

# **DIVISION III MEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RECORDS BOOK**

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# 2015 CHAMPIONSHIP

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Stevens' volleyball title marks first team championship in school history:** Junior Tim Ferriter notched 14 kills en route to being named Most Valuable Player in the NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball Tournament to lead the Stevens to a 3-0 sweep of three-time defending national champion Springfield.

The championship is the first team championship in Stevens Athletics history, and they finished 31-4 on the season. More impressively is that the team had only one loss within ranks of DIII, and recorded the second-most wins in a season in program history.

Sunday marked the first time in five tries that the Ducks have beaten Springfield, and it could not have come at a better time.

The teams traded the first 14 points, before Springfield recorded the next two points with kills from Ricardo Padilla Ayala and Joseth Irizarry. After a service error gave the ball back to the Ducks, the Pride went on a 4-0 run to give the visitors their biggest lead of the opening set.

Stevens took control of the set after knotting the match at 17 and used an attack error from Angel Perez to grab their first lead since 7-6.

After Springfield tied the period at 18, the Ducks scored the next three points, with Ferriter and senior Ryan Seifert notching kills and senior David Evans serving up an ace. After a solo block by Irizarry pulled the Pride with two, Seifert tallied a kill and a double block by junior Etan Bennett and Ferriter brought the lead to 23-19.

A service error helped Springfield fend off one match point, but an Evans kill ended set one 25-20 for the home team. The Ducks held their opponents to a .143 hitting percentage with eight errors and the unit recorded four total blocks.

Set two saw the Pride notch four of the first five points, but a 4-0 counter by Stevens quickly erased that deficit as Seifert and Bennett teamed for a double-block and an ace from senior Daniel Smith gave the Ducks the lead for good.

The second stanza saw the score get tied at 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 18 before the Ducks were able to fully grab the advantage with a huge double-stuff block by junior John Eddins and Smith.

A kill by Woods brought the deficit down to one, but a 4-1 set clinching rally was started by a kill from Seifert and was concluded with a serving error. Stevens once again dominated at the net, out slugging the Pride .379-.139 forcing the visitors into 10 attack errors.

The Ducks started set third period off with five of the first seven points, with Ferriter, Evans and Seifert each notching kills. An additional kill by Evans put Stevens up 8-4, forcing Springfield into taking their first timeout of the set.

A kill by Sean Zuvich gave Springfield the serve back, but Eddins set a perfectly placed ball to Bennett who smashed home a kill which was followed up a thunderous double-block by Smith and Eddins. The Pride had to burn their final timeout after an Evans service ace gave the Ducks a 13-8 lead.

Springfield did not go down quietly, as an ace by Tucker Evans brought the visitors within three points. A set turning 5-1 run by Stevens, with Seifert scoring an ace and a pair of Pride attack errors handed the hosts a 21-14 edge.

The visitors rallied back with a 3-0 run, finished with a block from Greg Woods and Jason Mascoe.

The Pride got within three after successful kills from Irizarry and Perez, but a kill by Seifert brought up match point. A Smith serving error gave the Pride the serve back, but after a perfect pass, senior Kevin Aeckerle dished out the biggest assist of his career and Ferriter crushed a ball was sent out of bounds, sending the crowd into a tizzy.

Stevens held their opponents to a .167 hitting percentage, while they hit .365 and committed only nine attack errors. Ferriter also chipped in six digs, while Seifert ended his fine career with 12 kills.

Bennett only had one kill, but made his presence felt with six assisted blocks. Aeckerle handed out 22 helpers, while junior Chris Vaughan had eight digs from his libero position.

Perez led the Pride with 13 kills, with senior Keaton Pieper dishing out 30 assists. Ryan Malone contributed 12 digs as the libero while Padilla ended with nine kills.

## 2015 RESULTS

### FIRST ROUND

Baruch 3, Lasell 2

Rutgers-Newark 3, Endicott 0

### QUARTERFINALS

Stevens 3, Baruch 0

SUNY New Paltz 3, Kean 1

Springfield 3, Rutgers-Newark 0

Nazareth 3, UC Santa Cruz 2

### SEMIFINALS

Stevens 3, SUNY New Paltz 2

Springfield 3, Nazareth 1

### CHAMPIONSHIP

Stevens 3, Springfield 0

# HISTORY

## RESULTS

Year	Champion (Record)	Coach	Score	Runner-Up	Host or Site	Final Match Attendance	Total Attendance
2012	Springfield (33-5)	Charlie Sullivan	3-0	Carthage	Springfield	1,600	5,723
2013	Springfield (31-3)	Charlie Sullivan	3-0	Nazareth	Nazareth	1,000	2,676
2014	Springfield (27-8)	Charlie Sullivan	3-0	Juniata	Juniata	816	3,022
2015	Stevens (31-4)	Patrick Dorywalski	3-0	Springfield	Stevens	1,126	2,506

## ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAMS

### \*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

### 2013

\*Luis Vega, Springfield  
 Greg Falcone, Springfield  
 Nick Ferry, Springfield  
 EJ Wells-Spicer, Nazareth  
 Luke Lawatsch, Nazareth  
 Steve Visentin, Rivier  
 Martin Joksimovik, Baruch

### 2014

\*Luis Vega, Springfield  
 Keaton Pieper, Springfield  
 Jimmy O'Leary, Springfield  
 Connor Wexter, Carthage  
 Brian Smith, SUNY New Paltz  
 Alex McColgin, Juniata  
 Paul Kuhn, Juniata

### 2015

\*Tim Ferriter, Stevens  
 Kevin Aeckerle - Stevens  
 Ryan Seifert - Stevens  
 Ricardo Padilla Ayala - Springfield  
 Ryan Malone - Springfield  
 Tim Zybert - Nazareth  
 Christian Smith - SUNY New Paltz

## INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

### KILLS, MATCH

28—Greg Woods, Springfield (3) vs. Nazareth (1), 4-25-2015.

### 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

7—Eric Johnson, Springfield (3) vs. Endicott (0), 4-25-2014.

### SERVICE ACES, TOURNAMENT

9—Ricardo Padilla Ayala, 2015 (6 vs. Rutgers-Newark, 3 vs. Nazareth, 0 vs. Stevens).

### DIGS, MATCH

17—Andrew Corwin, Rivier (2) vs. UC Santa Cruz (3), 4-27-2012; Kevin Nardone, SUNY New Paltz (2) vs. Stevens (3), 4-25-2015.

### DIGS, TOURNAMENT

34—Nick Ferry, Springfield, 2013 (11 vs. Kean, 16 vs. Baruch, 7 vs. Nazareth).

### HITTING PERCENTAGE, MATCH

(Min. 15 attempts)  
 .632—Luis Vega, Springfield (3) vs. Nazareth (0), 4-28-2013 (13-1/19).

### 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 RECORDS

### 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

11—Springfield (3) vs. Baruch (2), 4-27-2013.

### SERVICE ACES, TOURNAMENT

25—Springfield, 2013 (7 vs. Kean, 11 vs. Baruch, 7 vs. Nazareth).

### DIGS, MATCH

60—UC Santa Cruz (2) vs. Nazareth (3), 4-25-2015.

### DIGS, TOURNAMENT

117—Springfield, 2013 (32 vs. Kean, 55 vs. Baruch, 30 vs. Nazareth).

### 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

(Note: Semifinal losers are credited with third place.)

Team (Years Participated)	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Pct.	1st	2nd	3rd
Baruch (2012-13-14-15)	4	3	4	.429	0	0	1
UC Santa Cruz (2012-13-15)	3	1	3	.250	0	0	1
Carthage (2012-14)	2	3	2	.600	0	1	1
Elms (2012)	1	0	1	.000	0	0	0
Endicott (2013-14-15)	3	1	3	.250	0	0	0
Hunter (2012)	1	1	1	.500	0	0	1
Juniata (2013-14)	2	2	2	.500	0	1	0
Kean (2012-13-14-15)	4	1	4	.200	0	0	0
Lasell (2015)	1	0	1	.000	0	0	0
MIT (2014)	1	0	1	.000	0	0	0
Nazareth (2012-13-15)	3	3	3	.500	0	1	1
Rivier (2012-13-14)	3	1	3	.250	0	0	1
Rutgers-Newark (2015)	1	1	1	.500	0	0	0
Springfield (2012-13-14-15)	4	11	1	.917	3	1	0
Stevens (2013-14-15)	3	4	2	.667	1	0	0
SUNY New Paltz (2014-15)	2	2	2	.500	0	0	2

## 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.

### 2013

#### First Round

Kean def. Endicott, 25-21, 25-17, 25-22.

#### Quarterfinals

Springfield def. Kean, 25-16, 25-22, 15-17

Baruch def. Stevens, 25-15, 25-20, 25-21

Nazareth def. UC Santa Cruz, 25-16, 27-25, 25-22

Rivier def. Juniata, 28-26, 25-20, 25-23.

#### Semifinals

Springfield def. Baruch, 25-22, 25-18, 18-25, 22-25, 15-13

Nazareth def. Rivier, 26-24, 25-18, 25-20.

#### Championship

Springfield def. Nazareth, 25-18, 25-13, 25-22.

### 2014

#### First Round

Endicott def. MIT, 25-15, 25-20, 27-25

Stevens def. Baruch, 17-25, 25-17, 25-21, 25-22.

#### Quarterfinals

Springfield def. Endicott, 25-9, 25-10, 25-21

Carthage def. Rivier, 23-25, 25-21, 25-19, 25-27, 15-11

SUNY New Paltz def. Stevens, 25-21, 25-20, 25-19

Juniata def. Kean, 21-25, 25-18, 26-28, 25-17, 15-6.

#### Semifinals

Springfield def. Carthage, 25-16, 25-23, 25-21

Juniata def. SUNY New Paltz, 18-25, 25-16, 25-19, 25-22.

#### Championship

Springfield def. Juniata, 25-20, 25-21, 25-21.

### 2015

#### First Round

Baruch def. Lasell, 25-23, 23-25, 25-20, 21-25, 15-11

Rutgers-Newark def. Endicott, 25-15, 25-18, 25-20.

#### Quarterfinals

Nazareth def. Santa Cruz, 21-25, 25-16, 16-25, 26-24, 15-12

Springfield def. Rutgers-Newark, 25-14, 25-23, 25-12

SUNY New Paltz def. Kean, 25-16, 18-25, 25-18, 25-17

Stevens def. Baruch, 25-19, 25-19, 25-17.

#### Semifinals

Springfield def. Nazareth, 27-29, 25-21, 25-19, 25-18

Stevens def. SUNY New Paltz, 25-18, 23-25, 25-23, 21-25, 15-13.

#### Championship

Stevens def. Springfield, 25-20, 25-21, 25-21.