Ben Walsh, Le Moyne
Junior, Shortstop - Syracuse, N.Y.
Walsh slashed .556/.652/.833 in Le Moyne’s 4-1 week, which included a three-game sweep at Millersville. He posted 10 hits, seven RBI, six runs scored and a home run. After going 1-3 with two RBI and a run in a 7-5 loss at Jefferson, he was 2-3 with two RBI and a run in an 8-3 win over the Rams in the nightcap. He started the series with Millersville by going 3-4 with three RBI and a run in an 18-2 victory. He went 3-4 in the first game of Sunday’s doubleheader, while adding two more walks and two runs scored in a 9-4 win. He capped the week with a hit and run scored in a 6-4 eight-inning victory.

Evan Walsh, Bentley
Graduate, Pitcher - Arlington, Mass.
Walsh pitched a one-hit shutout and struck out a career-high 12 in an 18-0 victory over Nyack. He faced the minimum 27 batters with both Warrior base runners erased via the double play.

Jared Brooks, Stonehill
Freshman, Pitcher - Scarborough, Maine
Brooks won his second-collegiate game this season for the Skyhawks on the mound, including winning 7-6 over Bloomfield and 4-3 against Caldwell. The freshman pitched 15.1 innings this week, giving up nine hits, two earned runs and striking out 11. He posted a 1.17 ERA to lead the Skyhawks.

The 2018 NE10 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.

Bentley’s trip to Florida included a stretch of 24.1 consecutive scoreless innings by the Falcon pitching staff. A one-hit shutout by Mike Walsh against Nyack was followed by a combined shutout from Llewellyn Jensen and Greg Johnson against Concordia.
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HITTERS

Stephen Withers, Adelphi (Sr., UT - Staten Island, N.Y.)
On March 7 against Mercy, Withers went 3-for-5 with three RBIs in the leadoff spot. On March 11, the senior kicked off a 5-run home run against American International with a home run. He finished the day going 3-for-5 and had two RBI. He has at least one RBI in 4 of 5 games this week and at least one hit per game.

Mike Samko, Bentley (Sr., INF - Arlington, Mass.)
During a 3-1 week, Samko was 11 for 18 (.611) with five runs scored, five RBI, a double, two walks and a .650 on base percentage. He also handled 21 chances at second base without an error. He was 4-for-4 against Nyack and had two other three-hit games (Concordia, Assumption).

John Friday, Franklin Pierce (Sr., INF - Southborough, Mass.)
Friday hit .351 (5/22) &/.17 at 17 at bats (6-for-17) with two doubles. He scored three runs and drove in four more. Drew six walks against two strikeouts and went 1-for-2 in stolen bases. Went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles, scored three times and drove in two runs in Sunday’s win over No. 7/12 St. Thomas Aquinas.

Joe Caico, New Haven (Jr. LHP/OF - Hopedale, Mass.)
Caico had at least one hit in all three games this week. He drilled a two-RBI triple in the first inning in an 11-1 win over Adelphi; also drew three walks and scored twice. Went 3-5 at the plate against No. 18 Queens. He had one hit and recorded two RBI in the win over Felician.

Connor Redahan, Southern Connecticut (So., INF/OF - Greenwich, Conn.)
Redahan led the Owls with a .474 batting average this past week. Drilling a team-leading nine hits and five runs batted in. He went 4-for-5 in two separate games, once against Ashland and once against Notre Dame (Ohio). He has two runs batted in during his prior two games.

Ethan Joyce, Southern Connecticut (Sr. SS - Etowah, N.H.)
Joyce went 6-for-12, scored four runs and registered three RBI this week as the Owls went 3-2. He went 2-for-4 recording two RBI and one run in the 9-4 win over Queen. The senior went 2-for-3 and scored one run in the 9-4 win over Felician. He finished the week with a strong performance as he went 2-for-2 with one RBI and scored two runs in the 11-2 win over Post.

Conor Redahan, Southern Connecticut (So., LHP/OF - Greenwich, Conn.)
Redahan led the Owls with eight RBI, went 6-for-17 including two doubles and scored three runs as the Owls went 3-2 this week. The sophomore batted 2-for-5, with two RBI and one run in the win over Queens. He had one hit and recorded two RBI in the win over Felician. Redahan went 1-for-3 adding two RBI in the game against Florida National University. He finished the week strong as he batted 1-for-3, scored two runs and had one RBI in the 11-2 win over Post.

Tom Blandini, Southern New Hampshire (So., 2B - Bow, N.H.)
Blandini went 5-for-13 with a pair of extra-base hits, two RBI and four runs scored, slugging .385/.401/.627/.159 during a 2-week for the Penman. His best game came in SNHU’s 8-0 shutout of Wilmington (Del.) on Saturday, as he went 3-for-5 with two RBI and two runs scored.

Matthew Rocco, Stonehill (Jr. 2B/SS - Newington, Conn.)
Rocco assisted the team to a 3-1 week in Florida, as he has contributed at least one hit in each of the games the Skyhawks played in. The junior went 11-for-35, scoring nine runs and combining for seven RBI. He stole one base and averaged .314 at the plate with a .342 on base percentage, tallying four doubles. He also helped turn two double plays at second base, tallying 20 assists.

PITCHERS

Michael Tarpey, Adelphi (Sr. P - Bronx, N.Y.)
On March 11 against American International, Tarpey pitched six innings, holding the yellow jackets scoreless for five straight. He struck out five batters playing one game this week.

Tom Horstkotte, Assumption (Sr., P - Milford, Mass.)
Horstkotte tallied one start this week and earned the win, shutting down Concordia with 6.0 innings of scoreless ball, striking out seven batters while allowing just four hits. Horstkotte has been tremendous so far this season, pitching to a 1.45 ERA to go with 22 strikeouts in 18.2 innings.

John Amendola, Franklin Pierce (Sr., RHP - Wallingford, Conn.)
In his start last week, Amendola threw six scoreless innings, allowed three hits, walked two and struck out eight to pick up the win against NYIT on Friday.

Joel Gray, Le Moyne (Jr. P - New Rochelle, N.Y.)
Gray struck out 10 over seven-plus innings in an 18-2 win (6-2 when he departed) in the win over Millersville on Saturday.

David Palmer, New Haven (Sr., RHP - East Islip, N.Y.)
Palmer armed the win over Adelphi, improving his record to 3-0 this season behind 7.0 solid innings, allowing just two hits and one unearned run while striking out four.

Dan Wirchansky, Pace (Jr. P - Stony Point, N.Y.)
In his first appearance since his perfect game to start the season, Wirchansky put together another stellar effort on Saturday against Goldey-Beacom. The left-hander allowed just one run, while striking out 14 in eight innings of work.

Jared Ferris, Saint Anselm (So., P - Methuen, Mass.)
Ferris did not yield an earned run across his two appearances, striking out four batters down in Florida and earning his first collegiate save against Notre Dame (Ohio) on Mar. 9 to preserve a narrow one-run lead.

Alex Mendez, Saint Michael’s (Fr., RHP - Fallon, Nev.)
Mendez did not yield an earned run while allowing only four hits - all singles - over six innings in a hard-luck complete-game loss to Wisconsin Lutheran, 3-1, on Sunday. In his first collegiate start, he allowed an unearned run in the second inning before, in a tie ball game, the Warriors scored two more unearned runs on a suicide squeeze in the bottom of the sixth inning. He struck out three and walked two.

Andrew Lalonde, Southern New Hampshire (Gr., P - Bedford, N.H.)
Lalonde tossed seven shutdown innings, giving up one run - unearned - on five hits, striking out four batters down in Florida and earning his first collegiate win over Millersville on Saturday.

John Amendola, Franklin Pierce (Sr., INF - Southborough, Mass.)
In his start last week, Amendola threw six scoreless innings, allowed three hits, walked two and struck out eight to pick up the win against NYIT on Friday.

Shane McDonald, Southern New Hampshire (Gr., P - Blue Point, N.Y.)
McDonald was stellar in an 8-0 win for the Penman against Wilmington (Del.) on Saturday, as he scattered five hits, struck out seven and did not issue a walk over eight scoreless innings. He held the opponent to a .192 batting average.