

## **PROFESSIONAL PICKLEBALL PLAYER**

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## **ABOUT MATTHEW**

MY NAME IS MATTHEW MEAD, I HAVE BEEN PLAYING PICKLEBALL FOR 4 YEARS NOW AND PLAYING PROFESSIONALLY FOR ABOUT 2 YEARS.

I WAS BORN IN NEWPORT BEACH CALIFORNIA BUT LIVED MOST OF MY CHILDHOOD IN WILMETTE, ILLINOIS. I GREW UP PLAYING A VARIETY OF SPORTS STARTING WITH SWIMMING, SOCCER, BASEBALL, TENNIS AND VOLLEYBALL ALL AT A PRETTY HIGH LEVEL.

THE SPORTS THAT HAVE THE MOST INFLUENCE ON MY PICKLEBALL GAME ARE TENNIS AND VOLLEYBALL. COMPETING IS SOMETHING I Thoroughly enjoy in all my pursuits. When I try new sports/hobbies that I like, I tend to want to play tournaments in them At some point.

ALTHOUGH RIGHT NOW I AM UBER-FOCUSED ON PICKLEBALL BECAUSE I'M SET ON GETTING TO BE THE BEST I CAN BE AND SEEING HOW FAR THAT TAKES ME. AMONG MY NOTABLE VICTORIES ARE TRIUMPHS AGAINST ESTEEMED OPPONENTS LIKE HAYDEN PATRIQUIN, SHELBY BATES, JAKE KUSMIDER, BRANDON FRENCH, CRAIG JOHNSON, AND SAM QUERREY. RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE SECURING 3RD PLACE AT THE MILP NATIONALS IN DECEMBER 2023 IN THE MINOR LEAGUE DUPR 22 AND TAKING 2ND PLACE AT THE SOCAL REGIONAL MLP DUPR 22, WHICH QUALIFIED US FOR NATIONALS. MY TEAMS INCLUDED TOP-TIER PLAYERS SUCH AS NAVEEN BEASELY, KAITLIN CHRISTIAN, CHELSEA PURCELL, WARREN TAMANAHA, MADELINE SAUNDERS, AND KENADI HANCE, UNDERSCORING THE LEVEL OF COMPETITION WE FACED.

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