

# Northeast Conference

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## Northeast Conference Announces 2009 Football Television Slate

**Somerset, NJ** -- Set to commence its 14th football season, the Northeast Conference (NEC) today announced plans to televise four games in 2009.

The first two games of the package will air live on MSG-Plus and Fox College Sports as perennial NEC contender Monmouth welcomes Duquesne at noon on September 19th, followed by Constitution State opponents Sacred Heart and Central Connecticut State meeting in New Britain at noon on October 3rd. FSN-Pittsburgh will also broadcast the Monmouth-Duquesne game on a one-day delay (September 20th) at 1:00 pm, while Cox Cable (CT/RI) will carry Sacred Heart-CCSU live.

Two weeks later, Robert Morris hosts Saint Francis (PA) in a western Pennsylvania battle on October 17th. Kickoff is at noon on FSN-Pittsburgh, Fox College Sports and WWCP Fox 8 (Altoona/Johnstown). In the finale on November 21st, two-time defending league champion Albany visits Wagner at 1:00 pm in a game to air on Fox College Sports and Time Warner Albany (TW3).

These games will reach over nearly 11 million households regionally in the Northeast, plus those satellite subscribers nationally with multi-sport packages. Fox College Sports, which is available on digital cable in approximately 54 million homes nationwide, will air all four contests.

The 2009 season marks the seventh straight that the NEC has aired football games as part of its extensive regional sports package. This coming winter, the league will air more than 20 men's and women's basketball games.

"We're very pleased to be able to expand our football coverage this season," said Ron Ratner, NEC Interim Commissioner. "This is an exciting time for NEC football with interest rising and automatic access to the FCS playoffs just one year away. Thanks to our television partners, this year's package includes a pair of rivalry games, and also opens and closes with traditional NEC powers Monmouth and Albany, respectively."

Paul Dottino enters his seventh 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 gameday reporter with the WFAN/Giants Radio Network. Longtime NEC basketball announcer Dave Popkin will provide color commentary. Eric Singer is the Producer of NEC football telecasts.

### 2009 Northeast Conference Football Television Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Matchup</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Broadcast Outlet</u>
Saturday, Sept. 19	Duquesne at Monmouth	12:00 pm	MSG-Plus, Fox College Sports, FSN-Pittsburgh (TD on 9/20 - 3:30 pm)
Saturday, Oct. 3	Sacred Heart at Central Connecticut State	12:00 pm	MSG-Plus, Fox College Sports, Cox Cable (CT/RI)
Saturday, Oct. 17	Saint Francis (PA) at Robert Morris	12:00 pm	FSN-Pittsburgh, Fox College Sports, WWCP Fox 8 (Altoona/Johnstown)
Saturday, Nov. 21	Albany at Wagner	1:00 pm	Fox College Sports, Time Warner Albany (TW3)

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Bryant University (2012-13) • Central Connecticut State University • Fairleigh Dickinson University  
Long Island University • Monmouth University • Mount St. Mary's University • Quinnipiac University  
Robert Morris University • Sacred Heart University • St. Francis (NY) College  
Saint Francis (PA) University • Wagner College

### About The Northeast Conference

Now entering its 29th season, the Northeast Conference is an NCAA Division I collegiate athletic association consisting of 12 institutions of higher learning located throughout six states. Media coverage of the NEC extends to four of the largest markets in the United States - New York (#1), Pittsburgh (#23), Baltimore (#26), and Hartford/New Haven (#30). Founded in 1981 as the basketball-only ECAC Metro Conference, the NEC has grown to sponsor 22 championship sports for men and women and now enjoys automatic or play-in access to 13 different NCAA Championships. The NEC began sponsoring football at the FCS level in 1996, and has since increased its membership from five to nine institutions. Beginning in 2010, the NEC will gain automatic access to the Division I Football Championship. Central Connecticut State, Monmouth, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, Saint Francis (PA) and Wagner are full-time NEC members who sponsor football, and they are joined by associate members Albany and Duquesne. Bryant will become the NEC's 12th member upon completion of the NCAA Division I reclassification process in 2012. For more information on the NEC, visit [www.northeastconference.org](http://www.northeastconference.org).