

# 2026

## AVCA Thirty Under 30 Club



### **Caroline Ellis**

UNION Volleyball Club

17 Black Head Coach and Recruiting Coordinator

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

MEQ USA Winner 2024

Fall 2021, Ellis helped propel the Transylvania team to their third consecutive HCAC Championship, after going 23-13 on the season and 7-2 in conference matchups.

Since 2016, Ellis has served as a coach with Union and has served as the JV coach at Bates Creek High School in Lexington where she guided the team to their first JV District Championship. Additionally, she coached 15 Adidas at Lexington United while being their Director of Operations and was a volunteer assistant at Transylvania University

#### **Coaching Roles:**

UNION Volleyball Club 2019-12-1

Lexington United Volleyball Club 2021-2023 15-1

UNION Volleyball Club 2023-Present 17-1

Volunteer Assistant Transylvania University 2021-2022

Tates Creek High School JV Head Coach

Jessie Clark Middle School Head Coach

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

After playing in College at Georgetown, I wasn't ready to give up the competition of volleyball. I had so many coaches that impacted me in a positive way and may of those I am getting to coach with now at UNION volleyball and give back to the people who poured everything into me.

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

I want to positively impact as many young players as I can and continue to grow the game that has given me so much



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

Terri Purichia

Denise Ranney

My mom Michelle McCutcheon

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

I enjoy the high energy and atmosphere in big time games. I enjoy watching the kid “get it” after working through a skill or mental block. I love the community that is being in a big tournament and seeing everyone you know from across the country

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