



NECVA SPORTS INFORMATION

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NORTH EAST COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

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2004 NORTH EAST COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION WEEK SIX TOP 10 POLL

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JERSEY CITY, NJ...Rivier College of Nashua, NH remains as the number one ranked team for the fourth straight week in the sixth NECVA poll of the 2004 season. The Raiders received seven of nine first place votes, and increased its margin in the poll over Stevens Tech. SIT, which held the No. 1 spot the first two weeks of the season, remains in second for a fourth week. Medaille College and Eastern Mennonite University switch places from last week, as do Mount St. Vincent and D'Youville College. SUNY-New Paltz remains in seventh. Ramapo College and Endicott College each move up one slot, while Hunter College falls from eighth to 10th.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>LAST WEEK</u>
1	Rivier College (NH)	16-5	87	1
2	Stevens Tech (NJ)	22-2	78	2
3	Medaille College (NY)	11-4	65	4
4	Eastern Mennonite University (VA)	10-4	64	3
5	Mount St. Vincent (NY)	15-2	51	6
6	D'Youville College (NY)	9-10	40	5
7	SUNY-New Paltz	9-2	35	7
8	Ramapo College (NJ)	11-10	29	9
9	Endicott College (MA)	11-7	19	10
10	Hunter College (NY)	9-4	10	8

Dropped out: None.

Also Receiving Votes: Philadelphia Biblical University (10-7), 9; Massachusetts Institute of Technology (9-7), 4; New Jersey City University (10-9), 3; Emmanuel College (MA) (10-5), 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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