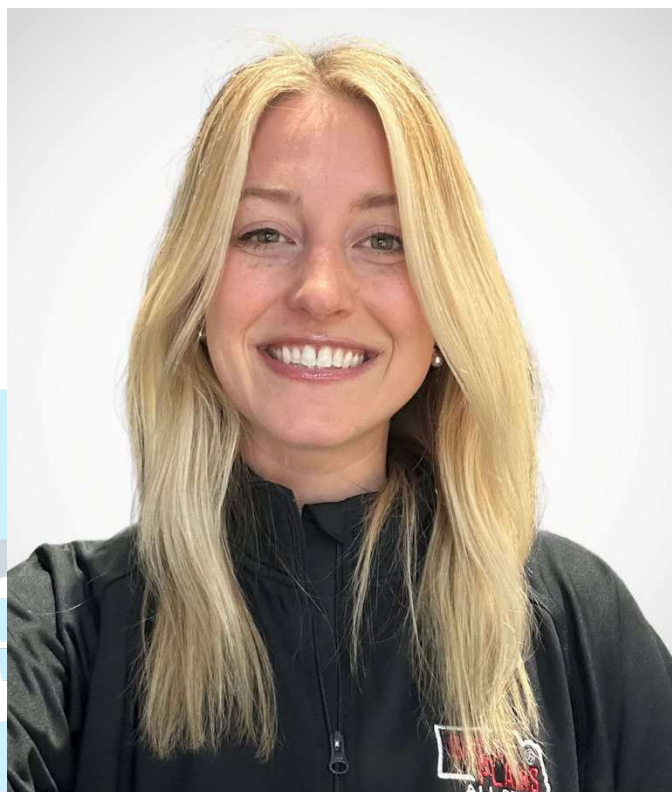


2025

AVCA Thirty Under 30 Club



Lindsey Smith

Great Plains Region Volleyball
Director of All Stars & Boys Program

Career Accomplishments to Date:

- One of the founders of the first boys' high school volleyball league in Nebraska
- Director of Great Plains All Star Program (2 medals earned in 2024)
- 5th Place Finish @ 12 Club 2025 AAU Nationals
- Runner-Up GPAC Conference Finish w/ Morningside University Men's Program

Coaching Roles:

- Great Plains Boys League - Director & Coach - 2025
- Midland University - Assistant Coach - 2025
- Great Plains All Star Program - Director - 2024-2025
- MVP (Midwest Volleyball Power) - Administrator & Coach - 2020-2024
- Morningside University - Men's Assistant Coach - 2024
- United Volleyball Club - Administrator & Coach - 2021-2022
- Fountain Valley High School - Boys Volleyball Coach - 2022
- College of Saint Mary - Assistant Coach - 2020

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

Volleyball has made me into the person I am today. The experiences I've had, places it has taken me, people I've met through it, and the growing community has helped shape me in to who I am today. I have so much to thank the sport for, and love being able to give back to others all the joy it has brought me over the years.

What are your career goals in the sport?

I aspire to continue to create opportunities for underserved markets within our Region to have the chance to participate in volleyball, be a part of the community, and fall in love with the sport like I had the opportunity to when I was their age. Right now, our big focus is on the growth of boys' volleyball in our Region. We started a high school boys' league this year, and look forward to continuing it's growth across the state of Nebraska and expand to middle school leagues as well.

Which coaches have influenced you the most?

My mother, Melissa Smith, has been the biggest influence on my career. She was a club director for 15 years and is who inspired me to pursue a career in sports administration / coaching. She changed so many lives in her years leading the club program and helped so many athletes continue their career at the collegiate level. I aspire to make that kind of difference in my career.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

I love seeing athletes take away so much more than just the game in their career. They come out with memories that will last a lifetime, lifelong friends, and lessons that set them up for success in life after. Volleyball is so much more than just a game and I love being able to share that.

