BRONX, NY - Odd years have been good years for the Hunter College men’s volleyball teams in recent times. The Hawks won the 2003 CUNY Athletic Conference / Hospital For Special Surgery Men’s Volleyball Championship for the third time in the last five seasons with a 30-17, 30-11, 30-13 sweep of Medgar Evers College in the title match.

Top-ranked Hunter continued its undefeated run through conference competition against the third-seeded Cougars, who were making their first-ever appearance in the Tournament final. After first round exits in each of the previous two seasons, in fact, Medgar Evers convincingly won two matches to reach the championship contest in the squad's third year of competition.

The well-balanced attack of the Hawks dictated the pace of play throughout the evening. Hunter initially established the tone through its tough serving. The CUNYAC leaders in service aces netted three in the first game, five in the second, and two more in the final frame. Half of the team’s 10 unreturned serves came from junior middle hitter Michael McFalls (Woodside, NY), two apiece from senior setter Ray Bello (Bronx, NY) and junior outside hitter Alfred Daos (Long Beach, NY), and another from junior outside hitter Roman Lytvyn (Kiev, Ukraine).

Dominance in serving translated to dominance on offense as the Hawks tallied a scorching .529 team hitting percentage (45 kills and eight errors in 70 attempts). McFalls led the way with 16 kills and no errors in 18 attempts. In addition to his aforementioned five aces, the 6'4" big man was a solid defensive presence at the net with five blocks and in the back row with four digs.

Bello, the team’s 5'6" senior captain, ran the offense with ease as he distributed 34 assists while finding time to add three kills and four digs. Daos was also effective and efficient as he notched 10 kills and no errors in 14 attempts to go with his team-leading seven digs. Junior outside hitter Neil Hong (Honolulu, HI) contributed nine kills, seven assists, and five digs.

McFalls, who previously attended City College of New York and played two years for the Beavers before transferring to Hunter was named CUNYAC Tournament MVP for a stellar performance in his new team’s title run. Bello and Daos were also named to the All-Tournament Team, along with junior outside hitter Irwin Pascal (Rouseau, Dominica) and junior setter David Sealy (Bridgetown, Barbados) of Medgar Evers, and senior middle hitter Owen Niles (Brooklyn, NY) of CCNY.

"This is the culmination of a lot of hard work," said McFalls. "It is never easy against a team with a lot of heart. I could never win any MVP awards without my teammates, and they made it happen for me this evening. Everyone on our team goes all out every time we play and when we’re clicking like that, we can be very tough to deal with."

In the tournament final, Sealy passed for 21 assists and six digs, while Pascal had eight kills and nine digs.

Incidentally, just five days after fifth-year Hunter head coach Lauren Caiaccia became the first woman to lead a collegiate men’s volleyball program to 100 wins, she was once again involved in a historical event. The 2003 CUNYAC Tournament final was the first conference championship match to feature two men’s teams both coached by women.
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CUNY Tournament Results

CHAMPIONSHIPS at LEHMAN COLLEGE (Bronx, NY)

Quarterfinals
#1 Hunter def. #8 York 30-19, 30-11, 30-15
#2 CCNY def. #7 Baruch 30-27, 30-16, 32-30
#3 Medgar Evers def. #6 City Tech 30-27, 30-26, 30-22
#4 Lehman def. #5 Brooklyn 30-24, 32-30, 30-27

Semifinals
#1 Hunter def. #4 Lehman 30-13, 30-18, 30-17
#3 Medgar Evers def. #2 CCNY 19-30, 30-16, 35-33, 18-30, 15-5

Final
#1 Hunter def. #3 Medgar Evers 30-17, 30-11, 30-13

All-Tournament Team
Ray Bello Sr. S Hunter
Alfred Daos Jr. OH Hunter
Owen Niles Sr. MH CCNY
Irwin Pascal Jr. OH Medgar Evers
David Sealy Jr. S Medgar Evers

Tournament Most Valuable Player
Michael McFalls Jr. OH Hunter

CUNY Final Standings

CUNYAC Overall
1. HUNTER 14 0 1.000 28 7 .800
2. CCNY 11 3 .786 16 8 .667
3. MEDGAR EVERS 10 4 .714 17 9 .654
4. LEHMAN 8 6 .571 11 13 .458
5. BROOKLYN 6 8 .429 7 10 .410
6. CITY TECH 4 10 .286 4 12 .250
7. BARUCH 3 11 .214 3 13 .188
8. YORK 0 14 .000 1 19 .050

CUNY Weekly Honors

Players of the Week
Week 1: Owen Niles CCNY Sr. OH
Week 2: Irwin Pascal Medgar Evers Jr. S
Week 3: Alfred Daos Hunter Jr. OH
Week 4: Michael McFalls Hunter Jr. OH
Week 5: Andre Edwin Medgar Evers Jr. OH
Week 6: Owen Niles CCNY Sr. OH
Week 7: Owen Niles CCNY Sr. OH
Week 8: Ray Bello Hunter Sr. S

Rookies of the Week
Week 1: Dashawn Haddock CCNY Fr. OH
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Week 3: Edem Tsakpoe Hunter Fr. OH
Week 4: William Tekverk Baruch Fr. MB
Week 5: William Tekverk Baruch Fr. MB
Week 6: Ryan Reid York Fr. OH
Week 7: Ryan Reid York Fr. OH
Week 8: Roman Sidler Brooklyn Fr. S

CUNY All-Stars

First Team All-CUNY
Ray Bello Sr. S Hunter
Roger Cyrus Jr. OH CCNY
Alfred Daos Fr. OH Hunter
Edward Hunter Sr. MH Brooklyn
Michael McFalls Jr. MH Hunter
Irwin Pascal Jr. OH Medgar Evers

Second Team All-CUNY
Andre Edwin Sr. OH Medgar Evers
Neil Hong Jr. S/ OH Hunter
Binchu John Sr. OH York
David Sealy Jr. S Medgar Evers
Rafael Vargas Fr. MH Lehman
Adam Wysocki Jr. S/ OH Brooklyn

Player of the Year
Owen Niles Sr. OH CCNY

Rookie of the Year
Ryan Reid Fr. OH York

Coach of the Year
Avril O’Neal 3rd Season Medgar Evers

CUNY Postseason Scores

ECAC SEMIFINALS @ CCNY - New York, NY
#2 Hunter def. #3 CCNY 30-23, 24-30, 30-19, 30-21

ECAC FINAL @ CCNY - New York, NY
#1 Ramapo def. #2 Hunter 30-18, 30-20, 31-29

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First Round
#9 CCNY def. #8 Medgar Evers 30-23, 30-17, 30-22

Quarterfinals
#1 Hunter def. #9 CCNY 30-25, 30-24, 30-21

Semifinals
#4 Eastern Mennonite def. #1 Hunter 32-34, 30-16, 30-20, 30-24
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Baruch College (3-13,3-11)

Tue. J 28 vs York * W 3-0
Tue. F 24 vs City Tech * W 3-0
Thu. F 26 vs Medgar Evers * L 3-0
Sat. 6 vs Lehman * L 3-0
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Fri. J 31 vs Baruch * L 3-0

Hunter Hawks (28-7,14-0)

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Mon. J 27 vs Medgar Evers * W 3-0
Sun. F 2 vs Roger Williams (@ QC) W 3-0
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Tue. F 4 vs CCNY * W 3-0
Fri. F 11 vs Lehman * W 3-0
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### IN ONLY THE SCHOOL’S THIRD VARSITY SEASON, MEDGAR EVER'S CELEBRATED A RUNNER-UP FINISH AT THE 2003 CUNYAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

### ON THE RIGHT: MEDGAR EVERS ALL-STAR ANDRE EDWIN TRIES TO PUT ONE DOWN AT THE CUNYAC CHAMPIONSHIPS
Semifinals: #1 Hunter def. #4 Lehman 30-13, 30-18, 30-17

The top seeded Hawks cruised to a straight set victory over defending champion Lehman, 30-13, 30-18, 30-17 in the semifinals behind 39 assists from senior setter Ray Bello (Bronx, NY). Junior middle hitter Michael McFalls (Woodside, NY) had 15 kills and six blocks, while junior outside hitter Alfred Dao (Long Beach, NY) added 9 kills and six digs. The Lightning received seven kills from junior outside hitter Wilmy Dipre (Bronx, NY) and six kills and eight digs from senior outside hitter Ray Rivera (Bronx, NY).

Semifinals: #3 Medgar def. #2 CCNY 19-30, 30-16, 35-33, 18-30, 15-5

The upstart Cougars had the biggest win in the three-year history of the program with a five-game victory over CCNY, 19-30, 30-16, 35-33, 18-30, 15-5, behind 70 assists from junior setter David Sealy (Barbados). Sophomore outside hitter Andre Edwin (Grenada) had 34 kills and 21 digs, while junior outside hitter Irwin Pascal (Dominica) had 30 kills and nine digs. CUNYAC Player of the Year Owen Niles (Queens, NY) had 22 kills and ten digs and five blocks for CCNY, as the Beavers advanced to the semifinals with a five-game victory over CCNY, 19-30, 30-16, 35-33, 18-30, 15-5.

Quarterfinals: #1 Hunter def. #8 York 30-10, 30-11, 30-15

Senior setter Ray Bello (Bronx, NY) had 33 assists as the tournament's top seed, Hunter swept #8 York, 30-10, 30-11, 30-15 in the CUNYAC / HSS Quarterfinals. Junior outside hitter Alfred Dao (Long Beach, NY) added 12 kills and junior middle hitter Michael McFalls had 10 kills in the 15th consecutive victory over a CUNYAC opponent. This season, York was led by senior outside hitter Bindhu John (Delhi, New York) with eight kills and eight digs.

Quarterfinals: #2 Baruch def. #7 CCNY 30-27, 30-16, 32-30

Two-time CUNYAC Player of the Year Owen Niles (Queens, NY) had 22 kills, ten digs and five blocks for CCNY, as the Beavers advanced to the semifinals on Thursday with a 30-27, 30-16, 32-30 win over #7 Seed Baruch. Junior outside hitter Roger Cyrus (Brooklyn, NY) had a double-double with 14 kills and 14 blocks. Having already achieved the most wins in the three-year history of the program with a 16-7 record, Medgar Evers won the school's first CUNYAC Tournament game with a 30-27, 30-26, 30-22 win over New York City College of Technology in the quarterfinal round.

Quarterfinals: #3 Medgar def. #6 CCNY 19-30, 30-16, 35-33, 18-30, 15-5

Having already achieved the most wins in the three-year career of the program with a record, Medgar Evers won the school's first CUNYAC Tournament game with a 19-30, 30-16, 35-33, 18-30, 15-5 victory over the defending champions. Senior setter Ray Bello (Bronx, NY) had 22 kills, ten digs and five blocks for CCNY, Junior outside hitter Roger Cyrus (Brooklyn, NY) had 15 kills and six blocks, while junior outside hitter Alfred Dao (Long Beach, NY) had 10 kills in the 15th consecutive victory over a CUNYAC opponent.

Quarterfinals: #4 Lehman def. #5 Brooklyn 30-24, 32-30, 30-27

In the final quarterfinal match, Lehman, the defending champions, beat Brooklyn, 30-24, 32-30, 30-27 to advance to the semifinals on their home court. The Lightning received 16 kills from freshman middle hitter Rafael Vargas (Queens, NY), 18 kills and eight digs from junior outside hitter Wilmy Dipre (Bronx, NY) and seven kills and eight digs from senior outside hitter Ray Rivera (Bronx, NY). Brooklyn's Adam Wysoki (Brooklyn, NY) led the team with 10 kills and 23 digs.
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Coming off last year’s CUNY success, in which Lehman College defeated City College of New York in the North East Collegiate Volleyball Association (NECVA) championship match, CCNY became the first CUNY Athletic Conference school to host NECVA’s 12-team tournament for an automatic slot into the National final four. Three CUNYAC schools (Hunter, CCNY and Medgar Evers) qualified from among the 32 member schools, with Stevens Institute of Technology (Hoboken, NJ) capturing the title. Here are recaps of the matches involving CUNYAC teams.

First Round: #9 CCNY def. #8 Medgar Evers 30-23, 30-17, 30-22

CCNY (16-6), a finalist in the 2002 NECVA championship, revenged last week’s loss in the CUNY Tournament semifinals, beating Medgar Evers College, 30-23, 30-17, 30-22. CUNY Player of the Year Owen Niles led the home court Beavers with 19 kills and nine blocks. Junior outside hitter Roger Cyrus added 14 kills and nine blocks. Medgar Evers College (17-9), in its third in the league, was making its first-ever NECVA playoff appearance. Sophomore outside hitter Andre Edwin led the Cougars with 17 kills and 10 digs, while junior outside hitter Irwin Pascal chipped in 13 kills and 10 digs in a losing cause.

Quarterfinals: #1 Hunter def. #9 CCNY 30-25, 30-24, 30-21

The NECVA Tournament’s top seed, Hunter College beat host and 2002 NECVA finalist CCNY 30-25, 30-24, 30-21. Senior setter Ray Bello led the CUNYAC champion Hawks with 41 assists. Junior middle hitter Michael McFalls, the CUNYAC Tournament MVP, had 14 kills and seven digs. Sophomore middle hitter David Kazadi added a career-high 11 kills and five blocks. CUNYAC Player of the Year Owen Niles led the Beavers (16-7) with 26 kills, seven digs, and seven blocks. Junior outside hitter Roger Cyrus added 15 kills and seven digs in the defeat.

Semifinals: #4 Eastern Mennonite def. #1 Hunter 32-34, 30-16, 30-20, 30-24

NECVA West Division champion Eastern Mennonite University (15-9) advanced to the NECVA Tournament final for the first time ever with a 32-34, 30-16, 30-20, 30-24 victory over top seed Hunter College (27-6). After falling in a thrilling first game that went to extra points, the fourth-seeded Royals ripped off three consecutive wins to knock off CUNYAC champion Hunter. After advancing to the semifinals for the third time in five years, the Hawks were denied a second trip to the title match in the last three seasons. Senior outside hitter Derek King (Bird-In-Hand, PA) led Eastern Mennonite with 25 kills and eight blocks while senior middle hitter Matt Muselman (Souderton, PA) netted 10 kills and 10 blocks. Freshman setter Bryce Bergey had 50 assists. Junior outside hitter Roman Lytvyn paced Hunter with a season-best 25 kills. Junior outside hitter Alfred Daos added 11 kills and 11 digs while senior setter Ray Bello distributed 45 assists.

CUNY RESULTS IN THE DIV. III NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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