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**UVC ANNOUNCES VOLLEYBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM
Dave Evans of Stevens Named Player of the Year**

ROCHESTER, NY – The United Volleyball Conference announced its 2012 all-conference team with sophomore outside hitter Dave Evans of Stevens Institute of Technology being named the 2012 UVC Player of the Year.

Evans led the Ducks to a 9-2 record and the second seed in this weekend's UVC Championship. He recorded a .316 hitting percentage in regular season conference play, while averaging 3.6 kills, 1.4 digs, and 0.5 blocks per set. Overall, he is averaging 3.4 kills and 1.6 digs per set.

Sophomore setter Connor Mortland earned first-team honors after leading New York University to an undefeated conference record in its first season in the UVC. He led all players, averaging 11.4 assists per set and added 2.1 digs per set.

Senior right side Nick Johnson and junior middle blocker Erin Kelly of Medaille College each repeated as first-team all-conference selections. Johnson, the 2011 UVC Player of the Year, hit .329 in conference play and averaged 3.5 kills per set. Kelly posted a .389 hitting percentage, while averaging 2.8 kills and 0.9 blocks per set.

Senior outside hitter Billy Gimello and junior setter EJ Wells-Spicer of Nazareth College also repeated as first-team all-conference choices. Gimello averaged 3.0 kills and 0.9 digs per set in regular season UVC play, while Wells-Spicer all setters with 404 assists (10.4 per set) and averaged 1.2 digs per set.

Junior middle hitter Matt Elgin of Vassar College was named to the first team after averaging 3.2 kills and 1.2 blocks per set in conference action. He led UVC hitters with a .411 hitting percentage.

Junior libero Christian LaDu of Vassar was chosen as UVC Libero/Defensive Specialist of the Year. He averaged 2.4 digs per set in conference play.

Freshman opposite Ian Tyger of Stevens was named UVC Rookie of the Year. He hit .283 in conference play and averaged 2.6 kills, 1.2 digs, and 0.9 blocks per set.

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

United Volleyball Conference 2012 All-Conference Awards

Player of the Year: Dave Evans, Stevens Institute of Technology

Libero/Defensive Specialist of the Year: Christian LaDu, Vassar College

Rookie of the Year: Ian Tyger, Stevens Institute of Technology

Coach of the Year: Jose Pina, New York University

First Team

Name	Yr.	Position	School
Matt Elgin	Jr.	MH	Vassar College
Dave Evans	So.	OH	Stevens Institute of Technology
Billy Gimello	Sr.	OH	Nazareth College
Nick Johnson	Sr.	RS	Medaille College
Erin Kelly	Jr.	MB	Medaille College
Connor Mortland	So.	S	New York University
EJ Wells-Spicer	Jr.	S	Nazareth College

Second Team

Name	Yr.	Position	School
Nick Capriccio	So.	MB	New York University
Pat Dodd	Sr.	OH	New York University
Tyler Fauntlerot	Jr.	OH	New York University
Tom Hannum	Jr.	OH	Stevens Institute of Technology
Rob Kraft	Jr.	MB	Nazareth College
Mike Van Tyne	Sr.	OPP	SUNY New Paltz
Michael Vellutato	So.	S	Elmira College

Honorable Mention

Name	Yr.	Position	School
Kevin Aeckerle	Fr.	S	Stevens Institute of Technology
Trevor Barrett	So.	OH	Medaille College
Nick Chan	Sr.	OH	Bard College
Ryan Gelenitis	So.	OH	Elmira College
Jay Hayes	Sr.	L	New York University
John Konow	Jr.	S	Vassar College
Christian LaDu	Jr.	L	Vassar College
Ryan Meller	Sr.	OH	SUNY IT
Ryan Seifert	So.	OH	Stevens Institute of Technology
Chris Temple	Jr.	OPP	D'Youville College
Ellis Walsh	Sr.	RS	Nazareth College