2017 PrepVolleyball.com Pre-Season National 16s Rankings

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Here are our pre-season 16s rankings, headed by our surprise No. 1, LoneStar.

As for the intro comments, please see [last week’s 18s release](http://prepvolleyball.com/articles/club-articles/national-club-rankings/2017-prepvolleyball-com-pre-season-18s-national-club-rankings/347003) to learn more about the process of ranking the teams, the nicknames or the tongue-in-cheek style.

It is true that, as the kids get younger, our knowledge base in January gets shallower. To do the job well, we rely heavily on coaches and directors to tell us about their teams by filling out the form that has been available to them since November (<https://prepvolleyball.wufoo.com/forms/s1ik0vk41wwg7km/>); and on our Club Rankings Team to tell us where the teams belong in the pre-season hierarchy.

I want to stress one thing:

**We do not guess.**

So, if you didn’t send me a form and/or I could not find a roster online, don’t expect to be in the top 60 or even HM. I don’t want to call anyone out but it looks worse for us to rank you now in a guess rather than add you later after you do something to merit inclusion.

Without further ado…

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1.**LoneStar**“Of David” (Texas)

The Facts: High-energy coach Jacob Hanan is back coaching LoneStar 16 Red after taking the team as 15s to the brink of the USAV 15 Open final. The team lost an amazing libero to TAV but otherwise brings its key pieces back. Together with newcomers **Raven Rolle**, a 6-3 MB; and **Izzy Clavenna**, a 6-3 RS; this is a bigger, taller, more physical team. Key returnees include MB **Emma Clothier**, outsides **Noelle Piatas** and **Ciera Hecht**, pins **Caroline Swan**and **Annie Swan**(no relation) and setters **Stephanie Young**and **Maddie Shew**. If the defense, with newcomer **Brooklyn Jackson** taking over at libero, holds up, there’s no reason LoneStar cannot contend again for a national title.

Anything else? Players on this team are terrific in motion. Clothier also is good at a dress.

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