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### FLORIDA WAVE INDOOR PRO VOLLEYBALL TEAMS ANNOUNCE TRAINING ROSTERS FOR 2016 SEASON

Both the Men's and Women's Florida WAVE have chosen the athletes that will be representing the Florida Region during the 2016 Premier Volleyball League (PVL) season.

**Eustis, FL – February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016** – The Florida WAVE men's and women's pro volleyball teams have announced their 2016 training rosters. Both teams are scheduled to compete at the Florida PVL Invitational on April 30<sup>th</sup> in Orlando, FL. This event will help the teams prepare for the 2016 PVL Championships, to be held May 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> in conjunction with the USA Open National Championships in Orlando. This year, both the men's and women's teams will feature both a PVL and PVL AAA division.

The Men's WAVE roster includes:

**Mike Iandolo**, Setter, 6'7 (Lewis University)  
**Omar Rivera**, Setter, 6'3 (IPFW)  
**Chris Cox**, Setter, 6'5 (Lindenwood University)  
**David Specian**, Setter, 6'0 (Pfeiffer University)  
**Matt Pollock**, Middle Blocker, 6'9 (Pepperdine)  
**Shane Welch**, Middle Blocker, 6'10 (Missouri Baptist)  
**Kevin Oleson**, Middle Blocker, 6'6 (Western Illinois)  
**Will Sovran**, Middle Blocker, 6'5 (Univ. Central Florida)  
**Matt Gallik**, Middle Blocker, 6'6 (Lewis University)  
**Austin Zahn**, Middle Blocker, 6'8 (Univ. of Southern California)  
**Joao Nunes**, Opposite/ Middle Blocker (Univ. Central Florida)  
**Chad Mercado**, Opposite, 6'5 (Lees-McRae College)

**Eric Fitterer**, Opposite, 6'8 (Lewis University)  
**Kyle Friend**, Outside/ Libero, 6'4 (Long Beach State)  
**Kyle Gramit**, Outside Hitter, 6'5 (George Mason)  
**Sirianis Hernandez**, Outside Hitter, 6'5 (Cuban National Team)  
**Jori Mantha**, Outside Hitter, 6'3 (McMaster University)  
**Srdjan Nadazdin**, Outside/Opp., 6'7 (Long Beach State)  
**Bradley Connors**, Outside Hitter, 6'5 (Warner University)  
**Jack Mitchell**, Outside Hitter, 6'5 (Lindenwood Univ.)  
**Spencer Hilland**, Outside/Opp., 6'4 (The Sage College)  
**Jeff Solar**, Outside Hitter, 6'6 (Lewis University)  
**Jaylen Reyes**, Libero, 6'1 (Brigham Young University)  
**Tanner Wright**, Libero, 5'10 (Quincy University)

The Women's WAVE roster includes:

**Lexi Dannemiller**, Setter, 5'11 (Univ. of Michigan)  
**Mackenzie Dagostino**, Setter, 5'10 (Univ. of Florida)  
**Marie Reiterova**, Setter, 5'9 (Univ. Central Florida)  
**Aysha Nickels**, Setter, 5'6 (Warner University)  
**Sam Middleborn**, Middle Blocker, 6'1 (Cal State S. Bernardino)  
**Danielle Hepburn**, Middle Blocker, 6'2 (Clemson University)  
**Karis Watson**, Middle Blocker, 6'2 (Clemson University)  
**Sasha McLeod**, Middle Blocker, 6'1 (Middle Tennessee State)  
**Aiyana Whitney**, Middle/Opposite, 6'3 (Penn State)  
**Jess Wagner**, Middle/Opposite, 6'2 (Univ. of Tampa)  
**Kennedy Bryan**, Opposite, 6'1 (Virginia Tech)  
**Erin Fairs**, Outside Hitter, 5'11 (Univ. South Florida)

**Megan Courtney**, Outside Hitter, 6'1 (Penn State)  
**Nicole Walch**, Outside Hitter, 6'2 (Florida State)  
**Lindsay Stalzer**, Outside/Opposite, 6'1 (Bradley University)  
**Kristin Faust**, Outside, 5'11 (Clemson University)  
**Erin Anderson**, Outside, 5'7 (Gardner-Webb University)  
**Jennifer Cruz**, Outside, 5'10 (Univ. of New Orleans)  
**Devin Von Pingel**, Outside/Opposite, 6'0 (Troy University)  
**Liz McMahon**, Opposite, 6'6 (Univ. of Illinois)  
**Katie Mosher**, Libero, 5'9 (Florida State)  
**Kori Moster**, Libero, 5'4 (Michigan State)  
**Gregner Gotay**, Libero, 5'4 (Univ. Of Texas-Brownville)  
**Alyssa Warren**, Libero 5'9 (Seton Hall University)

**Steve Benson** returns for his fourth 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 2015. Benson is currently the men's head volleyball coach at Warner University.

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

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- Associate Head Coach: **Rob Holley**, 4<sup>th</sup> year (Jacksonville Juniors Volleyball Association)
- Assistant Coach: **Greg Villareal**, 4<sup>th</sup> year (Braddock High School)
- Statistician: **Semei Tello**, 3<sup>rd</sup> year (Ocean Bay Volleyball Club)

**Brian Imperiale** will be leading the Women's WAVE as head coach for his second year with the program. The Women's WAVE has two silver medals on their record. They finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place in 2015. 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:

- Assistant Coach: **Travers Green**, 3<sup>rd</sup> year (University of South Florida)
- Assistant Coach: **Julie Darty**, 1<sup>st</sup> year (Jacksonville University)
- Statistician: **Jon Wong**, 1<sup>st</sup> year (University of Tennessee)

Additional staff members for both the Men's and Women's Florida WAVE 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 as we celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the PVL. 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 Ultra Ankle. 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 five 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: [www.usapvl.com](http://www.usapvl.com).

#### **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: [www.FloridaVolleyball.org](http://www.FloridaVolleyball.org).

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