

Fifth annual National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Invitational Volleyball Tournament scheduled 5/4 and 5/5/73

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The fifth annual National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Invitational Volleyball Tournament, featuring four of the top small college volleyball teams in the nation, is scheduled to be held at the University of California, San Diego Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5.

The two-day tournament will be held in the UCSD Gymnasium located between Revelle and Muir Colleges on the UCSD campus. Opening ceremonies are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Friday and play will begin at 10:00 a.m. and last through the evening.

Admission is \$2.00 for the general public and \$1.00 for all students with I.D. for each day of the tournament. A package admission for both days of the tournament is available at \$3.50 for the general public and \$1.50 for all students with I.D.

The NAIA volleyball tournament is being held at UCSD for the second time in its five year history. In 1970 the UCSD Tritons won the tournament on the San Diego campus and placed two players on the All-American team.

The teams competing in this year's tournament are headed by Church College of Laie, Hawaii, two-time NAIA volleyball defending champions. Also scheduled to take part are teams from George Williams College of Downers Grove, Illinois, Graceland College of Lamoni, Iowa, and UCSD. In addition, three other top teams may compete if scheduling permits. They are Indiana Institute of Technology of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Warner Pacific of Portland, Oregon, and Earlham College of Richmond, Indiana.

According to Howard Hunt, Athletic Director at UCSD and tournament director, both Church College and George Williams have a good chance of winning although all of the teams taking part are tops and could win.

First day action will consist of round-robin play with each team playing all others in the best two out of three to establish brackets for Saturday. On Saturday the teams will again play for the best two out of three in their brackets.

The Tritons are co-coached by Jeff Gorrell and Dick Reitherman, both members of the NAIA championship team of three years ago. Reitherman, named to the All-American team in 1970, is a graduate student in neurosciences at UCSD.

Glen Davies, an Olympic volleyball official and Assistant to the Executive Secretary of the NAIA, will represent the NAIA national office at the tournament. Margie Smith of UCSD will work with Hunt as Assistant Tournament Director.

Officials for the tournament are Bob Miller of Miami, Florida, Jerry Shermank of Kansas City, Missouri, Dr. Murray Koorhan of Detroit, Michigan, Gerald McDonald of Hollywood, California, and Wink Davenport and Catalino Ignacio, both of Los Angeles.

The NAIA will precede by three weeks the National Collegiate Athletic Association volleyball tournament set for May 25 and 26 in the Sports Arena. The NCAA tournament is sponsored by California State University, San Diego.

In addition to the two tournaments, a series of volleyball clinics sponsored by University of California Extension have been scheduled. On May 4 and 5 an officiating clinic will be held at UCSD under the direction of Bob Moss of the UCSD Physical Education Department. Speakers will include Howard Hunt and Glen Davies.

A skills and progression clinic is scheduled for the Federal Building in Balboa Park on May 12 and coaching clinics on techniques and strategies are scheduled for May 19 at California State University, San Diego, and May 26 at the Sports Arena.

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