NYU Repeats as NYSWCAA Volleyball Champion

Junior middle blocker Vanessa Biegen (Dix Hills/Half Hollow Hills) was named tournament Most Valuable Player as New York University won its second straight title at the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association (NYSWCAA) Volleyball Tournament at Cortland's Corey Gymnasium.

Biegen recorded 17 kills in the championship match as the Violets (34-3) defeated Cortland, 30-20, 30-26, 30-19. NYU earned its spot in the finals with a 30-15, 28-30, 30-18, 30-17 win over RIT, while the Red Dragons (34-2) advanced to the finals with a 30-23, 30-18, 22-30, 30-18 semifinal win over Ithaca. RIT finished third in the 12-team field with a five-game win over Ithaca, 17-30, 30-26, 30-19, 29-31, 15-13.


Tournament results, all-tournament team and statistical highlights are below.

SUNDAY’S RESULTS

Semifinals:
NYU def. RIT, 30-15, 28-30, 30-18, 30-17
Cortland def. Ithaca, 30-23, 30-18, 22-30, 30-18

Consolation Matches
(winners tied for fifth; losers tied for seventh):
Nazareth def. Skidmore, 30-17, 29-31, 28-30, 33-31, 16-14
Rochester def. Brockport, 30-27, 31-29, 30-18

Third-Place Match:

Championship Match:
NYU def. Cortland, 30-20, 30-26, 30-19

SATURDAY’S RESULTS (seeds in parentheses):

First Round:
(#5) RIT def. (#12) Oneonta, 30-19, 32-30, 30-21
(#10) Brockport def. (#7) New Paltz, 30-25, 30-28, 30-22
(#6) Rochester def. (#11) Fredonia, 30-24, 30-17, 30-22

Consolation Matches
(winners tied for ninth; losers tied for 11th):
Geneseo def. Oneonta, 30-22, 30-22, 30-26
New Paltz def. Fredonia, 30-25, 30-25, 30-25

Quarterfinals:
(#1) NYU def. Nazareth, 30-25, 30-13, 30-17
RIT def. (#4) Skidmore, 30-20, 30-24, 30-19
(#3) Ithaca def. Rochester, 30-27, 31-29, 26-30, 33-31
(#2) Cortland def. Brockport, 30-21, 30-24, 30-19

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Name (School) (Yr., Hometown/High School)
MVP -- Vanessa Biegen (NYU) (Jr., Dix Hills/Half Hollow Hills)
Katya Khmelnitskaya (NYU) (Jr., Albany/West (IA))
Serena Bountour (NYU) (Sr., Huntington Beach, CA/ Huntington Beach)
Katie Brody (Cortland) (So., Apalachin/Vestal)
Jamie McMullen (Cortland) (Sr., Castle/Letchworth)
Natalie Pizzi (Cortland) (Sr., Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin)
Sarah Ballard (RIT) (Sr., Lake View/Frontier)
Christina Anabel (RIT) (Jr., Apalachin/Vestal)
Julia Roth (Ithaca) (Sr., Santa Cruz, CA/Harbor)
Jen Cramer (Ithaca) (Sr., Chittenango/ Beaver Creek (OH))
Tricia Jones (Nazareth) (Sr., Corning/Corning East)
Kate Barth (Geneseo) (Fr., Babylon/St. Anthony’s)
Susan Johnson (Rochester) (So., Salamanca/Salamanca)

Team Records following tournament:

NYU (Violets) 34-3
Cortland (Red Dragons) 34-2
RIT (Tigers) 23-11
Ithaca (Bombers) 24-12
Nazareth (Golden Flyers) 17-15
Rochester (Yellowjackets) 21-10
Brockport (Golden Eagles) 20-11
Skidmore (Thoroughbreds) 25-8
Geneseo (Knights) 22-14
New Paltz (Hawks) 27-9
Fredonia (Blue Devils) 21-14
Oneonta (Red Dragons) 22-17
Day 2 Statistical Leaders:

NYU def. RIT, 30-15, 28-30, 30-18, 30-17

NYU:
Serena Bountour (Sr., Huntington Beach, CA/Huntington Beach) 20 kills, 5 aces, 6 blocks, 2 digs
Vanessa Biegen (Jr., Dix Hills/Half Hollow Hills) 11 kills, 7 blocks
Katya Khmelnitskaya (Jr., Albany/West (IA)) 50 assists, 7 digs, 7 blocks, 4 kills, 3 aces
Elena Drinka (So., San Antonio, TX/Taft) 8 kills, 15 digs, 2 blocks

RIT:
Sarah Ballard (Sr., Lake View/Frontier) 32 assists, 14 digs, 4 aces
Christina Anabel (Jr., Apalachin/Vestal) 12 kills, 13 digs
Bonnie Harriman (Jr., Danbury, CT/Danbury) 11 kills, 13 digs
Laurie Underhill (Jr., East Aurora/Mt. Mercy Academy) 10 digs

Cortland def. Ithaca, 30-23, 30-18, 22-30, 30-18

Cortland:
Katie Brody (So., Apalachin/Vestal) 19 kills, 17 digs, 3 blocks
Natalie Pizzi (Sr., Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin) 14 kills, 2 aces
Jamie McMullen (Sr., Castle/Letchworth) 46 assists, 14 digs, 5 kills
Barbie Lang (Sr., Cuba/Cuba-Rushford) 7 kills, 14 digs, 3 aces

Ithaca:
Andrea Blitz (Jr., Webster/Webster) 14 kills, 3 blocks
Julia Roth (Sr., Santa Cruz, CA/Howard) 12 kills, 18 digs, 2 blocks
Jen Cramer (Sr., Chittenango/Beaver Creek (OH)) 10 kills, 4 blocks
Jenna Yehl (Fr., Horseheads/Horseheads) 23 assists, 8 digs

Nazareth def. Skidmore, 30-17, 29-31, 28-30, 33-31, 16-14

Nazareth:
Elyse Monje (Fr., Newark/Newark) 61 assists, 15 digs
Tricia Jones (Sr., Corning/Corning East) 27 kills, 24 digs, 7 blocks
Heather Nichols (Jr., Lake George/Lake George) 22 kills, 20 digs
Sara Shipley (Sr., Macedon/Palmyra-Macedon) 15 kills, 16 digs

Skidmore:
Darryl Manzer (Sr., Camden/Camden) 20 kills, 13 blocks
Becky Herman (Jr., Staten Island/Brooklyn Friends) 25 digs
Courtney Lambert (Sr., Webster/Webster) 48 assists, 11 digs
Lisa Pucurs (So., Demarest, NJ/NV Demarest) 15 kills, 12 digs

Rochester def. Brockport, 30-27, 31-29, 30-18

Rochester:
Liz Loveless (Sr., Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) 33 assists
Susan Johnson (So., Salamanca/Salamanca) 16 kills, 19 digs
Kristin Vogt (Sr., Onewata/DEW Academy) 7 kills

Brockport:
Teresa Conti (Fr., Attica/Attica) 12 kills
Kaylen Fessette (Fr., Plattsburgh/Beekmantown) 31 assists
Lori Kreamer (Sr., East Patchogue/Bellport) 20 digs

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Third-Place Match:


RIT:
- Sarah Ballard (Sr., Lake View/Frontier) - 61 assists, 12 digs, 2 kills, 2 blocks
- Christina Anabel (Jr., Apalachin/Vestal) - 21 kills, 28 digs, 3 blocks
- Bonnie Harriman (Jr., Danbury, CT/Danbury) - 21 kills, 16 digs, 2 blocks
- Laura Grell (Jr., Lancaster/Lancaster) - 16 kills, 13 digs, 2 blocks

Ithaca:
- Jen Cramer (Sr., Chittenango/Beaver Creek (OH)) - 10 kills, 12 digs, 5 blocks
- Julia Roth (Sr., Santa Cruz, CA/ Harbor) - 10 kills, 11 digs, 4 blocks
- Andrea Blitz (Jr., Webster/Webster) - 9 kills, 8 blocks, 5 aces, 4 digs
- Casey Buss (Fr., Yarmouthport, MA/Barnstable) - 22 assists

Championship Match:

NYU def. Cortland, 30-20, 30-26, 30-19

NYU:
- Vanessa Biegen (Jr., Dix Hills/Half Hollow Hills) - 17 kills (1 error in 21 attempts, .762), 3 blocks
- Katya Khmeintskaya (Jr., Albany/West (IA)) - 45 assists, 7 kills, 4 digs, 4 blocks
- Serena Boumbur (Sr., Huntington Beach, CA/Huntington Beach) - 12 kills, 2 digs
- Elena Drinka (So., San Antonio, TX/Taft) - 10 kills, 8 digs, 2 blocks, 2 aces

Cortland:
- Katie Brody (So, Apalachin/Vestal) - 8 kills, 13 digs
- Natalie Pizzi (Sr., Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin) - 6 kills
- Jamie McMullen (Sr., Castile/Letchworth) - 19 assists, 7 digs

(Day 1 Statistical Leaders start on next page)
Day 1 Statistical Leaders:

(#5) RIT def. (#12) Oneonta, 30-19, 32-30, 30-21

RIT:
- Sarah Ballard (Sr., Lake View/Frontier) 38 assists, 3 kills, 11 digs, 2 aces
- Bonnie Harriman (Jr., Danbury, CT/Danbury) 12 kills, 16 digs
- Christina Anabel (Jr., Apalachin/Vestal) 12 kills, 8 digs, 2 aces, 2 blocks
- Laura Grell (Jr., Lancaster/Lancaster) 15 digs

Oneonta:
- Cassandra Auth (Sr., East Patchogue/Bellport) 16 kills, 11 assists, 6 digs
- Jen Macri (St., Delmar/Bethlehem Central) 6 kills, 16 digs
- Jill Meehan (Jr., Albany/Guilderland) 6 kills, 2 blocks


Nazareth:
- Tricia Jones (Sr., Corning/Corning East) 22 kills
- Sara Shipley (Sr., Macedon/Palmyra-Macedon) 19 kills
- Elyse Monje (Fr., Newark/Newark) 56 assists

Geneseo:
- Kate Barth (Fr., Babylon/St. Anthony's) 31 kills, 8 digs, 4 blocks, 3 aces
- Jessi Laemlein (Fr., Webster/Webster Schroeder) 14 kills
- Emily Tatar (Jr., Rochester/Gates-Chili) 47 assists, 4 kills, 8 digs, 9 blocks
- Abi Goettsch (Fr., LaFayette/LaFayette) 6 kills

(#10) Brockport def. (#7) New Paltz, 30-25, 30-28, 30-22

Brockport:
- Katie Feldmann (So., Tonawanda/Sweet Home) 14 kills, 13 digs
- Kaylen Fessette (Fr., Plattsburgh/Beekmantown) 42 assists, 11 digs, 3 aces
- Shae Gilmore (Fr., Merrill/Northern Adirondack) 12 kills, 13 digs
- Lori Kreamer (Sr., East Patchogue/Bellport) 21 digs

New Paltz:
- Kim Clouston (So., Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) 10 kills
- Andrea Kaiser (Jr., Blue Point/Bayport-Blue Point) 8 kills
- Katie Becofsky (Fr., Altamont/Schalmont) 31 assists

(#6) Rochester def. (#11) Fredonia, 30-24, 30-17, 30-22

Rochester:
- Liz Loavelless (Sr., Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) 43 assists
- Susan Johnson (So., Salamanca/Salamanca) 11 kills, 21 digs
- Kristin Vogt (Oneonta/Delaware Academy) 11 kills, 5 blocks
- Haley Massa (Jr., Carlisle, PA/Carlisle) 11 kills

Fredonia:
- Heather Martin (Sr., Allegany/Allegany-Limestone) 9 kills, 6 aces, 19 digs
- Jahnna Dixon (Fr., Hamburg/Frontier) 9 kills
- Kim Schmitz (Jr., Derby/Lake Shore) 10 digs

Geneseo def. Oneonta, 30-22, 30-22, 30-26

Geneseo:
- Kate Barth (Fr., Babylon/St. Anthony's) 27 kills, 3 aces, 4 digs
- Jessi Laemlein (Fr., Webster/Webster Schroeder) 12 kills
- Abi Goettsch (Fr., LaFayette/LaFayette) 5 kills, 4 digs, 3 blocks
- Courtney Nash (Fr., Orchard Park/Mt. Mercy) 4 kills

Oneonta:
- Jill Meehan (Jr., Albany/Guilderland) 12 kills, 3 blocks
- Cassandra Auth (Sr., East Patchogue/Bellport) 16 assists, 4 kills, 6 digs
- Maegen Edding (So., Apalachin/Owego Free Academy) 13 digs

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New Paltz def. Fredonia, 30-25, 30-25, 30-25

New Paltz:
Andrea Kaiser (Jr., Blue Point/Bayport-Blue Point) 14 kills
Kelly Long (Jr., Endwell/Maine-Endwell) 12 digs
Christina Mazurowski (Tonawanda/Kenmore East) 7 blocks

Fredonia:
JaHanna Dixon (Fr., Hamburg/Frontier) 11 kills
Heather Martin (Sr., Allegany/Allegany-Limestone) 8 kills, 4 aces, 13 digs, 2 blocks
Karen Francis (So., Batavia/Batavia) 7 kills
Kim Schmitz (Jr., Derby/Lake Shore) 12 digs

(#1) NYU def. Nazareth, 30-25, 30-13, 30-17

NYU:
Elena Drinka (So., San Antonio, TX/TAft) 9 kills, 10 digs, 4 blocks
Katya Khmelnitkskaya (Jr., Albany/West (IA)) 31 assists, 4 aces, 7 digs, 2 blocks
Serena Bountour (Sr., Huntington Beach, CA/Huntington Beach) 8 kills
Jennifer Gardikas (Sr., Huntington Beach, CA/Huntington Beach) 7 kills, 12 digs, 3 aces

Nazareth:
Statistical leaders not available

RIT def. (#4) Skidmore, 30-20, 30-24, 30-19

RIT:
Sarah Ballard (Sr., Lake View/Frontier) 39 assists, 9 digs, 2 blocks
Bonnie Harriman (Jr., Danbury, CT/Danbury) 14 kills, 14 digs, 2 blocks
Christina Anabel (Jr., Apalachin/Vestal) 18 kills, 4 aces, 6 digs
Michelle Skowzgird (So., Grayslake, IL/John Hersey) 5 kills, 7 blocks

Skidmore:
Darryl Manzer (So., Camden/Camden) 16 kills, 2 blocks
Becky Herman (Jr., Staten Island/Brooklyn Friends) 13 digs

(#3) Ithaca def. Rochester, 30-27, 31-29, 26-30, 33-31

Ithaca:
Julie Roth (Sr., Santa Cruz, CA/Harbor) 22 kills, 26 digs
Jen Cramer (Sr., Chittenango/Beaver Creek (OH)) 14 kills, 15 digs, 5 blocks
Andrea Blitz (Jr., Webster/Webster) 10 kills
Jenna Yehi (Horseheads/Horseheads) 33 assists

Rochester:
Liz Loveloss (Sr., Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) 63 assists, 15 digs
Susan Johnson (So., Salamanca/Salamanca) 23 kills, 30 digs
Kristin Vogt (Oneonta/Delaware Academy) 14 kills, 6 blocks
Haley Massa (Jr., Carlisle, PA/Carlisle) 18 kills

(#2) Cortland def. Brockport, 30-21, 30-24, 30-19

Cortland:
Katie Brody (So., Apalachin/Vestal) 16 kills, 12 digs, 5 blocks
Natalie Pizzi (Sr., Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin) 12 kills, 4 aces, 4 digs
Jamie McMullen (Sr., Castle/Letchworth) 30 assists, 8 digs, 5 kills

Brockport:
Kaylen Fessette (Fr., Plattsburgh/Beekmantown) 27 assists
Lori Kreamer (Sr., East Patchogue/Bellport) 18 digs
Katie Feldmann (So., Tonawanda/Sweet Home) 10 kills

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