



# NECVA SPORTS INFORMATION

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**NORTH EAST COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION**

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## 2004 NORTH EAST COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

### FINAL TOP 10 POLL

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**JERSEY CITY, NJ...**Medaille College of Buffalo, NY, climbs from fifth to first place in the final North East Collegiate Volleyball Association poll of the 2004 season after running the table to win the 2004 NECVA Tournament Championship and an automatic bid to the Molten Division III Final Four at Eastern Mennonite University. The Mavericks received all first place votes cast. Rivier, the No. 1 team for the last eight weeks, falls to No. 2 after losing the championship match. Stevens, the league's top team in the first two weeks and ranked second since then, falls to third after losing in the semifinals to Medaille. D'Youville falls to fourth, and Endicott climbs to fifth after advancing to the semifinals. EMU falls from a third-place tie to a sixth-place tie, and Mount St. Vincent moves up from eighth to sixth. Hunter, which received votes last week, is ninth, and Philadelphia Biblical, which finished fourth in a division that features Medaille, NYC, and EMU, is 10<sup>th</sup>, even though it did not qualify for the tournament. Emmanuel drops out of the Top 10 after losing in the NECVA Tournament. Ramapo College and New Jersey City University, also end the year with votes, giving the Metro Division five teams that received consideration.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>LAST WEEK</u>
1	Medaille College (NY)	22-8	40	5
2	Rivier College (NH)	30-7	36	1
3	Stevens Tech (NJ)	30-4	31	2
4	D'Youville College (NY)	16-13	25	3 (tie)
5	Endicott College (MA)	20-15	24	6
6 (tie)	Eastern Mennonite University (VA)	13-7	19	3 (tie)
6 (tie)	Mount St. Vincent (NY)	21-7	19	8
8	SUNY-New Paltz	17-8	9	7
9	Hunter College	21-8	7	RV
10	Philadelphia Biblical University	16-8	4	9

**Dropped out:** Emmanuel College.

**Also Receiving Votes:** Ramapo College (NJ) (18-13), 3; Emmanuel College (MA) (15-10), 2; New Jersey City University (13-18), 1.

#### ABOUT THE NECVA:

The North East Collegiate Volleyball Association, the largest Division III men's volleyball conference in the United States, celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> 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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