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# OCC Spikers Succeeding on the Pro Circuit

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Three Outrigger Canoe Club volleyball players are currently ranked in the top 14 pro sand volleyball players in the United States, and three more have made it to the top 125 in their first year as pros.

The young men, who all learned to set, dig, spike and serve on the Baby Court, have played together most of their lives.

Tri Bourne, currently ranked sixth in the U.S., won the AVP Championship in 2015 with his partner John Hyden.

Trevor Crabb is ranked in 12th place, and his brother and pro partner Taylor finished the season in 14th place.

After playing on the U.S. National Team (indoor) for two years, Brad Lawson turned to sand volleyball in 2015 and is ranked in 85th place.

The bearded brothers McKibbin, Maddison and Riley, are also enjoying success in the AVP.

Riley is 27, while Tri, Trevor and Brad are all 26, Maddison 25 and Taylor 23.

Three of their OCC contemporaries are currently on the U.S. National Volleyball (indoor) team: Kawika Shoji (28), Erik Shoji (26) and Micah Christenson (22), and hoping to make the U.S. team for the Rio Olympics this year.

Tri was on the 2015 U.S. National Beach Volleyball team, and with Hyden is currently the number one team in the U.S. and aiming for the Rio Olympics as well.

We met up with the men during the Kona Red volleyball tournament in December where all were playing. The McKibbins were on the winning team, along with Brad's dad, Bill.

As you read their accomplishments, note how volleyball has turned them into world travelers, beginning with their playing on OCC's teams as teenagers.

The skills they were taught by OCC coaches growing up, the rules of sportsmanship they learned on Daddy's Court, and the experience they were provided playing both indoor and sand volleyball, have turned them into men and volleyball players that every member of the Outrigger Canoe Club can be very proud of.

Once again, a little Club, on a spit of land in the middle of the Pacific Ocean has produced some of the finest volleyball players in the world!

## Tri Bourne

Height: 6' 5"

At the age of 25, Tri has had an amazing career already, and there's much more to come. A 2007 graduate of Academy of the Pacific, he was on the Division II state volleyball championship team with Maryknoll, and was named to the Division I, All State first team.

He played for Outrigger in the Junior Olympics from 2005 to 2007, winning Silver Medals in 2006 and 2007, and was on the Junior National Team from 2007 to 2009, playing in Mexico, El Salvador and India.

At USC, he majored in real estate development, graduating in 2011. He made two Final Four appearances with USC.

After graduating from USC, he turned pro and played on indoor teams in Puerto Rico in 2011 and 2012, in Turkey in 2012 and was selected to the USA Pam American team in 2011.

In 2013 he turned to pro beach volleyball and was named the AVP Newcomer of the Year and Most Improved Player, and in 2014 was the AVP Offensive Player of the Year. Tri was the



Tri Bourne hammering a return.

FIVB Rookie of the Year in 2014, winning the FIVB Berlin Grand Slam Championship and the AVP Milwaukee Championship.

Last year he and Hyden won the Cincinnati Open and the AVP Huntington Beach Championship. He and Hyden were the AVP Tour Champions and AVP Team of the Year and finished fifth at the 2015 Beach World Championships.

They are currently ranked in 11th place in provisional Olympic Rankings, and second in points (4,060) behind Jake Gibb and Casey Patterson (4,620). They started the 2016 FIVB World Tour by tying for fifth at the Puerto Vallarta Open, and winning a bronze medal at the FIVB Qatar Open. Four more tournaments remain before the Olympic team is selected.

"We're in the running for the 2016 Rio Olympics and need to finish in the top two on the international tour this year to qualify," Bourne said.

Tri's partner John Hyden was a two-time Olympian on the U.S. National Indoor Team, where he was voted MVP of the 1996 Olympic Indoor Team and was a two-time AVP Best Defensive Player.

Bourne currently lives in Redondo Beach.

Asked about his favorite memory of OCC volleyball, he says it was playing in the Daddy Haine 4-Man tournament. "As a kid, it was great to play with all the older guys."

He is sponsored on the tour by Mizuno, Maui Jim, Kona Red, and sayiwont.

Tri is the son of Peter and Katy Bourne, both outstanding OCC athletes, runners, cyclists and paddlers.

"I'll be playing pro and going for the Olympics for as long as I can," he sums up.

## Trevor Crabb

Height: 6' 5"

Trevor didn't start out as a volleyball player. In 2008, his senior year at Punahou, he led his basketball team to a State Championship. However, he did play volleyball on Outrigger teams at the Junior Olympics from 2004 to 2006, finishing in second place in the Boys 17 division in 2006.



Trevor Crabb blocks at the net (blue).

At Cal State Long Beach, where he majored in kinesiology, Trevor played outside hitter on the volleyball team and his team finished second in the MPSF finals in 2013. The highlight of his college career was 30 kills in one match!

After college, Trevor began playing on the AVP tour. His partner is his younger brother Taylor. Trevor is currently in 12th place in national rankings. His sponsor is Hinano Tahiti, Hawaii's Finest. He currently resides in Redondo Beach.

The highlight of his career so far: "Getting third place in the 2015 AVP Manhattan Beach Open."

Like Tri, his favorite memory of OCC volleyball, is "Playing in all the Daddy Haine 4-Man Tournaments." Another fond memory is Marc Haine putting on a tournament on the Baby Court for his birthday. "He slugged us if we swore."

"Beach volleyball is definitely in my future and I plan to play for as long as I can," he says. "Taylor and I will be competing on the pro circuit this year, but our main goal is to compete in the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo."

What volleyball player does he admire the most? "Probably my dad because I learned almost everything from him and grew up watching him play more than anyone."

Trevor is the son of Chris and Paula Crabb, both Winged "O"s at the OCC for their achievements in volleyball and canoe paddling.

### Taylor Crabb

Height: 6' 0"

Taylor is a 2010 graduate of Punahou School. He played for Outrigger on Junior Olympic teams from 2004 to 2010. In 2009 he was a member of the Boys Youth National Team that finished 10th at the FIVB Boys Youth World Championship in Italy and was a member of the 2010 Men's Junior National Team that won the NORCECA Continental Championship in Gatineau, Quebec, Canada.

In 2011 Taylor was a member of the USAV Indoor Men's Junior National Team that advanced to the semifinals in Brazil at the 2011 FIVB Men's Junior World Championships.

He was a four-year letterman at Cal State Long Beach, a two-time All-American and 2013 AVCA National Player of the Year. He graduated from Long Beach in 2014 with a major in American Studies.

Taylor made his pro debut in 2011 at the Hermosa Beach Wide Open Tournament with Trevor, finishing 49th. In 2013, he and Trevor competed in two tournaments, one NVL event in

Hermosa Beach (finishing 13th) and the AVP Manhattan Beach Open (finishing 25th).

Taylor earned AVP Newcomer of the Year honors in 2015. He topped the AVP's men with his efficiency on defense, making 313 digs in 58 games for a 5.40 average, the best among all men on tour.

The Crabbs had their best year in 2015, when they won their first NORCECA event, the 2015 St. Lucia tournament, their first pro Gold Medal. They made their international and FIVB debut at the 2015 Xiamen Open, finishing ninth. They also played in seven 2015 AVP Tour stops, placing third at the Manhattan Beach Open and Huntington Beach Open.

Taylor is the son of Chris and Paula Crabb.



Taylor Crabb digs a ball.



Brad Lawson slams a return.

### Brad Lawson

Height: 6' 7"

Brad garnered numerous volleyball accolades in high school, graduating from Iolani School in 2008 and winning the State Championship. He was the Player of the Year in 2007 and 2008, the MVP of the 2008 state tournament, and was twice named to the first team All-State.

He played on OCC's Junior Olympic teams, being named to the All-Tournament teams three times (2005-2007). He was selected to the Youth and Junior National Teams in 2006 and 2007, playing in Mexico in the Youth World Championships and in India in the Junior World Championships.

He graduated from Stanford University in 2012 with a major in science, technology and society. His college career was amazing: Stanford won the MPSF and NCAA Championship in 2010, and was a MPSF finalist in 2012. He was a three-time

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First-Team All American, the 2010 MPSF Player of the Year, the 2010 NCAA Final Four Most Valuable Player, and was named four times to the MPSF All-Academic Team.

The highlight of his college career: "Winning the national championship alongside seven other Hawaii-born players in 2010." (His teammates included OCC members Spencer McLachlin, Kawika Shoji, Erik Shoji, and Jordan Inafuku).

After college, Brad began playing pro indoor volleyball, in Germany (Chemie Volley Mitteldeutschland, (2012-2013) and Greece (PAOK VC, 2014). As an outside hitter, he was the fifth best point scorer in German Bundesliga.

The highlight of his pro career? "Sweeping perennial powerhouse Friedrichshafen at home. They were totally bummed."

Brad was a member of the U.S. National (Indoor) Volleyball team for two years, leaving because: "I saw other opportunities outside of indoor volleyball that I really thought were worth pursuing, including graphic design, web design, beach, and music."

He joined the AVP Pro Sand Tour in 2015 with partner Adam Roberts. The highlight of his sand career so far: "Qualifying for the main draw of the Manhattan Open in front of my family and closest friends."

Brad lives most of the year in Hermosa Beach, and says, "Drop me a line if you're ever in town!" He has a girlfriend, Amanda Dowdy, who also plays beach volleyball on the AVP and FIVB World Tours.

His favorite memory of OCC volleyball: "Getting set in the Daddy Haine 4-Man Tournament by Danny Alvarez when I was 16. The game is so much more fun when you've got a setter that can dish butter and dish out pretty punishing dialog."

In 2016, Brad is "considering playing in a few AVP tournaments this coming season (mostly just the California ones), but right now I'm working on building my skill-set outside of volleyball so I can be prepared for the future. I'm taking classes online in web design and also am teaching myself about music production so I can hopefully DJ and produce music in California. I'm learning a lot and it's a big change, but I am super excited for what my future holds."

What VB player does he admire the most: "David Smith (indoor national team middle blocker) has always been an inspiration for me. Not only is he a phenomenal athlete, he does it all without being able to hear anything that's going on on the

court around him. Despite what he has had to endure, I have never heard him complain once or show up to practice with a bad attitude. It's very inspiring to see him work on the court despite his disability."

Brad is the son of Bill and Laurie Lawson, super athletes at OCC who compete in volleyball, surfing and paddling.

## **Maddison McKibbin**

Height: 6' 5"

Maddison had a fabulous high school volleyball career at Punahou School, winning State Championships in 2007 and 2009, and being named the Hawaii State Player of the Year in his senior year in 2009.

He played on OCC Junior Olympic teams, earning bronze medals in 2005 (Boys 14), 2006 (Boys 15) and 2007 (Boys 16), and being named to the All-Tournament team in 2007. *Volleyball Magazine* named him Captain of the Fab 50 Best High School Volleyball Players in the Nation.

Maddison played on three Junior National Beach Volleyball teams in 2008 (Under 19), 2010 (Under 21) and 2011 (Under 26).

He attended USC, graduating in 2014 as a Business Administration major. He played Libero, Opposite Hitter and Outside Hitter on SC's MPSF champions.

Last year he began playing professional indoor volleyball with the G. C. Lamia Greece team. The highlight: "Playing on the same professional team with my brother Riley."

McKibbin joined the AVP in 2015 with Riley as his partner. The highlight of the year: "Qualifying in our first AVP Tournament in New York City."

He lives in Marina Del Rey.

Maddison's favorite memory of playing volleyball at OCC? "Always beating Trevor Crabb on the baby court!"

Maddison is the son of star volleyball players and coaches Angus and Diana McKibbin.

## **Riley McKibbin**

Height: 6' 2"

Riley also had an outstanding high school volleyball career, leading Punahou School to three straight Division I State Championships in 2004-2006. He was named to *Volleyball Maga-*





Maddison and Riley McKibbin are known as the Beards on the tour.

zine's All-American First Team and Fab 50 list.

Riley competed on OCC's Junior Olympic teams. In 2005 he was on the Club's winning Boys 17 team, earning all-Tournament honors. He was named to the all-tournament team in the 18-open division at the 2007 USAV Boys National Championships as he led OCC to a Bronze Medal. He also got a Silver Medal in 2004 (Boys 16)

In 2006 Riley competed in the FIVB Under-19 Beach World Championships and won a gold medal at the USAV Beach HP Championships in the Under-18 Division. In 2007 Riley paired up with Tri Bourne to win the gold medal at the 2007 AAU Junior National Beach Volleyball Under-20 Championships.

He was named as an alternate to the 2007 U.S. Men's Junior National team.

He served as co-captain of the USC volleyball team for three seasons. As a senior at USC, he ranked second nationally in assists per set while helping the Trojans to the second-best attack percentage in the country. As a senior in 2011, he helped USC make it to the NCAA Men's DI-II National Championship final where the Trojans lost to UC Santa Barbara. He was named to the AVCA All-American first team in 2011. He competed with the U.S. Men at the 2011 World University Games in Shenzhen, China.

From 2011-2013, Riley played professionally in Italy. In 2014 he won a gold medal with the U.S. Men at the 2014 NORCECA World Championship Qualifier in Colorado, Springs, CO.

Riley joined the AVP tour in 2015 with his brother Maddison as his partner. He currently lives in Marina Del Rey, CA. He is the son of Angus and Diana McKibbin.