

EMMANUEL COLLEGE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL



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2011 Season Preview

With the 2010 season officially in the books, the Emmanuel College men's volleyball team once again took great strides towards establishing itself as one of the preeminent teams in the northeast region. The Saints set a program-record for wins in a season with 27 victories, including multiple wins over top-ten nationally ranked teams. Emmanuel advanced to the finals of the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Tournament and made the program's third North East Collegiate Volleyball Association (NECVA) Tournament appearance in the past four years. The Saints finished the season at 27-11 overall and went 11 and 1 in conference play during the regular season. Head Coach Chris Wright received numerous accolades after leading the Saints through such a stellar season. Coach Wright was first honored as the 2010 GNAC Coach of the Year. He was then named the 2010 NECVA Coach of the Year. He capped off his honors by receiving the 2010 David Hildebrandt Rising Star Award at the NECVA Tournament Championship banquet. Coach Wright lost two 4-year starters to graduation last year, but will return a solid core of 15 veterans for the 2011 campaign. Among the strong class of returners are All-Conference selections Curtis Abram '11, Keoni Rabaino '11, Tyson Rietz '11 and Tom McCaffrey '11. Abram, a 1st Team All-GNAC pick had a standout season, which included being named AVCA Division III National Player of the Week and eclipsing the 1,000-kill mark. Rabaino hit .329 for the year, while Rietz was ranked 2nd on the team in kills, digs and aces. Cam Todd '11, the program's all-time leader in blocks is also returning for his senior season in 2011.

Home Facility



Jean Yawkey Center

HOME COURT FOR THE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

The new, state-of-the-art Jean Yawkey Center at Emmanuel has been built to enhance the campus life experience of all Emmanuel students and to modernize Emmanuel's athletic and recreational facilities. The new gymnasium housed in the Center includes one NCAA-regulation court or two full-size practice courts, and also serves as the largest meeting room on the campus for gatherings of the entire college community, with bleacher seating for 1200-1400 and capacity seating totaling 2500.

Coach Wright



Christopher Wright enters his 6th season as the Head Men's Volleyball Coach at Emmanuel. Last year, he coached the Saints to a program-record 27 wins and led Emmanuel to the program's 4th North East Collegiate Volleyball Association (NECVA) Tournament appearance. After four years in the United States Navy, Wright became a Division III volleyball player at SUNY New Paltz. Nationally ranked in kills, hitting %, blocks and aces

throughout his career, Wright was named American Volleyball Coaches Association Division III Player of the Week in 2000 and was named a Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association Division III All-Star for three years. Wright has over 19 years of playing experience at the high school, military, college, and club levels. As a student-athlete at SUNY New Paltz, he served as Vice President and President of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). During his senior year, he was appointed to the NCAA Division III SAAC, as well as to the prestigious NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.