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AVCA Thirty Under 30 Club



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Coqui Volleyball Club, 12-18

and

Madison Central High School, Head Volleyball Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

In my coaching career, I've celebrated several accomplishments with my teams at Coqui Volleyball Club, where we've won multiple tournaments across various competitions. At Madison Central, the JV team excelled by going undefeated and winning the Germantown Stampede tournament, while the varsity team achieved a commendable second place in the district this year.

Coaching Roles:

- Coqui Volleyball Club - Year 6 (2019-present) Head Coach for 13's, 14's, & 17's
- St. Joe Catholic School - 2 Years (2022-2023) Head Coach
- Madison Central High School - (Present) Head Coach

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

I decided to coach volleyball because my time at Coqui deepened my love for the game. The excitement and the long, busy days—while sometimes challenging—are incredibly rewarding. Coaching runs in my family; my dad and grandfather were both coaches, and my brother coached football in Texas. It feels like a tradition that's been passed down, and I've embraced it wholeheartedly. No matter the wins or losses, the passion

for coaching keeps me coming back for more, driven by the joy of making a difference in the lives of my players.

What are your career goals in the sport?

My biggest career goal in volleyball is to lead a team to the state championship while fostering a positive and inclusive culture within my community. I aim to create an environment where athletes feel empowered, motivated, and valued, allowing them to thrive both on and off the court. I want to instill a strong work ethic and resilience in my players, teaching them not only the skills of the game but also valuable life lessons. Ultimately, my goal is to develop not just successful athletes but confident individuals who will carry the lessons learned through volleyball into their future endeavors.



Which coaches have influenced you the most?

Jamie Siegel, my high school coach in Texas, played a crucial role in helping me become the best version of myself. She taught me that life isn't always fair and that we must learn to push through adversity.

Gabriel Rivera has been the biggest influence in my coaching journey. He has always believed in me and continues to be my biggest supporter. I can't thank him enough for everything he's taught me, especially in terms of high-level volleyball IQ. Gabriel has been instrumental in shaping the coach I am today, and without his guidance, I wouldn't be fulfilling my calling.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

I cherish the impact I can have on young girls who share my passion for volleyball. It brings me immense fulfillment when they reach out to me long after our time together, reminding me that I've made a difference. Watching these young women grow into their best selves is incredibly rewarding, especially because I've been in their shoes. I love seeing the pride they feel when they master a skill and how their confidence blossoms as they succeed. Sports like volleyball shape us into who we become in the future, and that, to me, is the greatest reward of all.

