2024 AVCA Thirty Under 30 Club



Kevin Burks Rev Volleyball Academy 14-1s Head Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

Club Accomplishments:

- Coached in 19 tournaments, finishing in the Gold Bracket in 13 of them, with 4 tournament wins and 3 runner-up finishes.
- Took over a club team with a 26% win rate and improved it to 64% the following season, achieving 6 more wins while competing in a higher division at Nationals.

High School Accomplishments:

- Coached Zionsville JV to the best record in the program's history at the time.
- Led Lawrence North JV to a 5-1 conference record.

• Assisted the Varsity team this year to its best season start since 2013. **Coaching Roles:**

- GrandPark Volleyball Club 12s Head Coach (October 2022-April 2023)
- Zionsville High School JV Head Coach (February 2023-April 2023)
- Lawrence North JV Head Coach (June 2023-October 2023)
- Rev 14-2 Head Coach (September 2023-June 2024)
- Lawrence North Varsity Assistant (November 2023-Present)
- Rev 14-1 Head Coach (July 2024-Present)

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

I've always had a deep passion for volleyball, and coaches often told me that my high volleyball IQ and analytical approach to matchups were my greatest strengths. I started coaching recreational volleyball as a part-time job in high school and quickly fell in love with helping younger athletes develop a love for the game. From that moment, I knew I wanted to pursue coaching at the travel club level and see where it could take me if I fully committed to it.



What are your career goals in the sport?

"My long-term goal is to coach volleyball at the Power 5 level, either as an assistant or head coach. Currently, at the club and high school levels, I aim to lead a team to a Gold Bracket finish in the Open division at Nationals. I also want to make a lasting impact within a high school program & win a Sectional/Regional or State championship. Beyond the accolades, my greatest priority is to positively influence as many lives as possible throughout my coaching career and leave behind a legacy that goes beyond the game of volleyball."

Which coaches have influenced you the most?

I could credit all of my volleyball coaches, from the high school coach who convinced me to start playing to my final club coach. However, the coaches who have influenced me the most are those who helped me grow as a coach and inspired me as a student of the game. Through their belief in me, the opportunities they provided, and their mentorship, Milton Crespo, Nick Cox, and Sean Keeve have had the greatest impact on my journey to where I am today.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

As a coach, I love the strategic side of volleyball—the chess match of analyzing stats, studying film, and developing game plans to outmatch opponents. But more than anything, I enjoy the deeper reward of instilling passion and love for the game in my players and watching that spark grow, creating a lasting impact on their lives.

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