

1) Name: Chuck Rey

2) New Trier sport(s): Volleyball

3) Suburb you lived in (when you went to New Trier): Glenview

4) What year did you graduate NT? 1991

5) Where do you live now? Rock Hill, SC

6) Who was your coach?

Bonnie Beach – Head Coach; Debbie Kirch and Carol Herlocker Assistant Coaches

7) HS sports accomplishments/awards/honors:

We did win the region my last two years and I know there were some all tournament team and state recognitions, but I honestly don't remember them ☺

8) Favorite high school *individual* sports memory:

The opportunity and experience, via an entrepreneurial spirit, to be part of a new sport (Boys Volleyball started at NT in 1989). Although girls sports were often overlooked and underfunded at the time (and still so today), we were fortunate to have great leaders and willing coaches to provide additional opportunities for boys. When I didn't earn a roster spot on the JV Baseball team my sophomore year, I was fortunate the first ever boys volleyball tryouts were 3 days later. After the despair of being cut from one team and earning a volleyball roster spot on another, when over 80 boys tried out, spring-boarded a passion which has turned into a lifetime career.

9) Favorite high school *team* memory:

Always the relationships with teammates and the appreciation of coaches that believed in me. Besides the hot summer mornings for practice in the auxiliary gym followed by afternoon sessions at Gilson Beach, the most notable memories have been when I wasn't at New Trier. The 1995 State Championship Team had some seniors that I was able to mentor when they were freshman. That victory showed New Trier Boys Volleyball had arrived and all that Coach Beach, Herlocker and Kirch did to bring boys volleyball to New Trier was justified. To have the championship tradition through Coach Haak and the wonderful success the program continues to achieve is an altruistic satisfying feeling.

10) Who was your biggest team rival or individual rival in HS, and where did they go to school?

Biggest rival was Evanston High School with Ray Gooden (setter at the time and now Northern Illinois University Head Coach); Maine South with Tom Hoff (gold medal winner and captain of the 2008 Olympic team).

11) Favorite class and/or teacher at NT:

Mr. Sussen, an English teacher (even though I wasn't fond of English). The best memories came from Mr. Shinto's homeroom. The boys in that homeroom bonded so well, winning a number of intramural championships and still connected to this day.

12) Where did you attend college?

First two years at Arizona State University, played on the men's club team. Completed school at Roosevelt University in Chicago.

13) Compare your HS sports experience to your college experience:

High School is always a special time because you have people with more similar experiences and backgrounds because we live in close proximity. We meet-up and cheer for the same NT teams within the halls and at their events, we typically have the same professional sports teams we cheer for, and Our graduation day was the first Bulls NBA Championship. High School Coaches are often career oriented with their school (at least at NT) and provide a deeper level of caring. College Coaches are looking to win and/or advance their career and do not always carry the traditions and chemistry of a team. In college, you get the diversity, but not the same common bond.

14) College sports accomplishments:

Placed Top 10 for the Men's Collegiate Club national championship.

15) Favorite college sports moments:

Beating rival University of Arizona and playing against many future Olympians in then PAC-10.

16) Area of study: B.S. in Marketing

17) What do you do now?

The first 10 years out of college were spent in an entrepreneurial family business of international marketing. Importing consumer goods from Asia for sale through direct mail in the United States. Although successful, business was selfish and not my passion. Sports and particularly volleyball are my passion and for the past 15 years I have been fortunate to turn a hobby into a career and give back to a sport I love. Attached is my resume for reference of success.

18) If you could go back in time and give yourself advice/wisdom as you are starting freshman year at New Trier, what would that advice be?

Enjoy and take advantage of the opportunities and freedom provided to you by a first class school. Make better connections and relationships with your teachers and coaches and appreciate them. Don't be overly critical of yourself or what others may do and say around you or to you. Believe in yourself, encourage each other, and love every day.

19) What would you do differently if you could do it again? I

wouldn't change a thing about the relationships I made. I would let my coaches and teachers know how much I appreciated them. I would take school more seriously and better apply myself. Don't take things/New Trier for granted. It's a special place.



