

Volleyball

DIVISION III MEN'S



2012 Championship

Highlights

Springfield wins first national title, sweeps Carthage to capture inaugural Division III championship: Led by Most Outstanding Player Mike Pelletier, Springfield won the inaugural NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball Championship by defeating Carthage, 3-0, on April 29. Set scores were 25-21, 25-23 and 25-16.

Springfield (33-5) ends its season with 21 wins in a row, while Carthage finished at 29-6. Springfield was a perfect 18-0 at home.

It was the first time these two teams met this season.

Springfield hit .412 as a team, while Carthage hit a very respectable .299.

Pelletier, a junior outside hitter from Burnt Hills, N.Y., was named the Most Outstanding Player of the championship tournament. In the championship match, he had a match-high-tying 10 kills, along with a team-high seven digs. He also had three blocks along with a .208 hitting percentage.

In addition, freshman outside hitter Angel Perez also had 10 kills, along with five digs and a .474 hitting percentage. Junior middle blocker Greg Falcone also performed exceptionally well with a .667 hitting percentage. He finished with nine kills and had only one error in 12 swings. Freshman setter Keaton Pieper finished with 35 set assists.

Also, sophomore middle blocker Jimmy O'Leary had seven kills, and hit .500. Junior opposite Alistair Matthews finished with six kills, hitting .385. Sophomore libero Nick Ferry ended with five digs.

For Carthage, sophomore Pat Barry also finished with a match-high-tying 10 kills. He had four errors in 25 swings. Senior outside hitter Randy Hansen had eight kills and a match-high 10 digs. Finishing with six kills each were senior middle blocker Matt Yanz (hitting .545) and senior middle blocker Tyler Frings. Frings hit .455.

Sophomore setter Connor Wexter had 32 set assists in the three sets.

The top two hitting teams in the country came out on fire to start the national championship contest, connecting on 13 of the first 18 swings combined. It was a true back-and-forth battle to start, but the top-seeded Pride gained a three-point lead after a Pieper ace made it 12-9 midway through the first game. The ace prompted a Carthage timeout.

But the Red Men recovered quickly. Three consecutive Barry kills helped pull the Red Men even at 13 apiece. From there, the Pride regained control of the set, as Falcone and Perez notched kills and O'Leary and Matthews registered service aces to put Springfield squarely ahead at 18-14.

Carthage used another timeout to regroup. The two teams traded points the rest of the set. A huge dig from Ferry kept a rally alive for the Pride, and they took full advantage as Perez finished it with a kill. A Barry service error gave the hosts the first set, 25-21. Barry finished with five kills and Hansen added four kills and nine digs, but Springfield used a balanced attack and timely kills to gain the one-set advantage.

The second set started similarly to the first, with Carthage and Springfield trading points to 10-all. The Pride got some separation in the middle part of the set, as Falcone got two of his four kills in the set in a three-point stretch for the hosts, making it 13-11. After trading points to 16-14, Springfield used a 4-1 run to get to 20-15 and force a Carthage timeout.

Coming out of the break, the Pride stretched the lead to six at 23-17, but the Red Men responded. Frings and Barry teamed up for a block on Pelletier to make it 24-21 late in the set. The Red Men would get as close as 24-23, but Barry's attack error at set point halted the comeback attempt and gave Springfield a 25-23 second-set win. The Pride hit just .231 in the game, but held Carthage to .185 on the other end. Pelletier added four kills to match Falcone's total, and O'Leary chipped in with two more.

With the championship within its reach, the Pride continued their great performance into the third set. Tied 6-6 early on in the third, Springfield ripped off a 9-3 spurt that included six kills to gain complete control of the championship. After the media timeout, the Red Men started to press but couldn't get any momentum going. A Perez kill off a Pieper set made it 20-11 and the home crowd could sense the victory. After a mini Carthage run, Pieper set up Perez one more time, with his strike resounding through the arena and garnering the largest ovation of the match. From there, Falcone and O'Leary kills made it 24-16 with Pieper serving for the win. With the crowd on its feet, Pieper set Matthews one last time, with Matthews' kill propelling Springfield to win the inaugural NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball Championship.

Results

FIRST ROUND

Baruch def. Elms, 25-23, 25-18, 25-19

QUARTERFINALS

Springfield def. Baruch, 25-12, 25-16, 25-17

Hunter def. Kean, 25-23, 22-25, 27-25, 25-21

UC Santa Cruz def. Rivier, 23-25, 25-20, 25-20, 22-25, 15-12

Carthage def. Nazareth, 25-21, 27-25, 26-28, 21-25, 18-16

SEMIFINALS**APRIL 28 AT SPRINGFIELD, MASS.****Springfield 3, Hunter 0****Hunter**

No.	Name	SP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE
3	Christopher Newcomb	3	11	13	31	-.065	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0
4	Jerin Kallickal	3	4	5	14	-.071	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0
6	John Gemegah	3	3	1	12	.167	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
8	Braien Otsla	3	0	2	6	-.333	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
11	Stanley Martinez	3	0	0	2	.000	18	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0
15	Eric Barty	3	3	4	12	-.083	1	0	1	2	4	0	0	0	0
2	Eric Lodde	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	3	7	0	0	0	0
5	Nino Hot	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
7	Jonathan Park	1	1	0	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Carl Skonberg	1	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	3	22	25	78	-.038	20	1	5	6	22	3	0	2	0	0

TEAM ATTACK PER SET

Set	K	E	TA	Pct.
1	4	8	30	-.133
2	16	5	25	.440
3	2	12	23	-.435

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 3.0

SET SCORES	1	2	3	TEAM RECORDS
Hunter	13	24	7	26-9
Springfield	25	26	25	32-5

Springfield

No.	Name	SP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE
3	Mike Pelletier	3	11	1	19	.526	0	1	2	1	2	1	2	0	0
10	Alistair Matthews	3	16	2	25	.560	1	2	4	0	2	0	3	0	0
12	Keaton Pieper	3	1	0	1	1.000	33	0	2	0	5	0	5	0	0
14	Greg Falcone	3	3	1	6	.333	0	0	3	0	3	1	6	1	0
15	Angel Perez	3	4	2	11	.182	0	1	1	0	5	0	0	0	0
17	Jimmy O'Leary	3	4	0	5	.800	0	0	1	0	1	1	4	0	0
1	Jeff Gutmann	1	0	0	2	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Mike Becker	1	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	John Coen	1	0	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Nick Ferry	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
20	Ryan Coburn	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	3	39	6	69	.478	35	6	14	1	23	3	20	1	0	0

TEAM ATTACK PER SET

Set	K	E	TA	Pct.
1	14	3	28	.393
2	16	3	26	.500
3	9	0	15	.600

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 13.0**Carthage 3, UC Santa Cruz 1****Carthage**

No.	Name	SP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE
1	Randy Hansen	4	17	5	39	.308	1	1	2	0	6	1	1	0	0
6	Jim Schultz	4	8	1	12	.583	0	1	4	1	12	0	2	0	0
7	Connor Wexter	4	1	0	2	.500	47	0	2	0	3	1	2	1	0
12	Tyler Frings	4	8	2	12	.500	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
13	Pat Barry	4	12	5	38	.184	0	0	1	0	5	0	1	0	0
15	Matt Yanz	4	9	1	25	.320	0	2	3	0	2	2	5	0	0
4	Mike Bynon	4	1	0	1	1.000	2	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0
8	John Condon	4	0	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
23	Matt Klingspohn	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	56	14	129	.326	50	5	14	2	36	4	12	2	0	0

TEAM ATTACK PER SET

Set	K	E	TA	Pct.
1	16	4	39	.308
2	15	3	30	.400
3	10	5	27	.185
4	15	2	33	.394

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 10.0

SET SCORES	1	2	3	4	TEAM RECORDS
Carthage	25	25	20	25	29-5
UC Santa Cruz	23	20	25	18	17-7

UC Santa Cruz

No.	Name	SP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE
2	Salvatore La Cavera	4	21	6	46	.326	1	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0
4	Shane Yablonka	4	5	7	20	-.100	1	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0
6	Will Klepac	4	4	2	9	.222	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
9	Mauro Salinas	4	1	1	2	.000	2	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	0
13	Thomas Dvidson	4	7	4	14	.214	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	2	0
17	Paul Leon	4	1	2	3	-.333	51	1	1	2	13	0	1	0	1
12	Kyle Whillhite	2	1	0	3	.333	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Darren Tsai	4	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	2	14	0	0	0
19	Jake Dietrich	4	16	2	31	.452	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0
Totals	4	56	24	128	.250	56	2	7	5	46	2	5	3	1	1

TEAM ATTACK PER SET

Set	K	E	TA	Pct.
1	13	4	35	.257
2	13	5	30	.267
3	15	8	29	.241
4	15	7	34	.235

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 4.5

CHAMPIONSHIP
APRIL 29 AT SPRINGFIELD, MASS.
Springfield 3, Carthage 0

Carthage															
No.	Name	SP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE
1	Randy Hansen.....	3	8	6	17	.118	1	0	2	3	10	0	0	0	0
6	Jim Schultz.....	3	3	1	7	.286	2	0	2	2	4	0	1	0	0
7	Connor Wexter.....	3	2	0	3	.667	32	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
12	Tyler Frings.....	3	6	1	11	.455	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0
13	Pat Barry.....	3	10	4	25	.240	0	1	3	0	2	0	3	0	0
15	Matt Yanz.....	3	6	0	11	.545	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	0
4	Mike Bynon.....	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
8	John Condon.....	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
17	Jon Storm.....	1	1	0	2	.500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Matt Klingspohn.....	1	0	1	1	-1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....		3	36	13	77	.299	35	1	13	5	22	1	7	3	0

TEAM ATTACK PER SET					TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 4.5				
Set	K	E	TA	Pct.	SET SCORES			TEAM RECORDS	
1	14	3	29	.379	Carthage	21	23	29-6	
2	12	7	27	.185	Springfield	25	25	33-5	
3	10	3	21	.333					

Springfield															
No.	Name	SP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE
3	Mike Pelletier.....	3	10	5	24	.208	0	0	3	0	7	1	2	0	0
10	Alistair Matthews.....	3	6	1	13	.385	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
12	Keaton Pieper.....	3	1	0	2	.500	35	2	2	0	4	0	2	0	0
14	Greg Falcone.....	3	9	1	12	.667	0	0	3	0	1	0	3	1	0
15	Angel Perez.....	3	10	1	19	.474	1	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0
17	Jimmy O'Leary.....	3	7	2	10	.500	1	2	2	0	1	0	2	1	0
18	Nick Ferry.....	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0
Totals.....		3	43	10	80	.412	38	5	12	1	25	1	10	2	0

TEAM ATTACK PER SET					TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 6.0				
Set	K	E	TA	Pct.					
1	13	2	29	.379					
2	12	6	26	.231					
3	18	2	25	.640					

History

Team Results						
Year	Champion (Record)	Coach	Score	Runner-Up	Host or Site	
2012	Springfield (33-5)	Charlie Sullivan	3-0	Carthage	Springfield	
					Championship Match Attendance	1,600
					Championship Total Attendance	5,723

All-Tournament Team

**Most Outstanding Player.*

2012

*Mike Pelletier, Springfield
Greg Falcone, Springfield
Randy Hansen, Carthage
Salvatore La Cavera, UC Santa Cruz
Christopher Newcomb, Hunter
Keaton Pieper, Springfield
Connor Wexter, Carthage

Tournament Records

INDIVIDUAL

KILLS, MATCH

26—Steve Vahalla, Kean (1) vs. Hunter (3), 4-27-2012.

KILLS, TOURNAMENT

50—Randy Hansen, Carthage, 2012 (25 vs. Nazareth, 17 vs. UC Santa Cruz, 8 vs. Springfield).

TOTAL ATTEMPTS, MATCH

55—Salvatore La Cavera, UC Santa Cruz (3) vs. Rivier (2), 4-27-2012.

TOTAL ATTEMPTS, TOURNAMENT

105—Pat Barry, Carthage, 2012 (42 vs. Nazareth, 38 vs. UC Santa Cruz, 25 vs. Springfield).

ASSISTS, MATCH

64—Connor Wexter, Carthage (3) vs. Nazareth (2), 4-27-2012.

ASSISTS, TOURNAMENT

143—Connor Wexter, Carthage, 2012 (64 vs. Nazareth, 47 vs. UC Santa Cruz, 32 vs. Springfield).

SERVICE ACES, MATCH

4—Rob Kraft, Nazareth (2) vs. Carthage (3), 4-27-2012.

SERVICE ACES, TOURNAMENT

4—Rob Kraft, Nazareth, 2012 (4 vs. Carthage); Alistair Matthews, Springfield, 2012 (1 vs. Baruch, 2 vs. Hunter, 1 vs. Carthage).

DIGS, MATCH

17—Andrew Corwin, Rivier (2) vs. UC Santa Cruz (3), 4-27-2012.

DIGS, TOURNAMENT

27—Paul Leon, UC Santa Cruz, 2012 (14 vs. Rivier, 13 vs. Carthage); Jim Schultz, Carthage, 2012 (11 vs. Nazareth, 12 vs. UC Santa Cruz, 4 vs. Springfield); Darren Tsai, UC Santa Cruz (13 vs. Rivier, 14 vs. Carthage).

HITTING PERCENTAGE, MATCH

(Min. 15 attempts)

.560—Alistair Matthews, Springfield (3) vs. Hunter (0), 4-28-2012 (16-2/25).

HITTING PERCENTAGE, TOURNAMENT

(Min. 20 attempts)

.630—Greg Falcone, Springfield, 2012 (.778 vs. Baruch, 8-1/9; .333 vs. Hunter, 3-1/6; .667 vs. Carthage, 9-1/12).

TEAM

KILLS, MATCH

79—Nazareth (2) vs. Carthage (3), 4-27-2012.

KILLS, TOURNAMENT

168—Carthage, 2012 (76 vs. Nazareth, 56 vs. UC Santa Cruz, 36 vs. Springfield).

TOTAL ATTEMPTS, MATCH

166—Nazareth (2) vs. Carthage (3), 4-27-2012.

TOTAL ATTEMPTS, TOURNAMENT

358—Carthage, 2012 (152 vs. Nazareth, 129 vs. UC Santa Cruz, 77 vs. Springfield).

ASSISTS, MATCH

76—Nazareth (2) vs. Carthage (3), 4-27-2012..

ASSISTS, TOURNAMENT

157—Carthage, 2012 (72 vs. Nazareth, 50 vs. UC Santa Cruz, 35 vs. Springfield).

SERVICE ACES, MATCH

7—Rivier (2) vs. UC Santa Cruz (3), 4-27-2012.

SERVICE ACES, TOURNAMENT

16—Springfield, 2012 (5 vs. Baruch, 6 vs. Hunter, 5 vs. Carthage).

DIGS, MATCH

56—Kean (1) vs. Hunter (3), 4-27-2012; Rivier (2) vs. UC Santa Cruz (3), 4-27-2012.

DIGS, TOURNAMENT

107—Carthage, 2012 (49 vs. Nazareth, 36 vs. UC Santa Cruz, 22 vs. Springfield).

HITTING PERCENTAGE, MATCH

.537—Springfield (3) vs. Baruch (0), 4-27-2012 (43-7/67).

HITTING PERCENTAGE, TOURNAMENT

.472—Springfield, 2012 (.537 vs. Baruch, 43-7/67; .478 vs. Hunter, 39-6/69; .412 vs. Carthage, 43-10/80).

Won-Lost Records in Tournament Play

(Semifinal losers are credited with third place.)

Team (Years Participated)	Years	Won	Lost	Pct.	1st	2nd	3rd
Baruch (2012).....	1	1	1	.500	0	0	0
UC Santa Cruz (2012)	1	1	1	.500	0	0	1
Carthage (2012)	1	2	1	.667	0	1	0
Elms (2012)	1	0	1	.000	0	0	0
Hunter (2012).....	1	1	1	.500	0	0	1
Kean (2012).....	1	0	1	.000	0	0	0
Nazareth (2012)	1	0	1	.000	0	0	0
Rivier (2012).....	1	0	1	.000	0	0	0
Springfield (2012)	1	3	0	1.000	1	0	0

All-Time Results

2012 First Round: Baruch def. Elms, 25-23, 25-18, 25-19.
Quarterfinals: Springfield def. Baruch, 25-12, 25-16, 25-17;
Hunter def. Kean, 25-23, 22-25, 27-25, 25-21; UC Santa Cruz
def. Rivier, 23-25, 25-20, 25-20, 22-25, 15-12; Carthage def.
Nazareth, 25-21, 27-25, 26-28, 21-25, 18-16. **Semifinals:**
Springfield def. Hunter, 25-13, 26-24, 25-7; Carthage def.
UC Santa Cruz, 25-23, 25-20, 20-25, 25-18. **Championship:**
Springfield def. Carthage, 25-21, 25-23, 25-16.