



## Facilities

The men's volleyball team plays home competitions in Blake Arena, on the main level of the domed three-level Physical Education Complex. The floor is covered by Connor Neo-Shock maple wood that allows for a variety of activities such as athletic contests, classes, lectures, and shows. Roll-out bleachers accommodate more than 2,000 spectators. With the bleachers closed, it has room for two regulation-size basketball courts. Blake Arena has served as the host site of the 2006 and 2007 NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Championship (Final Four). Numerous regional and national tournaments have taken place in Blake as it also serves as the home facility to the women's volleyball team, the wrestling team, and both basketball teams.



# SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE ATHLETICS

## Men's Volleyball 2010

### 2010 Season Preview

With a strong corps of returners and several talented newcomers, the Springfield College men's volleyball team looks to win its sixth national championship as it once again competes in the EIVA Tait Conference.

Leading the way will be **Cal Palumbo**, who has emerged as one of the more dominant players in college volleyball. The two-time AVCA First Team All-American selection, Palumbo led the team with a .432 hitting percentage as he racked up 216 kills to go along with 101 total blocks.

The senior duo of **Eric Shoemaker** and **AJ Nally** also look to make their final season in Blake Arena one to remember. Shoemaker earned All-America Second Team honors as he averaged 11.33 assists per game while directing the Pride's offense. Nally led the team in kills with 297 and chipped in with 161 digs and 72 total blocks.

### The Competition

Even more than usual, Springfield College will play a difficult schedule this upcoming season. The 23rd annual Morgan Volleyball Hall of Fame Classic, hosted in Blake Arena, will include Division I powers UC- Santa Barbara, Ohio State, and George Mason.

Springfield, which competes in the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (EIVA) Tait Division, will participate in the EIVA Division I Championship. The winner represents the East Coast at the NCAA Division I Final Four. Springfield competed in the Tait Conference last season and hosted a quarterfinal matchup for the first time in program history after finishing third in the conference. The Pride's conference slate will once again include a home-and-home series with the perennial national power Penn State, along with Princeton, George Mason, Juniata, and St. Francis.

### Springfield College Contributions to the Game

William G. Morgan graduated from Springfield College in 1894 and invented the sport of volleyball one year later. Dr. Morgan, the Physical Education Director of the city of Holyoke YMCA, who developed the sport as a less-strenuous alternative to basketball, originally named the sport "mintonette." In 1896, Springfield College professor Dr. A.T. Halstead observed an exhibition match at the college and suggested "volleyball" as a more appropriate name.

In 1995, Springfield College was the host institution for the NCAA Division I Tournament that took place

at the Springfield Civic Center and was televised nationally on both ESPN and ESPN2. In 1996, the Volleyball Hall of Fame selected Springfield College as the recipient of its Court-of-Honor Award, recognizing the College for its significant contributions and longtime commitment to volleyball. Previous winners of the Court-of-Honor Award include the 1980 USA Women's and 1984 USA Men's Olympic teams, the YMCA, the American and United States Volleyball Associations, the Federal Internationale de Volleyball, and Special Olympics International.



*All-American senior setter  
Eric Shoemaker*

### FAST FACTS:

- ▼ The Springfield College men's volleyball team has captured five Molten Division III national championships.
- ▼ Head coach **Charlie Sullivan**, who enters his 12th season in 2010, has been named Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Coaches Association Division III Coach of the Year four times (2001-2003, and 2008).
- ▼ Springfield College has finished the season ranked No. 1 six times in the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division III national poll, and holds the most No. 1 rankings nationally, since the AVCA began the poll in 1996.
- ▼ Affiliations: Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (EIVA)
- ▼ Conference: EIVA - Tait Division
- ▼ Home Court: Blake Arena

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*All-American junior middle blocker  
Cal Palumbo*



## Head Coach Charlie Sullivan

### ▼ Education

Springfield College '91, G'97

### ▼ Memberships

EIVA Executive Committee,  
AVCA Division III Representative  
Division III National Poll voter  
Volleyball Hall of Fame  
Board of Directors

### ▼ Coaching Experience

- U.S. National Team Assistant Coach, 2007 FIVB World Cup, 2008 World League Tournament, 2006 World Championships, and 2009 NORCECA Championship
- Director, USA High Performance Camp ('07, '08, '09)
- Assistant Coach, USA Junior National Team, Norceca Championship ('02 and '04)
- Internship with the USA Men's National Team Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Head boys and girls volleyball coach Marymount International School, Rome, Italy
- 2001 U.S. National Team, Arafura Games, Darwin, Australia (Bronze Medal)

**Charlie Sullivan** will enter his 12th season as head coach of the men's volleyball team in 2010 and will serve as an assistant professor of physical education at his alma mater. In 11 previous years at the helm, Charlie has an overall record of 153-124 for a .552 winning percentage.

Sullivan's coaching career in the college ranks began in 1997 as an assistant on the Springfield team that won the inaugural Molten Championship. In 1998, Sullivan became the head coach at Marycrest International University in Davenport, Iowa, and was instrumental in the development of the first National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Men's Volleyball Championship that was held at Marycrest. During that year, Sullivan headed the NAIA National Championship committee and chaired the Midwest Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (MIVA) Conference.

During the fall of 2005, Sullivan coached with Feffe DeGiorgi and the Marcerata Volleyball Club, a top

professional league in Italy. He had the opportunity to work with some of the top international players such as Ivan Miljkovic of Serbia, Angel Dennis of Cuba, and Rodrigo Santana of Brazil.

USA Volleyball invited Sullivan to train with junior and youth national head coach Hugh McCutcheon during the 2005 winter training session at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Coach McCutcheon then selected Sullivan to run the USA Volleyball High Performance camp in the summer of 2005, in California, for the 25 top male 14, 15, and 16-year-old players in the country.

Sullivan has participated in the NCAA Youth Education Through Sports (YES) Clinics held in conjunction with NCAA Men's Volleyball Championships. He has also presented at AVCA coaches clinics, and published articles in *Coaching Volleyball* and *Volleyball* magazines. He is an assistant professor in sports psychology at Springfield College, and co-wrote the curriculum for sports physics for physical education majors.

## 2009 Honors

**AVCA Division III First Team All-American:** Cal Palumbo, sophomore ▼ **AVCA Division III Second Team All-American:** Mark Ribeiro, senior; Eric Shoemaker, junior ▼ **EIVA All-East Second Team:** Cal Palumbo, sophomore; Eric Shoemaker, junior ▼ **EIVA Division III All-Star:** AJ Nally, junior; Andy Sipe, senior; Mark Ribeiro, senior; Cal Palumbo, sophomore ▼ **EIVA All-Academic Team:** Eric Shoemaker, junior ▼ **Volleyball Hall of Fame-Morgan Classic All-Tournament Team:** AJ Nally, junior ▼ **Sports Imports/AVCA Division III National Player of the Week:** Mar. 2-Mark Ribeiro, senior ▼ **EIVA Tait Division Player of the Week:** Mar. 2-Mark Ribeiro, senior ▼ **Maroon Club Athletes of the Week:** Feb. 2-AJ Nally, junior; Mar. 16-Andy Sipe, senior

## 2010 Roster

Name	Cl.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/Club
Evan Acanfora	Fr.	OH	6-2	Lakeview, N.Y./Eden
Mike Becker	Fr.	S	6-2	Hempfield, Pa./Damons
Alberto Bravo	Jr.	OP	6-3	Toa Baja, Puerto Rico./Borinquen
John Coen	Fr.	OH	6-3	Chicago, Ill./Rollin Thunder
Greg Falcone	Fr.	MB	6-7	Lindenhurst, N.Y./Long Island
Ruben Fernandez	Sr.	S	5-10	San Juan, Puerto Rico./Borinquen
Mike Freytag	Fr.	MB	6-7	Syracuse, N.Y./Columbia
Evin Giglio	Sr.	MB	6-3	Santa Clarita, Calif./Moorepark CC
Jeff Gutmann	So.	OH	6-3	Cheektowaga, N.Y./P. Station
Alex Harrison	Sr.	OH	6-1	Albany, N.Y./The 518
Craig Longenecker	Fr.	L	5-10	Hempfield, Pa./Damons
Peter Manguiat	Sr.	L	6-1	Oakland, Calif./Diablo Valley
Allistair Matthews	Fr.	OP	6-3	Freehold, N.J./Warren
AJ Nally	Sr.	OH	6-4	Rochester, N.Y./Pace
Cal Palumbo	Jr.	MB	6-4	Rochester, N.Y./Pace
Mike Pellitier	Fr.	OH	6-3	Burnt Hills, N.Y./Lakeview
Brad Seislove	Sr.	S	6-3	Stow, Ohio/Northcoast
Eric Shoemaker	Sr.	S	6-1	Mount Wolf, Pa./Northeastern

**Head Coach:** Charlie Sullivan '91 G'97 (12th season)

**Assistant Coach:** Chris James



2008 Molten Division III Men's National Champions

## 2009 Results

### JANUARY

20	MIT	W, 3-0
23	at Vassar	W, 3-2
27	Harvard	W, 3-2
29	Elms	W, 3-0
31	at Penn State	L, 0-3

### FEBRUARY

1	at St. Francis*	L, 2-3
6	East Stroudsburg	L, 0-3
7	Penn State*	L, 0-3
10	at NJIT*	W, 3-2
13	George Mason^	L, 0-3
14	St. Francis (Pa.)^	L, 1-3
17	Endicott	W, 3-0
21	at NYU	W, 3-1
27	at Juniata*	W, 3-2
28	at Princeton*	W, 3-1

### MARCH

6	NJIT*	W, 3-0
10	Vassar	W, 3-1
12	Quincy	W, 3-1
27	Juniata*	L, 1-3
28	St. Francis*	W, 3-1

### APRIL

3	Princeton*	W, 3-1
4	NYU*	L, 2-3
10	at George Mason*	L, 2-3
25	George Mason\$	L, 1-3

\*EIVA Hay Match

^Volleyball Hall of Fame/Morgan Classic

\$EIVA Quarterfinals

Home matches in **bold**

## 2010 Schedule

### JANUARY

15	Fri.	at Santa Cruz	TBA
16	Sat.	vs. Cal Baptist	TBA
22	Fri.	at Vassar	5:00 pm
23	Sat.	<b>Penn State*</b>	5:00 pm
26	Tue.	at Sacred Heart	7:00 pm
28	Thu.	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	7:00 pm
30	Fri.	<b>Rivier</b>	5:00 pm

### FEBRUARY

5	Fri.	at George Mason*	7:00 pm
6	Sat.	at Penn State*	4:00 pm
9	Tue.	<b>NJIT*</b>	7:00 pm
12	Fri.	<b>Princeton*</b>	7:00 pm
16	Tue.	at Rutgers	7:00 pm
20	Sat.	at NYU	5:00 pm
25	Thu.	<b>George Mason*</b>	7:00 pm
26	Fri.	<b>UC Santa Barbara^</b>	8:00 pm
27	Sat.	<b>Ohio State/George Mason^</b>	TBA

### MARCH

5	Fri.	<b>Juniata*</b>	7:00 pm
9	Tue.	at Harvard	7:00 pm

### MARCH (continued)

12	Fri.	at Princeton*	7:00 pm
23	Tue.	<b>Harvard</b>	7:00 pm
27	Sat.	at Juniata*	7:00 pm
28	Sun.	at St. Francis*	5:00 pm
31	Wed.	<b>Vassar</b>	7:00 pm

### APRIL

3	Sat.	<b>NYU</b>	5:00 pm
5	Mon.	<b>St. Francis*</b>	7:00 pm
7	Wed.	<b>Baruch</b>	7:00 pm
10	Sat.	<b>Rutgers</b>	7:00 pm
16	Fri.	at Molten Division III Invitational Championship	TBA
17	Sat.	at Molten Division III Invitational Championship	TBA
24	Sat.	at EIVA Division I Quarterfinals	TBA

\*EIVA Tait Match

^Volleyball Hall of Fame/Morgan Classic

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