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NEW ENGLAND COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

MEN'S BASKETBALL



PLAYER OF THE WEEK — Daniel Webster sophomore guard **Chris Hanson** (Salem, Mass.) led the Eagles to tie the all-time program record for wins in a season (16). Hanson steered Daniel Webster to a 3-0 week wrapping up conference play. He notched double figures in scoring all three contests, finishing the week with 29 points in a 90-59 defeat of Lesley. Earlier in the week, Hanson chipped in 15 points in a 70-63 victory over Wheelock and 24 points in an 85-70 Newbury win. For the three-game series, he went 54% (23-for-42) from the floor, 48% (16-for-33) from downtown and a perfect 100% (6-for-6) from the charity stripe.



ROOKIE OF THE WEEK — Wheelock freshman guard **Kyle Pierce** (Burlington, Mass.) averaged 16.3 points, 5.3 rebounds and 3.7 assists per game helping Wheelock defeat Southern Vermont 97-91 and Mitchell 74-68 while also succumbing to Daniel Webster 70-63. He opened up the week scoring 14 points against the Eagles and 13 points against the Mountaineers and came back to tally a week-high 22 points against the Mariners. Over the three-game span, Pierce shot 50% (16-for-32) from the floor and a 66% (2-for-3) from behind the arc, and a blazing 100% (15-for-15) from the free-throw line.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



PLAYER OF THE WEEK — Mitchell College junior guard **Jen Iglesias** (Windsor, Conn.) guided her team to the #1 seed in the NECC Women's Basketball tournament with a phenomenal final 4-0 week of action. Iglesias started the week with a team-high 29 points in a 67-52 win over Coast Guard in non-conference action. Later in the week, the Iglesias-led Mariners defeated Bay Path 64-44 and Wheelock 65-35. In their final conference match-up against top ranked Lesley, Iglesias hammered down 20 points en-route to defeating Lesley finishing NECC play tied with a 14-2 conference record. For the four-game series, she shot 44 % (27-for-62) from the floor, 39% (11-for-28) from behind the arc and 66% (4-for-6) from the line.



ROOKIE OF THE WEEK — Southern Vermont freshman guard **Joa Claircius** (Clermont, Fla.) averaged 21.7 points, 5.0 rebounds and 3.7 steals per game helping the Mountaineers to a 1-2 final conference week. She scored 45% of Southern Vermont's points in a 30-point effort against Wheelock, guiding her team to a 66-64 victory. Over the three-game span, Claircius shot 37% (26-for-71) from the field, 29% (4-for-14) from downtown and 75% (9-for-12) from the charity stripe.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL



PLAYER OF THE WEEK — Elms College sophomore outside hitter **Alberto Bravo** (Toa Baja, P.R.) tallied 70 kills, 25 digs and ten blocks while hitting a .386 attack percentage in a tough 2-3 week. The Blazers defeated NECC opponent Southern Vermont and Johnson & Wales both 3-0, while they fell to Nazareth and Philadelphia Biblical in six straight sets. Elms was able to take #3 ranked Vassar to a full five sets falling 3-2, where Bravo had a week-high 36 kills and chipped in 10 service aces. For the week, Bravo averaged 5.83 kills per set, 2.08 digs per set and 0.25 service aces per set.



PLAYER OF THE WEEK — For the third straight week, Elms College freshman outside hitter **Sequiel Sanchez Velez** (San Sebastian, P.R.) nabs the NECC Men's Volleyball Rookie of the Week honors. Sanchez Velez tallied 60 kills, 42 digs, ten aces and nine blocks. The Blazers finished 2-3 on the week. Over the five-match span, Sanchez Velez tallied a .261 attack percentage, 4.29 assists per set, 3.00 digs per set, 0.71 aces per set and 0.64 blocks per set.

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NECC MEN'S BASKETBALL UPDATE (through February 22, 2009)

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16
Coast Guard 76, Mitchell 50

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
Daniel Webster 70, Wheelock 63
Becker 78, Newbury 62
Elms 98, Southern Vermont 73
Lesley 69, Mitchell 67 (OT)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Becker 83, Mitchell 69
Daniel Webster 85, Newbury 70
Elms 90, Lesley 59
Wheelock 97, Southern Vermont 91

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
Wheelock 74, Mitchell 68
Daniel Webster 90, Lesley 59
Elms 108, Newbury 86
Becker 84, Southern Vermont 72

NECC MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

	NECC Games			Overall		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Elms	14	0	1.000	24	1	.960
Becker	11	3	.786	18	7	.720
Daniel Webster	10	4	.714	16	8	.667
Wheelock	7	7	.500	9	16	.360
Mitchell	4	10	.286	8	17	.320
Newbury	4	10	.286	7	18	.280
Southern Vermont	4	10	.286	7	18	.280
Lesley	2	12	.143	5	20	.200

NECC MEN'S BASKETBALL WEEKLY HONOR ROLL (Week Ending February 22, 2009)

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

	GP	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	REBS. (O-D-TOT)	PER GAME AVERAGES				
						PTS	REB	AST	BLK	STL
Chris Hanson, DWC (So., G)	3	23-42	16-33	6-6	0-11-11	22.7	3.7	3.0	0.0	1.3

Hanson led the Eagles to tie the all-time program record for wins in a season (16). Hanson steered Daniel Webster to a 3-0 week wrapping up conference play. He notched double figures in scoring all three contests, finishing the week with 29 points in a 90-59 defeat of Lesley. Earlier in the week, Hanson chipped in 15 points in a 70-63 victory over Wheelock and 24 points in an 85-70 Newbury win. For the three-game series, he went 54% (23-for-42) from the floor, 48% (16-for-33) from downtown and a perfect 100% (6-for-6) from the charity stripe.

OTHER NOMINEES

	GP	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	REBS. (O-D-TOT)	PER GAME AVERAGES				
						PTS	REB	AST	BLK	STL
Juan Galdon, EC (Jr., G)	3	17-27	8-14	4-6	5-6-11	15.3	0.7	3.7	0.0	1.7
Joe Karnik, SVC (Jr., F)	3	24-39	0-0	22-34	20-22-42	23.3	14.0	1.0	2.3	1.3
Nigel Robinson, LU (So., G)	3	22-42	7-15	3-6	3-8-11	18.0	3.7	2.0	0.0	1.0

ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

	GP	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	REBS. (O-D-TOT)	PER GAME AVERAGES				
						PTS	REB	AST	BLK	STL
Kyle Pierce, WC (Fr., G)	3	16-32	2-3	15-15	3-13-16	16.3	5.3	3.6	0.0	0.6

Pierce averaged 16.3 points, 5.3 rebounds and 3.7 assists per game helping Wheelock defeat Southern Vermont 97-91 and Mitchell 74-68 while also succumbing to Daniel Webster 70-63. He opened up the week scoring 14 points against the Eagles and 13 points against the Mountaineers and came back to tally a week-high 22 points against the Mariners. Over the three-game span, Pierce shot 50% (16-for-32) from the floor and a 66% (2-for-3) from behind the arc, and a blazing 100% (15-for-15) from the free-throw line.

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NECC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL UPDATE (through February 22, 2009)

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

NECC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

	NECC Games			Overall		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Mitchell	14	2	.875	16	9	.640
Lesley	14	2	.875	15	10	.600
Elms	12	4	.750	14	11	.560
Daniel Webster	10	6	.625	15	10	.600
Becker	10	6	.625	14	11	.560
Newbury	5	11	.312	5	20	.200
Southern Vermont	4	12	.250	6	19	.240
Wheelock	2	14	.125	2	23	.080
Bay Path	1	15	.062	3	22	.120

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Mitchell 67, Coast Guard 52

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Mitchell 64, Bay Path 44
 Daniel Webster 66, Wheelock 61
 Becker 77, Newbury 56
 Elms 67, Southern Vermont 44

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Becker 57, Bay Path 51
 Daniel Webster 53, Newbury 33
 Lesley 67, Elms 56
 Southern Vermont 66, Wheelock 64

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Mitchell 65, Wheelock 35
 Lesley 61, Daniel Webster 50
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 Becker 67, Southern Vermont 58

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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NECC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL WEEKLY HONOR ROLL (Week Ending February 22, 2009)

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

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						PTS	REB	AST	BLK	STL
Jen Iglesias, MC (Jr., G)	4	27-62	11-28	4-6	2-5-7	20.7	1.3	4.7	0.0	1.0

Iglesias guided her team to the #1 seed in the NECC Women's Basketball tournament with a phenomenal final 4-0 week of action. Iglesias started the week with a team-high 29 points in a 67-52 win over Coast Guard in non-conference action. Later in the week, the Iglesias-led Mariners defeated Bay Path 64-44 and Wheelock 65-35. In their final conference match-up against top ranked Lesley, Iglesias hammered down 20 points en-route to defeating Lesley finishing NECC play tied with a 14-2 conference record. For the four-game series, she shot 44% (27-for-62) from the floor, 39% (11-for-28) from behind the arc and 66% (4-for-6) from the line.

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Amanda Brogna, LEC (Jr., C)	3	25-56	0-1	9-17	17-19-36	19.7	12.0	1.3	1.0	0.7
Brianne Caira, LU (So., C)	3	15-27	0-0	12-16	5-30-35	14.0	11.7	2.3	5.3	1.0
Joa Claircius, SVC (Fr., C)	3	26-71	4-14	9-12	8-7-15	21.6	5.0	3.7	0.3	3.0
Jessica Hunt, BPC (Jr., C)	3	15-39	0-3	6-6	8-17-25	18.0	12.5	3.0	1.5	3.5

ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

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Carolyn Talmadge, EC (Fr., G)	3	12-23	2-3	4-6	6-7-13	10.0	4.3	6.3	0.0	1.3

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	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Newbury	3	0	1.000	16	4	.800
Daniel Webster	2	0	1.000	3	5	.375
Elms	3	1	.750	8	10	.444
Lesley	1	4	.200	1	13	.071
Southern Vermont	0	4	.000	0	9	.000

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

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Alberto Bravo, EC (So., OH)	12	70	19	132	.386	1	3	25	2	8	10	5.83	0.08	0.25	2.08	0.83

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