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2004 NORTH EAST COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION WEEK TEN TOP 10 POLL

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JERSEY CITY, NJ...Rivier College of Nashua, NH remains as the number one ranked team for the eighth straight week in the 10th NECVA poll of the 2004 season. The Raiders received all first place votes cast. Stevens Tech, which held the No. 1 spot the first two weeks of the season, remains in second for an eighth week. Eastern Mennonite, which upset Stevens Tech, climbs from sixth into a tie for third with D'Youville. NYC also moves up one spot after defeating Medaille, which falls from third to fifth. Endicott and SUNY-New Paltz each climb a spot. Mount St. Vincent falls from fifth to eighth after losing to both Stevens and New Paltz. Philadelphia Biblical and Emmanuel, both of which received votes in week nine, moved into ninth and 10th places, respectively, while idle Ramapo dropped out of the Top 10, as did Hunter College, despite winning its seventh straight match and the CUNYAC title.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>LAST WEEK</u>
1	Rivier College (NH)	28-6	50	1
2	Stevens Tech (NJ)	29-3	49	2
3 (tie)	D'Youville College (NY)	15-12	41	4
3 (tie)	Eastern Mennonite University (VA)	12-6	41	6
5	Medaille College (NY)	19-7	39	3
6	Endicott College (MA)	18-13	31	7
7	SUNY-New Paltz	15-7	28	8
8	Mount St. Vincent (NY)	19-6	17	5
9	Philadelphia Biblical University	16-8	7	RV
10	Emmanuel College	15-9	5	RV

Dropped out: Ramapo College (NJ), Hunter College (NY)

Also Receiving Votes: Ramapo College (NJ) (17-13), 3; Hunter College (NY) (21-7), 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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