

# 2024 AVCA Thirty Under 30 High School



**Dylan Griffith**  
Middleton High School  
Varsity Head Coach

## **Career Accomplishments to Date:**

- 2023 Wisconsin State Championship Title (1st in program history)
- 2024 Wisconsin State Championship Runner-Up (2nd championship appearance in program history)
- 2024 Big 8 Conference Coach of the Year
- 2023 & 2024 Wisconsin State Qualifier & Sectional Champion
- 2023 & 2024 Big 8 Conference Champion
- 17th Place Finish - AAU Nationals (18 Premier)
- Coached Wisconsin State Player of the Year (2023)

**Coaching Roles:**

- Varsity Head Coach - Middleton High School (2023, 2024)
- Volunteer Assistant Coach - Edgewood College (2024/2025)
- 18-1's Head Coach - Madison Inferno Volleyball Club (2023, 2024)
- U15 Assistant Coach - Badger Region High-Performance (2024)
- Varsity Assistant Coach - Middleton High School ( 2022)
- JV Head Coach - Middleton High School (2020, 2021)
- 16-1s Assistant Coach - Ozaukee Volleyball Club (2020)

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

My passion for coaching began at 16, when I started coaching youth athletes in my hometown. While in high school, I had the opportunity to run middle school and youth classes and camps at our local sportsplex. It was there that I discovered how much I loved teaching the sport and sharing the knowledge I had gained as a player. My continuation in my own career within the sport only reinforced that passion.

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

My goal is to build a long-term career in coaching and eventually make it my full-time profession. Continuing in the college scene, where I played, is definitely a path I'm passionate about, but I'm also excited by the many other opportunities the sport has to offer.



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

My journey into coaching volleyball began with the coaches who influenced me in high school. Ben White, my high school coach, was the first to introduce me to coaching, always encouraging me to assist with younger players and help at local camps. My club coach, Mike Ziegler, also shaped my coaching style today. Both of them have been incredible role models, supporting my passion for volleyball and inspiring me to share that passion with others.

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

The challenge of connecting with each athlete is one I find exciting. Coaching is about teaching, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to pass on the lessons I've learned from both life and sport. As a coach, the learning process never stops, and it's a constant challenge to find new ways to help my team grow. One of the most rewarding aspects of coaching is the impact I can have on young athletes. Creating a positive environment where they can nurture their passions and develop both as athletes and individuals is my top priority.

