**NE10 PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

**Caitlin McBride, Merrimack**  
*Junior, C/3B - Danvers, Mass.*

McBride appeared in six games, collecting seven hits, including two home runs and 12 RBI to help guide Merrimack to a 5-1 weekend. She is hitting .438 with a slugging percentage of .813. Her biggest game was a 13-5 win against Clarion when she picked up five RBIs, including walking-off in the bottom of the fifth (eight-run rule) with a grand slam. She also had four RBIs in an 8-3 win over East Stroudsburg on Sunday, when she went 3-4, with a home run.

**NE10 PITCHER OF THE WEEK**

**Morgan Perry, Saint Anselm**  
*Sophomore, Pitcher - Bethany, Conn.*

Perry won all three of her starts, going 3-0 with a 0.82 ERA and 22 strikeouts in 17.0 innings in the circle for Saint Anselm, which went 4-1 on its season-opening trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C. The sophomore struck out a career-high 12 as part of a two-hit shutout in a 5-0 win over West Virginia State on Saturday, retiring the first 17 batters she faced while carrying a perfect game into the

**NE10 ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

**Alyssa Jauregui, Le Moyne**  
*Freshman, SS/OF - Dublin, Ohio*

Jauregui registered a slash line of .474/.500/.789 in Le Moyne’s 5-1 weekend, adding six RBI, three runs scored, and one home run. She opened her career going 3-for-3 with a home run and two RBI in a 9-0 win over Mercyhurst. She followed with back-to-back 1-4 performances in wins over Wilmington and Lock Haven, while adding two RBI against Wilmington. She went 3-3 with two RBI and a run scored in an 8-2 win over Clarion on Sunday.

**AROUND THE NE10**

The 2018 NE10 Softball Championship will begin with First Round action on Tuesday, May 1 and will culminate with the Championship Weekend which takes place Thursday, May 3 through Saturday, May 5. The Championship Weekend will be hosted by the highest remaining seed from the Southwest Division following First Round action.
**NE10 PRESEASON COACHES’ POLL**

**Northeast Division**
1. Merrimack - 103 (12)
2. Southern New Hampshire - 92 (3)
3. Saint Anselm - 73
4. Assumption - 66
5. Stonehill - 51
6. Bentley - 40
7. Saint Michael’s - 35
8. Franklin Pierce - 16

**Southwest Division**
1. Adelphi - 88 (10)
2. New Haven - 71 (3)
3. Le Moyne - 67
4. Pace - 62 (2)
5. American International - 35
6. Saint Rose - 28
7. Southern Connecticut - 20

(#) – indicates first-place votes

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**NE10 HONOR ROLL - WEEK 1**

**HITTERS**

Nicoletta Cuccio, Adelphi
(Jr, C/OF - Dingmans Ferry, Pa.)
Cuccio went 4-for-8 from the plate in Adelphi’s season-opening action on Sunday, a pair of single game defeats to St. Mary’s (TX) and Flagler on the campus of Florida Tech. She went 3-for-4 in game two with two doubles and a run scored, and also stole a base.

Bre Eastlick, Franklin Pierce
(Fr., 1B/OF - Rocklin, Calif.)
Eastlick slashed .400/.526/.467 with a team-high six hits, four runs scored, four walks while adding one RBI and a two-bagger. In the showdown with Fort Lewis on Saturday, she went a perfect 3-for-3 at the dish with two runs scored, a double and a free pass. She drove home her first run of the season in the game versus Southern Nazarene.

Kristine Liptack, New Haven
(Sr., INF - Trumbull, Conn.)
The Chargers starting first baseman opened up her final season with a .438 batting average, collecting seven hits, including three for extra bases for a .750 slugging percentage. Liptack finished all but one of the five games of the Snowbird Freeze Out with at least one hit and finished two of the games with multiple hits, setting her season-high with three, in four at bats, in a 6-1 win over No. 17 Molloy. In addition to her seven hits, she also drove in seven runs, including two in three of the five games in South Carolina.

Sierra Whitlock, New Haven
(Jr., OF - Woodbridge, Va.)
Whitlock was one of three players to lead the team with seven hits across the five game of the Snowbird Freeze Out. Overall, she helped lead the Chargers to a 3-2 record, including wins against both ranked teams the Chargers faced in South Carolina. All seven of her hits came as she led off an inning for the Blue and Gold. She also drove in three runs, all of which came in the season opening win over No. 16 West Chester.

Jordan O’Connor, Saint Anselm
(Jr., SS - New Fairfield, Conn.)
O’Connor batted .500 (8-for-16) with three doubles, two runs and four RBI as Saint Anselm went 4-1 on its season-opening trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C. The junior had her second-career three-hit game, driving in two runs with a pair of doubles. In an 8-3 win over Georgian Court to close the trip. O’Connor had at least one hit in the final four games, including three multi-hit games. She also had a .944 fielding percentage on 18 chances at shortstop.

Brittany Perdigao, Southern New Hampshire
(Sr., IF - Stoughton, Mass.)
Perdigao helped lead Southern New Hampshire to its best start in program history over the weekend, as she hit .476 (10-for-21) and scored six runs in a 6-0 week. Perdigao knocked in three runs and swiped three bases for the Penmen while also reaching base at a .478 clip.

**PITCHERS**

Cyrena Zemaitis, Franklin Pierce
(Fr., P - Goshen, Conn.)
Zemaitis started two games in the circle for the Ravens during their trip to Arizona. She compiled a 2.69 ERA across 13.0 innings with 16 strikeouts and an 8.62 K/7 mark in two complete game efforts. In her collegiate debut, Zemaitis punched out 10 batters while only giving up three runs to Fort Lewis. She followed that up with a six-strikeout performance in six innings against no. 9 nationally-ranked Dixie State.

Alexis Eastman, Le Moyne
(Sr, P - Endicott, N.Y.)
Eastman went 3-1 with a 1.25 earned run average and 29 strikeouts over 22.1 innings in Le Moyne’s 5-1 weekend. She opened the season by striking out 10 over six innings in a 10-3 win over 2017 regional participant Wilmington on Friday. She followed with 11 strikeouts and just three hits allowed in a 7-1 victory over Lock Haven on Saturday. She capped the week with five strikeouts in a 3-1 win over Molloy on Sunday.

Courtney Fisher, Saint Anselm
(Fr., P - Taunton, Mass.)
In four appearances, Fisher went 1-1 with one save for Saint Anselm, logging a 1.00 ERA in 14.0 innings of work to begin her collegiate career. In her first-career appearance, the rookie got out of a bases-loaded, nobody-out jam to earn the save in a 4-1 win over No. 16 West Chester on Friday. Fisher earned her first-career victory with four innings of no-hit relief in a 4-2 victory against Concord on Saturday after allowing two earned runs in six innings in her first-collegiate start against Slippery Rock the day before.

Sarah Lavallee, Southern New Hampshire
(Sr., P/DH - Candia, N.H.)
Lavallee went 4-0 in the circle for Southern New Hampshire over the weekend as the Penmen opened their 2018 campaign with a 6-0 South Carolina swing. She opened the weekend with a relief appearance win over Mercyhurst before hurling two complete games in three starts to close out the week. In 20 innings pitched, Lavallee turned in a 1.75 ERA and fanned 11 batters without issuing a free pass of any kind.