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**Press Release:**

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**North Eastern Athletic Conference Men's Volleyball Championships & All-Conference Selections**

GANSEVOORT, NY – The North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) concluded the men's volleyball season with its Conference Championship held at Philadelphia Biblical University, Langhorne, PA where the D'Youville College Spartans won the Championship event against the Philadelphia Biblical University Crimson Eagles 3-0 (30-28, 30-24, 30-15).

In early round pool play games, #1 D'Youville Spartans defeated #6 SUNY Purchase Panthers 3-0 (30-18, 30-24, 30-26) and #2 Bard Raptors defeated #5 Polytechnic Blue Jays 3-0 (30-11, 30-17, 30-14). #1 Spartans also defeated #3 Villa Julie Mustangs 3-1 (30-21, 30-20, 22-30, 30-19) and #4 Philadelphia Biblical Crimson Eagles also defeated #2 Raptors 3-1 (27-30, 30-20, 30-16, 30-25). #3 Mustangs defeated #6 Panthers 3-0 (30-23, 30-19, 30-22). #4 Crimson Eagles defeated #5 Blue Jays 3-0 (30-19, 30-24, 30-22).

In the 5<sup>th</sup> place match, #6 SUNY Purchase Panthers defeated #5 Polytechnic University Blue Jays 3-0 (30-26, 30-27, 30-24). In the semi-final matches, #1 D'Youville College Spartans defeated #2 Bard College Raptors 3-0 (30-15, 30-12, 30-26) and #4 Philadelphia Biblical Crimson Eagles defeated Villa Julie Mustangs 3-1 (31-33, 30-24, 30-23, 30-19). In the championship match, the #1 D'Youville Spartans defeated the # 4 PBU Crimson Eagles 3-0 (30-28, 30-24, 30-15). NEAC tournament Most Valuable Player was awarded to Clinton Gilliland from D'Youville College for his outstanding performance during the tournament. He finished the tournament with 26 kills, 3 aces, 4 digs, 2 solo blocks, 13 assisted blocks, and a hitting percentage of .696.

D'Youville's John Colosi (Grand Island, NY), a 6'2" senior opposite hitter, was selected as the NEAC Player of the Year. Bard's head coach Owen Roberts was selected by his peers a NEAC Coach of the Year with a 17-13 record.

**All-Conference Team Selections**

Name	College	Year	Position	Hometown
<b>First-Team All Conference</b>				
Dylan Cummins	Bard College	SR	OH	Aptos, CA
Zachary Hamaker	Bard College	JR	OH	Walnut Creek, CA
Clinton Gilliland	D'Youville College	SR	MH	Butler, PA
John Kofmehl	D'Youville College	JR	S	Pittsburgh, PA
John Colosi	D'Youville College	SR	OPP	Grand Island, NY
Jathan Brubaker	Philadelphia Biblical University	SR	MH	Telford, PA
J.R. Jackson	Villa Julie College	SO	OPP	Havre de Grace, MD
<b>Second-Team All Conference</b>				
Steven Alday	Bard College	FR	S	Phoenix, AZ
Richie Sparring	Philadelphia Biblical University	GR	OH	Santiago, Dominican Republic
Ben Fuller	Philadelphia Biblical University	SO	OH	Leola, PA
Robert Petri	Polytechnic University	FR	OH	St. Louis, MO
Zakk Emmett	Polytechnic University	SR	S	St. Charles, MO
Joe Tayge	Villa Julie College	SO	S	Quakerstown, PA
Ryan McDowell	Villa Julie College	FR	MH	Germantown, MD

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 The North Eastern Athletic Conference has twelve NCAA Division III member institutions which include: Baptist Bible College, Bard College, Cazenovia College, Chestnut Hill College, D'Youville College, Keuka College, Keystone College, Pennsylvania State University – Berks, Philadelphia Biblical University, Polytechnic University, Purchase College, and Villa Julie College. For more information, visit us at: [www.neacsports.com](http://www.neacsports.com) or call the NEAC Commissioner's Office at (518) 320-7354.