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NORTH EAST COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

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2004 NORTH EAST COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION WEEK SEVEN TOP 10 POLL

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JERSEY CITY, NJ...Rivier College of Nashua, NH remains as the number one ranked team for the fifth straight week in the seventh NECVA poll of the 2004 season. The Raiders received seven of eight first place votes. Stevens Tech, which held the No. 1 spot the first two weeks of the season, remains in second for a fifth week. The only changes this week are D'Youville moving into fifth after a third place finish at the Endicott College Invitational, with Mount St. Vincent falling one place to sixth after losing to Stevens. Endicott and Ramapo also flip-flop from last week, with the Gulls moving into eighth. Among the teams receiving votes, Newbury College has been mentioned for the first time.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>LAST WEEK</u>
1	Rivier College (NH)	22-5	79	1
2	Stevens Tech (NJ)	24-2	69	2
3	Medaille College (NY)	14-5	60	3
4	Eastern Mennonite University (VA)	10-4	58	4
5	D'Youville College (NY)	13-11	41	6
6	Mount St. Vincent (NY)	17-4	39	5
7	SUNY-New Paltz	10-5	31	7
8	Endicott College (MA)	15-8	26	9
9	Ramapo College (NJ)	15-12	19	8
10	Hunter College (NY)	13-6	6	10

Dropped out: None.

Also Receiving Votes: Massachusetts Institute of Technology (11-11), 5; New Jersey City University (11-13), 3; Emmanuel College (MA) (11-7), 2; Newbury College (MA) (11-10), 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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