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Spring Tournament

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A YEAR FOR THE RECORD BOOKS

In a year filled with expectations, VCU didn't disappoint. The Rams had a remarkable season, setting records, while collecting multiple awards along the way. With a final record of 10-2 in conference and 27-9 overall, VCU claimed the best record in the CAA while winning their first regular season conference championship in school history.

The Rams hosted the CAA conference tournament and collected some serious hardware during the league's championship banquet. Freshman **Michala Kvapilova** was the Rams' big award winner on the night. The 6-1 outside hitter was named the

CAA's Rookie of the Year, as well as All-CAA First Team and All-Rookie. Meanwhile, senior **Ivana Rich** was named second team, and juniors **Lenka Melicharkova** and **Kelsie Clegg** were selected third team. Freshman **Marisa Low** joined Kvapilova on the



All-Rookie squad. Junior **Mariel Frey** and **Rich** were named to the CAA All-Tournament team for their incredible performance during the championship.

Rich and **Clegg** also set VCU school records. **Rich** set

VCU's all-time blocks mark midway through the season and also broke the hitting percentage record (.332) for a single season, while **Clegg** broke the single season blocks record during the conference tournament. Congrats to both these great players for putting their stamp on the VCU record books!

The Rams were unable to pull the final victory needed to defeat George Mason and win the conference tournament, falling 3-2, in the championship match. The Rams defeated William & Mary, 3-0, in the semifinals the day before. Hats off to all the members of VCU Volleyball for an incredible season!

Thank You Seniors!

Even after falling to George Mason in a heartbreaking loss, the Rams maintained their composure through the end of the season, defeating both 38th-ranked Pittsburgh and Liberty in the Third Degree Thanksgiving Tournament. It's no surprise that both seniors, **Ivana Rich** and **Lenka Melicharkova**, were a large part of VCU's resiliency in both wins that weekend. **Rich** had 10 kills and four blocks in the Rams' senior-

day defeat of Big East power Pittsburgh, while **Melicharkova** filled up her stat sheet as well, recording three kills, 36 Assists, and 13 digs.

Rich, now VCU's all-time blocks leader, has been a force on the court this year for the Rams, while **Melicharkova** has thrived in her first year as the Rams' lone setter. It is no doubt that VCU's success this year is largely attributed to both of these remarkable senior

players. Thank you ladies and good luck in your future endeavors from the entire VCU Volleyball Staff, fans and friends!



Lenka and Ivana