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## College recruiting becomes easier

### Scouting for college athletes has changed over the years.

UPPER PENINSULA -- For many high school athletes, a big goal of theirs is to continue to play in college.

The process for getting the opportunity to play at next level has changed in the last few years.

Not too long ago, the only way for a high school volleyball player to play in college was to have a coach come and recruit them in person. With the advent of the Internet, that has all changed with combines like one put on by Madison, Wisconsin-based Xcel Sports Training.

"These kids are going to be able to have all their information sent out to basically every volleyball coach, college wise, they are going to get all that information we compile so they know who these kids in the U.P. are," stated Todd G. Goldbeck, Xcel President.

David Carl is a veteran college scout and says in this age of information, it may be more competitive, but more doors have opened for athletes to play at the next level.

"There is over 1500 colleges out there that have volleyball programs. So, number one, it's about having more choices and options. Sometimes the further they look, the better opportunity they'll have to earn a quality educate and play volleyball," stated Carl.

Combines like this also let the younger girls know what they need to improve on in their remaining years in high school.

"For the younger kids, it's just as important as the older kids who are worrying about the recruiting process, getting ready for college. The younger kids can look at those older kids and see where they need to go to get better," continued Carl.

And with the improved skill and opportunities, the dream to play college volleyball can be a reality for many of these young athletes.