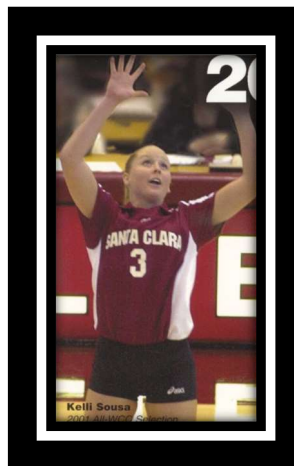
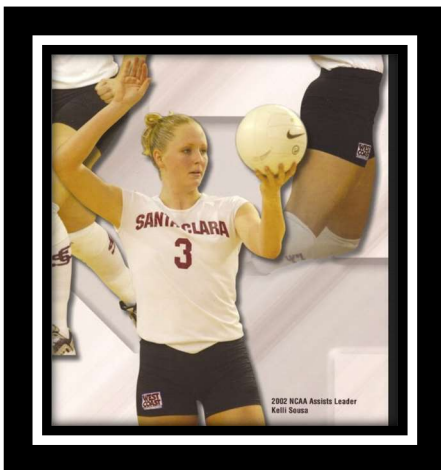
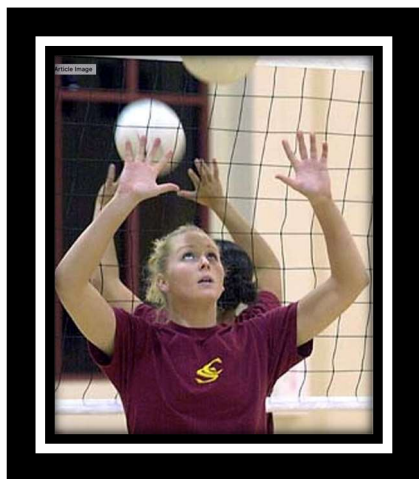


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### PROFILE

Kelli Sousa Ho led just about every volleyball team she played on in assists – and those teams usually won. In fact, in her junior year at Santa Clara (2002) she led the entire nation in assists with 14.38 per game. Sousa, her last name during her playing days, still ranks second in Bronco career assists with 5,207.

Kelli's volleyball career featured elite Junior Olympics competition with the City Beach 18's club team, four all-league seasons at Bishop O'Dowd High and four years at Santa Clara where she was named first-team All-West Coast Conference her junior and senior years.



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Everywhere Sousa played, victories came in bundles. A two-time Junior Olympic All-America selection, she helped City Beach to a silver medal at the 1999 Junior Olympics in New Orleans; she led O'Dowd to three straight league titles and was named Player of the Year as a senior; Santa Clara went 90-33 overall, 47-9 in conference play, and advanced to the NCAA Western Regionals all four seasons she was there.

Sousa began playing CYO volleyball and basketball at Our Lady of Grace in Castro Valley, following in the footsteps of her older sister, Kim. Always close, the sisters played together two seasons at O'Dowd.

Named one of the top 75 volleyball players in the country by All-Starter Sports Magazine while at O'Dowd, Sousa received dozens of recruiting letters from colleges, but narrowed her choices down to the University of San Diego and Santa Clara. Broncos coach John Wallace was the deciding factor.

"I still consider him a mentor and forever a friend," said Kelli, who first met Wallace on a recruiting trip to Pepperdine where Wallace was an assistant coach.

At Santa Clara, Wallace emphasized ball control, which fit Sousa's game perfectly. The Broncos had sisters Cindy and Chrissy Hirsch in the back row and Kelli claims they made her job easy with perfect passes so she could set up the hitters in the front row.

"I loved the team environment," Kelli said. "The lessons I learned from volleyball I use every single day."

Kelli Sousa Ho now lives in Denver with her husband, Alex, and two children: two-year-old son Oli, and one-year-old daughter Rose.