

**2007-08**

MEN'S BASKETBALL

News & Notes

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NEC Men's Basketball Facts & Figures

Last Week's Results

Monday, December 10

LONG ISLAND 86, New Hampshire 78
FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON 80, Norfolk State 64
Columbia 83, ST. FRANCIS (NY) 64

Tuesday, December 11

COSU 58, UMBC 54
Hartford 67, MONMOUTH 53

Thursday, December 13

LONG ISLAND 88, Harvard 77

Saturday, December 15

EDU 74, Stony Brook 71
Rider 76, MONMOUTH 55
MOUNT ST. MARY'S 66, Maine 59
Albany 66, ST. FRANCIS (NY) 53
SAINT FRANCIS (PA) 77, Lock Haven 64
WAGNER 105, Maryland-Eastern Shore 86

Sunday, December 16

COSU 81, Delaware 48
Connecticut 82, QUINNIPAC 49

Home Team Underlined

Choice Hotels

NEC Player of the Week

Nov. 12 Durell Vinson, WC
Nov. 19 Tony Lee, RMU
Nov. 26 Mark Porter, WC
Dec. 3 Jeremy Chappell, RMU
Dec. 10 Jeremy Goode, MSM
Dec. 17 Sean Baptiste, FDU

Choice Hotels

NEC Rookie of the Week

Nov. 12 Evann Baker, QU
Nov. 19 John Galvin, FDU
Nov. 26 Kyle Johnson, LIU
Dec. 3 Ed Zajac, QU
Dec. 10 Evann Baker, QU
Dec. 17 David Simmons, CCSU

2008 NEC Men's Basketball Tournament

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

Thursday, March 6

Quarterfinals
Times TBA

Sunday, March 9

Semifinals
TBA,
4:00 pm (MSG)

Wednesday, March 12

Championship
7:00 pm (ESPN2)

NEC Website

For all the latest news, scores, statistics and notes, visit the NEC website at www.northeastconference.org

Standings and statistics are updated daily.

Northeast Conference Men's Basketball (Week 6 • December 17, 2007)

	School	NEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Streak	Home	Away	Neutral
1.	Mount St. Mary's	2-0	1.000	5-4	.556	W5	2-2	3-2	0-0
	Sacred Heart	2-0	1.000	3-6	.333	W3	1-1	2-5	0-0
	Wagner	1-0	1.000	7-3	.700	W2	4-2	3-1	0-0
	Quinnipiac	1-0	1.000	4-5	.444	L1	2-2	2-3	0-0
	Saint Francis (PA)	1-0	1.000	3-6	.333	W3	1-4	2-2	0-0
6.	Long Island	1-1	.500	7-3	.700	W3	5-0	2-3	0-0
7.	Robert Morris	0-1	.000	5-4	.556	L2	1-2	3-1	1-1
	Fairleigh Dickinson	0-1	.000	3-5	.375	W2	2-0	1-3	0-2
	Monmouth	0-1	.000	2-8	.200	L5	0-3	0-4	2-1
	Central Connecticut State	0-2	.000	4-7	.364	W2	3-4	1-3	0-0
	St. Francis (NY)	0-2	.000	3-8	.273	L5	3-1	0-7	0-0

Top eight teams qualify for NEC Tournament

Choice Hotels NEC Player of the Week

Sean Baptiste, Fairleigh Dickinson

So., G, 6-3, 185 lbs., North Brunswick, NJ/St. Joseph's of Metuchen

One of the NEC's most improved players, Baptiste provided the offensive spark as the Knights won their first two home games of the season last week. Baptiste averaged 24.5 ppg, 7.5 rpg, 2.0 apg, 2.0 spg and shot 51.7 percent from the floor, including 4-8 from three-point territory. He erupted for a career-best 23 points, nine rebounds and three steals on Monday as FDU snapped a three-game losing streak with an 80-64 win over Norfolk State in its home opener. Baptiste converted 6-12 field goal attempts, 2-3 from outside the arc and 9-11 from the line. On Saturday, he established a new career-high with 26 points (9-17 FG), and added six rebounds, four assists and two blocks in a 74-71 victory over Stony Brook. He gave FDU the lead for good at 68-66 on a layup with 1:10 to play, then converted a three-point play with 49 seconds left on the clock to put the Knights up by five. Baptiste, who hails from North Brunswick, NJ, ranks second in the NEC with 18.6 ppg, 7.1 rpg and a 48.3 percent success rate from three-point range. The 6'3" guard averaged 4.6 ppg off the bench as a freshman in 2006-07, but with the graduation of two of the Knights' top-three scorers, Baptiste has thrived in a starting role, raising his scoring average by 14.0 ppg, the biggest jump of any player in the NEC.

Choice Hotels NEC Rookie of the Week

David Simmons, Central Connecticut State

Fr., F, 6-5, 210 lbs., Syracuse, NY/Henninger

Simmons recorded the first two double-doubles of his career to help lead the Blue Devils to a pair of victories last week. The Syracuse, NY product averaged 12.0 ppg, 12.5 rpg and shot 57.1 percent from the field. In a 58-54 win over visiting UMBC on Tuesday, Simmons scored 12 points (4-5 FG), hauled down 12 rebounds and blocked a shot. He had two key defensive rebounds in the final 20 seconds and his free throw with two seconds left on the clock iced the victory. Simmons followed with 12 points and a career-high 13 rebounds as CCSU trounced Delaware, 81-48, in New Britain on Sunday. The 6'5" forward boosted his season totals to 5.5 ppg and a team-high 5.1 rpg. Simmons grabbed just 15 rebounds over the first six games, but has snared 41 over his last five outings.

This Week's Schedule

Monday, December 17

ROBERT MORRIS at Youngstown St. 7:05 pm

Tuesday, December 18

Winthrop at MOUNT ST. MARY'S 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 19

Dartmouth at QUINNIPAC 7:00 pm
Canisius at ROBERT MORRIS 7:00 pm
SACRED HEART at Providence 7:30 pm
Iona at SAINT FRANCIS (PA) 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 20

St. Peter's at LONG ISLAND 7:00 pm

Friday, December 21

Lafayette at MOUNT ST. MARY'S 7:00 pm
SAINT FRANCIS (PA) at Duquesne 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 22

CCSU at UMass 7:30 pm
St. Peter's at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON 7:00 pm
QUINNIPAC at Vermont 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 22 (cont.)

Harvard at SACRED HEART 12:00 pm
ST. FRANCIS (NY) at South Florida 7:00 pm
WAGNER at Loyola Marymount 6:05 pm

Sunday, December 23

Florida Atlantic at MONMOUTH 2:00 pm





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Central Connecticut State

(4-7, 0-2 NEC)

N 11	at Princeton	L 57-59
N 14	Albany	L 60-63 (OT)
N 17	New Hampshire	L 70-78
N 20	at Binghamton	W 68-65 (OT)
N 25	at Lafayette	L 54-71
N 28	at LaSalle	L 55-59
D 1	Lehigh	W 65-55
D 6	SACRED HEART	L 52-68
D 8	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	L 59-60
D 11	UMBC	W 58-54
D 16	Delaware	W 81-48
D 22	at UMass	7:30 pm
D 30	at Vermont	1:00 pm
J 3	at WAGNER	7:00 pm
J 5	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	4:00 pm
J 10	SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
J 14	LONG ISLAND	7:30 pm
J 17	at MONMOUTH	7:00 pm
J 19	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	2:00 pm
J 24	at ROBERT MORRIS	7:00 pm
J 26	at SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	4:00 pm
F 2	WAGNER	4:00 pm
F 7	at QUINNIPIAC	7:00 pm
F 9	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	2:00 pm
F 14	ROBERT MORRIS	7:00 pm
F 16	at LONG ISLAND	4:00 pm
F 21	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7:00 pm
F 28	QUINNIPIAC	7:00 pm
M 2	at SACRED HEART	4:00 pm
NEC Tournament (all games at higher seed)		
M 6	Quarterfinals	
M 9	Semifinals	
M 12	Championship	

NEC Games in CAPS

Fairleigh Dickinson

(3-5, 0-1 NEC)

at NIT Season Tip-Off (at Syracuse)		
N 12	vs. Saint Joseph's	L 66-86
N 13	vs. Siena	L 66-88
N 16	at Lafayette	W 98-92
N 19	at Rider	L 70-85
N 25	at St. John's	L 67-92
D 8	at LONG ISLAND	L 77-90
D 10	Norfolk State	W 80-64
D 15	Stony Brook	W 74-71
D 22	St. Peter's	7:00 pm
D 30	at Charlotte	5:00 pm
J 2	at Rhode Island	7:00 pm
J 5	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	2:00 pm
J 10	ROBERT MORRIS	7:00 pm
J 12	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	7:00 pm
J 17	at SACRED HEART	7:00 pm
J 19	at CCSU	2:00 pm
J 25	at MONMOUTH	7:00 pm
J 27	WAGNER	7:00 pm
J 31	SACRED HEART	7:00 pm
F 2	QUINNIPIAC	7:00 pm
F 7	at ROBERT MORRIS	7:00 pm
F 9	at SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
F 14	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:00 pm
F 18	MONMOUTH	7:30 pm
F 21	CCSU	7:00 pm
F 23	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	4:00 pm
F 28	at WAGNER	7:00 pm
M 1	SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
NEC Tournament (all games at higher seed)		
M 6	Quarterfinals	
M 9	Semifinals	
M 12	Championship	

NEC Games in CAPS

Long Island

(7-3, 1-1 NEC)

N 12	at Notre Dame	L 50-82
N 16	at Army	W 64-54
N 20	Columbia	W 70-60
N 24	Canisius	W 70-63
N 28	at St. John's	L 56-68
D 1	Hartford	W 86-62
D 6	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	L 55-73
D 8	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	W 90-77
D 10	at New Hampshire	W 86-78
D 13	Harvard	W 88-77
D 20	St. Peter's	7:00 pm
at Central Florida Tournament		
D 30	vs. Texas-Pan American	4:00 pm
D 31	vs. Central Florida/NJIT	TBA
J 7	SACRED HEART	7:00 pm
J 14	at CCSU	7:30 pm
J 17	WAGNER	7:00 pm
J 19	at QUINNIPIAC	4:00 pm
J 24	at SACRED HEART	7:00 pm
J 26	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	4:00 pm
J 31	at WAGNER	7:00 pm
F 2	MONMOUTH	4:00 pm
F 7	at SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
F 9	at ROBERT MORRIS	7:00 pm
F 14	QUINNIPIAC	7:00 pm
F 16	CCSU	4:00 pm
F 21	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	7:30 pm
F 23	at MONMOUTH	7:00 pm
F 28	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	7:00 pm
M 1	ROBERT MORRIS	4:00 pm
NEC Tournament (all games at higher seed)		
M 6	Quarterfinals	
M 9	Semifinals	
M 12	Championship	

NEC Games in CAPS

Monmouth

(2-8, 0-1 NEC)

N 9	at Colgate	L 60-63
N 11	at Seton Hall	L 81-89 (OT)
at Paradise Jam (St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands)		
N 16	vs. Notre Dame	L 33-76
N 17	vs. Wichita State	W 59-50
N 19	vs. Charlotte	W 58-56 (OT)
N 28	at St. Peter's	L 62-72
D 2	SACRED HEART	L 53-80
D 8	Penn	L 61-69
D 11	at Hartford	L 53-67
D 15	Rider	L 55-76
D 23	Florida Atlantic	2:00 pm
D 28	at Lehigh	7:00 pm
D 30	Princeton	4:00 pm
J 3	at ROBERT MORRIS	7:00 pm
J 5	at SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
J 10	WAGNER	7:00 pm
J 12	QUINNIPIAC	7:00 pm
J 17	CCSU	7:00 pm
J 19	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	4:00 pm
J 25	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7:00 pm
J 31	ROBERT MORRIS	7:00 pm
F 2	at LONG ISLAND	4:00 pm
F 7	at SACRED HEART	7:00 pm
F 9	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	6:00 pm
F 16	at WAGNER	7:00 pm
F 18	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7:30 pm
F 21	at QUINNIPIAC	7:00 pm
F 23	LONG ISLAND	7:00 pm
F 28	SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
M 1	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:00 pm
NEC Tournament (all games at higher seed)		
M 6	Quarterfinals	
M 9	Semifinals	
M 12	Championship	

NEC Games in CAPS

Mount St. Mary's

(5-4, 2-0 NEC)

N 10	at George Washington	L 62-77
N 17	LaSalle	L 63-66
N 24	at James Madison	L 73-85
N 26	American	L 45-66
D 1	Loyola (MD)	W 70-58
D 3	at Navy	W 62-58
D 6	LONG ISLAND	W 73-55
D 8	at CCSU	W 60-59
D 15	at Maine	W 66-59
D 18	Winthrop	7:00 pm
D 21	Lafayette	7:00 pm
D 28	at Oregon	10:00 pm
J 3	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	7:00 pm
J 5	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	2:00 pm
J 7	at Oklahoma	6:00 pm
J 10	at QUINNIPIAC	7:00 pm
J 17	SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	9:00 pm
J 19	SACRED HEART	7:00 pm
J 24	at WAGNER	7:00 pm
J 26	at LONG ISLAND	4:00 pm
J 31	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	7:00 pm
F 2	ROBERT MORRIS	7:00 pm
F 7	WAGNER	7:00 pm
F 9	at MONMOUTH	6:00 pm
F 14	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7:00 pm
F 16	QUINNIPIAC	7:00 pm
F 21	at ROBERT MORRIS	7:00 pm
F 23	at SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
M 1	MONMOUTH	
NEC Tournament (all games at higher seed)		
M 6	Quarterfinals	
M 9	Semifinals	
M 12	Championship	

NEC Games in CAPS

Quinnipiac

(4-5, 1-0 NEC)

N 11	Hartford	W 85-79 (2 OT)
N 14	at Binghamton	L 75-88
N 20	Maine	L 59-64
N 25	at New Hampshire	L 70-77
N 28	at Lehigh	W 92-88 (2 OT)
D 3	Brown	L 79-86 (OT)
D 6	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W 90-79
D 9	at Army	W 58-54
D 16	at Connecticut	L 49-82
D 19	Dartmouth	7:00 pm
D 22	at Vermont	7:00 pm
D 31	Cornell	12:00 pm
J 3	at SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
J 5	ROBERT MORRIS	4:00 pm
J 10	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:00 pm
J 12	at MONMOUTH	7:00 pm
J 17	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	7:00 pm
J 19	LONG ISLAND	4:00 pm
J 26	at SACRED HEART	4:00 pm
J 31	SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
F 2	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7:00 pm
F 7	CCSU	7:00 pm
F 11	WAGNER	7:30 pm
F 14	at LONG ISLAND	7:00 pm
F 16	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:00 pm
F 21	MONMOUTH	7:00 pm
F 23	SACRED HEART	4:00 pm
F 28	at CCSU	7:00 pm
M 1	at WAGNER	7:00 pm
NEC Tournament (all games at higher seed)		
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NEC Games in CAPS



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Robert Morris

(5-4, 0-1 NEC)

N 10	Iona	W 72-66
	Philadelphia Classic	
N 14	at Navy	W 93-77
N 18	at Seton Hall	L 107-111 (OT)
N 23	vs. Drexel	L 40-56
N 24	vs. Howard	W 72-53
N 29	at Florida International	W 88-61
D 2	at Fordham	W 72-66
D 5	Central Michigan	L 72-83
D 8	SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	L 66-75
D 17	at Youngstown State	7:05 pm
D 19	Canisius	7:00 pm
D 28	at Duquesne	7:00 pm
D 30	Lafayette	7:00 pm
J 3	MONMOUTH	7:00 pm
J 5	at QUINNIPIAC	4:00 pm
J 7	at Boston College	7:00 pm
J 10	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7:00 pm
J 13	SACRED HEART	3:00 pm
J 19	at SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
J 24	CCSU	7:00 pm
J 26	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	7:00 pm
J 31	at MONMOUTH	7:00 pm
F 2	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:00 pm
F 7	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7:00 pm
F 9	LONG ISLAND	7:00 pm
F 14	at CCSU	7:00 pm
F 16	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	2:00 pm
F 21	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:00 pm
F 23	WAGNER	7:00 pm
F 28	at SACRED HEART	7:00 pm
M 1	at LONG ISLAND	4:00 pm
	NEC Tournament (all games at higher seed)	
M 6	Quarterfinals	
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M 12	Championship	

NEC Games in CAPS

Sacred Heart

(3-6, 2-0 NEC)

N 10	at Yale	L 71-82
N 12	Army	L 49-64
N 14	at Hartford	L 55-70
N 18	at Fairfield	L 75-84
N 20	at St. John's	L 49-76
N 25	at Albany	L 57-75
N 30	Columbia	W 75-59
D 2	at MONMOUTH	W 80-53
D 6	at CCSU	W 68-52
D 19	at Providence	7:30 pm
D 22	Harvard	12:00 pm
D 28	at Boston College	7:00 pm
D 30	Holy Cross	4:00 pm
J 5	WAGNER	4:00 pm
J 7	at LONG ISLAND	7:00 pm
J 10	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	7:00 pm
J 13	at ROBERT MORRIS	3:00 pm
J 17	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7:00 pm
J 19	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:00 pm
J 24	LONG ISLAND	7:00 pm
J 26	QUINNIPIAC	4:00 pm
J 31	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7:00 pm
F 2	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	4:00 pm
F 7	MONMOUTH	7:00 pm
F 14	at WAGNER	7:00 pm
F 16	SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	4:00 pm
F 23	at QUINNIPIAC	4:00 pm
F 28	ROBERT MORRIS	7:00 pm
M 2	CCSU	4:00 pm
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St. Francis (NY)

(3-8, 0-2 NEC)

N 9	Hartford	W 62-59
N 14	at St. John's	L 64-72
N 17	at Maine	L 82-85 (OT)
N 21	Hofstra	W 60-57
N 24	at Manhattan	L 69-77
N 28	Fairfield	W 55-51
D 2	Ohio	L 63-67
D 6	at QUINNIPIAC	L 79-90
D 8	at WAGNER	L 59-64
D 10	at Columbia	L 64-83
D 15	at Albany	L 53-66
D 22	at South Florida	7:00 pm
D 29	Navy	7:00 pm
J 3	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:00 pm
J 5	CCSU	4:00 pm
J 10	at SACRED HEART	7:00 pm
J 12	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7:00 pm
J 17	QUINNIPIAC	7:00 pm
J 19	MONMOUTH	4:00 pm
J 24	at SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
J 26	at ROBERT MORRIS	7:00 pm
J 31	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:00 pm
F 2	SACRED HEART	4:00 pm
F 9	at CCSU	2:00 pm
F 14	SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
F 16	ROBERT MORRIS	2:00 pm
F 21	at LONG ISLAND	7:30 pm
F 23	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	4:00 pm
F 28	LONG ISLAND	7:00 pm
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St. Francis (PA)

(3-6, 1-0 NEC)

N 10	American	L 68-75
N 12	at Penn State	L 64-74
N 14	Morgan State	L 53-77
N 17	Lehigh	L 66-71
N 24	at LaSalle	L 59-65
N 28	Youngstown State	L 65-70
D 1	at Bucknell	W 57-54
D 8	at ROBERT MORRIS	W 75-66
D 15	Lock Haven	W 77-64
D 19	Iona	7:00 pm
D 21	at Duquesne	7:00 pm
D 29	at Arizona State	4:00 pm
J 3	QUINNIPIAC	7:00 pm
J 5	MONMOUTH	7:00 pm
J 10	at CCSU	7:00 pm
J 12	at WAGNER	2:00 pm
J 16	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	9:00 pm
J 19	ROBERT MORRIS	7:00 pm
J 24	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	7:00 pm
J 26	CCSU	4:00 pm
J 31	at QUINNIPIAC	7:00 pm
F 7	LONG ISLAND	7:00 pm
F 9	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7:00 pm
F 14	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	7:00 pm
F 16	at SACRED HEART	4:00 pm
F 21	WAGNER	7:00 pm
F 23	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:00 pm
F 28	at MONMOUTH	7:00 pm
M 1	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7:00 pm
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Wagner

(7-3, 1-0 NEC)

N 9	at Lafayette	W 74-70
N 14	Manhattan	L 56-69
N 17	at St. Peter's	L 69-72
N 20	William & Mary	W 88-81
N 24	Bucknell	W 64-55
N 28	at Brown	W 64-63
D 1	at Yale	W 71-68
D 4	Columbia	L 59-75
D 8	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W 64-59
D 15	UMES	W 105-86
D 22	at Loyola Marymount	6:05 pm
D 29	at Kansas State	2:00 pm
J 3	CCSU	7:00 pm
J 5	at SACRED HEART	4:00 pm
J 10	at MONMOUTH	7:00 pm
J 12	SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	2:00 pm
J 17	at LONG ISLAND	7:00 pm
J 24	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:00 pm
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NEC Men's Basketball Notes:

(through games of December 16)

NEC Upswing

NEC schools have made significant strides in non-conference play this season, having won 42.0 percent of their games (Division I opponents only) thus far in 2007-08, including a 9-5 mark last week. If this number were to hold up, it would mark the league's best showing outside the conference since the 1995-96 season when NEC teams won 43.0 percent of their outings and three schools (Marist, Monmouth and Mount St. Mary's) advanced to the postseason. That year, the NEC ranked 22nd in the end-of-year RPI rankings. This season, the conference sits 24th among the 31 Division I leagues. Long Island is the NEC's highest rated team in the RPIs at 117.

Wagner's Deane Wins 400th

Wagner head coach Mike Deane won his 400th career game on Saturday as the Seahawks rolled to a 105-86 win over Maryland-Eastern Shore. Now in his 23rd year as a head coach, Deane won 24 games at Oswego St. (1980-82), 166 at Siena (1986-94), 100 at Marquette (1994-99), 52 at Lamar and has posted 58 victories at Wagner after taking over in 2003. Deane has taken three teams (Siena, Marquette and Lamar) to the NCAA Tournament, including a first round tourney win over Stanford when he was coaching Siena in 1989.

Blackbirds Continue To Soar

After running its win streak to three games with victories over New Hampshire and Harvard last week, Long Island is now off to its best start in 21 years with a 7-3 record. The Blackbirds also began the 1986-87 campaign at 7-3. Long Island, which is 5-0 at home this season, is also one of the NEC's most improved teams at this juncture. A year ago, the Blackbirds were 4-6 after ten games, though one of the wins came against Division III Old Westbury.

Utilizing an eight-man rotation, head coach Jim Ferry sports one of the league's most balanced offensive attacks as the Blackbirds are the only team in the NEC with four players averaging in double digits. Senior forward **Kellen Allen (Mansfield, TX/Summit)** has recovered from injuries that cut short his 2006-07 season and given LIU at true post presence. Allen leads the team with 13.1 ppg, an impressive figure considering he has come off the bench in all 10 games and is averaging just 22.1 minutes per contest. Sophomore **Jaytonah Wisseh (Brooklyn, NY/Banneker Academy)**, who was tabbed to the NEC all-Rookie team last season, has settled into his role as starting point guard and currently ranks third on the circuit with 6.0 apg and second with a 1.88:1 assist-to-turnover ratio. Senior forward **Eugene Kotorobai (Richmond Hill, Ontario/Cheshire (CT) Academy)** is an experienced competitor who is one of the NEC's top long distance shooters. He has hit at least four three-pointers in each of the last three games and ranks second in the NEC with 3.2 treys per game. Freshman guard **Kyle Johnson (Ajax, Ontario/West Hill)** has been the key addition to the lineup for LIU, which lost one of the top players in the league in James Williams, who graduated with 1,710 career points. Johnson currently paces all NEC freshman with 12.6 ppg and is the league's leading free throw shooter at 92.3 percent.

FDU's Baptiste Heads Up NEC's Most Improved

Which player has made the biggest offensive leap this season? That honor goes to Fairleigh Dickinson sophomore guard **Sean Baptiste (North Brunswick, NJ/St. Joseph's of Metuchen)**, who has increased his output by 14.0 ppg from a year ago. The sophomore guard and current *Choice Hotels/NEC Player of the Week* averaged 4.6 ppg off the bench in 2006-07, but with the graduation of two of the Knights' top-three scorers, Baptiste has thrived in a starting role, averaging 18.6 ppg to go along with a team-high 7.1 rpg. He is currently second in the NEC in scoring and rebounding.

Baptiste is the not the only FDU player who has stepped up his production this season. The Knights sport three of the five most improved scorers in the conference in a loaded backcourt that includes seniors **Manny Ubilla (Freehold, NJ/Freehold (Lackawanna CC))** and **Bernell Murray (Stillwater, OK/Stillwater)**. Ubilla, who leads the NEC with 19.6 ppg, has boosted his average 7.7 ppg from last season to rank third in the league, while Murray is fifth on the circuit with a 7.1 ppg improvement from a year ago.

Below are the top individual scoring improvements (at least a 5.0 ppg jump) from the 2006-07 season to the 2006-07 season.

Player	2006-07 Scoring	2007-08 Scoring	Increase
Sean Baptiste, FDU	4.6 ppg	18.6 ppg	+14.0 ppg
Kellen Allen, LIU	4.8 ppg	13.1 ppg	+8.3 ppg
Manny Ubilla, FDU	11.9 ppg	19.6 ppg	+7.7 ppg
Jimmy Langhurst, RMU	2.1 ppg	9.4 ppg	+7.3 ppg
Bernell Murray, FDU	3.7 ppg	10.8 ppg	+7.1 ppg
Jeremy Goode, MSM	10.1 ppg	16.0 ppg	+5.9 ppg
Will Holland, MSM	5.5 ppg	10.8 ppg	+5.3 ppg
Kayode Ayeni, SFNY	3.0 ppg	8.2 ppg	+5.2 ppg

Multiple Personalities

There are streak shooters, then there are streak teams. The NEC currently sports three programs that have turned their seasons around after difficult starts. Mount St. Mary's opened the year 0-4, but have since won five straight games. Sacred Heart and Saint Francis (PA) both lost their first six games, but have rebounded with three straight victories.



Defense Keys Mount Streak

Following an 0-4 start, Mount St. Mary's has not only won five straight games, but has done so with a suffocating defense that has held each of its opponents under 60 points. Opposing teams have averaged just 57.8 ppg and shot 36.4 percent from the field during the streak. The Mount is the first NEC team to hold five straight opponents under the 60-point mark since Monmouth turned the trick in the last four games of the 2005-06 season, followed by its season opener in 2006-07. No NEC team has held six straight foes to under 60 points since Monmouth did it in seven straight games during the 1995-96 season.

Stat of the Week

Wagner senior guard **Mark Porter's (Atlantic City, NJ/St. Augustine Prep)** 13 assists in a 105-86 win over Maryland-Eastern Shore on Saturday was the most by an NEC player since Quinnipiac's Rob Monroe dished out 14 against Longwood on November 27, 2004.

CCSU's Blackwood Moves Into 8th Place On NEC Career 3PFG List

Central Connecticut State senior guard **Tristan Blackwood (Toronto, Ontario/Eastern Commerce)** moved up one spot into eighth place on the NEC career list for made three pointers after hitting eight shots from long range last week. A first team all-NEC honoree last season and a preseason all-NEC selection in 2007-08, Blackwood has now drained 264 trifectas, four more than current Monmouth head coach and former Hawk standout Dave Calloway, who totaled 260 from 1987-91. The Toronto, Ontario native is second on CCSU's all-time chart, trailing former teammate Justin Chiera, who hit 274 treys from 2002-06 and ranks fourth all-time in the NEC.

NEC Career Leaders - Three-Pointers Made

1. Chris McGuthrie	Mount St. Mary's	300	1993-96
2. Angel Santana	St. Francis (NY)	294	1996-00
3. James Williams	Long Island	277	2003-07
4. Justin Chiera	CCSU	274	2002-06
5. Dedrick Dye	Wagner	270	1999-03
6. Landy Thompson	Mount St. Mary's	267	2002-06
7. Kevin Booth	Mount St. Mary's	265	1989-93
8. Tristan Blackwood	CCSU	264	2004-08
9. Dave Calloway	Monmouth	260	1987-91
10. Rob Monroe	Quinnipiac	253	2001-05

RMU's Chappell Approaching NEC 1,000-Point Club

Robert Morris senior forward **A.J. Jackson (Monessen, PA/Monessen (E. Tennessee St.))** is the most recent addition to the NEC millennium club after reaching the milestone against Drexel on November 23rd. Jackson, who has amassed 1,071 points, is one of five current NEC players who have reached 1,000 points in their respective careers, including teammate **Tony Lee (Boston, MA/Charlestown)**. Lee, a senior guard, has upped his career total to 1,150, and could be joined shortly by junior guard **Jeremy Chappell (Cincinnati, OH/Northwest)**, who has netted 930 points in two-plus seasons with the Colonials.

A total of 141 competitors have cracked the 1,000 point milestone in the NEC's 27-year history.

CCSU sports the leading active scorer in the conference in **Tristan Blackwood (Toronto, Canada/Eastern Commerce)**, who has now amassed 1,287 points. He is followed closely behind by Wagner senior guard **Mark Porter (Atlantic City, NJ/St. Augustine Prep)** (1,220 points), Quinnipiac senior guard **DeMario Anderson (Oxon Hill, MD/Oxon Hill (CCSU, Globe Institute))** (1,213), Lee (1,150) and Jackson (1,071). Aside from Chappell, others in line to reach 1,000 this season include Wagner senior forward/center **Durrell Vinson (Vineland, NJ/St. Augustine Prep)** (867), Wagner senior forward **James Ulrich (Mt. Laurel, NJ/Camden Catholic)** (809) and Sacred Heart senior guard **Drew Shubik (Stoystown, PA/North Star)** (777).

Quotes of the Week

Wagner head coach **Mike Deane**, on the occasion of winning his 400th career game with a 105-86 victory over UMES on Saturday:

"It feels great," said Deane of his milestone victory. "I haven't given it a lot of thought up until now. I guess, my players have won a lot of games for me. The way I feel is, it's nice. Now we begin working on number 500."

Former UConn assistant and current Quinnipiac head coach **Tom Moore**, after his return to Storrs, which saw the Bobcats drop an 82-49 decision to the Huskies on Sunday:

"In the grand scheme of things, I was very disappointed that, competitively, we didn't show a little better, scoreboard-wise," Moore said. "I was trying to get some lessons out of this today, while also keeping one eye on the scoreboard. I would like to have our program to the point where we can play teams like this and play them longer and deeper into the game."



N28	at La Salle	L 55-59
D1	Lehigh	W 65-55
D6	SACRED HEART	L 52-68
D8	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	L 59-60
D11	UMBC	W 58-54
D16	Delaware	W 81-48
D22	at UMass	7:30 pm
D30	at Vermont	1:00 pm
J3	at WAGNER	7:00 pm
J5	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	4:00 pm
J10	SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
J14	LONG ISLAND	7:30 pm
J17	at MONMOUTH	7:00 pm

Central Connecticut State (4-7, 0-2 NEC)

Last Week: CCSU 58, UMBC 54; CCSU 81, Delaware 48

Next Two Weeks: at UMass (Saturday); at Vermont (Dec. 30)

The Blue Devils improved to 4-7 with a pair of home victories last week. CCSU topped UMBC, 58-54, on Tuesday, and followed that up with an 81-48 win over Delaware on Sunday. It marked the first back-to-back triumphs for the Blue Devils this season...CCSU led the Blue Hens by 31 points (50-19) at the half, the most points scored by the Blue Devils in the first half of a game since tallying 51 in a win over LIU on February 20, 2003...The 81 points were a season-high for the Blue Devils and marked the 12th straight win for CCSU when scoring 80 or more in a game...CCSU outrebounded Delaware, 43-23, in the game and now has a positive rebound margin of +0.9 rpg. The 42 boards established a season-high...The Blue Devils also posted season-highs in assists (17), FG made (28), FG% (.549), points in a half (50), FG% in a half (.655), FT made (16), FG% defense (.308), points allowed (48), assists allowed (six) and FG allowed (16) in the win...The 48 points allowed to the Blue Hens were the fewest in a game this season and the ninth time in 11 games that CCSU opponents failed to reach 70 points. It was the fifth time in six games that opponents scored 60 or less...CCSU ranks first in the NEC in scoring defense at 61.8 ppg...Freshman forward **David Simmons (Syracuse, NY/Henninger)** posted the first two double-doubles of his career and averaged 12.0 ppg and 12.5 rpg to win *Choice Hotels*/NEC Rookie of the Week honors. Simmons had 12 points and 12 rebounds for his first double-double against UMBC. He his 4-5 shots and added a clutch free throw in the final seconds to help secure the win. On Sunday, Simmons finished with 12 points and a career-high 13 rebounds against Delaware...The double-doubles were the first of the season for the Blue Devils...Senior guard **Tristan Blackwood (Toronto, Ontario/Eastern Commerce)** averaged a team-best 15.5 ppg on the week, including a game-high 17 points and four assists against the Retrievers. He added 14 points and four assists versus Delaware...In the two games, Blackwood hit a total of eight three pointers to give him 264 for his career. He is just 12 trifectas shy of Justin Chiera's school record. He also ranks eighth on the NEC career list and has a chance to become just the second player in league history to reach 300 in his career...Blackwood also made his 100th start in 100 career games played at CCSU on Sunday. His career point total now sits at 1,287, good for 15th place in program history and first among active NEC players...Blackwood is seventh in the NEC in scoring at 15.7 ppg and ranks first with 3.7 3PPG/game. He was 15th nationally in made three-pointers in last week's NCAA statistics...Freshman forward **Ken Horton (Ossining, NY/Ossining)** averaged 12.5 ppg, 5.0 rpg, 4.0 bpg and shot 75.0 percent from the field in the two wins. He rejected a career-high six shots against UMBC...Horton leads the conference with 2.2 bpg...CCSU closed out a five-game homestand with a 3-2 mark. The Blue Devils play at UMass on Saturday.



N16	at Lafayette	W 98-92
N19	at Rider	L 70-85
N25	at St. John's	L 67-92
D8	at LONG ISLAND	L 77-90
D10	Norfolk State	W 80-64
D15	Stony Brook	W 74-71
D22	St. Peter's	7:00 pm
D30	at Charlotte	5:00 pm
J2	at Rhode Island	7:00 pm
J5	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	2:00 pm
J10	ROBERT MORRIS	7:00 pm
J12	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	7:00 pm
J17	at SACRED HEART	7:00 pm

Fairleigh Dickinson (3-5, 0-1 NEC)

Last Week: Fairleigh Dickinson 80, Norfolk State 64; Fairleigh Dickinson 74, Stony Brook 71

Next Two Weeks: vs. St. Peter's (Saturday); at Charlotte (Dec. 30)

After playing their first six games away from home, the Knights won their first two outings at the Rothman Center last week with an 80-64 win over Norfolk State on Monday, followed by a 74-71 conquest of Stony Brook on Saturday...Sophomore guard **Sean Baptiste (North Brunswick, NJ/St. Joseph's of Metuchen)** was tabbed *Choice Hotels*/NEC Player of the Week after he averaged 24.5 ppg, 7.5 rpg, 2.0 apg, 2.0 spg and shot 51.7 percent from the floor, including 4-8 from three-point territory. He recorded a career-best 23 points (6-12 FG, 2-3 3PPG, 9-11 FT), nine rebounds and three steals against Norfolk State, then tallied a new career-high with 26 points (9-17 FG), and added six rebounds, four assists and two blocks versus the Seawolves. In the win over Stony Brook, he gave FDU the lead for good at 68-66 on a layup with 1:10 to play, then converted a three-point play with 49 seconds left on the clock to put the Knights up by five...Baptiste now ranks second in the NEC with 18.6 ppg., 7.1 rpg and a 48.3 percent success rate from three-point range...All five FDU starters averaged in double digits last week. The quintet scored 131 of the team's 154 points in the two games...Freshman forward **John Galvin (Weston, CT/Weston)** averaged a double-double with 10.5 ppg, 11.5 rpg and 3.5 bpg. He snared a career-high 14 boards against Norfolk State, then finished with 12 points, nine rebounds and four blocks against the Seawolves...Galvin is now averaging 8.8 ppg and 6.0 rpg on the year...Senior guard **Manny Ubilla (Freehold, NJ/Freehold (Lackawanna CC))** recorded 19 points, four rebounds and six assists versus the Spartans on Monday. He added eight more assists against Stony Brook...FDU sports the top-two scorers in the NEC as Ubilla leads the NEC with 19.1 ppg, followed by Baptiste's 18.6 ppg. Ubilla is fifth with 4.8 apg and is also ranked in the top-10 in 3PPG made (2.8/game, third), 3PPG% (.423, seventh) and free throw percentage (.815, eighth)...Senior guard **Bernell Murray (Stillwater, OK/Stillwater)** is third on the Knights with 10.8 ppg...Senior forward **Eric Hazard (Long Branch, NJ/St. Benedict's)** is fourth in the NEC in three-point percentage (.442) and sixth in three-pointers made (2.4/game)...FDU's five starters - Ubilla, Baptiste, Murray, Hazard and Galvin - have accounted for 89.1 percent of the team's points and 72.2 percent of the team's rebounds this season...FDU avenged an 82-58 loss at Stony Brook last season...The Knights wrap up a three-game home swing on Saturday against local rival St. Peter's.



N28	at St. John's	L 56-68
D1	Hartford	W 86-62
D6	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	L 55-73
D8	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	W 90-77
D10	at New Hampshire	W 86-78
D13	Harvard	W 88-77
D20	St. Peter's	7:00 pm
	at Central Florida Tournament	
D30	vs. Texas-Pan American	4:00 pm
D31	vs. Central Florida/NJIT	TBA
J7	SACRED HEART	7:00 pm
J14	at CCSU	7:30 pm
J17	WAGNER	7:00 pm

Long Island (7-3, 1-1 NEC)

Last Week: Long Island 86, New Hampshire 78; Long Island 88, Harvard 77

Next Two Weeks: vs. St. Peter's (Thursday); at Central Florida Tournament: vs. Texas-Pan American (Dec. 30), vs. UCF/NJIT (Dec. 31)

The Blackbirds won a pair of non-conference contests last week to run their record to 7-3 and extend their win streak to three. Long Island went on the road to defeat New Hampshire, 86-78, on Monday, then returned home to knock off Harvard, 88-77, on Thursday...LIU is off to its best start since opening the 1986-87 campaign with a 7-3 mark...Sophomore guard **Jaytornah Wisseh (Brooklyn, NY/Banneker Academy)** continues to fill up the stat sheet. Last week, he averaged 10.5 ppg, 4.0 rpg and 9.0 apg. He recorded the first double-double of his career with a 13-point, 11-assist effort against Harvard. The 11 assists were a career-high. Wisseh also had a solid all-around game at New Hampshire with eight points, seven assists and six rebounds...Senior forward **Kellen Allen (Mansfield, TX/Summit)** scored a career-high 24 points against Harvard and averaged 17.0 ppg and 3.0 rpg off the bench last week. He started the game 9-10 from the floor against the Crimson, before finishing 10-13...LIU shot a season-best 55.9 percent from the field and five Blackbirds scored in double-figures against the Crimson...The win over Harvard was the first in the all-time series for the Blackbirds (1-4) and improved their home record to 5-0 this season...LIU did not trailed either of its opponents in the last two games after falling behind 2-0 at New Hampshire...Freshman guard **Kyle Johnson (Ajax, Ontario/West Hill)** had another strong week, averaging 16.0 ppg and 5.5 rpg. He posted his second double-double of the season with a team-high 16 points and 10 rebounds versus New Hampshire...Johnson, who leads all NEC freshman with 12.6 ppg and is the league's leading free throw shooter at 92.3 percent, has scored in double digits in eight of ten games on the year...Senior forward **Eugene Kotorobai (Richmond Hill, Ontario/Cheshire (CT) Academy)** has at least four three-points in each of the last three games and ranks second in the NEC with 3.2 treys per game. He shot 9-14 from outside the arc last week, a 64.3 percent conversion rate. Kotorobai hit 5-6 shots from downtown in a 17-point, eight-rebound performance against Harvard...The Blackbirds have topped the 80-point plateau in three straight games, the first time that has happened under Jim Ferry. The last time LIU scored at least 80 points in three consecutive games was the final three contests of the 2001-02 season...Wisseh is third in the NEC with 6.0 apg and second with a 1.88:1 assist-to-turnover ratio. He is also eighth in steals (1.7 spg)...LIU sports four players among the NEC top-30 scoring leaders: Allen (14th, 13.1 ppg), Johnson (15th, 12.6 ppg), Kotorobai (16th, 12.2 ppg) and Wisseh (26th, 10.6 ppg)...The Blackbirds face Saint Peter's on Thursday before breaking for the holidays.



N28	at St. Peter's	L 62-72
D2	SACRED HEART	L 53-80
D8	Penn	L 61-69
D11	at Hartford	L 53-67
D15	Rider	L 55-76
D23	Florida Atlantic	2:00 pm
D28	at Lehigh	7:00 pm
D30	Princeton	4:00 pm
J3	at ROBERT MORRIS	7:00 pm
J5	at SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
J10	WAGNER	7:00 pm
J12	QUINNIPIAC	7:00 pm
J17	CCSU	7:00 pm

Monmouth (2-8, 0-1 NEC)

Last Week: Hartford 67, Monmouth 53; Rider 76, Monmouth 55

Next Two Weeks: vs. Florida Atlantic (Sunday); at Lehigh (Dec. 28); vs. Princeton (Dec. 30)

Monmouth has now dropped five straight following a 67-53 setback at Hartford on Tuesday and a 76-55 loss to in-state rival Rider at Boylan Gymnasium on Saturday...The Hawks have lost six in a row at home dating back to last season. The last time Monmouth lost six consecutive games in Boylan was 1998-99, the season the Hawks opened 0-19...The five-game skid is the first for the program since a six-game streak early in the 2005-06 campaign...Freshman swingman **R.J. Rutledge (Mount Vernon, NY/Lawrence Woodmere Academy)** averaged 17.5 ppg last week. He shot 57.9 percent from the floor, including 7-14 from three-point range, and was a perfect 6-6 from the stripe...Freshman forward **Nick Del Tufo (Mendham, NJ/West Morris Mendham)** averaged 10.5 ppg and 3.5 rpg...Sophomore guard **Jhamar Youngblood (Newark, NJ/St. Patrick's)**, who leads the team and ranks tenth in the NEC with 14.7 ppg, scored a career-low two points versus Hartford. He is also sixth in the conference with 2.1 spg...Redshirt freshman **Adam Dobriansky (Winnipeg, Manitoba/MBCI)** earned his first start on Saturday against Rider...Monmouth has had 36 scoring droughts of three or more minutes this season, with the longest being 10:31 against Notre Dame. The Hawks' first points at Hartford did not come until 14:01 showing on the clock...Monmouth is winless on the road (0-4) and winless at home (0-3). The program's lone wins came over Wichita St. and Charlotte on neutral courts in the Virgin Islands...Junior guard **Whitney Coleman (Salem, CT/East Lyme)** is 19-20 from the line this season and is second on the club with 9.5 ppg...Rutledge has raised his scoring output to 8.8 ppg, third on the Hawks...Monmouth's first year players are combining for 25.5 ppg...The Hawks host Florida Atlantic on Sunday.



D1	Loyola (MD)	W 70-58
D3	at Navy	W 62-58
D6	LONG ISLAND	W 73-55
D8	at CCSU	W 60-59
D15	at Maine	W 66-59
D18	Winthrop	7:00 pm
D21	Lafayette	7:00 pm
D28	at Oregon	10:00 pm
J3	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	7:00 pm
J5	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	2:00 pm
J7	at Oklahoma	6:00 pm
J10	at QUINNIPIAC	7:00 pm
J17	SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	9:00 pm

Mount St. Mary's (5-4, 2-0 NEC)

Last Week: Mount St. Mary's 66, Maine 59

Next Two Weeks: vs. Winthrop (Tuesday); vs. Lafayette (Friday); at Oregon (Dec. 28)

The Mount stretched its win streak to five with a 66-59 victory at Maine on Saturday...The Mount's five-game win streak is the longest since a five-game streak in January of 2006. Defense has been a key in the streak as the Mountaineers have limited opponents to 57.8 ppg and 36.4 percent shooting from the field over the five-game stretch. The Mount is the first NEC team to hold five straight opponents under the 60-point mark since Monmouth turned the trick in the last four games of the 2005-06 season, followed by its season opener in 2006-07...Mount St. Mary's is 5-4 on the season, the best record after nine games since the 2002-03 squad was also 5-4. After opening the year with an 0-4 mark in November, the Mount is 5-0 in the month of December...The Mount, which forced 20 turnovers, broke open a 24-23 lead at the half and led by double figures most of the second stanza...Sophomore point guard **Jeremy Goode (Charlotte, NC/Providence Day)** continued to shine, pacing the Mount with 17 points, six boards, six assists and four steals...Goode's numbers during the win streak have been outstanding with averages of 17.0 ppg, 5.2 apg, 5.0 rpg and 4.0 spg...Goode is third in the NEC with 2.9 spg, fourth with 5.8 apg and sixth with 16.0 ppg...Senior guard **Chris Vann (Woodbridge, VA/Gar-Field)** chipped in 16 points in the win...Vann is ninth in the conference with 14.8 ppg...The Mount has won three straight non-conference matchups to improve to 3-4 on the year. It marks the most non-conference wins in a season during head coach Milan Brown's tenure. It is also the most non-league wins by a Mount team since the 2002-03 squad was 5-4 in out of conference action. Last season, the Mount went 1-10 outside the NEC...Junior forward **Sam Atupem (Newport News, VA/Woodside)** has become a presence in the paint for the Mount. After blocking 17 shots in each of his first two seasons, Atupem has 13 rejections this year and is averaging 1.4 per game to rank second in the NEC. The 6-7 forward is also averaging 11.0 ppg, 4.3 rpg and 1.5 bpg in his last three outings...Freshman guard **Jean Cajou (Fairfax, VA/Paul VI)** had six points, three assists, two rebounds and a steal against Maine...Mount St. Mary's paces the conference with a +2.78 turnover margin...The Mount will face a stiff test on Tuesday when perennial NCAA Tournament participant Winthrop visits Knott Arena. The Mount also hosts Lafayette on Friday.



N28	at Lehigh	W9288 (JOT)
D3	Brown	L 7986 (OT)
D6	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W 90-79
D9	at Army	W 58-54
D16	at Connecticut	L 49-82
D19	Dartmouth	7:00 pm
D22	at Vermont	7:00 pm
D31	Cornell	12:00 pm
J3	at SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 pm
J5	ROBERT MORRIS	4:00 pm
J10	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:00 pm
J12	at MONMOUTH	7:00 pm
J17	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	7:00 pm

Quinnipiac (4-5, 1-0 NEC)

Last Week: UConn 82, Quinnipiac 49

Next Two Weeks: vs. Dartmouth (Wednesday); at Vermont (Saturday); vs. Cornell (Dec. 31)

The Bobcats fell to in-state rival UConn, 82-49, in their only action last week...The game marked the return of head coach Tom Moore to Storrs. More had spent the last 13 years as a UConn assistant coach prior to taking over at Quinnipiac in March...Sophomore guard **Casey Cosgrove (Andover, MD/Andover)** paced the Bobcats with 15 points and four assists. He hit five shots from outside the arc...Senior guard **DeMario Anderson (Oxon Hill, MD/Oxon Hill)** was the only other Quinnipiac player in double digits with 10 points. He also grabbed a team-best eight rebounds...Freshman forward **Justin Rutty (Newburgh, NY/Newburgh Free Academy)** finished with six points and seven boards (six offensive)...Freshman guard **Evann Baker (Washington, DC/Archbishop Carroll)**, a two-time *Choice Hotels/NEC* Rookie of the Week, missed the game with a hip flexor injury...Cosgrove has hit at least one three-pointer in every game this season and ranks first on the team with 21. He is seventh in the NEC with 2.3 per game...Anderson has scored in double figures in all nine games in 2007-08 and 29 straight dating back to last season. He ranks third in the conference with 18.4 ppg...The Bobcats are second on the circuit with a +5.3 rebound margin...Rutty leads all NEC freshman with 6.1 rpg. Classmate **Ed Zajac (Lindenhurst, NY/Lindenhurst)** is third with 5.8 rpg...Baker stands second among conference freshman with 11.0 ppg...Quinnipiac assistant coach Scott Burrell also returned to his alma mater on Sunday. Burrell played for the Huskies from 1989-93 before enjoying an eight-year NBA career...The Bobcats return home to host Dartmouth on Wednesday, then travel to Vermont on Saturday in a game to air on NESN.



N29	at Florida International	W 88-61
D2	at Fordham	W 72-66
D5	Central Michigan	L 72-83
D8	SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	L 66-75
D17	at Youngstown State	7:05 pm
D19	Canisius	7:00 pm
D28	at Duquesne	7:00 pm
D30	Lafayette	7:00 pm
J3	MONMOUTH	7:00 pm
J5	at QUINNIPIAC	4:00 pm
J7	at Boston College	7:00 pm
J10	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7:00 pm
J13	SACRED HEART	3:00 pm

Robert Morris (5-4, 0-1 NEC)

Last Week: Idle

Next Two Weeks: at Youngstown State (Monday); Canisius (Wednesday); at Duquesne (Dec. 28); vs. Lafayette (Dec. 30)

Robert Morris was off last week...The Colonials return to action on Monday at Youngstown State, then host Canisius on Wednesday...After a 5-2 start, Robert Morris has dropped its last two games - both at home - to Central Michigan and Saint Francis (PA). The setbacks snapped an 11-game non-conference home winning streak for the Colonials, while the defeat at the hands of Saint Francis (PA) snapped a five-game winning streak against the Red Flash...Senior guard **Tony Lee (Boston, MA/Charlestown)** leads the NEC with 7.1 apg, and ranks second in steals (3.0 spg), third in rebounding (7.1 rpg), sixth in assist-to-turnover ratio (1.42:1), eighth in field goal percentage (.506) and 12th in scoring (13.8 ppg)...Lee also ranks in the NCAA top-10 in both assists (ninth) and steals (tenth)...The Colonials were without the services of junior guard **Jeremy Chappell (Cincinnati, OH/Northwest)** the last two games following a violation of team rules. Chappell leads Robert Morris and sits fifth in the NEC with 16.9 ppg, and also ranks first in the league (and second nationally) with 3.7 spg...Senior forward **A.J. Jackson (Monessen, PA/Monessen)** ranks 12th in the conference with 13.8 ppg and is sixth with 6.4 rpg...In Chappell's absence, junior guard **Bateko Francisco (Paris, France/Fort Scott JC)** contributed 13.5 ppg and 3.0 spg the last two contests...Sophomore guard **Jimmy Langhurst (Willard, OH/Willard)** leads the team with 17 three-pointers.



N25	at Albany	L 57-75
N30	Columbia	W 75-59
D2	at MONMOUTH	W 80-53
D6	at CCSU	W 68-52
D19	at Providence	7:30 pm
D22	Harvard	12:00 pm
D28	at Boston College	7:00 pm
D30	Holy Cross	4:00 pm
J5	WAGNER	4:00 pm
J7	at LONG ISLAND	7:00 pm
J10	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	7:00 pm
J13	at ROBERT MORRIS	3:00 pm
J17	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7:00 pm

Sacred Heart (3-6, 2-0 NEC)

Last Week: Idle

Next Two Weeks: at Providence (Wednesday); vs. Harvard (Saturday); at Boston College (Dec. 28); vs. Holy Cross (Dec. 30)

The Pioneers were idle last week...After a 13-day layoff, Sacred Heart will shoot for its fourth straight win with a visit to Providence on Wednesday, followed by a home game against Harvard on Saturday...Following an 0-6 start, the Pioneers won their third straight game and improved to 2-0 in NEC play by defeating Central Connecticut State, 68-52, on December 6. It was the first time Sacred Heart had won at Detrick Gymnasium in the Division I era, dating back to 1999, and just the third Division I win over CCSU overall...Senior guard **Drew Shubik (Stoystown, PA/North Star)** leads the Pioneers in scoring (11.1 ppg), rebounding (6.4 rpg), assists (3.8 apg) and steals (2.4 spg). He is shooting 82.1 percent from the free throw line (32-39)...Shubik has amassed 777 career points and has a chance to reach the 1,000-point mark by the end of the season...Shubik is fifth in the NEC in steals, sixth in rebounding and free throw percentage, and eighth in assists...Senior forward **Brice Brooks (Silverdale, WA/Central Kitsap)** netted a season-high 19 points in the win over the Blue Devils and is second on the team with 10.2 ppg. He leads the Pioneers and is seventh in the NEC with a 51.4 percent success rate from the field...After starting the season 8-30 from long range, sophomore guard **Ryan Litke (Windsor, CT/Windsor)** is 6-12 from three-point territory in his last two outings.



N28	Fairfield	W 55-51
D2	Ohio	L 63-67
D6	at QUINNIPIAC	L 79-90
D8	at WAGNER	L 59-64
D10	at Columbia	L 64-83
D15	at Albany	L 53-66
D22	at South Florida	7:00 pm
D29	Navy	7:00 pm
J3	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:00 pm
J5	CCSU	4:00 pm
J10	at SACRED HEART	7:00 pm
J12	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7:00 pm
J17	QUINNIPIAC	7:00 pm

St. Francis (NY) (3-8, 0-2 NEC)

Last Week: Columbia 83, St. Francis (NY) 64; Albany 66, St. Francis (NY) 53

Next Two Weeks: at South Florida (Saturday); vs. Navy (Dec. 29)

St. Francis (NY) dropped a pair of road contests last week and have now lost five straight. The Terriers fell at Columbia, 83-64, on Monday and were defeated by Albany, 66-53, on Saturday...The Terriers, who have held second half leads in six of their eight losses, have lost six of their last seven contests and are 0-7 away from Brooklyn Heights...Senior forward **Marcus Williams (Jersey City, NJ/St. Anthony's)** was suspended for the Columbia game and senior forward **Robert Hines (Trenton, NJ/St. Patrick's)** sat out the Albany contest, also for disciplinary reasons...The 19-point loss to Columbia was the largest margin of defeat thus far this season...The Terriers trailed just 59-54 with 9:40 remaining, but the Lions went on a 23-6 run to put the game out of reach...Senior guard **Jamaal Womack (Bronx, NY/Our Savior Lutheran)** scored a team-high 19 points and Hines added 12 versus Columbia...The Terriers shot just 12-26 (46.2 percent) from the line against the Lions...On Saturday, the Terriers led Albany, 31-24, with 15:47 remaining, but the Great Danes responded with 15 straight points over the next six-plus minutes to take control of the game...Sophomore forward **Kayode Ayeni (Brooklyn, NY/Laurinburg)** tallied a career-high 17 points and also added three blocks in just 24 minutes off the bench against Albany...Freshman guard **Ricky Cadell (New York, NY/The Patterson School (NC))** and Williams were also in double-digits with 14 and 10 points, respectively...Cadell averaged 11.5 ppg, 2.5 rpg and 1.5 spg in the two games...The Terriers are just 23-47 (48.9 percent) from the line over their past three contests and have shot 40 percent or below from the floor in five of their last six outings...St. Francis recorded a season-high seven blocks against Columbia...The Terriers, who led the NEC in rebounding last season, have been outboarded in three straight contests...Williams is fourth in the NEC in steals (2.7 spg) and fifth in field goal percentage (.535)...Hines ranks fourth in the conference with 17.0 ppg...Ayeni, who averaged 3.0 ppg and 3.2 rpg as a freshman a year ago, has boosted his averages to 8.2 ppg and a team-high 5.8 rpg in 2007-08. He also leads the team with 12 blocks...St. Francis will travel to Tampa to take on South Florida on Saturday.



N24	at La Salle	L 59-65
N28	Youngstown State	L 65-70
D1	at Bucknell	W 57-54
D8	at ROBERT MORRIS	W 75-66
D15	Lock Haven	W 77-64
D19	Iona	7:00 pm
D21	at Duquesne	7:00 pm
D29	at Arizona State	4:00 pm
J3	QUINNIPIAC	7:00 pm
J5	MONMOUTH	7:00 pm
J10	at CCSU	7:00 pm
J12	at WAGNER	2:00 pm
J16	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	9:00 pm

Saint Francis (PA) (3-6, 1-0 NEC)

Last Week: Saint Francis 77, Lock Haven 64

Next Two Weeks: vs. Iona (Wednesday); at Duquesne (Friday); at Arizona State (Dec. 29)

The Red Flash came out of finals week with a 77-64 victory over Division II Lock Haven in their only game of the week...After an 0-6 start, Saint Francis has now won three straight games to match last year's longest winning streak...The Red Flash recorded season-highs in points (77), field goals made (29), assists (18) and scored 33 points off the bench...Sophomore swingman **Devin Sweetney (Washington, D.C./Riverdale Baptist)** made 6-11 attempts from the field and scored a team-high 15 points to go along with three rebounds, a block and a steal...Junior guard **Cale Nelson (Newville, PA/Big Spring)** tallied 11 points, three assists, two rebounds and two steals...Sophomore forward **Randy Spaid (Portage, PA/Portage)** came off the bench to register career-highs in points (six), rebounds (three) and minutes played (11), while sophomore guard **Chris McFarland (Temple Hills, MD/Riverdale Baptist)** had career-bests in points (five) and rebounds (four), and added four assists...Junior forward **Chris Berry (Seagoville, TX/Seagoville)** tied a career-high with three assists and added amassed nine points, six rebounds and a block...Nelson has scored in double digits in six straight games...Nelson is sixth in the NEC with 4.2 apg...Berry ranks third in the conference with 7.1 rpg, while junior forward **Bassirou Dieng (Dakar, Senegal/Riverdale Baptist)** is fifth with 6.7 rpg...Sweetney has averaged 15.0 ppg, 5.0 rpg and 2.3 spg over his last four outings...Junior guard **Grant Suprenant (Palatine, IL/Palatine)** leads the circuit in three-point percentage, hitting 61.1 percent of his opportunities (11-18)...During their three-game winning streak, the Red Flash have averaged 69.7 ppg, allowed 61.3 ppg and outrebounded their opponents by 9.7 rpg (40.3-30.7)...Saint Francis will be shooting for two milestones in its games this week. First, the Red Flash will look for their first four-game winning streak since the 2002-03 season when they play host to Iona on Wednesday night. Then, Saint Francis will try to win its third straight road game for the first time since 1990-91 when it travels to Duquesne on Friday night.



N24	Bucknell	W 64-55
N28	at Brown	W 64-63
D1	at Yale	W 71-68
D4	Columbia	L 59-75
D8	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W 64-59
D15	UMES	W 105-86
D22	at Loyola Marymount	6:05 pm
D29	at Kansas State	2:00 pm
J3	CCSU	7:00 pm
J5	at SACRED HEART	4:00 pm
J10	at MONMOUTH	7:00 pm
J12	SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	2:00 pm
J17	at LONG ISLAND	7:00 pm

Wagner (7-3, 1-0 NEC)

Last Week: Wagner 105, UMES 86

Next Two Weeks: at Loyola Marymount (Saturday); at Kansas State (Dec. 29)

The Seahawks improved to 7-3 on the season and gave head coach Mike Deane his 400th career victory as Wagner cruised past Maryland Eastern Shore, 105-86, in its only game last week...Deane, in his 24th season as a head coach, has led three different teams - Siena, Marquette and Lamar - to the NCAA Tournament...Wagner has now won six of its last seven games. The 7-3 start matches the best 10-game start in his tenure, equaling the 2005-06 team which also won seven of its first 10 games...Senior forward **James Ulrich (Mt. Laurel, NJ/Camden Catholic)** poured in a season-high 23 points on 10-13 shooting in the victory. He broke loose for several breakaway dunks while adding six rebounds, one steal and one block in 27 minutes...Senior guard **Mark Porter (Atlantic City, NJ/St. Augustine)** dished out a career-high 13 assists, while junior swingman **Jamal Smith (Baltimore, MD/Towson Catholic)** scored all 16 of his points in the first half on 7-7 shooting, including a fall-away three-pointer at the buzzer as Wagner built a commanding 55-38 halftime lead...Senior center **Durell Vinson (Vineland, NJ/St. Augustine)** added 12 points, a season-high four blocks and a game-high 17 rebounds, one shy of his career high established earlier this season in a win at Brown. It was his league-leading fourth double-double of the season and 17th of his career...Sophomore center **Michael Orock (Hoboken, NJ/Hoboken)** was one of five Seahawks in double-digits as he tallied a career-high 15 points on 7-10 shooting and a career-best seven rebounds in just 14 minutes of action off the bench...Junior forward **Llewchean Radford (Newport News, VA/Heritage)** added 11 points...The victory over UMES marked the first time Wagner has eclipsed the 100-point mark since a 105-64 victory over Division III Union College (NY) (105-64) on December 15, 2006. The last time the Seahawks hit the century mark versus a Division I opponent was on March 1, 2004 in a 100-93 win over Sacred Heart...Vinson leads the NEC with 11.5 rpg and ranked ninth nationally in the category in last week's NCAA report. No other NEC player is averaging more than 7.1 rpg...inson's 650 career boards is the most among active league competitors and 36th all-time...Vinson is fifth on the Wagner career list with 95 blocks...Porter is second in the conference with 6.5 apg and eighth with 14.8 ppg. He is the NEC's active leader with 416 career assists (seventh in Wagner history and 29th in league annals) and is second with 1,220 points...Porter's 13 assists were the most by an NEC player since Quinnipiac's Rob Monroe had 14 against Longwood on November 27, 2004...Wagner leads the NEC with 3.9 bpg and a +5.9 rebound margin...The Seahawks are next in action on Saturday when they travel to Loyola Marymount.

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Facts/Figures

NEC In RPI Rankings

(thru games of 12/16)

School	Rank	Change
CCSU	320	+10
Fairleigh Dickinson	190	-4
Long Island	117	+39
Monmouth	261	-53
Mount St. Mary's	174	+26
Quinnipiac	260	+21
Robert Morris	206	+3
Sacred Heart	283	+9
St. Francis (NY)	298	+25
St. Francis (PA)	295	+1
Wagner	182	-17

NEC 24th/31

NEC Individual Milestones

1,000+ Points

Player	Team	Cl	Pts.
Tristan Blackwood	CCSU	Sr	1,287
Mark Porter	WC	Sr	1,220
DeMario Anderson	QU	Sr	1,213
Tony Lee	RMU	Sr	1,150
A.J. Jackson	RMU	Sr	1,071

500+ Rebounds

Player	Team	Cl	Pts.
Durell Vinson	WC	Sr	650
Tony Lee	RMU	Sr	590
A.J. Jackson	RMU	Sr	534

250+ Assists

Player	Team	Cl	Pts.
Mark Porter	WC	Sr	416
Tristan Blackwood	CCSU	Sr	397
Tony Lee	RMU	Sr	334
Drew Shubik	SHU	Sr	299

Close Games

(five points or less)

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

Double-Doubles

(top-10)

Player	Total
Durell Vinson, WC	4
DeMario Anderson, QU	2
Sean Baptiste, FDU	2
Bassirou Dieng, SFPA	2
A.J. Jackson, RMU	2
Kyle Johnson, LIU	2
Tony Lee, RMU	2
David Simmons, CCSU	2
Jeremy Chappell, RMU	1
James Feldeine, QU	1
Robert Hines, SFNY	1
Ryon Howard, SHU	1
Mark Porter, WC	1
Jaytornah Wisseh, LIU	1
Ed Zajac, QU	1

NEC Coaching Records

Coach (School)	Year Hired	Conf. Games		Overall Record	
		Rec.	Pct.	Rec.	Pct.
Tom Moore (QU)	2007	1-0	1.000	80-64	.556
Howie Dickenman (CCSU)	1997	117-69	.629	182-152	.545
Tom Green (FDU)	1984	253-164	.607	395-313	.558
Dave Calloway (MU)	1998	104-75	.581	144-148	.493
Mike Deane (WC)	2003	35-38	.479	400-287	.582
Milan Brown (MSM)	2003	35-39	.473	45-80	.360
Jim Ferry (LIU)	2002	37-55	.402	164-110	.599
Bobby Jones (SFPA)	1999	59-90	.396	82-150	.353
Brian Nash (SFNY)	2005	14-24	.368	22-47	.319
Dave Bike (SHU)	1999	54-98	.355	449-406	.525
Mike Rice (RMU)	2007	0-1	.000	5-4	.556

NEC Past Champions

2007 Central Connecticut St.	1998 Fairleigh Dickinson	1989 Robert Morris
2006 Monmouth	1997 Long Island	1988 FDU
2005 Fairleigh Dickinson	1996 Monmouth	1987 Marist
2004 Monmouth	1995 Mount St. Mary's	1986 Marist
2003 Wagner	1994 Rider	1985 Fairleigh Dickinson
2002 Central Connecticut St.	1993 Rider	1984 Long Island
2001 Monmouth	1992 Robert Morris	1983 Robert Morris
2000 Central Connecticut St.	1991 St. Francis (PA)	1982 Robert Morris
1999 Mount St. Mary's	1990 Robert Morris	

2008 NEC Basketball Tournament

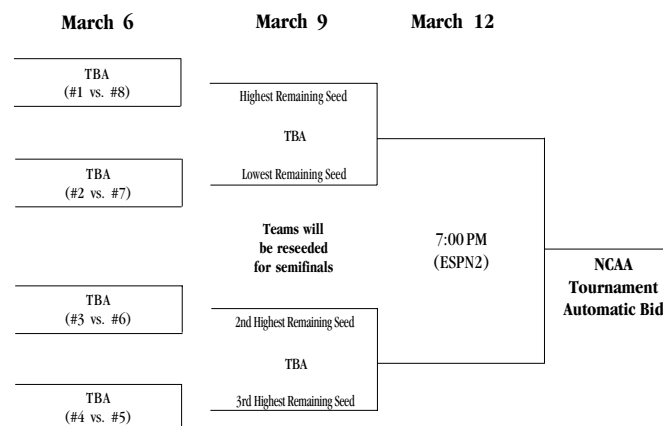
Schedule

2008 NEC Men's Basketball Tournament

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

Thursday, March 6	Sunday, March 9	Wednesday, March 12
Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Championship
Times TBA	TBA	7:00 pm (ESPN2)
	4:00 pm (MSG)	

2008 NEC Tournament Men's Championship Bracket



NEC Men's Basketball vs. the competition

NEC vs...

AmericaEast	8-10	Mid-American	0-2
ACC	0-0	Mid-Con	0-0
Atlantic Sun	0-0	MEAC	3-1
Atlantic 10	2-5	Missouri Valley	1-0
Big East	0-9	Mountain West	0-0
Big Sky	0-0	NAIA	0-0
BigSouth	0-0	Ohio Valley	0-0
BigTen	0-1	Pac 10	0-0
Big-12	0-0	Patriot	10-6
Big West	0-0	SEC	0-0
Colonial	3-2	Southern	0-0
Conference USA	0-0	Southland	0-0
Division II	1-0	SWAC	0-0
Division III	0-0	Sun Belt	1-0
Horizon	0-1	WCC	0-0
Independent	0-0	WAC	0-0
Ivy	5-6	Overall	29-46
MAAC	4-8		



NEC Men's Basketball

Preseason Poll/All-Conference Teams

Northeast Conference Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Sacred Heart (8)
2. Robert Morris (3)
3. Wagner
4. Mount St. Mary's
5. Quinnipiac
6. CCSU/Saint Francis (PA)
8. St. Francis (NY)
9. Fairleigh Dickinson
10. Monmouth
11. Long Island

Northeast Conference Preseason All-Conference Team

Name	School	Pos.	Class
DeMario Anderson	Quinnipiac	G	Sr
Tristan Blackwood	CCSU	G	Sr
Robert Hines	St. Francis (NY)	F	Sr
A.J. Jackson	Robert Morris	F	Sr
Tony Lee	Robert Morris	G	Sr

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Foreign Born Players

Name	School	Cl	Hometown, Country
Tristan Blackwood	CCSU	Sr	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Lawrence Brown	FDU	So	Portsmouth, England
Aurimas Adomaitis	Long Island	So	Kaunas, Lithuania
Eugene Kotorobai	Long Island	Sr	Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada
Kyle Johnson	Long Island	Fr	Ajax, Ontario, Canada
Tyrone Mattison	Long Island	Jr	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Paulius Morkeliunas	Long Island	Jr	Kaunas, Lithuania
Adam Dobriansky	Monmouth	So	Winnipeg, Maintoba, Canada
Alex Nunner	Monmouth	Jr	Leibnitz, Austria
Yaniv Simpson	Monmouth	So	Kfar Saba, Israel
Ifeanyi Ehirim	Robert Morris	Jr	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Bateko Francisco	Robert Morris	Jr	Paris, France
Bas Rozendaal	Robert Morris	So	Ymuiden, Holland
Liam Potter	Sacred Heart	Jr	Lincolnshire, England
Sami Pekkola	St. Francis (NY)	Sr	Lahti, Finland
Bass Yessoufou	St. Francis (NY)	Sr	Ivory Coast
Bassirou Dieng	Saint Francis (PA)	Jr	Dakar, Senegal
Misleva Jukic	Saint Francis (PA)	So	Zagreb, Croatia
Sorena Orandi	Saint Francis (PA)	Fr	Vastra Frolunda, Gothenburg, Sweden
Clayfell Harris	Wagner	Fr	London, England

20 players representing 12 countries.

NEC Men's Basketball

2006-07 Standings

	School	NEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
1.	Central Connecticut State*^	16-2	.889	22-12	.647
2.	Sacred Heart*	12-6	.667	18-14	.562
3.	Quinnipiac*	11-7	.611	14-15	.483
4.	Robert Morris*	9-9	.500	17-11	.607
	Fairleigh Dickinson*	9-9	.500	14-16	.467
	Mount St. Mary's*	9-9	.500	11-20	.355
7.	Wagner*	8-10	.444	11-19	.367
8.	Monmouth	7-11	.389	12-18	.400
	St. Francis (NY)*	7-11	.389	9-22	.290
10.	Long Island	6-12	.333	10-19	.345
11.	Saint Francis (PA)	5-13	.278	8-21	.276

* NEC Tournament participants

^ NEC Tournament champion

2007-08 NEC Basketball

Composite Schedule Of Men's Television Broadcasts

The Northeast Conference will have 22 men's and women's basketball games televised in 2007-08 as part of an extensive package. Multiple games are slated to air this season on Madison Square Garden Network, FSN-New York, FSN-Pittsburgh, Mid-Atlantic Sports Network, Cox Cable, Fox College Sports and the league's newest broadcast partner, ESPNU. The 2007-08 package includes nine prime time contests and three NEC Tournament games. In total, the league will air 17 men's games and five women's contests, including four as part of men/women doubleheaders.

Date	Matchup	Carrier	Time
Dec. 6	Sacred Heart at CCSU	7:00 pm	FSN-NY, Cox (CT/RI), FCS
Dec. 8	St. Francis (NY) at Wagner	12:00 pm	MSG, FCS
Jan. 5	Robert Morris at Quinnipiac	4:00 pm	ESPNU
Jan. 13	Sacred Heart at Robert Morris	3:00 pm	MSG, FSN-Pittsburgh, FCS
Jan. 14	Long Island at CCSU	7:30 pm	MSG, Cox (CT/RI), FCS
Jan. 16	Saint Francis (PA) at Mt. St. Mary's	9:00 pm	MASN, FSN-Pittsburgh FCS, ESPN Full Court
Jan. 25	FDU at Monmouth	7:00 pm	FSN-NY, FCS
Jan. 26	CCSU at Saint Francis (PA)	4:00 pm	Cox (CT/RI), FCS, ESPN Full Court, FSN-Pittsburgh, WWCP-Fox 8 (Altoona)
Feb. 9	Mt. St. Mary's at Monmouth	6:00 pm	MSG, MASN (11 pm TD), FCS
Feb. 11	Wagner at Quinnipiac	7:30 pm	MSG, FCS
Feb. 14	Sacred Heart at Wagner	7:00 pm	MSG, FCS
Feb. 16	Robert Morris at St. Francis (NY)	2:00 pm	FSNY, FCS, FSN-Pittsburgh (4:00 pm TD),
Feb. 18	Monmouth at FDU	7:30 pm	FSNY, FCS
Feb. 21	St. Francis (NY) at LIU	7:30 pm	MSG, FCS
Mar. 2	CCSU at Sacred Heart	4:00 pm	ESPNU
Mar. 9	NEC Semifinal	4:00 pm	MSG, FCS
Mar. 12	NEC Championship	7:30 pm	ESPN2

Carrier	Region
MSG Network	Three states in New York metro area
FSN-New York	Three states in New York metro area
MASN	MD, DE, VA and DC, plus portions of PA, WV and NC
FSN-Pittsburgh	Western Pennsylvania, portions of West Virginia
Cox Cable	Connecticut & Rhode Island
WWCP Fox 8	Western PA (Altoona/Johnstown)
FCS-Atlantic	Eastern U.S. Network on digital cable systems
ESPNU	Nationwide
ESPN2	Nationwide
ESPN Full Court	Nationwide

NEC Men's Basketball Broadcast Team

Dave Popkin	Play-By-Play	8th year
Tim Capstraw	Color	9th year
Terry O'Connor	Color	6th year
Paul Dottino	Play-By-Play, Sideline	9th year
Amy Lundy	Sideline	6th year
Pam Roecker	Color	6th year
Kevin Connors	Play-By-Play, Sideline	3rd year
Joe DeSantis	Color	1st year

Wagner Stops St. Francis (NY) In Bob Balut Tribute Game

On December 8, the NEC paid tribute to Bob Balut with a benefit game for the Aidan Robert Balut Scholarship Fund. In that contest, which was televised live on MSG Network and Cox Cable, Wagner watched a 21-point second lead nearly evaporate, before hanging on to defeat St. Francis (NY), 64-59.

Balut, who enjoyed a long history with the conference, including four years as the SID at Wagner and three years as the NEC's Assistant Director of Communications, passed away last March after a long battle with colon cancer at the age of 32. He was survived by his wife, Erica, and his son, Aidan, who just turned 2 1/2 years old. All members of the television crew, from announcers to camera workers to engineers to the producer and director, donated their game fees to the fund. Additional proceeds, including gate receipts and fan donations, from all NEC games over the week-end were also earmarked for the fund. In addition, Wagner College pledged \$1,000 to the fund. Wagner College President, Dr. Richard Guarasci, and his wife Carin donated an additional \$500 in a ceremony prior to the game. Additional donations to the fund can be sent to: Aidan Robert Balut Scholarship Fund, PNC Bank, Church and Greentree Road, Marlton, NJ 08053.

Detrick Streak Comes To End For CCSU

Central Connecticut State's 17-game home regular season winning streak against NEC opponents was snapped in a 68-52 loss to Sacred Heart on December 6. The Blue Devils then dropped a second straight at Detrick Gymnasium two days later with a 60-59 defeat at the hands of Mount St. Mary's. It marked CCSU's first back-to-back home losses to conference opponents since St. Francis (NY) and Monmouth came away victorious at the end of the 2004-05 season. The NEC record for consecutive regular season conference home wins is 21, established by Marist from 1985-87.

All-Around Phenom: RMU's Lee Hits Historic Milestone

When Robert Morris senior guard **Tony Lee (Boston, MA/Charlestown)** recorded his 200th career steal in an 88-61 win over Florida International on November 29, he became just the second player in NEC history to reach the 1,000-point, 500-rebound, 250-assist, 200-steal milestone for his career. Lee, a second team all-NEC selection a year ago, has boosted his career totals to 1,150 points, 590 rebounds, 334 assists and 204 steals. The only other player to hit each of the four benchmarks was former Mount St. Mary's star guard Gregory Harris, who totaled 1,760 points, 615 boards, 529 assists and 205 steals from 1996-00.

Lee is already one of just six players - and first to turn the trick in his junior year - to reach the 1,000-point, 500-rebound, 250-assist career plateaus. Lee is joined in the elite group by Harris, Sacred Heart's Jarrid Frye (1,287 points, 524 rebounds and 276 assists from 2003-07), Quinnipiac's Kason Mims (1,335 points, 548 rebounds, 453 assists from 2000-04), Central Connecticut State's Dean Walker (1,196 points, 549 rebounds and 284 assists from 1997-01) and Monmouth's William Lewis (1,517 points, 514 rebounds and 271 assists from 1988-92).

One of Nation's Oldest Rivalries Renewed

When Mount St. Mary's and Loyola (MD) tipped off on December 3 in Emmitsburg, it marked the 162nd meeting between the two schools. With a 70-58 victory over the Greyhounds, the Mount holds a 94-68 advantage in a series that dates back to 1910 and is the longest running Division I rivalry in the state of Maryland. 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.

Another Day In Paradise For Monmouth

After stunning Wichita State (Missouri Valley Conference) on November 17, it took all of 48 hours for the Hawks to strike again, downing Charlotte (Atlantic-10) in overtime, 58-56, on November 19 in the final game of the Paradise Jam, which was held in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands. The Hawks finished fourth in the tournament with a 2-1 record, ahead of Notre Dame, Charlotte, Wichita State and Illinois-Chicago.

Monmouth junior guard **Whitney Coleman (Salem, CT/East Lyme)** was the hero against Charlotte, scoring on a back-door layup off a feed from sophomore guard **Jhamar Youngblood (Newark, NJ/St. Patrick's)** with 18.3 seconds remaining in regulation to tie things up. With the Hawks trailing by one in overtime, he hit a three-pointer with 10.1 seconds left on the clock for the win. The buckets were the only two in the game for Coleman, who finished 2-10 from the floor.

Monmouth is now 4-2 in its two trips to the Paradise Jam. In 2003, the Hawks defeated Appalachian State and Hampton. Both losses came to Big East schools (Boston College and Notre Dame). The Hawks' last win over an Atlantic-10 team had come in 1994, when the Hawks beat Saint Joseph's on a neutral court in Casper, Wyoming. Monmouth's last win over a Missouri Valley Conference member came in 2005 when the Blue and White defeated Southern Illinois in the Great Alaska Shootout.

NEC Preseason Poll/All-NEC Team

Preseason All-NEC Team

The preseason all-NEC team is comprised of five returning all-stars: Quinnipiac senior guard **DeMario Anderson (Oxon Hill, MD/Oxon Hill (CCSU, Globe Institute))**, Central Connecticut State senior guard **Tristan Blackwood (Toronto, Canada/Eastern Commerce)**, St. Francis (NY) senior for-

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NEC In NCAA Statistics

(Top-30 - thru games of December 2)

Ind. Category	Rank	Player	School	Statistics
Scoring	14th	Manny Ubilla	FDU	22.0 ppg
FG%	29th	Jeremy Chappell	Robert Morris	.605
Rebounds	9h	Durell Vinson	Wagner	10.9 rpg
Assists	9th	Tony Lee	Robert Morris	7.1 apg
Steals	2nd	Jeremy Chappell	Robert Morris	3.7 spg
	10th	Tony Lee	Robert Morris	3.0 spg
	19th	Jeremy Goode	Mount St. Mary's	2.7 spg
	21st	Marcus Williams	St. Francis (NY)	2.7 spg
	23rd	Jhamar Youngblood	Monmouth	2.6 spg
3PFG Made	15th	Tristan Blackwood	CCSU	3.7/game
FT%	19th	Kyle Johnson	Long Island	.917

Team Category	Rank	School	Statistics
FT%	18th	FDU	.763
Assists	19th	Robert Morris	18.0 apg
Steals	10th	Robert Morris	11.1 spg

Ind. Game Highs	Rank	Player	School	Statistics
FG%	12th	Jeremy Chappell	RMU	.846 (11-13) vs. Fordham (12/2)
	16th	Durell Vinson	WC	.833 (10-12) vs. Lafayette (11/9)
FT%	1st	Kyle Johnson	LIU	1.000 (10-10) vs. Columbia (11/20)

Team Game Highs	Rank	School	Statistics
Points	27th	Robert Morris	107 vs. Seton Hall (11/18)
3PFG%	1st	Robert Morris	.706 (12-17) vs. FIU (11/29)
3PFG Made	13th	Long Island	16 vs. Hartford (12/1)

ward **Robert Hines (Trenton, NJ/St. Patrick's (Arizona Western CC))**, Robert Morris senior forward **A.J. Jackson (Monessen, PA/Monessen (E. Tennessee St.))** and Robert Morris senior guard **Tony Lee (Boston, MA/Charlestown)**. Blackwood was an all-NEC first team selection a year ago, while Anderson, Hines, Jackson and Lee were all second team picks.

Sacred Heart Tops NEC Preseason Poll

On the heels of a thrilling run to the NEC title game a year ago, Sacred Heart was selected as the 2007-08 NEC men's basketball preseason favorite, according to a vote of the league's head coaches. The preseason rankings, along with the league's preseason all-conference team, were announced during a media teleconference with coaches this afternoon as a prelude to the NEC's 27th season.

Sacred Heart received eight first place votes from NEC head coaches, who were not permitted to vote for their own team. The Pioneers beat out Robert Morris, which received the remaining three first place votes.

Despite losing a number of key players to graduation - including 2006-07 NEC Player of the Year Javier Mojica - CCSU will attempt to become the first team since Rider in 1993 and 1994 to repeat as NEC champions.

This year marks the first time that Sacred Heart has been selected the NEC's preseason favorite by head coaches. In their previous eight years in the league, the Pioneers had never been picked higher than seventh in the poll (2002-03).

NEC Preseason Poll

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

NEC Preseason Notes

Wagner's 500 Club

Considering the team's experience factor, Wagner could emerge as an NEC title contender in 2007-08. The Seahawks return five double-digit scorers, all of whom have compiled more than 500 career points, including senior guard **Mark Porter (Atlantic City, NJ/St. Augustine Prep)**, the league's second-leading returning scorer with 1,072 points. He is joined by senior forward/center **Durell Vinson (Vineland, NJ/St. Augustine Prep)** (723 points), senior forward **James Ulrich (Mt. Laurel, NJ/Camden Catholic)** (714), junior swingman **Jamal Smith (Baltimore, MD/Towson Catholic)** (573) and junior guard **Joey Mundweiler (Olathe, KS/Olathe East)** (534). Dating back to the 1986-87 season, Wagner is believed to be the first NEC team to begin a year with five 500-point scorers. The Seahawks are also the first conference team to bring back five double figure scorers since Wagner returned the quintet of Jermaine Hall, Chris Jackson, Jeff Klauder, Dedrick Dye and Hassan Wilkerson in 2000-01.

CCSU & Monmouth Establish Winning Conference Tradition

Since the turn of the millennium, Central Connecticut State and Monmouth have proven to be the dominant forces in men's basketball in the NEC. The two programs have won six of the eight NEC titles since 2000 with each school claiming three apiece. CCSU won it all in 2000, 2002 and 2007, while Monmouth took home conference championships in 2001, 2004 and 2006. The only other schools to capture NEC championships during this span were Wagner (2003) and Fairleigh Dickinson (2005).

Monmouth Breaks Ground On New Athletic Facility

On the heels of Long Island and Quinnipiac opening new facilities over the past two years, Monmouth broke ground this past September on a new \$57 million, 152,400 square-foot Multi-purpose Activity Center (MAC). The MAC, which will serve students, faculty, employees, alumni and residents of the local community, is slated to contain a multi-purpose gymnasium with 4,100 installed seats and a 200 meter, six-lane indoor track. The new building will also be home to the University Bookstore, the Monmouth University Athletics Hall of Fame, home and opposing locker rooms, educational and administrative areas, a new Varsity Club, and a new Fitness Center. Construction on the MAC is expected to be completed in time for the start of the 2009-10 basketball season.

Colonials' Terrific Trio

With three returning players who have combined for 2,785 career points, Robert Morris' **Tony Lee (Boston, MA/Charlestown)** (1,026 points), **A.J. Jackson (Monessen, PA/Monessen (E. Tennessee St.))** (947) and **Jeremy Chappell (Cincinnati, OH/Northwest)** (812) have a chance to be the first NEC trio since the 2003-04 season to finish a year with a total of 4,000 points. That year, Wagner seniors Jermaine Hall (2,278) and Dedrick Dye (1,349), along with junior Courtney Pritchard (861) amassed 4,488 career points by season's end. Each of the three returning starters for the Colonials ranked in the NEC top-12 in scoring a year ago, with Jackson finishing third in the conference with 16.9 ppg. Lee was seventh with 15.9 ppg, while Chappell stood 12th with 14.4 ppg. The combined 47.2 ppg is the highest of any returning threesome in the league, far outdistancing the 42.2 ppg from Wagner's **Durell Vinson (Vineland, NJ/St. Augustine Prep)** (15.2 ppg in 2005-06), **Mark Porter (Atlantic City, NJ/St. Augustine Prep)** (13.8 ppg) and **James Ulrich (Mt. Laurel, NJ/Camden Catholic)** (13.2 ppg).

Back-To-Back Quest Continues

It has now been 13 years since an NEC program captured back-to-back conference tournament titles. Not since 1993 and 1994 when Rider claimed league crowns has a program been able to turn the trick, though Fairleigh Dickinson came within seconds of pulling it off before falling to Monmouth on a last second shot in the 2006 NEC title game.

Reaching The Playoffs

Below is a look at each of the 11 NEC school's success rate in reaching the conference tournament over the last five years.

Qualified For NEC Tournament • Last Five Years (2003-07)

All 5 Years: Central Connecticut State, Fairleigh Dickinson

4 Years: Monmouth, Robert Morris, St. Francis (NY), Wagner

3 Years: Long Island, Mount St. Mary's, Quinnipiac, Saint Francis (PA)

2 Years: Mount St. Mary's, Sacred Heart

RMU's Lee Joins Historical Sextet

By boosting his career totals to 1,026 points, 526 rebounds and 270 assists last season, Robert Morris do-it-all senior guard **Tony Lee (Boston, MA/Charlestown)** became the sixth player in league history - and first to turn the trick in his junior year - to reach the 1,000-point, 500-rebound, 250-assist milestone. Lee is joined in the elite group by Sacred Heart's Jarrid Frye (1,287 points, 524 rebounds and 276 assists from 2003-07), Quinnipiac's Kason Mims (1,335 points, 548 rebounds, 453 assists from 2000-04), CCSU'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).

Bombs Away For Blackwood

Talk about a two-way threat. CCSU senior guard **Tristan Blackwood (Toronto, Canada/Eastern Commerce)** was not only named NEC Co-Defensive Player of the Year last season, but also took center stage as a long distance shooter, shattering the single-season conference record for three pointers that had stood for nine seasons. With 122 treys, Blackwood eclipsed the mark of 116 set by Long Island's Charles Jones during the 1997-98 campaign. He drilled six or more trifectas on ten

occasions last season and ended the year ranked fourth in the country with 3.6 per contest. He also led the NEC and placed fourth nationally by hitting 92.4 percent of his free throw attempts.

Sacred Shooters

Sacred Heart, which led the NEC in scoring and ranked 17th nationally with 78.5 ppg, gave teams fits last season with its arsenal of three-point shooters, all of whom return in 2007-08. Senior guard **Luke Granato (Rocky Hill, CT/Northwest Catholic)** led the pack and finished fifth in the conference with 71 trifectas. His 39.9 percent success rate was the seventh-best mark in the NEC. Sophomore guard **Ryan Litke (Windsor, CT/Windsor)** had little trouble adjusting to the collegiate game last season, ending the year third in the league in three-point percentage (.431) and 11th in made three-pointers (62). Sophomore guard **Chauncey Hardy (Middletown, CT/Xavier)**, who was named to the NEC all-Rookie team a year ago, sank 39 treys on the year and finished second on the circuit in accuracy by hitting at a 43.8 percent clip. Senior guard **Drew Shubik (Stoystown, PA/North Star)** rounds out the returning quartet of long distance bombers. Last season he hit 39 from outside the arc and made 37.4 percent of his attempts. The Pioneers' will feature yet another weapon this year with the addition of sophomore guard **Corey Hassan (Merrimack, NH/Merrimack)**. Hassan, a 2005-06 America East all-Rookie selection at Boston University, hit 67 three-pointers as a freshman.

NEC Newcomers

Both Quinnipiac and Robert Morris will sport new looks on the sidelines this season. Quinnipiac introduced longtime UConn assistant **Tom Moore** as the school's sixth head coach in March. Moore, who spent the past 13 years as an assistant to Jim Calhoun and was part of national championship teams in 1999 and 2004, has recruited or coached a number of NBA players, including Ray Allen, Richard Hamilton, Emeka Okafor and Ben Gordon. Robert Morris announced **Mike Rice** as the seventh head coach in program history in April. Rice brings a vast background in collegiate coaching to the Colonials, having served as an assistant coach at alma mater Fordham (1991-94), Marquette (1994-97), Niagara (1997-98), Chicago State (1998-2001), Saint Joseph's (2004-06) and Pittsburgh (2006-07). Last season the Pittsburgh native served as Jamie Dixon's top assistant at Pitt, and helped lead the Panthers to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament.

RMU Quickest To 10

Robert Morris became the quickest team to reach ten victories in league history with its 64-48 win over CCSU on January 6, 2007. The Colonials (10-3) reached the plateau one day earlier than previous record holder CCSU, which reached double digits in victories with a 10-4 mark on January 7, 1999.

CCSU In The Spotlight

Over the last seven seasons, Central Connecticut State has had an affinity for the bright lights, specifically when featured as part of the NEC Network's television package. The Blue Devils have posted a 25-4 record in league produced games since the 1998-99 season, including a 4-0 mark in 2006-07. From January, 1999 to February, 2003, CCSU won 12 straight televised games, excluding any locally produced or national broadcasts.

RMU's Record Breaking Non-Conference Season

Robert Morris finished its 2006-07 regular season with an outstanding 8-1 mark against non-league opposition, including a win at Marshall and a home triumph over Duquesne. As a result, the Colonials set a new league record with an .889 winning percentage against out-of-conference rivals. Robert Morris broke the 7-2 mark (.778) established by Marist in 1995-96 and matched in 2005-06 by Wagner. Monmouth (1991-92) and Saint Francis (PA) (1990-91) still hold the NEC single-season record for non-league victories with nine apiece. Robert Morris' eight wins outside the conference also equaled the most ever for the Colonials in 31 years of Division I ball. The Colonials previously went 8-4 during the 1989-90 season and 8-6 during the 1982-83 campaign.

Best Non-Conference Records In NEC History (* won NEC title)

Robert Morris	8-1	.889	2006-07
Wagner	7-2	.778	2005-06
Marist	7-2	.778	1995-96
Monmouth	9-3	.750	1991-92
Monmouth	8-3	.727	1990-91
Long Island	8-3	.727	1986-87
CCSU*	7-3	.700	1999-00
Saint Francis (PA)	7-3	.700	1997-98
Quinnipiac	6-3	.667	2002-03
CCSU	6-3	.667	1998-99
Robert Morris*	8-4	.667	1989-90
Fairleigh Dickinson*	8-4	.667	1987-88

Top Returning Scoring Duos

The NEC will feature four schools with duos that combined to score at least 25.0 ppg last season. Topping the list is the Robert Morris combination of A.J. Jackson and Tony Lee. The duo, led by Jackson's 16.9 ppg, combined for 32.8 ppg in 2006-07.

School	Player	PPG	Player	PPG	Total PPG
RMU	A.J. Jackson	16.9	Tony Lee	15.9	32.8
WC	Durell Vinson*	15.2	Mark Porter	13.8	29.0
SFNY	Robert Hines	16.5	Jamaal Womack	10.6	27.1
FDU	Cameron Tyler	14.3	Manny Ubilla	11.9	26.2

* 2005-06 statistics

FDU To Participate In NIT Season Tip-Off

Fairleigh Dickinson will become the second NEC school to participate in the revamped NIT Season Tip-Off that guarantees each school at least two games. The Knights will participate in the East region bracket, taking on Saint Joseph's in its season opener at the Carrier Dome on November 12. FDU will then meet either host Syracuse or Siena in the second round on November 13. Other NEC teams competing in in-season tournaments include Monmouth at the Paradise Jam in the Virgin Islands from November 16-19, Robert Morris at the Philadelphia Classic on November 23-24 and Long Island at the Central Florida Tournament on December 30-31.

Ball Hawks

Utilizing its trademark matchup-zone, Monmouth perennially ranks among the league leaders in scoring defense. In fact, Monmouth has led the NEC in the category in 13 of the last 18 years, including the last four in a row and six out of the last seven. In 2005-06, the Hawks yielded a league-low 63.4 ppg. Monmouth also ranked first in the conference in field goal percentage defense, which at 39.3 percent was the second lowest single-season mark in NEC annals behind CCSU's 38.3 percent figure in 1999-00. On December 14, in the lowest scoring Division I game since the introduction of the three-point line for the 1986-87 season, Monmouth held Princeton to just 21 points in a 41-21 victory.