

# 2024

## AVCA Thirty Under 30 College



### **Ignacio Valdemoros**

Eastern Illinois University  
NCAA Division I

Assistant Coach - Performance Analyst

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

- 3rd Place with Gimnasia y Esgrima La Plata on the National Pro League 2019
- Copa Osmita Championship with Banco Provincia La Plata 2021
- Silver Tournament Championship with Centro Basko La Plata 2022
- Ohio Valley Conference - 2023 Regular Season Championship with a 15-3 conference record with Eastern Illinois University
- Ohio Valley Conference - 2023 Tournament Championship
- NCAA Tournament Appearance 2023
- Has coached seven All-Conference selections since arriving at EIU in 2022, including two-time OVC Player of the Year Giovana Larregui Lopez and 2023 Setter of the Year Catalina Rochaix.

#### **Coaching Roles:**

- Club Fomento los Hornos (Argentina) assistant coach and performance analyst 2017-2019
- Gimnasia y Esgrima La Plata in the National Pro League (Argentina) - Assistant coach and Performance Analyst 2019-2020

- Argentina Development Programs for Younger National Team - Performance Analyst 2019-2020
- Club Banco Provincia La Plata in the National Pro League (Argentina) - Assistant coach and Performance Analyst 2020-2022
- Club Centro Basko La Plata (Argentina) Regional League La Plata - Assistant Coach and Coordinator 2021-2022
- Eastern Illinois University - Assistant Coach and Performance Analyst 2022-current

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

I decided to coach volleyball after my short career as a player. I was passionate about teaching and learning the game and becoming a coach gave me that extra potential to become the professional worker that I am now. Always my professional question to myself is “How I can help a player or other coach have answers?”

Volleyball in Argentina is small in comparison to other sports like soccer but has an enormous community supporting the development of new players and was an honor help to in that process in my young career.



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

- One of my dreams was always came to the NCAA Division 1 and that dream came true thank you to Eastern Illinois University and the coaches that trust in me so keep winning conferences with Eastern is my current dream that I am living!
- Have a opportunity to work in a power five conference as a Assistant Coach or Performance Analyst it's always a dream to complete
- Become a professional Performance Analyst/Assistant coach in the Italian Professional League

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

I'll say thank you first to coach Sara Thomas and Manolo Concepcion for the help and personal development since I arrived in the U.S.

I don't want to forget the coaches who helped me in the beginning and always are there to help me! My girlfriend Dianela, followed by friends and great professional coaches Marcela Re, Alicia and Paula Casamiquela, Josi Rifourcat, and Alan Jakimczuk

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

I enjoy helping the staff that works with me become the best they can be, finding and bringing analysis that could help the team to become better daily. I always said the same behind-the-scenes are crucial to winning games and that is what I love of my role as assistant coach! Make the coaches, staff, and players better with details that matter to create a successful program!

