

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

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# 2016 CHAMPIONSHIP

## HIGHLIGHTS

**SUNY New Paltz wins first ever national championship:** For the first time in program history, the top-ranked SUNY New Paltz men's volleyball team has captured the NCAA Division III Tournament title, defeating No. 2 Springfield, 3-1 (25-18, 25-23, 23-25, 26-24), in the championship match on April 24 at Nazareth College's Kidera Gymnasium. The win also marks the first NCAA title for any SUNY New Paltz team.

"They deserve this. They worked hard and it was our dream to be national champions," said head coach Radu Petrus. "Every coach wishes to have this group of players when you can have a lot of options and they can follow the strategy."

"I think this is huge because this is the first time that the university and the department have this trophy. For the program it's important because the recruits may be more interested in the program and I can keep the same level in the future."

Senior setter Christian Smith was named the NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player, while junior opposite Joe Norman and senior outside hitter Andy Fishman were named to the All-Tournament Team.

The Hawks conclude the 2016 season with a 33-2 overall record and a 30-0 mark against Division III teams. Springfield ends the season with a 24-8 overall record.

Springfield took off with a 5-2 lead in the first set but the Hawks pushed a 5-0 run, which included three Norman kills, for a 7-5 edge. New Paltz extended its lead to 10-7 but Springfield rallied to cut the deficit to 10-9 on a service ace and two kills by Luis Vega. However, junior middle blocker Steven Woessner responded with a kill and service ace of his own to keep the Hawks ahead. New Paltz led by four points through the rest of the set for a 22-18 lead before senior middle blocker Christopher Husmann added two of the final three points to clinch the 25-18 set win for the Hawks.

In the second frame, the teams traded early points but SUNY New Paltz would soon run ahead to a 6-4 lead. The Pride ended up trailing by two points until Springfield capitalized on two SUNY New Paltz errors to tie the score at 14-all. Both teams battled for the lead but the Hawks would grab the upper hand on a Pride service error and a Fishman service ace. The Pride made quick work of leveling the score to 23-all but the Hawks would take the set, 25-23, on a Fishman kill and a Springfield ball handling error.

Similar to the second set, the third frame saw both teams trade points before the Hawks pulled away on a Springfield service error and a Woessner kill for an 11-9 lead. Sophomore outside hitter Anthony Bonilla landed a kill to keep the Hawks ahead but the Pride rattled off three-straight points to pull ahead, 13-12. Still SUNY New Paltz would not be deterred, pushing four unanswered points to retake the lead and send the Pride into a timeout. Coming out of the break, Springfield evened the score and began an intense battle for the lead. SUNY New Paltz closed in its third set win, capitalizing on a Norman kill and a Springfield error to make it a 23-22 match but a SUNY New Paltz service error returned the ball to Springfield. Junior outside hitter Luis Vega and sophomore outside hitter Richard Padilla Ayala floored a kill each to give the Pride the set win and send the match to a fourth frame.

The Hawks and the Pride came out swinging in the final set, keeping the score close until Springfield recorded a 3-0 run for an 11-9 edge. The Hawks managed to close the gap to 15-14 but three unanswered points from the Pride handed Springfield an 18-14 advantage as SUNY New Paltz called for a timeout to regroup. The Hawks rallied coming out of the break, pushing a 4-0 run for a tied score. Once again the teams battled to take the win but Norman landed a kill to bring the score to 25-24 before sophomore outside hitter Ben Cohen sealed the win on an overpass kill.

SUNY New Paltz concluded the match with a 4-3 edge in service aces and a .291 (63-26-127) clip, while the Pride held an 8-7 advantage in blocks and hit .276 (47-18-105).

Norman floored a career-high 21 kills and hit .444 (21-5-26). Woessner finished the match with a .533 (10-2-15) clip off 10 kills and contributed four blocks (two solo, two assists). Fishman added 17 kills for the offense, while Smith dished out 51 assists and defended 11 digs.

For Springfield, senior right side Greg Woods led with 19 kills while Vega and Ayala contributed 13 and 11 kills, respectively. Junior setter Luis Garcia Rubio distributed 42 assists in the loss, while freshman libero Eli Irizarry Pares provided 11 digs for the defense.

## 2016 RESULTS

### FIRST ROUND

Wentworth 3, Hunter 0

Kean 3, Endicott 1

### QUARTERFINALS

SUNY New Paltz 3, Wentworth 1

Stevens 3, Rutgers-Newark 1

Springfield 3, Kean 0

Stevenson 3, Carthage 1

### SEMIFINALS

SUNY New Paltz 3, Stevens 1

Springfield 3, Stevenson 0

### CHAMPIONSHIP

SUNY New Paltz 3, Springfield 1

# 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
2016	SUNY New Paltz (33-2)	Radu Petrus	3-1	Springfield	Nazareth	914	3,364

## ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAMS

### *\*Most Outstanding Player*

### 2012

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

### 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  
Alex McColgin, Juniata  
Paul Kuhn, Juniata  
Connor Wexter, Carthage  
Brian Smith, SUNY New Paltz

### 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

### 2016

\*Christian Smith, SUNY New Paltz  
Andy Fishman, SUNY New Paltz  
Joe Norman, SUNY New Paltz  
Luis Vega, Springfield  
Greg Woods, Springfield  
Chris Vaughan, Stevens  
Rob Wingert, Stevenson

## 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

179—SUNY New Paltz, 2016 (54 vs. Wentworth, 62 vs. Stevens, 63 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

170—SUNY New Paltz, 2016 (48 vs. Wentworth, 62 vs. Stevens, 60 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 (2012-14-16)	3	3	3	.500	0	1	1
Elms (2012)	1	0	1	.000	0	0	0
Endicott (2013-14-15-16)	4	1	4	.200	0	0	0
Hunter (2012-16)	2	1	2	.333	0	0	1
Juniata (2013-14)	2	2	2	.500	0	1	0
Kean (2012-13-14-15-16)	5	2	5	.286	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 (2015-16)	2	1	2	.333	0	0	0
Springfield (2012-13-14-15-16)	5	13	2	.867	3	2	0
Stevens (2013-14-15-16)	4	5	3	.625	1	0	1
Stevenson (2016)	1	1	1	.500	0	0	1
SUNY New Paltz (2014-15-16)	3	5	2	.714	1	0	2
Wentworth (2016)	1	1	1	.500	0	0	0

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# ALL-TIME RESULTS

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## 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.

## 2016

### First Round

Kean def. Endicott, 25-21, 25-21, 19-25, 25-23

Wentworth def. Hunter, 25-21, 25-17, 25-12.

### Quarterfinals

SUNY New Paltz def. Wentworth, 19-25, 25-20, 25-15, 25-17

Stevens def. Rutgers-Newark, 25-18, 25-23, 22-25, 25-14

Springfield def. Kean, 25-11, 25-13, 25-17

Stevenson def. Carthage, 25-21, 29-27, 25-27, 25-18.

### Semifinals

Springfield def. Stevenson, 25-23, 25-16, 25-16

SUNY New Paltz def. Stevens, 25-22, 25-27, 25-18, 25-15.

### Championship

SUNY New Paltz def. Springfield, 25-18, 25-23, 23-25, 26-24.