



In the News...

18Blue

Xceleration
Volleyball Club

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18Blue: Embracing the Moment

Shortened Season Brings Memories to Last a Lifetime

In collaboration with **Jennifer Graham**

Over the last several days and weeks, we have all been receiving notifications left and right about the ever-increasing impacts of COVID-19 in our communities, which have prompted practice and tournament cancellations, school and business closures, and shelter-in-place mandates, to name just a few.

While we are growing a bit weary of these messages, there have been uplifting news as well from our teams during the past few weeks, specifically from our 18Blue team under the guidance of **Andy Schroeder** and **Brett Leggitt**.

“So far, the season’s been short... but oh, so sweet!” said 18Blue’s Team Parent **Jennifer Graham**. “We just want to take advantage of this moment of pause to celebrate our 18Blue’s incredible milestones this season to-date!”

In what is looking to be an abbreviated season, the team has accomplished so many things.

- Finished 5th in Open Division at Music City Volleyball Championship national qualifier in Nashville! – the club’s highest ever Open qualifier finish.



- Ranked in the Top 50 club teams in the country in Prep Volleyball’s February team rankings, heading into play at the Triple Crown NIT where they battled some of the best teams in the country and finishing in Open.
- Accepted a bid to USA Volleyball Junior Nationals in the American Division - the 11th straight year Xceleration’s 18-1 team has earned a bid to Junior Nationals!!

As we continue to navigate these stressful, surreal, unsettling and uncertain times, we can take comfort in the fact that our Xceleration members and staff are all doing well. Thank you for your continued support and we fervently hope that you and your family continue to take care of your own health and well-being.

FUN TIMES WITH THE CREW



"This team ran at the highest efficiency of any team we have ever coached! The hitting and passing percentages were at very high levels for club volleyball – a testament to the players and the work they put in is a big reason for this team's success."

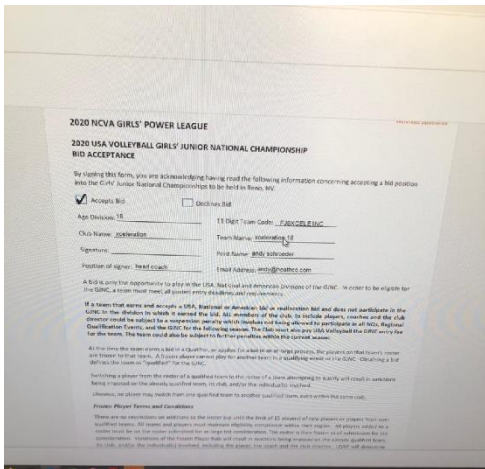
– Andy Schroeder





Instant Classic

At Triple Crown NIT. Click to view [ELEVATOR RESCUE VIDEO](#)



Coach Andy gets ready to submit the team's bid acceptance to compete at the 18s Spring Junior Nationals, which will be held at the Reno Convention Center in May.

Great team chemistry on and off the court, along with XCELLent coaching by **Andy Schroeder** (no surprise for this formerly nominated and finalist for national club coach of the year) and **Brett Leggitt**, saw the girls fight thru adversity to a winning season.

Despite losing key players at various points to surgeries and to illness, this group of 11 college commits racked up the accomplishments. (They were even rescued from a stalled elevator by a group of heroic firemen! Memories to last a lifetime!)

Here's to hoping 🙏 there is more to come for this talented and joyful team! ❤️🙌🏻🏐

Photos courtesy of **Jennifer Graham** and **Tomas Pineda**.

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- Tomas Pineda** 7 hrs
The man, The legend. Happy birthday to Mr. Xceleration himself. Cheers, Andy.
- Tanya Whyte** Happy Birthday Andy!!!
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- John David** Hbd coach!
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- Lucas Abbott** Happy happy birthday!!!
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- Normie Tayasanant Pineda** Happy Birthday Andy! 🎉
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- Paul D Harrison** One of the greatest and best coaches there is!!
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- Denise Allen** HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANDY!! HAVE A GREAT DAY!!
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- Leslie Page Dixon** Happy Birthday Andy! 🎉
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- Theresa Calica Ajari** Happy birthday Coach Andy!
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- Lacey Maas** Freakin legend! Happy Birthday Andy!!!
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- Melanie Sheeley** Happiest Birthday to Andy! 🎉🎉🎉
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- Zenaida Marquez** Happy Birthday Andy!!
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- Jennifer Graham** Happy birthday, Andy!! Just another year of inspiring and leading our girls to become their best selves. We so appreciate everything you do!
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- Kelly O'Brien Dziel** Happy Birthday to you, Andy!
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- Andrea Hart Vomund** Happy birthday Andy
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- Jennifer Crow Uresti** 🎉 Happy Birthday 🎉
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- Dede Nieto** The best coach at any level in all the land!!
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- Gayle Saunders Swann** HBD Andeeeeeey!!!
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- Michelle Aezer Peete** HBD Andy!!
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- Delaney McKee** 🎉🎉
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- Melody Lagleva Risch** Have a wonderful birthday, Andy! 🎉🎉🎉
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- Doug Peete** Happy birthday
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