



THE HISTORY OF HOLY CROSS VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball started as a club sport in the Fall of 1974, organized by Holy Cross sophomores Pat Coogan and Katie Biehusen. The program began varsity play in 1976 and compiled a 3-10 mark, four years after the school opened its doors to female students. Terry Moran was the first coach of the program, which was led by team captains Coogan and Biehusen.

The 1980's brought about great change for Holy Cross Volleyball and with it came tremendous success. The 1982 team, which was coached by Jim Fegreus, was the first to compete at the NCAA Division I level. The Crusaders finished with a 19-10 mark that season. The following year, Holy Cross competed in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference and finished second in the league tournament.

During a five year stretch, from 1984-1989, volleyball atop Mount St. James surged toward the pinnacle of success in New England. Al Morel, the all-time record holder for career coaching victories in Holy Cross volleyball history (141-59, .705), put

together teams that consistently finished among the best in the region. The three-time MAAC Coach of the Year compiled a 48-5 mark against league competition, including the league title in 1985 and runner-up honors in 1986 and 1987.

In 1987, while the Crusaders were still competing in the MAAC, a new conference (Colonial League) was forged and Holy Cross made the move to join in the sports of football, tennis and volleyball. Tennis and volleyball only participated in league championships, while football played a full league schedule. In 1990, the Colonial League was renamed the Patriot League and Holy Cross became a full member institution.

John Cody, who took over the program in 1989, coached the volleyball team for eight years. Peter Viteritti took over the reigns in 1997 and amassed 31 wins in a five year span. Current head coach Chris Ridolfi came to HC in 2002 and has led Holy Cross to 22 wins in his first three seasons.

YEAR-BY-YEAR FINAL RECORDS

| YEAR | COACH | WON | LOST | PCT |
|---------|-------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 1982 ! | Jim Fegreus | 19 | 10 | .655 |
| 1983 ^ | Jim Fegreus | 20 | 14 | .588 |
| 1984 | Al Morel | 24 | 14 | .631 |
| 1985 | Al Morel | 40 | 6 | .870 |
| 1986 | Al Morel | 26 | 14 | .650 |
| 1987 | Al Morel | 25 | 13 | .658 |
| 1988 | Al Morel | 26 | 12 | .684 |
| 1989 | John Cody | 16 | 15 | .516 |
| 1990 * | John Cody | 7 | 17 | .292 |
| 1991 | John Cody | 7 | 28 | .200 |
| 1992 | John Cody | 3 | 32 | .086 |
| 1993 | John Cody | 6 | 25 | .194 |
| 1994 | John Cody | 1 | 25 | .039 |
| 1995 | John Cody | 5 | 17 | .227 |
| 1996 | John Cody | 0 | 23 | .000 |
| 1997 | Peter Viteritti | 2 | 20 | .091 |
| 1998 | Peter Viteritti | 4 | 29 | .121 |
| 1999 | Peter Viteritti | 4 | 23 | .148 |
| 2000 | Peter Viteritti | 12 | 16 | .429 |
| 2001 | Peter Viteritti | 11 | 14 | .440 |
| 2002 | Chris Ridolfi | 8 | 19 | .296 |
| 2003 | Chris Ridolfi | 7 | 20 | .259 |
| 2004 | Chris Ridolfi | 7 | 19 | .269 |
| Overall | 23 Seasons | 280 | 425 | .397 |

! First year of Division I competition

^ First season of MAAC competition

* First year of Patriot League competition

TEAM RECORDS

| <i>KILLS</i> | <i>ACES</i> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2001 (25 matches)1, 221 | 1993 (31 matches)229 |
| 2000 (28 matches)1, 210 | 2001 (25 matches)190 |
| 2002 (27 matches)1, 185 | 2000 (28 matches)167 |
| 2003 (27 matches)1, 127 | 2002 (27 matches)163 |
| 2004 (26 matches)1, 065 | 2004 (26 matches)158 |
| 1998 (33 matches)933 | 1994 (26 matches)156 |
| 1999 (27 matches)907 | 1999 (27 matches)145 |
| <i>DIGS</i> | |
| 2003 (27 matches)1, 808 | 1995 (22 matches)240 |
| 1998 (33 matches)1, 802 | 2001 (25 matches)205 |
| 2000 (28 matches)1, 639 | 1993 (31 matches)188 |
| 1999 (27 matches)1, 496 | 2000 (28 matches)181 |
| 2002 (27 matches)1, 482 | 2004 (26 matches)161 |
| 2004 (26 matches)1, 412 | 2002 (27 matches)141 |
| 2001 (25 matches)1, 382 | 1996 (23 matches)136 |
| <i>ASSISTS</i> | |
| 2000 (28 matches)1, 094 | 2002 (27 matches)187.5 |
| 2001 (25 matches)1, 078 | 2000 (28 matches)174.0 |
| 2002 (27 matches)1, 042 | 1995 (22 matches)169.5 |
| 2003 (27 matches)961 | 1993 (31 matches)161.0 |
| 2004 (26 matches)949 | 2001 (25 matches)160.0 |
| 1998 (33 matches)826 | 1999 (27 matches)159.9 |
| 1993 (31 matches)782 | 2004 (26 matches)124.5 |