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## NEW ENGLAND COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE 2008 CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Daniel Webster and Lesley Take 2008 Men's and Women's Cross Country Championship Titles  
Siller and Goff Named 2008 Men's and Women's Player of the Year**

Newbury College hosted the inaugural 2008 New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) Cross Country Championship yesterday at Franklin Park. Eight of the nine member institutions participated in the race which saw top team finishes from the Daniel Webster Eagles (39 points) on the men's side and the Lesley Lynx (28 points) on the women's side.

The top male finisher of the 8K race was Newbury senior **Herrel Siller, Jr.** (Palo Alto, Cal.) with a winning time of 27:00 flat. Siller was named the 2008 NECC Men's Cross Country Runner of the Year as the first male harrier to cross the finish line. On the women's 5K side, Lesley's sophomore **Charlotte Goff** (Osterville, Mass.) led all female runners with a top time of 20:47. Goff was named the 2008 Women's Cross Country Runner of the Year.

Daniel Webster took home the title with four harriers placing in the top ten also being named to the 2008 All-NECC first team. The Eagles were led by sophomore **Chris LaPlante** (Medfield, Mass.) finishing second with a time of 28:15. Seniors' **Josh Drazen** (Hudson, N.H., 28:41) and **Kevin Horton** (Kingston, Mass., 29:34) along with freshman **Brad Olson** (Beverly, Mass., 30:12) rounded out the honorees finishing 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> place respectively.

Lesley grabbed the 2008 women's championship with both Goff and the 2008 NECC Women's Rookie Runner of the Year sophomore **Jasmine Cuevas** (Bristol, N.H.), who finished 4<sup>th</sup> with a time of 21:36. The Lynx also had two other harriers finish in the top ten to grab All-NECC first team honors. Junior **Heather Peng** (Palo Alto, Cal.) and freshman **Elize McKelvey** (Baltimore, Ohio) placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> with All-NECC times of 21:34 and 22:21 for their 5K finish.

Southern Vermont's freshman **Nick Murray** (Hummelstown, Penn.) nabbed the 2008 Men's Rookie Runner of the Year finishing in 8<sup>th</sup> place with a top rookie time of 29:43.

Runner-up honors were won by the Mitchell Mariners on the men's side with a team total of 59, while the Newbury Nighthawks took the second place plaque with a team score of 78 points.

In the men's race, the Lesley Lynx (80 points) placed third; the Southern Vermont Mountaineers (84 points) were fourth; the Newbury Nighthawks (88 points) were fifth; the Elms Blazers (139 points) rounded out the team scoring at sixth.

In the women's race, Elms (100 points) finished third; Southern Vermont (107 points) fourth; Mitchell (116 points) fifth, the Wheelock Wildcats (127 points) sixth and the Bay Path Wildcats (128 points) seventh.

The Newbury men and the Southern Vermont women were each voted the 2008 Cross Country Team Sportsmanship Award recipients. Daniel Webster's head coach **Mike Rocco** and Newbury's **Adam Manewell** took home the 2008 Men's and Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year respectively. All eight NECC sponsored head coaches voted on the Team Sportsmanship and Coach of the Year honors.

Rounding out All-NECC Men's honors were Lesley's senior **Francis Cusik** (Lexington, Mass., 3<sup>rd</sup>, 28:32); Mitchell's junior **Eric Appleby** (Monroe, Conn., 5<sup>th</sup>, 28:55) and sophomore **John Hoffman** (Bala Cynwyd, Penn., 6<sup>th</sup>, 29:11); Southern Vermont's Murray and sophomore **Lance Spratling** (Pittsfield, Mass., 10<sup>th</sup>, 30:23).

2008 All-NECC Women's Team also included senior **Jill Bigos** (South Hadley, Mass., 2<sup>nd</sup>, 21:31), Newbury's freshman **Cathryn Comptois** (Hubbardston, Mass., 5<sup>th</sup>, 22:04), Bay Path's freshman **Caitlin Ferland** (Vergennes, Vt., 7<sup>th</sup>, 22:33), Mitchell's sophomore **Brittany Smyth** (Winsted, Conn., 9<sup>th</sup>, 23:54) and Wheelock's junior **Katharine Needham** (North Conway, N.H., 10<sup>th</sup>, 24:03).

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Division III

# NEW ENGLAND COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

## MEN'S SOCCER



**PLAYER OF THE WEEK** — Mitchell College senior forward **Josh Griffo** (Higganum, Conn.) fired home the game-winning goal in the 96th minute of the Mariners' 3-2 overtime victory over visiting Becker. The victory allowed Mitchell to wrap up the regular season with a perfect 6-0 record in NECC play.



**ROOKIE OF THE WEEK** — Mitchell College freshman forward **James Gleason** (Old Lyme, Conn.) opened the Mariners' regular-season finale against Becker on a good note, scoring the first goal in what would prove to be a 3-2 overtime win.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER



**PLAYER OF THE WEEK** — Bay Path College sophomore forward **Jacqui Siddle** (Palmer, Mass.) enjoyed a stellar week, scoring three goals and adding four assists in three matches. Siddle's play sparked the Wildcats to a 2-1 weekly record, including victories over NECC rivals Newbury and Mitchell.



**ROOKIE OF THE WEEK** — Elms College freshman goalkeeper **Kelly Callahan** (Monson, Mass.) chalked up a pair of shutouts in the Blazers' victories over NECC foes Mitchell and Lesley. Callahan gathered six saves in a 5-0 win over Mitchell and posted four saves in a 1-0 triumph over Lesley, as Elms ended the regular season with an unblemished 8-0 NECC mark.

## FIELD HOCKEY



**PLAYER OF THE WEEK** — Becker College freshman midfielder **Victoria Sirchia** (Goshen, Conn.) was a factor in all three of the Hawks' matches last week. Sirchia netted one goal in Becker's 4-1 loss to St. Joseph's (Maine), added the game-winning goal and one assist in a 2-1 victory over Daniel Webster, and closed off the week with one goal in a 2-1 win over Elms. Sirchia's big week allowed the Hawks to close out the regular season with a perfect 8-0 NECC record.



**ROOKIE OF THE WEEK** — Daniel Webster College freshman midfielder **Natalie Bates** (Kingstown, R.I.) found the back of the net in the Eagles' contests against Wheelock and Becker last week.



**ROOKIE OF THE WEEK** — Bay Path College junior forward **Sarah Gates** (Crown Point, Ind.) tallied the Wildcats' lone goal of the week in a tough 4-1 setback at Wheelock.

## VOLLEYBALL



**PLAYER OF THE WEEK** — Becker College senior middle blocker **Rachel Pinak** (Cheektowaga, N.Y.) came up big on both sides of the net as the Hawks defeated Mitchell and Newbury. Pinak posted back-to-back double-doubles, recording 21 kills and 13 digs in a five-set win over Mitchell, and adding 13 kills and 14 digs in a three-set sweep of Newbury. For the week, Pinak averaged 3.63 kills and 3.18 digs per set.



**ROOKIE OF THE WEEK** — Elms College freshman middle hitter **Stacy Croteau** (Agawam, Mass.) led the Blazers to back-to-back conference victories over Lesley and Southern Vermont. She posted a 13-kill, 11-dig double-double in a four-set win over Lesley, and added an eight-kill effort in a three-set sweep of SVC. Croteau's play paced the Blazers as they concluded regular-season NECC play with a 6-1 mark — and an opening-round bye — in the upcoming NECC Tournament.

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**NECC MEN'S SOCCER UPDATE** (through October 27, 2008)

NECC MEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS								
	NECC Matches				Overall			
	W	L	T	PCT	W	L	T	PCT
Mitchell	6	0	0	1.000	9	8	0	.529
Becker	4	2	0	.667	9	8	1	.528
Daniel Webster	3	2	0	.600	8	7	0	.533
Lesley	3	2	0	.600	5	11	1	.281
Newbury	1	4	0	.200	3	14	0	.324
Elms	1	5	0	.167	4	12	0	.250
Southern Vermont	1	5	0	.167	2	13	1	.156

**NECC MEN'S SOCCER WEEKLY HONOR ROLL** (Week Ending October 27, 2008)

**PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

	GP	G	A	PTS
<b>Josh Griffo, MC (Sr., F)</b>	1	1	0	2

Griffo fired home the game-winning goal in the 96th minute of the Mariners' 3-2 overtime victory over visiting Becker. The victory allowed Mitchell to wrap up the regular season with a perfect 6-0 record in NECC play.

**ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

	GP	G	A	PTS
<b>James Gleason, MC (Fr., F)</b>	1	1	0	2

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**OTHER NOMINEES**

	GP	G	A	PTS
None				

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## NECC WOMEN'S SOCCER UPDATE (through October 27, 2008)

<b>NECC WOMEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS</b>									
	<b>NECC Matches</b>				<b>Overall</b>				
	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>PCT</b>	
Elms	8	0	0	1.000	9	7	0	.562	
Lesley	7	1	0	.875	15	3	1	.816	
Becker	5	2	1	.688	6	9	1	.406	
Daniel Webster	5	3	0	.625	7	8	0	.467	
Mitchell	3	4	1	.438	5	10	1	.344	
Bay Path	3	4	1	.438	3	10	2	.267	
Wheelock	2	5	1	.312	3	12	1	.219	
Newbury	1	7	0	.125	2	15	0	.118	
Southern Vermont	0	8	0	.000	0	14	0	.000	

## NECC WOMEN'S SOCCER WEEKLY HONOR ROLL (Week Ending October 27, 2008)

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**Jacqui Siddle, BPC** (So., F) **GP G A PTS**  
3 3 4 10  
Siddle enjoyed a stellar week, scoring three goals and adding four assists in three matches. Siddle's play sparked the Wildcats to a 2-1 weekly record, including victories over NECC rivals Newbury and Mitchell.

### ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

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**Kelly Callahan, EC** (Fr., GK) 2 180:00 0 10 2 0.00  
Callahan chalked up a pair of shutouts in the Blazers' victories over NECC foes Mitchell and Lesley. Callahan gathered six saves in a 5-0 win over Mitchell and posted four saves in a 1-0 triumph over Lesley, as Elms ended the regular season with an unblemished 8-0 NECC mark.

### OTHER NOMINEES

**Rachel Wyszynski, NC** (Fr., F) **GP G A PTS**  
2 2 0 2  
**Krystyna Gagne, EC** (Jr., F) 2 1 4 6

### OTHER NOMINEES

**GP G A PTS**

**Rachel Wyszynski, NC** (Fr., F) 2 2 0 2  
**Theresa DiSantis, DWC** (Fr., M) 2 1 1 3

**Shannon Tibbets, BC** (Jr., GK) **GP MIN GA SV ShO GAA**  
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**NECC FIELD HOCKEY UPDATE** (through October 27, 2008)

NECC FIELD HOCKEY STANDINGS						
	NECC Matches			Overall		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Becker	8	0	1.000	10	9	.526
Daniel Webster	4	4	.667	5	8	.385
Elms	4	4	.571	5	12	.294
Wheelock	4	4	.333	4	14	.222
Bay Path	0	8	.000	0	8	.000

**NECC FIELD HOCKEY WEEKLY HONOR ROLL** (Week Ending October 27, 2008)

**PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

**Victoria Sirchia, BC** (Fr., M)  
 GP G A PTS  
 3 3 1 7

Sirchia was a factor in all three of the Hawks' matches last week. Sirchia netted one goal in Becker's 4-1 loss to St. Joseph's (Maine), added the game-winning goal and one assist in a 2-1 victory over Daniel Webster, and closed off the week with one goal in a 2-1 win over Elms. Sirchia's big week allowed the Hawks to close out the regular season with a perfect 8-0 NECC record.

**ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

**Natalie Bates, DWC** (Fr., M)  
 GP G A PTS  
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**Sarah Gates, BPC** (So., F)  
 GP G A PTS  
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Bates found the back of the net in the Eagles' contests against Wheelock and Becker last week. Gates tallied the Wildcats' lone goal of the week in a tough 4-1 setback at Wheelock.

**OTHER NOMINEES**

**Julie Kilcoyne, WC** (So., M/F)  
 GP G A PTS  
 2 2 6 1    None

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## NECC WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL UPDATE (through October 27, 2008)

<b>NECC VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS</b>						
	<b>NECC Matches</b>			<b>Overall</b>		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Daniel Webster	6	1	.833	14	7	.667
Elms	6	1	.800	9	13	.409
Becker	5	2	.714	10	14	.417
Lesley	5	2	.714	7	10	.412
Mitchell	3	4	.429	7	13	.350
Newbury	2	5	.286	3	23	.115
Bay Path	1	6	.143	5	14	.263
Southern Vermont	0	7	.000	0	21	.000

### NECC VOLLEYBALL WEEKLY HONOR ROLL (Week Ending October 27, 2008)

#### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

	SP	K	E	TA	Pct.	AST	SA	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	K/G	A/G	SA/G	D/G	B/G
<b>Rachel Pinak, BC (Sr., MB)</b>	11	40	19	163	.129	0	16	35	4	0	4	3.63	n/a	1.45	3.18	0.36

Pinak came up big on both sides of the net as the Hawks defeated Mitchell and Newbury. Pinak posted back-to-back double-doubles, recording 21 kills and 13 digs in a five-set win over Mitchell, and adding 13 kills and 14 digs in a three-set sweep of Newbury. For the week, Pinak averaged 3.63 kills and 3.18 digs per set.

#### OTHER NOMINEES

	SP	K	E	TA	Pct.	AST	SA	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	K/G	A/G	SA/G	D/G	B/G
<b>Jeanette Nunez, EC (Sr., OH)</b>	7	23	5	63	.286	0	9	20	0	0	0	3.29	n/a	1.29	2.86	n/a
<b>Kristina Rieger, DWC (Jr., MB)</b>	9	23	5	47	.382	0	7	14	8	0	8	2.55	n/a	0.78	1.55	0.89

#### ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

	SP	K	E	TA	Pct.	AST	SA	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	K/G	A/G	SA/G	D/G	B/G
<b>Stacy Croteau, EC (Fr., MH)</b>	7	21	15	62	.097	0	6	14	0	0	0	3.00	n/a	0.86	2.00	n/a

Croteau led the Blazers to back-to-back conference victories over Lesley and Southern Vermont. She posted a 13-kill, 11-dig double-double in a four-set win over Lesley, and added an eight-kill effort in a three-set sweep of SVC. Croteau's play paced the Blazers as they concluded regular-season NECC play with a 6-1 mark -- and an opening-round bye -- in the upcoming NECC Tournament.

#### OTHER NOMINEES

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<b>None</b>																

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## 2008 NECC Men's and Women's Cross All-Conference

### Men's Cross Country

Runner of the Year – Herrel Siller, Newbury College  
Rookie of the Year – Nick Murray, Southern Vermont College  
Coach of the Year – Mike Rocco, Daniel Webster College  
Team Champion – Daniel Webster College  
Team Runner-Up – Mitchell College  
Team Sportsmanship Award – Newbury College

### Women's Cross Country

Runner of the Year – Charlotte Goff, Lesley  
Rookie of the Year – Jasmine Cuevas, Lesley  
Coach of the Year – Adam Manewell, Newbury  
Team Champion – Lesley  
Team Runner-Up – Newbury  
Team Sportsmanship Award – Southern Vermont

### **2008 NECC Men's Cross Country First Team All-Conference**

Herrel Siller, Jr.	Newbury	SR	Palo Alto, Cal.
Chris LaPante	Daniel Webster	SO	Medfield, Mass.
Francis Cusik	Lesley	SR	Lexington, Mass.
Josh Drazen	Daniel Webster	SR	Hudson, N.H.
Eric Appleby	Mitchell	JR	Monroe, Conn.
John Hoffman	Mitchell	SO	Bala Cynwyd, Penn.
Kevin Horton	Daniel Webster	SR	Kingston, Mass.
Nick Murray	Southern Vermont	FR	Hummelstown, Penn.
Brad Olson	Daniel Webster	FR	Beverly, Mass.
Lance Spratling	Southern Vermont	SO	Pittsfield, Mass.

### **2008 NECC Women's Cross Country First Team All-Conference**

Charlotte Goff	Lesley	SO	Osterville, Mass.
Jill Bigos	Elms	SR	South Hadley, Mass.
Heather Peng	Lesley	JR	Palo Alto, Cal.
Jasmine Cuevas	Lesley	SO	Bristol, N.H.
Cathryn Comptois	Newbury	FR	Hubbardston, Mass.
Elize McKelvey	Lesley	FR	Baltimore, Ohio
Caitlin Ferland	Bay Path	FR	Vergennes, Vt.
Alaina Fillback	Newbury	JR	Portland, Conn.
Brittany Smyth	Mitchell	SO	Winsted, Conn.
Katharine Needham	Wheelock	JR	North Conway, N.H.



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## Cross Country Championships

Franklin Park, Boston

## Event 1 Women 5k Run CC

1	#442 Goff, Charlotte	11 Lesley College	20:47	1
2	#423 Bigos, Jill	09 Elms College	21:31	2
3	#449 Peng, Heather	10 Lesley College	21:34	3
4	#440 Cuevas, Jasmine	11 Lesley College	21:36	4
5	#473 Comptois, Cathryn	12 Newbury College	22:04	5
6	#447 McKelvey, Elize	12 Lesley College	22:21	6
7	#401 Ferland, Caitlin	12 Bay Path	22:33	7
8	#475 Fillback, Alaina	10 Newbury College	23:14	8
9	#465 Smyth, Brittany	11 Mitchell College	23:54	9
10	#499 Needham, Katharine	10 Wheelock College	24:03	10
11	#407 Brinkerhoff, Joanna	09 Daniel Webster C	24:09	
12	#474 Ferolito, Carole	12 Newbury College	24:23	11
13	#487 Patenaude, Julie	09 Southern Vermont	24:38	12
14	#486 Downing, Blair	12 Southern Vermont	24:40	13
15	#441 Federico, Rachel	12 Lesley College	24:46	14
16	#452 Stiler-Cote, Ella	09 Lesley College	24:57	15
17	#439 Chafe, Sarah	11 Lesley College	25:04	16
18	#404 Moulton, Emily	11 Bay Path	25:09	17
19	#438 Catalano, Janice	10 Lesley College	25:12	
20	#485 Demers, Jollen	12 Southern Vermont	25:17	18
21	#427 Cuevas, Lilliana	12 Elms College	25:21	19
22	#450 Pless, Anna	09 Lesley College	25:24	
23	#448 Mesibov, Raina	12 Lesley College	25:27	
24	#459 Bellemare, Michelle	12 Mitchell College	25:35	20
25	#495 Burke, Caitlin	11 Wheelock College	25:53	21
26	#476 Palmer, Kerri-Leigh	10 Newbury College	26:01	22
27	#428 Koch, Amanda	10 Elms College	26:13	23
28	#464 Massiah, Krisanne	11 Mitchell College	26:20	24
29	#424 Boisseau, Becka	12 Elms College	26:36	25
30	#408 Coghill, Keren	10 Daniel Webster C	27:00	
31	#494 Ahern, Shannon	09 Wheelock College	27:28	26
32	#406 Wright, Sarah	09 Bay Path	27:38	27
33	#488 Volk, Rachel	09 Southern Vermont	27:55	28
34	#497 Laudani, Alycia	09 Wheelock College	28:13	29
35	#461 Hydee, Kailee	11 Mitchell College	28:41	30
36	#426 Cruz, Erica	12 Elms College	29:33	31
37	#471 Barre, Allison	12 Newbury College	29:36	32
38	#460 Boutin, Ashley	11 Mitchell College	29:37	33
39	#443 Hofius, Andrea	12 Lesley College	29:52	
40	#451 Rothstein, Meredith	11 Lesley College	30:01	
41	#429 Plourde, Jessica	12 Elms College	30:05	34
42	#472 Burke, Colleen	10 Newbury College	30:25	35
43	#483 Mayotte, Samantha	10 Southern Vermont	32:20	36
44	#402 Grandmaision, Jolen	11 Bay Path	32:37	37
45	#458 Bardsley, Caitlin	12 Mitchell College	32:49	38
46	#484 Chase, Jessica	Southern Vermont	32:56	39
47	#405 Phataralaoha, Winti	10 Bay Path	33:15	40
48	#496 Elliot, Mayghen	10 Wheelock College	34:01	41
49	#500 Thomas, Molly	11 Wheelock College	34:56	42

## Team Scores

1	Lesley College	28	1	3	4	6	14	15	16
	Total Time:	1:51:04.00							
2	Newbury College	78	5	8	11	22	32	35	
	Total Time:	2:05:18.00							
3	Elms College	100	2	19	23	25	31	34	
	Total Time:	2:09:14.00							
4	Southern Vermont College	107	12	13	18	28	36	39	
	Total Time:	2:14:50.00							
5	Mitchell College	116	9	20	24	30	33	38	
	Total Time:	2:14:07.00							
6	Wheelock College	127	10	21	26	29	41	42	
	Total Time:	2:19:38.00							
7	Bay Path	128	7	17	27	37	40		
	Total Time:	2:21:12.00							