

2024

AVCA Thirty Under 30 High School



Maddy Aiton

Reitz Memorial High School
Varsity Head Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

- Sectional Champions (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)
- SIAC Coach of the Year (2023)
- 3A South District Coach of the Year (2023)

Coaching Roles:

- Reitz Memorial High School- Varsity Head Coach (2021 - current)
- Metro Volleyball Club- Club Coach (2018 - 2021)
- North Posey High School- Varsity Head Coach (2018 - 2021)
- River City Volleyball Club- Club Coach (2014 - 2018)
- Reitz Memorial High School- JV Head Coach (2014 - 2018)

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

I was unfortunately not able to play collegiate volleyball but I knew I wanted to still be involved with the game. Right out of high school, I was presented a JV coaching job at my alma mater- I took it and have been coaching for the last 11 years. I knew I wanted to coach volleyball because of the huge impact sports had on my life. I love the camaraderie and lessons you can learn from sports. I wanted to play a part in young athletes' lives experiencing these things.

What are your career goals in the sport?

My coaching aspirations include preparing my players for volleyball at the collegiate level. Not all our players go on to compete at the collegiate level, so at the bare minimum, my goal is to create a positive experience for my players at Reitz Memorial High School. Another goal of mine as a coach is win the Indiana state championship. I had to take a step away from coaching club volleyball once my husband and I began having children. Once my children are older, I would truly love to either coach club again or possibly coach at the collegiate level.

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

The coach that had the biggest impact on me was my high school track coach. His coaching style was the epitome of tough love. He had a rich background in track, winning a National Championship at Indiana University, but also great at making connections with each of his athletes. He pushed us mentally and physically each day at practice all while making the seasons enjoyable. Because of his influence, I have molded my coaching style into something similar. Of course I value the skill of volleyball, but overall, I value the experience I am fostering for the players.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

The aspect of coaching that I enjoy most is the lessons learned about life through volleyball. Outside of volleyball skill and technique, there are so many things we learn to be productive humans in life. We learn how to win, how to lose, how to handle adversity, how to work together, and much more. I find joy in living in these moments with the players and watching them grow from their experiences. It creates a lasting relationship that exists on and off the volleyball court. I truly value the bonds that are formed from the game of volleyball.

