

CAMOSUN COLLEGE CHARGERS NEWS

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Chargers men take on undefeated Royals in double header action

The Camosun College Chargers men's volleyball team is gearing up to host what promises to be an action packed weekend as the squad takes on the defending PACWEST champion Douglas College Royals at the Pacific Institute for Sport Excellence in Victoria this Friday and Saturday.

Heading into Week 5 of PACWEST volleyball competition, Douglas stands undefeated at 8-0. Guiding the Royals into their sixth season is Brad Hudson who led the team to a silver medal finish at last year's National Championship and was named the 2012 CCAA Men's Volleyball Coach of the Year.

Currently ranked third with a 3-3 record, the Chargers are looking forward to the challenge of taking on the conference's top team on home ground.

"We are strong and physical," said Camosun Chargers Head Coach Parkinson. "As long as we work hard, there shouldn't be any team in the league that can challenge us."

On defense, the Chargers will be looking to 6'7" middle **Alex Sadowski** (2011-12 PACWEST Rookie of the Year) who is fourth in the conference in blocks. Offensively, the Chargers will be relying on fifth-year vets 6'5" rightside **Andrew Inglis** (7th in the league for total offensive stats) and 6'4" leftside Garrett Marcellus (2011-12 PACWEST All-Star). Third-year leftside **Jeremy Finn** will also be someone to watch this weekend following his monster match against Capilano last Friday where he led the Chargers to win in four sets with 20 kills, 1 block and 6 digs.

On the women's side, having lost their first two double headers to the PACWEST's top two squads (Vancouver Island University and University of the Fraser Valley) and posting a split last weekend against the Capilano University Blues (last year's PACWEST Bronze Medalists), Camosun is 1-5 and looking to move their way up from seventh spot in the PACWEST standings.

"We started the season with two of the most challenging opponents in the PACWEST," commented Chargers Head Coach Chris Dahl. "Our opening weekends of league play were against the first and third place finishers at last year's National Championships. Despite having seen some very promising things in competition so far, we aren't even close to being satisfied with our play. Our program has incredible expectations this season and we're challenging ourselves to raise our own bar and set a higher standard of performance from within the program. We're constantly reminded that we have to improve at a greater rate than our opposition."

This weekend, Camosun will be counting on players like third-year leftside Hilary Graham and second-year student-athletes Morgan Marshall and Kelsey Johnson to push the program forward.

Courtenay native **Hilary Graham** continues to grow as an outside hitter and while her kill totals are building (2.63 kills/set - 13th overall in the PACWEST), she is consistently putting the opposition into difficult situations. The Chargers are also utilizing the outstanding athletic abilities of **Morgan Marshall** (Smithers, BC) who returns to the middle position. Marshall is top in the conference in blocks and 10th in total offensive stats (3.44 points per set). Also playing an increasingly more significant role on the court for Camosun is libero **Kelsey Johnson** whose consistent performance on defense have placed her among the top four league players in digs.

<u>CHARGERS VOLLEYBALL – Home Games at the Pacific Institute for Sport Excellence (4371 Interurban Rd)</u>

Fri, Nov. 9 Women 6pm Camosun (#7) vs. Douglas College Royals (#6) Men 8pm Camosun (#3) vs. Douglas College Royals (#1)

Sat, Nov. 10 Women 1pm Camosun vs. Douglas

Men 3pm Camosun vs. Douglas

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