

WVC VIBE



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Marquette University Golden Eagles Soar at Midwest 10 Championships

Recently, Marquette University traveled to Northern Illinois University to compete in the Midwest 10 play date and championships. After suffering a humbling defeat at the hands of UW-Oshkosh earlier in the month, MU met as a team to talk things out and agreed to shake up the lineup. The changes seemed to work as Marquette went a perfect 8-0 on the weekend to claim the Midwest 10 Conference Championship. On Saturday the Golden Eagles avenged their loss to UW-Oshkosh with a 2 set sweep and also scored a 2 set victory over a talented UWM squad. This gave MU a bye into the semifinals of the championship bracket where they would defeat Illinois State University before yet another matchup against UWO. The championship match would prove to be a battle with MU taking the first and UWO pushing back to take the second and force the deciding set. Marquette would not be denied and took the third set, 15-11, due to the stellar play of outside hitters Dani Rivera and Mike Schmitt with Alex Shulski setting them up. For the weekend Rivera had 87 kills while hitting at a .580% clip with 13 aces and a 2.54 passer rating. Schmitt hit .300% for 31 kills and 5 aces, while Shulski piled up 172 assists and 9 blocks. Congratulations to Marquette University, 2016 Midwest 10 Conference Champions!

It appears the momentum from the weekend carried over into Marquette's dual match versus UW-Whitewater as the Golden Eagles opened up a 16-0 lead on the Warhawks! Alex Shulski was impressive again, dialing up 6 aces during the run. Marquette's recent stellar play did not go unnoticed by the NCVF as they've ranked MU as the #3 team in Men's Division 1 in the latest National Rankings poll. Marquette will travel in Indiana University this weekend to compete in the annual Hoosier/Illini Tournament. Good Luck Marquette!

Men's Varsity Division Update

As of February 24th, UW-Oshkosh sits alone at the top of the WVC standings with a perfect mark of 8-0. The Titans won an early season showdown with Marquette convincingly at home led by the all-around play of Travis Hudson (33 assists, 4 aces, 4 digs, and 4 blocks) and Alec Redlich with 10 kills. The victory marked the 48th consecutive match win for UW-O dating back to last season. Outside of conference play, UW-O has won the University of Michigan Classic by defeating #14 Notre Dame and the Oshkosh Invitational by beating #5 UW-Milwaukee; Oshkosh currently sits at #7 in the NCVF Division 1 National Rankings. Despite the success, Oshkosh has been hit hard with the injury bug; four players were unable to compete at the Midwest 10 Championships and junior middle blocker Nate Leitermann was lost on January 15th to broken

bones in his foot. Coach Brian Schaefer hopes the squad is healthy by the time they head to Las Vegas March 18-19.

Marquette (9-1) and UW-Eau Claire (6-2) are next in the standings with Marquette winning a tightly contested (25-23, 25-23, 25-23) head to head match up at the February 14th Playdate. Eau Claire currently sits at #1 in the country in the NCVF Division II National Rankings. UW-Platteville (#4 NCVF Div. II) and UW-La Crosse (#5 NCVF Div. II) also have winning records in league play.

Men's JV Division Update

UW-Oshkosh II remains the team to beat in Division 2. The Titans have run the table at the first two conference play dates behind the play of John Collins, Eli Miller, and Jake Martin and appear to be on their way to a 14th consecutive WVC Division 2 regular season title. The Titans have only lost three times on the season (all to Division 1 teams) and have defeated the NCVF #9 ranked UW-Madison at the Oshkosh Invitational. UW-Oshkosh III isn't far behind in second place after two playdates getting solid contributions from the freshman class of Tony D'Acquisto, Sam Nelson, Matt Pedersen, Alex Basting, and Mike Skora. Marquette University II and Carroll University have separated themselves from the rest of the pack entering the next playdate on March 5th.

Women's Division Update

UW-Stout will make WVC history as it hosts the first ever WVC women's weekday night dual matches on Monday, February 29th vs. UW-Eau Claire and Wednesday, March 2nd vs. UW-River Falls. Thank you to the Blue Devils and their opponents for making this happen!

In the Women's Varsity division Winona State has posted a record of 9-0 in conference play date matches thanks to improved team chemistry and the addition of setter, Kaila Potting, who has distributed a balanced attack. The Warriors narrowly defeated UW-Whitewater, 15-11, on February 13th. With the loss the Warhawks are just a game back and in sole possession of second place with UW-Eau Claire and UW-La Crosse three and four games back respectively. UW-Stevens Point (4-5) is trying to overcome the loss of freshman middle, Brittany Zander, to a stress fracture. She hopes to return in time for the WVC State Championships and Nationals.

In Women's JV, it's UW-Stevens Point with a perfect record of 8-0. The Pointers have been led by Freshman Erica Gehl on the outside and the presence of Rachel Gaspar and Brooke Goehring in the middle. Jazaray McAllister has been clutch from the serving line in tight matches. The young Eagles (1 junior, 1 senior) of UW-La Crosse II (7-1) are hungry for more success. UW-Stout II (5-3), and Winona State II (4-4) round out the top half of the standings.

NCVF NATIONAL RANKINGS (as of 2/24/16)

Men's Division 1

#3 Marquette University
#7 UW-Oshkosh

Men's Division 2

#1 UW-Eau Claire
#4 UW-Platteville
#5 UW-La Crosse

Men's Division 3

#2 UW-Oshkosh II

Check out this story from 2015 Nationals: <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Features/2015/April/11/Wisconsin-Teams-Dominate-2015-NCVF>

Wisconsin Volleyball Conference “Silver Anniversary” Team

The Wisconsin Volleyball Conference is celebrating 25 years of “promoting quality and competitive men’s and women’s volleyball in Wisconsin” during the 2016 State Championships Tournament on Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2 at Marquette University. As part of this celebration the following individuals have been selected by their peers as members of the “Silver Anniversary” Team which recognizes the finest players during the first 25 years of the WVC. These individuals will be recognized during the 25th Anniversary and Hall of Fame Banquet on Friday, April 1st at 7:00 pm at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center. For more information please visit the WVC website at http://wvcweb.org/wvc_championships.html

Congratulations to the following “Silver Anniversary” Team members:

Tyler Boddy - OH/OP - UW-Oshkosh 2008-12
Dave Boos - S - UW-Oshkosh 1994-98
Jim Boos - S/OH/MB - UW-Waukesha & UW-Oshkosh 1993-98
Rob Eifler - OH - Marquette University 1997-00
Paul Hammen - MB - UW-Oshkosh 1994-98
Hugh Hernesman - OH - UW-Whitewater 1990-94, 97
Jeff Hink - OH - UW-Whitewater 1998-02
Travis Hudson - S - UW-Oshkosh 2013-Present
Johnny Jablonowski - OH - UW-LaCrosse 2011-15
Joe Julkowski - OH - Lakeland 2006-2010
Rocky Koenig - L - Lakeland 2003-05
Tom Liska - OH - Marquette 2003-05
Matt Martin - OH - Lakeland 2004-08
Bill Meidenbauer - OH - UW-Oshkosh 2009-13
Mike Radtke - OH/OP UW-Platteville & UW-Oshkosh 1993-1999
Dan Ruys - MB - UW-Oshkosh 2008-13
Andrew Sederberg - S - UW-Oshkosh 2002-07
Nate Sederberg - OH - UW-Oshkosh 2005-10
Mike Semrad - MB - UW-Oshkosh 2003-07
Brian Sharkey - S - Marquette University 1998-02
Jason Smith - S/OH - UW-Stevens Point 1989-93
Karen Sueppel - OH - UW-Eau Claire 2012-14
Ryan Theis - S - UW-Milwaukee 1997-00
Jeff "JT" Thomas - OH - UW-Oshkosh 2001-06
Josh Wagner - MB - UW-Oshkosh 1997-00
Chuck Warner - OP - Marquette University 2002-05
Aaron Wayne - L - UW-Oshkosh 2005-10

To Register for the banquet visit: http://wvcweb.org/banquet_registration.html

Discounted Room Rates available at the Milwaukee Hilton City Center until March 2:
http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/M/MKEMHHE-WVB-20160401/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

2016 WVC HALL OF FAMEContemporary Inductees

Matt Zwolski - Marquette University 2003-2007

Nate Sederberg - UW-Oshkosh 2005-2010

Aaron Wayne - UW-Oshkosh 2005-2010

Legacy Inductees

Nicole Zimmerman - UW-La Crosse 2008-2009

Scott Towne - UW-Stevens Point 1989-1992

Bruce Meredith - UW-Stevens Point 1989-1993

Gary Tome - UW-La Crosse 1990-1992

Pete Foerster - UW-Milwaukee 1997-2000

Jeff Krase - UW-Oshkosh 1998-2000

National Championship Teams

Marquette University 2005 National Champions

Carthage College 2004 National Champions

WHEN: APRIL 1-2, 2016

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*You're invited to help the WVC
celebrate 25 years of glory*

FESTIVITES INCLUDE:

- * Annual WVC State Championships with Saturday's playoffs and finals in the Al McGuire Center
- * Marquette vs. UW-Madison (NCAA Div. 1) women's spring game
- * Alumni awards and recognition banquet
- * Induction of the Class of 2016 into the WVC Hall of Fame
- * The naming of the first-ever "All-time WVC Team"

For more information: Go to www.wvcweb.org.

* Marquette Women's Spring Game will now be played against Northwestern University*

If you have information about your team, alumni, or special interest stories that you'd like to share, please send to Scott Spiess at spiessvb@hotmail.com. Thank You!