

## Facilities

The men's volleyball team plays home competitions in Blake Arena, on the main level of the three-level domed 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 2008

### 2008 Season Preview

Ending the 2007 season ranked third in the nation in Division III, Springfield College returns a solid group ready to compete for a fifth National Championship in school history.

Leading the Pride will be junior middle blocker **Andy Sipe**, named a first team AVCA Division III All-American. A consistent force in the middle, Sipe accumulated a .415 attacking percentage while recording a team-high 163 blocks, an impressive 27 of which were solo efforts.

Sophomore outside hitter **A.J. Nally** and sophomore opposite **Ryan Fredrickson** were named second team All-Americans. Nally led the team with 236 digs. Fredrickson, always the offensive threat, posted 318 kills on the season averaging 3.66 per game.

All three received All-EIVA recognition as did senior libero **Brandon Waas**. Senior outside hitters **Eric Palumbo** and **Javier Rosario** will provide leadership.

### The Competition

Springfield College will play a challenging schedule this upcoming season. The annual Morgan Volleyball Hall of Fame Classic, hosted in Blake Arena, includes Division I powers University of Southern California, IPFW, and George Mason.

Springfield, which competes in the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (EIVA) Hay Division, will battle for an opportunity to participate in the EIVA Division I playoffs. The Pride must finish first or second in its conference to participate in the EIVA Division I Championship. The winner represents the East Coast at the NCAA Division I Final Four. As host this year of the Molten Division III National Championships, the Pride earned an automatic bid to the Championship and will look to make a run at its fifth national crown.

### FAST FACTS:

- ▼ The Pride's four Molten Division III national championships are second most for any Division III program in the country.
- ▼ Head coach **Charlie Sullivan**, who enters his 10th season in 2008, was named Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Coaches Association Division III Coach of the Year three years in a row (2001-2003).
- ▼ Springfield College has finished the season ranked No. 1 five times in the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division III national poll, tied for most nationally with one other program since the AVCA began the poll in 1996.
- ▼ Affiliations: Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (EIVA)
- ▼ Conference: EIVA - Hay Division
- ▼ Home Court: Blake Arena

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*junior opposite  
Ryan Fredrickson*



*junior middle blocker  
Andy Sipe,  
first-team AVCA Division III  
All-American*

### 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 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.



## 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

- 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  
- Coaching staff member, USA Men's Volleyball Developmental and High-Performance Camps Youth National Team, Lake Placid, N.Y.  
- 2001 U.S. College Team, Arafura Games, Darwin, Australia (Bronze Medal)  
- U.S. National Team Assistant Coach, 2007 FIVB World Cup, 2007 World League Tournament, and 2006 World Championships

Charlie Sullivan enters his tenth season as head coach of the men's volleyball team in 2008. In nine previous years at the helm, Sullivan has an overall record of 119-107 for a .527 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 in *Volleyball* magazine. He is an assistant professor in sports psychology at Springfield College, and co-wrote the curriculum for sports physics for physical education majors.

## 2007 Honors

AVCA Division III First Team All-American: Andy Sipe, Sophomore ▼ AVCA Division III Second Team All-American: Ryan Fredrickson, Sophomore; AJ Nally, Freshman ▼ AVCA Division III Newcomer of the Year: AJ Nally, Freshman ▼ EIVA Division III First Team All-Star: Andy Sipe, Sophomore; AJ Nally, Freshman; Brandon Waas, Junior ▼ EIVA Division III Second Team All-Star: Ryan Fredrickson, Sophomore ▼ Volleyball Hall of Fame-Morgan Classic All-Tournament Team: AJ Nally, Freshman; Eric Palumbo, Junior ▼ Sports Imports/AVCA Division III National Player of the Week: Apr. 9-Andy Sipe, Sophomore ▼ EIVA Hay Division Player of the Week: Jan. 17-AJ Nally, Freshman; Feb. 20-Andy Sipe, Sophomore; Apr. 9-Andy Sipe, Sophomore ▼ Maroon Club Athletes of the Week: Jan. 22-Eric Palumbo, Junior; Mar. 12-Andy Sipe, Sophomore

## 2008 Roster

Name	Cl.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/Club
Ruben Fernandez	So.	S	5-10	San Juan, Puerto Rico/Borinquen
Ryan Fredrickson	Jr.	OP	6-4	Surf City, N.J./Warren
Alex Harrison	So.	OH	6-1	Albany, N.Y./The 518
Peter Manguiat	So.	OH/L	6-0	Sacramento, Calif./Diablo Valley
AJ Nally	So.	OH	6-4	Rochester, N.Y./Pace
Cal Palumbo	Fr.	MB	6-4	Rochester, N.Y./Pace
Eric Palumbo	Sr.	OH	6-2	Chili, N.Y./Pace
Mark Ribeiro	Jr.	OH	6-2	New York, N.Y./U. of Hawaii
Javier Rosario	Sr.	OH	6-0	San Juan, Puerto Rico/Borinquen
Brad Seislove	So.	S	6-3	Stow, Ohio/Northcoast
Chris Shekell	Sr.	S	6-1	Rochester, N.Y./Pace
Eric Shoemaker	So.	S	6-1	Mount Wolf, Pa./Northeastern
Andy Sipe	Jr.	MB	6-6	New Oxford, Pa./New Oxford
Dave Smietana	Sr.	MB	6-4	Buffalo, N.Y./Eden
Brandon Waas	Sr.	L	5-11	Spencerport, N.Y./Pace
Mike Walker	Sr.	MB	6-3	Kenmore, N.Y./Eden
Bob Waters	Fr.	L	5-10	Hamburg, N.Y./Eden
Bill Yates	So.	MB	6-4	Albany, N.Y./The 518

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

Assistant Coach: Ricky Albano '05



sophomore outside hitter  
AJ Nally

## 2007 Results (19-10, 8-2 EIVA Conference-Hay Division)

### JANUARY

11	Lewis	L, 2-3
15	at Ohio State	L, 0-3
16	at Ohio State	L, 0-3
19	Nazareth	W, 3-0
20	at Endicott	W, 3-1
23	MIT	W, 3-0
26	Johnson & Wales	W, 3-0
30	Harvard*	W, 3-0

### FEBRUARY

2	Vassar	W, 3-0
3	at Juniata	L, 0-3
6	at Sacred Heart*	W, 3-0
9	UCal San Diego^	W, 3-0
10	Ball State^	L, 0-3

### FEBRUARY (continued)

16	NJIT*	W, 3-0
17	Rivier	W, 3-0
20	at Vassar	W, 3-0
23	Sacred Heart*	W, 3-0
24	at Harvard*	W, 3-2

### MARCH

2	at NYU*	L, 1-3
3	at Rutgers-Newark	W, 3-2
8	at New Haven*	W, 3-0
23	NYU*	W, 3-1
24	Juniata	L, 2-3
30	New Haven*	W, 3-0
31	at NJIT*	L, 1-3

### APRIL

7	at Juniata, EIVA Div. III Championship	W, 3-0
13	at Juniata, Molten Div. III National Semifinals	L, 1-3
14	Stevens Tech, Molten Div. III Third-Place	W, 3-2
18	at Juniata, EIVA/NCAA Division I Play-In	L, 0-3

\*EIVA Conference-Hay Division match  
^Volleyball Hall of Fame-Morgan Classic

Home matches in **bold**

## 2008 Schedule

### JANUARY

19	Sat.	at MIT	6:00 pm
21	Mon.	at George Mason	7:00 pm
25	Fri.	Rivier	7:00 pm
26	Sat.	Vassar	7:00 pm
28	Mon.	Endicott	7:00 pm

### FEBRUARY

1	Fri.	at Sacred Heart	7:00 pm
5	Tue.	at Harvard	7:00 pm
8	Fri.	at Nazareth Inv.	TBA
9	Sat.	at Nazareth Inv.	TBA
15	Fri.	at New Haven	7:00 pm
18	Tue.	New Haven	7:00 pm
22	Fri.	Morgan Classic	
		IPFW vs. George Mason	6:00 pm
		Springfield College vs. USC	8:00 pm
23	Sat.	Morgan Classic	6 & 8 pm
29	Fri.	at NYU	7:00 pm

### MARCH

1	Sat.	at Rutgers Newark	7:00 pm
7	Fri.	Sacred Heart	7:00 pm

### MARCH (continued)

8	Sat.	Harvard	7:00 pm
11	Tue.	SUNY New Paltz	7:00 pm
14	Fri.	at Juniata	7:00 pm
28	Fri.	Juniata	7:00 pm

### APRIL

1	Tue.	Rutgers Newark	7:00 pm
4	Fri.	NYU	7:00 pm
11	Fri.	Molten Division III National Championship	TBA
12	Sat.	Molten Division III National Championship	TBA
19	Sat.	EIVA Division I Quarterfinals	TBA
24	Thu.	EIVA Division I Semifinals	TBA
26	Sat.	EIVA Division I Finals	TBA

### MAY

1	Thu.	Division I Final Four Semifinals	TBA
3	Sat.	Division I Final Four National Championship	TBA

Home matches in **bold**