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# FOOTBALL

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## NEC Football

Facts & Figures

### Last Week's Results

Saturday, November 11

MONMOUTH 19, ALBANY 0

SAINT FRANCIS (PA) 35, WAGNER 14

CENT. CONN. ST. 35, STONY BROOK 32

ROBERT MORRIS 41, SACRED HEART 21

home team underlined

### Gridiron Classic

Gridiron Classic - Saturday, December 2  
 San Diego at Monmouth (tentative)

**Note:** If San Diego and/or Monmouth are selected to I-AA Play-offs, second-place teams will play in Gridiron Classic.

### I-AA Championship Selection Show

Sunday, November 19  
 Between 1-2 pm (Televised on ESPNEWS)

### NEC Offensive Player of the Week

Sep. 5	Todd Harris, SFPA	Oct. 16	Josh Dudash, SBU
Sep. 11	Justise Hairston, CCSU	Oct. 23	Brian Boland, MU
Sep. 18	Justise Hairston, CCSU	Oct. 30	Brian Boland, MU
Sep. 25	Chris Turner, WC	Nov. 6	Josh Dudash, SBU
Oct. 2	Corey Bundy, SHU	Nov. 11	Brian Boland, MU
Oct. 9	Justise Hairston, CCSU		

### NEC Defensive Player of the Week

Sep. 5	Mike Castellano, MU	Oct. 16	Jeff Rommes, RMU
Sep. 11	Chris Stimmel, CCSU	Oct. 23	Matt Hill, MU
Sep. 18	Colin Disch, UA	Oct. 30	Mike Niklos, RMU
Sep. 25	Eric Neugebauer, UA	Nov. 6	Andre Coleman, UA
Oct. 2	Chad Wengert, RMU	Nov. 11	Brian Sweeney, MU
Oct. 9	Cory Giddings, SBU		

### NEC Special Teams Player of the Week

Sep. 5	Jason Fralicker, UA	Oct. 16	Sean Dennis, MU
Sep. 11	Evin Jones, SHU	Oct. 23	Mike Wall, UA
Sep. 18	Farod Muhammad, CCSU	Oct. 30	Jason Fralicker, UA
Sep. 25	Mike Wall, UA	Nov. 6	Jason Fralicker, UA
Oct. 2	Piotr Czech, WC	Nov. 11	Adam Sciuilli, SFPA
Oct. 9	Sean Dennis, MU		

### NEC Rookie of the Week

Sep. 5	David Sinisi, MU	Oct. 16	Cory Giddings, SBU
Sep. 11	Frank Blasinsky, UA	Oct. 23	Conte Cuttino, SBU
Sep. 18	Rashad Barksdale, UA	Oct. 30	David Sinisi, MU
Sep. 25	David Sinisi, MU	Nov. 6	David Sinisi, MU
Oct. 2	Conte Cuttino, SBU	Nov. 11	David Sinisi, MU
Oct. 9	Cory Giddings, SBU		

### NEC Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Albany (4)	6. Wagner
CCSU (2)	7. Robert Morris
3. Stony Brook	Sacred Heart
4. Monmouth (1)	
5. Saint Francis (PA) (1)	First Place Votes In Parentheses

## Northeast Conference Football

(Week 11 - November 13, 2006)

School	NEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Streak	Home	Away	Neutral
1. Monmouth*	6-1	.857	10-1	.909	W6	5-1	5-0	0-0
2. Albany	5-2	.714	7-4	.636	L1	3-2	4-2	0-0
Robert Morris	5-2	.714	7-4	.636	W1	2-3	5-1	0-0
Stony Brook	5-2	.714	5-6	.455	L1	2-2	3-4	0-0
5. Central Conn. St.	4-3	.571	8-3	.727	W2	4-0	3-3	0-0
6. Saint Francis (PA)	2-5	.286	3-8	.273	W1	3-3	0-5	0-0
7. Sacred Heart	1-6	.143	2-9	.182	L6	2-4	0-5	0-0
8. Wagner	0-7	.000	4-7	.364	L7	2-3	2-4	0-0

\* - NEC Champions

### NEC Football Offensive Player of the Week

**Brian Boland, Monmouth**

Sr., QB, 6-1, 210, Brick, NJ/Brick Memorial

**Boland** had the most efficient game of his career in a 19-0 win over Albany on Saturday, throwing for 213 yards and a pair of touchdowns on 17-of-18 passing. Boland's only missed pass attempt came in the second quarter after being pressured. The Hawks won their fifth NEC Championship and first outright. Boland also guided Monmouth to shared titles in 2003 and 2004. Boland's passing efficiency rating was an amazing 230.51 in the game. The fifth-year senior hit six different wide receivers against the Great Danes and had three receivers with four grabs each. Boland was 5-for-5 passing in the second half and also 5-for-5 on third-downs, picking up four first downs on those connections. The Brick, NJ native opened up the second half with a 63-yard scoring strike to Adam San Miguel on the first play from scrimmage. Boland was also second on the team in rushing with 12 carries for 32 yards. Boland was not sacked in the game. Currently, Boland leads the NEC in total offense (223.4 ypg) and has 14 touchdowns and only seven interceptions. He will graduate as the NEC's second all-time leading passer and now has 7,653 career yards with at least one game remaining in his all-star career. Boland has won three of the last four NEC Offensive Player of the Week awards.

### NEC Football Defensive Player of the Week

**Brian Sweeney, Monmouth**

Sr., DL, 6-2, 250, Marlton, NJ/Cherokee

**Sweeney** led the Hawks with nine tackles in Saturday's win over Albany. The senior defensive end had the game's only sack and both of Monmouth's tackles-for-loss. Sweeney was part of a defense that held Albany to 174 total yards in the game, including 57 yards rushing. Before their final drive of the game, Albany had managed just 118 yards. Sweeney and the Hawk defense forced the Great Danes into five three-and-outs and was a major reason that MU held a 36:38-to-23:22 time-of-possession advantage. Sweeney is Monmouth's top defensive lineman in tackles, leading the potent front four with 38 stops on the season. The 19-0 win marked the second shutout of the season for the Hawk defense. Sweeney earns his first career NEC Defensive Player of the Week award.

### NEC Football Special Teams Player of the Week

**Adam Sciuilli, Saint Francis (PA)**

Jr., PK, 5-10, 195, Pittsburgh, PA/Central Catholic

**Sciuilli** made all five of his point-after-attempts, in a 35-14 win over Wagner, to break his own school single-season record with 29 successful PATs this year. The junior also had six kickoffs for 378 yards, including two touchbacks. Wagner's average field position after Sciuilli's kickoffs was the 25-yard line. Sciuilli finished the season 29-of-31 on PATs and is 81-of-83 during his career. The Pittsburgh, PA product takes home his third career NEC Special Teams Player of the Week honor.

### NEC Football Rookie of the Week

**David Sinisi, Monmouth**

RS-Fr., RB, 5-9, 180, Cedar Grove, NJ/Cedar Grove

**Sinisi** had 107 yards of total offense against Albany, including rushing 20 times for 72 yards and a touchdown. Sinisi's touchdown in the first quarter gave the Hawks a 7-0 lead and gave him a touchdown in every game this season, which is now the nation's longest streak (Harvard's Clifton Dawson did not score yesterday). Sinisi also had three catches for 35 yards including a 32-yard screen pass. The Cedar Grove, NJ product's 716 yards on the ground is fourth in the Northeast Conference this season. Sinisi is also second in the conference in scoring with 78 points on 13 touchdowns and takes home his fifth NEC Rookie of the Week award this season, including three consecutive.

# 2006 NEC Football Schedule/Results

Albany (7-4, 5-2 NEC)			Central Connecticut State (8-3, 4-3 NEC)			Monmouth (10-1, 6-1 NEC)			Robert Morris (7-4, 5-2 NEC)			Sacred Heart (2-9, 1-6 NEC)		
Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time
9/2	at Lehigh	W, 17-16	9/2	Marist	W, 34-6	9/2	at Fordham	W, 23-9	9/2	at Dayton	L, 14-21	9/2	Lafayette	L, 14-25
9/9	Fordham	L, 9-7	9/9	at Georgia Southern	W, 17-13	9/9	Morgan State	W, 26-9	9/9	Duquesne	L, 27-7	9/9	at Marist	L, 28-19
9/16	at Delaware	W, 17-10	9/15	at Southern Connecticut	W, 29-26	9/16	St. Peter's	W, 36-12	9/16	at Butler	W, 35-14	9/16	Iona	W, 27-16
9/23	Central Conn. St.	W, 19-14	9/23	at Albany	L, 19-14	9/23	at Colgate	W, 17-12	9/23	Rowan	W, 21-0	9/23	at Duquesne	L, 24-21
9/30	at Cornell	L, 23-21	9/30	at St. Peter's	W, 73-13	9/30	Stony Brook	L, 36-17	9/30	at Saint Francis (PA)	W, 45-13	9/30	Wagner	W, 25-17
10/7	at Stony Brook	L, 33-21	10/7	Saint Francis (PA)	W, 62-21	10/7	Sacred Heart	W, 24-0	10/7	at Wagner	W, 14-10	10/7	at Monmouth	L, 24-0
10/14	at Sacred Heart	W, 24-13	10/14	at Robert Morris	L, 23-17 (20)	10/14	at Wagner	W, 28-7	10/14	Central Conn. St.	W, 23-17 (20)	10/14	Albany	L, 24-13
10/21	Saint Francis (PA)	W, 48-0	10/21	Wagner	W, 27-6	10/21	at Robert Morris	W, 16-7	10/21	Monmouth	L, 16-7	10/21	at Stony Brook	L, 38-21
10/28	Wagner	W, 34-0	10/28	at Monmouth	L, 19-13	10/28	Central Conn. St.	W, 19-13	10/28	at Stony Brook	L, 21-6	10/28	at Saint Francis (PA)	L, 21-14
11/4	at Robert Morris	W, 16-6	11/4	at Sacred Heart	W, 42-14	11/4	Saint Francis (PA)	W, 54-20	11/4	Albany	L, 16-6	11/4	Central Conn. St.	L, 42-14
11/11	Monmouth	L, 19-0	11/11	Stony Brook	W, 35-32	11/11	at Albany	W, 19-0	11/11	at Sacred Heart	W, 41-21	11/11	Robert Morris	L, 41-21
NEC Games in Bold			NEC Games in Bold			NEC Games in Bold			NEC Games in Bold			NEC Games in Bold		

Saint Francis (PA) (3-8, 2-5 NEC)			Stony Brook (5-6, 5-2 NEC)			Wagner (4-7, 0-7 NEC)		
Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time
9/2	St. Peter's	W, 38-3	8/31	Hofstra	L, 8-17	8/31	at La Salle	W, 38-15
9/9	at Delaware State	L, 63-28	9/9	at Georgetown	L, 7-0	9/9	Iona	W, 7-3
9/16	at Duquesne	L, 41-10	9/16	at New Hampshire	L, 62-7	9/16	at Marist	W, 38-7
9/23	La Salle	L, 24-21	9/23	at UMass	L, 48-7	9/23	St. Peter's	W, 34-0
9/30	Robert Morris	L, 45-13	9/30	at Monmouth	W, 36-17	9/30	at Sacred Heart	L, 25-17
10/7	at Central Conn. St.	L, 62-21	10/7	Albany	W, 33-21	10/7	Robert Morris	L, 14-10
10/14	Stony Brook	L, 30-20	10/14	at Saint Francis (PA)	W, 30-20	10/14	Monmouth	L, 28-7
10/21	at Albany	L, 48-0	10/21	Sacred Heart	W, 38-21	10/21	at Central Conn. St.	L, 27-6
10/28	Sacred Heart	W, 21-14	10/28	Robert Morris	L, 21-14	10/28	at Albany	L, 34-0
11/4	at Monmouth	L, 54-20	11/4	at Wagner	W, 45-9	11/4	Stony Brook	L, 45-9
11/11	Wagner	W, 35-14	11/11	at Central Conn. St.	L, 35-32	11/11	at Saint Francis (PA)	L, 35-14
NEC Games in Bold			NEC Games in Bold			NEC Games in Bold		



## NEC Football Notes:

*(through games of Nov. 11)*

### NEC Football Review: Monmouth Wins NEC Championship Outright

Monmouth University's football team earn it's third Northeast Conference Championship in four years with a 19-0 win over Albany on Saturday.



In a game that pitted two of the country's best defensive units, it was the Monmouth squad that corralled the Albany offense to 174 yards and earned its second shutout of the year. It marked the first time in school history that the Hawks won the NEC Championship outright and the fifth overall title in program history. Monmouth will now host the winner of the Pioneer Football League on Dec. 2, in the first Gridiron Football Classic.

"It was a great day for our team and our program," said MU head coach Kevin Callahan. "For us to win three NEC Championships in four years is astounding. This is a special group of guys and we played hard start to finish to earn it."

Starting on their own 20, Albany took the opening drive of the game and moved into MU territory on six plays. Monmouth forced a fourth and one on their own 28 but Great Dane quarterback Daniel Bocanegra called his own number and snuck forward for the first. On the next play Bocanegra tossed a wild pitch on an option, which Albany recovered but at the cost of a negative nine yard loss. The MU defense held, forcing another fourth down. On fourth and seven from the 24, Bocanegra went for a touchdown pass in the middle of the endzone but Monmouth safety Matt Hill (Hopatcong, N.J./Hopatcong) knocked the ball away, keeping the score 0-0.

The Hawks moved 22 yards on three plays to get out to midfield. On a third and eight, Brian Boland hit junior Chris Kiley (Point Pleasant, N.J./Point Boro) for 16 yards down to the Albany 30. On the next play Boland hit Adam San Miguel (North Bergen, N.J./St. Peter's Prep) for 15 yards, setting the Hawk offense up on the 15 yard line. San Miguel took a reverse to the right side of the field for 14 yards. Freshman running back David Sinisi (Ceder Grove, N.J./Ceder Grove) took the ball into the endzone, giving the Hawks a 7-0 lead with 4:04 to go in the first quarter. The touchdown marked the 11th straight game in which Sinisi scored, keeping the nation's longest streak alive.

After the Blue & White defense held the Great Dane's to a three-and-out, giving the Hawks on their own 45 yard line. Boland went back to San Miguel on a third and seven, with the 5-10 wideout picking up the first down into Albany territory. Sinisi busted up the middle for a key 10-yard run, setting up a first and goal from the 10. Two runs later, MU faced a third and goal from the nine, but a late hit on that play by Albany gave the Hawks an automatic first down on the two yard line. On the next play, Boland rolled to his left after a play fake and hit senior Mike McClelland (Lincroft, N.J./Middletown South) wide open in the back of the endzone. The Hawks missed the ensuing PAT, giving them a 13-0 lead with 11:08 left in the second quarter.

The Hawks forced a third and 10 on the next Great Dane drive, where linebacker Anthony Addonizio (Holmdel, N.J./Holmdel) drilled a dropping back Bocanegra, forcing his pass to miss the intended receiver. On a third and eight, Sinisi carried a draw play for nine yards and another Hawk first down. The Hawk drive stalled and the following punt return set up Albany with the ball at midfield. On third and six David Jiles (Paulsboro, N.J./Paulsboro) picked off the Albany pass, returning to the Blue & White's 48 yard line.

Two runs opened the drive for MU, setting up a first down from the Albany 35 yard line with just over two minutes to play in the half. The Great Danes forced a fourth and six, with the Hawks throwing a screen that did not pick up the first down. Albany could not do anything with the ball with the remaining 30 seconds and the Hawks took a 13-0 lead into the locker room at the half.

After taking the second half kickoff, it took one play from scrimmage for MU to score, with Boland connecting with San Miguel on a play action pass that went for 63 yards to give the Hawks a 19-0 lead. Monmouth's fake PAT attempt was stopped short.

Albany, trailing by three scores, switched quarterbacks but not even backup Frank Blasinsky could get the ball moving as the Hawk defense caused yet another three and out.

The Hawks moved the ball into Great Dane territory on a 14-yard Kiley reception, which was followed up by a 12-yard Sinisi run. MU was facing a fourth and two on the Albany 30 yard line, with Sinisi getting the rush, pickup seven yards and a first down. The MU drive stalled at the Albany 22, with the fake field goal attempt being snuffed out by the Albany defense.

The Great Danes rumbled to the MU 45 on their possession, converting two third downs along the way. With Bocanagra back under center, the sophomore quarterback picked up a 12 yard gain on a designed rush, earning the first down on the MU 32. Two plays later Monmouth senior Mike Castellano (Freehold, N.J./Freehold) picked off Bocanagra, giving the Hawks the ball back with just over a minute to go in the third quarter.

The Hawks got a first down on an Albany defensive offsides call as the Blue & White continued to work time off the clock. The Great Danes forced a punt and took over on their own 32 yard line with 12:22 left in regulation. On the following punt, San Miguel muffed the catch, with Albany's Dan Beigel picking the ball up and running it to the MU nine yard line. The MU defense answered on first and second down, forcing a third and goal from the 14 yard line (after a delay of game call). A quarterback draw was stopped after a yard and Jason Fralicker missed the 31 yard field goal attempt, preserving the 19-0 lead with 10:17 showing.

The Hawks ran the ball very efficiently, getting the ball to the Albany 39 on a first down run but also getting an extra 15 on a late-hit call on the Great Danes. A screen to Sinisi went for 32 yards, setting up a first and goal on the seven yard line. The Hawks were unable to get any points on the drive, which used seven minutes of game time, with Mike Pizzulli's (Oceanport, N.J./Red Bank) field goal sailing wide left. Bocanegra moved his team down to the Hawk 25 but the MU defense preserved the shutout. Boland finished for 17-of-18 passing, including an 11-of-12 effort in the first half, with 214 yards and two touchdowns. Sinisi led the Hawks on the ground with 72 yards on 20 carries. San Miguel, who had 23 yards rushing, led the Hawks in receiving with 93 yards on four catches.

The Hawk defense held Albany to 57 yards rushing in the game and 117 yards through the air. Monmouth was led by Brian Sweeney's (Marlton, N.J./Cherokee) nine tackles on defense, with Addonizio ending with eight. The Hawks had 22 first downs in the game, racking up 349 yards of total offense.

Monmouth will wait to hear if they get an At-Large bid to the 2006 NCAA Division I-AA playoffs, but will prepare for the Gridiron Classic in the meantime.

### Five NEC Teams Remain On TSN I-AA Mid Major Top-10 Poll; San Diego Closes Regular Season at No. 1

**Philadelphia, PA (Sports Network)** - With its berth in the Gridiron Classic as the champion of the Pioneer Football League already assured, San Diego tried to make one last statement for an at-large spot in the NCAA Division I Football Championship by defeating Dayton, 56-14, on Saturday to improve to 10-0 for the season and maintain a unanimous No. 1 ranking in The Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major Top 10. The Toreros have 18 wins in a row overall, and are at No. 1 for the 12th time this season and 18th consecutive poll over the past two years. They picked up all 24 first-place votes and 240 points to earn the No. 1 spot. The Toreros are set to visit Monmouth in the Gridiron Classic on Dec. 2, and also have a regular season game scheduled at UC Davis on Nov. 25. However, those games would be cancelled if the Toreros earn a playoff berth.

No. 2 Monmouth is in the same position. The Hawks finished the regular season with a 10-1 record after defeating Albany, 19-0, on Saturday, and earned the outright Northeast Conference title and spot opposite San Diego in the Gridiron Classic with that win and Central Connecticut State's 35-32 victory over Stony Brook. The Hawks will also forego the Gridiron Classic game if they receive a bid to the Division I Football Championship.

If both San Diego and Monmouth are left out of the Division I Football Championship and play in the Gridiron Classic on Dec. 2, then the rest of the teams in the Mid-Major Top 10 have completed their seasons. No. 3 Drake would replace San Diego in the Gridiron Classic if the Toreros are selected for the playoffs, while No. 9 Stony Brook will represent the NEC if the Hawks earn a postseason spot.

In the final poll of the regular season, No. 3 Drake, No. 4 Central Connecticut State and No. 5 Albany complete the top five. Duquesne, Robert Morris, Davidson, Stony Brook and Jacksonville fill out the top ten.

The final Mid-Major poll will be released on Dec. 4, after the Gridiron Classic matchup. The No. 1 team in that ranking will earn The Sports Network Cup.

**NEC, Pioneer Football League Announce Changes To Gridiron Classic**  
The Northeast Conference and Pioneer Football League have changed the selection procedures regarding participating teams and the date of the Gridiron Classic, the respective offices announced on Thursday.

The Gridiron Classic, an exempted postseason football game that will match the champions of the two I-AA football conferences, originally was scheduled to be played November 18 at the Northeast Conference champion. However, the date of the 2006 game has been moved to December 2 to provide an opportunity for either league's regular-season champion to participate in the NCAA I-AA



## Albany (7-4, 5-2 NEC)

Last Game: Monmouth 19, Albany 0

Next Game: Season Completed

9/2	at Lehigh	W, 17-16
9/9	Fordham	L, 9-7
9/16	at Delaware	W, 17-10
9/23	Central Conn. St.	W, 19-14
9/30	at Cornell	L, 23-21
10/7	at Stony Brook	L, 33-21
10/14	at Sacred Heart	W, 24-13
10/21	Saint Francis (PA)	W, 48-0
10/28	Wagner	W, 34-0
11/4	at Robert Morris	W, 16-6
11/11	Monmouth	L, 19-0

- Albany(7-4, NEC 5-2) missed out on an opportunity to win its third NEC championship in a 19-0 loss to Monmouth on Nov. 11. ... the Great Danes once again sputtered on offense with 174 total yards, including a season-low 57 on the ground ... Albany was shut out for the fourth time as a Division I-AA program and first since a loss to Massachusetts on Sept. 17, 2005 ... the Great Danes tied for the second in the final conference standings ... Albany has finished second or better in four of its eight seasons as a conference member and no lower than fourth place ... Albany recorded seven wins for the 15th time in the program's history, and eight of those campaigns have come in the last 11-year period ... ILB **Colin Disch (North Plainfield, N.J. / North Plainfield)** made 14 tackles, one off his season-best, against Monmouth ... Disch, who became just the second Albany defender to reach the 100-tackle mark (103) in three consecutive seasons, climbed into third place on the school's all-time list with 346 ... the junior needs nine tackles to move past Josh Bazan into the No. 1 position ... S **Dave Nicomini (Newton, N.J. / Kittatinny Regional)** turned in his best effort as a collegian with 14 tackles, including nine unassisted and 2.0 hits for a loss, vs. Monmouth ... Albany's defense was solid throughout the season ... the Great Danes are ranked fourth nationally in rushing yards allowed (90.2 ypg), fourth in total defense (240.8 ypg), seventh in scoring (13.0 ppg) and ninth in pass efficiency defense with a 101.62 rating ... PK **Jason Fralicker (North Tonawanda, N.Y. / North Tonawanda)** led the team in scoring with 64 points (13-19 FGs, 25-25 PATs), the ninth-best single-season total ... SE **Irani DeAraujo (Queens, N.Y. / Choate Rosemary Hall Prep)** is now tied for ninth in career receptions (67) ... twelve seniors made their final appearance as a collegians last week ... CB **Ryan Chrobak (Clinton, N.Y. / Clinton Central)** finished his career ranked No. 23 in tackles with 188, plus had 29 pass break-ups and six interceptions ... DE **Andre Coleman (Buffalo, N.Y. / Burgard)**, FS **Eric Neugebauer (Sayville, N.Y. / Sayville)**, and ILB **Dan Barnes (Kingston, N.Y. / Kingston)** each had more than 110 tackles during his career ... TB **Marcus Allen (Fayetteville, N.C. / Seventy-First)** accounted for 1,261 rushing yards and 1,577 all-purpose yards in his two seasons with the program ... consensus preseason All-America tackle Jacob Anderson (West Seneca, N.Y. / West Seneca West) made 32 consecutive starts on the offensive line ... head coach Bob Ford, who has 217 career wins, will have a veteran team returning with 13 starters (7 offense, 6 defense) back in 2007.



## Central Connecticut State (8-3, 4-3 NEC)

Last Game: Central Connecticut State 35, Stony Brook 32

Next Game: Season Completed

9/2	Marist	W, 34-6
9/9	at Georgia Southern	W, 17-13
9/15	at So. Connecticut	W, 29-26
9/23	at Albany	L, 19-14
9/30	at St. Peter's	W, 73-13
10/7	Saint Francis (PA)	W, 62-21
10/14	at Robert Morris	L 237 (20)
10/21	Wagner	W, 27-6
10/28	at Monmouth	L, 19-13
11/4	at Sacred Heart	W, 42-14
11/11	Stony Brook	W, 35-32

- The Central Connecticut football team finished the 2006 season with an impressive 35-32 home victory over Stony Brook on Saturday afternoon. The win was the seventh straight home win for the Blue Devils who have now won 12 of 13 home games since the start of the 2004 season. They have also won 11 straight Northeast Conference home games. Central Connecticut ends its season with school records in total offense (4,255 yards), total rushing (3,134 yards), touchdowns (51) and points (363). CCSU averaged 33.0 points per game on the year, the best mark in school history. The Blue Devils rushed for an amazing 42 touchdowns on the season while their opponents rushed for only six. The 8-3 record by the Blue Devils gives them 23 wins in the last four seasons, a new high for a three-year span for the Blue Devils. The eight wins matches the second-most all-time in a single season for the Blue Devils. CCSU was 8-2 in 2004, 7-4 in 2005 and finishes the 2006 season with an 8-3 mark. The senior class for the Blue Devils won 26 games, the most in over 30 seasons for a graduating senior class at CCSU ... Senior running back **Justise Hairston (New Britain, CT/New Britain)** capped a brilliant season in New Britain with one of his most impressive performances of the season. The senior running back rushed 31 times for 217 yards and three scores leading the Blue Devils to a 35-32 victory over Stony Brook on Saturday, eliminating the Seawolves from NEC title contention. Hairston had touchdown runs of five, 29 and 12 in the win giving him 20 on the season, tying the school record held by Stan House. Hairston finishes his record-breaking season with 277 carries for 1,847 yards and 20 touchdowns in 11 games. His yardage total is the 15th best single season performance in I-AA history. He averaged 167.0 yards per game and 6.7 yards per carry on the season leading the Blue Devils to an 8-3 record. His 1,847 yards puts him sixth all-time at CCSU in rushing yardage.



## Monmouth (10-1, 6-1 NEC) • 2006 Northeast Conference Champions

Last Game: Monmouth 19, Albany 0

Next Game: To Be Determined (Awaiting I-AA Playoff Selections on Nov. 19); (If not selected, will host PFL Champ on Dec. 2)

9/2	at Fordham	W, 23-9
9/9	Morgan State	W, 26-9
9/16	St. Peter's	W, 36-12
9/23	at Colgate	W, 17-12
9/30	Stony Brook	L, 36-17
10/7	Sacred Heart	W, 24-0
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11/4	Saint Francis (PA)	W, 54-20
11/11	at Albany	W, 35-32

- Monmouth won its fifth Northeast Conference Title on Saturday with a 19-0 win over Albany ... this is the third time in four years that the Hawks have won the NEC Championship ... Monmouth has won five NEC titles, but this is the first time they have not had to share it with another team ... the win was the sixth in a row for the Hawks ... the Blue & White finishes the season a perfect 5-0 on the road ... Monmouth now owns a 10-1 record, marking the third time in school history that MU has earned double-digit wins ... the Hawks are 36-8 in the last four seasons, including winning the championship in 2003, 2004 and 2006 ... Monmouth quarterback **Brian Boland (Brick, NJ/Brick Memorial)** has now won three championships as the starting signal caller for the Hawks ... **Adam San Miguel (North Bergen, NJ/St. Peter's Prep)** finished the game with four catches for 93 yards and a touchdown ... San Miguel now ranks third all-time on the Hawks all-time receiving list and his 866 yards ranks first in the Northeast conference ... the senior also has three carries for 23 yards in the game ... senior wide out **Mike McClelland (Lincroft, NJ/Middletown South)**, who was recently named to the ESPN the Magazine's Academic All-District First Team, had one catch for 2 yards and a touchdown on Saturday ... before the Great Danes went on a 56 yard drive on their final possession of the game, Monmouth's defense had held them to 118 total yards, Albany ended with 174 yards ... Monmouth controlled the time of possession for the 10th game this season, holding the ball for 36:38, compared to Albany's 23:22 ... the Blue & White defense held Albany to 0-2 in red zone scoring chances, with **Mike Castellano (Freehold, NJ/Freehold Township)** picking off one pass and the Great Danes missing a field goal ... for the second straight week MU's offensive line gave up no sacks, which is a big task against Albany who had racked up 10 quarterback takedowns a week before ... Monmouth had 349 yards against an Albany defense that was ranked nationally in the top-5 ... **David Jiles (Paulsboro, NJ/Paulsboro)** picked up his fifth interception of the season, giving him 13 in his career ... Jiles's five interceptions is tied for first in the NEC.



## Robert Morris (7-4, 5-2 NEC)

Last Game: Robert Morris 41, Sacred Heart 21

Next Game: Season Completed

9/2	at Dayton	L, 21-14
9/9	Duquesne	L, 27-7
9/16	at Butler	W, 35-14
9/23	Rowan	W, 21-0
9/30	at Saint Francis (PA)	W, 45-13
10/7	at Wagner	W, 14-10
10/14	Central Conn. St.	W 237 (20)
10/21	Monmouth	L, 16-7
10/28	at Stony Brook	W, 21-6
11/4	Albany	L, 16-6
11/11	at Sacred Heart	W, 41-21

- Robert Morris scored 28 points in the last 4:58 of the second quarter en route to a 41-21 victory @ Sacred Heart in its 2006 season finale, helping snap a five-game slide against the Pioneers ... The win improved RMU to 5-1 on the road in 2006, helping the club tie the school record for road wins originally established in 2000 ... Sophomore quarterback **Erik Cwalinski (Jacobsburg, Ohio / Shadyside)** had a picture perfect afternoon, completing 20 of his 28 pass attempts for 270 yards and two touchdowns ... Junior flanker **Alvin Hill (New Kensington, Pa. / Plum)** finished with five catches for 95 yards and a touchdown to pace the Colonial receiving corps ... Leading the RMU defense was senior defensive lineman **Matt Brunck (Pittsburgh, Pa. / Fox Chapel)** and freshman cornerback **Jacky Candy (Fort Lauderdale, Fla. / Stranahan)**, who each finished with six tackles ... Junior safety **James Kazil (Georgetown, Pa. / South Side)** returned a fumble recovery 94 yards for a touchdown, the longest fumble recovery for a score in school history ... Kazil also added an interception that he returned 57 yards down to the SHU one-yard line ... The Colonials posted four sacks on the afternoon, as Brunck and junior defensive lineman **Kelvern Grant (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / Hallendale)** each finished with one and-a-half, while junior defensive lineman **Shannon Smoot (Columbus, Ohio / Bishop Hartley)** notched the other ... The four sacks by Robert Morris pushed the club's total on the season to 33, tying the school record originally set in 1996 ... RMU racked up 369 yards of total offense while holding Sacred Heart to 254 yards ... The Colonials finished the season in total defense allowing an average of 228.4 yards per game, setting a new team record ... The old record for total defense was also the 1996 club, which allowed 258.5 yards per game ... Senior linebacker **Jeff Rommes (Gibsonia, Pa. / Deer Lakes)** notched just one tackle against the Pioneers and finished his career with 214 takedowns, good enough for ninth all-time at Robert Morris ... Cwalinski pushed his season total of passing yards to 2,066, good enough for third in the RMU single-season record book.



## Sacred Heart (2-9, 1-6 NEC)

Last Game: Robert Morris 41, Sacred Heart 21

Next Game: Season Completed

9/2	Lafayette	L	14-25
9/9	at Marist	L	28-19
9/16	Iona	W	27-16
9/23	at Duquesne	L	24-21
9/30	Wagner	W	25-17
10/7	at Monmouth	L	24-0
10/14	Albany	L	24-13
10/21	at Stony Brook	L	38-21
10/28	at Saint Francis (PA)	L	21-14
11/4	Central Conn. St.	L	42-14
11/11	Robert Morris	L	41-21

- Sacred Heart fell 41-21 to Robert Morris on Saturday, dropping their sixth straight game and finishing the NEC season in seventh place with a 2-9 overall mark and 1-6 NEC ... Robert Morris took advantage of four Sacred Heart University turnovers and ran up a 41-0 advantage ... It looked like the Pioneers were going to cut into the RMU lead, but Jason Payne fumbled the ball at the Colonial six and James Kazil picked it up and returned it 94 yards for a touchdown and a 17-0 lead. On the first play after the ensuing kickoff, SHU quarterback **Tyler Arciaga (Bonita, CA)** had a ball deflected at the line of scrimmage and defensive lineman Matt Brunck intercepted it and ran it in from 16-yards out and it was suddenly 24-0 with 3:05 to go in the second ... It was 41-0 in the fourth quarter before the Pioneers finally got on the board on a two-yard plunge by junior **Jason Payne (Cortlandt Manor, NY/Walter Panas)** with 8:27 to play in the game ... After forcing the Colonials to put on their next possession, junior **JJ Wilson (Bloomfield, CT/Bloomfield)** blocked the attempted punt and **Ryan Fersch (Bloomingtondale, NJ/Butler)** recovered it in the end zone for another SHU score ... Arciaga threw the 36th and final touchdown of his career with 2:02 left to freshman **Steve Tedesco (Mission Viejo, CA/Trabuco Hills)** with 2:02 left. During the drive, Arciaga became the school's all-time leader in passing yards with 4,470 yards, which stands ninth on the NEC all-time career chart.



## Saint Francis (PA) (3-8, 2-5 NEC)

Last Game: Saint Francis (PA) 35, Wagner 14

Next Game: Season Completed

9/2	St. Peter's	W	38-3
9/9	at Delaware State	L	63-28
9/16	at Duquesne	L	41-10
9/23	La Salle	L	24-21
9/30	Robert Morris	L	45-13
10/7	at Central Conn. St.	L	62-21
10/14	Stony Brook	L	30-20
10/21	at Albany	L	48-0
10/28	Sacred Heart	W	21-14
11/4	at Monmouth	L	54-20
11/11	Wagner	W	35-14

- Saint Francis finished the 2006 season with a 35-14 win over Wagner, the first season-ending win since 2002. The win over Wagner was the first for the Red Flash since the first-ever meeting between the teams in 1992 ... Senior quarterback **Anthony Doria (Pittsburgh, PA)** completed 11-of-16 passes for 182 yards and three touchdown passes. Doria hit fellow senior all-NEC wide receivers **Luke Palko (Imperial, PA/West Allegheny)** and **Michael Caputo (Pittsburgh, PA/Seton LaSalle)** with the first two scores of the game. Palko returned from an injury to his role at wide receiver for the first time since Sept. 30. He finished with two catches for 19 yards and a TD. Caputo, the school and NEC all-time leader in receptions (245) and receiving yards (3,464), finished with three catches for 71 yards and a touchdown ... Doria finished the season with 1,871 passing yards and 15 TD passes. His 1,871 passing yards ranks fifth on the school's all-time list. Doria finished his career with four of the top-6 single-season passing totals in program history. His 286 pass attempts in 2006 tied the lowest total of his career (2003 freshman season) ... Junior placekicker **Adam Sciuilli (Pittsburgh, PA/Central Catholic)** made all five of his PAT attempts on Saturday to give him a school-record 29 on the year. He broke his own record of 28, set last season. Saint Francis' 287 rushing yards against Wagner gave the team a school-record 1,871 rushing yards on the year, breaking the former record of 1,739 yards, set in 1978. Amazingly Doria threw for 1,871 yards, and the offense ran for 1,871 yards on the year ... The team's 3,802 yards of total offense is the second most in program history ... Running back **Todd Harris (Duquesne, PA/Duquesne)** saved his best career performance for his last game in a Red Flash uniform. The senior tailback ran for 283 yards and two touchdowns on 28 carries. He needed 123 yards entering the game to break Saint Francis' single-season rushing mark, and passed that mark with his 50-yard TD sprint in the third quarter. Harris broke Ted Helsel's nearly 30-year old record of 1,174 yards (1978) by finishing the season with 1,330 rushing yards. Harris finished with 323 all-purpose yards against the Seahawks after nearly returning an onside kick attempt for a TD with a 40-yard return to ice the game. His 90-yard touchdown run in the third quarter went down as the longest in school history. The 50-yard TD run was the longest of his career earlier in the quarter. Two offensive plays later, he sprinted 90 yards for another score. His two touchdowns in the game gave him 11 on the season, breaking a previous tie for the single-season school record of nine rushing touchdowns. Ted Helsel also held the previous record of nine, which was set in 1978. Harris also went over 4,000 career all-purpose yards in the game, a school record. For his career, Harris finished with a school record 3,414 rushing yards (third in NEC history), a school-record 20 rushing touchdowns, and a school record 4,253 all-purpose yards. His 120 career points scored ranks fourth in program history ... Freshman **Joshua Bentley (Pittsburgh, Pa./Schenley)** stood out in an outstanding defensive effort for the Red Flash. He posted 6 tackles, including 3 solo, intercepted a pass and had 3 pass deflections in SFU's 35-14 win over Wagner. Bentley covered Wagner's No. 1 receiver, Chris Turner, throughout the game and broke up two passes in the end zone, and intercepted another. His interception set up good field position for Saint Francis, which resulted in a touchdown on the next offensive possession.



## Stony Brook (5-6, 5-2 NEC)

Last Game: Central Connecticut State 35, Stony Brook 32

Next Game: To Be Determined

8/31	Hofstra	L	8-17
9/9	at Georgetown	L	7-0
9/16	at New Hampshire	L	62-7
9/23	at UMass	L	48-7
9/30	at Monmouth	W	36-17
10/7	Albany	W	33-21
10/14	at Saint Francis (PA)	W	30-20
10/21	Sacred Heart	W	38-21
10/28	Robert Morris	L	21-6
11/4	at Wagner	W	45-9
11/11	at Central Conn. St.	L	35-32

- Josh Dudash (Beachwood, NJ/Toms River South)** threw for 369 yards and five touchdowns in the 35-32 loss to Central Connecticut State on Saturday. The five touchdown passes tied his career high and also equalled the program best for TDs in a single game ... Wideouts **Lynell Suggs (Bronx, NY/Lehman)** and **Dwayne Eley (Bowie, MD/Gonzaga)** were his main targets. Suggs total nine catches for 159 yards and two touchdowns while Eley set a new career mark with eight catches for 168 yards and a score ... Suggs scored a TD in the final six games of the season ... **Conte Cuttino (Uniondale, NY/Uniondale)** rushed for 92 yards on 17 carries ... Stony Brook finishes the year 5-2 in the conference.



## Wagner (4-7, 0-7 NEC)

Last Game: Saint Francis (PA) 35, Wagner 14

Next Game: Season Completed

8/31	at La Salle	W	38-15
9/9	Iona	W	7-3
9/16	at Marist	W	38-7
9/23	St. Peter's	W	34-0
9/30	at Sacred Heart	L	25-17
10/7	Robert Morris	L	14-10
10/14	Monmouth	L	28-7
10/21	at Central Conn. St.	L	27-6
10/28	at Albany	L	34-0
11/4	Stony Brook	L	45-9
11/11	at Saint Francis (PA)	L	35-14

- Wagner closed out the 2006 season with a 35-14 loss at Saint Francis. The Seahawks end the year on a seven game slide and finished 4-7 overall and 0-7 in the league. The loss to Saint Francis ended a 13 game winning streak against the Red Flash for Wagner. Senior WR **Chris Turner (Syracuse, NY/Henninger)** equaled the NEC record for career touchdown catches with 33. Turner, who now shares the mark with Miles Austin (Monmouth, 2002-05), caught an 18 yard grab with 1:34 left in the fourth quarter. He ended the day with 5 receptions for 73 yards. During his stellar career the Syracuse product produced 213 receptions for 2853 yards and 33 touchdowns. Junior **Aliga Betts (Pembroke Pines, FL/Cooper City)** accounted for the other Wagner score on a 28 yard run in the third quarter. Betts led the team with 75 yards on 10 carries. Freshman **Tyler Newberry (Germantown, MD/Mercerburg)** was steady after taking over at QB in the fourth quarter completing six passes for 53 yards and 1 touchdown. He also added a pair of rushes for 18 yards. Senior **Ein Williams (Neptune, NJ/Neptune)** led everyone in the game with nine tackles while adding a 12 yard fumble return. Junior **Al Phillips (Hialeah, FL/American)** made his fourth interception of the season and now has 10 for his career. The Seahawks finished under .500 for just the second time since the 1978 season.

# NEC Football

## Career/All-Time Records

### NEC Active Leaders

#### Rushing

1. 3,412, Todd Harris, SFPA, 2003-06
2. 2,226, Cory Harge, CCSU, 2003-04, 2006
3. 1,847, Justise Hairston, CCSU, 2006
4. 1,498, Warren Barnett, WC, 2003-06

#### Passing Yardage

1. 8,544, Anthony Doria, SFPA, 2003-06
2. 7,653, Brian Boland, MU, 2003-06
3. 4,470, Tyler Arciaga, SHU, 2003-06
4. 4,343, Josh Dudash, SBU, 2005-06

#### Pass Completions

1. 743, Anthony Doria, SFPA, 2003-06
2. 599, Brian Boland, MU, 2003-06

#### Pass Receptions

1. 245, Michael Caputo, SFPA, 2003-06
2. 225, Luke Palko, SFPA, 2003-06
3. 213, Chris Turner, WC, 2003-06
4. 142, Adam San Miguel, MU, 2004-06

#### Touchdowns Scored

1. 33, Chris Turner, WC, 2003-06
2. 31, Michael Caputo, SFPA, 2003-06
3. 20, Todd Harris, SFPA, 2003-06
- 20, Justise Hairston, CCSU, 2006
5. 15, Warren Barnett, WC, 2003-06

#### Receiving Yards

1. 3,464, Michael Caputo, SFPA, 2003-06
2. 2,852, Chris Turner, WC, 2003-06
3. 2,020, Luke Palko, SFPA, 2003-06
4. 1,604, Adam San Miguel, MU, 2004-06
5. 1,036, Joey Henley, SHU, 2004-06
6. 1,015, Alvin Franklin, SHU, 2003-06

### NEC Career Leaders

#### Rushing

1. 4,460, Rick Sarille, WC, 1996-99
2. 3,847, Sam Dorsett, RMU, 1999-03
3. 3,412, Todd Harris, SFPA, 2003-06
4. 3,053, Ed Pricolo, SHU, 2002-05
5. 3,033, Gary Jones, UA, 2002-03
6. 2,462, Archie Wannamaker, RMU, 1996-98
7. 2,428, Stan House, CCSU, 1996-97
8. 2,362, Clinton Dunston, CCSU, 1999-02
9. 2,330, Michael Hall, SFPA, 2000-03
10. 2,310, Chris Davis, WC, 2000-03

#### Passing Yardage

1. 8,544, Anthony Doria, SFPA, 2003-06
2. 7,653, Brian Boland, MU, 2003-06
3. 7,222, Tim Levick, RMU, 1998-01
4. 6,129, Drew Geyer, RMU, 2002-05
5. 5,899, John Sciarra, WC, 2004-05
6. 5,728, Scott Dolch, CCSU, 2001-04
7. 5,145, Keith Toolan, CCSU, 1996-99
8. 4,832, T.J. Moriarty, SBU, 2001-04
9. 4,470, Tyler Arciaga, SHU, 2005-06
10. 4,430, Justin Holtfreter, SHU, 2000-01

#### Pass Receptions

1. 245, Michael Caputo, SFPA, 2003-06
2. 225, Luke Palko, SFPA, 2003-06
3. 213, Chris Turner, 2003-06
4. 181, Shaun Grover, WC, 2002-05
5. 150, Miles Austin, MU, 2002-05
6. 147, Londre Blocker, SBU, 2001-04
7. 142, Jason Bain, WC, 1997-00
- 142, Adam San Miguel, MU, 2004-06
9. 138, Josh Anderson, SBU, 2003-05
10. 127, Chuck Kinsley, WC, 1997-00

#### Receiving Yards

1. 3,464, Michael Caputo, SFPA, 2003-06
2. 2,867, Miles Austin, MU, 2002-05
3. 2,852, Chris Turner, WC, 2003-06
4. 2,294, Jason Bain, WC, 1997-00
5. 2,256, Shaun Grover, WC, 2002-05
6. 2,221, Londre Blocker, SBU, 2001-04
7. 2,128, Chuck Kinsley, WC, 1997-00
8. 2,119, Tyjuan Massey, RMU, 2002-05
9. 2,100, Chris Phillis, UA, 1999-01
10. 2,020, Luke Palko, SFPA, 2003-06

### NEC Coaching Records

Coach	School	All-Time		Current		Since Joining		NEC	
		W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Kevin Callahan	Monmouth	85-55	.607	85-55	.607	69-45	.605	45-25	.643
Bob Ford	Albany	217-158-1	.578	208-136	.605	50-36	.581	41-16	.719
Paul Gorham	Sacred Heart	12-19	.387	12-19	.387	12-19	.387	7-14	.333
Walt Hameline	Wagner	179-93-2	.657	179-93-2	.657	61-54	.530	34-37	.479
Jeff McInerney	Cent. Conn.	8-3	.727	8-3	.727	8-3	.727	4-3	.571
Dave Opar	St. Francis (PA)	12-41	.226	12-41	.226	12-41	.226	7-28	.200
Chuck Priore	Stony Brook	44-15	.746	5-6	.455	5-6	.455	5-2	.714
Joe Walton	Robert Morris	82-49-1	.625	82-49-1	.625	69-44	.611	47-23	.671
<b>Combined Totals</b>		<b>639-433-4</b>	<b>.596</b>	<b>591-375-4</b>	<b>.611</b>	<b>286-249</b>	<b>.535</b>	<b>190-148</b>	<b>.562</b>

### All-Time NEC Records

School	Record	Pct.
Albany	41-16	.719
Central Conn. St.	34-36	.486
Monmouth	45-25	.643
Robert Morris	47-23	.671
Sacred Heart	31-32	.492
St. Francis (PA)	8-62	.114
Stony Brook	29-29	.500
Wagner	34-37	.479

### NEC Champions • 1996-2006

Year	Champion	NEC Rec.	Overall Rec.
1996	Robert Morris	3-1	9-2
	Monmouth	3-1	7-3
1997	Robert Morris	4-0	8-3
1998	Robert Morris	4-1	4-6
	Monmouth	4-1	5-5
1999	Robert Morris	7-0	8-2
2000	Robert Morris	8-0	10-0
2001	Sacred Heart	8-0	11-0
2002	Albany	6-1	8-4
2003	Monmouth	6-1	10-2
	Albany	6-1	7-4
2004	Monmouth	6-1	10-1
	Cent. Conn. St.	6-1	8-2
2005	Cent. Conn. St.	5-2	7-4
	Stony Brook	5-2	6-5
2006	Monmouth	10-1	6-1

# NEC Football

## I-AA Polls

### The Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major Poll (Nov. 13)

School (First Place Votes)	Record	Points	Prev.
1. San Diego Toreros (24)	10-0	240	1
2. Monmouth Hawks	10-1	215	2
3. Drake Bulldogs	9-2	190	3
4. Central Conn State Blue Devils	8-3	158	5
5. Albany Great Danes	7-4	132	4
6. Duquesne Dukes	7-3	128	6
7. Robert Morris Colonials	7-4	101	7
8. Davidson Wildcats	6-4	67	9
9. Stony Brook Seawolves	5-6	61	8
10. Jacksonville Dolphins	4-6	23	10

Others receiving votes (in order of points): None.

### The Sports Network I-AA College Football Poll (Nov. 13)

School (First Place Votes)	Record	Points	Prev.
1. Appalachian State Mountaineers (84)	10-1	2,434	1
2. Montana Grizzlies (2)	9-1	2,316	2
3. Massachusetts Minutemen (4)	9-1	2,237	3
4. North Dakota State Bison (8)	9-1	2,177	5
5. Youngstown State Penguins	9-2	2,070	6
6. Illinois State Redbirds	8-2	1,955	7
7. James Madison Dukes	8-2	1,665	4
8. Furman Paladins	8-3	1,625	10
9. Hampton Pirates	10-1	1,575	11
10. New Hampshire Wildcats	7-3	1,484	13
11. Southern Illinois Salukis	7-3	1,437	14
12. Tennessee-Martin Skyhawks	8-2	1,182	8
13. Coastal Carolina Chanticleers	8-2	1,077	16
14. San Diego Toreros	10-0	1,053	15
15. Montana State Bobcats	7-3	981	18
16. Cal Poly Mustangs	6-4	936	9
17. Eastern Illinois Panthers	7-4	756	20
18. Princeton Tigers	8-1	730	21
19. South Dakota State Jackrabbits	7-3	727	22
20. Northern Iowa Panthers	6-4	668	12
21. Portland State Vikings	7-4	622	23
22. Maine Black Bears	6-4	385	19
23. Delaware State Hornets	8-2	357	NR
24. Towson Tigers	7-3	261	NR
25. Alabama A&M Bulldogs	8-2	245	NR

Others receiving votes: Harvard 227, McNeese State 158, Wofford 115, Monmouth 59, Charleston Southern 56, Central Arkansas 54, Sam Houston State 48, Yale 40, Lehigh 26, UC Davis 22, Arkansas Pine-Bluff 20, Villanova 16, Tennessee State 10, South Carolina State 7, Northern Arizona 6, Holy Cross 5.

# NEC Football

## vs. the competition

### NEC vs...

Atlantic 10	1-3	MAAC	9-5
Division II	1-0	Patriot	3-3
Division III	1-0	Pioneer	2-0
Ivy	0-1	Southern	1-0
MEAC	1-1		

Football Championship if selected as an at-large participant.

In the event the regular season champion of either conference is selected to participate in the NCAA I-AA Football Championship, the two leagues agreed the second-place team from that conference will participate in the Gridiron Classic.

### CCSU's Hairston Sets NEC Rushing Record

Central Connecticut State tailback Justise Hairston, a transfer from Rutgers, has compiling perhaps the greatest single-season individual performance in NEC history. Currently, Hairston leads I-AA football in all-purpose yards per game (199.8) and rushing (167.91) and fifth in scoring (120 points). The senior is averaging 6.7 yards per rush and two Saturdays ago broke the NEC single-season rushing record held by Albany's Gary Jones, who set the mark of 1,524 in 2003. Hairston finished the season with 1,847 yards and 20 touchdowns, two TDs shy of the NEC record of 22 set by Jones in 2002. Amazingly versus Saint Francis (PA) on Oct. 7, Hairston gained an NEC single-game record 332 yards and tied the NEC-high for touchdowns with five.

### Saint Francis (PA)'s Luke Palko Garners Prestigious National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award

Saint Francis University senior wide receiver Luke Palko has been selected to be among "the best and the brightest from the college gridiron," as he was named as one of 17 collegiate football players from across all levels of NCAA and NAIA as a 2006 National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) National Scholar-Athlete.

Palko will be honored at the 49th annual NFF Awards Dinner on December 5 at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City. He will receive an \$18,000 post-graduate scholarship, and is a finalist to be the recipient of the 2006 Draddy Trophy, which recognizes an individual as the absolute best scholar-athlete in the nation. Established to honor former NFF Chairman Vincent DePaul Draddy, a Manhattan College quarterback who developed the Izod and Lacoste brands, the award comes with a stunning 24-inch, 25-pound bronze trophy and increases the winner's scholarship to a total of \$25,000.

Palko, whose brother Tyler was one of the semifinalists for the same award, will be the recipient of the Jefferson Walker Kirby National Scholar-Athlete Award at the dinner. Palko will receive his award at the same dinner in which legendary head football coaches Joe Paterno (Penn State), Bobby Bowden (Florida State) and John Gagliardi (St. John's Minnesota) will become the first three active coaches or players to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. The black tie event will be held December 5 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City.

The Foundation's National Scholar-Athlete Awards are awarded on an annual basis to a select group of student-athletes who are seniors or graduate students in their final year of eligibility, have a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, have outstanding football ability as a first team player and have demonstrated strong leadership and citizenship. One of the finest student-athletes in the history of Saint Francis University, Palko will be the school's first-ever recipient of the National Scholar-Athlete Award. In 2005, he became the school's third football player to garner ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American First Team selection.

An Accounting major, Palko is second on the Saint Francis, and Northeast Conference, all-time receptions list with 225, and is second in school history with 2,020 receiving yards. He set a single-season school and conference mark with 82 catches in 2004, before besting that with 85 catches in 2005 when he was named the Northeast Conference's Football Scholar-Athlete of the Year. In addition, Palko was selected as a Division I-AA Athletics Director's Association Academic All-Star and is a two-time recipient of the NEC Academic Honor Roll award.

In addition to his standout career on the gridiron, and his academic achievements, Palko is highly community-minded. He serves as the President of Saint Francis' Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and attended the NCAA National Leadership Conference. A breakfast server at Loretto's St. Michael's Church, he helped generate donations to purchase a new mascot on campus and volunteers his time with the Special Olympics and Relay for Life.

# NEC Football

NCAA Statistics ([www.ncaasports.com](http://www.ncaasports.com))

## NEC In NCAA Statistics (as of Nov. 11, 2006 - top 20)

Ind. Category	Rank	Player	School	Statistics
All-Purpose Running	1	Justise Hairston	CCSU	197.60 ypg
Field Goals	11	Jason Fralicker	Albany	1.30 FG/g
Interceptions	9	Mike Niklos	Robert Morris	0.50 Int/g
	27	Jon Wilson	Sacred Heart	0.40 Int/g
	27	David Jiles	Monmouth	0.40 Int/g
Kickoff Return	21	Mario Hines	Robert Morris	24.50 avg.
Passing Efficiency	25	Josh Dudash	Stony Brook	139.01 rating
	27	Brian Boland	Monmouth	136.57 rating
Punting	30	Derek Marks	Sacred Heart	39.66 avg.
Punt Return	17	Stephen Tedesco	Sacred Heart	12.15 avg.
Receptions Per Game	6	Adam San Miguel	Monmouth	6.60 rec/g
	18	Michael Caputo	Saint Francis	6.00 rec/g
Receiving Yards/Game	23	Michael Caputo	Saint Francis	78.60 ypg
	27	Adam San Miguel	Monmouth	77.30 ypg
Rushing	2	Justise Hairston	CCSU	163.00 ypg
	21	Todd Harris	Saint Francis	104.70 ypg
Scoring	5	Justise Hairston	CCSU	10.20 ppg
Total Offense	21	Brian Boland	Monmouth	221.20 ypg
Tackles	23	Rolando Garcia	Sacred Heart	10.10 tpg
Tackles-For-Loss	10	Ray Gensler	Robert Morris	1.65 tfl/g
Sacks	3	Ray Gensler	Robert Morris	1.10 spg
Team Category	Rank	School	Statistics	
Passing Efficiency Def.	3	Robert Morris	88.70 rating	
	5	Monmouth	93.85 rating	
	9	Albany	101.62 rating	
Net Punting	5	Sacred Heart	36.91 avg.	
Pass Defense	2	Robert Morris	122.30 ypg	
	12	Albany	144.40 ypg	
Passing Efficiency	17	Cent. Conn. St.	144.29 rating	
	25	Monmouth	134.29 rating	
	26	Stony Brook	133.62 rating	
Punt Returns	23	Sacred Heart	11.88 avg.	
Rushing Offense	1	Cent. Conn. St.	275.40 ypg	
	30	Albany	177.90 ypg	
Rushing Defense	4	Albany	85.60 ypg	
	9	Monmouth	100.70 ypg	
	12	Robert Morris	103.50 ypg	
Scoring Defense	5	Albany	12.40 ppg	
	6	Monmouth	12.50 ppg	
	11	Robert Morris	14.00 ppg	
	16	Cent. Conn. St.	16.00 ppg	
Scoring Offense	8	Cent. Conn. St.	32.80 ppg	
	29	Monmouth	26.00 ppg	
Total Defense	2	Robert Morris	225.80 ypg	
	3	Albany	230.00 ypg	
	14	Monmouth	265.60 ypg	
Total Offense	15	Cent. Conn. St.	381.60 ypg	
	24	Monmouth	367.70 ypg	