

NORTHEAST CONFERENCE



Following a successful 20th anniversary season, the Northeast Conference looks forward to the next cycle in its evolution as a competitive NCAA Division I mid-major conference. Sporting a rich tradition, the NEC and its member institutions remain

committed to both athletic and academic excellence, and enter the 21st century as leaders and innovators in intercollegiate athletics.

Over the course of the last 20 years, the NEC's evolution from a men's basketball only league to a burgeoning 12-member, 21-sport conference in the year 2000 is an unparalleled success story. Founded in 1981 as the ECAC-Metro Conference, the league began sponsoring additional sports in 1985 and changed its name to the Northeast Conference in 1988. As membership and sport sponsorship continued to grow over the next decade, the NEC expanded its base to five states and now has access to NCAA automatic bids in eight sports.

Though the NEC has featured various incarnations since its inception, charter members Fairleigh Dickinson, Long Island, Robert Morris, St. Francis (N.Y.), Saint Francis (Pa.) and Wagner remain part of the current 12-school alignment. They are joined by Monmouth (1985), Mount St. Mary's (1989), Central Connecticut State (1997), UMBC (1998), Quinnipiac (1998) and Sacred Heart (1999). NEC expansion, which culminated in 1999 with the addition of Sacred Heart, has given the league a strong base in Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

With the addition of four sports over the last two years, the 12 NEC members now compete in 21 championship sports: baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, women's field hockey, football, men's and women's golf, men's and women's indoor track and field, women's lacrosse, men's and women's outdoor track and field, men's and women's soccer, softball, women's swimming, men's and women's tennis, and women's volleyball.

As only the second full-time commissioner in NEC history, the hiring of John Iamarino on April 7, 1997 signaled the dawn of a new era in the conference. In just three years, Iamarino has orchestrated the transition from nine league schools to 12; and sports sponsorship from 17 to 21. He unveiled a new NEC logo to wide acclaim in June, 1997, spearheaded the move of NEC Championships to top-notch venues such as the Sovereign Bank Arena in Trenton, New Jersey (men's and women's basketball), The Sandcastle in Atlantic City, N.J. (baseball), and the P.G. County Sports Center in Landover, Md. (indoor track), initiated a new football financial aid initiative for the 2000 season and has aggressively stepped up the league's marketing and merchandising efforts.

By embracing the future, Iamarino has succeeded in widening the NEC's exposure on a national basis through the launch of a comprehensive league website, in addition to implementing television and internet radio packages for men's and women's basketball. In 2000-2001, the NEC was featured as part of a 13-game basketball television package on

MSG Network, Fox Sports - New York, Fox Sports - Pittsburgh and Home Team Sports (HTS). In addition to ten regular season broadcasts, two men's tournament contests and the women's championship game were also televised. ESPN broadcast the men's championship game for the 15th straight year. In 1999-2000, Iamarino also initiated a live basketball Internet Game of the Week on Yahoo! Broadcast to link NEC fans nationwide. The games were well received, and the NEC plans to add an internet football package in 2000.

The NEC continued to elevate its athletic status nationally last season, earning NCAA automatic bids in baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's golf, men's and women's tennis and women's volleyball. In one of the season's most gripping contests, Monmouth's men's basketball team overcame a 20-point second half deficit to defeat St. Francis (N.Y.) and win the NEC Tournament before a national television audience. The Hawks went on to face eventual national champion Duke in the first round of NCAA competition. Another terrific story involved the Long Island women's basketball team, which overcame a sub-.500 regular season to capture the NEC women's crown and earn a meeting with #1 UConn in the NCAA tourney. Robert Morris won its fifth straight NEC football title, ended the season with a 17-game winning streak and earned status as the nation's top-ranked mid-major program for the second consecutive year. St. Francis (Pa.) became only the third school in NEC history to secure the league's unofficial "Triple Crown", joining EDU (1991-92) and Mount St. Mary's (1996-97) as winners of the NEC men's cross country, indoor track and outdoor track titles in the same school year. Not to be outdone, UMBC won its third consecutive women's tennis championship and took home its second straight men's crown.

The 2000-2001 academic year also boasted a strong balance between athletic feats and academic achievements of NEC student-athletes. It was a banner year for Monmouth athletes as Jon Kalnas (indoor shot put) and Joe Madden (hammer throw) each earned their first All-American accolade. Jason Law became the first NEC baseball player to awarded first team All-American honors, while Greg Landis was named Verizon Academic All-American in baseball.

NEC QUICK FACTS

FOUNDED	1981 (known as ECAC Metro Conference until 1988)
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL MEMBERS	Central Connecticut State University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Long Island University, University of Maryland-Baltimore County, Monmouth University, Mount St. Mary's College, Quinnipiac University, Robert Morris College, Sacred Heart University, St. Francis (N.Y.) College, Saint Francis (Pa.) University, Wagner College



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FINAL STANDINGS

School	-NEC-		-OVERALL-				
	NEC	PCT.	Overall	Pct.	Home	Away	Neut.
1. Mount St. Mary's	13-5	.722	15-14	.517	8-3	5-8	2-3
2. Quinnipiac	12-6	.667	16-13	.552	8-4	7-8	1-1
3. Long Island	11-7	.611	16-15	.516	10-2	3-13	3-0
Sacred Heart	11-7	.611	15-14	.517	7-5	6-8	2-1
UMBC	11-7	.611	13-15	.464	7-4	6-8	0-3
6. Central Conn. St.	10-8	.556	14-13	.519	6-5	6-8	2-0
Monmouth	10-8	.556	14-13	.519	11-2	3-11	0-0
Wagner	10-8	.556	13-15	.464	10-3	3-10	0-2
Fairleigh Dickinson	10-8	.556	11-17	.393	6-6	5-9	0-2
10. St. Francis (Pa.)	8-10	.444	9-18	.333	5-7	3-11	1-0
11. St. Francis (N.Y.)	2-16	.111	2-25	.074	2-9	0-13	0-3
12. Robert Morris	0-18	.000	3-24	.111	1-11	0-13	2-0

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Quarterfinals - Trenton, N.J. (Sovereign Bank Arena)

- (3) Long Island 77, (6) Wagner 66
 (2) Quinnipiac 81, (7) Fairleigh Dickinson 73
 (5) Sacred Heart 69, (4) UMBC 54

Semifinals - Trenton, N.J. (Sovereign Bank Arena)

- (1) Mount St. Mary's 50, (5) Sacred Heart 45
 (3) Long Island 80, (2) Quinnipiac 74 - OT

Championship - Trenton, N.J. (Sovereign Bank Arena)

- (3) Long Island 70, (1) Mount St. Mary's 61

WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Nov. 20	Colleen Klopp, QUINN
Nov. 27	Kia Williams, MSM
Dec. 4	MICHELLE CAPPADONA, MON
Dec. 11	Shalayna Johnson, UMBC
Dec. 18	Eileen Battagliese, CCSU
Jan. 2	Eileen Battagliese, CCSU
Jan. 8	Kia Williams, MSM
Jan. 15	Brooke Kelly, SHU
Jan. 22	Kia Williams, MSM
Jan. 29	MICHELLE CAPPADONA, MON
Feb. 5	Tamika Dudley, LIU
Feb. 12	Carlin Chesick, SFPA
Feb. 19	Kim Mac Millan, LIU
Feb. 26	Jessie Brown, UMBC

ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Katie Keilty, QUINN
Beth Foster, MSM
Caitlin O'Malley, SFNY
Latitia Williams, SFPA
Carrie Walker, WC
Tonjee Ward, SFPA
Jessica Brookes, LIU
Natalia Marchanka, FDU
Adrienne Harris, MSM
Jessica Brookes, LIU
Latitia Williams, SFPA
Ashley Linscott, SHU
Carrie Walker, WC
Ashlee Kelly, QUINN

NORTHEAST CONFERENCE POST-SEASON HONORS

Player of the Year

Kia Williams, Mount St. Mary's

Rookie of the Year

Carrie Walker, Wagner

Defensive Player of the Year

MICHELLE CAPPADONA, MONMOUTH

Coach of the Year

Tricia Sacca-Fabbri, Quinnipiac

FIRST TEAM

MICHELLE CAPPADONA	MON
Tamika Dudley	LIU
Kim Mac Millan	LIU
Kia Williams	MSM
Qualisha Zyhier	CCSU

SECOND TEAM

Jessie Brown	UMBC
Carlin Chesick	SHU
Kim Misiaszek	QUINN
AMANDA ROSATO	MON
Karen Tiedemann	FDU

ALL-ROOKIE TEAM

Jessica Brookes	LIU
Adrienne Harris	MSM
Natalia Marchanka	FDU
Carrie Walker	WC
Latitia Williams	SFPA

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Colleen Klopp	QUINN
Kia Williams	MSM
Angleica Stec	LIU
Kim Mac Millan	LIU
Tamika Dudley (MVP)	LIU



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NORTHEAST CONFERENCE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

March 2-3, 9, 2002



Knott Arena in Emmitsburg, Maryland will play host to the first and second rounds of the 2002 NEC Women's Basketball Tournament.

The Northeast Conference will hold the first and second rounds of its women's postseason tournament at Knott Arena in Emmitsburg, Md., on the campus of Mount St. Mary's College. The top eight seeds face off in the first round on March 2, with four squads advancing to the second round on the 3rd. The Championship game will be held on the campus site of the highest remaining seed on Saturday, March 9.

The women's basketball championship game will again be broadcast as part of the NEC's MSG-TV Basketball package. For the fifth straight year, NEC fans will have the opportunity to watch the live action on Saturday, March 9, at 5 p.m.

2002 NEC Championship Schedule

March 2	March 3	March 9
12:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m. NCAA Tournament Automatic Bid
2:30 p.m.		
March 2	4:00 p.m.	
5:30 p.m.		
8:00 p.m.		

Past NEC Champions

2001	Long Island	1993	Mount St. Mary's
2000	St. Francis (Pa.)	1992	Fairleigh Dickinson
1999	St. Francis (Pa.)	1991	Robert Morris
1998	St. Francis (Pa.)	1990	Fairleigh Dickinson
1997	St. Francis (Pa.)	1989	Wagner
1996	St. Francis (Pa.)	1988	Robert Morris
1995	Mount St. Mary's	1987	Monmouth
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2000	vs. Long Island [quarterfinal at Monmouth]	L, 59-68
1999	vs. St. Francis (Pa.) [final at Wagner]	L, 76-88
	vs. Mount St. Mary's [semifinal at Wagner]	W, 76-66
	vs. UMBC [quarterfinal at Wagner]	W, 69-67
1998	vs. Wagner [quarterfinal at St. Francis (Pa.)]	L, 58-68
1997	at St. Francis (Pa.) (final)	L, 56-69
	WAGNER [semifinal]	W, 60-54
	ST. FRANCIS (N.Y.) [quarterfinal]	W, 64-50
1996	at Mount St. Mary's [semifinal]	L, 46-74
	at Wagner [quarterfinal]	W, 63-56
1995	at St. Francis (Pa.) [semifinal]	L, 55-68
	ROBERT MORRIS [quarterfinal]	W, 71-54
1994	at St. Francis (Pa.) [semifinal]	L, 78-92
	LONG ISLAND [quarterfinal]	W, 82-63
1993	vs. Mount St. Mary's [semifinal at Fairleigh Dickinson]	L, 63-74
	at Rider [quarterfinal]	W, 67-64
1991	vs. Wagner [semifinal at Mount St. Mary's]	L, 64-70
1989	vs. Robert Morris [semifinal at Wagner]	L, 61-69

1988	LOYOLA (MD.) [quarterfinal]	W, 56-53
	ROBERT MORRIS [final]	L, 60-63
	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON [semifinal]	W, 67-51
1987	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON [final]	W, 92-65
	ST. FRANCIS (N.Y.) [semifinal]	W, 92-70

Team	--COMPOSITE RECORDS--		Last Meeting
	W	L	
Fairleigh Dickinson	2	0	1988
Loyola (Md.)	1	0	1989
Long Island	1	1	2000
UMBC	1	0	1999
Mount St. Mary's	1	2	1999
Rider	1	0	1992
Robert Morris	1	2	1995
St. Francis (N.Y.)	2	0	1997
St. Francis (Pa.)	0	4	1999
Wagner	2	2	1998



SERIES RECORDS

OPPONENT	W	L	PCT.	LAST GAME	OPPONENT	W	L	PCT.	LAST GAME
Adelphi	1	0	1.000	MU, 70-54	Mississippi State	0	1	.000	MSU, 97-62
Akron	0	1	.000	UA, 68-46	Montclair State	5	1	.833	MU, 61-49
American	0	3	.000	AM, 68-49	Morgan State	1	0	.1000	MU, 89-81
Arizona	0	1	.000	UA, 84-42	Mount St. Mary's	5	21	.192	MSM 82-69
Auburn	0	1	.000	AU, 80-48	Navy	0	1	.000	NA, 78-72
Baylor	1	0	1.000	MU, 71-65	North Carolina State	0	1	.000	NCS, 73-64
Bishop's	1	0	1.000	MU, 64-62	Northern Arizona	1	1	.500	NAU, 82-43
Boston U.	0	2	.000	BU, 95-65	Northern Illinois	0	1	.000	NI, 77-53
Brooklyn	1	1	.500	BC, 70-56	Northwestern	First Meeting			
Bucknell	2	1	.667	MU, 58-51	New York Tech	1	0	.000	MU, 77-60
UC Irvine	0	1	.000	CI, 69-57	Nicholls State	1	0	1.000	MU, 66-50
Central Conn. St.	3	5	.375	CCSU, 85-72	Ohio U.	0	1	.000	OU, 59-51
Central Florida	2	0	1.000	MU, 74-66	Penn State	0	1	.000	PSU, 97-57
Cheyney State	0	1	.000	CS, 107-35	Pittsburgh	0	1	.000	PITT, 61-49
Cleveland State	0	2	.000	CSU, 96-84 (OT)	Portland State	0	1	.000	PS, 80-69
Colgate	2	0	1.000	MU, 65-50	Providence	0	1	.000	PC, 78-39
Connecticut	1	0	1.000	MU, 83-64	Queens	7	1	.875	MU, 65-45
Cornell	1	2	.333	CU, 69-60	Quinnipiac	3	2	.600	QUIN, 89-72
Dartmouth	1	0	1.000	MU, 77-58	Rhode Island	0	3	.000	URI, 61-55(OT)
Dayton	1	0	1.000	MU, 76-65	Richmond	0	1	.000	UR, 67-54
Delaware	0	4	.000	UD, 76-54	Rider	14	6	.700	MU, 60-49
Denver	0	1	.000	DU, 78-60	Robert Morris	22	11	.666	MU, 101-89
District of Columbia	1	0	1.000	MU, 75-71(OT)	Rutgers	0	4	.000	RU, 81-67
Drexel	First Meeting				St. Francis (N.Y.)	31	4	.886	MU 63-45
Fairfield	1	4	.200	FU, 68-88	St. Francis (Pa.)	17	16	.515	SFPA, 73-62
Fairleigh Dickinson	27	14	.659	MU, 78-67	St. John Fisher	1	1	.500	MU, 68-64
Florida International	0	2	.000	FIU, 66-56	St. John's	0	1	.000	SJU, 67-60
Florida State	0	1	.000	FSU, 81-79	St. Mary's (Calif.)	0	2	.000	SM, 83-59
Florida Tech	0	1	.000	FT, 84-76	St. Peter's	3	4	.429	MU, 66-53
Fordham	2	3	.400	MU, 94-71	Sacred Heart	3	1	.750	MU, 63-61
Furman	0	1	.000	FU, 101-57	San Diego	0	1	.000	USD, 81-51
Georgetown	1	0	1.000	MU, 66-64	San Diego State	0	2	.000	SDS, 71-48
George Mason	0	1	.000	GMU, 70-63	Seton Hall	2	15	.118	SHU, 69-48
George Washington	2	1	.667	MU, 73-61	Siena	5	2	.714	MU, 92-73
Georgia Tech	0	2	.000	GT, 79-68	SIU-Edwardsville	1	0	1.000	MU, 71-59
Hofstra	6	5	.545	MU, 71-66 ot	Stanford	1	0	1.000	MU, 62-55
Iona	2	0	1.000	MU, 58-45	Stetson	1	0	1.000	MU, 72-68
James Madison	0	2	.000	JMU, 82-36	Stony Brook	0	2	.000	USB, 75-59
Kent	0	1	.000	KU, 83-45	Temple	1	2	.333	TU, 87-61
La Salle	0	2	.000	LU, 67-66	Tennessee Tech	0	1	.000	TTU, 71-36
Lehigh	3	0	1.000	MU, 76-75	Tennessee State	0	1	.000	TSU, 74-47
Long Island	29	10	.744	LIU, 85-84 ot	Texas-El Paso	0	1	.000	UTEP, 64-53
Loyola (Md.)	8	1	.889	MU, 56-53	UCLA	0	1	.000	UCLA, 81-62
Louisiana Monroe	1	0	1.000	MU, 66-47	Utica	0	1	.000	UC, 61-48
Louisville	0	1	.000	UL, 89-44	Valparaiso	1	0	1.000	MU, 69-60
Manhattan	4	7	.364	MC, 82-62	Va. Commonwealth	0	1	.000	VCU, 60-56
Marist	17	14	.548	MC, 62-58	Villanova	1	8	.111	VU, 82-47
Maryland	0	1	.000	UM, 65-63	Wagner	22	19	.537	WAG, 68-58
UMBC	5	2	.714	MU, 80-75	Wichita State	1	0	1.000	MU, 66-60
Marquette	0	1	.000	MU, 101-56	William & Mary	2	0	1.000	MU, 74-72
UM-Eastern Shore	1	0	1.000	MU, 79-62	<u>Wyoming</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>.000</u>	<u>WYO, 90-55</u>
Miami (Fla.)	0	1	.000	UM, 82-73	Division I Totals	282	252	.528	-----
Michigan State	First Meeting								
Minnesota	0	1	.000	UM, 71-54					

2001-02 opponents in bold

AMERICA EAST	6-11
ATLANTIC COAST	0-5
ATLANTIC 10	6-11
BIG EAST	6-30
BIG SKY	1-2
BIG SOUTH	0-0
BIG TEN	0-2
BIG 12	1-0
BIG WEST	0-1
COLONIAL	2-8
CONFERENCE USA	0-2
IVY LEAGUE	2-2
METRO ATLANTIC	54-38
MID-AMERICAN	0-4
MID-CONTINENT	1-0
MID-EASTERN	2-0
MIDWESTERN	0-2
MISSOURI VALLEY	1-0
MOUNTAIN WEST	0-3
NORTHEAST	147-127
OHIO VALLEY	0-2
PAC 10	1-2
PATRIOT	7-2
SOUTHEASTERN	0-2
SOUTHERN	0-1
SOUTHLAND	2-0
SUN BELT	0-3
SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC	0-0
TRANS AMERICAN	3-0
WEST COAST	0-3
WESTERN ATHLETIC	0-1
D I INDEPENDENTS	0-2
DIVISION II	3-2
DIVISION III	6-5
CANADIAN	1-0

All-Time series include only those games in which Monmouth has been a Division I program, starting in 1982-1983 season.

