

Formidable Duo of Lucas Abbott and Jade Santos to Lead 15Blue in the New Season

(Martinez, CA) - The 15Blue will be led this season by coaching veteran and former professional Lucas Abbott and Xceleration alum and former collegiate player Jade Santos.

“Lucas and Jade have the personalities to lead this young team that really forms the foundation for volleyball talent to take players to the next level,” said co-owner Jim Ross. “We paired them together for personal development of the players and as coaches as well.”

Lucas returns for his 7th season with Xceleration and has coached or played volleyball for over 20 years. Lucas was a middle blocker and All-League performer at Las Lomas HS in Walnut Creek before heading off to play at Humboldt State University. While at Humboldt, he was the team’s starting middle blocker for four seasons and team captain his last two seasons, while leading the squad to Nationals twice. His playing career continued until 2013, culminating with a season playing professionally with the PVL/NCVA’s NorCal Premier. Lucas is currently Girls’ Varsity Head Coach at Berean Christian HS in Walnut Creek. Prior to Berean Christian HS, Lucas was the JV Head Coach at Acalanes HS in Lafayette and at Miramonte HS in Orinda. He has also served as the assistant coach for the PVL/NCVA Men’s NorCal Premier in previous seasons.



Jade returns to Xceleration for her 3rd season. Jade played for the club’s 18Blue team in 2012, when the team qualified for the USAV Junior Nationals and placed 5th in the country. Prior to joining Xceleration, Jade played five years of competitive volleyball for Endline VBC. She excelled at the Opposite and Defensive Specialist (DS) positions at Moreau HS in Hayward, earning 1st Team All-League honors from the Mission Valley Athletic Conference in her junior and senior seasons. Jade was named Moreau’s MVP and team captain in her senior year and was consistently on the Honor Roll.

Jade was recruited from Xceleration to play DS at Dominican University of California in San Rafael before transferring to Orange, CA to set for Chapman University in 2014. Jade is a versatile athlete as she completed her collegiate career as the starting libero for the Panthers, leading the team in digs. Jade received a degree in Psychology from Chapman University in 2015.

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