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Team Standings

NESCAC Offensive Player of the Week
Ryan McDonald | Tufts
Senior, Quarterback, Annandale, N.J.
McDonald led Tufts to a 35-13 win at Middlebury. He tied a 35-year-old Tufts record throwing for five touchdowns. His first strike with five seconds left in the half gave the Jumbos a 14-13 lead at the break and ignited a run of 28 unanswered points, including three touchdown passes in six minutes in the third quarter. McDonald completed 25-of-31 passes for 262 yards and also broke the program’s marks for passing touchdowns in a season (17) and career (33) during the game.

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NESCAC Special Teams Player of the Week
Moises Celaya | Colby
First Year, Punter, Hanover, N.H.
Celaya averaged 35.7 yards per punt, had two kicks inside the 20-yard line, and one caught for a fair catch and had a punt that led directly to a touchdown. In the third quarter, Celaya’s 54-yard punt forced the returner to backtrack and fumble the ball. Colby recovered the fumble at the Bowdoin 1-yard line and scored on the ensuing play. Celaya finished fourth in the league in punting average (37.2) this season and did not have a punt blocked in nine games.
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Amherst College
Team Record | 8-1
Week 9: Defeated Williams, 45-14
- Junior Ollie Eberth (Andover, Mass.) threw for 218 yards (9-for-15) and a touchdown and rushed for eight yards and three touchdowns as the Mammoths defeated Williams 45-14. Eberth had an efficiency rating of 204.1, with no turnovers and a 60 percent completion percentage.
- In his final game as a Mammoth, senior Andrew Sommer (Larchmont, N.Y.) forced a fumble and returned it for a 50-yard touchdown to extend the Amherst lead on Williams' opening drive of the second half. Sommer had seven tackles and a quarterback hurry in the victory.
- First-year Connor Kennelly kicked off eight times for an average of 51.4 yards and six touchbacks. Kennelly played a strong wind skillfully to keep the Ephs from returning into good field position.

Bates Bobcats
Team Record | 0-9
Week 8: Defeated by Hamilton, 38-13
- First-year wide receiver Jackson Hayes (San Marino, Calif.) caught three passes for 71 yards and a touchdown, including a 41-yard scoring strike from senior wide receiver Kevin Claflin (Ashland, Mass.), who was pressed into playing quarterback for the first time since high school in his final game for the Bobcats.
- Junior safety Jon Lindgren (Plainville, Conn.) shared Bates’ team lead in tackles with six and recorded his first career sack. Lindgren’s 77 tackles and 52 solo tackles on the season led all NESCAC players.
- Senior defensive back Art Churchwell (Newton, Mass.) recorded his first two career kickoff returns for 33 yards, and he collected his first career interception in his final game for the Bobcats.

Bowdoin Polar Bears
Team Record | 1-8
Week 8: Defeated by Colby, 30-14
- Bowdoin sophomore tight end Bo Millett (Marblehead, Mass.) caught a career-high nine balls for 138 yards while first-year tailback Brendan Ward (Marshfield, Mass.) posted a career-high 146 yards rushing on 28 carries in the Polar Bears’ loss to Colby on Saturday.

Colby Mules
Team Record | 3-6
Week 8: Defeated Bowdoin, 30-14
- Senior captain Jake Schwern (Essex Falls, N.J.) rushed for 185 yards on 34 carries and had three second-half touchdowns to lead the Mules to a 30-14 win over rival Bowdoin to win the Colby-Bates-Bowdoin (CBB) title for the first time since 2005. Schwern averaged 5.4 yards per rush. With Colby leading 3-0 in the third quarter, Schwern went 48 yards on a busted play to help the Mules go up 10-0 on the way to a 30-0 lead at one point. Schwern also had scoring runs of 1 and 16 yards in the fourth quarter. Schwern finished second in the NESCAC in rushing yards (971), rushing yards per game (107.9), and tied for second in rushing touchdowns (9).
- Sophomore linebacker Marcus Ballard (Brockton, Mass.) tied for a team-high nine tackles and had a key interception in the third quarter. With the Mules leading 17-0, Ballard’s interception came at Colby’s 36-yard line to stop a Bowdoin drive and the Mules went on to open up a 30-0 lead on the way to the victory. Ballard finished fifth in the NESCAC in tackles per game (7.9) and led the Mules in tackles (55).

Hamilton Continentals
Team Record | 3-6
Week 8: Defeated by Tufts, 35-13
- First-year Joe Park (Slingerlands, N.Y.) ran for season bests of 187 yards and three touchdowns in a 38-13 win at Bates. He averaged 11 yards per carry and scored on runs of 46, 42 and 3 yards.
- First-year Jared Schwartz (Slingerlands, N.Y.) recovered a blocked punt and returned it 22 yards for his first collegiate touchdown. Schwartz's score gave the Continentals the lead for good at 18-13 midway through the third quarter against the Bobcats.

Middlebury Panthers
Team Record | 5-4
Week 8: Defeated by Tufts, 35-13
- Sophomore quarterback Will Jernigan (Decatur, Ga.) threw for 187 yards against Tufts in the final game of the season.
- Senior Kevin Maxwell (Scotch Plains, N.J.) made eight tackles and picked off a pass against the Jumbos.
Trinity Bantams
Team Record | 8-1
Week 8: Defeated Wesleyan, 9-0
• Sophomore James Christiano (Middlebury, Conn.) had four tackles, 2.5 sacks, and forced a fumble in Trinity’s title-clinching, 9-0 win at Wesleyan. The Trinity defense held the Cardinals to 175 yards of total offense and 2.8 yards per carry on the ground for its third shutout of the season.
• Junior Ian McDonald (Avon, Conn.) landed three punts inside the Wesleyan 20-yard line in Trinity’s win over the Cardinals. He punted seven times with an average of 35.7 yards per attempt.

Tufts Jumbos
Team Record | 7-2
Week 8: Defeated Middlebury, 35-13
• Senior Tim Preston (Nashua, N.H.) led the Jumbos with eight tackles and had the 16th interception of his career to lead the defensive effort in Tufts’ win at Middlebury. With the Jumbos trailing 13-7 early in the second quarter, the defense did not allow a point by the Panthers in the final 40 minutes of the game. The Jumbos limited the hosts to 27 yards rushing on 26 carries.
• Sophomore Bryce Adam (Newton, Mass.) returned two punts for an average of 12.5 yards including an 18-yard return that helped set up Tufts’ third touchdown against Middlebury.

Wesleyan Cardinals
Team Record | 5-4
Week 8: Defeated by Trinity, 9-0
• Senior Brandon Morris (Davie, Fla.) led Wesleyan’s defense with a game-high 11 tackles in Saturday’s loss to Trinity, and had one tackle for a loss of three yards. The Cardinals’ defense held the NESCAC’s top offense to 226 yards, 125 passing and 101 rushing, while allowing 79 yards to the league’s top rusher on 20 carries. Additionally, Wesleyan held Trinity scoreless in the first half, marking the first time since 2014 the Bantams failed to score a point in the first half. The Cardinals totaled five more sacks to end the season with a league-best 29.

Williams Ephs
Team Record | 5-4
Week 8: Defeated by Amherst, 45-14
• Sophomore Frank Stola (Northport, N.Y.) caught five passes for 88 yards and two touchdowns against Amherst.
• Sophomores Jarrett Wesner (Villa Park, Calif.) and Jake Kastenhuber (North Haven, Conn.) tied for the team lead in tackles with nine each against the Mammoths.
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