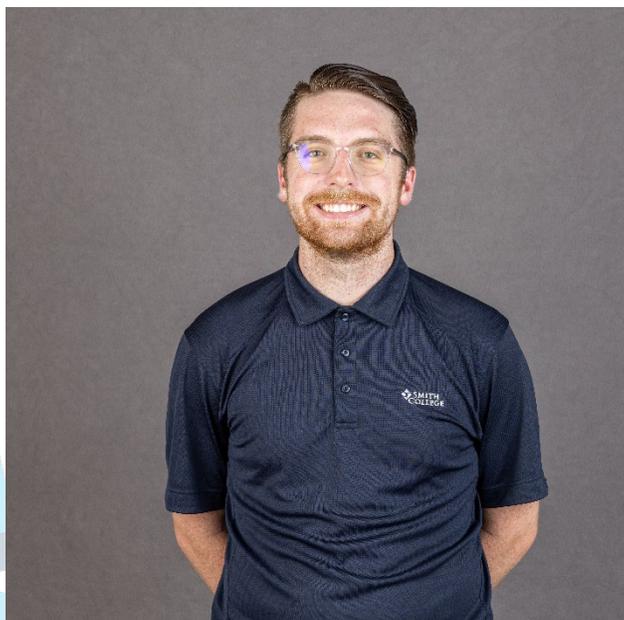


# 2025 AVCA Thirty Under 30 College



**Connor Martin**  
Smith College  
Associate Head Coach

## **Career Accomplishments to Date:**

- 2024 NCAA Tournament Appearance (First in almost two decades)
- 2024 First NCAA Tournament win for Smith College
- 2024 NEWMAC Champions (First since 2005)
- 2024 30+ Win season
- 3x AVCA All-American Selections
- 2x 2024 NEWMAC Tournament Co-MVPs
- 6 AVCA All-Region Selections
- 4 NEWMAC All-Conference Selections
- 4x AVCA Team Academic Team Awards
- 25 NEWMAC Academic All-Conference Selections
- 2023 Patriot League All-Academic
- 8 Academic All District Winners

## **Coaching Roles:**

- July 2024 - Present: Smith College, Associate Head Coach
- September 2023 - July 2024: Central Mass. Edge, Club Coach
- February 2023 - July 2024: College of the Holy Cross, Assistant Coach
- July 2021 - February 2023: Smith College, Graduate Assistant Coach
- March 2018 - December 2021: University of Mary Washington, Student Assistant Coach

**What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?**

One of the biggest reasons I got into coaching volleyball was because I wanted to stay connected to the sport that had given me so much growing up. Volleyball shaped who I am, and I wanted to find a way to give back to it. Coaching became the avenue for me to share that passion, to help others experience how impactful the sport can be—not just on the court, but in life.

**What are your career goals in the sport?**

My career goals in volleyball include leading a high-level program as a head coach— Ultimately, winning at the highest level, including contending for and securing a National Championship, is part of that goal as well at some point.

**Which coaches have influenced you the most?**

Greg Walker has definitely been one of the biggest influences on my coaching journey. I've had the chance to work with him for the past three years, and he's been an incredible mentor throughout that time. I've

grown so much as both a coach and a person because of the example he sets and everything he's taught me about what it really means to be a good coach. I also have to give a shoutout to Matt Troy, who gave me my start at Mary Washington. I honestly might not be coaching today if it weren't for that opportunity.



**What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?**

Honestly, my favorite thing about coaching is the people. Over the years, I've had the chance to meet and work with so many different individuals—athletes, admin, fellow coaches, and support staff—and those everyday interactions are what I look forward to the most. Each year is its own unique journey, with highs and lows, but we go through it together. The bus rides, flights, practices, team meetings, and the little in-between moments—that's what makes coaching so special to me.