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MEN'S BASKETBALL

News & Notes

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NEC Men's Basketball

Facts & Figures

Last Week's Results

Monday, January 31

FDU 85, LIU 65
SACRED HEART 44, MONMOUTH 41
WAGNER 87, QUINNIPIAC 57

Thursday, February 3

CCSU 78, ST. FRANCIS (PA) 60
MONMOUTH 75, LIU 65
QUINNIPIAC 88, SACRED HEART 83 (OT)
ROBERT MORRIS 68, ST. FRANCIS (NY) 63

Friday, February 4

WAGNER 72, MOUNT ST. MARY'S 55

Saturday, February 5

FDU 78, ST. FRANCIS (NY) 54
LIU 81, SACRED HEART 76
MONMOUTH 78, ROBERT MORRIS 66
QUINNIPIAC 75, ST. FRANCIS (PA) 67

Home Team Underlined

Choice Hotels

NEC Player of the Week

Nov. 22 Landy Thompson, MSM
Nov. 29 Tory Cavaliere, SFNY
Dec. 6 Rob Monroe, QU
Dec. 13 Chad Timberlake, EDU
Dec. 20 Gordon Klaiber, EDU
Jan. 3 Rob Monroe, QU
Jan. 10 Landy Thompson, MSM
Jan. 17 Rob Monroe, QU
Jan. 24 Tory Cavaliere, SFNY
Jan. 31 Blake Hamilton, MU
Feb. 7 Tamien Trent, EDU

Choice Hotels

NEC Rookie of the Week

Nov. 22 Kellen Allen, LIU
Nov. 29 Mark Porter, WC
Dec. 6 Randy Jones, LIU
Dec. 13 Mark Porter, WC
Dec. 20 James Ulrich, WC
Jan. 3 Karl Anderson, QU
Jan. 10 Allan Sheppard, SFNY
Jan. 17 Allan Sheppard, SFNY
Jan. 24 Allan Sheppard, SFNY
Jan. 31 Tony Lee, RMU
Feb. 7 Mark Porter, WC

2005 NEC Men's Basketball Tournament

All games at home of higher seed. Teams will be reseeded after quarterfinals.

Thursday, March 3

Quarterfinals
8:00 pm (MSG)
Three games TBA

Sunday, March 6

Semifinals
1:00 pm (Metro-TV)
Second Game TBA

Wednesday, March 9

Championship
7:00 pm (ESPN2)



NEC Website

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Standings and statistics are updated daily.

Northeast Conference Men's Basketball

(Week #11 - February 7, 2005)

School	NEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Streak	Home	Away	Neutral
1. Monmouth	9-1	.900	10-9	.526	W2	6-2	4-7	0-0
2. Fairleigh Dickinson	9-2	.818	13-9	.591	W2	7-2	5-5	1-2
3. Robert Morris	7-4	.636	10-11	.476	L1	5-3	4-8	1-0
4. Long Island	6-6	.500	9-12	.429	W1	6-3	3-8	0-1
5. St. Francis (PA)	5-6	.455	10-10	.500	L3	7-2	3-8	0-0
Quinnipiac	5-6	.455	9-11	.450	W2	6-3	3-8	0-0
7. Central Connecticut State	4-6	.400	8-11	.421	W1	5-4	3-6	0-1
St. Francis (NY)	4-6	.400	8-11	.421	L4	5-2	3-9	0-0
Mount St. Mary's	4-6	.400	6-13	.316	L1	2-5	3-7	1-1
10. Wagner	4-7	.364	5-15	.250	W3	4-6	1-9	0-0
11. Sacred Heart	2-9	.182	3-17	.150	L2	2-5	1-12	0-0

Top eight teams qualify for NEC Tournament

Choice Hotels NEC Player of the Week

Tamien Trent, Fairleigh Dickinson

Sr., G, 6-0, 190 lbs., Moriches, NY/Center Moriches

Trent becomes the third Fairleigh Dickinson player honored as Choice Hotels NEC Player of the Week this season after averaging 17.5 points, 5.5 rebounds, 7.5 assists and 2.0 steals, while shooting 61.9 percent from the floor as the Knights moved to within a half game of first place Monmouth with a pair of wins last week. In an 85-65 triumph at Long Island on Monday, Trent posted the first double-double of his career with 20 points, 10 rebounds, seven rebounds and two steals. He hit 7-10 shots from the field and was 6-8 from the line. On Saturday, Trent helped lead FDU to its sixth win in seven outings with 15 points, four rebounds, five assists and two steals as the Knights rolled to a 78-54 victory over visiting St. Francis (NY). The native of Moriches, NY is currently third in the NEC in assists (5.8 apg) and assist-to-turnover ratio (1.80), and also ranks tenth in scoring (14.6 ppg). Trent, along with fellow award winners Gordon Klaiber and Chad Timberlake, have enabled FDU to become the first NEC team to sport three different Player of the Week award winners in the same season since CCSU turned the trick in 2001-02.

Choice Hotels NEC Rookie of the Week

Mark Porter, Wagner

Fr., G, 6-2, 190 lbs., Atlantic City, NJ/St. Augustine Prep

Porter, who averaged 16.0 points, 4.0 rebounds, 6.0 assists, 1.5 steals and was a perfect 10-10 from the free throw line in two Wagner victories, claims his third Choice Hotels NEC Rookie of the Week award, tying him for the league lead with St. Francis (NY)'s Allan Sheppard. Porter netted a career-high 19 points and matched a career-best with six assists, to go along with four rebounds and two steals as the Seahawks earned their most lopsided win of the year, an 87-57 conquest of Quinnipiac at the Spiro Center on Monday. He drained both his three-point attempts and was 9-9 from the charity stripe. Four nights later, he tallied 13 points, four rebounds and six assists as the surging Seahawks downed visiting Mount St. Mary's, 72-55, for their third straight win. Porter, an Atlantic City native, currently leads all NEC freshman in scoring (10.6 ppg) and is third in assists (3.2 apg). A consistent force for the Seahawks on both ends of the floor this season, he has reached double digits in scoring in 11 of his last 16 games.

This Week's Schedule

Monday, February 7

CCSU at WAGNER 7:00 pm
MT. ST. MARY'S at ST. FRANCIS (PA) 7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 8

QUINNIPIAC at MONMOUTH 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 10

FDU at ROBERT MORRIS 7:30 pm
LIU at ST. FRANCIS (NY) 7:00 pm
MONMOUTH at ST. FRANCIS (PA) 7:00 pm
WAGNER at MOUNT ST. MARY'S 7:00 pm

Friday, February 11

SACRED HEART at CCSU* 8:00 pm

Saturday, February 12

FDU at ST. FRANCIS (PA) 7:00 pm
QUINNIPIAC at LIU 4:00 pm
MONMOUTH at ROBERT MORRIS 7:30 pm
WAGNER at ST. FRANCIS (NY) ^ 8:00 pm

* Televised live on Fox-NY; tape delay on Cox Cable (2/13, 7 pm)

^ Televised live on Metro-TV



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2004-05 NEC Men's Basketball Schedule

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Central Connecticut State (8-11, 4-6 NEC)

Mohegan Sun Classic at CCSU

N 19	Colgate	W 87-70
N 20	Samford	L 58-72
N 22	at Niagara	L 53-74
N 28	Florida International	L 61-63
D 4	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	L 81-84 (OT)
D 8	at LaSalle	W 60-48
D 22	at #11 Connecticut (Hartford Civic Center)	L 59-87
	Cable Car Classic (at Santa Clara)	
D 28	at Santa Clara	W 80-68
D 29	vs. Charlotte	L 52-66
J 2	Loyola (MD)	W 68-65
J 6	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	L 63-64
J 8	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	L 56-75
J 10	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L 71-82
J 15	ROBERT MORRIS	W 86-79
J 17	at SACRED HEART	W 79-67
J 22	LONG ISLAND	W 73-58
J 24	at MONMOUTH	L 53-70
J 29	at ROBERT MORRIS	L 75-81
F 3	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	W 78-60
F 7	at WAGNER	7:00 pm
F 11	SACRED HEART	8:00 pm
F 14	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:00 pm
F 17	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	7:00 pm
F 21	at QUINNIPIAC	7:00 pm
F 23	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7:00 pm
F 25	MONMOUTH	7:00 pm
F 28	QUINNIPIAC	7:00 pm
	NEC Tournament (all games at higher seed)	
M 3	Quarterfinals	
M 6	Semifinals	
M 9	Championship	

NEC Games in CAPS

Fairleigh Dickinson (13-9, 9-2 NEC)

BCA Invitational (at N.C. State)

N 17	vs. Elon	L 59-73
N 18	vs. New Orleans	W 71-58
N 19	vs. Pepperdine	L 79-80
N 23	at Buffalo	L 84-87 (OT)
N 28	Dominican	W 78-45
D 4	at California	L 66-80
D 6	at Arizona State	L 81-89
D 9	at Rider	W 76-74
D 12	at WAGNER	W 82-75
D 18	St. Peter's	L 91-94
D 22	at Rutgers	L 57-88
D 30	Army	W 69-53
J 7	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	W 79-52
J 10	at CCSU	W 82-71
J 12	at QUINNIPIAC	L 75-79
J 15	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W 73-67 (OT)
J 19	LONG ISLAND	W 76-67
J 22	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W 64-61
J 24	SACRED HEART	W 88-79
J 29	MONMOUTH	L 56-64
J 31	at LONG ISLAND	W 85-65
F 5	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W 78-54
F 10	at ROBERT MORRIS	7:30 pm
F 12	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
F 18	at MONMOUTH	8:00 pm
F 21	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	7:00 pm
F 23	CCSU	7:00 pm
F 25	QUINNIPIAC	7:00 pm
F 28	WAGNER	7:00 pm
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NEC Games in CAPS

Long Island (9-12, 6-6 NEC)

N 21	Lehigh	W 66-56
N 24	at Columbia	L 49-53
N 30	at Boston College	L 46-87
D 4	at WAGNER	W 93-73
D 8	at Albany	W 80-76 (OT)
D 11	at Hartford	L 60-74
D 19	Old Westbury	W 70-60
D 22	Harvard	L 60-78
	at Arizona State Hoops Classic	
D 28	at Arizona State	L 63-92
D 29	vs. Penn State	L 56-80
J 5	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	L 70-79
J 10	WAGNER	W 59-55
J 12	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W 74-69
J 15	MONMOUTH	L 57-69
J 19	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L 67-76
J 22	at CCSU	L 58-73
J 24	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W 58-57
J 29	at QUINNIPIAC	W 76-71
J 31	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L 65-85
F 3	at MONMOUTH	L 65-75
F 5	SACRED HEART	W 81-76
F 10	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	7:00 pm
F 12	QUINNIPIAC	4:00 pm
F 17	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
F 19	at SACRED HEART	2:00 pm
F 24	ROBERT MORRIS	7:00 pm
F 26	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:00 pm
	NEC Tournament (all games at higher seed)	
M 3	Quarterfinals	
M 6	Semifinals	
M 9	Championship	

NEC Games in CAPS

Monmouth (10-9, 9-1 NEC)

N 20	at Loyola Marymount	L 70-83
N 22	at San Diego State	L 65-69
N 27	St. Peter's	W 66-65
N 30	at Rider	L 61-78
D 2	at Seton Hall	L 50-70
D 7	at Villanova	L 50-70
D 12	Princeton	L 52-56
D 28	at Drexel	L 47-76
D 30	SACRED HEART	W 67-49
J 2	Siena	L 59-60
J 5	at WAGNER	W 83-61
J 9	at QUINNIPIAC	W 74-71
J 15	at LONG ISLAND	W 69-57
J 24	CCSU	W 70-53
J 26	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W 77-73
J 29	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	W 64-56
J 31	at SACRED HEART	L 41-44
F 3	LONG ISLAND	W 75-65
F 5	ROBERT MORRIS	W 78-66
F 8	QUINNIPIAC	7:00 pm
F 10	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
F 12	at ROBERT MORRIS	7:30 pm
F 16	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:00 pm
F 18	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	8:00 pm
F 20	WAGNER	4:00 pm
F 25	at CCSU	7:00 pm
F 28	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	7:00 pm
	NEC Tournament (all games at higher seed)	
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NEC Games in CAPS

Mount St. Mary's (6-13, 4-6 NEC)

	at Columbia Tournament	
N 19	vs. Morehead State	L 65-66 (OT)
N 20	vs. Longwood	W 78-55
N 26	at Delaware	L 49-71
D 1	at George Washington	L 58-81
D 4	SACRED HEART	W 70-58
D 11	at Loyola (MD)	W 69-55
D 18	at High Point	L 61-78
D 21	Navy	L 81-90
D 31	LaSalle	L 58-72
J 4	at #22 Maryland	L 53-85
J 6	at CCSU	W 64-63
J 8	at SACRED HEART	W 67-60
J 12	ROBERT MORRIS	L 56-80
J 15	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L 67-73 (OT)
J 17	QUINNIPIAC	L 74-84
J 22	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L 61-64
J 24	at LONG ISLAND	L 57-58
J 29	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W 88-85
F 4	at WAGNER	L 55-72
F 7	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
F 10	WAGNER	7:00 pm
F 14	CCSU	7:00 pm
F 16	at MONMOUTH	7:00 pm
F 19	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	4:00 pm
F 21	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
F 26	LONG ISLAND	7:00 pm
F 28	at ROBERT MORRIS	7:30 pm
	NEC Tournament (all games at higher seed)	
M 3	Quarterfinals	
M 6	Semifinals	
M 9	Championship	

NEC Games in CAPS

Quinnipiac (9-11, 5-6 NEC)

	at Preseason NIT	
N 16	at Penn	L 60-74
N 20	Concordia (NY)	W 84-60
N 23	at Dartmouth	L 61-66
N 27	at Longwood	W 89-62
D 1	Cornell	W 83-76
D 4	at ROBERT MORRIS	W 88-85
D 11	at Drexel	L 59-66
D 21	at Northern Arizona	L 83-102
D 30	at #11 Connecticut	L 71-123
J 2	Longwood	W 102-93 (2 OT)
J 9	MONMOUTH	L 71-74
J 12	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	W 79-75
J 17	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W 84-74
J 20	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	L 63-69
J 22	at SACRED HEART	L 60-67
J 24	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	L 70-80
J 29	LONG ISLAND	L 71-76
J 31	at WAGNER	L 57-87
F 3	SACRED HEART	W 88-83 (OT)
F 5	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	W 75-67
F 8	at MONMOUTH	7:00 pm
F 12	at LONG ISLAND	4:00 pm
F 16	WAGNER	7:00 pm
F 19	ROBERT MORRIS	4:00 pm
F 21	CCSU	7:00 pm
F 25	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7:00 pm
F 28	at CCSU	7:00 pm
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Robert Morris (10-11, 7-4 NEC)

Guardians Classic (at Ohio State)		
N 15	vs. Morgan State	W 68-49
N 16	at Ohio State	L 50-82
N 19	at Virginia	L 55-88
N 24	at #16 Pittsburgh	L 59-83
N 29	Thiel	W 107-47
D 4	QUINNIPIAC	L 85-88
D 7	at Bucknell	L 45-60
D 11	Eastern Kentucky	L 69-79
D 22	at Northwestern	L 58-72
D 29	Duquesne	W 74-63
J 3	at Charleston Southern	L 70-79
J 6	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W 63-62
J 10	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	L 72-78
J 12	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W 80-56
J 15	at CCSU	L 79-86
J 17	at WAGNER	W 68-50
J 24	WAGNER	W 65-57
J 27	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	W 72-64
J 29	CCSU	W 81-75
F 3	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W 68-63
F 5	at MONMOUTH	L 66-78
F 10	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7:30 pm
F 12	MONMOUTH	7:30 pm
F 17	at SACRED HEART	8:00 pm
F 19	at QUINNIPIAC	4:00 pm
F 24	at LONG ISLAND	7:00 pm
F 26	SACRED HEART	7:30 pm
F 28	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:30 pm
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Sacred Heart (3-17, 2-9 NEC)

N 19	Albany	L 67-85
N 22	at Army	W 67-52
N 24	at Lehigh	L 52-58
N 27	at Penn State	L 61-69
D 1	Yale	L 64-74
D 4	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	L 58-70
D 9	at Columbia	L 67-76
D 22	at #12 Washington	L 53-114
D 28	at #11 Connecticut	L 55-73
D 30	at MONMOUTH	L 49-67
J 8	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	L 60-67
J 12	at Harvard	L 84-97
J 15	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	L 66-78
J 17	CCSU	L 67-79
J 22	QUINNIPIAC	W 67-60
J 24	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L 79-88
J 29	WAGNER	L 43-54
J 31	MONMOUTH	W 44-41
F 3	at QUINNIPIAC	L 83-88 (OT)
F 5	at LONG ISLAND	L 76-81
F 11	at CCSU	8:00 pm
F 15	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	7:00 pm
F 17	ROBERT MORRIS	8:00 pm
F 19	LONG ISLAND	2:00 pm
F 24	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
F 26	at ROBERT MORRIS	7:30 pm
F 28	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
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St. Francis (NY) (8-11, 4-6 NEC)

N 20	at Fordham	L 62-83
N 23	at St. John's	W 53-52
N 30	at Binghamton	L 63-71
D 4	Army	W 78-64
D 8	at Seton Hall	L 56-57
D 11	Columbia	L 57-65
D 23	at St. Peter's	L 58-70
D 28	at Cornell	W 70-63
J 4	Lafayette	W 79-64
J 6	at ROBERT MORRIS	L 62-63
J 8	CCSU	W 75-56
J 12	at LONG ISLAND	L 69-74
J 15	SACRED HEART	W 78-66
J 17	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	W 82-71
J 20	at QUINNIPIAC	W 69-63
J 26	at MONMOUTH	L 73-77
J 29	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	L 85-88
F 3	ROBERT MORRIS	L 63-68
F 5	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L 54-78
F 10	LONG ISLAND	7:00 pm
F 12	WAGNER	8:00 pm
F 15	at SACRED HEART	7:00 pm
F 17	at CCSU	7:00 pm
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St. Francis (PA) (10-10, 5-6 NEC)

N 19	Howard	W 74-63
N 22	at Bucknell	W 70-65
N 29	at American	L 65-71
D 1	at #13 Pittsburgh	L 41-65
D 4	CCSU	W 84-81 (OT)
D 7	Ohio	W 83-74
D 11	#21 George Washington	L 65-79
D 18	Slippery Rock	W 70-44
D 22	at Minnesota	L 67-85
D 29	at Youngstown State	W 70-56
J 5	LONG ISLAND	W 79-70
J 7	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L 52-79
J 10	at ROBERT MORRIS	W 78-72
J 15	at WAGNER	L 70-89
J 17	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	L 71-82
J 22	WAGNER	W 63-45
J 24	QUINNIPIAC	W 80-70
J 27	ROBERT MORRIS	L 64-72
F 3	at CCSU	L 60-78
F 5	at QUINNIPIAC	L 67-75
F 7	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:00 pm
F 10	MONMOUTH	7:00 pm
F 12	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7:00 pm
F 17	at LONG ISLAND	7:00 pm
F 21	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:00 pm
F 24	SACRED HEART	7:00 pm
F 28	at SACRED HEART	7:00 pm
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Wagner (5-15, 4-7 NEC)

N 20	at St. John's	L 68-79
N 23	at American	L 49-70
N 27	Albany	W 66-65
N 30	Brown	L 60-76
D 4	LONG ISLAND	L 73-93
D 12	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L 75-82
D 19	at Iowa State	L 50-62
D 21	at Northern Iowa	L 56-86
D 23	at Drake	L 63-70
D 30	at Stony Brook	L 55-56
J 2	Lehigh	L 45-59
J 5	MONMOUTH	L 61-83
J 10	at LONG ISLAND	L 55-59
J 15	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	W 89-70
J 17	ROBERT MORRIS	L 50-68
J 22	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	L 45-63
J 24	at ROBERT MORRIS	L 57-65
J 29	at SACRED HEART	W 54-43
J 31	QUINNIPIAC	W 87-57
F 4	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W 72-55
F 7	CCSU	7:00 pm
F 10	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:00 pm
F 12	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	8:00 pm
F 16	at QUINNIPIAC	7:00 pm
F 20	at MONMOUTH	4:00 pm
F 25	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	7:00 pm
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NEC Men's Basketball Notes:

(through games of February 5)



Monmouth & FDU Remain One-Two In NEC Standings

The best basketball in the NEC is being played in New Jersey this season as **Monmouth** and **Fairleigh Dickinson** remain engaged in a tight battle for the top spot in the league pecking order. Despite suffering its first conference setback of the season - the Hawks fell at Sacred Heart, 44-41, on Monday - Monmouth bounced back with home wins over Long Island (75-65) and Robert Morris (78-66) last week to push its record to 9-1. FDU has pulled to within one-half game of its Garden State rival with a 9-2 mark. The Knights went on the road for an 85-65 triumph over Long Island, then returned home for a 78-54 conquest of St. Francis (NY). The win over LIU marked the 350th in the career of FDU head coach Tom Green.

Monmouth last began an NEC campaign with a 9-1 record just two years ago, en-route to a second place regular season finish with a 13-5 mark. Fairleigh Dickinson is off to its best start since beginning the 1997-98 season with a 9-2 record. That year, the Knights wound up 13-3 in NEC play, and parlayed their second place finish into their third NEC Tournament crown.

With **Robert Morris** seeing its five-game winning streak - the longest for the Colonials since the 1999-00 season - come to an end with a 78-66 loss at Monmouth on Saturday, the NEC's longest streak now belongs to **Wagner**, which has turned around its season by winning three in a row, including two convincing triumphs last week. Playing in a pair of regionally televised home contests before packed houses, the Seahawks topped Quinnipiac, 87-57, on Monday, then knocked off Mount St. Mary's, 72-55, on Friday. With a 4-7 record within the conference, Wagner is now just one-half game out of the eighth and final NEC playoff spot.

This coming week will see Fairleigh Dickinson begin its toughest stretch of the season with a four-game road swing beginning with tilts at Robert Morris and St. Francis (PA). Next week, the Knights play at Monmouth and St. Francis (NY). The combined league record of FDU's next four opponents is 27-15 (.643). After hosting Quinnipiac on Tuesday, Monmouth joins FDU on the road in Pennsylvania this week for a pair of games, but then has the luxury of returning home for three straight at Boylan Gymnasium beginning next Wednesday.

Monroe Reaches Pair Of Milestones In Win; Stands Among NEC Elite In Number Of Categories

Quinnipiac senior guard **Rob Monroe (Lanham, MD/Montrose Christian)** further etched his name in league and school lore last week when he reached a pair of milestones in the Bobcats' 88-83 overtime win over Sacred Heart on Thursday. Monroe tallied 40 points and six assists in the contest to reach the 1,500-point mark and 500-assist plateau for his career. By week's end, he had upped those numbers to 1,538 points and 506 assists.

In doing so, the Lanham, MD native became just the *fourth player in league history to record 1,500 points and 500 assists*. Other members of that select group are Rider's Deon Hames (1,589 points, 598 assists from 1992-96), Mount St. Mary's Gregory Harris (1,760 points, 529 assists from 1997-00) and Long Island's Dave Masciale (1,501 points, 504 assists from 1993-97). *Additionally, with 258 rebounds, he is one of six players in league history to record 1,000 points, 500 assists and 250 rebounds*. He joined Rider's Deon Hames (1,589 points, 314 rebounds, 589 assists from 1991-96), Robert Morris' Forest Grant (1,494 points, 468 rebounds and 555 assists from 1981-84), Mount St. Mary's Gregory Harris (1,760 points, 569 rebounds and 529 assists from 1996-00), St. Francis (PA)'s Napoleon Lightning (1,060 points, 424 rebounds, 589 assists from 1981-85) and Long Island's Dave Masciale (1,501 points, 451 rebounds and 504 assists from 1994-98).

Monroe, who leads the NEC and was the ninth most prolific distributor in the nation according to the most recent NCAA statistics report (now with 6.8 apg), is steadily working his way up the league's career assist chart. After starting the season ranked 31st, he has jumped all the way to 10th place on the NEC all-time list with 506. If the Lanham, MD native maintains his current pace, he could move into the top-five in the category around the time of the NEC Tournament.

NEC Career Assist Leaders

7. Greg Nunn	SFNY	534	1997-01
8. Gregory Harris	MSM	529	1996-00
9. Mel Hawkins	FDU	508	1987-91
10. Rob Monroe	QU	500	2001-05
11. Dave Masciale	LIU	504	1994-98
12. Antawn Dobie	LIU	497	1999-03
13. Billy Kurisko	WC	496	1987-91

Hawk Lair For Conference Foes

With its rabid fans and cozy interior, Monmouth's Boylan Gymnasium has long been one of the most difficult stops for opposing NEC teams, no more so than in the last two seasons. The Hawks have now won 16 straight home games against league foes dating back to a 69-59 setback to Robert Morris on March 1, 2003. Monmouth went 10-0 against NEC visitors in 2004-05, including a 67-55 win over Central Connecticut State in the NEC title game. This season, the Hawks are 5-0 at Boylan, including a pair of victories last week over Long Island (75-65) and Robert Morris (78-66). Overall, Monmouth is an NEC-best 19-2 (.905) at home over the last two years. Marist holds the NEC record for consecutive home wins over league opponents, winning 21 straight over a three-year period from 1985-87.

Hawk Lockdown

In jumping out to a 9-1 league mark after a slow start in non-conference play, first place Monmouth has limited NEC opponents to just 59.5 ppg and 38.1 percent shooting from the floor. The defending champion Hawks, who have utilized their trademark matchup zone to lead the NEC in scoring defense in 11 of the last 16 seasons, once again rank first in the category, holding all opponents to just 64.3 ppg in 2004-05.

Borough Bragging Rights To Be Settled In "Battle of Brooklyn"

Just 1.2 miles and two train stops separate the two schools. This proximity between Long Island and St. Francis (NY) has led to one of the most enduring rivalries in the NEC, and one that will be renewed this Thursday as the two teams meet in the 30th annual "Battle of Brooklyn" game at the Pope Center. Long Island holds a 16-13 edge in the series, though St. Francis (NY) has won five of the last six matchups. The "Battle of Brooklyn" began during the 1975-76 season with the game dedicated to William "Buck" Lai and the late Danny Lynch, former athletic directors at Long Island and St. Francis (NY), respectively. The MVP trophy of the game is named in honor of the two men. Perhaps the most memorable "Battle" game occurred in 2003, when the Terriers defeated the Blackbirds, 142-140 in double overtime in the highest scoring game in NEC history. In that contest, former NEC all-star Antawn Dobie of LIU established a new league record with 53 points, and also added 15 assists in one of the greatest single-game performances in recent NCAA history.

Points At A Premium

When Sacred Heart stunned first place and previously undefeated Monmouth, 44-41, in Fairfield on Monday, it marked the fewest combined points (85) in a league game since Monmouth defeated St. Francis (PA), 41-40, in the lowest scoring game in NEC history on February 3, 2000.

Stat Central

Below is a listing of NEC players who have turned in 20, 30 and 40-point efforts thus far in 2004-05. Quinnipiac senior guard **Rob Monroe (Lanham, MD/Montrose Christian)** is currently one of just two players nationwide - along with St. Peter's junior guard Keydren Clark - who have turned in a pair of 40-point outings this season.

40+ Point Games

- 2 Rob Monroe (QU) - 40 vs. Sacred Heart (2/3); 41 vs. Longwood (1/2)

30+ Point Games

- 5 Rob Monroe (QU) - 41 vs. Longwood (2/3); 39 vs. Mt. St. Mary's (1/17); 41 vs. Longwood (1/2); 32 vs. Cornell (12/1); 32 vs. Robert Morris (12/4)
- 2 Gordon Klaiber (FDU) - 32 vs. St. Peter's (12/18), 30 vs. Mt. St. Mary's (1/15)
- 2 Darshan Luckey (SFPA) - 32 vs. Quinnipiac (2/5); 35 vs. CCSU (12/4)
- 1 Raasaan Benton (SFPA) - 30 vs. Wagner (1/15)
- 1 Maurice Carter (RMU) - 30 vs. Quinnipiac (12/4)
- 1 Joey Henley (SHU) - 32 vs. FDU (1/24)
- 1 Landy Thompson (MSM) - 34 vs. Longwood (11/20)

20+ Point Games

- 11 Rob Monroe (QU)
- 10 Darshan Luckey (SFPA)
- 7 Tamien Trent (FDU)
- 6 James Williams (LIU), Blake Hamilton (MU), Landy Thompson (MSM), Chaz McCrommon (RMU)
- 5 Chad Timberlake (FDU), Maurice Carter (RMU), Tory Cavalieri (SFNY)
- 4 Craig Benson (QU), Mark Anderson (RMU), Raasaan Benton (SFPA), Sean Munson (WC)
- 3 Obie Nwadike (CCSU), Gordon Klaiber (FDU), Joey Henley (SHU)
- 2 DeMario Anderson (CCSU), Chris Kenny (MU), Karl Anderson (QU), C.J. Vick (QU), Allan Sheppard (SFNY)
- 1 Justin Chiera (CCSU), Lenny Jefferson (CCSU), Andrea Crosariol (FDU), Derek Bell (LIU), Kiel Butler (MSM), Jarrid Frye (SHU), Kibwe Trim (SHU), James St. Robert (SFNY), Tristan Smith (SFNY), Joey Goodson (SFPA), Jason Osborne (SFPA), Matt Vitale (WC)

Life On The Road

Mount St. Mary's is the only NEC team with a better record on the road (3-7), than at home (2-5)...Fairleigh Dickinson is the only NEC team with a .500 record on the road (5-5)...Both FDU and Monmouth are 4-1 in league road games.

The Team Concept

Monmouth is in first place in the NEC standings with just one player - senior forward **Blake Hamilton (Harrisburg, PA/Central Dauphin)** at 14.7 ppg - averaging in double figures. Similarly, the Hawks do not have a single player ranked in the top-10 in rebounding or assists.

NEC On The Air

Three games are on tap this week on the NEC Television Network. Fox Sports-NY and Fox College Sports (Atlantic) will televise Sacred Heart at Central Connecticut State on Friday at 8:00 pm. Cox Cable systems in Connecticut and Rhode Island will air the game via tape delay on Sunday at 7:00 pm. Dave Popkin (play-by-play), Terry O'Connor (color) and Paul Dottino (sideline) will provide commentary. On Saturday, Metro-TV will carry a women-men double-header as Wagner travels to St. Francis (NY). Tip times are 6:00 pm for the women and 8:00 pm for the men. Leandra Reilly Lardner (play-by-play), O'Connor (color) and Amy Lundy (sideline) are in the booth for the women's game, while Dottino (play-by-play), Capstraw (color) and Lundy (sideline) handle announcing duties for the men. These five contests are part of a 29-game package produced this season by the NEC to air on regional and national cable outlets.



J10	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L 71-82
J15	ROBERT MORRIS	W 86-79
J17	at SACRED HEART	W 79-67
J22	LONG ISLAND	W 75-58
J24	at MONMOUTH	L 53-70
J29	at ROBERT MORRIS	L 75-81
F3	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	W 78-60
F7	at WAGNER	7:00 pm
F11	SACRED HEART	8:00 pm
F14	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:00 pm
F17	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	7:00 pm
F21	at QUINNIPIAC	7:00 pm
F23	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7:00 pm

Central Connecticut State (8-11, 4-6 NEC)

Last Week: CCSU 78, St. Francis (PA) 60

This Week: at Wagner (Monday); vs. Sacred Heart (Friday on Fox-NY; tape delay on Cox Cable - Sunday at 7:00 pm)

The Blue Devils improved to 4-6 in NEC play following a 78-60 win over St. Francis (PA) on Thursday. CCSU has won three in a row at home for the first time since the end of the 2002-03 season...The Blue Devils shot 55.4 percent from the field for the game and 60.7 percent in the second half, while the Red Flash shot only 31.6 percent in the second stanza, the best defensive second half effort of the season for CCSU...Of the eight remaining NEC games for the Blue Devils, four are against teams with four or fewer wins in conference play. Two of them are against first place Monmouth (home) and second place FDU (away)...The Blue Devils turned the ball over only five times vs. St. Francis, matching an NEC season-low. Three of the five miscues came on offensive charge calls...Five players scored in double-figures in the win...After a 4-9 start, the Blue Devils have won four of their last six games...CCSU played in front of a season-high crowd of 1,928 vs. the Red Flash...Howie Dickenman coached his 250th career game at Robert Morris on January 29. He is second all-time at CCSU in games coached behind Bill Detrick...Sophomore forward **Obie Nwadike (Jersey City, NJ/St. Anthony's)**, who shot 44.3 percent from the line last season, is shooting 72.2 percent (65-90) in 2004-05...Senior forward **Rich Pittman (Boston, MA/Thayer Academy)** is two points shy of reaching 800 for his career, while junior guard **Justin Chiera (Colonia, NJ/Colonia)** is 23 points from reaching 700. Chiera netted a season-high 21 points, including a season-best five three-pointers, and added a career-high six assists vs. St. Francis. He scored 14 of his points and hit four of his five treys after intermission. Chiera is second on the team with 45 assists and leads the Blue Devils with 37 trifectas. He upped his average to 9.7 ppg in league play and is shooting 40 percent from beyond the arc (24-6) in ten NEC games...Sophomore guard **DeMario Anderson (Fort Washington, MD/Oxon Hill)** leads CCSU and ranks 12th in the NEC with 13.4 ppg...Nwadike is third in the league in rebounding (7.6 rpg) and FG% (.600). He also ranks second on the team with 13.1 ppg...CCSU has shot at least 50 percent from the field in five of its last seven games...Freshman point guard **Tristan Blackwood (Toronto, Ontario/Eastern Commerce)** is second among NEC freshman and seventh overall with 3.8 apg. He also places second among all players in assist-to-turnover ratio (1.85:1)...Junior guard **Lenny Jefferson (Norwalk, CT/St. Thomas More)**, who tallied 18 points vs. the Red Flash, has reached double-figures in 10 of his last 11 games...CCSU plays at Wagner on Monday, then host Sacred Heart on Friday in a game to air live on Fox-NY and on tape delay on Sunday (7:00 pm) on Cox Cable systems.



J12	at QUINNIPIAC	L 75-79
J15	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W 76-67 (OT)
J19	LONG ISLAND	W 76-67
J22	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W 64-61
J24	SACRED HEART	W 88-79
J29	MONMOUTH	L 56-64
J31	at LONG ISLAND	W 85-65
F5	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W 78-54
F10	at ROBERT MORRIS	7:30 pm
F12	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
F18	at MONMOUTH	8:00 pm
F21	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	7:00 pm
F23	CCSU	7:00 pm

Fairleigh Dickinson (13-9, 9-2 NEC)

Last Week: FDU 85, Long Island 65; FDU 78, St. Francis (NY) 54

This Week: at Robert Morris (Thursday); at St. Francis (PA) (Saturday)

Now just one-half game out of first place, Fairleigh Dickinson cruised to a pair of victories last week, downing Long Island on the road, 85-65, to give Tom Green his 350th career victory on Monday, before stopping St. Francis (NY), 78-54, at home on Saturday...The Knights beat LIU for the sixth straight time, while the victory over St. Francis (NY) was their first in the last five meetings...At 9-2 in NEC action, the Knights are off to their best start in league play since beginning 9-2 during the 1997-98 campaign...Senior guard **Tamien Trent (Moriches, NY/Center Moriches)** averaged 17.5 ppg, 7.5 apg, 5.5 rpg and 2.0 spg, while shooting 61.9 percent from the field to win Choice Hotels NEC Player of the Week honors. He opened up at Long Island with his first career double-double, tallying 20 points and a career-high 10 assists to go along with seven rebounds and two steals. Trent followed up with 15 points, four boards, five assists and two steals vs. St. Francis...Trent's award enabled FDU to become the first NEC team to sport three different Player of the Week award winners in the same season since CCSU turned the trick in 2001-02...Freshman guard **Bernell Murray (Stillwater, OK/Stillwater)** came off the bench at LIU to score a career-high 11 points, all in the first half, on 4-5 shooting from the floor, including 3-4 beyond the arc. In his first collegiate start against St. Francis, he scored three points, while adding a career-high five rebounds, four assists and two steals. For the week he averaged 7.0 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 2.5 apg, 1.5 spg and shot 83.3 percent (5-6) from the field and 80 percent (4-5) from three-point territory...Junior guard **Chad Timberlake (Brooklyn, NY/New Utrecht)** averaged 16.0 ppg and 5.0 rpg for the week, sinking 66.7 percent (16-24) of his field goal attempts. He poured in a game-high 22 points at LIU...Junior forward **Gordon Klaiber (Greenbelt, MD/National Christian Academy)** registered his sixth double-double of the year against the Terriers with 11 points and a game-high 11 boards...Sophomore center **Andrea Crosariol (Abano T., Italy/Long Island Lutheran)** scored 17 against St. Francis...Klaiber has upped his career point total to 964. With three blocks against St. Francis, he moved into eighth place all-time at FDU with 82 for his career...Klaiber leads the team and ranks fifth in the NEC with 15.1 ppg. Timberlake is eighth in scoring with 14.7 ppg, while Trent is 10th with 14.6 ppg. Klaiber, Timberlake and Trent form the NEC's highest scoring trio with a combined 44.5 ppg. FDU is the lone NEC program with three players in the top-ten in scoring...Crosariol is the league leader with a .650 field goal percentage...The Knights head to western Pennsylvania for contests at Robert Morris and St. Francis (PA) on Thursday and Saturday, respectively.



J12	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W 74-69
J15	MONMOUTH	L 57-69
J19	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L 67-76
J22	at CCSU	L 58-73
J24	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W 58-57
J29	at QUINNIPIAC	W 76-71
J31	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L 65-85
F3	at MONMOUTH	L 65-75
F5	SACRED HEART	W 81-76
F10	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	7:00 pm
F12	QUINNIPIAC	4:00 pm
F17	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
F19	at SACRED HEART	2:00 pm

Long Island (9-12, 6-6 NEC)

Last Week: FDU 85, Long Island 65; Monmouth 75, Long Island 65; Long Island 81, Sacred Heart 76

This Week: at St. Francis (NY) (Thursday); vs. Quinnipiac (Saturday)

Long Island went 1-2 last week, falling at home to Fairleigh Dickinson, 85-65, and at league leader Monmouth, 75-65, before returning to the Schwartz Center to post an 81-76 win over Sacred Heart...Sophomore guard **James Williams (DeSoto, TX/DeSoto)** averaged 19.0 ppg, 4.0 rpg and 3.7 apg last week. He is now averaging a team-best 16.0 ppg overall and 18.2 ppg in league play. He ranks in the NEC top-ten in scoring (third), assists (eighth; 3.6 apg), free throw percentage (fourth; .802) and three-pointers (third; 2.3 3PGF/game). Of Williams' team-leading 51 triples, 36 have come in just 12 league games, where he is shooting 42.4 percent from long range...Williams went 7-8 from three-point range at Wagner on December 4. That was - for ten weeks - the best single-game three-point field goal performance in Division I, but was topped this past week by Providence's Donnie McGrath, who went 9-9 from downtown vs. Virginia...Sophomore forward **Esa Maki-Tulokas (Forssa, Finland/Forssa Yhteislyseo)** leads the Blackbirds and is fifth in the NEC in shooting, hitting at a 58.9 percent clip from the floor. In league games, he is even more accurate, ranking third at 63.8 percent. Maki-Tulokas has drilled 31-48 field goal attempts in the past eight games (.646). He is second in the circuit in three-point accuracy in league affairs at 51.9 percent...Maki-Tulokas has 36 straight starts, the most of any current player in the program...The Blackbirds placed five players in double figures against Sacred Heart...Senior forward **Derek Bell (Brooklyn, NY/Milford Academy (CT))** has 527 career rebounds, fourth among active NEC players...Freshman forward **Kellen Allen (Mansfield, TX/Summit)** has drawn or taken 41 charges/offensive fouls this season, including four on Monday against FDU...Freshman guard **Randy Jones (West Palm Beach, FL/Notre Dame Prep (MA))** is second on the team in scoring (8.5) and fifth in the league in assists (4.1 apg, first among newcomers). Jones registered 10 points vs. Monmouth, his first double digit effort in six games. He made it two straight with 11 points vs. the Pioneers...Williams, sophomore guard **Evan Meekins (East Providence, RI/Proctor (NH) Academy)** and Jones have all hit for 25+ treys this season. The last time LIU had three players hit for 30 or more triples in a single season was the 1997-98 campaign when Charles Jones erupted for 116, Mike Campbell for 67 and Matt Picinic for 57...LIU is ranked first in the NEC in 3PGF% defense (.284)...The Blackbirds have connected on 10 or more trifectas in seven games this season after turning the trick just twice a year ago...Among LIU Hall of Fame inductees this past Saturday were former men's basketball players Jim Apicella, Riley Clarida and Ben Kramer...Long Island travels to St. Francis (NY) on Thursday for the 30th annual "Battle of Brooklyn." The Blackbirds also host Quinnipiac on Saturday.



J9	at QUINNIPIAC	W 74-71
J15	at LONG ISLAND	W 69-57
J24	CCSU	W 70-53
J26	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W 77-73
J29	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	W 64-56
J31	at SACRED HEART	L 41-44
F3	LONG ISLAND	W 75-65
F5	ROBERT MORRIS	W 78-66
F8	QUINNIPIAC	7:00 pm
F10	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
F12	at ROBERT MORRIS	7:30 pm
F16	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:00 pm
F18	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	8:00 pm

Monmouth (10-9, 9-1 NEC)

Last Week: Sacred Heart 44, Monmouth 41; Monmouth 75, Long Island 65; Monmouth 78, Robert Morris 66

This Week: vs. Quinnipiac (Tuesday); at St. Francis (PA) (Thursday); at Robert Morris (Saturday)

After a 7-0 start, the first place Hawks suffered their first NEC loss of the season on Monday, falling at Sacred Heart, 44-41. Monmouth quickly dusted itself off with a 75-65 win over Long Island on Thursday and a 78-66 triumph over Robert Morris on Saturday...The Hawks hold a slim half-game lead over Fairleigh Dickinson (8-2)...The two victories extended Monmouth's home win streak over conference opponents to 16 dating back to a 69-59 setback to Robert Morris in the penultimate regular season game of the 2002-03 season. Marist holds the NEC record for consecutive home wins over league rivals, winning 21 straight over a three-year period from 1985-87...The Hawks are 19-2 (.905) at home over the last two seasons, the best mark in the conference...Monmouth needs one more win to be ensured of its fifth consecutive winning record in league play. It would mark the second time the Hawks have accomplished the feat. The Blue and White also turned the trick from the 1987-88 to 1991-92 seasons...Head coach Dave Calloway has his career record at 105-103, the first time he has ever been two games over 500...Monmouth's 6-2 home mark can be attributed to the play of senior forward **Blake Hamilton (Harrisburg, PA/Central Dauphin)**, who is averaging 18.3 ppg and shooting 61.0 percent at Boylan Gymnasium, while averaging just 12.2 ppg and shooting 39.2 percent on the road...With 202 for his career, senior guard **Dwayne Byfield (Elmont, NY/St. Mary's)** needs two more three-point field goals to move into second place on Monmouth's all-time list. He currently trails only Dave Calloway (260) and John Giraldo (204)...During the week, Hamilton passed Rahsaan Johnson (456) for ninth place on Monmouth's career rebounds list with 472...With 211 career assists, senior guard **Tyler Azzarelli (Tampa, FL/H.B. Plant)** recently eclipsed Jack Gordon (209) and Greg McLaughlin (209) to move into ninth place on Monmouth's all-time list...Monmouth's defense continues to flourish with sophomore forward **Marques Alston (Neptune, NJ/Neptune)** in the starting lineup. The Hawks are 9-3 since his insertion as a starter and have yielded just 60.9 ppg and allowed opponents to shoot just 38.7 percent from the floor...Monmouth leads the league by allowing just 64.3 ppg. The Hawks have led the NEC in scoring defense in 11 of the last 16 years. In conference play, Monmouth has been even stingier, yielding just 59.5 ppg...Hamilton is the only Monmouth player averaging in double digits. He is seventh in the conference with 14.7 ppg...Junior guard **Chris Kenny (Spring Lake, NJ/CBA)** matched a career-high with 20 points against Robert Morris. He was 4-7 from beyond the arc...Alston hit 14-19 shots from the floor last week, a 73.7 percent success ratio. He is eighth in the conference in field goal percentage at .548...The Hawks embark upon their third straight week with three games. Monmouth hosts Quinnipiac on Tuesday, then makes its Pennsylvania swing with games at St. Francis (PA) on Thursday and Robert Morris on Saturday.



Mount St. Mary's (6-13, 4-6 NEC)

Last Week: Wagner 72, Mount St. Mary's 55

This Week: at St. Francis (PA) (Monday); vs. Wagner (Thursday)

The Mount lost at Wagner, 72-55, on Friday night to fall to 4-6 in the NEC and 6-13 overall...Mount St. Mary's has now dropped six of its last seven league games following a 3-0 start...The Mountaineers trailed 30-18 in the first half, but rattled off 11 straight points to cut the deficit to 30-29 with 2:57 remaining prior to intermission. Wagner, however, scored seven of the last nine points to end the opening stanza and the first six of the second half to take a 12-point lead...Junior forward **Kiel Butler (Temple Hills, MD/Laurinburg Institute (NC))** scored a season-high 20 points to lead the Mount in the setback...The Mountaineers have allowed its past two opponents to shoot 54.3 percent from the field, including a sizzling 61.5 percent in the second half. On the year, Mount St. Mary's is 1-7 when opponents shoot 50 percent or better...The Mount has been 4-6 in NEC play four times since joining the league in 1989. In three of those seasons, the Mount finished with a .500 or better record...The Mountaineers are averaging 8.3 three-point field goals in wins this year, hitting 43.5 percent from beyond the arc. In losses, the Mount averages 6.1 three-point field goals and is converting at a 28.0 percent success rate...Sophomore guard **Mychal Kearsse (Charlotte, NC/Providence Day)** is shooting 56.9 percent from the field in the past 10 games after hitting just 29.4 percent over his first nine outings of the year. He is averaging 10.5 ppg, 7.5 rpg and 3.0 apg over the last six contests...Kearsse, a 6-4 guard, leads the team and ranks sixth in the NEC with 6.1 rpg...Junior guard **Landy Thompson (Germantown, MD/Archbishop Spalding)**, who was held to four points against Wagner, ranks ninth in the NEC with 14.6 ppg. He raised his career scoring total to 1,211 points...Junior forward **Charles Cook (Upper Marlboro, MD/Bishop McNamara)**, the team's second-leading scorer with 10.1 ppg, was also limited to four points by the Seahawks...The Mount plays at St. Francis (PA) on Monday, then comes home for a return matchup with Wagner on Thursday. Mount St. Mary's has lost seven straight games in Loretto and is just 5-17 all-time on the road vs. the Red Flash. Overall, the Mount has lost four straight and 10-of-11 to St. Francis (PA).

J12	ROBERT MORRIS	L 56-80
J15	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L 67-73 (OT)
J17	QUINNIPIAC	L 74-84
J22	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L 61-64
J24	at LONG ISLAND	L 57-58
J29	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W 88-85
F4	at WAGNER	L 55-72
F7	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
F10	WAGNER	7:00 pm
F14	CCSU	7:00 pm
F16	at MONMOUTH	7:00 pm
F17	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	4:00 pm
F21	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm



Quinnipiac (9-11, 5-6 NEC)

Last Week: Wagner 87, Quinnipiac 57; Quinnipiac 88, Sacred Heart 83 (OT); Quinnipiac 75, St. Francis (PA) 67

This Week: at Monmouth (Tuesday); at Long Island (Saturday)

After dropping their fifth in a row on Monday - an 87-57 setback at Wagner - the Bobcats rebounded to win two straight at home, knocking off Sacred Heart in overtime, 88-83, on Thursday, then coming out on top of a 75-67 decision against St. Francis (PA) on Saturday. The two triumphs pushed Quinnipiac into a tie for fifth place in the conference with a 5-6 league mark...The overtime victory was the second for Quinnipiac this season and improved its record to 9-3 in overtime contests since the program elevated to Division I in 1998...Senior guard **Rob Monroe (Lanham, MD/Montrose Christian)** averaged 25.7 points, 5.3 assists and shot 89.3 percent from the line (25-28) last week, including a 40-point, five-rebound, six-assist outing against the Pioneers. It was his second 40-point game of the season and one off his career-high of 41 set against Longwood on January 2. Monroe and St. Peter's guard Keydren Clark are the only two players in the nation with multiple 40-point games...Monroe remains the NEC leader in scoring (22.1 ppg) and assists (6.8 apg). In the most recent NCAA report, he stood eighth nationally in scoring and ninth in assists. Monroe is one of only two players in the nation - along with Niagara's Juan Mendez - to rank in the top-10 in two of the three major statistical categories (along with rebounding)...Monroe moved into the NEC all-time top-10 in assists last week. He is now tenth with 506 for his career...Monroe, who also eclipsed the 1,500-point and finished the week with 1,538 points, is also one of four players in conference history with 1,500 points and 500 assists, and one of six players with 1,500 points, 500 assists and 250 rebounds (he has 258)...Monroe needs two more treys to become the Quinnipiac career leader in the category, passing Joe Trimarchi...Senior forward **C.J. Vick (Springfield, VA/Robert E. Lee)** is 21-27 from the field over the last four games. He ranks second in the NEC in field goal percentage, hitting 64.8 percent of his shots...Junior forward **Kevin Jolley (Cheverly, MD/Hutchinson (KS) CC)** tallied his fifth double-double of the season with a career-high 17 points and 11 rebounds off the bench in the win over the Red Flash. Jolley is the fourth-leading rebounder in the conference with 7.4 rpg...Sophomore guard **Van Crafon (Hanover, IN/Hanover)** scored a season-high 18 points, including four trifectas, against St. Francis. He is averaging 10.0 ppg over his last three outings...The Bobcats are 6-3 at home this season...Freshman guard **Da-Shawn Dwight (Newark, NJ/Bloomfield Tech)** started the first three games of his career last week as head coach Joe DeSantis went to a three-guard set. He responded by averaging 7.0 ppg, 4.0 rpg and 2.7 apg. He established new career-highs with 12 points, eight rebounds and six assists against Sacred Heart...Quinnipiac hits the road for games at first place Monmouth on Tuesday and at Long Island on Saturday.

J12	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	W 79-75
J17	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W 84-74
J20	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	L 63-69
J22	at SACRED HEART	L 60-67
J24	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	L 70-80
J29	LONG ISLAND	L 71-76
J31	at WAGNER	L 57-87
F3	SACRED HEART	W 88-83 (OT)
F5	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	W 75-67
F8	at MONMOUTH	7:00 pm
F12	at LONG ISLAND	4:00 pm
F16	WAGNER	7:00 pm
F19	ROBERT MORRIS	4:00 pm



Robert Morris (10-11, 7-4 NEC)

Last Week: Robert Morris 68, St. Francis (NY) 63; Monmouth 78, Robert Morris 66

This Week: vs. FDU (Thursday); vs. Monmouth (Saturday)

Robert Morris ran its winning streak to a season-high five games and road winning streak to three games with a 68-63 victory at St. Francis (NY) on Thursday before having both streaks snapped with a 78-66 loss at Monmouth on Saturday...The five straight wins is the longest under head coach Mark Schmidt and the first for Robert Morris since the 1999-00 campaign, when the Colonials put together a pair of five-game streaks...Senior center **Mark Anderson (Topeka, KS/Coffeyville CC)** was the main offensive force for the Colonials last week, averaging 23.0 ppg and 8.5 rpg. He paced the Colonials in both contests, scoring a career-high 24 points, while tying a career-high with 10 rebounds against the Terriers, before finishing with a game-high 22 points and adding seven boards against the Hawks. After being held to 10 points total in wins over Wagner and St. Francis (PA), Anderson has averaged 21.7 ppg and 7.3 rpg in his last three outings while shooting 65.7 percent (25-38) from the field. Anderson is now 11th in the NEC with 13.6 ppg and sixth in field goal percentage at .579...Senior forward **Chaz McCrommon (Pittsburgh, PA/Schenley)** had his streak of double figure scoring games snapped at 16 after finishing with nine points vs. St. Francis (NY), but bounced back with 18 points, seven rebounds, three assists, two blocks and a steal against Monmouth. McCrommon is currently fourth in the league with 15.8 ppg...Sophomore guard **Derek Coleman (Dorchester, MA/Charlestown)** continues to run the Colonial offense efficiently, as he averaged 9.5 ppg, 5.0 rpg and 5.0 apg last week...Freshman guard **Tony Lee (Boston, MA/Charlestown)** scored nine points and added seven rebounds, two assists and a steal vs. the Terriers, but was held to four points and three rebounds by Monmouth, his lowest output in both categories as a member of the starting lineup...McCrommon and Carter have both exceeded 1,400 points in their respective careers. McCrommon is fourth in Robert Morris history with 1,469 career points, while Carter is fifth with 1,451 points. They rank third and fourth, respectively, among active NEC players. McCrommon is also third among active league competitors with 546 career rebounds...In league play, Robert Morris leads the NEC with a .496 field goal percentage...With the win over St. Francis, Robert Morris improved to 9-1 on the season when holding its opponent to under 70 points and 22-5 in the last two years. During head coach Mark Schmidt's four years at the helm, the Colonials are 38-13 when limiting its opponent to under 70 points...Robert Morris returns to action this week with a pair of home games, hosting the top-two teams in the standings as FDU comes to town on Thursday and Monmouth on Saturday.

J12	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W 80-56
J15	at CCSU	L 79-86
J17	at WAGNER	W 68-50
J24	WAGNER	W 65-57
J27	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	W 72-64
J29	CCSU	W 81-75
F3	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W 68-63
F5	at MONMOUTH	L 66-78
F10	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7:30 pm
F12	MONMOUTH	7:30 pm
F17	at SACRED HEART	8:00 pm
F19	at QUINNIPIAC	4:00 pm
F24	at LONG ISLAND	7:00 pm



Sacred Heart (3-17, 2-9 NEC)

Last Week: Sacred Heart 44, Monmouth 41; Quinnipiac 88, Sacred Heart 83 (OT); Long Island 81, Sacred Heart 76

This Week: at CCSU (Friday on Fox-NY; tape delay on Cox Cable - Sunday at 7:00 pm)

After playing 17 straight games, all decided by more than six points, the Pioneers played three nailbiters decided by five points or less last week, including a 44-41 upset of first place Monmouth on Monday at the Pitt Center. Sacred Heart also fell at Quinnipiac, 88-83 in overtime, and at Long Island, 81-76...The Pioneers have won two of their last three at home...The Pioneers limited Monmouth to just 25.4 percent shooting from the floor, the second lowest percentage in an NEC game this season...Sophomore forward **Joey Henley (Kent, WA/Kentridge)** averaged 16.7 ppg, 7.7 rpg and hit at a 68.8 percent clip from the field last week. He had 19 points and 10 rebounds in his third double-double effort of the season vs. Quinnipiac, and hit 10-11 field goal attempts in a 23-point outing vs. Long Island. Henley had a key block in the final seconds of the win over Monmouth...Junior center **Kibwe Trim (San Juan, Trinidad/St. Mary's)** broke out of a six-game slump that saw him average just 4.5 ppg and 3.0 rpg to tally 18 points and seven boards in the setback to the Blackbirds...Sophomore guard **Jarrid Frye (Queens, NY/Martin Luther)** had a fine all-around week with 12.3 ppg, 7.7 rpg, 4.0 apg and 2.0 spg. He was 15-30 (.500) from the field. He posted his first career double-double with 10 points and 10 boards against Monmouth...Sacred Heart hit 52.5 percent of its two-point shots last week, but was undermined by poor three-point (10-37; 27.0 percent) and free throw (27-52; 51.9 percent) shooting...Freshman forward **Ryan Howard (Bronx, NY/Holderness School)** hit the big shot in the win over Monmouth, draining a three-pointer with 1:11 remaining to give the Pioneers a 42-41 edge. After a pair of free throws from freshman forward **Eugene Pettway (Bridgeport, CT/Harding)** with 17 ticks left on the clock, Sacred Heart survived a pair of Monmouth three-point attempts in the closing seconds to preserve the win...Howard averaged 9.3 ppg for the week...Junior guard **Mike Parker (Windsor, CT/Northwest Catholic)** is sixth in the NEC with 3.9 apg...Henley is the only Sacred Heart player averaging in double figures with 11.1 ppg...Howard and Parker had shots in the final seconds of regulation against Quinnipiac, but could not convert as Sacred Heart fell in overtime...The Pioneers sport 11 players who earn at least 12 minutes of playing time per contest...Redshirt freshman guard **Luke Granato (Rocky Hill, CT/Northwest Catholic)** remains out of action with a broken bone in his foot. He is averaging 7.4 ppg...Sacred Heart hit 17-18 free throws (.944) against CCSU on January 17th, the 17th-best single-game mark in the nation this season...The Pioneers play just once this week, taking on CCSU in New Britain in a game broadcast on Cox Cable systems.

J12	at Harvard	L 84-97
J15	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	L 66-78
J17	CCSU	L 67-79
J22	QUINNIPIAC	W 67-60
J24	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L 79-88
J29	WAGNER	L 43-54
J31	MONMOUTH	W 44-41
F3	at QUINNIPIAC	L 83-88 (OT)
F5	at LONG ISLAND	L 76-81
F11	at CCSU	8:00 pm
F15	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	7:00 pm
F17	ROBERT MORRIS	8:00 pm
F19	LONG ISLAND	2:00 pm



St. Francis (NY) (8-11, 4-6 NEC)

Last Week: Robert Morris 68, St. Francis (NY) 63; FDU 78, St. Francis (NY) 54

This Week: vs. Long Island (Thursday); vs. Wagner (Saturday on Metro-TV)

St. Francis (NY) had its losing streak extended to four last week with a 68-63 home defeat at the hands of Robert Morris on Thursday and a 78-54 setback at Fairleigh Dickinson on Saturday...The 24-point margin of defeat to FDU was the program's largest since falling to St. John's, 97-63, on November 30, 1998...The four straight losses is the Terriers' longest skid since dropping four in a row in December, 2003...Sophomore forward **Allan Sheppard (New York, NY/A. Phillip Randolph)** averaged 11.0 ppg and 8.0 rpg last week. He posted the first double-double of his career with 13 points and a career-high 11 rebounds vs. the Colonials. Sheppard continues to lead all NEC freshmen in scoring (11.2 ppg) and field goal percentage (.497)...Junior guard **Tristan Smith (Amityville, NY/Amityville)** earned his first start of the season against Robert Morris. He finished with a team-high 17 points. Smith has scored in double figures in five of his last six games...Junior swingman **Christian Brown (New York, NY/Rice)** averaged 10.5 ppg last week, including a team-best 11 points on 3-6 shooting from three-point range in the loss to FDU...After being sidelined with an injury, senior forward **Damien Herard (Jamaica, NY/Francis Lewis)** has seen action in the last three games against Mount St. Mary's, Robert Morris and FDU. In his first game back, he played four minutes, scoring one point and grabbing one board. Against Robert Morris, Herard played a productive five minutes, scoring four points and collecting two rebounds. On Saturday, he grabbed two rebounds in six minutes vs. the Knights...Senior guard **Tory Cavaliere (Atlantic City, NJ/Atlantic City)** averaged 9.0 ppg and 6.5 rpg last week. He leads the NEC with 2.8 3PPG/game, 2.3 steals per game and ranks second in three-pointers (54), fourth in 3PPG% (.425) and assists (4.2 apg), sixth in scoring (15.1 ppg), seventh in assist-to-turnover ratio (1.46:1) and eighth in FT percentage (.741). Nationally, he ranked 21st in three-point percentage and 27th in made three-pointers through games of last Monday...Cavaliere upped his career assist total at St. Francis (NY) to 414, second among active NEC players...Junior forward **Devon Neckles (Brooklyn, NY/Canarsie)** leads the NEC with 2.4 bpg...The Terriers host to Long Island in the annual "Battle of Brooklyn" game on Thursday; then welcome Wagner in a Metro-TV televised game on Saturday.

J12	at LONG ISLAND	L 69-74
J15	SACRED HEART	W 78-66
J17	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	W 82-71
J20	at QUINNIPIAC	W 69-63
J26	at MONMOUTH	L 73-77
J29	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	L 85-88
F3	ROBERT MORRIS	L 63-68
F5	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L 54-78
F10	LONG ISLAND	7:00 pm
F12	WAGNER	8:00 pm
F15	at SACRED HEART	7:00 pm
F17	at CCSU	7:00 pm
F19	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	4:00 pm



St. Francis (PA) (10-10, 5-6 NEC)

Last Week: CCSU 78, St. Francis (PA) 60; Quinnipiac 75, St. Francis (PA) 67

This Week: vs. Mount St. Mary's (Monday); vs. Monmouth (Thursday); vs. FDU (Saturday)

The Red Flash have now dropped three straight following road setbacks at Central Connecticut State (78-60) and Quinnipiac (75-67) last week...St. Francis (PA), now tied for fifth place with a 5-6 league mark, is 7-2 at home and 3-8 on the road...The Red Flash are 17-3 at the Stokes Center over the last two seasons, second in the league to Monmouth's 19-2 mark at Boylan Gymnasium...Junior guard **Darshan Luckey (Baltimore, MD/Southern)** scored 32 points - his second 30+ point outing of the season - in the loss to Quinnipiac. For the week, he averaged 26.0 ppg, 5.0 rpg and shot 63.0 percent (17-27) from the field and 76.1 percent (16-21) from the charity stripe...Luckey lifted his season scoring average to an even 20.0 ppg, second in the NEC. In the most recent NCAA report, he stood 28th nationally in scoring...Luckey also raised his career scoring total to 1,497 points to move into sixth place in Red Flash annals. He passed Harkeem Dixon (1,458 points) and Greg Jacobs (1,457 points) last week. Luckey is also second in career scoring among active NEC competitors...In league games, Luckey is averaging 22.2 ppg and 5.9 rpg...Senior center **Jason Osborne (Randallstown, MD/Rice (NY))** hit 7-9 field goal attempts vs. CCSU in a 14-point, seven rebound effort. For the week, he averaged 11.0 ppg and 7.0 rpg. He shot 62.5 percent (10-16) from the floor and now stands fourth in the conference in field goal percentage at 59.1 percent...Junior point guard **Garrett Farha (Concordia, KS/Concordia)** is second in the NEC and 15th nationally with 6.3 assists per contest. He also ranks first in the conference in assist-to-turnover ratio (2.10:1) and three-point proficiency (.483)...Junior guard **Rahsaan Benton (Cleveland Heights, OH/St. Ignatius)** is fifth in the conference with 2.4 three-pointers made per game. He is 15th in scoring with 12.8 ppg...The Red Flash rank second in the NEC in field goal percentage (.464), free throw percentage (.729) and three-point field goal percentage (.378)...Luckey has led St. Francis in scoring in 13 games, while Benton has earned game-high honors on six occasions and Osborne one time...Luckey was the only Red Flash player to reach double-figures in scoring in the loss to Quinnipiac...The Red Flash play three at home this week, hosting Mount St. Mary's on Monday, first place Monmouth on Thursday and second place Fairleigh Dickinson on Saturday.

J10	at ROBERT MORRIS	W 78-72
J15	at WAGNER	L 70-89
J17	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	L 71-82
J22	WAGNER	W 63-45
J24	QUINNIPIAC	W 80-70
J27	ROBERT MORRIS	L 64-72
F3	at CCSU	L 60-78
F5	at QUINNIPIAC	L 67-75
F7	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:00 pm
F10	MONMOUTH	7:00 pm
F12	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7:00 pm
F17	at LONG ISLAND	7:00 pm
E21	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:00 pm



Wagner (5-15, 4-7 NEC)

Last Week: Wagner 87, Quinnipiac 57; Wagner 72, Mount St. Mary's 55

This Week: vs. CCSU (Monday); at Mount St. Mary's (Thursday); at St. Francis (NY) (Saturday on Metro-TV)

Wagner is coming off its best week of the season, defeating Quinnipiac for the sixth straight time, 87-57, and winning for the ninth time in ten tries vs. Mount St. Mary's, 72-55, to push its win streak to three games...The Seahawks placed five players in double figures for the first time this season against Quinnipiac and committed a season-low nine turnovers in the contest...NEC leading scorer Rob Monroe scored just five points vs. the Seahawks on 0-12 shooting from the field. Wagner then held the Mount's Landy Thompson, the NEC's ninth leading scorer, to just four points, all in the first half...The 30-point win over the Bobcats marked the largest victory for Wagner since an 88-58 win at Mount St. Mary's on Feb. 28, 2002...Wagner shot 54.4 percent from the field vs. the Mount...The Seahawks outrebounded the Mountaineers, 38-21, the biggest margin of the season for the team...Freshman guard **Mark Porter (Atlantic City, NJ/St. Augustine Prep)** was named Choice Hotels NEC Rookie of the Week for the third time this season after averaging 16.0 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 6.0 apg and 1.5 spg, while shooting 10-10 from the line. He netted a career-high 19 points and matched a career-best with six assists vs. Quinnipiac. He leads all NEC freshman in scoring at 10.6 ppg...In his last three games, junior guard **DeEarnest McLemore (Cary, NC/Cary HS)** is averaging 15.3 ppg and 2.6 apg, while making 57.6 percent (19-33) of his FG attempts (19-33). His defense was a key factor in holding Monroe and Thompson in check...Senior center **Sean Munson (Berryville, VA/Clarke County)** recorded his NEC-leading ninth double-double of the season (and 19th of his career) with 19 points and 13 rebounds vs. the Mount. He has posted seven double-doubles in his last nine games...Munson averaged 15.0 ppg and 9.0 rpg last week. He leads the NEC with 9.6 rpg. In the latest NCAA report, he ranked 23rd in the nation in the category...Sophomore **Matt Vitale (Brooklyn, NY/St. Edmund's Prep)** averaged 15.5 ppg, 4.5 rpg and shot 8-14 (.571) from three-point range last week. His recent stretch of hot shooting from long distance is in stark contrast to his 31.3 percent shooting from downtown (15-48) in the previous eight contests...Wagner is shooting 45.7 percent from the floor in the three-game winning streak; opponents just 31.5 percent...McLemore totaled 161 points (2.6 ppg) and 27 steals in his first two seasons. In 2004-05, he has already totaled 181 points (9.1 ppg) and 27 steals (1.4 spg)...Wagner, last in the NEC in free throw shooting (.580), made 29-37 (.784) last week...Munson and sophomore **Durell Vinson (Vineland, NJ/St. Augustine Prep)** (6.0 rpg) are the top rebounding tandem in the league (15.6 rpg)...Wagner leads the NEC with a +4.6 rebound margin...Sophomore **Jamal Webb (Tuckahoe, NY/Tuckahoe)** was cleared to play last week after missing 12 straight games with a stress fracture in his left foot. He played four minutes in his first game back vs. the Mount...The Seahawks host CCSU on Monday, then play at Mt. St. Mary's on Thursday and St. Francis (NY) on Saturday in a game to air on Metro-TV.

J10	at LONG ISLAND	L 55-59
J15	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	W 89-70
J17	ROBERT MORRIS	L 50-68
J22	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	L 45-63
J24	at ROBERT MORRIS	L 57-65
J29	at SACRED HEART	W 54-43
J31	QUINNIPIAC	W 87-57
F4	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W 72-55
F7	CCSU	7:00 pm
F10	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:00 pm
F12	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	8:00 pm
F16	at QUINNIPIAC	7:00 pm
F20	at MONMOUTH	4:00 pm

NEC Men's Basketball

Facts/Figures

NEC In RPI Rankings

(courtesy of collegerpi.com through 2/6)

School	Rank	Change
CCSU	240	+15
Fairleigh Dickinson	198	+24
Long Island	252	-36
Monmouth	185	-10
Mount St. Mary's	316	-5
Quinnipiac	291	+4
Robert Morris	200	+11
Sacred Heart	318	+5
St. Francis (NY)	276	-32
St. Francis (PA)	190	-12
Wagner	305	+7

NEC 30/31 conferences



Close Games

(five points or less)

School	Rec.
Central Connecticut State	1-3
Fairleigh Dickinson	3-4
Long Island	6-1
Monmouth	3-4
Mount St. Mary's	2-3
Quinnipiac	3-3
Robert Morris	2-1
Sacred Heart	1-2
St. Francis (NY)	1-6
St. Francis (PA)	2-0
Wagner	1-2

Double-Doubles

(top-10)

Player	Total
Sean Munson, WC	9
Gordon Klaiber, FDU	6
Obie Nwadike, CCSU	5
Kevin Jolley, QU	5
Joey Henley, SHU	3
Rob Monroe, QU	3
Devon Neckles, SFNY	3
Mark Anderson, RMU	2
Mychael Kearsse, MSM	2
Tony Lee, RMU	2
Esa Maki-Tulokas, LIU	2
Chaz McCrommon, RMU	2
Rich Pittman, CCSU	2
C.J. Vick, QU	2

NEC Coaching Records

Coach (School)	Year Hired	Conf. Games		Overall Record	
		Rec.	Pct.	Rec.	Pct.
Tom Green (FDU)	1984	226-147	.606	351-276	.560
Howie Dickenman (CCSU)	1997	84-56	.600	134-117	.534
Dave Calloway (MU)	1998	80-57	.584	105-103	.505
Mark Schmidt (RMU)	2001	35-32	.522	46-61	.430
Ron Ganulin (SFNY)	1991	124-122	.504	209-226	.480
Mike Deane (WC)	2003	14-15	.483	361-251	.590
Bobby Jones (SFPA)	1999	46-59	.438	62-96	.392
Milan Brown (MSM)	2003	12-16	.429	16-32	.333
Joe DeSantis (QU)	1998	51-74	.408	90-151	.373
Jim Ferry (LIU)	2002	17-31	.354	130-69	.653
Dave Bike (SHU)	1999	31-73	.298	415-365	.532

NEC Past Champions

2004 Monmouth	1997 Long Island	1990 Robert Morris
2003 Wagner	1996 Monmouth	1989 Robert Morris
2002 Central Connecticut St.	1995 Mount St. Mary's	1988 FDU
2001 Monmouth	1994 Rider	1987 Marist
2000 Central Connecticut St.	1993 Rider	1986 Marist
1999 Mount St. Mary's	1992 Robert Morris	1985 Fairleigh Dickinson
1998 Fairleigh Dickinson	1991 St. Francis (PA)	1984 Long Island

2005 NEC Basketball Tournament

Schedule

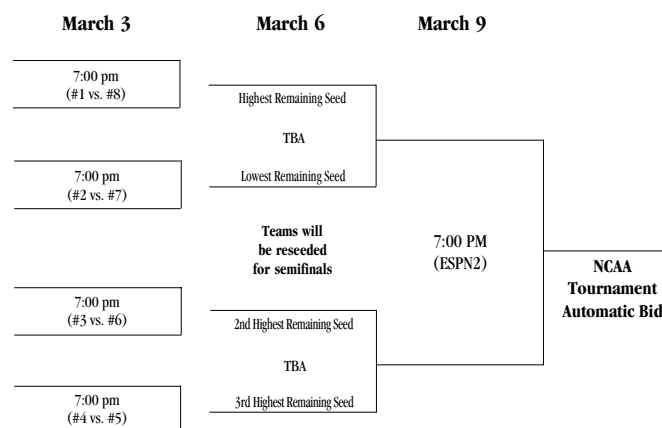


2005 NEC Men's Basketball Tournament

all games to be held at home of higher seed teams will be reseeded following quarterfinals

Thursday, March 3	Sunday, March 6	Wednesday, March 9
Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Championship
8:00 pm (MSG)	1:00 pm (Metro-TV)	7:00 pm (ESPN2)
Three games TBA	Second game TBA	

2005 NEC Tournament Men's Championship Bracket



NEC Men's Basketball vs. the competition

NEC vs...

AmericaEast	2-4	Mid-American	1-1
ACC	0-2	Mid-Con	0-0
AtlanticSun	0-0	MEAC	2-0
Atlantic10	2-4	MissouriValley	0-2
Big East	1-11	Mountain West	0-1
Big Sky	0-1	NAIA	0-0
Big South	0-2	Ohio Valley	0-3
Big Ten	0-5	Pac 10	0-4
Big-12	0-1	Patriot	7-6
Big West	0-0	SEC	0-0
Colonial	0-3	Southern	0-1
Conference USA	0-1	Southland	0-0
Division II	3-0	SWAC	0-0
Division III	2-0	Sun Belt	1-1
Horizon	1-0	WCC	1-2
Independent	3-0	WAC	0-0
Ivy	2-10	Overall	32-70
MAAC	4-5		

NEC Men's Basketball Streaks vs. NEC Opponents

Winner	Losers	Streak	Winner	Losers	Streak
FDU	Wagner	6	FDU	Long Island	6
CCSU	Long Island	6	St. Francis (PA)	Mount St. Mary's	4
Wagner	Quinnipiac	6	Wagner	CCSU	4

NEC Men's Basketball

Preseason Poll/All-Conference Teams

Northeast Conference Preseason Coaches Poll

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Monmouth (8) | 7. St. Francis (NY) |
| 2. Fairleigh Dickinson (3) | 8. Quinnipiac |
| 3. Robert Morris | 9. Wagner |
| 4. St. Francis (PA) | 10. Sacred Heart |
| 5. Central Connecticut State | 11. Long Island |
| 6. Mount St. Mary's | |

Northeast Conference Preseason All-Conference Team

Name	School	Pos.	Class
Blake Hamilton	Monmouth	F	Sr
Gordon Klaiher	Fairleigh Dickinson	F	Jr
Darshan Luckey	St. Francis (PA)	G	Jr
Chaz McCrommon	Robert Morris	F	Sr
Landy Thompson	Mount St. Mary's	G	Jr

NEC Men's Basketball

Foreign Born Players

Name	School	Cl	Hometown, Country
Tristan Blackwood	CCSU	Fr	Toronto, Ontario
Jemino Sobers	CCSU	Fr	Scarborough, Ontario
Gadi Buch	FDU	Sr	Tel-Aviv, Israel
Andrea Crosariol	FDU	So	Abano T., Italy
Eugene Kotorobai	Long Island	So	Richmond Hill, Ontario
Esa Maki-Tulokas	Long Island	So	Forrssa, Finland
Deki Delic	Monmouth	So	Belgrade, Serbia-Montenegro
Corey Hallett	Monmouth	So	Shelburne, Nova Scotia
Pierre Faye	Quinnipiac	Sr	Dakar, Senegal
Mading Mading	Sacred Heart	Sr	Khartoum, Sudan
Kibwe Trim	Sacred Heart	Jr	San Juan, Trinidad
Sami Pekkola	St. Francis (NY)	Fr	Finland
Nicola Traykov	St. Francis (NY)	Fr	Sofia, Bulgaria

13 players representing nine countries.

NEC Men's Basketball

2003-04 Standings

School	NEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
1. Monmouth*^	12-6	.667	21-12	.636
St. Francis (NY)*	12-6	.667	15-13	.536
3. Fairleigh Dickinson*	11-7	.611	17-12	.586
4. Robert Morris*	10-8	.556	14-15	.483
St. Francis (PA)*	10-8	.556	13-15	.464
Wagner*	10-8	.556	13-16	.448
7. Central Conn. St.*	9-9	.500	14-14	.500
8. Sacred Heart	8-10	.444	12-15	.444
Mount St. Mary's*	8-10	.444	10-19	.345
10. Quinnipiac	5-13	.278	9-20	.310
11. Long Island	4-14	.222	8-19	.296

* NEC Tournament participants

^ NEC Tournament champion

2004-05 NEC Basketball

Composite Schedule Of Men's Television Broadcasts

Madison Square Garden Network (8 million homes)

Fri., Jan. 7	St. Francis (PA) at Fairleigh Dickinson*	6:00 pm
Wed., Jan 12	St. Francis (NY) at Long Island*	8:00 pm
Mon., Jan. 31	Quinnipiac at Wagner*	8:00 pm
Thur., Feb. 3	Robert Morris at St. Francis (NY)*	6:00 pm
Fri., Feb. 18	FDU at Monmouth*	8:00 pm
Fri., Feb. 25	Wild Card game*	8:00 pm
Thur., Mar. 3	NEC Tournament Quarterfinal*	8:00 pm

Fox Sports-New York (6 million homes)

Tue., Nov. 16	Quinnipiac at Penn (Preseason NIT)	7:00 pm
Mon., Jan. 24	Central Connecticut State at Monmouth*	8:00 pm
Fri., Feb. 4	Mount St. Mary's at Wagner*	8:00 pm
Fri., Feb. 11	Sacred Heart at Central Connecticut State*	8:00 pm
Mon., Feb. 21	Central Connecticut State at Quinnipiac	7:00 pm

Fox Sports-Pittsburgh (2.2 million homes)

Mon., Jan. 10	St. Francis (PA) at Robert Morris	7:30 pm
Sat., Feb. 5	St. Francis (PA) at Quinnipiac	2:00 pm

Comcast SportsNet (4.2 million homes)

Sat., Dec. 4	Sacred Heart at Mount St. Mary's	12:00 pm
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New England Sports Network (3.8 million homes)

Tue., Nov. 16	Quinnipiac at Penn (Preseason NIT)	7:00 pm
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Metro-TV (4.3 million homes)

Sun., Jan. 9	Monmouth at Quinnipiac	2:00 pm
Sat., Jan. 15	Robert Morris at Central Connecticut State	4:00 pm
Sat., Jan. 22	Mount St. Mary's at Fairleigh Dickinson	8:00 pm
Sat., Feb. 5	St. Francis (PA) at Quinnipiac	2:00 pm
Sat., Feb. 12	Wagner at St. Francis (NY)	8:00 pm
Sat., Feb. 19	Long Island at Sacred Heart	2:00 pm
Sun., Mar. 6	NEC Tournament Semifinal	1:00 pm

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Wed., Mar. 9	NEC Tournament Championship	7:00 pm
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* Also televised on Fox College Sports (FCS Atlantic regional channel)

NEC Men's Basketball Broadcast Team

Dave Popkin	Play-By-Play	5th year
Tim Capstraw	Color	6th year
Terry O'Connor	Color	3rd year
Charlie Woolum	Color	1st year
Paul Dottino	Sideline, Play-By-Play	6th year
Amy Lundy	Sideline	3rd year

NEC Men's Basketball

NCAA Statistics

Quotes of the Week

Central Connecticut State coach **Howie Dickenman's** midseason thoughts on his team:

"We don't have a horse this year, but maybe we have a lot of ponies," Dickenman said. "If the ponies can gather up and get us to the finish line, get us into the tournament first, once we get there I think our chances of winning the NEC tournament are just as good as anyone; we just have to get there first."

Wagner head coach **Mike Deane**, following his team's third win in a row - a 72-55 win over Mount St. Mary's on Friday - after a 1-7 start in league play:

"We're not the kind of team that's better than anybody, or at least we haven't demonstrated that (we are)," said Deane. "We understand our strengths and weakness and play within those now. We don't have guys trying to do things that they can't do."

QU's Monroe Heats Up NCAA Stat Charts

As if there aren't enough superlatives to describe the play of Quinnipiac senior guard **Rob Monroe (Lanham, MD/Montrose Christian)**, the cold, hard numbers are doing the talking for him. Monroe is currently one of just two players in the nation - along with Niagara's Juan Mendez - ranked in the top-ten in two of the three major statistical categories (points, rebounds, assists). In the latest NCAA report, he stands eighth in scoring (currently 22.1 ppg) and ninth in assists (currently 6.8 apg).

Defending Your Turf

Over the last three seasons, St. Francis (PA), Fairleigh Dickinson, Monmouth and St. Francis (NY) have been the league's most dominant programs on their respective home courts. Fairleigh Dickinson leads the pack with a 28-7 mark (.800) since the start of the 2002-03 season. St. Francis (PA) is right on the Knights' tail with a 26-7 (.788) record at the Stokes Center during the same time frame. Monmouth, which had won 15 straight at Boylan Gymnasium until losing to Princeton on December 12, is 25-7 (.781) over the last three years, while St. Francis (NY) is 21-7 (.750). Monmouth is also a league-best 19-2 (.905) at home the last two seasons. St. Francis (NY) has traditionally been the NEC's toughest team at home, having amassed a 68-20 (.773) record at the Pope Center since 1997-98.

Quinnipiac's Rob Monroe Named Finalist For Bob Cousy Award

Quinnipiac senior guard **Rob Monroe (Lanham, MD/Montrose Christian)** has been named one of 18 finalists for the prestigious Bob Cousy Male Collegiate Point Guard of the Year Award presented by the Basketball Hall of Fame. The Cousy Award, which considers outstanding point guards from all three NCAA Divisions, is being presented for the second time, and will be awarded at a press conference in St. Louis during the NCAA Final Four on April 4. Last year's recipient was Jameer Nelson of St. Joseph's. The other finalists include: Jose Juan Barea (Northeastern), J.D. Byers (Lebanon Valley), Travis Diener (Marquette), Raymond Felton (North Carolina), Tim Forbes (Bentley), Tom Harrington (Baldwin Wallace), Chris Hernandez (Stanford), Julius Hodge (North Carolina State), Jarrett Jack (Georgia Tech), Erik Jackson (Macalester), Carl Krauser (Pittsburgh), Dave Logan (Indianapolis), Aaron Miles (Kansas), Josh Mueller (South Dakota), Chris Thomas (Notre Dame), C.J. Watson (Tennessee) and Deron Williams (Illinois).

By The Numbers: RMU's McCrommon Chasing History

A terrific all-around player in his four years in the NEC, Robert Morris senior forward **Chaz McCrommon (Pittsburgh, PA/Schenley)** has an opportunity to move into elite company over the next month. With a strong finish distributing the ball, *McCrommon can become the fifth player in NEC history to finish with 1,500 points, 500 rebounds and 250 assists over the course of his career.* McCrommon, who has currently amassed 1,469 points, 546 rebounds and 221 assists, would join Quinnipiac's Kason Mims (1,335 points, 548 rebounds and 453 assists from 2000-04), Central Connecticut State's Dean Walker (1,196 points, 549 rebounds and 284 assists from 1997-01), Mount St. Mary's Gregory Harris (1,760 points, 615 boards and 529 assists from 1996-2000) and Monmouth's William Lewis (1,517 points, 514 rebounds and 271 assists from 1988-92).

QU's Monroe Hunting For Rare Statistical Double

Currently ranked first in the circuit in both scoring (22.1 ppg) and assists (6.8 apg), Quinnipiac senior guard **Rob Monroe (Lanham, MD/Montrose Christian)** is shooting to become the second player in NEC annals to finish the season as the NEC leader in both categories. Long Island's Charles Jones turned the trick in 1997-98, when he led both the league and nation in scoring at 29.0 ppg and also dished for a conference-best 7.4 apg.

NEC On Guard Duty

It is often noted that the majority of mid-major conferences are guard-driven leagues, with the little guys serving as the focal points of offensive attack. The NEC certainly fits the bill in 2004-05, with seven of the league's top-10 point producers working out of the backcourt. In fact, just two of those players stand taller than 6-5 - Fairleigh Dickinson junior **Gordon Klaiber (Greenbelt, MD/National Christian Academy)**, a 6-9 forward, ranks fifth in the circuit with 15.1 ppg, and 6-7 Monmouth senior forward **Blake Hamilton (Harrisburg, PA/Central Dauphin)**, who is seventh with 14.7 ppg - and five serve at least part-time duty as point guards. Likewise, of the top-15 scorers in the conference, eight appear among NEC leaders for three-pointers made, including the top-four ranked shooters in the category.

NEC In NCAA Statistics

(Top-30 - through games of January 24)

Ind. Category	Rank	Player	School	Statistics
Points	8th	Rob Monroe	Quinnipiac	21.2 ppg
	28th	Darshan Luckey	St. Francis (PA)	19.3 ppg
Rebounds	23rd	Sean Munson	Wagner	9.4 rpg
Assists	9th	Rob Monroe	Quinnipiac	6.8 apg
	15th	Garrett Farha	St. Francis (PA)	6.7 apg
	26th	Tamien Trent	FDU	5.9 apg
FG%	24th	Jason Osborne	St. Francis (PA)	.588
3PFG/Game	27th	Tory Cavalieri	St. Francis (NY)	3.0/game
3PFG%	21st	Tory Cavalieri	St. Francis (NY)	.443

Team Category	Rank	School	Statistics
FT%	16th	Monmouth	.751

Ind. Game Highs	Rank	Player	School	Statistics
Points	3rd	Rob Monroe	Quinnipiac	41 vs. Longwood (1/2/05)
Assists	3rd	Rob Monroe	Quinnipiac	14 vs. Longwood (11/27/04)
3PFG	5th	Rahsaan Benton	St. Francis (PA)	8 vs. Wagner (1/15/05)
FT%	1st	Rob Monroe	Quinnipiac	1.000 (11-11) vs. RMU (12/4/04)
3PFG%	1st	James Williams	Long Island	.875 (7-8) vs. Wagner (12/4/04)
	3rd	Tory Cavalieri	St. Francis (NY)	.778 (7-9) vs. CCSU (1/8/05)
	3rd	Rob Monroe	Quinnipiac	.778 (7-9) vs. Mt. St. Mary's (1/17/05)

Team Game Highs	Rank	School	Statistics
3PFG Made	21st	St. Francis (NY)	15 vs. Army (12/4/04)
FT%	1st	Robert Morris	1.000 (15-15) vs. St. Francis (NY) (1/6/05)
	17th	Sacred Heart	.944 (17-18) vs. CCSU (1/17/05)
Win Streak	11th	Monmouth	6

Seven NEC Players In 1,000-Point Club; FDU's Klaiber Approaching Milestone

On December 12, Monmouth senior guard **Dwayne Byfield (Elmont, NY/St. Mary's)** became the third NEC player this season and 121st in the league's 24-year history to reach the 1,000-point plateau. The 14th player in Monmouth's Division I annals to reach the milestone, Byfield scored three points in a 56-52 setback to Princeton to finish the evening with exactly 1,000 points. He joins teammate **Blake Hamilton (Harrisburg, PA/Central Dauphin)**, a senior forward, and Mount St. Mary's junior guard **Landy Thompson (Germantown, MD/Archbishop Spalding)** as league competitors who have hit the millennium mark in 2004-05. Current NEC players ensclosed in the 1,000-point club include the Robert Morris tandem of senior forward **Chaz McCrommon (Pittsburgh, PA/Schenley)** (1,469) and senior guard **Maurice Carter (Richmond, VA/Eleanor Roosevelt (MD))** (1,451 points), along with Quinnipiac senior guard **Rob Monroe (Lanham, MD/Montrose Christian)** (1,538), who is the active NEC scoring leader. St. Francis (PA) junior guard **Darshan Luckey (Baltimore, MD/Southern)** (1,497), Thompson (1,211), Hamilton (1,242) and Byfield (1,078) round out the group. The only other current NEC players on pace to make it to 1,000 points in 2004-05 are the Fairleigh Dickinson duo of junior forward **Gordon Klaiber (Greenbelt, MD/National Christian Academy)** (964 points) and junior guard **Chad Timberlake (Brooklyn, NY/New Utrecht)** (822 points).

LIU's Williams, Monroe Among National Leaders

When Long Island sophomore guard **James Williams (DeSoto, TX/DeSoto)** torched Wagner for seven three-pointers in eight attempts on December 4, little did he know his 87.5 percent success rate would represent the best single-game mark for three-point percentage (minimum seven made) in the nation for ten consecutive weeks this season. The DeSoto, TX native held the top spot in the nation until Providence's Donnie McGrath went 9-9 from downtown against Virginia on February 2. St. Francis (NY)'s **Tory Cavalieri (Atlantic City, NJ/Atlantic City)**, who hit 7-9 three-point shots (77.8 percent) against CCSU on January 8, and Quinnipiac's **Rob Monroe (Lanham, MD/Montrose Christian)**, who delivered a 7-9 shooting performance from beyond the arc (.778) against Quinnipiac on January 17, are tied for fourth in the nation. Likewise, St. Francis (PA)'s **Rahsaan Benton's (Cleveland Heights, OH/St. Ignatius)** eight trifectas against Wagner on January 15th has him tied for sixth in the country in the single-game category.

Quinnipiac senior guard **Rob Monroe (Lanham, MD/Montrose Christian)** stands among national leaders in a number of other categories, ranking eighth in the country in scoring and ninth in assists in the latest NCAA report. In addition, Monroe's 41 points against Longwood on January 2 and 14 assists vs. Longwood on November 27 rank him third in both categories among NCAA single-game performances. Along with the aforementioned three-point shooting clinic against Quinnipiac, his 11-11 free-throw effort vs. Robert Morris on December 4 is tied for first on the NCAA Division I single-game list.

Rare Feat For Terrier Rookie Sheppard

On January 24, St. Francis (NY) sophomore swingman **Allan Sheppard (New York, NY/A. Phillip Randolph)** joined St. Francis (PA)'s Darshan Luckey as the only two first-year conference players in the last 10 years to capture three consecutive NEC Rookie of the Week awards. Prior to Luckey, who was tabbed the league's top rookie five straight weeks in 2002-03, you have to go all the way back to January, 1995 when Fairleigh Dickinson's Rahshon Turner was honored three weeks in a row.

FDU Sparked By High-Scoring Trio

On a roll with six wins in its last seven games, much of Fairleigh Dickinson's success can be attributed to its triumvirate of junior forward **Gordon Klaiber (Greenbelt, MD/National Christian Academy)**, junior guard **Chad Timberlake (Brooklyn, NY/New Utrecht)** and senior guard **Tamien Trent (Moriches, NY/Center Moriches)**, who comprise the highest scoring trio in the conference with a combined 44.5 ppg. The only team in the league to have three players nestled in the NEC top-10 in scoring, Klaiber, Timberlake and Trent account for 57.5 percent of the team's point production thus far in 2004-05. Klaiber, a first team all-NEC performer a year ago, is the centerpiece of the attack and ranks fifth in the circuit in scoring (15.1 ppg) and second in rebounding (8.1 rpg). The versatile 6-9 forward has also drained 34 shots from three-point range. Timberlake (14.7 ppg) and Trent (14.6 ppg) form one of the most explosive backcourts in the conference and rank eighth and 10th, respectively, in scoring. The last time an NEC team placed three players in the top-10 in scoring was back in 1997-98 on a high-scoring Long Island squad that featured Charles Jones (1st; 29.0 ppg), Mike Campbell (3rd; 19.7 ppg) and Richie Parker (eighth; 15.9 ppg).

SFPA's Luckey Passes Pair Of Red Flash Legends

In the midst of a star-studded career himself, St. Francis (PA) junior guard **Darshan Luckey (Baltimore, MD/Southern)** eclipsed one Red Flash legend on January 10, moving past Mike Iuzzolino on the school's all-time scoring list with a 25-point effort in a 78-72 win at Robert Morris. Two weeks later on January 24, Luckey's 16-point performance in an 80-70 win over Quinnipiac enabled him to pass Norm Van Lier, another St. Francis (PA) Hall of Famer. Luckey is now sixth in school history with 1,497 career points. Iuzzolino, whose 1,346 points came in just two years, played for the Red Flash from 1989-91 and led St. Francis to its lone conference title in 1991. He was named to the NEC's 20th Anniversary All-Time Team back in 2000 and went on to play professionally for the NBA's Dallas Mavericks. Van Lier scored 1,410 points for St. Francis (PA) from 1966-69 prior to embarking on an 11-year NBA career playing for the Chicago Bulls, and in his final season, the Milwaukee Bucks. He was a three-time NBA All-Star.

Sibling Scorers

When Mount St. Mary's fell to George Washington on December 1, it marked the second career meeting between the brothers Thompson. The Mount's **Landy Thompson (Germantown, MD/Archbishop Spalding)** - who scored his 1,000th career point in the contest - and the Colonials' **T.J. Thompson (Germantown, MD/Newport School)** are the leading active brother scoring combination in the country with 2,517 combined points (Landy has 1,211; T.J., 1,306). The all-time leaders in scoring for brother combinations are the Tripuckas (Tracy, Todd, T.K. and Kelly) with 5,632. The top brother tandem is the Birds (Larry and Eddie) with 4,405 points.

Cavaliere's Long Distance Cavalcade

Long known for his prowess as a playmaker and passer, St. Francis (NY) senior guard **Tory Cavaliere (Atlantic City, NJ/Atlantic City)** has become nearly unstoppable this season with the addition of a lethal three-point shot to his offensive arsenal. A quick review of Cavaliere's history from beyond the arc reveals an increasing degree in reliance on his three-point shot this season, along with an uncommon leap in accuracy:

Cavaliere's Career From Three-Point Range

2000-01: 31-101 (30.7 percent - played at Maine)
2002-03: 32-83 (38.6 percent)
2003-04: 26-85 (30.6 percent)
2004-05: 54-127 (42.5 percent)

In 2004-05, Cavaliere leads the NEC with 2.8 3PPG/game and is second with 54 three pointers and fourth with a 42.5 percent success rate from beyond the arc. His red-hot shooting from long range manifested itself with a stretch of four consecutive games with at least five trifectas from January 4-12. In that span, he hit 24 of his 40 three-point attempts, a 60.0 percent success rate. He went 7-9 from downtown against CCSU on January 8, then followed with a 7-11 performance against Long Island on January 12.

NEC Gunslingers

The lure of the three-point line is quite strong for the NEC players listed below, each of whom has converted more than 70 percent of his field goals from beyond the arc. Quinnipiac sophomore guard **Van Crafton (Hanover, IN/Hanover)** is the leader of the pack, having made 92 percent of his field goals this season from downtown.

92.0 percent: Van Crafton, QU (23 3PPG, 25 total FG)
85.1 percent: Evan Meekins, LIU (40 3PPG, 47 total FG)
84.0 percent: Luke Granato, SHU (21 3PPG, 25 total FG)
82.4 percent: Garrett Farha, SFPA (28 3PPG, 34 total FG)
75.4 percent: Dejan Delic, MU (43 3PPG, 57 total FG)
76.2 percent: Sami Pekkola, SFNY (16 3PPG, 21 total FG)
75.0 percent: Christopher Gooden, RMU (18 3PPG, 24 total FG)
71.9 percent: Matt Vitale, WC (46 3PPG, 64 total FG)

In A New York Minute

Long considered a fertile recruiting ground for NEC coaches, the 2004-05 season began with 20 players who call one of the five boroughs of New York City home. Interestingly enough, 10 of those 20 players are on the roster of St. Francis (NY). Under the guidance of 14th year head coach Ron Ganulin, the Terriers have done a terrific job handpicking local talent in recent years, most notably former NEC all-star Clifford Strong, along with such stalwarts as Greg Nunn, Bronski Dockery and Chris Sockwell. Among players on the current Terrier roster, swingman **Allan Sheppard (New York, NY/A. Phillip Randolph)** is a three-time NEC Rookie of the Week who leads all NEC freshman in scoring (11.2 ppg) and field goal percentage (.497). Junior guard **Christian Brown (New York, NY/Rice)** is one of the league's top sixth men who ranks in the NEC top-15 in both three-pointers made (1.9/game) and three-point shooting percentage (.395). Senior center **Devon Neckles (Brooklyn, NY/Canarsie)** is the top shot blocker in the conference (2.4 bpg) and has ranked among national leaders in the category all season long.

Monmouth's Calloway Wins 100th

Monmouth head coach **Dave Calloway** reached a milestone with his 100th career victory at the West Long Branch, NJ school when the Hawks topped Long Island, 69-57, on January 15. His record since taking over the program during the 1997-98 season is 105-103. Calloway, who has coached on three NEC championship teams (twice as head coach, once as an assistant) at Monmouth, was named the 2000-01 NEC Coach of the Year.

FDU's Tom Green Featured On MSG Network

Fairleigh Dickinson head coach Tom Green, the winningest coach in NEC history with 224 victories, was recently featured on MSG Network's *College Hoops Weekly*, hosted by John Giannone and Bill Raftery. The piece focused on his longevity at FDU, where he has coached 22 years, amassed a school-record 349 wins and guided the Knights to 16 winning seasons, 14 NEC Tournament semifinal appearances and seven NEC Championship games. Green, who entered the 2004-05 season ranked 39th in wins among active Division I coaches, currently ranks ninth among longest tenured coaches at their current school. Interestingly enough, Sacred Heart head coach Dave Bike's 27 seasons rank him second in the category behind Jim Boehm's 29 years at Syracuse.

NEC Shooting Stars

While the mantra states that defense wins games, good shooting can often be considered the great equalizer. This was no more evident than during a six-day span from January 12-17, as NEC teams produced the top-four single-game shooting exhibitions in the conference this season (see chart below). In total, seven teams have shot 60 percent or better in a league game this season, with all emerging victorious. Wagner recorded the highest field goal percentage in a game this season when they drained 33-51 shots (64.7 percent) in an 89-70 win over St. Francis (PA) on January 15.

NEC Team-Highs • Field Goal Percentage

.647 (33-51) - Wagner vs. St. Francis (PA) (01/15/05)
.633 (31-49) - CCSU vs. Robert Morris (01/15/05)
.615 (32-52) - Robert Morris at Mount St. Mary's (01/12/05)
.607 (34-56) - St. Francis (NY) vs. St. Francis (PA) (01/17/05)
.604 (32-53) - Long Island at Wagner (12/04/04)
.603 (35-58) - Fairleigh Dickinson at Long Island (01/31/05)
.600 (33-55) - St. Francis (PA) vs. CCSU (12/04/04)

Flash Stat

The eight three-pointers by St. Francis (PA)'s **Rahsaan Benton (Cleveland Heights, OH/St. Ignatius)** against Wagner on January 15 ties him for eighth place on the NEC single-game list and second on the all-time Red Flash chart. The NEC record for trifectas is 10, established by the Mount's Scott Murphy against Wagner on February 7, 1991. John Hilvert is the Red Flash record holder with nine treys.

In The Clutch: Deja Vu For Monmouth's Alston

When Monmouth sophomore forward **Marques Alston (Neptune, NJ/Neptune)** sank a three-pointer with 0.4 seconds left on the clock to lift the Hawks to a 74-71 victory at Quinnipiac on January 9, it marked the second game-winning buzzer-beater for Alston this season. He also led Monmouth to its first victory of the season on November 27 with a ten-foot banker as time expired to knock off St. Peter's, 66-65. Alston finished Sunday's game with 17 points, one off his career-high. In two games last week, Alston averaged 16.0 points, 5.0 rebounds and 4.0 assists. He was successful on 11-19 (.579) field goal attempts and sank all three of his three-point attempts.

Big Day For QU's Monroe

When Quinnipiac senior guard **Rob Monroe (Lanham, MD/Montrose Christian)** dropped 41 points in the Bobcats' 102-93 double overtime win over Longwood on January 2, it marked the highest single-game scoring effort by an NEC player since Long Island's Antawn Dobie scored 53 points against St. Francis (NY) on February 22, 2003. Monroe now has the top-two single-game scoring highs in the conference this season, with his latest outburst being a 39-point outing at Mount St. Mary's on January 15.

Big Crowd Watches Robert Morris Win Over Duquesne

It was a terrific atmosphere at Robert Morris' Charles L. Sewall Center on December 29, as a near-record crowd of 2,852 witnessed the Colonials break a six-game losing streak against local rival Duquesne with a 74-63 victory. It was the second highest attendance in Sewall Center history, trailing only the 2,880 that witnessed the first-ever game at the venue, an 80-65 setback to Duquesne on November 30, 1985. The crowd also marked the highest attendance at an NEC arena this season.

NEC Announces 2005-06 Early Signees

The Northeast Conference recently announced the men's basketball signees of its 11 member institutions. 16 student-athletes signed National Letters of Intent during the early signing period in November, including three at Monmouth and St. Francis (PA), along with two at Central Connecticut State, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris and Wagner, and one each at Long Island and Mount St. Mary's.

Central Connecticut State

Rob Robinson	F	6-8	210	Fort Washington, MD/Oxon Hill (Winchendon School (MA))
Chris Winters	F	6-7	210	East Lyme, CT/East Lyme (St. Thomas More (CT))

Fairleigh Dickinson

None

Long Island

Lamar Pittman	F/C	6-7	235	Poughkeepsie, NY/Poughkeepsie
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Monmouth

Shawn Barlow	C	6-10	230	Marlton, NJ/St. Augustine's Prep
Tyrone Hanson	G	6-6	210	New York, NY/St. Mary's
Tyson Johnson	F	6-6	225	New York, NY/St. Mary's

Mount St. Mary's

Sam Atupem	F	6-7	205	Newport News, VA/Woodside
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Quinnipiac

Steve Harley	G	5-9	165	Temple Hills, MD/Marriott Charter
Jason Wilson	G	6-2	190	Irvington, NJ/Bloomfield Tech (Notre Dame Prep (MA))

Robert Morris

Jonathan Clark	G	6-0	185	Charlotte, NC/Massanutten Military Academy
Jeremy Chappell	G	6-3		Cincinnati, OH/Northwest

Sacred Heart

None

St. Francis (NY)

None

St. Francis (PA)

Stephen Profeta	G	6-4		Carnegie, PA/Chartiers Valley
Grant Suprenant	G	6-5	190	Palatine, IL/Palatine
Devin Sweetney	G	6-5	185	Largo, MD/Riverdale Baptist

Wagner

Doug Ewell	F	6-5	175	Staten Island, NY/Monsignor Farrell
Llewchean Radford	F	6-4	230	Newport News, VA/Heritage

FDU's Timberlake Named MBWA Player of the Week (Dec. 13)

In addition to being named NEC Player of the Week on December 13, Fairleigh Dickinson junior guard **Chad Timberlake (Brooklyn, NY/New Utrecht)** was selected as the inaugural Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association (MBWA) Player of the Week. The award combines nominations from Division I, II and III schools in the New York Metro area and is voted on by a panel of local media. Timberlake averaged 22.0 points, 4.3 rebounds and 5.0 assists in leading the Knights to road wins over Rider and Wagner, as well as scoring 25 points in an 89-81 loss to Arizona State.

Monmouth Home Win Streak Snapped

Monmouth's 56-52 defeat at the hands of Garden State rival Princeton on December 12 brought the Hawks' 15-game home winning streak to an end. The streak, which was tied for 11th nationally, stretched back to a 76-68 loss to St. Francis (PA) on February 27, 2003, a span of 652 days. In 2003-04, the Hawks concluded their first-ever perfect season at Boylan Gymnasium in 2003-04, finishing 13-0 overall, including a 9-0 mark in league play.

Red Flash Rarity

With its 79-65 setback to #21 George Washington on December 11, St. Francis (PA) became the first NEC school to host a ranked team since Monmouth dropped a 79-54 decision to #22 Gonzaga at Boylan Gymnasium on December 29, 2001. The game also marked the first time St. Francis (PA) welcomed a ranked opponent since #13 Pittsburgh came to the Stokes Center on December 1, 1990.

One of Nation's Oldest Rivalries Renewed

When Mount St. Mary's and Loyola (MD) tipped off on December 11 in Baltimore, it marked the 159th meeting between the two schools. With a 69-55 victory, the Mount now holds a 93-66 advantage in a series that dates back to 1909. One of the classic games between the two programs was a 99-93 overtime win for the Mountaineers in the championship game of the Mason-Dixon Conference Tournament on March 5, 1955. That was former head coach Jim Phelan's first of 49 seasons spent as head coach at the Mount.

Blackbirds Conquer Road Demons

Long Island's 93-73 victory over Wagner on December 4 snapped a 13-game road losing streak in conference play dating back to a 99-85 triumph against Robert Morris on February 8, 2003. It was just the program's second road win in the past 21 games and first in 378 days. The Blackbirds made it two in a row with an 80-76 overtime win at Albany on December 8 for their first back-to-back road triumphs since beating St. Francis (PA) and Robert Morris on February 6 & 8, 2003.

Smith's Stellar Debut

St. Francis (NY) junior guard **Tristan Smith's (Amityville, NY/Amityville)** debut in a Terrier uniform was one to remember on December 4, as the 6-1 guard scored a career-high 26 points in a 26-minute stint off the bench to lead St. Francis (NY) to a 78-64 win over Army at the Pope Center. A transfer from St. John's, Smith was 5-5 from three-point range and 9-12 overall from the field.

Shooter's Touch

NEC teams were calling long distance on December 4, with four different schools drilling at least ten shots from beyond the arc with uncommon accuracy. St. Francis (NY) led the three-point barrage, setting a school record with 15 makes (in 29 attempts) from downtown in a 78-64 triumph over Army. Quinnipiac nearly matched the Terriers' output, with a 14-29 three-point performance in an 88-85 road conquest of Robert Morris. In Long Island's 93-73 victory over host Wagner, the Blackbirds were 11-21 from long range, while St. Francis (PA) sank 10-19 three-point shots as the Red Flash rallied from a 17-point halftime deficit to upend Central Connecticut State, 84-81, in overtime in Loretto.

Buzzer Beater...Number Three

On the heels of game-winning, buzzer beating shots by Wagner (over Albany) and Monmouth (over St. Peter's) the previous week, Quinnipiac junior guard **Craig Benson (Hamden, CT/Hamden)** joined the fray on December 4 when he took a feed from senior guard **Rob Monroe (Lanham, MD/Montrose Christian)** and drained a three-pointer - his seventh of the contest - with less than a second remaining to lift the visiting Bobcats to an 88-85 win over Robert Morris.

Henley Pulls Triple-Duty For Pioneers

Sacred Heart sophomore forward **Joey Henley (Kent, WA/Kentridge)** is a rare breed at the Division I level - a three-sport student-athlete. Henley, a 6-4 forward who was named to the NEC all-Rookie team as a freshman after averaging 8.7 ppg and 5.4 rpg, recently completed his first year on the Pioneer football squad. Playing tight end, he caught a team-high 31 passes for 416 yards, including five touchdowns. In addition, Henley also runs on the outdoor track and field team in the spring, competing in the jumps and hurdles.

Young Leadership At Mount

The Mount St. Mary's coaching staff averages 29.0 years of age, tying them with Lehigh for the youngest staff in the county. Head coach Milan Brown is 33, while all three assistants are under 30 years of age: Brian Dunlap (28), Tyrone Perry (28) and Kevin Robinson, Jr. (27).

Terriers Withstand Red Storm

St. Francis (NY) played the role of spoiler on November 23, knocking off St. John's, 53-52, on a night when the Red Storm dedicated its arena to Hall of Fame coach Lou Carnesecca. For the Terriers, it snapped a 26-game losing streak to St. John's dating back to January 21, 1956. It also marked the first win for an NEC team over a Big East program since Central Connecticut State knocked off Providence, 54-50, on December 21, 1999. Senior point guard **Tory Cavalieri (Atlantic City, NJ/Atlantic City)** hit the game-winning shot with 26 seconds remaining, and the Terriers withstood two Red Storm attempts in the waning seconds to pull out the win. Cavalieri hit for a career-high 26 points, and added six rebounds, three assists and two steals in a 40-minute effort.

QU Participates In Preseason NIT; FDU and RMU Compete In Exempt Tournaments

Quinnipiac took part in the prestigious 2004 Preseason NIT on November 16, dropping a 74-60 decision to Penn at the Palestra in Philadelphia, PA. 2004 marked the fourth straight year an NEC school has participated in the Preseason NIT. Also competing in exempt tournaments were FDU and Robert Morris. The Knights went 1-2 at the BCA Invitational, falling to Elon (73-59) and Pepperdine (80-79), while knocking off New Orleans (71-58). The Colonials split a pair of games at the Guardians Classic, defeating Morgan St. (68-49), before suffering an 82-50 setback to host Ohio St.

Youth vs. Experience

Mount St. Mary's returns 84.2 percent of its scoring from a year ago, the highest percentage in the conference for the second straight season. Fairleigh Dickinson is also an experienced bunch, bringing back 82.2 percent of its offense. Hardest hit by graduation: Wagner, which lost its three leading scorers and 68.3 percent of its output, and Sacred Heart, which needs to replace 57.7 percent of its point production, including Maurice Bailey, the NEC's leading scorer in 2003-04.

RPI Jump For NEC

The NEC finished 25th in the final NCAA RPI rankings in 2003-04, the league's best showing since placing 24th in 1999-00. Monmouth was the top-ranked NEC team with a 111 RPI.

Returning All-Stars

The Northeast Conference welcomes back five of its ten first and second team all-NEC performers this season, including first team selections Blake Hamilton (Monmouth), Gordon Klaiber (FDU) and Chaz McCrommon (Robert Morris). 32 of the league's 55 starters (58.2 percent) return in 2003-04. In addition, six of the NEC's top-ten scorers, as well as 18 of the top-30 will suit up this season.

Returning All-Conference Players

Blake Hamilton (MU) - 1st team
Gordon Klaiber (FDU) - 1st team
Chaz McCrommon (RMU) - 1st team
Darshan Luckey (SPPA) - 2nd team
Landy Thompson (MSM) - 2nd team

Other Returning Award Winner

James Williams (LIU) - NEC Rookie of the Year

Top Returning Scoring Duos

The NEC will feature six schools with duos that combined to score at least 25.0 ppg last season. Topping the list for the second straight year is the Robert Morris tandem of **Chaz McCrommon (Pittsburgh, PA/Schenley)** and **Maurice Carter (Richmond, VA/Eleanor Roosevelt (MD))**. The duo, led by McCrommon's 17.0 ppg, combined for 31.9 points per contest in 2003-04.

<u>School</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>PPG</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>PPG</u>	<u>Total PPG</u>
RMU	Chaz McCrommon	17.0	Maurice Carter	14.9	31.9
SFPA	Darshan Luckey	17.6	Jason Osborne	12.1	29.7
MSM	Landy Thompson	17.7	Kiel Butler	11.1	28.8
FDU	Gordon Klaiber	16.6	Tamien Trent	12.0	28.6
MU	Blake Hamilton	16.3	Dwayne Byfield	12.3	28.6
QU	Rob Monroe	15.5	C.J. Vick	9.8	25.3

Ball Hawks

Utilizing its trademark match-up-zone, Monmouth perennially ranks among the league leaders in scoring defense. In fact, Monmouth has led the NEC in the category in 11 of the last 16 years. In 2003-04, the Hawks were once again the NEC's most prolific defensive unit, allowing a mere 67.5 ppg.

Winning Tradition Established At CCSU

Central Connecticut State has averaged exactly 19 wins over the last five and six seasons, compiling a 95-52 (.646) record since 1999-00 and 114-65 (.637) mark since 1998-99, both league-bests. Fairleigh Dickinson is the only NEC program in league history to average 20 wins over a five year span, averaging 20.4 from 1984-89 while producing a 102-47 (.685) ledger.

CCSU Postseason Party

Central Connecticut State, which reached the 2004 NEC title game despite entering as a #7 seed, has won 71.4 percent of its games in NEC postseason play, the second best winning percentage in league history. The Blue Devils are 10-4 in six tournament appearances, including 4-0 in semifinal games. All of the appearances have occurred under Howie Dickenman, who has compiled the highest NEC Tournament winning percentage among active league coaches and is fourth all-time. CCSU has reached the NEC championship game in four of the last six seasons.

Scoring Prowess Lands SFPA's Luckey Spot In NEC Recordbook

St. Francis (PA) junior guard **Darshan Luckey (Baltimore, MD/Southern)** entered the collegiate ranks with a reputation as a prolific scorer and has certainly lived up to expectations in his first two seasons as a member of the Red Flash. In fact, the former NEC Rookie of the Year established a new league record for points entering his junior season and became just the third player in NEC history to reach 1,000 points by the conclusion of his sophomore year. The 6-5 shooting guard hit 1,000 points in his 50th career game, and by season's end boosted that total to 1,097. He passed former NEC record holder Chris McGuthrie of Mount St. Mary's, who tallied 1,058 points from 1992-94, and St. Francis (PA)'s Joe Anderson, who amassed 1,041 points from 1987-89. The Baltimore native, who ranked fourth in the NEC in scoring and was named second team all-conference in 2003-04, stands third among active NEC players in career points. Luckey also holds the league's freshman record for scoring with 605 points.

Hamilton's Line Dancing

Monmouth senior forward **Blake Hamilton's (Harrisburg, PA/Central Dauphin)** league-leading 214 free throws made were a school record last season, and tied him for third on the NEC's single-season list behind St. Francis (NY)'s Ray Minlend (229 in 1998-99) and St. Francis (PA)'s Mike Iuzzolino (215 in 1990-91). Additionally, Hamilton wound up third nationally in the category, trailing only Arizona State's Ike Diogu (243) and Niagara's Juan Mendez (223). Hamilton's 280 free throw attempts were second in the nation to Diogu's 298.

Cavalieri's Double Vision

When St. Francis (NY) senior point guard **Tory Cavalieri (Atlantic City, NJ/Atlantic City)** concluded the 2003-04 campaign as the NEC leader in both assists (5.8 apg) and steals (2.7 spg), he joined an elite duo who can claim bragging rights to both categories in a single season. Long Island's Charles Jones (1997-98) and Marist's Drafton Davis (1987-88) are the only other players in league history who recorded the same statistical double. Jones was named to the NEC's 20th Anniversary All-Time team, while Davis is the league's career assists leader.

NEC Raises Game Against Peers

While NEC men's basketball teams finished 40-64 in non-league play last season, the league excelled against similar sized conferences in the region. The NEC posted a combined 19-9 record against the America East (4-3), MAAC (5-5) and Patriot League (10-1) in 2003-04. A year earlier, NEC schools were a combined 16-19 against the aforementioned conferences.

Top-Ten Hits For Klaiber

Fairleigh Dickinson junior forward **Gordon Klaiber (Greenbelt, MD/National Christian Academy)** was the only player to rank in the NEC top-ten in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots last season. A first team all-NEC pick, Klaiber averaged 16.7 points (seventh in conference), 6.4 rebounds (tenth) and 1.4 blocks (third).