



# ***CAMOSUN COLLEGE***

## ***CHARGERS NEWS***

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### **Chargers men's volleyball vets hit home court for final time**

With only two weeks of competition preceding the PACWEST playoffs, the Camosun Chargers volleyball teams are gearing up to play their final home matches of the season as they take on the Capilano University Blues this weekend, February 8 and 9.

For several veteran players, this weekend will be the last time they will don a Chargers uniform and be cheered on by a Camosun home crowd.

Approaching the conclusion of his fifth and final year with the Chargers is team captain of the men's volleyball squad, **Garrett Marcellus**. The 6'4" leftside is a former PACWEST All-Star and two-time Athlete of the Week. Besides wrapping up five successful years with the Chargers, Garrett will complete the Business Administration program at the end of the term, leaving younger brother Ryan (who is playing his rookie year) to carry on the Chargers volleyball tradition. "Garrett has worked extremely hard over the past five years, not just to become the talented player that he is, but to become the undisputed leader and captain of the Chargers team," says Head Coach Charles Parkinson. "He sets an example for every athlete through his behaviour, his demeanour and his work ethic and it has been both an honour and a great pleasure to coach him for so many years."

Red Deer native **Andy Inglis** is also closing out his fifth-year of post-secondary eligibility. Following his third year with the Red Deer College Kings, Andy made the move to Victoria to pursue a degree in Camosun's Bachelor of Sport and Fitness Leadership program and play his final two years with the Chargers. Since suiting up with Camosun in 2011, the 6'5" athletic wonder has blossomed into a star rightside player who possesses a lethal serve and a lightning quick arm swing, making him one of the conference's Top 5 players in total offensive stats. "Andy is the kind of player that coaches always look for, but rarely find – a great lover of the sport, bright and willing to try new techniques, tireless in his pursuit of excellence and a great teammate," says Coach Parkinson. "While he may be finishing up his playing career, it is my hope that Andy will continue to be part of the Chargers as part of the coaching staff next season as he completes his degree, passing along his years of experience and helping new players to realize their true potential."

Heading to the CIS following their terms with Camosun are second-year setter **Ryan Thain** and third-year leftside/libero **Chhase McFarlen**. Over the past two years, Ryan's intelligence, drive, fiercely competitive nature and ability to make the right choices under pressure have helped him blossom into a highly effective quarterback of the Chargers team. "Ryan came to the Chargers as a 17 year-old first-year setter out of high school and the amazing thing was how well he fit in right from the start," states Coach Parkinson. "His poise and maturity have helped him in the classroom and in the gym and after two seasons he is looking to move on to the next level of volleyball in the CIS."

Leaving the Chargers after three years, **Chhase McFarlen** is heading to the CIS to continue his dream of becoming an international volleyball athlete. Converting from the left side to the libero position, he has used his time at Camosun to hone his passing and defensive skills as well as his command of the back row. With extremely quick reaction time and first step speed, Chhase has emerged this season as one of the top libero's in the PACWEST. "I will be sad to see Chhase

leave the program having coached him in provincial team as well as the Chargers, but I am incredibly happy that he is pursuing a goal that means so much to him,” comments Coach Parkinson.

Leaving the program to pursue his Engineering Degree, **Tanner Litwin** has dedicated himself to the Chargers for the past two seasons. Following a full campaign last season, the 6’0” setter/libero selflessly agreed to red shirt this year when circumstances forced the team to make a last minute change to its line-up. A true team player, Tanner continues to work tirelessly in practice to improve his game and support his teammates at every match. “Tanner’s level of commitment is rare and is a testament to the quality of person he is, in addition to his athletic ability and volleyball skills,” states Coach Parkinson. “He embodies the spirit that underpins Chargers volleyball and he will be missed. We wish him every success in his journey.”

This weekend, the Chargers are up against a much improved Capilano Blues squad in the final home stand of the season.

“It will be interesting to see how far each team has come over the course of league play and who will be heading toward peak performance as the Provincial Championships draw near,” remarks Coach Parkinson. “CAP is a smaller team, but they rely on their defensive ability and offensive speed to defeat larger opponents. This was evident in their two wins last week against the much taller College of the Rockies.”

Coach Parkinson adds, “Serving, passing and blocking are the keys to our success. If we can control our first contact our setters run an offense designed to create isolations and no team in the league can defend the quality of our attack on a consistent basis if the pass is on the money. From our side of the court we must serve hard and strategically to interrupt the speed of their attack. Once their middle is out of the equation our block can establish the correct rhythm against their attackers and create transition opportunities.”

Catch the Chargers volleyball teams in action this weekend at [PISE](#) or watch the webcast live on [SportsCanadaTV](#).

Fri, Feb. 8	Women	6pm	Camosun (#4) vs. Capilano (#5)
	Men	8pm	Camosun (#T3) vs. Capilano (#T3)
Sat, Feb. 9	Women	1pm	Camosun vs. Capilano
	Men	3pm	Camosun vs. Capilano

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