

# 2026

## AVCA Thirty Under 30 Club



### **Nikita Selivan**

Lionheart VBC

Club Director / 17 Premier Head Coach

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

My biggest (ongoing) accomplishment is the Girls Program at Lionheart VBC. We are currently in year two, and thus far...

In the 2024-25 season we had 15 girls teams and they took home 20 top 5 finishes, 9 top 3 finishes, and 4 championship titles.

So far THIS season, with 18 girls teams, we have taken home 22 top 5 finishes, 12 top 3 finishes, and 2 championship titles.

#### **Coaching Roles:**

-Lockdown VBC. Head coach Girls U16. 2017-2018 Season.

-Boston United Volleyball Club. Head coach U17 Boys / Assistant Coach U14 Girls / Assistant Coach U15 Girls / Assistant Coach U16 Girls / Assistant Coach U17 Girls. January 2023 - June 2023.

-Boston United Volleyball Club Beach. Youth teams. Summer 2024.

-SMASH Beach. Youth teams. Summer 2024.

-Wellesley College. First Assistant. Fall 2023-Spring 2025.

-Lionheart Volleyball Club. Club Director. Spring 2025 - Present :)

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

Volleyball has been such a vital part of my life for the majority of it... coaching honestly happened very serendipitously.

Years ago now, I impulsively moved back to Boston from Hawaii (crazy choice), but I needed a life shake up. Ironically I was trying to not coach, more focused on moving again for a Masters program...

Once I got back into the community it ended up consuming me, some light club coaching turned full time, then a college coaching offer, then a club director offer. It felt like I found my purpose and each opportunity has further affirmed that.

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

My biggest goal is to build Lionheart into one of the highest level clubs in the New England - and to be a nationally recognized competitor.

Producing athletes with talent, grit, heart, and love for the game and for life! We have an emphasis on elite level training, but it is also really important to me that we are helping guiding our players to become good humans :)



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

Richard Barton, Lucas Coffeen, Fabian Ardila, Nicole Trudeau, Gregg Detwiler, Caitlyn Vann (current and lifelong mentor 😊), Dave Piexoto (mentor for life), Craig Letourneau

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

Seeing that moment when a player just gets it... something you've been nitpicking and working on for WEEKS, then all of a sudden it clicks - they feel it and you know their game just changed forever.