Cabrillo adds women's sand volleyball team

Lucas Bol to coach squad

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APTOS — After three years of watching the Southern California community colleges play sand volleyball, the Northern California community colleges have decided to jump, including Cabrillo College.

The Seahawks, already dominant at indoor volleyball, will start up a women's sand volleyball team in this coming year, according to the head coach Lucas Bol.

Cabrillo brought together a club sand volleyball team last season but this year will mark the first season it will be a California Community College Athletic Association sanctioned sport.

Along with Cabrillo, Foothill College, West Valley College, Gavilan College and Feather River College will also create

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teams and compete in a double round-robin style season.

Bol also added that they are planning trips to Southern California to play steady teams like Irvine Valley College.

The first day of practice is scheduled for Jan. 20 and conference play begins in March.

So far, they have strong interest from 12 players from around the area, a few that play beach volleyball and others that played for the Cabrillo indoor team, which made it to its second consecutive CCCAA state championship just two weeks ago.

“It's a good mix,” Bol said.

Bol is no stranger to the sand volleyball game as he currently coaches at Main Beach Volleyball Club in Santa Cruz. He also serves as an assistant under Cabrillo College head coach of the indoor team Gabby Houston-Neville and led the Aptos High Mariners girls program in the fall.

After talking with Houston-Neville of how the sand volleyball team would affect the volleyball program and coming to an agreement that it would be a nice fit, both began to campaign for the team’s implementation.

“We thought it would really complete the volleyball program,” Bol said.

Now Bol will tackle a new challenge of making sure the program starts up smoothly.

While they have their conference schedule matched up Cabrillo still needs to find other schools to play to fill up the schedule.

Irvine Valley in the past has supplemented its schedule by playing four-year colleges in Southern California like Loyola Marymount and Long Beach State. Cabrillo plans to do the same with the likes of Sanford and San Jose State, according to Bol.

Then comes the task of finding a set location for the teams to play. West Valley has their own six-court sand volleyball setup on campus, but the other schools do not.

“That’s the biggest obstacle,” Bol said.

The head coach added that Cabrillo College Athletic Director Dale Murray took his time with the decision to make sure that this would be the right fit for the school.

“He made this happen,” Bol said. “He wanted to make sure that this would actually be something.”

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