



NECVA SPORTS INFORMATION

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NORTH EAST COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

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2004 NORTH EAST COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION WEEK FIVE TOP 10 POLL

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JERSEY CITY, NJ...Rivier College of Nashua, NH remains as the number one ranked team for the third straight week in the fifth NECVA poll of the 2004 season. The Raiders received eight of nine first place votes. Stevens Tech, which held the No. 1 spot the first two weeks of the season, earned one first place votes to remain in second. Eastern Mennonite University moves up three places from sixth to third after sweeping D'Youville College and outlasting Medaille College, 3-2. Medaille, D'Youville and Mount St. Vincent each fall one place to fourth, fifth, and sixth respectively. SUNY-New Paltz and Hunter College remain seventh and eighth. Ramapo College, which dropped out last week, returns to the Top 10 in ninth place after defeating CMSV. Endicott College drops to 10th. Emmanuel College, ranked 10th last week, drops out of the poll after suffering two losses.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>LAST WEEK</u>
1	Rivier College (NH)	15-5	89	1
2	Stevens Tech (NJ)	19-2	82	2
3	Eastern Mennonite University (VA)	10-4	60	6
4	Medaille College (NY)	9-3	55	3
5	D'Youville College (NY)	8-8	49	4
6	Mount St. Vincent (NY)	13-2	38	5
7	SUNY-New Paltz	7-2	36	7
8	Hunter College (NY)	6-2	30	8
9	Ramapo College (NJ)	10-7	27	RV
10	Endicott College (MA)	9-7	18	9

Dropped out: No. 10 Emmanuel College.

Also Receiving Votes: Philadelphia Biblical University (10-6), 4; New Jersey City University (9-9), 3; Emmanuel College (MA) (8-5), 2; Massachusetts Institute of Technology (9-6), 2.

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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