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Student Spotlight: Mitch Paulus (Men's Volleyball)



After two years as the star outside hitter for the men's volleyball team, Mitch Paulus is now serving as the head coach and has led the team through a successful fall semester. Paulus has had an impressive career considering he began six years ago.

After growing up in Wisconsin, Paulus attended the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) where he received his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. At MSOE he walked on to the tennis team his freshman year. He tried out for the NCAA varsity volleyball team his junior year and made it with no formal experience. Paulus says that when he first attended an open gym "it was rough, but they must have saw some potential because they continued to invite me back." Mitch was immediately drawn to the sport. "I loved the team aspect of volleyball and the huge momentum swings that can happen during a match, in contrast to tennis which was a much more

tame individual sport." He spent a couple years as a middle blocker for the team until finally finding his spot as an outside hitter his first year of graduate school and started for the team. He was also voted Co-Captain by his teammates and dubbed "Old Man Mitch", which later turned in to "Grandpa Mitch" at A&M.

Paulus came to A&M in the fall of 2012 to pursue his Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering and quickly got plugged in with the club volleyball team. Mitch became an integral part of the A&M offense and helped lead the team to two straight SIVA Conference Championships. Last year he was named the SIVA Conference MVP. He owes his success at A&M to his coach and former varsity libero, Megan Pendergast, as well as his setter, Brandon Potter. Now that his eligibility has run out, Paulus has stepped into the role of head coach to help ease the transition of losing almost every starter. He wishes he could still represent A&M on the court but is thankful for the opportunities he had. "I already thought I was done playing 3 years ago, and not many people can say they were able to play for their respective college until they were 25." Transitioning to coaching has been difficult in some areas and easy in some. "I've always had my own visions for how the game should be played in terms of philosophy and strategy. I've played against and been taught by some of the best in the country, including our own Laurie and John Corbelli, so knowing what I want to convey to the team has been easy." Despite losing all but one starter, Mitch has led the team to two tournament championships in the fall semester.

Paulus doesn't know where he'll end up after A&M but he hopes he can find a volleyball community to join. He also plans on playing less indoor and more beach and grass volleyball going forward for the sake of saving his body. Mitch is grateful for the opportunity to have played at A&M and for the friendships he has developed.



Aggies-Horns Challenge!

So far the Aggies hold the lead in this year's Aggies-Horns Challenge! On November 7th, club volleyball played head-to-head matches against Texas at the A&M Rec Center. The women's team lost two close sets, while the men's team beat the Longhorns in three sets. Men's Rugby also beat Texas in November with a 26-17 victory in Austin, TX. Cycling finished above Texas, winning the South Central Collegiate Cycling Conference!

A&M	Challenge Results:	Texas
W	Cycling (Mountain)	
W 26-17	Men's Rugby	
3-2	Men's Volleyball	
	Women's Volleyball	2-0
	Men's Water Polo	W
5.5	Overall Total	4.5

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Recent Event Results

Men's Volleyball	College Classic	1st Place
Men's Rugby	vs. Texas	W 26-17
Handball	Texas State Doubles Championships	Will Van Brunt and Jordan Lyle - 2nd Place B
Sailing	Sugar Bowl Regatta	3rd Place
Judo	Lone Star Classic	Mike Berry - 1st Place, Rachel Vaughn - 1st Place
Fencing	SWIFA II Tournament	A - 2nd in Foil, 3rd in Epee
Ice Hockey	vs. Texas State	W 7-1, W 5-2
Men's Rugby	vs. TCU	W 35-16
Competition Squad	CheerSport Championships	1st Place – Overall Grand Champs
Men's Volleyball	SIVA North	A (5-0); B (2-3)
Women's Volleyball	SIVA North	A (5-0); B (5-0)
Men's Rugby	vs. SFA	W 95-0
Ice Hockey	vs. Long Beach State	L 2-8, L 6-10
Pistol	Dallas Junior Olympics Qualifiers	Jason Mathis 1st - Men's 10m, 50m Peyton Duvall-Freymuller 1st - 25m

November Canned Food Drive Results:

This year the Sports Club Association donated over 27,000 ounces to the Food for Families Food Drive, benefiting the Brazos Valley Food Bank and local families. The winning club was Competition Squad with 6,813.95 ounces followed by Fencing in 2nd place with 6,332.55 ounces and Crew in 3rd place with 2,806.55 ounces. Unfortunately, this round of the Aggies-Horns Challenge was won by Texas, who collected more ounces than us. Next year we hope to see more clubs contribute in order to win this point! Together both schools donated over 2 tons of food to their local communities. Thanks again to all those who donated!

Upcoming Events

Club/Event	Event	Date	Time	Location
Ice Hockey	vs. Texas	February: 13 & 14	7:30 pm	Spirit Ice Arena
Men's Volleyball	Noel Orr Valentine's Classic	14 & 15	All Day	PEAP
Men's Lacrosse	Aggieland Classic	14 & 15	All Day	Penberthy
Powerlifting	Aggie Showdown	21	8 am	PEAP
Polo	@ UCONN	21		Storrs, CT
Taekwondo	Aggie Open	21	9 am	Rec Center
Men's Rugby	vx. Rice	21	2 pm	Penberthy
Archery	USA Archery Indoor Nationals	2/28-3/1	9 am	PEAP
Men's Soccer	vs. UTD	March: 7	2 pm	Penberthy
Gymnastics	Invitational	7	9 am	PEAP
Sailing	Barnyard Bazaar	7	9 am	Lake Bryan
Racquetball	Aggieland Classic	7 & 8	8 am	REC Center

Meet the Executive Committee: Tres Summerlin



Howdy! My name is Tres Summerlin and I am honored to have the opportunity to serve on the Executive Committee this year and give back to Sport Clubs. I am a class of 2015 Agricultural Systems Management major from Devine, Texas. I graduated this December and am currently furthering my education here at Texas A&M with a Masters degree in Food Technology. I joined the Trap and Skeet club my freshman year in 2011. I have been shooting competitively since the age of 12 on many platforms including 4-H, FFA, and the NSCA. One of my most recent accomplishments is a NSCA National Championship in AA class in the main event. I had my eyes set on competing on a collegiate level since I received my acceptance letter for A&M. Since joining, I have stayed very involved in the club holding a merchandise, treasurer, and now advisor position. With the help of Keith, Jessica, and the entire Sport Clubs Association, several officers and I have lifted up the Trap and Skeet club and are very proud of where it is today.



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