NEC Men’s Tennis (November 3, 2009)

NEC Co-Player of the Week
Kirill Kasyanov, Sacred Heart
Jr., Yonkers, NY/Saddlebrook Prep

Kasyanov closed his fall season by advancing into the semifinal round of the Connecticut State Championships. The third-year Pioneer, who received an opening round bye, encountered little difficulty until reaching the quarterfinals where he pulled out a victory over Fairfield’s Joe Michalisin in a third-set super tiebreaker. The quarterfinal win was Kasyanov’s second over a Fairfield Stag as he earned a straight-set win over crosstown rival Bob Kelly in the Round of 32, 6-2, 6-1. Kasyanov beat Yale’s Ryan Berman, 7-5, 6-4, in the Round of 16, but eventually saw his run end at the hands of another Bulldog. Kasyanov fell to eventual champion Daniel Hoffman in the semis.

NEC Co-Player of the Week
Andrew Weeden, Quinnipiac
Fr., Martinsville, NJ/Bridgewater-Raritan

Weeden was a semifinalist at the Connecticut State Championships, Quinnipiac’s last competition of the fall. Playing on the opposite side of the draw as his NEC counterpart Kirill Kasyanov, Weeden was eliminated by Yale’s Erik Blumenkranz, but not before the rookie Bobcat notched a trio of impressive wins. Following a bye in the Round of 64, Weeden made quick work of UConn’s Dave Adams in a 6-2, 6-1 victory. In the Round of 16, the two-time NEC Rookie of the Week posted a comeback victory over Fairfield’s Dan Sauter, 6-7, 6-4, 10-5, to earn a quarterfinal match against his Quinnipiac teammate Brian Mikkelson. Once again, Weeden came back from down one set to defeat Mikkelson, a junior who earned first team all-NEC honors a year ago, in a third-set super tiebreaker.

NEC Rookie of the Week
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NEC Women’s Tennis (November 3, 2009)

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None Awarded
Season has concluded.

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Sept. 15 Matthew Blake, Mount St. Mary’s
Sept. 22 Sven Sjoerds, Fairleigh Dickinson
Sept. 29 Juan-Martin Paredes, Bryant
Oct. 6 Peter Skvarka, Fairleigh Dickinson
Oct. 13 Kirill Kasyanov, Sacred Heart
Oct. 20 Kirill Kasyanov, Sacred Heart
Oct. 27 Cristian Balestrieri, Bryant

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Sept. 22 Sven Sjoerds, Fairleigh Dickinson
Sept. 29 Andrew Weeden, Quinnipiac
Oct. 6 Peter Skvarka, Fairleigh Dickinson
Oct. 13 Chris Nelson, Quinnipiac
Oct. 20 Sven Sjoerds, Fairleigh Dickinson
Oct. 27 Mike Salomon, Sacred Heart

NEC Women’s Player of the Week
Sept. 15 Emily Bolchoz, Mount St. Mary’s
Sept. 22 Rachel Cantor, Quinnipiac
Sept. 29 Selma Babic, Long Island
Oct. 6 Elmine Botes, Fairleigh Dickinson
Oct. 13 Morganne Downing, Bryant
Oct. 20 Darcy Demers, Sacred Heart
Oct. 27 Elmine Botes, Fairleigh Dickinson

NEC Women’s Rookie of the Week
Sept. 15 Renee Deane, Mount St. Mary’s
Sept. 22 Rachel Cantor, Quinnipiac
Sept. 29 Rachel Cantor, Quinnipiac
Oct. 6 Dana Ferrari, Monmouth
Oct. 13 Samantha Alves, Robert Morris
Oct. 20 Rachel Cantor, Quinnipiac
Oct. 27 Rachel Cantor, Quinnipiac

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2009 Champions:
Sacred Heart (men)
Long Island (women)