



**AUSTIN O'MALLEY & BRETT KIEGL  
NVHS BOOSTER CLUB FEATURED SPRING SEASON ATHLETES  
BOY'S VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM**

**NVHS Booster Reporter:** When did you start playing your sport/how did you get introduced to it?

**Austin O'Malley:** I started playing organized volleyball in 7th grade with a couple of my good friends. I started playing cause my parents met playing volleyball, and they have both played for a while, so they wanted me to try it.

**Brett Kiegl:** I started to play volleyball freshman year, I was actually, introduced to it after I was cut from the baseball team. Volleyball tryouts were the week after so I thought I'd give it a shot.

**NVHS Booster Reporter:** Do you play any other sports?

**Austin O'Malley:** I play a lot of other intramural sports like flag football, basketball, spike ball, and I also golf.

**Brett Kiegl:** I used to play baseball, but don't anymore. I like to play basketball and tennis for fun.

**NVHS Booster Reporter:** What has your sport taught you/what lessons have you pulled from it?

**Austin O'Malley:** My sport has taught me the importance of teamwork and unity as a team. A team cannot function well if there are poor leaders and the players decide not to listen to each other. Volleyball has also taught me that a game is just a game and the reason we play the game is to have fun.

**Brett Kliegl:** Volleyball has taught me that size and height don't always matter, but effort and determination are what make the game it is.

**NVHS Booster Reporter:** What do you wish you knew when you were just starting?

**Austin O'Malley:** I wish I knew the fundamentals of volleyball better because once you've established the fundamentals it makes the game a lot easier to learn.

**Brett Kliegl:** I wish I knew they had boys club ball because I didn't play club till I was 16.

**NVHS Booster Reporter:** What quote/inspiration do you resort to when things get really hard?

**Austin O'Malley:** "Most battles are won before they are fought" ~Sun Tzu, this quote is impactful to me because it proves that the hard work and training that you put in off the court, shows when you are on the court.

**Brett Kliegl:** "Just get the next one." The past doesn't matter, the next thing up is what matters.

**NVHS Booster Reporter:** Share something about you that isn't well known.

**Austin O'Malley:** Something about me that isn't well known is I stretch a lot before each game, more than anyone else, because stretching to me is extremely important. I believe it helps to prevent injury and it helps to warm up and play better.

**Brett Kliegl:** The inflation of the ball is very important to me. It has to be inflated right.

**NVHS Booster Reporter:** Where do you go from here? College plans?

**Austin O'Malley:** I plan to play club volleyball at the University of Nebraska Lincoln where I will be attending college in the fall.

**Brett Kliegl:** I will be going to Augustana College to study business and play volleyball as well.

**NVHS Booster Reporter:** Do you have a role model?

**Austin O'Malley:** My role model would be my dad because he exemplifies what it means to constantly have a positive attitude when things are tough. He used to tell me that I had the choice to be sad or happy about a negative situation, so why waste your time being sad when what has happened, happened. Choose to be happy and that will make life more enjoyable, and he was right.

**Brett Kliegl:** My dad is a big role model to me because he teaches me so much about life in general. He is one of my biggest supporters and always knows how to make me smile.