



NCAA Volleyball National Championship notes (12/15/12)

- Tonight's championship match attendance was 16,448. That is the second-highest championship match attendance in tournament history. The total attendance for the volleyball finals was 29,833. That is the third-highest Finals attendance in history.
- A total of 143,569 people attended the tournament this year. That is a new NCAA Division I volleyball tournament record and breaks the old record of 134,217 set last year in 2011. 75,942 attended matches at first and second round sites, while 37,794 attended regional matches. This is just the third time in tournament history (and second year in a row) that total tournament attendance has exceeded 120,000..
- Tournament attendance is up more than 9,352 people over last year's attendance. That is an increase in attendance of more than 6.96% from last year.
- All-Tournament Team members: Texas' Bailey Webster (MOP), Hannah Allison, Haley Eckerman and Sha'Dare McNeal; Oregon's Alaina Bergsma and Liz Brenner; Michigan's Lexi Erwin.
- This is fourth consecutive year referee Kevin Call worked the Finals. He has worked the championship match in three of those four years. This is the sixth year that referee Patsy Malta has worked the Finals, but her first championship match.
- Texas defeated Oregon (25-11, 26-24, 25-19) for the second national championship in school history. They last won the championship 24 years ago in 1988, defeating Hawaii 3-0.

Texas notes:

- Texas finished the season 29-4, winning 23 of their last 24 matches.
- This is the first national championship for Head Coach Jerritt Elliott in five appearances in the Finals with USC and Texas. Texas' previous championship came under former coach Mick Haley.
- This was Texas' 22nd shutout of the season.
- Texas is now 71-27 all-time in NCAA Tournament play. They are one of six teams with at least 70 wins in Tournament play.
- Texas' all-time tournament winning percentage of .724 is the fourth-best in history.
- This is the 42nd NCAA team championship in Texas' athletic history. That is the sixth-most among all Division I schools and eighth-most among all schools in all divisions.
- This was just the fourth time that the schools had faced each other, with Texas now leading the series 3-1. The last time they faced off was over 28 years ago in 1984.
- Bailey Webster's .370 hitting percentage for the Finals was the fourth-best in Finals history since 2008.
- Texas hit .438 for the match, a new three-set championship match record. They had 43 kills and just four attack errors in 89 attempts.
- Texas hit .360 for both matches of the Finals, a new volleyball Finals record. They had 108 kills with 19 attack errors in 247 attempts.

- Texas came into the Finals ranked eighth in the country in blocks per set. They had 15 team rejections in the championship match and totals 29.5 in the finals, a 3.68 per set average.
- Webster hit .500 and led all players with 14 kills. She also added four blocks.
- Sophomore outside hitter Haley Eckerman was the only other player in double figures with 12 kills.
- Junior setter Hannah Allison handed out 35 assists and had a hand in five blocks. She totaled 11 blocks for both matches in the Finals.
- Freshman middle blocker Molly McCage tied her career-high with eight total blocks. She finished with 14 total blocks in the Finals.
- Junior libero Sarah Palmer led the team with 11 digs.
- Sophomore middle blocker Khat Bell contributed six blocks on the night and 13 for both matches of the Finals.

Oregon notes:

- This is the first time that Oregon has appeared in the national championship match and their first year of qualifying for the national Volleyball Finals.
- Oregon is just one of four teams in tournament history to qualify for the championship match the first year that they qualified for the Finals.
- Oregon finished the season 30-5. Those 30 wins are a new school record since the start of the NCAA era in 1981.
- Senior outside hitter Alaina Bergsma was named AVCA National Player of the Year.
- Outside hitters Katherine Fischer and Liz Brenner led the squad with 13 kills apiece.
- Junior setter Lauren Plum handed out 41 assists.
- Senior libero Haley Jacob added 10 digs.