

HP Athlete Spotlight



Morgan Hendrix
Lakeway, TX

High School/Club: Lake Travis High School/ Austin Performance Volleyball

Height, block touch and jump touch: 6'3", 10', 10'2"

If you could meet any current or past Olympian, who would it be and

why? Michael Phelps or Phil Dalhausser. Michael Phelps because he has overcome a lot of obstacles to be where he is today, and Phil Dalhausser because he is an absolute inspiration when it comes to playing volleyball.

Are you from a "volleyball family"? Do any of your family members play collegiate or professional sports?

Nope, I was the first volleyball player of my sports crazy family. My Dad played basketball at The University of Oklahoma and my Mom was a cheerleader also at OU.

What USAV HP Programs have you been involved in?

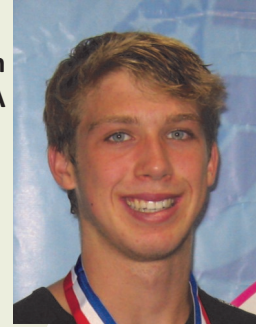
How are these different from other programs you have been involved in? I have been a part of the Indoor USAV High Performance A2 teams in Colorado Springs, Colorado in 2007 and in Tucson, Arizona in 2008. I also have been involved in about three Holiday Camps. USA Volleyball is completely different than any program I've been in because not only is it my favorite, but I've met some of my closest friends and people from all over the world. It's also fun to go to qualifiers during the club season and see all of your USAV friends.

What is the happiest moment in your volleyball career?

Most embarrassing moment? The happiest moment in my volleyball career was probably when I either committed to play at The University of Alabama or when my club team qualified for the Junior National Championships for the first time. My most embarrassing moment was definitely when I had hit a ball and the ribbon I had in my pony tail had been pulled out with my arm swing. Instead of defending the ball that had just been blocked, I immediately reached for the ribbon to throw it off of the court. My friends still laugh about it.

Do you want to play volleyball collegiately and/or professionally? Do you strive to represent the USA one day as an Olympian? I am so happy to be playing volleyball collegiately at The University of Alabama and I would love to play someday professionally. It would also be a complete dream come true and an honor to play as a USA Olympian one day.

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Evan Dean
Corona del Mar, CA

High School/Club: Corona del Mar High School/ Balboa Bay Volleyball Club

Position: Opposite/Middle Blocker

Height, block touch and jump touch: 6'4"; 10'1", 10'8"

Favorite Warm-Up Songs: "Let's Go Surfing" by The Drums and "Stars" by Switchfoot

Scorekeeping or Line Judging? Why? I prefer scorekeeping because it keeps me focused, I learn from the game and I get some rest.

"Gotta Have" snacks between matches at a tournament: Tacos and Naked Juice.

If you could meet any current or former Olympian, who would it be and why? I would like to meet Phil Dalhausser because he is a dominating and enthusiastic beach volleyball player with a powerful presence on the court.

Other sports/activities/hobbies: Beach volleyball, body boarding, surfing, Eagle Scout, president of Volleyball Helping Others, board member on two Newport Beach youth councils, singing and playing the guitar

When did you start playing volleyball? I started in 7th grade when I played on a Corona del Mar Middle School team and began with the Balboa Bay Volleyball Club.

Are you from a "volleyball family"? Do any of your family members play collegiate or professional sports?

We play volleyball together at the beach. I am the first in my family to play volleyball at this level.

Who was the most influential person in helping you to develop as a volleyball player? All of my club, school and HP coaches have been incredibly influential. My current BBVC Coach, John Hawks, high school Coach, Steve Conti, and HP Coach, Charlie Sullivan, have been especially helpful in developing my game.

What part of your background best prepared you for playing at an elite level? I have been prepared by a strong work ethic and enthusiasm for life instilled by parents; courage, respect, and humility from my faith in God, strength and team-building gained by playing many sports; focus and integrity through academics; and compassion and character by serving people in need.

What USAV HP Programs have you been involved in? Are these different from other programs you have been involved in? If so, what makes them different?

I have participated in the 2008 and 2009 Select A1

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