



NORTH EAST COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

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TOP 10 POLL #4

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JERSEY CITY, NJ...Well, the voters have spoken and they all have said the same thing—only 11 schools warrant consideration for the NECVA Top 10. A poll record was set this week with only one additional team receiving votes. Stevens won two more Metro Division matches on March 3 to extend its divisional winning streak to 50 consecutive matches. The Ducks are No. 1 in the league, receiving 11 of 12 first place votes and 117 of 120 possible points. Nazareth College won the March Mania Invitational and while remaining at No. 2 in the poll for a fourth straight week, the Golden Flyers have picked up a No. 1 vote. MIT, which finished third at March Mania, is still third, despite its 17-match winning streak being snapped by the Flyers. Idle D'Youville is fourth, and Eastern Mennonite remains fifth after sweeping Division II Lees-McRae.

Medaille, which went 3-1 at March Mania with wins over Rivier and Ramapo, climbs one spot to sixth, and Rivier College moves one place to seventh after defeating SUNY-New Paltz, 3-1, and taking Nazareth to five games. New Paltz falls two spots to eighth place after losing to MIT and Rivier at March Mania. Hunter College, which made its first appearance in the poll last week, tied for 10th, climbs to No. 9 this week on the power of a fourth-place finish at March Mania, including an upset of Medaille. Ramapo College went 1-3 at March Mania, and falls to 10th place, while its point total is nearly cut in half (35 to 18).

Vassar College pulled off a rare feat—dropping out of the poll despite having its point total nearly double and winning three matches. The Brewers were tied for 10th last week with five points. This week, Vassar received nine points with wins over #15 Milwaukee School of Engineering, Hunter, and Division I Sacred Heart.

| RANK | (AVCA RANK) | SCHOOL (#1 votes) | RECORD | POINTS | LAST WEEK | PREVIOUS POINTS |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | 6 | Stevens (11) | 21-5 | 117 | 1 | 117 |
| 2 | 7 | Nazareth College (1) | 17-3 | 109 | 2 | 105 |
| 3 | 10 | MIT | 21-2 | 86 | 3 | 94 |
| 4 | 9 | D'Youville College | 13-9 | 85 | 4 | 74 |
| 5 | 11 | Eastern Mennonite | 13-7 | 78 | 5 | 73 |
| 6 | 12 | Medaille College | 8-9 | 52 | 7 | 51 |
| 7 | 14 | Rivier College | 12-9 | 45 | 8 | 38 |
| 8 | 13 | SUNY-New Paltz | 15-6 | 40 | 6 | 55 |
| 9 | | Hunter College | 18-7 | 21 | 10 | 5 |
| 10 | | Ramapo College | 17-10 | 18 | 9 | 35 |

Dropped out: #10 (tie) Vassar College.

Also Receiving Votes: #15 Vassar College (709), 9.

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 13th year of competition during the 2007 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 36 colleges and universities stretching from New Hampshire to Virginia, Vassar College joined the league this year as an affiliate member, and will become a member of the Metro Division in 2008.

The league is divided into four smaller divisions: CUNY (8), Metro (8), New England (12), 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.

2007 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.