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NEC Football

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Thursday, August 31
 WAGNER 38, La Salle 15
 Hofstra 17, STONY BROOK 8

Saturday, September 3
 SAINT FRANCIS (PA) 38, St. Peter's 3
 ALBANY 17, Lehigh 16
 Dayton 21, ROBERT MORRIS 14
 Lafayette 25, SACRED HEART 14
 CCSU 34, Marist 6
 MONMOUTH 23, Fordham 9

This Week's Schedule

Saturday, September 9
 Duquesne at Robert Morris 1:00 pm
 Iona at Wagner 1:00 pm
 Stony Brook at Georgetown 1:00 pm
 Morgan State at Monmouth 1:00 pm
 Fordham at Albany 6:00 pm
 St. Francis (PA) at Delaware State 7:00 pm
 CCSU at Georgia Southern 7:00 pm
 Sacred Heart at Marist 7:00 pm

NEC Offensive Player of the Week

Sep. 5 Todd Harris, SFPA

NEC Defensive Player of the Week

Sep. 5 Matt Castellano, MU

NEC Special Teams Player of the Week

Sep. 5 Jason Fralicker, ALB

NEC Rookie of the Week

Sep. 5 David Sinisi, MU

NEC Football On Television

Fox Sports-Pittsburgh
 Duquesne at Robert Morris • Sept. 9 • 4:00 pm (tape delay)
 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

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 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 1 - September 5, 2006)

School	NEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Streak	Home	Away	Neutral
1. Albany	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000	W1	0-0	1-0	0-0
Central Connecticut State	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000	W1	1-0	0-0	0-0
Monmouth	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000	W1	0-0	1-0	0-0
Saint Francis (PA)	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000	W1	1-0	0-0	0-0
Wagner	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000	W1	0-0	1-0	0-0
Robert Morris	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	L1	0-0	0-1	0-0
Sacred Heart	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	L1	0-1	0-0	0-0
Stony Brook	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	L1	0-1	0-0	0-0

NEC Football Offensive Player of the Week

Todd Harris, Saint Francis (PA)

Sr., RB, 5-10, 205, Duquesne, PA/Duquesne

Harris rushed for 203 yards and the school's single-game record-tying three touchdowns to lead Saint Francis to its first season-opening victory since 1996 with a 38-3 win over Saint Peter's. Averaging 6.2 yards per carry, the Duquesne, PA product carried the ball 33 times in a workmanlike effort. Harris gained 220 all-purpose yards, giving him 2,954 career all-purpose yards, breaking the school's all-time record. The tailback broke a 10-year-old Saint Francis record (2,803), formerly held by Jeff Sotosky. Harris' 203 rushing yards gave him 2,287 career yards, moving him to within 43 yards of the school's career mark. He also moved into fourth place on the school's all-time rushing attempts list with 464. Harris got the Red Flash on the board with a 28-yard touchdown run with 4:02 left in the first quarter. On SFU's next series, the 2005 first team all-NEC selection carried the ball seven times for 40 yards to set up a field goal for a 10-0 lead. Harris then capped off his day on a three-yard TD run to give the Red Flash a 31-3 lead with 10:47 remaining in the game. Harris' trio of touchdowns gives him 12 for his career, moving him into third place on the school's all-time list.

NEC Football Defensive Player of the Week

Matt Castellano, Monmouth

Sr., LB, 6-2, 230, Freehold, NJ/Freehold Township

Castellano led the Hawks with six total tackles, including four solo and four assisted. The senior linebacker also had an interception and a fumble recovery in a 23-9 triumph over the Fordham Rams. Castellano's key interception came in the third quarter when Fordham held the momentum after stopping a Hawks' drive and following with a touchdown. The Monmouth defense held the Fordham offense to just 64 passing yards and shutout the Rams in first half, giving the Hawks a 23-0 halftime advantage.

NEC Football Special Teams Player of the Week

Jason Fralicker, Albany

Jr., PK/P, 5-10, 182, North Tonawanda, NY/North Tonawanda

Fralicker tied Albany's single-game record with three field goals (37, 34, 38), all in the first half, in the 17-16 victory over Lehigh. The junior matched a record established by Scott Reagan against Cortland on Oct. 19, 1985. Fralicker's 34-yarder gave Albany an 8-7 lead in the second quarter. Fralicker then booted the longest field goal by an Albany kicker since Sept. 28, 2002, connecting from 38 yards with 1:22 left before halftime to give the Great Danes an 11-7 edge. The kicker added a 39-yard punt and a tackle on special teams in his first game in a Great Danes' uniform since transferring from Erie Community College.

NEC Football Rookie of the Week

David Sinisi, Monmouth

RS-Fr., RB, 5-10, 200, Ocean Grove, NJ/Ocean Grove

Sinisi finished his first game in a Monmouth uniform with 131 total yards. Sinisi carried the ball 20 times for 67 yards, after no Monmouth player carried the ball more than 18 times in a game all last season. The Ocean Grove, NJ native also grabbed a screen pass from quarterback Brian Boland and took it 71 yards for an early first quarter score, outrunning three Fordham defenders to put the Hawks up two touchdowns.

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2006 NEC Football Schedule/Results

Albany (1-0, 0-0 NEC)			Central Connecticut State (1-0, 0-0 NEC)			Monmouth (1-0, 0-0 NEC)			Robert Morris (0-1, 0-0 NEC)			Sacred Heart (0-1, 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	6:00 pm	9/9	at Georgia Southern	7:00 pm	9/9	Morgan State	1:00 pm	9/9	Duquesne	1:00 pm	9/9	at Marist	7:00 pm
9/16	at Delaware	7:00 pm	9/15	at Southern Connecticut	7:00 pm	9/16	St. Peter's	1:00 pm	9/16	at Butler	1:00 pm	9/16	Iona	1:00 pm
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 Bold			NEC Games in Bold			NEC Games in Bold			NEC Games in Bold			NEC Games in Bold		

Saint Francis (PA) (1-0, 0-0 NEC)			Stony Brook (0-1, 0-0 NEC)			Wagner (1-0, 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	1:00 pm	9/9	at Georgetown	1:00 pm	9/9	Iona	1:00 pm
9/16	at Duquesne	1:00 pm	9/16	at New Hampshire	12:00 pm	9/16	at Marist	7:00 pm
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. 3)



NEC Lands Six Teams In Sports Network Mid-Major Top-10 Poll

Following a successful opening weekend of play, the release of the first Sports Network Mid-Major Top-10 football poll of the 2006 season finds six Northeast Conference teams ranked.

Albany earned four first-place votes and moved up two spots from its preseason ranking to No. 2 after winning at Lehigh, 17-16. The Great Danes earned 183 total points. Central Connecticut State is up two pegs to No. 4 after a 34-6 triumph over Marist, while Monmouth vaulted one place to No. 6 with a 23-9 victory at Fordham.

Saint Francis (PA) entered the poll at No. 8 after dismantling St. Peter's by a 38-3 count. Wagner debuted at No. 9 in the rankings following a lopsided 38-15 win at La Salle. Stony Brook remained flat at No. 10, maintaining its ranking after a competitive 17-8 setback at Hofstra last Thursday. In addition to the six teams from the NEC, three ranked teams (San Diego, Dayton and Drake) come from the Pioneer Football League, while Duquesne represents the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

The entire top 10 is in action this week, and five of the top-10 teams take on scholarship-level opposition. No. 2 Albany hosts Fordham and No. 4 Central Connecticut State is at Georgia Southern, while No. 1 San Diego plays host to Dixie State.

Team (first-place votes)	2005 Record	Points	Prev.
1. San Diego (17)	1-0	211	1
2. Albany (4)	1-0	183	4
3. Dayton (1)	1-0	182	2
4. Central Connecticut State	1-0	137	6
5. Duquesne	0-1	128	3
6. Monmouth	1-0	121	7
7. Drake	0-1	84	5
8. Saint Francis (PA)	1-0	57	NR
9. Wagner	1-0	40	NR
10. Stony Brook	0-1	34	10

NEC Announces 2006 Football Television Package

The Northeast Conference announced its three-game television package to air on regional outlets throughout the Northeast.

The first game of the package airs on September 9 when Robert Morris hosts local rival Duquesne at Joe Walton Stadium in Moon Township, PA. Fox Sports Atlantic will air the game live at 1:00 pm, while Fox Sports-Pittsburgh will air 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.

Paul Dottino enters his fourth season as the play-by-play voice of NEC football. He is also a member of the NEC basketball broadcast team and the New York Giants beat reporter for 1050 ESPN Radio in New York and for Sirius' NFL Radio Channel. Former New York Giants quarterback Scott Brunner will handle analyst duties for the Monmouth-CCSU game, while Steve Jackson - Hofstra's all-time leading receiver - will provide color for the two games in Pennsylvania. Eric Singer is the Producer of NEC football telecasts.

2006 NEC Football Television Schedule

Date	Matchup	Time	Broadcast Outlet
9/9	Duquesne at Robert Morris	1:00 pm	Fox Atlantic (live)
		4:00 pm	Fox Pittsburgh (tape)
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)

Former Monmouth Star Miles Austin Makes Dallas Cowboys Roster; RMU's Fraley Traded to Cleveland Browns

Former Monmouth wide receiver and NEC All-Star Miles Austin is a member of the 2006 Dallas Cowboys after making the final cut, Cowboys officials announced on Saturday.

"I'm excited and ready to get this week going and try to help this team to a championship," said Austin. "Monmouth was the only team to give me a shot out of high school. I'm a loyal guy and even when I could have transferred as a sophomore I didn't. Playing with them prepared me to get things done at the next level. I'm just really happy to be here."

The 6-3 wideout, signed with Dallas as an undrafted free agent a few days after the April 2006 Draft and had an outside shot of making the 53-man roster. But Monmouth's all-time record holder in receptions, receiving yards and touchdown catches put his talents on display in a game against the New Orleans Saints on ESPN's Monday Night Football. After making two special teams tackles, Austin hauled in a 48-yard touchdown reception from Cowboy's quarterback Tony Romo to seal Dallas' 30-7 victory.

"First I'd like to say that we are all really excited and happy for Miles," said MU head coach Kevin Callahan, who coached Austin for four seasons in West Long Branch. "Play in the NFL is a great opportunity for him and he has worked hard to get where he is."

Austin becomes the first Monmouth University player to make an NFL 53-man roster. Former Hawk wideout Will Holder signed on with the Oakland Raiders after a four-year successful Arena Football League run, but was released after training camp.

"Having a player come through the program and make it to the NFL says a great deal about how far Monmouth football has come since 1993," said Callahan. "Miles was one of the guys who helped our program to a new level and he was a great player and a great guy to coach."

Austin and the Cowboys will face Jacksonville on the road in their first game of the season at 4:15 p.m.

Monmouth is 1-0 this season after defeating Fordham last night in their season opener, 23-9. The Hawks will face Morgan State at Kessler Field on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 1 p.m.

Two other former NEC players compete professionally - Hank Fraley (Robert Morris), a center who was traded from the Philadelphia Eagles to the Cleveland Browns over the weekend, and Kurt Campbell (Albany), a cornerback on the Green Bay Packers who is currently on injured reserve.



Albany (1-0, 0-0 NEC)

Last Game: Albany 17, Lehigh 16

Next Game: Sept. 9 vs. Fordham, 6:00 pm

9/2	at Lehigh	W 17-16
9/9	Fordham	6:00 pm
9/16	at Delaware	7:00 pm
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 put together their most impressive victory at the Division I-AA level with a 17-16 upset of perennial Patriot League power Lehigh ... The Mountain Hawks, who had won eight consecutive season openers, posted an 8-3 campaign last year and were ranked in the nation's top 25 ... Lehigh and Montana are the only I-AA programs to register eight-plus wins in every season since 1998 ... Special teams play was the deciding factor in a game played in the rain and wind of tropical storm Ernesto ... **Jason Fralicker (North Tonawanda, NY/North Tonawanda)** tied a school record with three field goals (37, 34 & 38 yards) ... Fralicker's 38-yarder was the longest field goal by an Albany kicker since Sept. 28, 2002 ... Tailback **Omar Johnson (Edgewater Park, NJ/Burlington City)** scored on a one-yard run with 14:55 remaining in the fourth quarter to give his team a 17-13 lead ... The winning points were set up by a high punt snap that was downed near the goal line ... Albany won its season opener for the first time since 2001 after losing to Montana, Northeastern and Hofstra (twice) the previous four years ... Linebacker **Colin Disch (North Plainfield, NJ/North Plainfield)** led all tacklers with 13, as the Great Danes limited Lehigh to seven net rushing yards ... Disch has recorded double-figure hits in 18 of 23 games played and has climbed to No. 7 on the school's career tackles list (256) ... Linebackers **Mark Peretore (Apalachin, NY/Vestal)** and **Dan Barnes (Kingston, NY/Kingston)** posted career-highs with seven and six tackles, respectively ... Safety **Eric Neugebauer (Sayville, NY/Sayville)** wiped out the first of two Lehigh scoring threats in the final eight minutes with a sack and forced fumble ... **Rashad Barksdale (Hudson, NY/Hudson)** had a huge impact in his first game as a collegian ... Barksdale, a former Albany baseball outfielder, surprised the coaching staff when he decided to walk-on on the first day of preseason camp ... He started at cornerback, made four tackles and returned two punts for 55 yards ... **Marcus Allen (Fayetteville, NC/Seventy-First)** led UAlbany's rushing attack with 71 yards on 16 carries.



Central Connecticut State (1-0, 0-0 NEC)

Last Game: Central Connecticut State 34, Marist 6

Next Game: Sept. 9 at Georgia Southern, 7:00 pm

9/2	Marist	W 34-6
9/9	at Georgia Southern	7:00 pm
9/15	at So. Connecticut	7:00 pm
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

- The Blue Devils opened the 2006 season with a convincing 34-6 victory over visiting Marist, winning at home for the 10th time in 11 games since the start of the 2004 season. The six points allowed matches the fewest by a CCSU team since a 12-0 shutout over St. Francis (PA) in 1998. Redshirt sophomore running back **Jo Jo Freeman (Lowell, MA/Pomfret School)** had a career-night in the victory. He rushed nine times for 57 yards and a career-high three touchdowns as the Blue Devil rushing attack rattled off 288 yards and five scores in the home opener. The Blue Devils are now 10-1 since the start of the 2004 season at home. Freeman scored the first two touchdowns of the game giving the Blue Devils the 13-0 lead and scored his third touchdown on a 27-yard run in the third quarter, upping the lead to 27-0. Freeman and fellow running backs **Justise Hairston (New Britain, CT/Rutgers)** and **Cory Harge (Amherst, MA/Sweet Home)** rushed for a combined total of 37 carries for 205 yards and five touchdowns. Hairston, a New Britain native who transferred to CCSU this season, scored his first touchdown as a Blue Devil in the second quarter. Redshirt junior running back Cory Harge, playing in his first game since missing the entire 2005 season, scored his 22nd career touchdown in the third quarter with a 27-yard run. Harge's 76 yards give him 2,190 for his career, 10 yards shy of becoming the third play in school history to reach the 2,200 career yards mark. Nine different Blue Devils rushed the ball on Saturday, combining for 288 yards, the third highest single game total since the 2000 season for CCSU. Coming off injury an plagued season in 2005, senior linebacker **Rob McGuire (Queens, NY/Christ The King)**, who hadn't seen the field in almost a full calendar year, had a team-high 10 tackles including two for a loss, a sack and three pass break-ups. The Blue Devil defense allowed only 68 yards of total offense in the first half building a 20-0 lead over the visiting Red Foxes. For the game the Blue Devils allowed only 94 yards on the ground and 140 through the air while holding Marist to six points. Sophomore defensive end **Ernie Greywacz (New Canaan, CT/New Canaan)** had his best game in a Blue Devil uniform posting nine tackles, one pass break-up, a tackle for a loss and a sack. Sophomore quarterback **Aubrey Norris (Staten Island, NY/Hargrave Military Acad.)**, who play the first two and a half quarters, was 5-for-7 for 47 yards through the air and rushed four times for 25 yards on the ground.



Monmouth (1-0, 0-0 NEC)

Last Game: Monmouth 23, Fordham 9

Next Game: Sept. 9 vs. Morgan State, 1:00 pm

9/2	at Fordham	W 23-9
9/9	Morgan State	1:00 pm
9/16	St. Peter's	1:00 pm
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
10/21	at Robert Morris	1:00 pm
10/28	Central Conn. St.	12:00 pm
11/4	Saint Francis (PA)	1:00 pm
11/11	at Albany	1:00 pm

- Monmouth scored on their opening four possessions (TD, TD, TD, FG) and then struggled to find the enzone from there one out as the weather conditions worsened, however, the Hawks topped Fordham, 23-9 to move to 1-0 on the young season. Senior quarterback **Brian Boland (Brick, NJ/Brick Memorial)** opened the game up with 9-for-11 passing, including three touchdowns. Boland hit six different receivers in the game for 223 yards, including three different running backs. Senior safety **Matt Hill (Hopatcong, NJ/Hopatcong)** started the game off with an interception that he returned to the FU 30 yard line, it was Hill's 7th of his career, moving him into a tie for fourth on All-time INT list at Monmouth. Kicker **Fred Weingart (New Egypt, NJ/New Egypt)** missed his first PAT in 32 tries after going a perfect 30-30 last season and 1-1 this season. The Monmouth defense held Fordham to 221 yards, 89 of which came on one play from scrimmage. The pass defense was exceptionally good, holding Fordham senior quarterback Derric Daniels to 6-20 passing for just 64 total yards with two interceptions. MU is now 4-10 in season openers, the win marked just the second time that Monmouth scored a win on the road in the first game of the season (2-8 all-time). Every time MU has won the season opening game it has gone on to at least two more consecutive wins, and in 2003 when they were Co-NEC champions they started the season with eight straight victories. Monmouth plays Morgan State next, who just lost 30-2 to Towson in their season opener. Former Monmouth wide receiver **Miles Austin** made the 53 man-cut for the Dallas Cowboys and is listed as fourth on the left wide receiver on the depth chart. Austin becomes the first Hawk to make a 53 man roster in the NFL.

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

Last Game: Dayton 21, Robert Morris 14

Next Game: Sept. 9 vs. Duquesne, 1:00 pm (televised on Fox-Pittsburgh on tape delay at 4:00 pm)

9/2	at Dayton	L 14-21
9/9	Duquesne	1:00 pm
9/16	at Butler	1:00 pm
9/23	Rowan	1:00 pm
9/30	at Saint Francis (PA)	4:00 pm
10/7	at Wagner	1:00 pm
10/14	Central Conn. St.	1:00 pm
10/21	Monmouth	1:00 pm
10/28	at Stony Brook	1:00 pm
11/4	Albany	1:00 pm
11/11	at Sacred Heart	12:30 pm

- Robert Morris opened its 13th season of intercollegiate football Sept. 2 with a 21-14 defeat at Dayton ... The Colonials owned a 14-0 late into the third quarter, but the Flyers reeled off 21 unanswered points, including the winning touchdown with 1:37 remaining, to pull out the win ... Robert Morris fell to 8-5 all-time in season openers with the defeat and 2-7 all-time against Dayton ... Sophomore quarterback **Erik Cwalinski (Jacobsburg, OH/Shadyside)**, making his first opening day start, finished 18-for-25 passing for 278 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions ... Senior tight end **Jarvis Powers (Stafford, VA/Brooke Point)** finished with five catches for 79 yards and a touchdown, while junior wide receiver **Mario Hines (Ecorse, MI/Ecorse)** caught four balls for 46 yards and a score ... Cwalinski connected with eight different receivers on the afternoon ... Hines racked up 113 all-purpose yards ... Freshman running back **Brian Harden (Sunrise, FL/Stranahan)**, just the second true freshman in school history to garner a start at tailback in his first collegiate game, finished with 48 yards rushing on 17 carries ... Senior linebacker **Jeff Rommes (Gibsonia, PA/Deer Lakes)** led the Colonial defense with a career-high 14 tackles, including 10 solo ... Senior defensive lineman **Ray Gensler (Pittsburgh, PA/Keystone Oaks)** finished with six tackles against the Flyers, including three sacks ... A trio of Colonials finished with eight takedowns on the afternoon against Dayton, including junior safety **James Kazil (Georgetown, PA/South Side)**, junior linebacker **Jordan Howard (Uniontown, OH/Lake)** and senior **Brian Pruitt (Steubenville, OH/Steubenville)** ... Kazil added an interception ... RMU opens the home portion of its 2006 slate Saturday, Sept. 9, when it hosts crosstown rival Duquesne at 1 p.m. at Joe Walton Stadium.



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

Last Game: Lafayette 25, Sacred Heart 14

Next Game: Sept. 9 at Marist, 7:00 pm

- The Pioneers trailed Patriot League co-champs Lafayette 13-0 seven minutes into the game, but came back to take a 14-13 lead at the intermission....Junior wide receiver **Joey Henley (Kent, WA/Kentridge)** returned to the football field for the first time since breaking his ankle in the fourth game of the season last year. The Pioneer coaching staff was cautious with the 6'4 Henley, limiting him to about 15 plays, but Henley still made five receptions for 50 yards to lead the team ... **Jason Payne (Cortlandt Manor, NY/Walter Panas)** recorded his second career 100-yard game, with 102 yards on nine carries. He also caught five passes for 28 yards....Sacred Heart is now 4-12 in opening games....Freshman defensive back **Rashad Underwood (Baltimore, MD/Milford Mill)** had his first career sack, nailing Lafayette quarterback Brad Maurer for a loss of 12 yards.

9/2	Lafayette	L 14-25
9/9	at Marist	7:00 pm
9/16	Iona	1:00 pm
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



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

Last Game: Saint Francis (PA) 38, St. Peter's 3

Next Game: Sept. 9 at Delaware State, 1:00 pm

- The Red Flash opened their season by defeating St. Peter's 38-3 for their first season-opening win since 1996; The 38 points are the most ever scored in a season-opener for a Red Flash football team, tying the mark from a 38-0 win over Allegheny C.C. in the 1972 season opener (Sept. 16); The 35-point margin of victory represented the largest under head coach Dave Opfar in five years, and it was the largest margin of victory since a 42-7 win over Brooklyn on Sept. 16, 1989; Until Saturday, Opfar's largest margin of victory was seven points, on four different occasions; The three points surrendered by the defense represents the lowest number of points scored against Saint Francis since Nov. 16, 1996, in a 21-0 win over Division III Bethany; Senior running back **Todd Harris (Duquesne, PA/Duquesne)** rushed for 203 yards and a single-game school record-tying three touchdowns to lead the Saint Francis football team to its first season-opening victory since 1996. Averaging 6.2 yards per carry, Harris carried the ball 33 times in a workmanlike effort. He gained 220 all-purpose yards, giving him 2,954 career all-purpose yards, to break the school's all-time record in that category. Senior wide receiver **Luke Palko (Imperial, PA/West Allegheny)** led the Red Flash with 3 catches for 51 yards, extending his streak of consecutive games with a catch to 33; Senior wide receiver **Michael Caputo (Bethel Park, PA/Seton LaSalle)** had his streak of 14 games with a catch snapped; Caputo and Palko have combined for 394 career catches, 26 shy of the NCAA Division I-AA record of 420, held by Darrell Colbert and Donald Narcisse of Texas Southern (1983-86); Saturday's Red Flash vs. St. Peter's football game was webcast live on www.francis.edu, marking the first live webcast from a sporting event in school history; St. Peter's is the first of three MAAC opponents (Duquesne and La Salle are the others) for the Red Flash in 2006; Junior running back **Anthony Richards (Parlin, NJ/Cardinal McCray)** ran for 88 yards and a TD on 11 carries in his debut on the offensive side of the ball (he had been playing defense and special teams that last two years); Richards averaged 7.9 yards per carry in the game; Saint Francis gained 303 yards on the ground against St. Peter's, the most since gaining 325 yards in a contest against La Salle on Nov. 2, 2002; All 5 of Saint Francis' touchdowns were scored on rushes; Saint Francis will travel to Delaware State for a 7 p.m. contest next Saturday night.

9/2	St. Peter's	W 38-3
9/9	at Delaware State	1:00 pm
9/16	at Duquesne	1:00 pm
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



Stony Brook (0-1, 0-0 NEC)

Last Game: Hofstra 17, Stony Brook 8

Next Game: Sept. 9 at Georgetown, 1:00 pm

- Stony Brook opened the season with a 17-8 loss to Hofstra on Thursday night before 5,628 fans at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium . . . The Seawolves had been outscored by the Pride 118-21 over the last two seasons but this game was different as it was deadlocked at 0 at the half . . . After falling behind 14-0, Stony Brook broke through when **Josh Dudash (Beachwood, NJ/Toms River)** hit **Mike Cosentino (Staten Island, NY/Saint Peter's)** on a 3-yard touchdown toss with 9:19 to play to get the Seawolves on the board . . . A mishandled snap was handled by holder Steve Austin who found **Kevin Halonski (Budd Lake, NJ/New Haven)** in the end zone for a two-point conversion . . . the TD was set up by a 31-yard punt return by **Dwayne Eley (Bowie, MD/Gonzaga)** that put the ball inside the Hofstra 10 . . . Punter **Sean McGinty (Huntington, NY/Harborside)** averaged 41.6 yards on nine punts . . . The game marked the debut of first-year head coach Chuck Priore . . . Cosentino finished with six catches for 55 yards . . . The game was televised live on FSNY as part of a television package that Stony Brook inked with Madison Square Garden Networks . . . head coach Chuck Priore will be featured each week on The Stony Brook Sports Report which is aired locally on Cablevision on Tuesday nights and nationally on CSTV on Fridays . . . **Chris Merkle (Nutley, NJ/Nutley)** made seven tackles to lead the Seawolves.

8/31	Hofstra	L 8-17
9/9	at Georgetown	1:00 pm
9/16	at New Hampshire	12:00 pm
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



Wagner (1-0, 0-0 NEC)

Last Game: Wagner 38, La Salle 15

Next Game: Sept. 9 at Iona, 1:00 pm

- Wagner began the season with a win over La Salle for the fifth straight year posting a 38-5 win in Philadelphia on Thursday night. The August 31st date was the earliest calendar date start for the Seahawks in the 76 years of football. Senior wide receiver **Chris Turner (Syracuse, NY / Henninger)** picked up where he left off last season amassing 93 yards and 2 TDS while setting another school record. Turner passed Jason Bain (1997-00) to become the Seahawks career receiving yardage leader now with 2298. His two TDS bring him to 27 for his career. Tossing the pigskin to Turner was sophomore quarterback **Matt Abbey (La Canada, CA / St. Francis)** who was efficient in his first collegiate start. Abbey went 12-16 for 162 yards as Wagner rolled out to a 24-0 half time lead. He would finish the game 13-22 for 174 finding six different receivers. Living up to his All-American billing, junior defensive back **Al Phillips (Hialeah, FL / American)** intercepted a fourth quarter pass and returned it 80 yards for a TD. It marked the fourth defensive TD for Wgner vs La Salle in the past five years. Junior **Piotr Czech (Keyport, NJ / Keyport)** was a perfect 6-6 with five extra points and a 37 yard FG, while punting four times without allowing a La Salle return. In his first game at RB after starting the past two years at defensive back, junior **Jason Butler (Syracuse, NY / Henninger)** was solid with 13 rushes for 78 yards averaging 6.0 a carry and scoring 1 TD. He also caught 2 passes for 28 yards. The Seahawks debut at home next week as they host Iona in the newly resurfaced FieldTurf at Wagner Stadium.

8/31	at La Salle	W 38-15
9/9	Iona	1:00 pm
9/16	at Marist	7:00 pm
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

NEC Football

Career/All-Time Records

NEC Active Leaders

Rushing

1. 2,287, Todd Harris, SFPA, 2003-06
2. 1,349, Warren Barnett, WC, 2003-06
3. 1,291, Ricky Taylor, SFPA, 2003-06

Passing Yardage

1. 6,736, Anthony Doria, SFPA, 2003-06
2. 5,668, Brian Boland, MU, 2003-06

Pass Completions

1. 570, Anthony Doria, SFPA, 2003-06
2. 429, Brian Boland, MU, 2003-06

Pass Receptions

1. 209, Luke Palko, SFPA, 2003-06
2. 182, Michael Caputo, SFPA, 2003-06
3. 165, Chris Turner, WC, 2003-06

Touchdowns Scored

1. 29, Chris Turner, WC, 2003-06
2. 23, Michael Caputo, SFPA, 2003-06
3. 14, Warren Barnett, WC, 2003-06
4. 12, Todd Harris, SFPA, 2003-06

Receiving Yards

1. 2,607, Michael Caputo, SFPA, 2003-06
2. 2,287, Chris Turner, WC, 2003-06
3. 1,896, Luke Palko, SFPA, 2003-06
4. 853, Adam San Miguel, MU, 2004-06
5. 849, Joey Henley, SHU, 2004-06

NEC Career Leaders

Rushing

1. 4,460, Rick Sarille, WC, 1996-99
2. 3,847, Sam Dorsett, RMU, 1999-03
4. 3,053, Ed Pricolo, SHU, 2002-05
3. 3,033, Gary Jones, UA, 2002-03
5. 2,462, Archie Wannamaker, RMU, 1996-98
6. 2,428, Stan House, CCSU, 1996-97
7. 2,362, Clinton Dunston, CCSU, 1999-02
8. 2,330, Michael Hall, SFPA, 2000-03
9. 2,310, Chris Davis, WC, 2000-03
10. 2,287, Todd Harris, SFPA, 2003-06

Passing Yardage

1. 7,255, Tim Levick, RMU, 1998-01
2. 6,736, Anthony Doria, SFPA, 2003-06
3. 6,129, Drew Geyer, RMU, 2002-05
4. 5,899, John Sciarra, WC, 2004-05
5. 5,728, Scott Dolch, CCSU, 2001-04
6. 5,668, Brian Boland, MU, 2003-06
7. 5,145, Keith Toolan, CCSU, 1996-99
8. 4,832, T.J. Moriarty, SBU, 2001-04
9. 4,430, Justin Holtfreter, SHU, 2000-01
10. 4,039, Bill Rankin, MU, 2000-02

Pass Receptions

1. 212, Luke Palko, SFPA, 2003-06
2. 182, Michael Caputo, SFPA, 2003-06
3. 181, Shaun Grover, WC, 2002-05
4. 165, Chris Turner, 2003-06
5. 150, Miles Austin, MU, 2002-05
6. 147, Londre Blocker, SBU, 2001-04
7. 142, Jason Bain, WC, 1997-00
8. 138, Josh Anderson, SBU, 2003-05
9. 127, Chuck Kinsley, WC, 1997-00
10. 124, Chris Phillis, UA, 1999-01

Receiving Yards

1. 2,867, Miles Austin, MU, 2002-05
2. 2,607, Michael Caputo, SFPA, 2003-06
3. 2,294, Jason Bain, WC, 1997-00
4. 2,287, Chris Turner, WC, 2003-06
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. 1,896, Luke Palko, SFPA, 2003-06

NEC Coaching Records

Coach	School	All-Time		Current		Since Joining		NEC	
		Games	Pct.	Games	Pct.	Games	Pct.	Play	Pct.
Kevin Callahan	Monmouth	76-54	.585	76-54	.585	60-44	.577	39-24	.619
Bob Ford	Albany	211-154-1	.578	202-132	.605	44-32	.579	36-14	.720
Paul Gorham	Sacred Heart	10-11	.476	10-11	.476	10-11	.476	6-8	.429
Walt Hameline	Wagner	176-86-2	.670	176-86-2	.670	58-47	.552	34-30	.531
Jeff McInerney	Cent. Conn.	1-0	1.000	1-0	1.000	1-0	1.000	---	---
Dave O'Far	St. Francis (PA)	10-33	.233	10-33	.233	10-33	.233	5-23	.179
Chuck Priore	Stony Brook	39-10	.796	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	---	---
Joe Walton	Robert Morris	75-46-1	.619	75-46-1	.619	62-41	.602	42-21	.667
Combined Totals		598-394-4	.602	550-336-4	.620	245-209	.540	162-120	.574

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
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. 4)

School (First Place Votes)	Record	Points	Prev.
1. San Diego (17)	1-0	211	1
2. Albany (4)	1-0	183	4
3. Dayton (1)	1-0	182	2
4. Central Connecticut State	1-0	137	6
5. Duquesne	0-1	128	3
6. Monmouth	1-0	121	7
7. Drake	0-1	84	5
8. Saint Francis (PA)	1-0	57	NR
9. Wagner	1-0	40	NR
10. Stony Brook	0-1	34	10

Others receiving votes (in order of points): Morehead State 28.

Don Hansen's Football Gazette I-AA Mid-Major Poll (Sept. 4)

School	Rank
1. Albany	8. Stony Brook
2. San Diego	9. Wagner
3. Dayton	10. Saint Francis (PA)
4. Monmouth	11. Robert Morris
5. Central Conn. St.	12. Drake
6. Morehead State	
7. Duquesne	

College Sports Report I-AA Mid-Major Poll (Nov. 14)

School	Rank
1. San Diego	
2. Albany	
3. Central Conn. St.	
4. Monmouth	
5. Saint Francis (PA)	
6. Dayton	
7. Duquesne	
8. Stony Brook	
9. Morehead State	
10. Wagner	

NEC Football

vs. the competition

NEC vs...

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