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**UVC ANNOUNCES VOLLEYBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM  
Nick Johnson of Medaille Named Player of the Year**

**ROCHESTER, NY** – The United Volleyball Conference announced its first all-conference team with senior right side Nick Johnson of Medaille College being named the 2011 UVC Player of the Year.

Johnson, who led the Mavericks to a 7-1 conference mark and second seed in the United Volleyball Conference Championship tournament, recorded a .279 hitting percentage in conference play, averaging 3.7 kills per set with 131 kills. He added 1.2 digs and 0.6 blocks per set. Overall, Johnson averages 4.1 kills per set with a .302 hitting percentage.

Joining Johnson on the all-conference first team was sophomore middle blocker Erin Kelly of the Mavericks. Kelly averaged 3.1 kills and 1.0 blocks per set and recorded a .455 hitting percentage in conference play.

Three players from top-seeded Nazareth College were selected to the all-conference first team. Senior outside hitter Hans Schroeder posted a .416 hitting percentage and averaged 3.2 kills per set, while junior outside hitter Billy Gimello hit .345 and averaged 2.5 kills per set in UVC play. Sophomore setter EJ Wells-Spicer averaged 10.8 assists and 1.3 digs per set in conference play.

Senior setter Brandt Grobeis and senior outside hitter Stefan PremDas of Stevens Institute of Technology each garnered first-team all-conference recognition. Grobeis averaged 11.4 assists and 1.2 digs per set, and PremDas hit .323 while averaging 3.1 kills per set in UVC matches.

Senior outside hitter Evan Fredericksen of Vassar College was named to the first team after leading the UVC with 149 kills (4.8 kills per set), hitting .422, and averaging 1.5 digs per set in conference action.

Dan Jackson of Medaille, a second-team all-conference selection, was chosen as UVC Libero/Defensive Specialist of the Year. The senior libero averaged 2.5 digs per set in conference play.

Dave Evans of Stevens, an honorable mention choice, was named the UVC Rookie of the Year. The freshman outside hitter hit .308 in conference play, while averaging 2.2 kills and 1.5 digs per set.

Cal Wickens was selected as UVC Coach of the Year for leading Nazareth to an undefeated regular in regular season conference play and the top seed in the championship tournament.

## United Volleyball Conference 2011 All-Conference Awards

**Player of the Year:** Nick Johnson, Medaille College

**Libero/Defensive Specialist of the Year:** Dan Jackson, Medaille College

**Rookie of the Year:** Dave Evans, Stevens Institute of Technology

**Coach of the Year:** Cal Wickens, Nazareth College

### First Team (Note: Two players tied for seventh spot)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>School</b>
Evan Fredericksen	Sr.	OH	Vassar College
Billy Gimello	Jr.	OH	Nazareth College
Brandt Grobeis	Sr.	S	Stevens Institute of Technology
Nick Johnson	Sr.	RS	Medaille College
Erin Kelly	So.	MB	Medaille College
SteFan PremDas	Sr.	OH	Stevens Institute of Technology
Hans Schroeder	Sr.	OH	Nazareth College
EJ Wells-Spicer	So.	S	Nazareth College

### Second Team

<b>Name</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>School</b>
Nick Chan	Jr.	OH	Bard College
Dan Jackson	Sr.	L	Medaille College
John Landis	Sr.	OH	Stevens Institute of Technology
Ryan Maxwell	Sr.	S	Medaille College
Jeremy Sajdak	Sr.	OH	D'Youville College
Kevin Stross	Jr.	MB	SUNY New Paltz
Ellis Walsh	Sr.	MB	Nazareth College

### Honorable Mention

<b>Name</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>School</b>
Andrew Cassius	Sr.	S	SUNY New Paltz
Matthew Elgin	So.	OH	Vassar College
Dave Evans	Fr.	OH	Stevens Institute of Technology
Tim Karl	Sr.	MH	Stevens Institute of Technology
Christian La Du	So.	L	Vassar College
Keith MacDonald	Sr.	OH	SUNY New Paltz
Eric Sandmann	Fr.	OH	Elmira College
Chris Temple	So.	RS	D'Youville College
Mike Van Tyne	Jr.	OPP	SUNY New Paltz
Michael Vellutato	Fr.	S	Elmira College
Adam Weaver	Fr.	OH	Hilbert College