



# NORTH EAST COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

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## 2006 NORTH EAST COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION TOP 10 POLL (WEEK 2)

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**JERSEY CITY, NJ...** The top three in the NECVA Top 10 poll remain unchanged. What has changed is that Stevens Institute, the No. 1 ranked team in the conference for the 12th consecutive week, has received all 12 first place votes. Rivier continues being ranked second. D'Youville, which was tied for third last week with Medaille, is in third by itself this week. A road run over #6 Ramapo helped SUNY-New Paltz climb one spot to fourth. Medaille, idle last week, falls from third to fifth, in a classic case of "what have you done for me lately." Ramapo remains sixth in the poll, owning the best winning percentage in the league (.889). Nazareth jumped two spots, from ninth to seventh, largely due to two other schools free-falling. Meanwhile Baruch College climbs to No. 8 in the poll-its best ranking in school history-after winning four matches during a four-game Massachusetts swing, including another win over Newbury College. Eastern Mennonite fell from seventh to ninth, despite winning two matches. MIT, which received votes a week ago, is now #10, following a sweep of Endicott College. The Gulls, ranked eighth last week, dropped out of the poll, after losses to MIT and New Haven. Johnson and Wales is 4-1 and received 21 votes. NJCU has won four straight, and Newbury has played better, and each school also received votes.

<b>RANK</b>	<b>(AVCA RANK)</b>	<b>SCHOOL (#1 votes)</b>	<b>RECORD</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>LAST WEEK</b>
1	#7	Stevens Institute (12)	10-6	120	1
2	#8	Rivier College	9-2	108	2
3	#9	D'Youville College	4-2	82	3 (tie)
4	#11	SUNY-New Paltz	6-2	72	5
5	#10	Medaille College	4-8	68	3 (tie)
6	#14	Ramapo College	8-1	48	6
7	#13	Nazareth College	4-2	35	9
8	RV	Baruch College	8-2	31	10
9	#12	Eastern Mennonite	3-2	30	7
10	RV	MIT	6-2	27	RV

**Dropped out:** #8 Endicott College

**Also Receiving Votes:** Johnson and Wales (4-1), 21; Endicott College (5-4), 9; New Jersey City University (4-3), 5; Newbury College (5-5), 4.

**Note:** Points represent total out of 120. A team voted No. 1 on a ballot receives 10 points, No. 2 receives 9 points, No. 3 receives 8 points, and so forth.

### **ABOUT THE NECVA:**

The North East Collegiate Volleyball Association, the largest known single-sport conference in the United States, is in its 12th year of competition during the 2006 season as a leading Division III men's volleyball conference. Founded in 1995 as the Metro Conference, it became known as the NECVA in 1998. Currently comprised of 35 colleges and universities stretching from New Hampshire to Virginia, Bard College, Lesley University, and Southern Vermont College joined the league this year to reach the current membership figure.

The league is divided into four smaller divisions: CUNY (8), Metro (8), New England (11), and Western (7), with one associate member. Each week, coaches from the four divisions nominate athletes and then vote for the divisional Player and Rookie of the Week awards. The conference sports information office then selects the NECVA Player and Rookie honors from each of these four divisional winners.

The NECVA holds an annual 16-team conference tournament each April with the top three schools in each division and four at-large selections earning berths. The NECVA champion receives one of four automatic bids to the Molten Division III Final Four in April. In addition, Stevens Institute will automatically be granted a bid to the Molten Final Four as the 2006 host institution for a second consecutive year.

### **2006 POLL VOTERS:**

Ira Thor, NECVA Sports Information Director/New Jersey City University; Tim Byram, Endicott College; Gregg Cohen, New York City College of Technology; Patrick Dorywalski, Stevens Institute of Technology; Bill Gorman, Wentworth Institute of Technology; David Hildebrandt, Newbury College; Karina Jorge, City College of New York; Keith Koch, Medaille College; Craig Kolek, Rivier College; John Neves; Baruch College; Mike Spinner, College of Mount Saint Vincent; Cal Wickens, Nazareth College.