NESCAC Football Weekly Release #1 - Sept. 15, 2019

Recent Results

Week 1 - Sat., September 14
Amherst def. Bates, 27-13
Hamilton def. Bowdoin, 37-24
Wesleyan def. Colby, 30-10
Middlebury def. Williams, 17-13
Tufts def. Trinity, 14-8

Upcoming Games

Week 2 - Sat., September 21
Amherst at Colby - 1 p.m.
Middlebury at Bates - 1 p.m.
Bowdoin at Trinity - 1 p.m.
Wesleyan at Hamilton - 1 p.m.
Tufts at Williams - 1:30 p.m.

Week 3 - Sat., September 28
Colby at Hamilton - 12 p.m.
Bowdoin at Williams - 1 p.m.
Amherst at Tufts - 1 p.m.
Trinity at Middlebury - 1 p.m.
Bates at Wesleyan - 1 p.m.

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Team Stats

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NESCAC Offensive Player of the Week
David Kagan | Hamilton
Senior, Running Back, McLean, Va.
Kagan rushed for a career-high 195 yards and three touchdowns in the Continentals' 37-24 win at Bowdoin. He averaged nearly 10 yards per carry and his rushing yardage total was the most by a Hamilton player in 15 years. He scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 4-yard run with 8:22 left in the fourth quarter and added a 2-yard touchdown run with 5:19 remaining.

NESCAC Defensive Player of the Week
Jovan Nenadovic | Tufts
Sophomore, Defensive End, Washington, D.C.
Nenadovic had three sacks and five tackles for losses of 15 yards among his nine stops overall as Tufts opened with a 14-8 win over Trinity. Two of his tackles for loss came when Trinity went for it on fourth down and at the Jumbo 30 in the fourth quarter, helping preserve the victory. He also had 1.5 of his sacks in the final period. His efforts helped Tufts hold Trinity to 2-for-15 on third down. The Jumbos defeated the Bantams for the first time since 2007 and it was Trinity's first opening-day loss since 1995.

NESCAC Special Teams Player of the Week
Mason Von Jess | Wesleyan
First Year, Kicker, Lakeville, Conn.
In his collegiate debut, Von Jess totaled 12 points in a 30-10 win over Colby. He was a perfect 3-for-3 on field goals, hitting from 38, 39, and 40-yards, while also going a perfect 3-for-3 on extra points.

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**Amherst College**

Team Record: 1-0  
Week 1: Defeated Bates, 27-13  
Week 2: at Colby - 1 p.m.

- Senior James O’Regan (Wilmington, Mass.) caught a 45-yard touchdown pass to tie the game early in the second half, then snagged a 42-yard touchdown reception for the game-winning score in Amherst’s 27-13 comeback victory over Bates. O’Regan finished the day with five catches for 114 yards and the two scores, adding 15 yards of rushing for 129 all-purpose yards.
- Sophomore Matt Schiano (Columbus, Ohio) racked up seven tackles in the win over Bates. Schiano had an interception, a sack, two tackles for loss, and a pass breakup.
- Sophomore Connor Kennelly (Watertown, Mass.) connected on a pair of field goals in the first half and nailed all three of his extra point attempts in the second half versus Bates. He knocked through a 24-yard field goal on the opening possession to give Amherst a 3-0 lead, then tied the game at 6-6 with a 38-yard field goal in the second quarter. Kennelly also handled kickoffs in the win for Amherst.

**Bates Bobcats**

Team Record: 0-1  
Week 1: Defeated by Amherst, 27-13  
Week 2: vs. Middlebury - 1 p.m.

- Junior quarterback Brendan Costa (Westport, Mass.) had career highs in passing attempts (38), completions (22), and yards (187) in the season-opener at Amherst. His 8-yard touchdown run gave Bates a 13-6 lead going into halftime. Costa threw for one touchdown and rushed for 34 yards with a touchdown.
- Junior safety Connor Hunt (Duxbury, Mass.) had a team-high seven tackles (5 solo) with a pass breakup.

**Bowdoin Polar Bears**

Team Record: 0-1  
Week 1: Defeated by Hamilton, 37-24  
Week 2: at Trinity - 1 p.m.

- Junior quarterback Austin McCrum (Saco, Maine) went 24-for-43 for 229 yards passing and a touchdown and also completed an unlikely two-point conversion toss against Hamilton. 
- Senior linebacker Joe Gowetski (Needham, Mass.) led the Polar Bears with nine solo tackles versus Hamilton.
- Senior Michael Chen (Crystal Lake, Ill.) punted four times, averaging 40.0 yards per kick and dropped two inside the Hamilton 20, including one at the one-yard line. He also connected on his only field goal attempt of the afternoon, a 29-yard boot that gave Bowdoin a 3-0 lead in the first quarter against the Continentals.

**Colby Mules**

Team Record: 0-1  
Week 1: Defeated by Wesleyan, 30-10  
Week 2: vs. Amherst - 1 p.m.

- Senior Chris George (North Kingston, R.I.), a senior captain, ran for over 100 yards in his first game as the starter, and added three receptions in the season-opener versus Wesleyan.
- Junior Marcus Bullard (Brockton, Mass.) led the Mules with 12 tackles (7 solo) and had one tackle for loss against the Cardinals.

**Hamilton Continentals**

Team Record: 1-0  
Week 1: Defeated Williams, 17-13  
Week 2: at Bates - 1 p.m.

- Junior quarterback Will Jernigan (Decatur, Ga.) earned 252 yards of total offense (170 pass, 82 rush) to go along with a pair of touchdowns for the Panthers against Williams.
- Junior linebacker Pete Huggins (Houston, Texas) led the Middlebury defense with 13 tackles in the season-opening win over Williams. He recorded two sacks, while also collecting five tackles for loss totaling 16 total yards.
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Trinity Bantams

Team Record: 0-1
Week 1: Defeated by Tufts, 14-8
Week 2: vs. Bowdoin - 1 p.m.
- Senior Koby Schofer (Northbridge, Mass.) caught five passes for 88 yards in a 14-8 loss at Tufts.
- Sophomore Brian Casagrande (Madison, Conn.) made a game-high 11 tackles. He added 1.5 tackles for loss including a late tackle in the Tufts backfield that resulted in a safety and pulled the Bantams to within six points of the Jumbos with three minutes left in the season-opener.

Tufts Jumbos

Team Record: 1-0
Week 1: Defeated Trinity, 14-8
Week 2: at Williams - 1:30 p.m.
- In his first career start, senior Jacob Carroll (Birmingham, Ala.) completed 13-of-23 passes for 173 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions as Tufts gave Trinity its first opening day loss since 1995 and defeated the Bantams for the first time since 2007. In addition to his 12-yard touchdown pass early in the second quarter and a 1-yard touchdown pass that was the eventual game-winner in the third, he also had completions of 48, 44 and 36-yards in the game. Carroll also rushed five times for 15 yards.
- In his collegiate debut, first-year Patrick Walsh (Concord, Mass.) aided Tufts’ defensive effort against Trinity by punting a league-high 10 times on Saturday averaging 36 yards per kick and dropping four inside the 20-yard line. Only one of the punts was returned.

Williams Ephs

Team Record: 0-1
Week 1: Defeated by Middlebury, 17-13
Week 2: vs. Tufts - 1:30 p.m.
- Junior Frank Stola (Northport, N.Y.) accounted for both Eph touchdowns in a 17-13 loss at Middlebury Saturday. He finished the game with six receptions for 151 yards. His touchdowns catches went for 47 and 30 yards. He also accounted for 106 yards in return yardage, averaging 32.5 yards per kickoff return and 10.8 yards per punt return to account for 257 yards in total offense.
- Senior safety Luke Apuzzi (Princeton, N.J.) had 10 tackles (4 solo) against Middlebury. He forced two Panther fumbles, recorded a sack, and two of his tackles were for loss.

Wesleyan Cardinals

Team Record: 1-0
Week 1: Defeated Colby, 30-10
Week 2: at Hamilton - 1 p.m.
- Sophomore Ashton Scott’s (Brockport, N.Y.) very first career pass was a 50-yard touchdown to junior wide receiver Delando Clarke (Hartford, Conn.). He finished the game with 276 total yards and three touchdowns, going 17-for-29 for 200 through the air with three passing touchdowns. He also rushed 13 times for 76 yards as the Cardinals cruised past Colby, 30-10.
- Senior Chase Pratt (Rye, N.Y.) led the Cardinals with 10 tackles in the win over the Mules. He also recorded a sack and finished with 1.5 tackles for a loss.
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