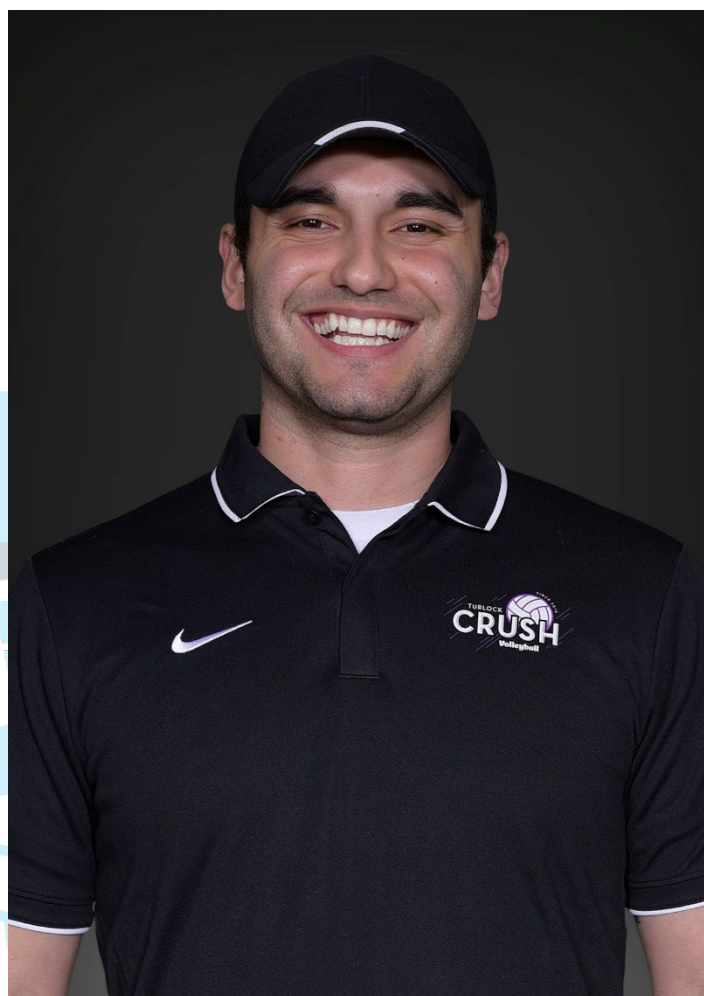


2024

AVCA Thirty Under 30 Club



Ari Amini

Turlock Crush Volleyball Club

14s/15s/17s

Head Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

- 2017 NCS Division 3 Section Runner up
- 2023 Turlock Crush 17-1s team earned a Bid to Nationals
- 2023 CCAL Coach of the Year
- 2023-24 Pitman High School Record: 34-7
- 2024 Norcal Winter Classic Tournament Champions
- 2024 Capital City Clash Tournament Champions
- 2024 Stockton Kickoff Gold Division Champions
- 2024 Central California Classic Gold Division Champions

Coaching Roles:

Alhambra High School in Martinez, CA

- 2017-2018 Freshmen Head Coach
- 2018-2020 Head JV Coach/Assistant Varsity Coach
- 2020-2021 Head Varsity Coach

Diablo Valley Volleyball Club - Walnut Creek, CA

- 2017-2018 Head Coach 14s
- 2018-2019 Head Coach 16s/Assistant 15s
- 2019-2020 Head Coach 15s

Pitman High School - Turlock, CA

- 2022-2023 Head JV Coach
- 2023-2024 Co-Head Coach Varsity
- 2024-Current Head Varsity Coach

Stanislaus State University - Turlock, CA

- 2023-Current Volunteer Assistant Coach

Turlock Crush Volleyball Club - Turlock CA

- 2021-2022 Assistant Coach 16s
- 2022-2023 Head Coach 17s
- 2023-2024 Head Coach 14s
- 2024 - Current Head Coach 15s

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

The opportunity to help young athletes develop mentally and physically strong through a mentally and physically taxing sport. This game will push you and break you down more than most other sports. But to help and support these athletes to have confidence when faced with adversity and to battle together is a culture that just drew me in when it came to coaching this sport. There is no greater joy than watching an athlete grow and learn from you and in the same turn you learn and grow from them. Its a special sport.

What are your career goals in the sport?

I want to continue to develop high caliber athletes with a passion for the game and have a growth mindset. I would love to continue to make the smaller club I am at, develop strong athletes in the central valley area, who cant afford to be at the bigger clubs. In the long term the opportunity to head coach a college team would be the ultimate goal I feel I would strive for. My biggest goal is to make girls volleyball a sport that continues to grow and dominate the sports world by building a love for the game.

Which coaches have influenced you the most?

I have to acknowledge Willie Marchesano, who got me into the volleyball coaching world by letting me help at clinics when I was just 18. He truly created the persona I try to have as a coach. Sean Stratton is another who supported on my technical growth and team management over in the club world. I have to also acknowledge Kristen Pontes-Christian who gave me a chance at Turlock Crush and showed me a different side to high level coaching. Lastly, Lauren Flowers who truly taught me what creating a team culture and coaching at a high level truly means.



What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

Coaching at any level any division is truly a rewarding experience. I enjoy watching players develop into strong athletes. I enjoy seeing a player take in what I show them and grow stronger for it or utilize what I show them effectively. I enjoy helping young athletes battle the mental parts of the game and watching them come into their own. The thing I enjoy most of all is the culture that is volleyball. The love, comradery, the cheering the over all support of one another growth makes coaching the easy job in the world. I am truly grateful.