



# NORTH EAST COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

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## 2006 NORTH EAST COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION TOP 10 POLL (WEEK 5)

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**JERSEY CITY, NJ...**The top three in the NECVA Top 10 poll remain unchanged for a third consecutive week and overall the theme was stability, as only two schools moved two or more positions in the poll. Stevens Institute continues as the No. 1 ranked team in the conference for the 15th consecutive poll, and the Ducks received all 12 first place votes for a fourth straight ballot. Stevens posted sweeps of Baruch and Ramapo. Rivier had perhaps the best week in the conference, and the Raiders received every No. 2 vote, with wins over New Haven, MIT, Sacred Heart and Emmanuel. Medaille was idle and remains third. Eastern Mennonite was tied for fourth last week and after a 3-1 stretch is now in fourth all alone. D'Youville climbed one spot to fifth, after a 3-2 win against Nazareth and despite that loss, the Golden Flyers moved from seventh to sixth place, after sweeping Newbury and New Paltz, in New Paltz, NY. MIT moves up one position to seventh, after a 3-1 week. New Jersey City, the hottest team in the country among all Division I, II and III schools with 10 straight wins, was the biggest winner in the poll for the second week in a row, climbing from a tie for 10th to eighth place. Baruch College remains ninth after a 4-1 week in which the Bearcats became the first team to reach 20 wins and improved to 8-0 in the CUNY division. Ramapo, tied for 10th last week, is still 10th despite 3-0 losses to New Paltz and Stevens. The Roadrunners went 2-2 last week with a win over Bard. SUNY-New Paltz had an astronomical drop in the poll, as the Hawks fell from a tie for fourth to 11th, after a 3-2 loss at NJCU and a pair of home court, 3-0 decisions against Nazareth and Newbury. While NP lost 75 percent of its votes, it hung on to 16 points after a home sweep of Ramapo. Meanwhile, Newbury College received seven votes and appears in the "also listed" section again after the Nighthawks defeated New Paltz and Endicott.

<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)	16-8	120	1
2	#8	Rivier College	15-3	108	2
3	#9	Medaille College	7-8	90	3
4	#10	Eastern Mennonite	10-4	65	4t
5	#11	D'Youville College	9-5	62	6
6	#12	Nazareth College	12-5	56	7
7	#14	MIT	13-4	39	8
8	RV	New Jersey City	10-3	38	10t
9	RV	Baruch College	20-4	34	9
10		Ramapo College	14-5	25	10t

**Dropped out:** #4 SUNY-New Paltz

**Also Receiving Votes:** #15 SUNY-New Paltz (14-7), 16; Newbury College (11-8), 7.

**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:**

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; Ira Thor, NECVA Sports Information Director/New Jersey City University; Cal Wickens, Nazareth College.