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# 2015 FLORIDA WAVE INDOOR PRO VOLLEYBALL TEAMS ANNOUNCE TRAVEL ROSTERS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Both the Men's and Women's Florida WAVE have chosen the athletes that will be representing the Florida Region during the 2015 Premier Volleyball League (PVL) Championships in Detroit, MI. The championships will be held May  $23^{\rm rd}$  –  $26^{\rm th}$  and are held in conjunction with the USA Open National Championships.

**Eustis, FL – May 18, 2015 –** The Florida WAVE men's and women's pro volleyball teams have announced their final travel rosters for the 2015 PVL Championships. Both teams will travel to Detroit, MI to compete against more than 27 other PVL men's and women's teams.

The Men's WAVE roster includes:

Mike Iandolo, Setter, 6'7 (Lewis University)
Steven Kehoe, Setter, 6'3 (Ohio State University)
Robert Schramm, Middle Blocker, 6'7 (Warner Univ.)
Matt Pollock, Middle Blocker, 6'9 (Pepperdine Univ.)
Kris Johnson, Middle Blocker, 6'10 (Cal. Baptist Univ.)
Chad Mercado, Opposite. 6'5 (Lees-McRae College)
Mark Dusharme, Opposite, 6'8 (Univ. Southern Cal.)
Dalton Ammerman, Outside Hitter, 6'4 (Long Beach St.)
Srdjan Nadazdin, Outside Hitter, 6'5 (George Mason Univ.)
Kyle Gramit, Outside Hitter, 6'4 (Long Beach St.)
Jaylen Reyes, Libero, 6'1 (BYU)

The Women's WAVE roster includes:

Evan Sanders, Setter, 6'0 (Univ. of Wash.)
Alexa Dannemiller, Setter, 5'10 (Univ. of Michigan)
Bianca Rowland, Middle Blocker, 6'0 (Univ. of Wash.)
DeLaina Sarden, Middle Blocker, 6'1 (UCF)
Mekana Barnes, Middle Blocker, 6'1 (Colorado State)
Courtney Karst, Opposite, 6'0 (Univ. of Arizona)
Korrin Wild, Outside Hitter, 5'11 (Fresno State)
Sarah Ammerman, Outside Hitter, 6'2 (Texas A&M)
Becky Perry, Outside Hitter, 6'2 (Univ. of Wash.)
Lindsay Stalzer, Outside Hitter, 6'1 (Bradley Univ.)
Sarah Palmer, Libero, 5'10 (University of Texas)
Katie Mosher, Libero, 5'9 (FSU)

**Steve Benson** returns for his third year as head coach for the Men's WAVE. In 2013, he led the Men's WAVE to the first place spot in both the US Open and the first Men's PVL Championships. They finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place in 2014. Benson is currently the men's head volleyball coach at Warner University.

Additional coaching staff for the Men's Florida WAVE includes:

### Men

- Associate Head Coach: **Rob Holley**, 3<sup>rd</sup> year (Jacksonville Juniors Volleyball Association)
- Assistant Coach: **Greg Villareal**, 3<sup>rd</sup> year (University of Miami)
- Statistician: Semei Tello, 2<sup>nd</sup> year (University of Central Florida)

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**Brian Imperiale** will be leading the Women's WAVE as head coach for his first year with the program. He will be taking over a team with two PVL Championship silver medals on their record. Imperiale is currently the top assistant coach at the University of Tampa (2014 DII National Champions.)

Additional coaching staff for the Women's Florida WAVE includes:

#### Women

- Assistant Coach: **Travers Green**, 2<sup>nd</sup> year (University of South Florida)
- Assistant Coach: **Tanya Jarvis**, 4<sup>th</sup> year (Bishop Moore Catholic High School)
- Statistician: **Orlando Catalan**, 2<sup>nd</sup> year (LIU Brooklyn)

Additional staff members for both Florida WAVE teams include:

- Catherine Coston Program Assistant
- Ashley Shewey Marketing Coordinator
- Mary Andrew Commissioner
- **Steve Bishop** General Manager

**Steve Bishop**, Executive Director of the Florida Region of USA Volleyball, said, "We are very proud of our Florida WAVE professional athletes and their coaches. Our journey started back in 2012 with a women's team and a dream. A men's team was added in 2013 when the PVL was expanded to include a men's division. The Florida WAVE teams have had strong finishes each year with great support from the Florida Region members and Board of Directors. Our great partners include ASICS America, Molten USA, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Volleyball, RX Massage Therapy, and David Jester Photography. Each year we hold tryouts and identify twenty four (24) training team athletes for each roster to compete in exhibition matches during the regular season. From the training team rosters, the coaches select the top twelve (12) athletes for the travel team rosters. This has truly been a team effort over the first four years and we are excited about the future of the Florida WAVE and the PVL. Go WAVE!"

## About USA Premier Volleyball League:

The USA PVL is a grass roots professional volleyball league that began in 2012 and is made up of teams from among the forty (40) regional volleyball associations across the United States. The USA PVL is sanctioned by USA Volleyball and offers tournament play and a League Championship event each year. Additional information on the USA Premier Volleyball League can be found at: <a href="https://www.usapvl.com">www.usapvl.com</a>.

## About Florida Region of USA Volleyball:

The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is a 501c3 non-profit that began operations in the 1960's and was officially incorporated in 1982 to promote the sport of volleyball and to create competitive playing opportunities for volleyball enthusiasts of all ages throughout the State of Florida. The Florida Region is one of the 40 regional volleyball associations under the umbrella of USA Volleyball and currently serves over 13,000 members. Indoor and outdoor programming is available for adults, juniors, coaches and officials. The Florida Region of USA Volleyball headquarters is located in Eustis, FL. Additional information on the Florida Region can be found at: <a href="https://www.FloridaVolleyball.org">www.FloridaVolleyball.org</a>.

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