



## **Dr. Digs**

Dr. Digs just got back from San Antonio, Texas where he attended the AVCA Annual Convention, participated in a few classes, met up with some old buddies, and concluded the trip with the NCAA Division I Championship.

*Dear Dr. Digs:*

*What were the most amazing parts of the NCAA Championships in San Antonio this year?  
- Antonio with no ESPN*

Dear Antonio,

Here are Dr. Digs's highlights:

- The brilliant play of the liberos. With all that court to cover and the ball being crushed, tipped and pushed, they turned difficult digs into precise passes.
- The match point rally of the second sem-final. It took 63 seconds and had 56 touches! You could average 4 or 5 normal rallies in that amount of time.
- Zero. That's how many serving errors the Bruins had in the final. That is pretty incredible for a four-set thriller and may have been the difference in the match. (Illinois missed 11.)
- The 6'6" hitter going against the 6'5" blocker. Wow! I bet they jumped even with all that height.

Congratulations UCLA Bruins, 2011 Champions (along with D-II Champions Concordia-St. Paul and D-III Champions Wittenberg)!

*Dear Dr. Digs,*

*What are the best names you've seen in volleyball?*

*Ann Onymous*

Dear Annie O (not Annie Oakley),

Dr. Digs has seen a Hammer, a Spiker, a Shanks and a Diggs this year. He has even heard of a person named Libero. He still hasn't met anyone named Middle Blocker or Assistant Head Coach yet, but he will be sure to let you know when that day arrives.

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## **Attention Club Players that also play in High School:**

Dr. Digs recommends that you remind each other about the big differences in the rules for USAV. (Net faults only at the top of the net, no libero serving, differences in uniform and centerline rules and of course two liberos!)

Happy Holidays to all of you. Keep those questions flying (and the volleyballs too)!