

NCAA III Tournament Notes For Calvin College

NCAA III Tournament Time – Calvin is making its 18th appearance in the NCAA III Tournament including its fifth straight. Calvin is 19-19 all-time in NCAA III Tournament play and has posted three top-four national finishes, placing fourth in 1984 and 1992 and second in 1986 when current Calvin head coach Amber Warners was a starting setter as a freshman for the Knights. In last year's NCAA III Tournament, Calvin defeated Wisconsin-LaCrosse in four sets in round one and then fell in three sets to Carthage in round two.

Meet the Coach - Calvin head coach Amber Warners is currently in her eighth year as a head collegiate volleyball coach which includes seven years at Calvin and one year as interim coach at Hope (1994). Heading into tonight, Warners is 223-55 (.802) as a collegiate volleyball coach and 202-44 (.821) at Calvin. Heading into the 2008 season, Warners was ranked fourth among active Division III coaches among winning percentage.

Home Sweet Home - Calvin opened the year by winning just one of its first three matches at home this year but finished the year by winning eight consecutive matches inside the Huizenga Tennis and Track Center. This year, Calvin played on a temporary floor – the Huizenga Tennis and Track Center while the 5,000 seat VanNoord Arena was completed. The VanNoord Arena is scheduled to open in January of 2009 and will be the new home of Calvin volleyball next fall.

On the Road – Meanwhile, Calvin has thrived on the road, compiling a 12-0 road record this fall.

Neutral Floors – Calvin is 5-2 in matches played on a neutral floor.

20/20 Vision – At 26-4 overall, Calvin has reached the 20-win plateau for the 14th consecutive year.

Fights in Five – Calvin is 3-1 this year in matches that have gone five sets, defeating Carnegie-Mellon, Trine and Hope in five while falling to Adrian in five.

National Honors – Calvin freshman Rebecca Kamp has been a two-time AVCA Division III National Player of the Week this fall. Kamp earned the award in mid-September after leading Calvin to four victories at the Wittenberg Border Battle and then earned the award again in mid-October after leading Calvin to a five-set win at rival Hope in front of an NCAA III record crowd of 2,307 fans.

Kills For Kamp – Calvin freshman Rebecca Kamp is currently the nation's leader in kills-per-set (4.80). She is also ranked sixth in hitting percentage (.403) and 13th in blocks-per-set (1.34). Calvin junior libero Kelsey Sears is ranked 49th in digs-per-set (5.26).

Against Nationally-Ranked Foes – Calvin is 4-3 against nationally-ranked teams this year, owning one win over fifth-ranked Wittenberg, one win over (then) 12th-ranked Hope and two wins against 10th-ranked Ohio Northern. The Knights have also lost twice to (then) 25th-ranked Mount St. Joseph and once to 12th-ranked Hope.