

Coaching Trio of Pak, Leggitt and Nguyen Expects to Raise the Bar for 16Blue

(Martinez, CA) - Xceleration has appointed Daniel Pak and newly-hired Brett Leggitt as coaches of the 16Blue for the upcoming season.

“We are putting this group together based on their combined coaching and playing experience,” said co-owner Jim Ross. “They will be inheriting a successful 15s team from last year that competed at the national level, and we expect them to continue that success with Daniel, Brett and Benny at the helm.”

Daniel joins Xceleration for his 4th season. As a volleyball standout for De Anza HS in El Sobrante, Daniel was an All-League performer for four years, leading the Dons to their first NCS appearance along the way.

Daniel returned to De Anza as the Head Volleyball Coach in 2010 and his arrival signaled an immediate turnaround for the program. Daniel also previously coached as an assistant for the Girls’ Varsity Volleyball team at Las Lomas HS in Walnut Creek. Still an avid NCVA Men’s Gold Division player, Daniel is excited continue with Xceleration’s program and impart his love and knowledge of the game to his players.



L to R: Daniel Pak and Brett Leggitt.

Vacaville native Brett Leggitt enters his first year coaching with Xceleration. Brett attended Southwest Texas State University, now known as Texas State. After studying Agriculture Business, Brett later joined the U.S. Air Force and spent four years on active duty, and another six years as an active member of the Reserves. He fell in love with the sport and learned to play while serving in the Air Force. He played middle for his squadron’s team.

Brett joins the Xceleration staff with eight years of coaching experience. One year he served as the Head Coach of the freshman team at Vanden HS in Fairfield, CA. He has coached all levels for club. During the 2016 season, Brett remained actively involved in USA Volleyball. He has spent four years volunteering for the USA Volleyball High Performance National Team Tryouts, both Beach and Indoor. Most recently he served an assistant coach for the USAV Girls Future Select High Performance Camp held this past summer at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. Brett loves coaching it allows him to be a part of the lives of so many amazing young people. He enjoys seeing athletes succeed both on the court and off as they move on through the different phases of their lives which he finds rewarding.

Benny Nguyen enters his first year coaching with Xceleration. Benny was a four-year letterman at Mount Diablo HS in Concord, where he was a setter and right side hitter. He is time 3-time 1st Team All-League in the Diablo Foothill Athletic League (DFAL). In 2006, he went to NCS and in 2008 he was named the MVP of the league. He later moved on to play at Long Beach State in 2010. Benny loves to give back to the younger generation and the kids, because “I like teaching and making people smile.”

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