WOMEN’S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL  
NYSWCAA TOURNAMENT  
At Oneonta State College  
Oneonta, NY

NAZARETH DEFEATS ITHACA FOR STATE TITLE  
Downey Leads Golden Flyers to Victory  
Over Defending Champs

The Nazareth Golden Flyers defended their top seeding by sweeping the 2001 New York State Women’s Collegiate Athletic Association (NYSWCAA). The Golden Flyers didn’t lose a game including a 3-0 win over defending champion Ithaca College en route to their first ever NYSWCAA title.

In the championship match, Nazareth took control early won the first two games before coming back in the third game of the match to complete the sweep. Junior Christa Downey (Geneseo, NY/Livonia) led the way for the Golden Flyers with 25 kills, 14 digs, two blocks and two service aces. Sophomore Ashley Mokan (Corning, NY/Corning East), who along with Downey and freshman Sara Shipleys (Macedon, NY/Palmyra-Macedon) were selected to the All-Championship Team, had 39 assists in the winning effort. Ithaca was led by All-Championship selections Jen Salmon (Brockport, NY/Brockport) and Jessica Raymond (Bishop, NY/Ludden) who 37 assists and 19 digs and 11 kills respectively.

Both teams advanced to the championship match with victories in the semifinals that started the day. Nazareth easily swept RIT while Ithaca went to a fifth game before defeating Elmira College. The Golden Flyers were led by their trio of All-Championship selections in advancing. Mokan had 38 assists and Downey had 26 kills and 18 digs while Shipleys had nine kills and seven blocks.

In their match with Elmira, Ithaca was led by Salmons’s 57 assists and Raymonds’s 21 kills.

Elmira, who ended up defeating RIT for third place, were led by sophomore Jen Crout (Horseheads, NY/Horseheads) who had 66 assists and junior Kimber Ayers (Corning, NY/Corning West) who had 26 kills and 14 digs in their loss to Ithaca. RIT was led throughout the entire tournament by their All-Championship selection Emily Verbridge (Williamson, NY/Williamson).

In the fifth place matches, Brockport swept Geneseo while Cortland was swept by Vassar. All-Championship selection, Michelle LaPadula (Trumansburg, NY/Trumansburg) had nine kills and 15 digs to lead the Golden Eagles. Geneseo was led by their All-Championship selection Amanda McKenzie (Pavilion, NY/Pavilion) who had 27 assists and 18 digs.

Sophomore setter Ashley Manlove (Garretsville, OH/James Garfield) led Vassar in their win over Cortland with 33 assists and six digs.

2001 NYSWCAA ALL-CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

Christa Downey, Nazareth  
Ashley Mokan, Nazareth  
Sara Shipleys, Nazareth  
Jessica Raymond, Ithaca  
Jen Salmon, Ithaca  
Alicia Boscarello, Elmira  
Emily Verbridge, RIT  
Andrea Smith, Cortland  
Michelle LaPadula, Brockport  
Amanda McKenzie, Geneseo  
Ashley Manlove, Vassar  
Sarah Pontius, Union

NYSWCAA Tournament Results

Saturday, October 27, 2001

Preliminary Round

Winning Team … Losing Team ………… Scores

Geneseo .............. Fredonia .......................... 30-25, 30-23, 30-27
RIT ...................... Hunter .......................... 30-15, 30-21, 30-19
Cortland .............. Union .................................. 30-19, 30-25, 30-25
Vassar .............. Oneonta State ................... 22-30, 24-30, 30-18,
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Quarterfinals

Nazareth .............. Geneseo ........................... 30-22, 30-15, 30-20
RIT ...................... Brockport ........................ 30-27, 30-16, 30-23
Elmira ................. Cortland ......................... 30-28, 24-30, 30-25,
......................................................... 27-30, 17-15
Ithaca ............... Vassar .................. 30-15, 30-24, 27-30, 30-27

9th Place Matches

Fredonia .............. Hunter ........................... 30-16, 30-26, 30-23
Union .................. Oneonta State .................. 30-22, 30-23, 30-22

Sunday, October 28, 2001

Semifinals

Nazareth .............. RIT .................................. 30-15, 30-16, 30-23
Ithaca ............... Elmira ............................... 30-26, 22-30, 30-32,
......................................................... 30-25, 15-10

5th Place Matches

Vassar .............. Cortland ............................. 30-26, 30-20, 30-13
Brockport .......... Geneseo ............................ 31-29, 30-28, 33-31

3rd Place Match

Elmira ............... RIT ................................. 30-25, 30-32, 32-30, 21-30, 15-9

Championship Match

Nazareth .............. Ithaca ............................... 30-25, 30-22, 30-27

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