2016-17 Coaches Poll #11 - February 14, 2017 (final Regular Season Poll)

New England Division III Poll: (Record and First Place Votes in Parentheses)

1. Johnson & Wales University (16) (23-1) 160
2. Roger Williams University (21-2) 144
3. U.S. Coast Guard Academy (11-5) 128
4. University of Southern Maine (12-5) 110
5. Wesleyan University (9-7) 96
6. WPI (12-12) 80
7. Springfield College (11-12) 65
8. Williams College (7-10) 46
9. Castleton University (11-14) 33
10. Norwich University (7-9) 17

Others Receiving votes: Rhode Island College

**NEWA Wrestler of the Week:** Johnson & Wales University, 165 pounder Stephen Jarrell, SR, (East Greenwich, RI). Steve Jarrell helped JWU secure the #1 ranking in New England and finish the season 23-1. On Friday night he beat last years region finalist Alec Golner 9-8 in the battle of the WU's and on Saturday he came back and added to his nation leading tech falls with a 23-7 tech fall win over Josh Smith of USM. Jarrell is currently ranked #7 in the country and broke the school record for takedowns in a season early this year.

**NEWA Rookie Wrestler of the Week:** Castleton University, 125 pounder Tyreek Staton, FR, (Montclair, NJ). Staton led Castleton to an outstanding first year of college wrestling helping the team to a top 10 finish in New England and helping them secure over 10 dual victories in their first year. Staton beat 2X region place winner Matt Morris of Williams this past weekend 4-1.
**NOTES:** Wesleyan hosted a quad with WPI, Norwich, and Centenary on Sunday. Wesleyan went 3-0, WPI and Norwich were 0-2. Wesleyan beat WPI 22-15. Isaiah Bellamy had a big 11-2 Major decision win over Austin Shrewsbury at 285. Dylan Jones at 133 pinned Steve Jendritz of WPI in 2:40. Wesleyan also got big wins from Roy Forsy at 165 and Dominic Pirraglia at 174. Forsy beat Lind 4-3 and Pirraglia beat Muntz 10-3. WPI was led by Brian Amato who went 2-0 and earned his 64th Dual meet victory in his career, just one win short of the school record. Wesleyan then beat Norwich 32-12. Carrillo at 197, Bellamy at 285, and Armendarez at 149 all got pin for the Cardinals. For Norwich, Forsman at 133 beat Dylan Jones 10-6 and Joe Hennessey at 184 continued his strong freshmen season with a first period pin in 1:48. Wesleyan capped its day beating the #19 team in the country Centenary 24-15. Carrillo got the Cardinals started with a 3-1 win over Udott who was a National Qualifier last year. Carrillo is currently 16-0 on the season and is ranked #3 in the country. Wesleyan then got wins from Daouk at 125 with a pin over Demeter in 3:56 and 3-2 win by Matias over Nauta at 141. Wesleyan would then seal the dual with wins by Forsy at 165 and Pirraglia at 174 both by decision. Carrillo, Matias, Forsy, and Pirraglia all went 3-0 for the Cardinals. Forsman and Hennessey led the way for Norwich both going 2-0...WPI wrestled Springfield in a dual Saturday night and the Engineers won 19-12. WPI won 6 of the 10 bouts including the first three all by decision. At 125 Amato beat Zambrano 6-5, at 133 Jendritz beat Tolotti 7-3, and at 141 Ellis beat Bohle 7-6. Springfield would get decision wins by Strohman at 149, Medina at 174, Ayen at 197, and Fusco at 285 but it would not be enough. Fusco had a very good win in beating Shrewsbury 10-6 at 285. WPI won 5 of their 6 matches by decision with Chase Lind at 165 getting a major decision win 15-3 over Aarin Feliz...Coast Guard beat the Merchant Marine Academy 31-10 in a dual this past week. They got pins by Palomba at 174 and McCallister at 141. Coast Guard won 7 of the 10 individual bouts...Williams beat Castleton 23-19 in a dual. Each team won 5 bouts but Williams got more bonus. Castleton go big wins from Staton at 125 and Hale at 141. Tyreek Staton beat Matt Morris 7-5, Morris is a 2X Region place winner. Hale beat Brendon Seyfried 4-1, Seyfried was a Region finalist last year. Williams got major decision wins by Corrochano at 157 and Chris Chorzea at 184. Martin Strenk pinned Joe Galusha in 3:32 as the Ephs were able to win the dual with bonus points...Rhode Island College wrestled in a tri meet with Bridgewater State University and Trinity College. RIC went 2-0 beating Bridgewater 30-18 and Trinity 27-19, Trinity beat BSU 36-15. Trinity also beat AIC during the week. Andrew Valdina led the way for BSU going 2-0 with a 10-6 win over Liebel of RIC. Anthony Cote went 1-0 for BSU with a 6-4 win over Drago at 174 for RIC. RIC was led by Stephen Masi at 133, Mike Gallagher at 184, Javonte Johnson at 197, and John Georges at 285.
All 4 wrestlers went 2-0 in leading the Anchormen to two dual meet victories. Trinity was led by Grant Sorensen at 141, Jack Reilly at 157, and Nolan Cornu at 165, all 3 wrestlers went 2-0. Sorensen continues his strong season with a pin in 4:12 over Larsen of BSU and a major decision 11-1 win over Dorman of RIC... **Roger Williams** wrestled in a quad meet on Sunday, beating New England College 45-0, RPI 46-12, and AIC 23-6... JWU beat Southern Maine 30-15 on Saturday. JWU got pins from Mike Gargano at 174 and Khamri Thomas at 197. CJ Luth led USM winning 12-3 over Desmond Towns at 157...On Friday night it was a battle of the WU’s as (#2 NEWA/#7 Nationally) **Roger Williams** hosted (#1 NEWA/#3 Nationally) **Johnson & Wales** University. In front of a packed gym the two teams did not disappoint as it was a great dual. The match started at 174 where Mike Labell faced Taylor Shay. Labell was up 1-0 starting the third period on top. The period would see two reversals by each wrestler in the period with Labell getting the last one with 10 seconds left to secure the 5-4 win. Up next at 184 Freshmen Mike DiNardo for JWU came out early with a big move, taking Joe Albina down to his back. Albina would battle back and down 8-3 in the third, he returned the favor and took DiNardo down to his back and the senior got the pin in 5:20 to give the Hawks the 6-3 lead. At 197 #6 ranked Khamri Thomas of JWU would win by decision followed by #5 ranked Kyle Foster of RWU winning by decision at 285 making it 9-6 RWU. At 125 #9 ranked Bobby Jordan faced Nick Barbaria. Barbaria was on the offense the entire match. He was able to finish a takedown in the second period and secure a two-point lead. Jordan would escape in the third period to cut the lead to 1 and with 20 seconds left Jordan was able to secure the takedown and the 5-4 win tying the dual at 9-9. #4 Jay Albis then wrestled Jason Jacobi of RWU. Albis would win a competitive 8-3 match but Jacobi wrestled tough keeping the nationally ranked wrestler to only a win by decision. At 141, with JWU up 12-9, it brought up the top two wrestlers at the weight class in Justin Cochran of RWU and Joe Ferinde of JWU. Cochran would get the first take down and ride Ferinde for 1:55. Ferinde would get the escape and finish the period down 2-1. Cochran chose down and Ferinde was able to ride him out the entire second period. Down 2-1 with 5 seconds of riding time, Ferinde chose top. Ferinde rode Cochran for the first 40 seconds, Cochran was able to get an escape before riding time hit a minute but Ferinde stayed offensive and got a takedown about 15 seconds later and rode Cochran out for the 4-3 win putting JWU up 15-9. Tyler Gazaway at 149 then wrestled James Stapleton in a back and forth match. In the 3rd period down 5-4, Gazaway as able to reverse Stapleton to his back for 4 points and hold on for the 9-6 win. With the match 15-12 in favor of JWU, at 157 Herzog of RWU faced Towns of JWU. The two wrestlers exchanged escapes in the 2nd and 3rd period with no other scoring. With about 1:30 left in the third the action started to increase and Towns was able to get the first takedown. Herzog quickly escaped and as he tried to put the pressure on Towns down 3-2 he gave up a takedown as Towns won a 5-2 decision putting JWU up 18-12. At 165 it was a battle of
Steve Jarrell last year’s Region champion at 174 and Alec Golner last year’s Region Finalist at 165. Both wrestlers have been ranked nationally this year with Jarrell currently ranked #7 nationally. The match was back and forth but a late takedown by Jarrell gave him a 9-8 win over Golner in a great match between two of New England’s best wrestlers. JWU would win the dual 21-12 and finish as the top team in New England to end the regular season.