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2005 NORTH EAST COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION TOP 10 POLL (WEEK 10)

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JERSEY CITY, NJ...In the final regular season poll of the 2005 season, Stevens Institute, ranked No. 4 in Division III, has reclaimed sole possession of the No. 1 ranking in the conference, marking the 10th consecutive week the Ducks have owned all or a share of the top spot. Stevens also earns the No. 1 seed in this year's NECVA Tournament, which begins Friday. Rivier falls two points back of first place, after garnering the No. 2 seed in the tournament. SUNY-New Paltz and Medaille, the Western Division champions, continue at third and fourth, respectively, while Newbury climbs to fifth after edging MIT in four games on March 31. The Engineers are now listed sixth. D'Youville, the runners-up in the Western Division is now seventh, up one spot. Endicott, ranked 12th nationally, drops from seventh to eighth after failing to qualify for the NECVA Tournament. Eastern Mennonite moves up from 10th to ninth after sealing the third berth in the NECVA's from the Western Division. Ramapo, which failed to qualify for the NECVA Tournament for only the second time in 11 years, falls from ninth to tenth. Unranked last week, Mount Saint Vincent, the 11th seed in the NECVA Tournament, received two points. New Jersey City and Hunter each received one point.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>(AVCA RANK) SCHOOL</u>	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>LAST WEEK</u>
1	#4 Stevens Institute	21-7	77	1
2	#5 Rivier College	33-5	75	1
3	#7 SUNY-New Paltz	23-9	63	3
4	#9 Medaille College	17-7	54	4
5	#15 Newbury College	28-6	43	6
6	#10 MIT	23-6	38	5
7	#11 D'Youville College	12-12	33	8
8	#12 Endicott College	19-9	22	7
9	Eastern Mennonite	12-7	17	10
10	Ramapo College	23-13	14	9

Dropped out: None.

Also Receiving Votes: Mount Saint Vincent (14-8), 2; New Jersey City University (21-13), 1; Hunter College (NY) (19-12), 1.

Note: Two (2) voting members did not vote in time for inclusion in this week's poll.

ABOUT THE NECVA:

The North East Collegiate Volleyball Association, the largest Division III men's volleyball conference in the United States, is in its 11th year of competition during the 2005 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, Nazareth College 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. In addition, Stevens Institute will automatically be granted a bid to the Molten Final Four as the 2005 host institution.

2005 POLL VOTERS:

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