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# FOOTBALL

## NEWS & NOTES

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### NEC Football

#### Facts & Figures

#### Last Week's Results

Friday, September 15

CENT. CONNECTICUT STATE 29, So. Connecticut 26

Saturday, September 16

New Hampshire 62, STONY BROOK 7

Duquesne 41, SAINT FRANCIS (PA) 10

SACRED HEART 26, Iona 16

MONMOUTH 36, Saint Peter's 12

ROBERT MORRIS 35, Butler 14

WAGNER 38, Marist 7

ALBANY 17, Delaware 10

home team underlined

#### This Week's Schedule

Saturday, September 23

SACRED HEART at Duquesne, 1:00 pm

Saint Peter's at WAGNER, 1:00 pm

STONY BROOK at UMass, 1:00 pm

Rowan at ROBERT MORRIS, 1:00 pm

MONMOUTH at Colgate, 1:00 pm

La Salle at SAINT FRANCIS (PA), 1:00 pm

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE at ALBANY, 4:00 pm

#### NEC Offensive Player of the Week

Sep. 5 Todd Harris, SPPA

Sep. 11 Justise Hairston, CCSU

Sep. 18 Justise Hairston, CCSU

#### NEC Defensive Player of the Week

Sep. 5 Mike Castellano, MU

Sep. 11 Chris Stimmel, CCSU

Sep. 18 Colin Disch, UA

#### NEC Special Teams Player of the Week

Sep. 5 Jason Fralicker, UA

Sep. 11 Evin Jones, SHU

Sep. 18 Farod Muhammad, CCSU

#### NEC Rookie of the Week

Sep. 5 David Sinisi, MU

Sep. 11 Frank Blasinsky, UA

Sep. 18 Rashad Barksdale, UA

#### NEC Football On Television

##### Fox Sports-Pittsburgh

Duquesne def. Robert Morris, 27-7 (Fox Atlantic/Fox Pittsburgh)

Robert Morris at Saint Francis (PA) • Sept. 30 • 1:00 pm

##### Fox Sports-New York

CCSU at Monmouth • October 28 • 12:00 pm

#### NEC Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Albany (4)

CCSU (2)

3. Stony Brook

4. Monmouth (1)

5. Saint Francis (PA) (1)

6. Wagner

7. Robert Morris

Sacred Heart

First Place Votes In Parentheses

### Northeast Conference Football

(Week 3 - September 18, 2006)

School	NEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Streak	Home	Away	Neutral
1. Central Conn. St. (23)	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000	W3	1-0	2-0	0-0
Monmouth	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000	W3	2-0	1-0	0-0
Wagner	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000	W3	1-0	2-0	0-0
Albany	0-0	.000	2-1	.667	W1	0-1	2-0	0-0
Robert Morris	0-0	.000	1-2	.333	W1	0-1	1-1	0-0
Sacred Heart	0-0	.000	1-2	.333	W1	1-1	0-1	0-0
St. Francis (PA)	0-0	.000	1-2	.333	I2	1-0	0-2	0-0
Stony Brook	0-0	.000	0-3	.000	L3	0-1	0-2	0-0

( ) - indicates The Sports Network I-AA poll ranking

#### NEC Football Offensive Player of the Week

##### Justise Hairston, Central Connecticut State

Sr., RB, 6-1, 210, New Britain, CT/New Britain/Rutgers University

**Hairston** earns consecutive NEC Offensive Player of the Week honors for the No. 23 ranked Blue Devils after posting the most productive game of his career in a 29-26 win over Southern Connecticut State on Friday night at New Haven. The Rutgers transfer rushed 22 times for a career-high 241 yards and a career-high three touchdowns as the Blue Devils improved to 3-0 for the first time in 33 years. The New Britain High School product scored on runs of 11, 23, and 68 yards. Hairston also had 43 return yards, giving him 284 all-purpose yards in the game. On the season Hairston has 628 all-purpose yards (209.3 yards per game) in three games and has scored four touchdowns. Hairston currently leads the NEC in rushing at 139.7 yards per game and is averaging 7.6 yards per rush.

#### NEC Football Defensive Player of the Week

##### Colin Disch, Albany

Jr., LB, 6-2, 220, North Plainfield, NJ/North Plainfield

Arguably the most consistent players in the NEC, **Disch** collected a game-high 15 tackles (10 solo), including nine in the second half. The junior middle linebacker helped the Great Danes defense allow just 270 total yards against nationally-ranked Delaware as Albany topped the Blue Hens on the road, 17-10. Disch has now posted double-figure tackles for the 20th time in his career and moved into sixth-place on the school's all-time tackles list with 286. Disch helped stop a fourth-quarter possession with just over four minutes remaining by forcing Delaware quarterback Joe Flacco into throwing an incomplete pass on a third-down blitz. The reigning NEC Defensive Player of the Year currently leads the league with 14.3 tackles per game.

#### NEC Football Special Teams Player of the Week

##### Farod Muhammad, Central Connecticut State

Sr., DB, 5-11, 175, Buffalo, NY/Hutchinson Central Tech

**Muhammad** had the best performance of his career on Friday night in a 29-26 win over Southern Connecticut State on defense and on special teams. Perhaps Muhammad's biggest play of the game came in the form of a blocked punt in the second quarter. With CCSU trailing 10-0 to the Owls, the Buffalo, NY native blocked a punt and gave CCSU possession at the SCSU's 20 yardline. Three plays later, the Blue Devils cut the lead to 10-7 on an 11-yard Justise Hairston touchdown run. On defense, Muhammad had a career and game-high 18 tackles (13 solo). Muhammad also added a pass break-up as the Blue Devils won for the 18th time in their last 24 contests.

#### NEC Football Rookie of the Week

##### Rashad Barksdale, Albany

Sr., DB, 6-2, 210, Hudson, NY/Hudson

**Barksdale** picked off two passes, including one near the goal line with 29.1 seconds remaining, to lead Albany past No. 11 Delaware. The academic senior, who started 38 of 47 games as a member of the Great Dane baseball team, decided to walk-on the first day of preseason football camp. The defensive back added one tackle and returned three punts for 20 yards. Barksdale's first interception led to Jason Fralicker's 20-yard field goal with 1:22 left in the second quarter and a 17-3 lead. His next pick sealed the biggest win in the program's history when he intercepted Joe Flacco's pass on a third-and-four play at the Albany 19 yardline. The Hudson, NY product was an all-state defensive back at the high school level. He batted .277 with 22 stolen bases last spring for the Great Danes.

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# 2006 NEC Football Schedule/Results

Albany (2-1, 0-0 NEC)			Central Connecticut State (3-0, 0-0 NEC)			Monmouth (3-0, 0-0 NEC)			Robert Morris (1-2, 0-0 NEC)			Sacred Heart (1-2, 0-0 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.	4:00 pm	9/23	at Albany	4:00 pm	9/23	at Colgate	1:00 pm	9/23	Rowan	1:00 pm	9/23	at Duquesne	1:00 pm
9/30	at Cornell	7:00 pm	9/30	at St. Peter's	1:00 pm	9/30	Stony Brook	1:00 pm	9/30	at Saint Francis (PA)	4:00 pm	9/30	Wagner	1:00 pm
10/7	at Stony Brook	2:00 pm	10/7	Saint Francis (PA)	1:00 pm	10/7	Sacred Heart	1:00 pm	10/7	at Wagner	1:00 pm	10/7	at Monmouth	1:00 pm
10/14	at Sacred Heart	1:00 pm	10/14	at Robert Morris	1:00 pm	10/14	at Wagner	1:00 pm	10/14	Central Conn. St.	1:00 pm	10/14	Albany	1:00 pm
10/21	Saint Francis (PA)	4:00 pm	10/21	Wagner	12:00 pm	10/21	at Robert Morris	1:00 pm	10/21	Monmouth	1:00 pm	10/21	at Stony Brook	1:00 pm
10/28	Wagner	4:00 pm	10/28	at Monmouth	12:00 pm	10/28	Central Conn. St.	12:00 pm	10/28	at Stony Brook	1:00 pm	10/28	at Saint Francis (PA)	1:00 pm
11/4	at Robert Morris	1:00 pm	11/4	at Sacred Heart	12:30 pm	11/4	Saint Francis (PA)	1:00 pm	11/4	Albany	1:00 pm	11/4	Central Conn. St.	12:30 pm
11/11	Monmouth	1:00 pm	11/11	Stony Brook	12:00 pm	11/11	at Albany	1:00 pm	11/11	at Sacred Heart	12:30 pm	11/11	Robert Morris	12:30 pm
NEC Games in <b>Bold</b>			NEC Games in <b>Bold</b>			NEC Games in <b>Bold</b>			NEC Games in <b>Bold</b>			NEC Games in <b>Bold</b>		

Saint Francis (PA) (1-2, 0-0 NEC)			Stony Brook (0-3, 0-0 NEC)			Wagner (3-0, 0-0 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	1:00 pm	9/23	at UMass	1:00 pm	9/23	St. Peter's	1:00 pm
9/30	Robert Morris	4:00 pm	9/30	at Monmouth	1:00 pm	9/30	at Sacred Heart	1:00 pm
10/7	at Central Conn. St.	1:00 pm	10/7	Albany	2:00 pm	10/7	Robert Morris	1:00 pm
10/14	Stony Brook	1:00 pm	10/14	at Saint Francis (PA)	1:00 pm	10/14	Monmouth	1:00 pm
10/21	at Albany	4:00 pm	10/21	Sacred Heart	1:00 pm	10/21	at Central Conn. St.	12:00 pm
10/28	Sacred Heart	1:00 pm	10/28	Robert Morris	1:00 pm	10/28	at Albany	4:00 pm
11/4	at Monmouth	1:00 pm	11/4	at Wagner	1:00 pm	11/4	Stony Brook	1:00 pm
11/11	Wagner	1:00 pm	11/11	at Central Conn. St.	12:00 pm	11/11	at Saint Francis (PA)	1:00 pm
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## NEC Football Notes:

*(through games of Sept. 17)*



### CCSU Ranked 23rd in TSN I-AA Poll; Albany Receives Votes

Not only is Central Connecticut State ranked second behind San Diego in the The Sports Network Mid Major poll, the Blue Devils have now become the first team in Northeast Conference history to be ranked in The Sports Network I-AA College Football Poll, earning the No. 23 spot. CCSU improved to 3-0 for the first time in 33 years with a win at Southern Connecticut State on Saturday, a week after knocking off national power Georgia Southern at Statesboro, Georgia. Albany moved to 2-1 last Saturday with a 17-10 win over 2003 I-AA National Champion Delaware. With the win, Albany received 35 points on the TSN College Football poll.

*(See The Sports Network College Football I-AA Poll On Page 6)*

### Four NEC Teams On TSN I-AA Mid Major Top-10 Poll

With big wins against scholarship-level I-AA opponents to their credit, Central Connecticut State and Albany claim the second and third positions, respectively, in the The Sports Network Mid Major poll. One week after winning at Georgia Southern, the Blue Devils moved to 3-0 with a 29-26 win against Southern Connecticut and held on to the No. 2 spot. The Great Danes are up two positions to No. 3 after knocking off Delaware, 17-10, on Saturday. Dayton and Monmouth fall one place each and round out the top five.

With a convincing, 43-17, victory at Yale, San Diego solidified its hold on the No. 1 ranking in The Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major Top 10. Winners of 11 games in a row overall, the Toreros picked up 21 of a possible 26 first-place votes and 252 total points to hold the No. 1 spot. San Diego, which is 3-0 this season, does not play this week.

Duquesne, Drake and Wagner hold steady in the next three slots. With a 2-1 record, Valparaiso earns the No. 9 ranking enters the poll for the first time since 2004. Marist rounds out the top 10. St. Francis (PA) dropped out of the rankings.

Nine of the top 10 teams are in action this week, with a key Northeast Conference battle pitting No. 2 Central Connecticut State at No. 3 Albany. No. 7 Drake visits No. 9 Valparaiso in a Pioneer Football League matchup, while Monmouth is at Colgate and Marist hosts Holy Cross.

*(See The Sports Network I-AA Mid Major Top 10 On Page 6)*

### Week Three Recap: NEC Posts 6-2 Record

#### Albany Tops No. 11 Delaware

NEC Football is now in its 11th season, and in just the last two Saturdays, the league has thrown together its two all-time biggest wins. Last Saturday, Central Connecticut State dropped six-time I-AA National Champion and No. 13 Georgia Southern on the road, and this Saturday night, Albany toppled No. 11 Delaware on the road, a program which captured an NCAA title three short years ago. The Great Danes jumped out to a 17-3 halftime lead and held on to beat the Blue Hens, 17-10. Albany (2-1) quarterback Daniel Bocanegra threw a 38-yard touchdown to Josh Furnas in the first quarter and ran one in himself late in the second quarter. On Friday night Central Connecticut State (3-0) traveled to New Haven and improved to 3-0 for the first time since 1973 with a 29-26 win over the Owls. Fittingly next Saturday, Albany hosts CCSU in the most anticipated NEC opener in league annals. Combined this week, the NEC was 6-2 and finished the pre-NEC slate with a 14-10 non-conference record, including a 2-2 mark versus top-25 I-AA opponents. Also improving to 3-0 this week were Monmouth and Wagner. The Hawks knocked off Saint Peter's, 36-12, while Wagner trounced Marist, 38-7. Sacred Heart (1-2) and Robert Morris (1-2) picked up their first wins of the seasons on Saturday as the Pioneers earned a win over Iona, 27-16, and the Colonials walloped Butler in Indianapolis, 35-14. Saint Francis (PA) (1-2) dropped its second

straight, falling to Duquesne, 41-10. Stony Brook (0-3) had the toughest matchup of the weekend, meeting top-ranked New Hampshire at Durham. The Wildcats downed the Seawolves, 62-7.

### Quick Notes

- For the first time in league history, the NEC beat an Atlantic 10 opponent as Albany knocked off Delaware, 17-10, on September 16.
- Saint Francis (PA) senior Anthony Doria became the second quarterback in NEC history to pass for 7,000 career yards. With 7,040 for his career, Doria needs just 216 more yards to become the NEC's all-time leading, passing Robert Morris signal caller Tim Levick (1998-2001), who many consider the best quarterback in NEC history.
- With 226 yards in a win over Saint Peter's on September 16, Monmouth's Brian Boland became the fourth quarterback in league history to throw for 6,000 career yards. Boland now stands in fourth behind Robert Morris' Drew Geyer (6,129), SFPA's Anthony Doria (7,040) and RMU's Tim Levick (7,255).
- Albany junior linebacker Colin Disch gained some revenge for the Disch family as the Great Danes beat No. 11 Delaware on September 16. Colin's brother, Ryan, started at linebacker for Colgate in the 2003 I-AA National Championship loss to Delaware.
- Saint Francis (PA) tailback Todd Harris now ranks sixth on the all-time career NEC rushing list with 2,441 yards. Harris stands behind RMU's Archie Wannamaker, who rushed for 2,462 from 1996-98.

### Palko Leads Nation In Catches

Saint Francis (PA) senior wide receiver is now the NCAA Division I-AA active career leader in receptions with 217 after grabbing five balls versus Delaware State two years ago. Palko's three receptions in Week 1 jumped him from No. 2 to No. 1 in that category. Last week in a 41-10 loss to Duquesne, Palko failed to catch a pass.

### NEC Begins 2006 Football Television Package

The Northeast Conference began the first part of this year's three-game television package to air on regional outlets throughout the Northeast.

The first game of the package aired on September 9 when Robert Morris fell to local rival Duquesne, 27-7, at Joe Walton Stadium in Moon Township, PA. Fox Sports Atlantic aired the game live at 1:00 pm, while Fox Sports-Pittsburgh will aired the contest on tape delay at 4:00 pm.

On September 30, Western Pennsylvania counterparts Robert Morris and Saint Francis (PA) meet in Loretto for a 4:00 pm kickoff on Fox Sports-Pittsburgh. The package wraps up with a Fox Sports-New York broadcast on October 28 as Monmouth hosts defending NEC champion Central Connecticut State at 12:00 pm. The game will also be televised in Connecticut and Rhode Island by Cox Cable.

The 2006 season marks the fourth straight that the NEC has aired football games as part of its extensive regional sports package. This coming winter, the league will air approximately 25 men's and women's basketball games.

### 2006 NEC Football Television Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Matchup</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Broadcast Outlet</i>
9/9	Duquesne 27, RMU 7		Fox Atlantic/Pittsburgh
9/30	Robert Morris at Saint Francis	4:00 pm	Fox Pittsburgh (live)
10/28	CCSU at Monmouth	12:00 pm	Fox NY/Cox Cable (live)



## Albany (2-1, 0-0 NEC)

Last Game: Albany 17, No. 11 Delaware 10

Next Game: Sept. 23 vs. No. 23 Central Connecticut State, 4:00 pm

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.	4:00 pm
9/30	at Cornell	7:00 pm
10/7	at Stony Brook	2:00 pm
10/14	at Sacred Heart	1:00 pm
10/21	Saint Francis (PA)	4:00 pm
10/28	Wagner	4:00 pm
11/4	at Robert Morris	1:00 pm
11/11	Monmouth	1:00 pm

- The Great Danes knocked off an Atlantic 10 Conference program for the first time in eight tries at the I-AA level with last Saturday's 17-10 win over No. 11 Delaware ... For the win, UA received 35 points on The Sports Network I-AA National poll ... Albany had dropped its previous seven meetings with A-10 teams by an average margin of 37.9 points ... Albany also picked up its second win against a top-25 club, having defeated No. 21 Duquesne in the 2002 ECAC Championship ... The Great Danes played before the largest crowd in the program's history with a capacity crowd of 22,016 in attendance at Delaware Stadium, the 14th consecutive sellout ... The previous mark was 19,511 in the 2002 opener at Montana ... Albany's defense in among the NCAA leaders in rushing yards against (10th), total yards allowed (13th) and scoring defense (14th) ... Linebacker **Colin Disch (North Plainfield, NJ / North Plainfield)** had 15 tackles, including 10 unassisted, as his team held Delaware to 270 total yards and totaled four sacks ... The Great Danes allowed 420-plus yards against three Atlantic 10 opponents last year (Hofstra 424, UMass, 444 & Maine 424) ... Disch, who moved to sixth on the school's all-time tackles list with 286, recorded double-figures hits for the 20th time in his career ... Cornerback **Rashad Barksdale (Hudson, N.Y. / Hudson)** picked off two passes, including an interception at the goal line with 29.1 seconds remaining ... Delaware had defeated 13 straight non-league opponents, dating back to a 2000 playoff loss against Georgia Southern ... Free safety **Eric Neugebauer (Sayville, N.Y. / Sayville)** and linebacker **Tommy Genovesi (East Greenbush, N.Y. / Columbia)** each recorded career-highs with 10 and 7 tackles, respectively ... Safety **Dave Nicomini (Newton, N.J. / Kittatinny Regional)**, who had five tackles, made his first appearance of the season after fracturing his thumb in a preseason scrimmage ... Albany's offense rushed for 182 yards after combining for 187 in the first two games ... Fullback **Dan Beigel (Clinton, N.Y. / Clinton Central)** ran for a career-best 71 yards ... Tailback **Marcus Allen (Fayetteville, N.C. / Seventy-First)** added 13 carries for 68 yards and caught four passes for 39 ... Quarterback **Daniel Bocanegra (Daly City, Calif. / Junipero Serra)** regrouped from three first-half interceptions last week to throw a 38-yard scoring pass on a flea-flicker in the first quarter ... He added a one-yard dive over the top in the second stanza for his first career rushing touchdown ... Albany's opening three games have been decided by seven points or less for the first time since 1987



## No. 23 Central Connecticut State (3-0, 0-0 NEC)

Last Game: Central Connecticut State 29, Southern Connecticut State 26

Next Game: Sept. 23 at Albany, 4:00 pm

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	4:00 pm
9/30	at St. Peter's	1:00 pm
10/7	Saint Francis (PA)	1:00 pm
10/14	at Robert Morris	1:00 pm
10/21	Wagner	12:00 pm
10/28	at Monmouth	12:00 pm
11/4	at Sacred Heart	12:30 pm
11/11	Stony Brook	12:00 pm

- Central Connecticut improves to 3-0 for the first time since 1973 after a comeback 29-26 victory over state-rival Southern Connecticut on the road on Friday night. The win is the second straight road win this season for CCSU who will play two more road games before returning home on Saturday, October 7 ... CCSU has now won three of the last four games in the series with the Owls ... Senior running back **Justise Hairston (New Britain, CT/New Britain)** had the most productive game of his career in a 29-26 win over Southern Connecticut. Hairston rushed 22 times for a career-high 241 yards and a career-high three TD as the Blue Devils. Hairston scored on runs of 11, 23, and 68 and upped his rushing total to 419 yards in three games with the Blue Devils, including two 100+ yard performances. Hairston also had 43 return yards giving him 284 all-purpose yards in the game. On the season Hairston has 628 all-purpose yards (209.3 yards per game) in three games and has scored four touchdowns ... Senior defensive back **Farod Muhammad (Buffalo, NY/Hutchinson Central Tech)** had the best performance of his career on Friday night. The senior defensive back had a career-high and game-high 18 tackles including 13 solo stops as the Blue Devils improved to 3-0 for the first time in 22 seasons. Perhaps Muhammad's biggest play of the game came in the form of a blocked punt in the second quarter. Down 10-0, Muhammad blocked a punt and gave CCSU possession at the SCSU 20 yardline, 3 plays later the Blue Devils cut the lead to 10-7. He also added a pass break-up as the Blue Devils won for the 18th time in their last 24 games ... The Blue Devils are looking to move to 4-0 at Albany on Saturday for the first time since 1970 ... Sophomore wide receiver **Jermaine Roberts (Bridgeport, CT/Bridgeport Central)** caught his second touchdown pass in as many games over 50 yards on Friday night ... Junior quarterback **Ryan Holmes (Union, NJ/Lackawanna JC)** hit Roberts from 58 yards for the go ahead scored in the third quarter for CCSU. The completion was the first in the career of Holmes one of three completions on the night for CCSU ... The Blue Devils rushed the ball 38 times for a season-high 297 yards on Friday night, they are averaging 263 yards rushing per game this season and have nine rushing touchdowns.



## Monmouth (3-0, 0-0 NEC)

Last Game: Monmouth 36, Saint Peter's 12

Next Game: Sept. 23 at Colgate, 1:00 pm

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	1:00 pm
9/30	Stony Brook	1:00 pm
10/7	Sacred Heart	1:00 pm
10/14	at Wagner	1:00 pm
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- Monmouth quarterback Brian Boland's (**Brick, NJ/Brick Memorial**) 219 total yards moved him into first place on MU's all-time total offense list. He now has compiled 6,234 yards of total offense in his four seasons as a Hawk ... DB **David Jiles (Paulsboro, NJ/Paulsboro)** now has nine interceptions in his career, moving him into sole possession of second place among all players to wear the Blue & White. Jiles needs two more to tie the Vinnie Sasso for first ... Four different MU backs scored touchdowns against the Peacocks, including seniors **Leonard Brice (Phillipsburg, NJ/Phillipsburg)** and **Rob Lutz (New Cumberland, PA/Trinity)** and a pair of freshmen in **David Sinisi (Cedar Grove, NJ/Cedar Grove)** and **Ryan Skorupka (Sparta, NJ/Sparta)** ... Wideout **Adam San Miguel (North Bergen, NJ/St. Peter's Prep)** caught a 96-yard touchdown pass from Boland, which would have been the school record for longest TD pass but it was called back for holding. The Hawks also had a fake punt that went for a touchdown called back ... For the third straight game Monmouth held the advantage in time of possession, holding the ball for 31:15 compared to Saint Peter's who had it 28:31 ... Monmouth scored on four-out of six red zone chances, while the defense held Saint Peter's to one-of-three ... With a pair of interceptions and Jiles' strip, the Hawks now own a +5 turnover margin in 2006 ... With his interception on Saturday, senior linebacker **Mike Castellano (Freehold, NJ/Freehold Twp)** now leads the team with two interceptions ... San Miguel leads the Hawks with 23 catches for 321 yards, for an average of 107 yards per game. San Miguel finished last season with 51 catches for 569 yards ... The Hawks defense gave up their first passing touchdown of the season against Saint Peter's, a 41 yard bomb on the Peacocks first drive of the game. It took 124:25 of game-time for them to give up a score through the air ... Senior wide-out **Michael McClelland (Lincroft, NJ/Middletown South)** scored for the second straight game against St. Peters, grabbing a five-yard TD catch ... The Hawks racked up seven tackles-for-a-loss, with senior DB **Derek Bischoff (Succasunna, NJ/Roxbury)** leading the team with two ... Senior safety **Matt Hill (Hopatcong, NJ/Hopatcong)** led Monmouth in tackles with nine total, including seven solo stops. He leads the team this season with 20 total tackles (13 solo) Hill led the Hawks in tackles last season with 82.



## Robert Morris (1-2, 0-0 NEC)

Last Game: Robert Morris 35, Butler 14

Next Game: Sept. 23 vs. Rowan, 1:00 pm

9/2	at Dayton	L, 21-14
9/9	Duquesne	L, 27-7
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11/4	Albany	1:00 pm
11/11	at Sacred Heart	12:30 pm

- Robert Morris snapped a school record seven-game losing streak as well as an eight-game road skid with a 35-14 victory at Butler ... The defense shined all afternoon for the Colonials, not allowing a touchdown while holding the Bulldogs to just 50 yards of total offense, including -18 rushing ... Sophomore quarterback **Erik Cwalinski (Jacobsburg, Ohio / Shadyside)** finished 18-for-26 passing for 240 yards and a career-high four touchdown passes while not throwing an interception ... Cwalinski connected for touchdown passes with four different receivers ... Junior flanker **Alvin Hill (New Kensington, Pa./ Plum)** notched career highs in receptions (6) and receiving yards (98) while catching a touchdown to pace the Colonial receiving corps ... Junior **Mario Hines (Ecorse, Mich. / Ecorse)** scored a pair of touchdowns against the Bulldogs and compiled 147 all-purpose yards ... Hines rushed for a 14-yard touchdown on an end-around in the second quarter to give RMU a 14-7 lead, then his 38-yard touchdown reception gave RMU a 28-14 advantage ... Hines finished second on the club with three catches for 71 yards against Butler ... RMU's running back by committee continued against the Bulldogs, as six different running backs received a carry, led by freshman **Brian Harden's (Sunrise, Fla. / Stranahan)** 11 ... Senior halfback **Moises Hernandez (Miami, Fla. / LaSalle)** paced the Colonials with 50 yards on nine carries, an average of 5.6 yards a rush ... The defense was led by senior defensive lineman **Ray Gensler (Pittsburgh, Pa./ Keystone Oaks)**, who posted six tackles and a sack ... Robert Morris posted four sacks on the afternoon, as joining Gensler were senior defensive lineman **Colyn Haugh (Murrysville, Pa. / Franklin Regional)**, sophomore defensive lineman **Shannon Smoot (Columbus, Ohio / Bishop Hartley)** and junior linebacker **Chad Wengert (Kempton, Pa. / Kutztown)** ... Robert Morris closes out its 2006 non-conference slate by welcoming Division III Rowan to Joe Walton Stadium Saturday, Sept. 23, for a 1:00 p.m. tilt.



## Sacred Heart (1-2, 0-0 NEC)

Last Game: Sacred Heart 27, Iona 16

Next Game: Sept. 23 at Duquesne, 1:00 pm

9/2	Lafayette	L 14-25
9/9	at Marist	L 28-19
9/16	Iona	W 27-16
9/23	at Duquesne	1:00 pm
9/30	Wagner	1:00 pm
10/7	at Monmouth	1:00 pm
10/14	Albany	1:00 pm
10/21	at Stony Brook	1:00 pm
10/28	at Saint Francis (PA)	1:00 pm
11/4	Central Conn. St.	12:30 pm
11/11	Robert Morris	12:30 pm

- Sacred Heart moved its all-time record against the MAAC to 16-12 with the win over Iona on Saturday. The Pioneers evened their record against the Gaels to six wins apiece....The Pioneers registered a season-high five sacks in the game by five different players....The Pioneers yielded the first defensive extra point against them in school history on Saturday when Iona's Reggie Dorsainvil blocked **Nick Passalacqua's (Utica, NY/TR Proctor)** extra point attempt after the first SHU score and ran it all the way for the two-pointer....Sacred Heart won the turnover battle against Iona, 4-0. Two of those turnovers were in the Pioneer red zone. Sophomore corner **Jeff Hodges (Palm Beach, FL/Royal Palm)** picked off Iona QB Dustin Croick in the endzone in the second quarter and **Rich Marrone (E. Brooklyn, NY/Poly Prep)** recovered a fumble by Iona QB Michael Biehl late in the fourth quarter to thwart another...Senior receiver **Alvin Franklin (New Haven, CT/Wilbur Cross)** had a career-high seven receptions and a career-best 106 yards in the win. He also caught his 10th career touchdown pass, a 35-yard strike from **Tyler Arciaga (Bonita, CA/Bonita Vista)** in the third quarter that clinched the victory...**Corey Bundy (Selden, NY/Newfield)** had his second TD reception of the year, and tenth of his career, with a six-yard catch from Arciaga in the first quarter...Arciaga had two TD passes in the game, giving him 21 for his career and moving him into second place all-time at SHU behind Justin Holtfreter's 41....Arciaga continued his sharp passing, completing 18 of 33 passes without an interception. The senior hit eight different receivers in the game....Sophomore defensive back **Steve Young (Brooklyn, NY/Xaverian)** registered his first career interception Saturday with an acrobatic theft along the sideline in the fourth quarter....Sophomore punter **Derek Marks (East Lyme, CT/East Lyme)** had the best day of his young SHU career Sunday, averaging 40 yards on five punts, including a long of 50 and nailing on inside the Iona five-yard line....SHU will travel to Duquesne at Pittsburgh this week for a rematch of the 2001 ECAC Bowl that was the caper of the Pioneer's undefeated Mid-Major National Championship season. The Pioneers won that game over the Dukes, 31-15, in the only time the teams have ever met.



## Saint Francis (PA) (1-2, 0-0 NEC)

Last Game: Duquesne 41, Saint Francis (PA) 10

Next Game: Sept. 23 vs. La Salle, 1:00 pm

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	1:00 pm
9/30	Robert Morris	4:00 pm
10/7	at Central Conn. St.	1:00 pm
10/14	Stony Brook	1:00 pm
10/21	at Albany	4:00 pm
10/28	Sacred Heart	1:00 pm
11/4	at Monmouth	1:00 pm
11/11	Wagner	1:00 pm

- Senior quarterback **Anthony Doria (Bethel Park, PA/Seton La Salle)** became just the second player in Northeast Conference history to reach 7,000 career passing yards in SFU's 41-10 loss at Duquesne. He now has 7,040 career passing yards, 215 shy of the all-time NEC mark, held by former Robert Morris signal-caller Tim Levick; Doria has completed 618 passes on 1,118 career pass attempts for 47 touchdowns ... Senior running back **Todd Harris (Duquesne, PA/ Duquesne)** has 515 (second in school history) career rushing attempts for 2,441 yards (No. 1 in school history). He scored another rushing touchdown on Saturday to give him 13 during his career, third most in program history ... Senior wide receiver **Michael Caputo (Bethel Park, PA/Seton La Salle)** now has 192 career catches for 2,788 yards ... Senior wide receiver **Luke Palko (Imperial, PA/West Allegheny)** was held without a catch for the first time in his career. Palko had caught at least two passes in every game entering this past weekend ... Junior placekicker **Adam Sciulli (Pittsburgh, PA/Central Catholic)** made a 30-yard field goal in the first quarter to give him 18 career field goals, second most in program history and just three shy of the school record. His 72 percent success rate is also best in program history, and he extended his PATs made streak to 62-for-62 in his career ... Junior running back **Anthony Richards (Parlin, NJ/Cardinal McCray)** is averaging 9.1 yards per carry with 265 yards on 29 attempts.



## Stony Brook (0-3, 0-0 NEC)

Last Game: No. 1 New Hampshire 62, Stony Brook 7

Next Game: Sept. 23 at No. 9 Massachusetts, 1:00 pm

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	1:00 pm
9/30	at Monmouth	1:00 pm
10/7	Albany	2:00 pm
10/14	at Saint Francis (PA)	1:00 pm
10/21	Sacred Heart	1:00 pm
10/28	Robert Morris	1:00 pm
11/4	at Wagner	1:00 pm
11/11	at Central Conn. St.	12:00 pm

- The Seawolves fell to No. 1 New Hampshire on Saturday, 62-7 ... The game marked the first time that Stony Brook football has played a team ranked first in the nation ... Freshman **Anthony Hamilton (Copiague, NY/Copiague)** scored Stony Brook's only touchdown, scoring on a 10-yard touchdown run. The play, in which he took a direct snap from center, was Hamilton's first from scrimmage in 2006 ... The touchdown drive was set up by a 47-yard catch-and-run from **Josh Dudash (Beachwood, NJ/Toms River)** to **Mike Cosentino (Staten Island, NY/St. Peter's Prep)** ... Freshman **Tyler Santucci (New Kensington, PA/Valley)** led the Seawolves in tackles with nine. He also added a sack ... **Steve Austin (Tequesta, FL/WT Dwyer)** led SB's ground attack with 67 yards on 10 carries ... Cosentino finished with five receptions for 71 yards ...Running back **Conte Cuttino (Uniondale, NY/Uniondale)** had 12 carries for 39 yards ... **Andre Jean-Pierre (Irvington, NJ/Irvington)** and **Dan Michitsch (Glendale, NY/St. Francis Prep)** both recorded eight tackles ... Dudash finished 10 of 17 for 112 yards ... The Seawolves travel to face UMass next Saturday ... The game also was the first meeting between the two football programs.



## Wagner (3-0, 0-0 NEC)

Last Game: Wagner 38, Marist 7

Next Game: Sept. 23 vs. Saint Peter's, 1:00 pm

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	1:00 pm
9/30	at Sacred Heart	1:00 pm
10/7	Robert Morris	1:00 pm
10/14	Monmouth	1:00 pm
10/21	at Central Conn. St.	12:00 pm
10/28	at Albany	4:00 pm
11/4	Stony Brook	1:00 pm
11/11	at Saint Francis (PA)	1:00 pm

- The Seahawks were impressive in a 38-7 win over host Marist as they improve to 3-0 for the third consecutive season consecutive season. Down 7-3, Wagner scored just before the half, and then added four rushing touchdowns in the second half to win going away ... Junior **Jason Butler (Syracuse, NY / Henninger)** accounted for 130 all purpose yards and 2 TDs in the game. First he caught a huge 50 yard screen pass in the closing minutes of the first half to set up the go ahead score. In the second half he accounted for 77 rushing yards on 11 carries. Junior running back **Aliga Betts (Pembroke Pines, FL / Cooper City)** was just as impressive with a career high 22 carries for 92 yards and 1 TD. The Wagner defense held Marist to 232 total yards and just 62 on the ground. In his first start of the season, junior tight end **Joe Kinard (Kingston, NY / Kingston)** showed no signs of injury making four catches for 46 yards and 1 TD. The defense for Wagner allowed just 62 rushing yards and 232 yards of total offense. Through the first three games the Wagner 'D' is allowing just 8.3 ppg and 213 yards per game. The Seahawks four rushing touchdowns are the most on the ground for the team since a 42-7 win over Jacksonville at the end of the 2002 season ... **Piotr Czech (Keyport, NJ/Keyport)** accounted for eight Wagner points converting on all five extra points, plus adding a 27 yard FG. Czech put Wagner up 3-0 on their first drive of the game with a 27 yard kick through the uprights. The junior kicker also added five PATs in the contest while averaging 37.2 yards on four punts ...

## NEC Football

### Career/All-Time Records

#### NEC Active Leaders

##### Rushing

- 2,441, Todd Harris, SFPA, 2003-06
- 2,220, Cory Harge, CCSU, 2004, 2006
- 1,352, Warren Barnett, WC, 2003-06
- 1,291, Ricky Taylor, SFPA, 2003-06

##### Passing Yardage

- 7,040, Anthony Doria, SFPA, 2003-06
- 6,081, Brian Boland, MU, 2003-06

##### Pass Completions

- 590, Anthony Doria, SFPA, 2003-06
- 464, Brian Boland, MU, 2003-06

##### Pass Receptions

- 217, Luke Palko, SFPA, 2003-06
- 192, Michael Caputo, SFPA, 2003-06
- 171, Chris Turner, WC, 2003-06

##### Touchdowns Scored

- 30, Chris Turner, WC, 2003-06
- 24, Michael Caputo, SFPA, 2003-06
- 14, Warren Barnett, WC, 2003-06
- 12, Todd Harris, SFPA, 2003-06

##### Receiving Yards

- 2,788, Michael Caputo, SFPA, 2003-06
- 2,330, Chris Turner, WC, 2003-06
- 1,942, Luke Palko, SFPA, 2003-06
- 1,059, Adam San Miguel, MU, 2004-06
- 868, Joey Henley, SHU, 2004-06

#### NEC Career Leaders

##### Rushing

- 4,460, Rick Sarille, WC, 1996-99
- 3,847, Sam Dorsett, RMU, 1999-03
- 3,053, Ed Pricolo, SHU, 2002-05
- 3,033, Gary Jones, UA, 2002-03
- 2,462, Archie Wannamaker, RMU, 1996-98
- 2,441, Todd Harris, SFPA, 2003-06
- 2,428, Stan House, CCSU, 1996-97
- 2,362, Clinton Dunston, CCSU, 1999-02
- 2,330, Michael Hall, SFPA, 2000-03
- 2,310, Chris Davis, WC, 2000-03

##### Passing Yardage

- 7,255, Tim Levick, RMU, 1998-01
- 7,040, Anthony Doria, SFPA, 2003-06
- 6,129, Drew Geyer, RMU, 2002-05
- 6,081, Brian Boland, MU, 2003-06
- 5,899, John Sciarra, WC, 2004-05
- 5,728, Scott Dolch, CCSU, 2001-04
- 5,145, Keith Toolan, CCSU, 1996-99
- 4,832, T.J. Moriarty, SBU, 2001-04
- 4,430, Justin Holtfreter, SHU, 2000-01
- 4,039, Bill Rankin, MU, 2000-02

##### Pass Receptions

- 217, Luke Palko, SFPA, 2003-06
- 192, Michael Caputo, SFPA, 2003-06
- 181, Shaun Grover, WC, 2002-05
- 171, Chris Turner, 2003-06
- 150, Miles Austin, MU, 2002-05
- 147, Londre Blocker, SBU, 2001-04
- 142, Jason Bain, WC, 1997-00
- 138, Josh Anderson, SBU, 2003-05
- 127, Chuck Kinsley, WC, 1997-00
- 124, Chris Phillis, UA, 1999-01

##### Receiving Yards

- 2,867, Miles Austin, MU, 2002-05
- 2,788, Michael Caputo, SFPA, 2003-06
- 2,330, Chris Turner, WC, 2003-06
- 2,294, Jason Bain, WC, 1997-00
- 2,256, Shaun Grover, WC, 2002-05
- 2,221, Londre Blocker, SBU, 2001-04
- 2,128, Chuck Kinsley, WC, 1997-00
- 2,119, Tyjuan Massey, RMU, 2002-05
- 2,100, Chris Phillis, UA, 1999-01
- 1,896, 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	78-54	.591	78-54	.591	62-44	.585	39-24	.619
Bob Ford	Albany	212-155-1	.577	203-133	.604	45-33	.577	36-14	.720
Paul Gorham	Sacred Heart	11-12	.478	11-12	.478	11-12	.478	6-8	.429
Walt Hameline	Wagner	178-86-2	.673	178-86-2	.673	60-47	.561	34-30	.531
Jeff McInerney	Cent. Conn.	3-0	1.000	3-0	1.000	3-0	1.000	---	---
Dave O'Far	St. Francis (PA)	10-35	.222	10-35	.222	10-35	.222	5-23	.179
Chuck Priore	Stony Brook	39-12	.765	0-3	.000	0-3	.000	---	---
Joe Walton	Robert Morris	76-47-1	.617	76-47-1	.617	63-42	.600	42-21	.667
<b>Combined Totals</b>		<b>607-401-4</b>	<b>.602</b>	<b>559-343-4</b>	<b>.619</b>	<b>254-216</b>	<b>.540</b>	<b>162-120</b>	<b>.574</b>

#### All-Time NEC Records

School	Record	Pct.
Albany	36-14	.720
Central Conn. St.	30-33	.476
Monmouth	39-24	.619
Robert Morris	42-21	.667
Sacred Heart	30-26	.536
St. Francis (PA)	6-57	.095
Stony Brook	24-27	.471

#### NEC Champions • 1996-2005

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

## NEC Football

### I-AA Mid-Major Polls

#### *The Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major Poll* (Sept. 18)

School (First Place Votes)	Record	Points	Prev.
1. San Diego (21)	3-0	252	1
2. Central Connecticut St (4)	3-0	231	2
3. Albany (1)	2-1	198	5
4. Dayton	2-0	185	3
5. Monmouth	2-0	168	4
6. Duquesne	2-1	134	6
7. Drake	2-1	97	7
8. Wagner	2-0	87	8
9. Valparaiso	2-1	44	NR
10. Marist	1-2	12	9

Others receiving votes (in order of points): Robert Morris 11, Saint Francis (PA) 6.

#### *The Sports Network I-AA College Football Poll* (Sep. 18)

School (First Place Votes)	Record	Points	Prev.
1. New Hampshire (83)	2-0	2,711	1
2. Appalachian State (22)	2-1	2,627	2
3. Cal Poly (2)	3-0	2,439	3
4. Furman	2-1	2,271	4
5. Montana	1-1	2,224	5
6. Illinois State	2-1	2,109	7
7. Richmond	2-0	2,071	8
8. Youngstown State	2-1	1,868	6
9. Massachusetts	2-1	1,851	9
10. Southern Illinois (2)	2-0	1,684	16
11. Hampton (1)	3-0	1,646	10
12. Northern Iowa	2-1	1,417	12
13. McNeese State	1-1	1,299	14
14. North Dakota State	2-0	1,281	17
15. Portland State	2-1	1,228	13
16. UC Davis	2-1	1,192	21
17. James Madison	1-1	1,190	15
18. Delaware	1-1	619	11
19. Georgia Southern	1-1	611	24
20. Eastern Illinois	1-2	477	18
21. Towson	3-0	424	NR
22. Western Carolina	2-0	361	NR
23. Central Connecticut State	3-0	252	NR
24. Eastern Kentucky	1-2	227	19
25. Jacksonville State	1-1	166	NR

Others receiving votes: Harvard 160, Lafayette 152, Penn 125, Montana State 99, Western Illinois 94, Brown 90, Nicholls State 90, Hofstra 84, Idaho State 84, Mississippi Valley State 69, Texas State 68, Alabama A&M 44, Colgate 44, Wofford 40, Albany 35, San Diego 33, Southern 32, Northern Arizona 29, Bethune-Cookman 20, Tennessee State 20, Maine 19, South Carolina State 13, Elon 11, Northwestern State 9, Maine 7, Jackson State 7, Grambling State 6, Western Kentucky 6, William & Mary 6.

## NEC Football

### vs. the competition

#### NEC vs...

Atlantic 10	1-2	MAAC	7-3
Division II	1-0	Patriot	2-3
Division III	0-0	Pioneer	2-0
Ivy	0-0	Southern	1-0
MEAC	1-1		