



NECVA SPORTS INFORMATION

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NORTH EAST COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

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2004 NORTH EAST COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION WEEK FOUR TOP 10 POLL

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JERSEY CITY, NJ...Rivier College of Nashua, NH remains as the number one ranked team for the second straight week in the fourth NECVA poll of the 2004 season. The Raiders received seven first place votes. Stevens Tech, which held the No. 1 spot the first two weeks of the season, earned two first place votes to remain in second. Medaille and D'Youville, the top teams in the Western Division, switch places from last week. SUNY-New Paltz, Hunter and Endicott each move up one place and Emmanuel re-enters the poll in 10th place. Ramapo, ranked seventh last week, drops out for the first time this year.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>LAST WEEK</u>
1	Rivier College (NH)	12-4	88	1
2	Stevens Tech (NJ)	16-2	79	2
3	Medaille College (NY)	8-2	64	4
4	D'Youville College (NY)	7-6	62	3
5	Mount St. Vincent (NY)	11-1	50	5
6	Eastern Mennonite University (VA)	7-4	41	6
7	SUNY-New Paltz	6-2	33	8
8	Hunter College (NY)	4-1	23	9
9	Endicott College (MA)	7-6	18	10
10	Emmanuel College (MA)	8-3	15	RV

Dropped out: No. 7 Ramapo College.

Also Receiving Votes: Ramapo College (NJ) (8-7), 13; Philadelphia Biblical University (4-4), 9; New Jersey City University (6-7), 1; Massachusetts Institute of Technology (6-6), 1.

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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