



NORTH EAST COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

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2008 NORTH EAST COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION WEEKLY HONORS

WEEK 1: January 21, 2008

CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

PHIL TULLY □ Vassar College

SO • OH • Huntington Station, NY/Walt Whitman

Phil Tully is the first Vassar player to ever win an NECVA weekly award, as he led the Brewers to a 3-1 record at the Wisconsin Men's Volleyball Invitational—the only loss coming to No. 3 ranked Carthage. For his efforts, he was named to the All-Invitational Team. The four contests marked the best four-match stretch of his career, as he averaged 5.20 points, 4.53 kills, 1.33 digs and 0.40 aces per game while hitting .326. He set a career high for kills and attempts with 24 and 55 in a 3-2 win over Rivier, adding six digs, four blocks and three aces. He had 19 kills in a sweep of Milwaukee School of Engineering (19-4-28) and hit .536 with eight digs. In a loss to Carthage, he landed 20 kills (20-9-42, .262).

CUNYAC DIVISION PLAYER OF THE WEEK

DANIAL LEVENT □ Baruch College

JR • RS/MB • Forest Hills, NY/Acad. of American Studies

In a three-match opening weekend in which the Bearcats faced a pair of top-15 nationally ranked teams, Levent excelled at the net. He averaged 5.0 kills per game while hitting .378 (60-18-111) at Ramapo's quad meet, and posted 1.07 blocks per game (13 total, seven solo). Levent registered a 19-kill, 13-dig double-double in a four-game match against Newbury, before adding a 13-kill effort with a .478 hitting percentage and three solo blocks against the host Roadrunners. Rounding out the afternoon, the two-time CUNYAC Tournament Most Valuable Player finished two blocks shy of a five-game triple-double, hitting .429 (28-7-49) while posting eight blocks (two solo) and 10 digs.

METRO DIVISION PLAYER OF THE WEEK

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NEW ENGLAND DIVISION PLAYER OF THE WEEK

BRYAN MCDERMAND □ Newbury College

JR • OH • Palatine, IL/Montini Catholic

McDermand had an all-around solid effort at the Ramapo College quad match as the Nighthawks went 2-1. He averaged 4.00 points, 3.50 kills, 2.17 digs, and 1.00 assists with a .388 percentage, and scored 48 points in three

CONFERENCE ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

PABLO OLIVEIRA □ Hunter College

FR • OH • Uberlandia, Brazil/Newcomers

Pablo Oliveira had a memorable debut in the Hawks' season-opening, three-game victory over visiting Mount Saint Vincent on January 17. He posted an error-free hitting percentage of .704 in the match, putting down 19 kills on 27 attempts. Oliveira added three blocks (one solo) in the winning effort, along with three digs. He averaged 6.33 kills per game.

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JEFF ELSASSER □ Ramapo College

FR • OH • Barnegat, NJ/Southern Regional

Jeff Elsasser helped lead the Roadrunners to a 3-0 season opening weekend, as he averaged 4.07 points, 3.57 kills, 1.57 digs and 0.71 blocks per game while hitting .452 overall. In a 3-0 win over Baruch, he hit .556 with 11 kills (11-1-18), five digs and four blocks. In RCNJ's 3-1 victory over #12 Newbury, he landed 14 kills (14-5-24) and six digs, and hit .375. He played in two of three matches for Ramapo.

NEW ENGLAND DIVISION ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

CURTIS ABRAM □ Emmanuel College

FR • OH • San Luis Obispo, CA/ San Luis Obispo

The 6-foot-2 Abram led the Saints to a 2-0 start to their season as he averaged 4.69 points, 3.63 kills, 0.88 digs and 0.75 aces per game, hitting .262. He was instrumental in Emmanuel's 3-0 win over Endicott College as he hit .364

matches. In a 3-1 win over Baruch, he collected 17 kills (17-2-33) and 11 digs for a .455 percentage, while adding three assists, three aces and two blocks. In a 3-1 victory over Villa Julie, he hit .348 and tallied 13 kills (13-2-24), along with seven digs and five assists. The 6-foot-3 junior added 12 kills and eight digs in a 3-1 loss to host Ramapo.

WESTERN DIVISION PLAYER OF THE WEEK

RYAN MURDIE □ Medaille College
SO ● MB/RS ● Kenmore, NY/Kenmore East

In a week where the Mavericks dropped a pair of 3-1 matches to quality opponents, the 6-foot-5 sophomore averaged 3.75 points, 3.00 kills and 1.25 blocks per game, while hitting .537. In a loss to Mount Olive on January 12, he hit .579 with 12 kills (12-1-19), adding six assisted blocks. In a loss to NYU at the Nickel City Classic on January 13, he also had 12 kills (12-1-22) and a .500 percentage, with four blocks.

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WESTERN DIVISION ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

FRANKIE COTO □ Eastern Mennonite University
FR ● MB ● Miami, FL/Southwest Miami

In the first week of his career, Coto averaged 3.96 points, 3.08 kills and 1.00 blocks per game with a .325 hitting percentage as the Royals went 2-1. He opened his collegiate career with 18 kills in a 3-2 win over Puerto Rico-Mayaguez, hitting .441 (18-3-34) with six blocks. In a 3-1 win over King College, he landed 15 winners (15-6-33, 2.73) and five blocks.