Anteaters claimed their first-ever Mountain Pacific Sports Federation title, finishing with a 20-2 league record.

In 2006, the Anteaters earned the NCAA National Collegiate Men's Volleyball Championship top-seed in their first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance. UC Irvine had a school-record 21 consecutive victories to end the regular season. The Anteaters closed out the year ranked second in the final CSTV/AVCA Division I-II Men's Coaches Top 15 Poll after falling to Penn State in five games during the semifinal round of the NCAA Championship. UCI held the number-one ranking for eight consecutive weeks.

Speraw, who is 70-54 overall as head coach of the Anteaters, mentored both the AVCA Division I-II Men's National Player of the Year and the AVCA Division I-II Men's Newcomer of the Year in 2006. The Anteaters placed two members on the AVCA Division I-II Men's All-America first team, along with two second-team players. While at Irvine, Speraw's players have garnered National Player of the Year, MPSF Player of the Year, numerous national and conference Player of the Week honors as well as academic distinctions such as

Academic All-American, MPSF & UCI Scholar-Athletes as well as Lauds & Laurels Athlete of the Year, the highest honor the Alumni Association gives out.

Speraw's 70 victories in four years are more than UCI's combined win total from the first 11 years of the program with the previous best four-year mark being 49 wins from 1999 to 2002. Speraw, who has had a team ranked No. 1 two different years, is also the only coach to guide the Anteaters to back-to-back MPSF Championship appearances and Top 10 final rankings.

The Daily Pilot tabbed Speraw as one of their Most Influential People and the 2006 Sports Newsmaker of the Year.

Prior to UCI, Speraw served in various roles with the UCLA volleyball program for 12 years. He played middle blocker for the Bruins from 1990-95 and was a member of two national championship teams. He was named to the NCAA All-Tournament team in 1995 when he had 11 kills and eight blocks in the championship victory over Penn State.

Speraw became a volunteer assistant coach with the Bruins before assuming a full-time assistant's position in 1998. He graduated from UCLA in 1995 with a bachelor of science degree in microbiology and molecular genetics.

Speraw has extensive international coaching experience. He was the head coach of the USA Junior National Team, which won a silver medal at the NORCECA Junior Men's Continental Volleyball Championship in 2005. He served as an assistant for the Youth National Team (1998 and 2001), the World University Games Team (1997 and 1999) and the Pan American Games Team (1999).

Speraw is also the co-author of the book Exercise for Your Muscle Type: The Smart Way to Get Fit.



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**Technical Manager:  
Jamie Morrison**

Jamie Morrison of Dana Point, Calif., is in his fourth season as an assistant coach and technical coordinator with the U.S. Men's National Volleyball Team under head coach Hugh McCutcheon.

His main responsibilities include breakdown of video and statistics and the implementa-

tion of those into game plans and game-time decisions. Morrison also is charged with creating technological advances to aid in training, scouting and overall team functionality.

During his time with the national team, the U.S. has

compiled an 87-28 record since 2005. Team USA finished 2007 with a 33-8 record with medals four tournaments. The U.S. reached its primary goal of the current quad by qualifying for the 2008 Olympic Games at the NORCECA Olympic Qualifying Tournament in January 2008 after just missing a berth at the 2007 FIVB World Cup.

Morrison came to the U.S. Men's National Team after spending one year at University of Southern California as an assistant coach with both the men's and women's volleyball teams. He assisted the women's team to a NCAA Division I Tournament national semifinal berth in 2004.

Prior to his tenure at USC, Morrison spent three years as an assistant and volunteer assistant with both the men's and women's volleyball teams at UC Santa Barbara.



**Athletic Trainer:  
Aaron Brock**

Aaron Brock of Storm Lake, Iowa, is in his fourth year as the full-time certified athletic trainer for the U.S. Men's National Team.

Before joining the U.S. Men's Team, Aaron 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.

Aaron, who was a four-sport high school athlete in Storm Lake, Iowa, went to the University of Iowa for both his bachelor's and master's degrees. His master's degree in exercise science makes him eligible for just about any job in athletic training.

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

Once practice starts, he runs a 15-minute injury-prevention session that includes core abdominal and back exercises and proprioception exercises for ankle and knee stability.

Finally, there are shoulder exercises to generate strength and wake up the muscles. Players who can't practice due to injury will go to the athletic training room, which is housed in the CATZ (Competitive Athletic Training Zone) facility, and do rehab. Brock monitors practice in case there is an injury. After practice, Brock runs a stretching session. Then it's time for more treatments for the athletes who are playing and practicing while injured.

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



## 2008 Results (21-5)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent (Record)</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Points Leader</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
<b><u>NORCECA Men's Continental Olympic Qualifier in Puerto Rico</u></b>					
01/06	Dominican Republic (1-0)	W (25-13, 25-19, 25-19)	Caguas	Priddy/Gardner (8)	700
01/07	Barbados (2-0)	W (25-14, 25-10, 25-16)	Caguas	Rooney (22)	850
01/08	Puerto Rico (3-0)	W (25-21, 25-23, 25-22)	Caguas	Millar (12)	9,750
01/10	Cuba (4-0)	W (25-22, 27-25, 25-18)	Caguas	Salmon/Stanley (11)	3,000
01/11	Puerto Rico (5-0)	W (25-20, 25-19, 25-20)	Caguas	Rooney (16)	6,500

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

### **Four Nations Tournament in Germany**

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

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

### **Exhibition Match in Germany**

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

5/27	Argentina (9-1)	W (19-25, 27-29, 25-20, 25-20, 15-12)	Irvine	Priddy (19)	3,000
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### **FIVB World League**

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

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

### **FIVB World League Final Round in Brazil**

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

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



**2007 USA Men's Volleyball Statistics**  
(Includes 2008 NORCECA Olympic Qualifier)

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
8	PRIDDY	132	440	3.33	60	867	0.438	42	0.32	67	0.51	267	2.02	549	4.16
9	MILLAR	141	284	2.01	20	557	0.474	13	0.09	93	0.66	96	0.68	389	2.76
10	SALMON	137	317	2.31	39	450	0.618	12	0.09	35	0.25	227	1.66	376	2.74
15	GARDNER	90	291	3.23	58	550	0.424	17	0.19	34	0.38	100	1.11	342	3.80
13	STANLEY	113	247	2.19	32	482	0.446	49	0.43	34	0.30	95	0.84	330	2.92
7/4	LEE	114	173	1.52	25	292	0.507	9	0.08	76	0.67	44	0.38	258	2.29
2	ROONEY	86	180	2.09	21	329	0.483	3	0.03	14	0.16	69	0.80	197	2.07
12	HOFF	72	82	1.14	13	138	0.500	1	0.01	43	0.60	35	0.49	126	1.75
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	8	10	1.25	0	14	0.714	2	0.25	0	0.00	7	0.87	12	1.50
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
1	BALL	77	15	0.19	5	40	0.250	12	0.15	21	0.27	72	0.93	68	0.88
14	HANSEN	85	21	0.25	8	46	0.283	9	0.10	23	0.27	76	0.89	53	0.62
18	TALIAFERRO	26	12	0.46	2	24	0.417	5	0.19	9	0.35	18	0.69	26	1.00
5	LAMBOURNE	162	0	0.00	0	0	0.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	366	2.26	0	0.00
	TOTALS	162	2243	13.84	315	4129	0.467	189	1.17	476	2.94	1555	9.60	2939	18.14

## 2007 Results (33-8)

Date	Opponent (Record)	Result	City	Points Leader	Attendance
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### 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

# 2006 USA Men's Volleyball Statistics

No.	Name	Sets Played	Total Kills	Kills Per Set	Hitting Errors	Total Attempts	Hitting %	Service Aces	Aces Per Set	Stuff Blocks	Blocks Per Set	Digs	Digs Per Set	Points	Points Per Set
8	PRIDDY	111	343	3.09	61	720	0.392	26	0.23	47	0.37	164	1.47	416	3.75
16	MCKENZIE	86	306	3.56	48	621	0.415	5	0.05	21	0.24	124	1.44	332	3.86
3	POLSTER	89	234	2.63	30	462	0.442	20	0.22	43	0.48	118	1.32	297	3.34
9	MILLAR	86	115	1.34	22	220	0.423	2	0.02	51	0.59	47	0.55	168	1.95
6	EATHERTON	75	113	1.50	12	195	0.528	10	0.13	28	0.37	41	0.55	151	2.01
10	SALMON	55	132	2.40	18	269	0.423	2	0.04	9	0.16	98	1.78	141	2.56
13	STANLEY	75	99	1.32	22	233	0.330	21	0.28	11	0.15	39	0.52	131	1.75
12	HOFF	54	71	1.75	7	122	0.525	3	0.05	21	0.39	20	0.37	95	1.76
1	LEE	34	38	1.12	6	74	0.432	6	0.18	35	1.03	15	0.44	79	2.32
11	BILLINGS	23	62	2.69	15	113	0.416	4	0.17	11	0.48	24	1.04	77	3.35
15	GARDNER	22	19	0.86	10	48	0.188	2	0.09	4	0.18	13	0.59	25	1.14
4	TAMAS	15	1	0.07	1	5	0.000	5	0.33	7	0.47	16	1.07	13	0.87
2	OLREE	18	3	0.17	1	4	0.500	1	0.05	0	0.00	1	0.05	4	0.22
7	SUXHO	101	42	0.42	10	91	0.352	15	0.15	30	0.30	123	1.22	87	0.86
14	HANSEN	5	2	0.40	0	4	0.500	0	0.00	1	0.20	9	1.80	3	0.60
18	TALIAFERRO	7	2	0.29	0	5	0.400	0	0.00	1	0.14	4	0.57	3	0.43
5	LAMBOURNE	121	0	0.00	0	0	0.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	264	2.18	0	0.00
Team Totals		121	1582	13.07	263	3186	0.414	122	1.01	320	2.64	1120	9.26	2022	16.71



# Volleyball Glossary

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

**Bagel** - winning a game 25-0.

**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 Lips** - defending more than once and successfully an opponent's hard spike as if the attacker was saying beforehand where the hit was going and you read their lips.

**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 Disgracial** - 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.

**Joust** - 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, rather than the floor.

**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** - the first of the three attack options. 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.

**Spiked Ball** - a ball hit forcibly from a height not less than the top of the net. Also known as 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, cost the sanctioned team a point.

## *2008 Fact Sheet*

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**Name:** USA Volleyball

**Headquarters:** Colorado Springs, Colo.

**Founded:** 1928

**Membership:** More than 200,000

**Mission:** USA Volleyball is the National Governing Body (NGB) for all disciplines of volleyball in the United States and is officially recognized by the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). As mandated by the Amateur Sports Act, USA Volleyball is responsible for the growth of the sport in America at the grassroots and most elite levels. USA Volleyball is the parent organization of the USA National Teams.



USA Volleyball is responsible for sending both indoor and beach volleyball teams — from youth to senior — to international events, including the FIVB World Championships and the Olympic Games.

**Chief Executive Officer:** Doug Beal

**President:** Albert Monaco

**Head Coach USA Men:** Hugh McCutcheon (Fourth Year)

**Head Coach USA Women:** “Jenny” Lang Ping (Fourth Year)

**Major 2008 Indoor Senior National Team Events:**

NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualifier (Men, Jan. 6-11 in Puerto Rico)

World League (Men, June 13-July 27, Various Sites)

World Grand Prix (Women, June 20-July 13, Various Sites)

Olympic Games (Aug. 8-24)

**Major 2008 Grassroots Events:**

USA Beach Junior Tour (June 14-Aug. 16)

USA Open Volleyball Championships (May 24-31, Atlanta, Ga.)

USA Girls Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships (June 26-July 5, Dallas, Texas)

USA Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships (July 2-9, Sandy City, Utah)

U.S. Adult Beach Open Volleyball Championships (Sept. 26-28, Santa Barbara, Calif.)

**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*

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### **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



# International 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 which represent the United States in the Olympic Games and other important volleyball competitions worldwide.

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

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

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

Following are the top teams in the FIVB World Rankings as of July 28, 2008:

\*Olympic qualifier

## Women

1. Brazil\*
2. Italy\*
3. Cuba\*
4. **USA\***
5. Japan\*
6. Serbia\*
7. China\*
8. Russia\*
9. Poland\*
10. Korea
11. Dominican Rep.
12. Kenya
13. Germany
14. Netherlands
15. Peru
16. Turkey
17. Thailand
18. Chinese Taipei
19. Puerto Rico
20. Egypt
21. Algeria\*
22. Kazakhstan\*
29. Venezuela\*

## Men

1. Brazil\*
2. Russia\*
3. **USA\***
4. Bulgaria\*
5. Serbia\*
6. Poland\*
7. Spain
8. Puerto Rico
9. Argentina
10. Italy\*
11. Japan\*
12. Australia
13. France
14. Egypt\*
15. Tunisia
16. Korea
17. Germany\*
18. Cuba
19. Canada
20. Venezuela\*
21. China\*

## International Fact Sheet

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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:

### 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)

### 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)

**World Championships:** The 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 (2002 information is provided in parenthesis where available):

- Host country
- Defending World Champions
- FIVB determined the appropriate number of qualification spots for each continent/zone based on performance at previous World Championships and the number of teams registered for 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: Not held  
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, seventh)

**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.

### 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)  
2001: USA  
2003: USA  
2005: USA  
2007: Cuba (USA, second)

## USA Men's Volleyball Record vs. World (1981-2008)

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