

2026 NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball

Weekly Awards Tracker

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Conferences: AVCA, CCIW, Empire 8, UVC, AMCC, CUNYAC, NJAC, GNAC, CVC, MCVL, NEVC, Skyline, United East, PAC, NACC, MAC Commonwealth

Week 2 (Jan 19-25, 2026)

Award	Player	School	Pos	Yr	Statistical Accomplishment
AVCA D3 National Player of the Week	Ryan Bartz	Carthage	OH	Sr.	18 kills, 26 attempts, .692 hitting, 22.0 pts in two sweeps
UVC Player of the Week	Nikko Tenedorio	SUNY New Paltz	OH	So.	65 total kills (4.6/set) over 4 matches; 19 kills in 5-set thriller vs. Juniata
UVC Rookie of the Week	BoJameson Ebeling	NYU	MB	Fr.	Strong performance for the top-ranked Violets
CCIW Hitter of the Week	Ryan Bartz	Carthage	OH	Sr.	Also AVCA National; 5.55 pts/set in sweeps of MSOE and Concordia (WI)
CCIW Setter of the Week	Evan Dziadkowiec	Loras	S	So.	11.0 A/S; 48 assists in 3 sets vs. UW-Stevens Point (tied school record); 34 digs, 8 blocks
CCIW Defensive Student-Athlete of the Week	Chris Mactal	North Central	MB	Jr.	1.25 B/S over 8 sets; 10 blocks (2 solo, 8 assists); .545 hitting with 14 kills
Empire 8 Player of the Week	Ryan Murphy	Nazareth	MB	So.	20 kills, .405 hitting, 2.9 K/S across three games at Nazareth Invitational
Empire 8 Rookie of the Week	Jordan Prusky	SUNY Poly	OH	Fr.	Strong weekend for the Wildcats
NJAC Player of the Week	Marcus Pardasie	NJCU	OH	Jr.	34 kills (.426%) in two wins; 17 kills each vs Purchase and John Jay; 15 digs
NJAC Defensive Player of the Week	Alex Casais	NJCU	S	Sr.	1.13 B/S and 1.25 D/S while directing a .350+ offense
CUNYAC Player of the Week	Marcus Pardasie	NJCU	OH	Jr.	17 kills each vs Purchase and John Jay, hitting .426; 15 digs with 10 vs John Jay
CUNYAC Rookie of the Week	Eddy Kang	Hunter	OH	Fr.	6 kills on .462 hitting in season-opening win vs Purchase; added block assist and 2 assists
CUNYAC Honorable Mention	Peter Gavroff	Baruch	OH	Sr.	23 kills, 4 blocks, 4 digs, 2 aces vs #5 Stevens and #1 Springfield; 2025 CUNYAC POY
GNAC Offensive Player of the Week	Trey Guest	Emmanuel	OH	Jr.	Led Saints offense in winning week

GNAC Defensive Player of the Week	Chris Bousquet	Elms	L	Jr.	Back-to-back winner; 58 digs (4.46/set) in 3 matches
GNAC Setter of the Week	Tye Barrett	Emmanuel	S	So.	Directed Saints offense effectively
GNAC Rookie of the Week	Branch Barnes	Lasell	OH	Fr.	1.88 K/S, 3.38 A/S, 1.38 B/S in debut performances
CVC Player of the Week	Patrick Neyer	Elizabethtown	S	Jr.	85 assists, 12.4 A/S, 2.57 D/S for the Blue Jays
Skyline Conference Player of the Week	Jael Martinez	St. Joseph's-Brooklyn	OH	Jr.	Led Peacocks in conference action
Skyline Conference Setter of the Week	Danny Kanner	Purchase	S	Sr.	Strong setting performance for the Panthers
Skyline Conference Rookie of the Week	Joey Toscano	Purchase	OH	Fr.	Impressive week for Purchase
Skyline Conference Libero of the Week	Connor Ruais	St. Joseph's-LI	L	Jr.	Anchored Golden Eagles defense
MAC Player of the Week	Alex Kagoro	Messiah	OH	Sr.	32 kills, 4 aces, .455 hitting avg
MAC Player of the Week	Aidan Dunwoody	Messiah	L	Jr.	3-0 weekend, 17 digs
United East Defensive Player of the Week	Luke McBrine	Gallaudet	L	So.	Strong defensive performance for the Bison
MCVL Offensive Player of the Week	Owen Huynh	Baldwin Wallace	OH	Jr.	5.7 K/S, 30 points on the weekend
MCVL Defensive Player of the Week	Bobby Mayberry	Baldwin Wallace	MB	Jr.	.562 hitting %, 1.33 B/S
NACC Defensive Player of the Week	Thomas Hirsch	Dominican	MB	Jr.	14 blocks (1 solo), 5 digs, .520 hitting, 15 kills
NEVC Athlete of the Week	Adam Vincent	Nichols	OH	Sr.	Making history for the Bison program
PAC Offensive Player of the Week	Ezra Desterling	Thiel	OH	So.	Led Tomcats offense
PAC Defensive Player of the Week	Bryce Lizanich	Thiel	MB	Jr.	Strong blocking performance
AMCC Offensive Player of the Week	Jack Wilcox	Penn State Behrend	OH	Jr.	38 kills, 20 digs, 19 blocks, 4 aces in 2-2 week
AMCC Defensive Player of the Week	Joseph Sciscio	Penn State Behrend	MB	Jr.	19 blocks in four matches; 1.27 B/S average

Week 1 (Jan 12-18, 2026)

Award	Player	School	Pos	Yr	Statistical Accomplishment
AVCA D3 National Player of the Week	Riley Norman	UC Santa Cruz	OH	Sr.	Led Slugs to 4-0 start with wins over #2 NYU and #9 Cal Lutheran
UVC Player of the Week	Emerson Evans	NYU	RS	Jr.	67 kills (5.6/set) hitting .353 during Santa Cruz tournament
UVC Rookie of the Week	Nate Toth	MIT	OH	Fr.	28 kills (.324 %) and 10 aces in first 3 collegiate matches

CVC Athlete of the Week	Dante Palombo	Juniata	MB	So.	3.17 K/S on .773 hitting in 2-0 start; 2024 Pittsburgh Post-Gazette POY
CVC Newcomer of the Week	Duncan Sturt	Juniata	S	Fr.	58 assists, 8 blocks, 4 digs off bench; sparked reverse sweep of Arcadia
CCIW Hitter of the Week	Aydin Provost	Illinois Wesleyan	OH	Fr.	51 kills (3.40/set), .345 hitting, 11 blocks, 29 digs, 6 aces, 63 pts in first 4 matches
CCIW Setter of the Week	Ethan Kuziela	Illinois Wesleyan	S	So.	39 assists vs WSP; 37 assists vs Lakeland (school record 3-set)
CCIW Defensive Student-Athlete of the Week	Roman Rothermel	Loras	MB	Jr.	Career-high 7 blocks vs Benedictine; .625 hitting; held opp to .056
Empire 8 Player of the Week	AJ Burda	Nazareth	S	Sr.	91 assists (11.5/set); .354 team hitting; 712 assists in 2025
Empire 8 Rookie of the Week	Sean Frawley	Nazareth	RS	Fr.	23 kills (.365), 15 digs, 2 aces, 25 pts in first two matches
GNAC Offensive Player of the Week	Nick Uschmann	Elms	OH	Jr.	Powered wins over Sage (3-0) and Curry (3-1); 2025 GNAC 2nd Team
GNAC Defensive Player of the Week	Chris Bousquet	Elms	L	Jr.	Anchored Blazers' back row in 2-0 start
GNAC Setter/Rookie of the Week	David Dzhenzherukha	Elms	S	Fr.	Impressive debut for the Blazers
AMCC Offensive Player of the Week	Gavin Wilczewski	Buffalo State	OH	So.	Led historic 4-0 start; wins over #25 Misericordia and #26 Hobart
AMCC Defensive Player of the Week	Kaden Strong	Buffalo State	MB	Jr.	7 digs, 12 blocks (6 vs Hobart); 21 kills, .462 hitting; key returner
MCVL Offensive Player of the Week	Karl Both	Trine	MB	Fr.	12 kills (.500), 7 blocks, 1 ace; leads MCVL with 18 blocks, .437 hitting
NJAC Player of the Week	Marcus Pardasie	NJCU	OH	Jr.	18 kills (.342), 2 aces, 5 digs in 3-1 win over Widener
CUNYAC Player of the Week	Marcus Pardasie	NJCU	OH	Jr.	18 kills (.342), 2 aces, 5 digs; season opener vs Widener
NEVC Rookie of the Week	Nyko Whitaker	Curry	OH	Fr.	Impressive debut in Curry's first NEVC season
PAC Defensive Player of the Week	Bryce Lizanich	Thiel	MB	Jr.	Strong blocking in opening weekend

Week 0 (Jan 5-11, 2026) - Opening Week

Award	Player	School	Pos	Yr	Statistical Accomplishment
UVC Player of the Week	Tristan Henderson	Nazareth	OH	Sr.	Strong opening weekend performance
UVC Rookie of the Week	Quintin Chiles	Nazareth	MB	Fr.	Impressive debut for the Golden Flyers
Empire 8 Player of the Week	Aaron Hennessy	SUNY Poly	RS	Jr.	15 kills on .737 hitting vs Nazareth; 7 kills vs Juniata; 8 digs, 7 kills, 2 blocks vs Rivier

Empire 8 Rookie of the Week	Quincey Staten	SUNY Poly	OH	Fr.	41 kills (.303), 6 digs, 4 blocks in 4 matches; 12 kills (.435) in debut vs Lasell
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Statistical Leaders

Category	Player	School	Stat	Note
Kills Per Set	Owen Huynh	Baldwin Wallace	5.7 K/S	Week 2
Kills Per Set	Emerson Evans	NYU	5.6 K/S	Week 1 tournament
Kills Per Set	Elijah Landeros	North Central	4.80 K/S	3rd nationally
Points Per Set	Ryan Bartz	Carthage	5.55 P/S	Week 2
Hitting Percentage	Aaron Hennessy	SUNY Poly	.737	Week 0 vs Nazareth
Hitting Percentage	Dante Palombo	Juniata	.773	Week 1 (MB)
Hitting Percentage	Ryan Bartz	Carthage	.692	Week 2
Hitting Percentage	Bobby Mayberry	Baldwin Wallace	.562	Week 2
Blocks Per Set	James Pirocanac	Loras	1.50 B/S	2nd nationally
Blocks Per Set	Bobby Mayberry	Baldwin Wallace	1.33 B/S	Week 2
Digs Per Set	Chris Bousquet	Elms	4.46 D/S	Back-to-back winner
Assists Per Set	Patrick Neyer	Elizabethtown	12.4 A/S	Week 2
Assists Per Set	AJ Burda	Nazareth	11.5 A/S	Week 1

Notable Records

Player/Team	School	Record	Note
Aydin Provost	Illinois Wesleyan	21 kills in 3-set match	School record; .531 hitting
Ethan Kuziela	Illinois Wesleyan	37 assists in 3-set match	School record
Evan Dziadkowiec	Loras	48 assists in 3-set match	Tied school record
Illinois Wesleyan	Illinois Wesleyan	44-42 set vs Concordia Chicago	2nd longest in D3 history
Buffalo State	Buffalo State	4-0 start with two Top 25 wins	Beat #25 Misericordia and #26 Hobart

Trends to Watch

Trend	Analysis
The Middle Renaissance	Dante Palombo (Juniata, .773), Karl Both (Trine), Thomas Hirsch (Dominican), Bobby Mayberry (Baldwin Wallace) posting elite numbers from MB position.
Freshman Setters Dominating	Duncan Sturt (Juniata), David Dzhenzherukha (Elms), Eddy Kang (Hunter) making immediate impacts as rookie setters/players.
Baldwin Wallace Sweep	Yellow Jackets swept both MCVL awards with Owen Huynh (Offensive) and Bobby Mayberry (Defensive).
Back-to-Back Winners	Chris Bousquet (Elms) and Bryce Lizanich (Thiel) earned consecutive weekly honors.
NJCU Dual-Conference Success	Marcus Pardasie continues dominance, earning both NJAC and CUNYAC Player of the Week in both weeks.

Summary: 60 individual awards across 16 conferences in 3 weeks (including opening week)

Note: NJAC and CUNYAC awards are listed separately as requested. Marcus Pardasie (NJCU) earned both conference awards in Weeks 1 and 2.