NE10 PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Andrew Taft, Le Moyne
Junior, C/INF - Clinton, N.Y.

Taft slashed .529/.619/1.471 in Le Moyne’s 2-2 weekend series with Shippensburg, while blasting five home runs, driving in 12 runs and scoring eight times. He opened the weekend by going 2-3 with a home run and three runs scored and two RBI in an 11-1 win. He launched another home run and had two more RBI in an 8-7 win in the nightcap on Saturday. He went 2-4 with a home run and three RBI in a 4-3 setback in Sunday’s opener. He closed out the weekend by going 4-5 with two home runs, five RBI and three runs scored in a 12-11 setback.

NE10 PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Dan Wirchansky, Pace
Junior, P - Stony Point, N.Y.

Wirchansky began the Setters’ new year on Sunday by throwing a nine-inning perfect game against Dominican. The lefty not only retired all 27 batters he faced, but was dominant in doing so. At one point, he struck out seven straight Chargers en route to finishing the day with a career-high 16 strikeouts. He struck out the side in both the third and fourth innings as Pace clung to a 2-0 lead.

NE10 ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Andrew Cain, New Haven
Freshman, OF/P - Seaford, N.Y.

Cain played a key role in helping the Chargers stay undefeated on the young season, leading New Haven to a 10-4 victory over Mercy on Sunday. He went 4-for-4 at the dish with a solo home run in the top of the seventh, while driving in three runs and scoring four.

The 2018 NE10 Baseball Championship will begin with First Round action on Tuesday, May 8 and will culminate with the Championship Weekend which takes place Thursday, May 10 through Saturday, May 12. The Championship Weekend will be hosted by the highest remaining seed from the Northeast Division following First Round action.

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**HITTERS**

Reed Phillips, American International
(R-Jr., OF - East Longmeadow, Mass.)
Phillips was a perfect 6-for-6 during the team’s season-opening doubleheader with Saint Michael’s on Wednesday. Between the two games, he added in a double, two triples and a home run, to go 6-for-6 with six RBI and five runs scored. He added two stolen bases. AIC swept Saint Michael’s to start 2-0 for the second straight season.

Ryan Berardinino, Bentley
(So., IB - Sudbury, Mass.)
In a 5-4 loss to Nyack in the Falcons’ only game of the week, Berardinino was 3-for-5 with an RBI. He extended his hitting streak to five games, a stretch in which he’s hit .455.

Brad Roberto, Franklin Pierce
(Jr., OF - San Diego, Calif.)
Roberts slashed .462/.500/.622 over 13 at-bats in a 1-1-1 week for the Ravens. He scored twice and drove in two runs along the way.

Tyler Lynne, Merrimack
(Gr., CF - Agawam, Mass.)
Lynne led Merrimack with seven hits over 13 at-bats, helping the Warriors to a three-game sweep of Molloy. The No. 3 Hitter slashed .383/.692/.500, knocked in four runs and scored four more. He added two doubles and one stolen base.

Matt Nicholson, Merrimack
(Sr., P - Rutland, Mass.)
Nicholson continued his torrid start to the season, hitting 5-of-10 over the weekend from the cleanup spot in Merrimack’s sweep at Molloy. He drove in a team-best five runs, with three of his hits going for extra bases. He hit his team-leading fourth homer of the season, which is already within two of tying his career high. He slugged a team-best .100 and posted a team-best 1.683 OPS.

Paul Piccolino, Pace
(Gr., MIF/P - Staten Island, N.Y.)
Gulino was one of the Setters’ top performers in their doubleheader sweep of Dominican on Sunday afternoon. The senior’s 3-for-8 afteroon included a triple and a home run. He also scored three times and knocked in a pair.

Tyler McKeon, Saint Anselm
(Gr., P - Rutland, Mass.)
McKeon was 3-for-7 this past week, collecting a home run against Minn. St. Manikato on Sunday after delivering a 2-1 performance against Mary on Saturday.

Connor Hopkins, Saint Michael’s
(Gr., OF - Windham, N.H.)
Hopkins batted .400 with a .700 slugging percentage and .538 on-base percentage in four games, scoring two runs, driving in three, hitting a home run, walking twice and being hit by a pitch once. He was 1-for-2 with a run, two RBIs, a home run in the opener at AIC on Wednesday before going 1-for-3 in the nightcap. In a twinbill with No. 8 Southern New Hampshire on Sunday, Hopkins went 2-for-3 with one run and an RBI in a 6-4 loss.

Mark Powell, Saint Rose
(Gr., SS - Middletown, R.I.)
Powell went 8-13 at the plate for Saint Rose over the course of three games last week, including a home run and four runs driven in.

Ethan Joyce, Southern Connecticut
(Gr., SS - Easter, N.H.)
Joyce had a strong week for the Owls as he batted 5-for-11, had three RBI, scoring one run and recorded .500 OBP to help the Owls go 9-0. He was a key performer in the double-header against Bridgeport as he started the day batting 2-for-4, adding two RBIs and scoring a run. He followed that with a two-hit outing in game two where he added another RBI to complete the Owls sweep of Bridgeport.

Jim Palmer, Southern Connecticut
(Jr., RHP - Middletown, Conn.)
Palmer led the Owls this week as he went 7-for-12 (.583), scoring six runs and driving in three as the Owls went 9-0. He started the week strong going 3-for-4, scoring four runs. The junior went 3-for-6, scoring two RBI and scoring a run in the win over Bridgeport. He followed that with a two hit performance, recording two RBIs and scoring one run in the second double-header game against Bridgeport.

Ryan Sullivan, Southern New Hampshire
(Gr., 1B - Hopkinton, Mass.)
Sullivan slashed .357/.490/.717, as he went 5-for-14 with a home run, three RBI and six runs scored during a 2-2 week for the Penmen. He went 2-for-2 with a long ball, three RBI and three runs scored in an 11-0 triumph over Saint Michael’s on Saturday, and was 2-for-4 with a pair of runs in a 5-3 loss to 15th-ranked West Chester on Sunday.

**PITCHERS**

Ed Baram, Adelphi
(Jr., RHP - saddle Brook, N.Y.)
In game one Saturday, Baram went five innings for the Brown and Gold, only giving up a lone run in the top of the first inning vs. Franklin Pierce.

John Amendola, Franklin Pierce
(Sr., RHP - Wallingford, Conn.)
In his start on Saturday afternoon, Amendola used just 108 pitches to go nine innings and allowed just one earned run. He surrendered three runs (two unearned) overall on seven hits, walked one and struck out two. Did not factor in the decision as the Ravens went on to lose in 10 innings.

PJ Browne, Merrimack
(Sr., LHP - Rutland, Mass.)
Browne threw eight innings of two-run ball, recording his first victory of the season in Merrimack’s 10-2 victory at Molloy Saturday. He struck out a season-high 10 batters, nearly completing the fourth complete game of his career.

David Palmer, New Haven
(Sr., RHP - East Sipp, N.Y.)
Palmer threw seven shutout innings in his lone appearance of the week. The senior struck out seven.

Jl Dunn, Saint Anselm
(Gr., RHP - North Chelmsford, Mass.)
Dunn continued his early-season dominance, extending his shutdown innings streak to 19-plus frames as the Hawks posted a 4-1 victory over the University of Mary on Saturday at Chair. He pitched six-two-and-three scoreless innings, yielding only four hits and striking out five batters to improve to 3-0 on the year. He has not allowed a single run to score this season across 19-two-and-three innings pitched.

Drew Farris, Saint Michael’s
(Gr., RHP - Andover, Mass.)
Farris worked five shutdown innings over two games last week, yielding six hits while striking out four and walking one. He set down all three batters he faced in relief at AIC on Wednesday before holding No. 8 Southern New Hampshire scoreless over the first four innings on Saturday, allowing six hits and one walk while fanning four.

Greg Muske, Saint Rose
(Jr., P - Rotterdam junction, N.Y.)
Muske worked seven shutdown innings in his only start of the week. The junior allowed four hits and struck out a pair.

Griffin Bremer, Southern Connecticut
(Gr., LHP - Higganum, Conn.)
Bremer was a key performer this week as he pitched a complete game in the 4-0 shutout win Bridgeport. The senior struck out six, gave up two hits and one walk in the win.

Matthew Messier, Southern New Hampshire
(Gr., P - No. Troy, Vt.)
Messier allowed one run on four hits, fanning 10 and walking a pair, over seven innings, as the Penmen secured a 6-4 win against Saint Michael’s on Saturday.

Endy Morales, Southern New Hampshire
(Gr., P - Hoylake, Mass.)
Morales, in an 11-0 win against Saint Michael’s in seven innings on Saturday, fanned five shutdown frames, allowing just one hit, while striking out eight and walking four. He held the Purple Knights to an .263 batting average.