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Three-time Olympian Bryan Volpenhein named Assistant Coach for Oklahoma City National High Performance Center

Oklahoma City, OK – September 10, 2010 One of Team USA's most decorated rowers will help develop the country's next Olympic rowers in Oklahoma City. Bryan Volpenhein, a three-time Olympian who stroked the men's eight to a gold medal in Athens and a bronze in Beijing, has been named assistant coach for the OKC National High Performance Center.

Volpenhein began his rowing career at Ohio State in 1994 at the age of 18 and brings twelve years of international rowing experience to Oklahoma City. He made his first national team in 1998 where he won his first gold medal at the World Championships in Cologne, Germany. He is a 10-time national team member, winning four gold, a silver, and a bronze medal at the World Championships.

Volpenhein began his coaching career as an assistant coach at the University of Washington in 2004-2005 before going to culinary school at the Art Institute of Seattle. He has spent the last two years coaching at the Pocock Rowing Center in Seattle, Wa, where he coached the team to solid performances at all National Selection Regattas and put five athletes on the National Team. He helped coach the men's lightweight 8+, women's lightweight 4x, who won a silver and bronze at the 2009 World Championships in Poznan, Poland. 2010. He also coached the men's lightweight four and women's lightweight double.

In addition to his role as assistant coach at the OKCNHPC, Volpenhein will also be a lightweight men's coach for USRowing. In addition to coaching, he will work as a chef for the restaurants of A Good Egg Dining Group in Oklahoma City.

The Oklahoma City National High Performance Center offers residencies to the next generation of rowers – men and women, lightweight and open weight/heavyweight – to develop athletes who will successfully represent the United States in international competition. The Center uses proven methods in sports science and the latest advances in performance technology in its efforts to enhance an athlete's chances for success in competition. Learn more at usrowingokc.org.

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