

CARTHAGE FIREBIRDS

PRE-SEASON 2025 REPORT BY INSIDEHITTER.COM

2024 RECORD: 18-6
PROJECTED 2025 RECORD: 23-5

FINAL 24 RANKING: 10
PRE-SEASON 2025 RANKING: 8

FINAL 24 RATING: 21.78
PRE-SEASON 2025 RATING: 23.10

CONFERENCE: CCIW
HEAD COACH: JW Kieckhefer
ASST COACH: Jacob Bush, David Markes, Cooper Kemnitz

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2024 ROSTER	ROSTER	STATUS	CLASS	POS	HT	#	KILLS	TA	E	HIT%	TB	D	A	ACE	SETS	TA	E	REC%	SSF	RATER	NOTES	
1	Jack McDonald	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2025	L	6' 4"	1	1	2	0	0.500	0	60	6	0	61	316	17	0.946	19.8	40.9	PROB STARTER
2	Ryan Cholewinski	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2025	MB	6' 8"	15	130	250	42	0.352	68	12	2	3	68	3	0	1.000	19.8	166.4	PROB STARTER
3	Josiah Flager-Hearan	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2025	MB	6' 5"	16	0	2	1	-0.500	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	-	19.8	13.2	
4	Zack Noland	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2025	L	6' 1"	20	0	2	0	0.000	0	95	7	0	55	79	7	0.911	19.8	70.1	
5	Kyle Stuersel	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2025	MB	6' 6"													-			
6	Ruben Emmerich	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2025	P	6' 3"													-			TRSF-IN FROM D2 QUEENS
7	Ryan Morey	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2026	S	6' 7"	19	4	7	0	0.571	0	55	201	10	61	1	0	1.000	19.8	100.0	PROB STARTER
8	Michael Yemm	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2026	OH	6'	21	0	0	0	0.000	0	1	0	1	14	0	0	-	19.8	9.9	
9	Adrian Maciejewski	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2026	MB	6' 6"													-			
10	Joe Kolwicz	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2026	S	6'													-			
11	Justin Ische	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2027	OH	6' 2"	8	2	2	0	1.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	19.8	79.1	
12	Ben Heise	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2027	RS	6' 6"	13	155	336	47	0.321	47	59	5	4	68	4	2	0.500	19.8	185.9	PROB STARTER
13	Owen Otto	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2027	OH	6' 3"	14	188	435	60	0.294	20	96	29	20	61	307	16	0.948	19.8	249.0	PROB STARTER
14	Owen Hendricks	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2027	OH	6' 4"	17	11	32	9	0.063	4	2	0	0	12	0	0	-	19.8	69.2	PROB STARTER
15	Ethan Sprague	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2027	MB	6' 4"	18	46	98	18	0.286	46	13	4	2	57	2	1	0.500	19.8	109.2	
16	Ryan Kelly	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2027	S	5' 11"	24	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	-	19.8	0.0	
17	Hudson Sweitzer	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2028	MB, RS	6' 4"													-			IMPACT PROB STARTER
18	Erik Stover	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2028	OH	6' 3"													-			
19	Austin Mallory	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2028	L	6'													-			
20	Xzavion Willett	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2028	MB	6' 5"													-			
21	Devon O'Callaghan	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2028	L	6'													-			
22	Mitch Geiger	NA	GRADUATED	2024	OH	6' 1"	2	46	121	22	0.198	7	49	8	10	38	156	10	0.936	19.8	142.3	BIG LOSS
23	Drew Jansen	NA	GRADUATED	2024	OH	6' 1"	3	88	186	38	0.269	15	49	3	6	35	156	4	0.974	19.8	206.8	BIG LOSS
24	Justin Girodat	NA	GRADUATED	2024	S	6' 4"	4	0	3	0	0.000	0	20	2	3	31	1	0	1.000	19.8	36.0	
25	Easton Gavin	NA	GRADUATED	2024	L	6'	5	0	0	0	0.000	0	14	2	3	42	1	0	1.000	19.8	20.9	
26	Keegan Brumitt	NA	GRADUATED	2024	OH	6' 3"	6	84	200	34	0.250	20	37	5	2	30	127	6	0.953	19.8	221.1	BIG LOSS
27	Gene McNulty	NA	GRADUATED	2024	S	6' 2"	11	12	30	5	0.233	5	107	509	19	68	5	1	0.800	19.8	206.2	BIG LOSS
28	David Markes	NA	GRADUATED	2024	MB	6' 7"	22	7	13	1	0.462	1	1	1	0	3	0	0	-	19.8	136.4	BIG LOSS
29	Ty Martin	NA	NOT RETURNING	2026	MB	6' 4"	7	14	22	2	0.545	2	2	0	0	9	0	0	-	19.8	87.9	
30	Grant Veldman	NA	NOT RETURNING	2026	P	6' 9"	10	48	116	19	0.250	9	11	4	1	38	0	0	-	19.8	84.2	NOT RETURNING VLA

IH Comments & Analysis: Carthage looks solid despite losing some great players to graduation. Geiger, Jansen, Brumitt, McNulty and Markes are gone as well as Grant Veldman. Pin Hitter Ruben Emmerich transfers in from D2 Queens and will be a player to watch for sure. Heise, Otto, and Cholewinski will drive the attack for the Firebirds. We would like to see the Carthage receiving percentage go up as they were in the middle of the pack statistically last season. We expect them to compete for top conference honors.



"I'm really excited for this season because I have an amazing, supportive team that always puts each other first and is dedicated to see teammates succeed. Our strong team chemistry and willingness to work together will make us successful. On top of that, our volleyball skills are at such a high level. I know we'll make great strides on the court this year with the support of our great coaching staff and fans!" - Ryan Cholewinski, Sr, MB

"We have a lot to replace with the graduation of All Americans Gene McNulty and David Markes. This team is excited to chart their own path. We had a young group last year that grew a lot together and made it fun to compete every day. I know they are hungrier than ever to prove how good they can be as a unit." - JW Kieckhefer, Head Coach

Impact players: Ryan Cholewinski, Sr, MB, Owen Otto, So, OH, Owen Hendricks, So, OH, Ben Heise, So, OP. **Key Newcomers:** Ruben Emmerich, Jr, OP, Hudson Sweitzer, Fr, MB



2024 TEAM STATS	24 KILLS	24 TA	24 E	24 HIT%	24 B	24 D	24 A	24 ACES	24 REC	24 RE	24 REC%	24 SETS
	836	1857	298	0.290	244	684	788	84	1153	63	0.945	757

2025 RETURNING STATS	KILLS	TA	E	HIT %	B	D	A	ACES	REC	RE	REC%	SETS
	537	1166	177	0.309	185	394	254	40	393	26	0.934	463
RETURNING %	64%	63%	59%	0.019	76%	58%	32%	48%	34%	41%	-0.012	61%



24 TEAM MAKEUP	FROSH	SOPH	JUNIOR	SENIOR	GRAD
	6	4	4	7	0

25 TEAM MAKEUP	FROSH	SOPH	JUNIOR	SENIOR	GRAD
	5	6	4	6	0

AVG AGE = 20.57
AVG AGE = 20.52

PRE-SEASON GRADES

A+
ATTACKING

A
BLOCKING

B-
DEFENSE

B
SETTING

B
SERVING

A
RECRUITMENT

A

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25 RANK