**John Kukura, Pace**  
*Senior, CF - New City, N.Y.*

Kukura batted .550 with an on-base percentage of .679 and slugging percentage of .800 in a 4-1 week. He scored eight runs, knocked in four, and walked eight times. He went 2-2 with three RBIs, two runs scored and a walkoff single in the bottom of the 10th to beat Dominican. Kukura was 4-6 with three runs, and a game-tying home run in the bottom of the ninth in Wednesday’s 11-inning affair against New Haven. He went 3-7 with two runs in Friday’s 15-inning win over AIC. He continued his hot streak on Saturday by going 2-for-3 in Game 1 against AIC.

**TJ Santiago, Adelphi**  
*Senior, RHP - Linden, N.J.*

Santiago hurled his second complete game shutout of the season in a 9-0 win against Saint Rose on Saturday. The senior was dominant in the win, allowing just three hits and striking out seven. It’s the second time this season he’s been recognized with this honor from the league office.

**Tom Blandini, Southern New Hampshire**  
*Freshman, 2B - Bow, N.H.*

Blandini slashed .417/.500/.667/1.167 as he was 5-for-12 with two walks, six RBI and three runs scored in a 4-0 week for the Penmen. He was 2-for-3 with a walk, four RBI and two runs scored in Saturday’s 13-5 game one victory at Stonehill.

**AROUND THE NE10**

- The 2017 NE10 Championship will begin with First Round action on Tuesday, May 9 and will culminate with the Championship Weekend Thursday, May 11 through Saturday, May 13.
- SNHU was ranked 6th in the most recent NCBWA Poll, while Le Moyne was among the teams receiving votes.
Ne10 Championship

**First Round: Tuesday, May 9**

Championship Weekend: May 11-13

Hosted by High Seeds Throughout Weekend hosted by Southwest Division

**Ne10 Preseason Coaches' Poll**

**Northeast Division**

1. So. New Hampshire - 109 (12)
2. Franklin Pierce - 99 (3)
3. Merrimack - 82
4. Stonehill - 77
5. Assumption - 60
6. Bentley - 50
7. Saint Anselm - 33
8. Saint Michael's - 22

**Southwest Division**

1. Adelphi - 84 (5)
2. Pace - 81 (5)
3. Le Moyne - 80 (4)
4. New Haven - 54
5. So. Connecticut - 46
6. Saint Rose - 42
7. AIC - 26

(#) - indicates first-place votes

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Weekend hosted by Southwest Division

NE10 Preseason Coaches' Poll

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Brett Malm, Adelphi (So, SS - Medford, N.Y.)

Malm was the primary offensive threat for Adelphi in a 3-2 week, on a four-game hitting streak with three multiple hit games. He hit .421 (.737 slugging %) going 8-19 with three doubles, three RBI and five runs scored.

Andrew Jaehnig, Assumption (Jr, C - Quincy, Mass.)

Jaehnig went 11-for-24 with a huge stat line of .458/.481/.875. He also scored eight runs, while driving in nine to go with five doubles, a triple and a home run. He recorded a multi-hit effort in every game but one, highlighted by a 3-for-4 performance in a win over Saint Michael’s where he hit two doubles and a home run, while driving in five runs and scoring three.

Peter Bocchino, Bentley (Jr, INF - Saugus, Mass., 11)

Bocchino was 5-for-9 during a 1-1 week with three runs scored and his first Bentley home run. Four of the five hits came Saturday in a 10-8 win over Saint Anselm.

Brandon Grover, Bentley (So, OF - Rocky Hill, Conn.)

During a 1-1 week, Grover was 3-for-7 with a double, homer, three runs scored and five RBI with his slash line .429/.636/1.000. In a 10-8 win over Saint Anselm, he slammied a go-ahead three-run homer in the ninth to turn a one-run deficit into a two-run lead.

Adam Chase, Franklin Pierce (Jr, OF - Bridgewater, Mass.)

Chase hit .474/.600/.756 over 18 at-bats in a 4-1 week. He went 9-19 with a double, scored five runs and drove in three. He went 3-for-3 against Saint Anselm on Wednesday, scored twice and drove in a run. In the second game of a doubleheader Saturday at Merrimack, Chase went 3-for-4 and drove in a run.

Ricky Smith, Merrimack (Jr, C - Weymouth, Mass.)

Smith slashed .333/.429/.750 in three games last week, leading the Warriors in slugging percentage during a 2-2 week. He went 4-of-12 over three starts behind the plate, with three of his four hits going for extra bases. He struck his first homer of the season, added two doubles and knotted in five runs, one off of the team lead.

Andrew Garcia, New Haven (So, INF - Medford, N.Y., 19)

Garcia had a .415/.500/.818 slash line with a homer and pair of RBI during a 3-0 week. He homered and had three hits in a comeback win against Pace on Tuesday before picking up a hit in each game of a doubleheader at Goldy-Leacom on Friday.

David Palmer, New Haven (Jr, RHP - East Islip, N.Y.)

Palmer pitched his first career complete game and shutout with a 3-0 win at Goldy-Leacom on Friday. He struck out seven and allowed just four hits in the victory, not allowing a runner past second base.

Ryan Aquino, Pace (Jr, P - Mamaroneck, N.Y.)

Aquino gave up just one earned run in 9.2 innings (0.93 ERA), including a complete-game victory over AIC on Saturday. Against AIC, he gave up just one earned run on five hits, while striking out six batters to improve to 6-1 on the season and grab a share of the NE10 lead in victories. He made a relief appearance on Wednesday against New Haven, tossing 2.3 of an inning with a strikeout and no base runners allowed.

Kyle Cashman, Pace (Jr, P - Hicksville, N.Y.)

Cashman did not allow a run in 8.1 innings this week, going 1-0 across one start and two appearances. He got the start in Saturday’s finale against AIC, going 7 innnings without giving up a run. Cashman yielded just three hits and struck out three batters to get the win. He also threw a scoreless inning in relief on Wednesday against New Haven.

Michael Gulino, Pace (Jr, OF/FB - Meriden, Conn.)

Gulino extended his hitting streak to seven games and hit .375 with seven RBIs and seven runs in a 4-1 week. He slugged .792 with three home runs. Gulino slammed two of his homers in a five-RBI outing in Wednesday’s 11-inning affair against New Haven. He hit his third long ball of the week on Friday in the 15-inning win over AIC, going 3-for-5 with two runs scored.

Nick Bragole, Saint Anselm (Sr, INF - Newburyport, Mass.)

Bragole batted .357 with a .389 on-base percentage and .416 slugging percentage last week. He went 6-for-17 with a double, three homers and eight RBI, while posting a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage. Bragole registered at least a hit in all four games this week, homering twice in a 9-7 setback to Merrimack and adding another deep ball in a 10-8 loss to Bentley on Saturday. Bragole also had an RBI in 3-of-4 games.

Steven Auger, Saint Michael’s (Sr, OF - Hopkinton, N.H.)

Auger batted .500 (.888) with a 1.125 slugging percentage and a .750 on-base percentage. He scored three runs, drove in two, hit a home run, and went 3-for-3 on stolen base attempts. He was 2-3 with a run, an RBI, an inside-the-park home run in a 15-5 setback to Southern New Hampshire. In a twinbill with Assumption, he was 2-2 with a run, an RBI in a game one before going 2-for-3 with a run during game two.

Christian Devine, Saint Michael’s (So, RHP - Exeter, N.H.)

Devine went 1-0 while turning in a 0.00 ERA and 140 opposition batting average in seven innings of relief over two outings last week, allowing three hits and four walks while striking out four. In a 9-1 loss at Franklin Pierce, he allowed one run in two scoreless frames while striking out one. During a 7-2 win over Assumption on Friday, he tossed five two-hit, shutout innings of relief, walking four and striking out three.

Joe Robertson, Saint Michael’s (Sr, RHP - Newington, Conn.)

Robertson batted .444 (8-for-18) with a .722 slugging percentage and .435 on-base percentage in five games last week, scoring five runs with three RBIs. During a 10-1 loss at Franklin Pierce, he was 3-for-4 with a run before driving in a run in a 15-5 setback to Southern New Hampshire.

Cole Bryant, Southern Connecticut (Sr, RHP - Newington, Conn.)

Bryant pitched his third complete game this year and earned his sixth win of the season in a 5-1 victory over Le Moyne. He allowed just five hits and one run in the win.

Nick Lambert, Southern Connecticut (So, OF/OF - East Haven, Conn.)

Lamberti went 7-for-14 with two doubles, one RBI and two stolen bases.

Zach Goldstein, Southern New Hampshire (Gr, 3B - Merrick, N.Y.)

Goldstein batted 6-for-14 (.429) with a home run, six RBI and seven runs scored during a 4-0 week. Goldstein, who posted an OPS of 1.500, was on base at a .571 clip and also stroked three extra-base hits for a .491 slugging percentage. In a 10-8 win over Saint Anselm on Saturday, and then was 4-for-4 with five runs scored in a 10-8 win at Stonehill in game one Saturday.