

# 2025

## AVCA Thirty Under 30 High School



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Head Coach

### **Career Accomplishments to Date:**

- Founded Sidewinder Volleyball Academy with Kyle Wells in Tucson, AZ, in 2022. Since then, the club has grown to over 300 athletes. In the most recent boys' AZ Region season, our 18U placed 4th, 16U placed 2nd, and 15U placed 5th in the state!
- Started coaching at Catalina Foothills High School in 2022. Teams have consistently placed in the top 10 in the state and have won four invitational tournaments in three years.
- Founded Stat Together in 2019 - a mobile app used by thousands of coaches to keep stats and live stream their matches.

### **Coaching Roles:**

- Arizona Premier Volleyball Head Coach: 2018 - 2022
- Sidewinder Volleyball Academy Director: 2022 - Present
- Catalina Foothills High School Head Coach: 2022 - Present
- AZ Region HP Assistant Coach: 2024 - Present

**What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?**

I originally started coaching as just a college job. I was playing for the University of Arizona club team at the time and just wanted some extra money. I quickly fell in love with coaching volleyball, thanks to those high school teams - and even quicker forgot about software engineering. This is way more fun.



### **What are your career goals in the sport?**

My overall goal is to build a strong volleyball culture in Tucson. Boys' volleyball is especially small here, but we've been working hard to grow it every day. Growing the game and raising the level of play for the kids in our area is my number one priority. Personally, my next goal is to become a graduate assistant coach. I want to go back to school and learn from coaches and players at the next level so I can keep getting better and give even more back to the volleyball community.

### **Which coaches have influenced you the most?**

Growing up, my dad was my baseball coach, and my step-dad was my volleyball coach. I still look to both of them for coaching advice.

In college, I played for Stephen Huff at the University of Arizona. My senior year, he hired me as his assistant at a high school. What started as a college job turned into a passion. I never would have started coaching without him.

A huge thank you to Nic Thiltges for all of your help getting me started, and to Heather Mott for setting the example of the coach I strive to be every day.

### **What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?**

I love coaching high school and club because it gives me a front-row seat to one of the most rewarding transformations: watching young athletes grow from kids into confident, talented adults. Coaching at this level is all about guiding their personal growth and being there through the highs and lows. I get to celebrate their wins and help them navigate tough losses. When a kid scores a big point or the team celebrates a hard-earned win, it's a privilege knowing I had a small part in helping them get there.

