

The Michael Heard Story

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Chapter 1: The Early Years 1989-1994

I began my volleyball career at the tender age of 13. I was fortunate enough to learn the game from the guidance of three of the game's best coaches, John Powers, Mike Bouton, and Rod Go. As the setter for Team Slammy, we went on to become one of the major junior boys' teams in the Southern and Florida Regions.

Chapter 2: The College Years 1994-1998

After graduating from John Carroll in 1994, I enrolled at Auburn University and began playing for Auburn's club volleyball team. As the setter for the Tigers, my collegiate career culminated in a regional championship in 1997 defeating then top 20 powers Florida & Kentucky. I earned a degree in Environmental Science from Auburn University in December 1998.

Chapter 3: Coaching/Playing 1998-Present

After graduating, I accepted a position at Sutherland Environmental as an analytical chemist, where I am currently employed. I began playing volleyball with the Birmingham Men's Adult travel team (BAVA), winning regional championships on four occasions and participating in USA Volleyball Adult Nationals, with a gold medal round appearance in 2006. In 2005, I won "King of the Beach" at the Fudpuckers beach tournament. I began coaching club in 1999 as an assistant at Alabama Juniors and coached a Juniors (assistant & head coach) until 2003. I also coached as an assistant coach at Spain Park in 2002 & 2003. From 2004-2011, I have been a head coach at Birmingham Volleyball Club, coaching all ages between 13-18. I have been an assistant head coach at Mountain Brook High School under head coach Chris Camper from 2004-2011. In November 2011, I accepted a volunteer assistant position at Samford University under head coach Dex Schroeder.

Chapter 4: My Family 2004-Present

I have been married to my lovely wife, Christy, for 7 years. Christy is a nurse at Children's Hospital. We have a daughter, Alexis, who is 3 years old.