



SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Men's Volleyball 2009

FAST FACTS:

- ▼ No Division III program in the country has won more Molten Division III national championships (five) than Springfield College.
- ▼ Head coach **Charlie Sullivan**, who enters his 11th season in 2009, 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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*junior setter
Eric Shoemaker,
2008 Molten Championship
Outstanding Player*



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, and 2006 World Championships
- 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. College Team, Arafura Games, Darwin, Australia (Bronze Medal)

Charlie Sullivan will enter his 11th season as head coach of the men's volleyball team in 2009 and will serve as an assistant professor of physical education at his alma mater. In nine previous years at the helm, Charlie has an overall record of 139-114 for a .549 winning percentage.

Sullivan's coaching career at 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.

2008 Results

JANUARY

19	at MIT	W, 3-1
21	at George Mason	L, 0-3
25	Rivier	W, 3-1
26	Vassar	W, 3-2
28	Endicott	W, 3-1

FEBRUARY

1	at Sacred Heart*	W, 3-0
5	at Harvard*	W, 3-1
8	Carthage%	W, 3-0
8	Vassar%	W, 3-1
9	D'Youville%	W, 3-1
9	at Nazareth%	L, 0-3
15	at New Haven*	W, 3-0
18	New Haven*	W, 3-0
22	USC^	L, 0-3

FEBRUARY (continued)

23	IPFW^	L, 0-3
29	at NYU*	L, 2-3

MARCH

1	at Rutgers-Newark*	W, 3-0
7	Sacred Heart*	W, 3-1
8	Harvard*	W, 3-0
11	SUNY New Paltz	W, 3-0
14	at Juniata	L, 1-3
28	Juniata	W, 3-2

APRIL

1	Rutgers-Newark*	W, 3-1
4	NYU*	W, 3-2
11	Juniata&	W, 3-1
12	Vassar#	W, 3-0
16	at NJIT!	L, 0-3

*EIVA Hay Match

%Nazareth Invitational Match

^Morgan Hall of Fame Classic Match

&Molten Division III National Semifinals

#Molten Division III National Championship

!EIVA Divisions I Quarterfinals

Home matches in **bold**

2008 Honors

AVCA Division III First Team All-American: Cal Palumbo, Freshman ▼ **AVCA Division III Second Team All-America:** Andy Sipe, Junior ▼ **AVCA Division III Newcomer of the Year:** Cal Palumbo, Freshman ▼ **EIVA All-East Second Team:** Andy Sipe, Junior ▼ **EIVA Division III All-Star:** Andy Sipe, Junior; AJ Nally, Sophomore; Brandon Waas, Junior; Cal Palumbo, Freshman ▼ **EIVA All-Academic Team:** Eric Shoemaker, Sophomore; Mark Ribeiro, Junior ▼ **Molten Division III Men's Invitational All-Tournament Team:** AJ Nally, Sophomore; Cal Palumbo, Freshman; Eric Shoemaker, Sophomore ▼ **Molten Division III Men's Invitational Most Outstanding Player:** Eric Shoemaker, Sophomore ▼ **Volleyball Hall of Fame-Morgan Classic All-Tournament Team:** Ryan Fredrickson, Junior ▼ **Volleyball Hall of Fame-Morgan Classic Sportsmanship Award:** Eric Shoemaker, Sophomore ▼ **Nazareth Invitational All-Tournament Team:** Cal Palumbo, Freshman; AJ Nally, Sophomore ▼ **Sports Imports/AVCA Division III National Player of the Week:** Mar. 10-AJ Nally, Sophomore; Apr. 13-Eric Shoemaker, Sophomore ▼ **EIVA Hay Division Player of the Week:** Mar. 10-AJ Nally, Sophomore; Apr. 7-Ryan Fredrickson, Junior; Apr. 13-Eric Shoemaker, Sophomore ▼ **Maroon Club Athletes of the Week:** Feb. 4-Cal Palumbo, Freshman; Mar. 31-Ryan Fredrickson, Junior

2009 Returning Varsity Roster

Name	Cl.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/Club
Ruben Fernandez	Jr.	S	5-10	San Juan, Puerto Rico/Borinquen
Ryan Fredrickson	Sr.	OP	6-4	Surf City, N.J./Warren
Alex Harrison	Jr.	OH	6-1	Albany, N.Y./The 518
Peter Manguiat	Jr.	OH/L	6-0	Sacramento, Calif./Diablo Valley
AJ Nally	Jr.	OH	6-4	Rochester, N.Y./Pace
Cal Palumbo	So.	MB	6-4	Rochester, N.Y./Pace
Mark Ribeiro	Sr.	OH	6-2	New York, N.Y./U. of Hawaii
Brad Seislove	Jr.	S	6-3	Stow, Ohio/Northcoast
Eric Shoemaker	Jr.	S	6-1	Mount Wolf, Pa./Northeastern
Andy Sipe	Sr.	MB	6-6	New Oxford, Pa./New Oxford
Bob Waters	So.	L	5-10	Hamburg, N.Y./Eden
Bill Yates	Jr.	MB	6-4	Albany, N.Y./The 518

Head Coach: Charlie Sullivan '91 G'97 (11th season)

Assistant Coach: Ricky Albano '05



2008 Molten Division III Men's National Champions

2009 Schedule

JANUARY

20	Tue.	MIT	7:00 pm
23	Fri.	at Vassar	7:00 pm
27	Tue.	Harvard	7:00 pm
29	Thu.	Elms	7:00 pm
31	Sat.	at Penn State*	7:00 pm

FEBRUARY

1	Sun.	at St. Francis*	4:00 pm
6	Fri.	East Stroudsburg	7:00 pm
7	Sat.	Penn State*	7:00 pm
10	Tue.	at NJIT*	7:00 pm
13	Fri.	Morgan Hall of Fame Classic	TBA
14	Sat.	Morgan Hall of Fame Classic	TBA
17	Tue.	Endicott	7:00 pm
21	Sat.	at NYU	4:00 pm
27	Fri.	at Juniata*	7:00 pm
28	Sat.	at Princeton*	5:00 pm

MARCH

6	Fri.	NJIT*	7:00 pm
10	Tue.	Vassar	7:00 pm

MARCH (continued)

12	Thu.	Quincy	7:00 pm
27	Fri.	Juniata*	7:00 pm
28	Sat.	St. Francis*	7:00 pm

APRIL

3	Fri.	Princeton*	11:00 am
4	Sat.	NYU	6:00 pm
10	Fri.	at George Mason*	7:00 pm
17	Fri.	Molten Division III National Championship	TBA
18	Sat.	Molten Division III National Championship	TBA
25	Sat.	EIVA Div. I Quarterfinal	TBA
30	Thu.	EIVA Div. I Semifinal	TBA

MAY

2	Sat.	EIVA Div. I Final	TBA
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*EIVA Tait Match

Home matches in **bold**



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.

2009 Season Preview

The 2008 season ended with the Pride winning its fifth national championship in front of its home crowd. The team is poised to defend its crown in the 2009 campaign.

Leading the charge for the Pride will be last season's AVCA Division III Newcomer of the Year and First Team All-American selection, **Cal Palumbo**. Palumbo burst on to the volleyball scene as he finished with 227 kills, hitting .422 for the season, to go along with 103 blocks.

Junior outside hitter **A.J. Nally** will look to build on another impressive year as he led the team with 307 kills, 204 digs, and 31 aces last season. Directing the Pride's attack will be last year's Most Outstanding Player of the Molten Championships, **Eric Shoemaker**, who dished out just over 11 assists per game.

Also looking to make contributions will be senior **Mark Ribeiro** and junior **Bill Yates**.

The Competition

Even more than usual, Springfield College will play a difficult schedule this upcoming season. The 22nd annual Morgan Volleyball Hall of Fame Classic, hosted in Blake Arena, will include Division I powers UC- San Diego, George Mason, and St. Francis.

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. After winning the Hay Division last season, the Pride's conference slate includes a home-and-home series with the 2008 NCAA Division I National Champion Penn State Nittany Lions, along with Princeton, George Mason, Juniata, NJIT, and St. Francis.



*sophomore middle blocker
Cal Palumbo
AVCA Division III
Newcomer of the Year 2008*

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.