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2004 NORTH EAST COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION WEEK THREE TOP 10 POLL

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JERSEY CITY, NJ...Rivier College of Nashua, NH, takes over the lead by a mere one vote over Stevens Tech in the third weekly poll by the North East Collegiate Volleyball Association for the 2004 season. Rivier upended Stevens, 3-1, in the championship game of the Roger Williams University Tournament on Sunday, climbing four places from fifth last week. Emmanuel College, tied for 8th last week, drops out of the Top 10, while Endicott climbs back onto the list at 10th.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>LAST WEEK</u>
1	Rivier College (NH)	8-4	84	5
2	Stevens Tech (NJ)	14-2	83	1
3	D'Youville College (NY)	7-3	65	2
4	Medaille College (NY)	5-2	61	3
5	Mount St. Vincent (NY)	10-1	51	4
6	Eastern Mennonite University (VA)	4-3	40	7
7	Ramapo College (NJ)	7-4	31	6
8	SUNY-New Paltz	4-2	26	8 (tie)
9	Hunter College (NY)	1-1	16	10
10	Endicott College (MA)	5-6	15	RV

Also Receiving Votes: Emmanuel College (MA) (7-2), 10; Philadelphia Biblical University (4-4), 4; New Jersey City University (6-4), 3.

ABOUT THE NECVA:

The North East Collegiate Volleyball Association, the largest Division III men's volleyball conference in the United States, celebrates its 10th anniversary during the 2004 season. Founded in 1995 as the Metro Conference, it became known as the NECVA in 1998. Currently comprised of 32 colleges and universities stretching from New Hampshire to Virginia, M.I.T. and SUNY-New Paltz joined the league this year to reach the current membership figure.

The league is divided into four smaller divisions: CUNY (8), Metro (7), New England (10), and Western (7). 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 12-team conference tournament each April with the top three schools in each division earning berths. The NECVA champion receives one of four automatic bids to the Molten Division III Final Four in April.

2004 POLL VOTERS:

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