

## East Division Team Capsules

### Bard College

**Record:** 9-20 / 1-10 UVC

**Head Coach:** Mike Abalos (7<sup>th</sup> Season)

**2012 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2012 Final Conference Finish:** N/A

**Top Returners:** Henry Kasiske (S, 5-10, Jr.); Billy Williams (OH, 6-2, Jr.), Damianos Lazaridis Giannopoulos (MB, 6-6, Gr.)

**Top Newcomers:** Kai Bernier-Chen (OH, 6-1, Fr.); Daniel Gagne (L/DS, 5-11, Fr.); Jesse Small (OH, 6-0, Fr.)

**Top Players Lost:** Nick Chan (OH, 6-3, Sr., All-UVC Second Team, National DIII Leader Kills/Set); Andrew Cortrite (L/S, 6-1, Sr.) Ryan Fallon (MB, 6-6, Sr.)

**Head Coach's Outlook:** We are definitely looking forward to the 2013 Season. We lost a lot of our top players last year, but I have full confidence in my new guys and my returning players. With the leadership of Henry Kasiske and Billy Williams as my team captains, I am really excited to see what the incoming freshman and the 2013 Men's Volleyball team will bring to the court.

### SUNY New Paltz

**Record:** 19-11, 6-5 UVC

**Head Coach:** Radu Petrus (8th season)

**2012 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2012 Final Conference Finish:** 7th

**Top Returners:** OH Brian Smith and Bryan Weber, MB Brian O'Connor

**Top Newcomers:** 6'4" Setter **Christian Smith** 2011 All- Long Island team, 6'4" MB

**Christopher Husmann** 2011 All-Long Island team and LI player of the year

**Top Players Lost:** 6'8" MB **Kevin Stross** and 6'4" OPP **Mike Van Tyne** (2012 UVC second team)

**Head Coach's Outlook:** Great class of freshman with potential to play high level volleyball.

### New York University

**Record:** 20-9, 11-0 UVC

**Head Coach:** Jose Pina (19<sup>th</sup> season)

**2012 Final National Ranking:** 8<sup>th</sup>

**2012 Post-Season Finish:** Lost 1<sup>st</sup> Round UVC Playoffs

**2012 Final Conference Finish:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place Regular Season. 8<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> in Playoffs

**Top Returners:** Connor Mortland (S, 6'4, Jr., 2012 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All American, 2012 All UVC First Team). Nick Capriccio (MH, 6'4, Jr., 2012 All UVC Second Team)

**Top Newcomers:** Nick Benson (U, 6'3, Fr.), Andrew Steiner (OH, 6'5, Fr.), Colin LaPorte (OH/OP, 6'5, Fr.), Keith Waddell (OH/OP, 6'6, Fr.), Matt Nussbaum (MH, 6'4, Fr.)

**Top Players Lost:** Jay Hayes (L, 2012 All UVC Honorable Mention), Patrick Dodd (OH, 2012 All UVC Second Team), Taylor Fauntleroy (OH, 2012 All UVC Second Team), Luke Hamlet (MH)

**Head Coach's Outlook:** We are looking forward to our 2<sup>nd</sup> year of competition in the UVC, and hope to improve on last year's record. We have a very talented group of returnees and new comers in our 2013 squad. And how quickly we become a cohesive unit that coalesces around the way we want to play, will dictate how far we go during this season. Needless to say, the goal, as always, is to win a national championship.

**Stevens Institute of Technology Ducks:**

**Record:** 28-8, 8-2 UVC

**Head Coach:** Patrick Dorywalski, (27th season)

**2012 Final National Ranking:** 6<sup>th</sup>

**2012 Conference Finish:** 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** Six + libero/14

**Top Returners:** David Evans (Jr., OH, 6-0, Second-Team All-American, UVC Player of the Year, First-Team UVC), Ian Tyger (So. OPP, 6-4, UVC Rookie of the Year), Thomas Hannum (Sr., OH, 6-0, Second-Team UVC), Ryan Seifert (Jr. OH, 6-4, Honorable Mention UVC), Kevin Aeckerle (So., S, 6-0, Honorable Mention UVC), Jake Modestow (Sr., MH, 6-6), James Mataras (Sr., MH, 6-5), Ricky Budar (Sr., L, 5-11), Etan Bennett (So., MH, 6-5), Dylan Schlosser (So., S, 6-1)

**Top Newcomers:** John Eddins IV (Fr., S, 6-4), Alexander Carpenter (Fr., MH, 6-8), Christopher Vaughan (Fr., OH, 6-3)

**Top Players Lost:** Wojciech Gajda (Libero, 5-11)

**Head Coach's Outlook:** The 2013 season looks to be one of the best in the program's history. With only one senior graduating and a very talented incoming group of freshmen Stevens will be a strong contender for outstanding results this season. The team has worked hard in the off season and fall and ready to compete with all teams scheduled.

**SUNY IT**

**Record:** 3-28, 0-11 UVC

**Head Coach:** Jake Bluhm (2<sup>nd</sup> Season)

**2012 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2012 Final Conference Finish:** 12th

**Top Returners:**

**Top Newcomers:** AJ Davids (MH 6'4" Freshman), Sean Conte (RS 6'4" Freshman)

**Top Players Lost:** Ryan Meller (OH 5'11" Leader in all time SUNYIT Kills)

**Head Coach's Outlook:** We are still a young program with a bright outlook on the next couple of seasons. This year we brought in a couple of very strong recruits and believe they are the start to a successful program here at IT.

**Vassar College**

**Record:** 19-11, 7-4 UVC

**Head Coach:** Robert Wolter, (2nd season)

**2012 Final National Ranking:** 12<sup>th</sup>

**2012 Conference Finish:** Quarter Final loss to Nazareth College (0-3)

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** Five + libero/10

**Top Returners:** Matthew Elgin (MB, 6-6, Sr., 2012 AVCA 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-American, 2012 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-UVC, 2011 UVC Honorable Mention, 2010 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-NECVA Metro Division), Christian La Du (L, 6-1, Sr., 2012 UVC Libero of the Year, 2012 UVC Honorable Mention, 2011 UVC Honorable Mention, 2010 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-NECVA Metro Division), John Konow (S, 6-2, Sr., 2012 UVC Honorable Mention), Charlie Caldwell (OH, 6-2, Sr.), Patrick Donohue (MB, 6-6, Sr.), Joseph Pyne (OH, 6-3, Jr)

**Top Newcomers:** Reno Kriz (OH/OPP, 6-3, Fr.), Erik Halberg (OH, 6-2, Fr.), Kadeem Nibbs (MH, 6-8, Fr.), Elijah Mondesir (DS, 5-9, Fr.)

**Top Players Lost:** Lucas Rathjens (OPP, 6-6, Sr.)

**Head Coach's Outlook:** After finishing the 2012 season with a No. 12 national ranking and a 19-11 record, the Vassar College men's volleyball team is back and ready for another successful campaign in 2013. The team returns Second Team All-American Matt Elgin and two All-UVC selections to its loaded roster. With a high expectation for success, the team has been preparing to perform to its best ability this season and is eager to get the season underway Jan. 26 as they travel to Hutingdon, PA to square off against Stevenson College and Juniata College.

We enjoyed a solid 2012 year, and are again optimistic going into the 2013 season. The goal, as always, is to compete for the United Volleyball Conference Championship. We know if we are able to compete for the UVC title, that puts us in the top echelon of teams in the country, and that's where we want to be.

### West Division Team Capsule

#### D'youville College

**Record:** 13-16, 4-7 UVC

**Head Coach:** John Hutton (17<sup>th</sup> season)

**2012 Final National Ranking:** None

**2012 Conference Finish:** 9th/12

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3 + Libero/7

**Top Returners:** Chris Temple (SR, RS, 6-4, UVC Honorable Mention in 2012) Jay Senozetnik (SR, S, 6-0) Chris Krueger (SR, MB/OH, 6-2)

**Top Newcomers:** Brett Cawthorn (FR, OH, 6-1) Matt Loos (FR, MB, 6-6)

**Top Players Lost:** Todd Potter (MB) Rob Dykeman (OH)

#### Elmira College

**Record:** 22-18, 6-5 UVC

**Head Coach:** Stephen England (1<sup>st</sup> year)

**2012 Final National Ranking:** 15<sup>th</sup>

**2012 Final Conference Finish:** 6th

**Top Returners:** Michael Vallentado (S, 6-1, Jr.) Ryan Gelenities (OH, 6-2, JR.) Tyler Smith (RS, 6-5 So.) Ryan Nerney (MH, 6-3, Jr.)

**Top Newcomers:** Erik Griffin (OH, 6-3, Fr.) Andrew Johnson (MH, 6-6, Fr) Rob Shade (L, 5-8, So.)

**Top Players Lost:** Mike Stianche (OH, 6-0, So.) Ladislav Leikes (MH, 7-0, So.) Eric Sandmann (RS, 6-2, So.)

**Head Coach's Outlook:** The new coaching staff is excited to have a solid nucleus of returners and a talented group of freshmen that will make an instant contribution to the team. We are looking forward to the upcoming 2013 season with much anticipation.

### Hilbert College

**Record:** 6-21, 2-9 UVC

**Head Coach:** Bill Schultz (3<sup>rd</sup> season)

**2012 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2012 Final Conference Finish:**

**Top Returners:** Adam Weaver

**Top Newcomers:** Korey Schwab

**Top Players Lost:** No seniors graduated

**Head Coach's Outlook:** Looking forward to a competitive season.

### Medaille College

**Record:** 25-9, 8-3 UVC

**Head Coach:** Keith Koch (9<sup>th</sup> Season)

**2012 Final National Ranking:** 9th

**2012 Post-Season Finish:** Lost in Semi-finals of UVC; won ECAC South Tournament

**2012 Final Conference Finish:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**Top Returners:** Erin Kelly (MB) 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference, Trevor Barrett (RS) Honorable Mention, David Hill (OH)

**Top Newcomers:**

**Top Players Lost:** Nick Johnson, (RS) 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference

**Head Coach's Outlook:**

The Medaille men's volleyball team will rely heavily on the leadership of seniors Erin Kelly (MB) and Brandon Kilijanski (L) as well as junior Trevor Barrett (RS). The rest of the roster is composed of underclassmen (five sophomores and nine freshmen). The setting responsibilities will fall in the hands of two sophomores, Dave Riggsby and Cory Philips. These two finished their freshmen year by running an offense that defeated Juniata in the finals of the ECAC South Tournament. Also, sophomores Jordan James (MB) and David Hill (OH) will look to build on very productive rookie campaigns. A talented freshmen class brings height, ball control and depth to this year's team. Their development will be a key factor to the success of the team.

### Nazerath College

**Record:** 27-9, 8-3 UVC

**Head Coach:** Cal Wickens (9<sup>th</sup> Season)

**2012 Final National Ranking:** 3rd

**2012 Post –Season Finish:** Lost to Carthage in first round of NCAAs.

**2012 Final Conference Finish:** Won the UVC Conference Tournament

**Top returning players:** Rob Kraft, sr. MB 6-7 from Waretown, NJ (second-team All-American in '12); EJ Wells-Spicer, sr. S 5-11 from Phelps, NY (second-team All-American in '11, first team UVC all-star in '12); Alex Houghtalen, sr. OH 6-3 from West Charlton, NY (team-best 269 kills in '12); Luke Lawatsch, soph. MB 6-5 from Penfield, NY

**Top newcomers:** Tim Zyburt, fr. MB 6-4 from Wheaton, Ill. Cory Randolph, fr. OH 6-3 from Columbus, Ohio; Grant Levermore, fr. OH 6-4 from Fairport, NY

**Key losses:** Ellis Walsh, MB, 6-6 two-time All-American; Billy Gimello, OH, two-time All-American

### **PSU-Behrend**

Record: 10-18, 4-7 UVC

**Head Coach:** Phil Pisano (2<sup>nd</sup> season)

**2012 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2012 Final Conference Finish:** 8<sup>th</sup>

**Top Players Returning:** Evan Fullerton (S, 5-11, Sr.); Grant Kocher (OH, 6-3, Jr.); Nate Steele (OH, 6-4, Jr.); Peter McGowan (MH, 6-5, So.); Derek Polishen (L, 5-8, So.); Ty Sheehan (OH, 5-9, So.)

**Top Newcomers:** Tyler Karl (MH, 6-4, Fr.); Josh Oertly (MH, 6-4, Fr.); Mitch Snyder (OH, 6-2, Fr.); Kevin Smith (MH, 6-6, Fr.)

**Top Players Lost:** N/A

**Head Coach's Outlook:** In our second season of NCAA competition Penn State Behrend will look to continue the positive momentum from a strong finish in 2012. Our roster is more experienced and more talented than a year ago, and we hope to have gained ground on many of the well-established and quality programs we will face this season. Penn State Behrend will look to continue to improve throughout the season with the goal of making a second straight appearance in the UVC playoffs. Our players are excited for the challenges that lie ahead and committed to continuing to raise the profile of the Penn State Behrend men's volleyball program.