FOOTBALL WEEKLY RELEASE - October 8, 2017

2017 Football Standings

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MASCAC Football Players of the Week

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Quinn Fleeting, Western Conn. State (Sr., QB, Windsor, Conn.) -- Was 13-for-17 (76 per-\center) with 218 yards and two touchdowns while rushing for another in three quarters of play in the Colonials’ 49-23 victory over Worcester State. Finished with touchdown passes of six and 39 yards with a rushing touchdown of three yards all in the first half.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Jaquan Harris, Framingham State (Sr., DB, Boston, Mass.) -- Recorded five interceptions, tying the NCAA Division III single game record, with two solo tackles in the Rams’ 32-16 win over Fitchburg State. His first interception was returned 19 yards and led to the Rams first score of the game. The fourth interception was made at the Framingham State one-yard line.

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Evan Garvey, Westfield State (So., WR, Dalton, Mass.) -- Returned a 90-yard kick for a touchdown on the reverse handoff in the Owls’ 35-28 win over Massachusetts Maritime. Finished with 132 return yards and added four catches for 21 yards.

ROOKIE OF THE WEEK
Jacob Burkhead, UMass Dartmouth (Fr., DB, Plymouth, Mass.) -- Tied a team-high with a career-best 10 tackles, including eight solo in the Corsairs’ 30-27 setback to Curry College. Registered his first career fumble recovery in the second quarter that led to a field goal.
Offensive

Jack Lavanchy, Bridgewater State (Jr., WR, Walpole, Mass.) -- Hauled in 10 receptions for 82 yards in the Bears’ 17-7 setback to Plymouth State.

Quoron Wright, Framingham State (Jr., RB, Worcester, Mass.) -- Rushed for 145 yards on 24 carries with a pair of touchdowns in the Rams’ 32-16 win over Fitchburg State. Added a catch for 34 yards and scored on runs of six and 16 yards.

Richie Phillips, Massachusetts Maritime (Sr., RB, Onset, Mass.) -- Broke his career-high rushing total with 192 yards on 29 carries that included touchdown runs of one and 24 yards in the Buccaneers’ 35-28 setback at Westfield State.

Mitch Banuskevich, Plymouth State (Jr., RB, Milford, N.H.) -- Amassed 208 yards (168 rushing) with a touchdown in the Panthers’ 17-7 win over Bridgewater State. Scored on a 12-yard touchdown pass.

Abbi Bamgbose, UMass Dartmouth (Jr., WR, Worcester, Mass.) -- Tallied a game-high 158 receiving yards on six receptions with two touchdowns in the Corsairs’ 30-27 loss at Curry College. Caught touchdown passes of 20 and 61 yards while averaging 26.3 yards per catch.

Travon Holder, Westfield State (Jr., RB, Hartford, Conn.) -- Rushed for 156 yards on 25 carries, scoring touchdowns of four and 65 yards in the Owls’ 35-28 win over Massachusetts Maritime. Also returned a kickoff 70 yards, and caught a pass for eight yards to account for 234 all-purpose yards.

Jacob Maher, Worcester State (So., TE, Marshfield, Mass.) -- Finished with three touchdowns on six receptions for 93 yards in the Lancers’ 49-23 setback to Western Connecticut State. Scored on passes of 34, 13 and 11 yards.

Defensive

Charles McCarthy, Bridgewater State (Sr., LB, North Reading, Mass.) -- Notched 11 tackles (five solo), including a 1/2 tackles for loss, and recorded his first interception of the season in the Bears’ 17-7 setback to Plymouth State. Interception lead to the Bears’ only score of the game.

Leo Munafo, Massachusetts Maritime (So., DB, Wrentham, Mass.) -- Recorded nine total tackles (five solo) and first career interception in Buccaneers’ 35-28 setback at Westfield State.

Prince Gbaley, Plymouth State (So., DB, Manchester, N.H.) -- Had two interceptions, seven tackles and four pass breakups in the Panthers’ 17-7 win over Bridgewater State. First interception came on a deep pass with just over a minute remaining in the first half. His second pick came in the fourth quarter at the PSU 8-yard line to help secure the win.

Jake Tavares, UMass Dartmouth (So., LB, New Bedford, Mass.) -- Made a career-high and team-high 10 tackles, including eight solo in 30-27 loss to Curry College. Finished with five tackles for a total loss of eight yards and notched his first career sack for six yards and added a pass breakup.

William Tejeda, Westfield State (Sr., DB, Princeton, Mass.) -- Finished with 12 tackles and a sack with a 55-yard punt return in the Owls’ 35-28 win over Mass Maritime.

Special Teams

James Tooker, UMass Dartmouth (Fr., K, Harwich, Mass.) -- Converted two field goals and three extra points the Corsairs’ 30-27 loss to Curry College. Made a season-best 39-yard field goal in the third quarter and a 32-yard field goal to tie the game at 17 at the half.

Jordan D’Onofrio, Western Conn. State (So., PK/P, Orange, Conn.) -- Finished 7-of-7 on extra points and booted a 57 yard punt in the Colonials’ 49-23 win over Worcester State.

Recent Results

Friday, October 6
Framingham St. def. Fitchburg St., 32-16

Saturday, October 7
Curry def. UMass Dartmouth, 30-27
Plymouth State def. Bridgewater St., 17-7
Westfield St. def. Mass. Maritime, 35-28
Western Conn. St. def. Worcester St., 49-23

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Upcoming Schedule

Friday, October 13
Bridgewater St. at UMass Dartmouth - 7 pm

Saturday, October 14
Framingham St. at Plymouth State - 1 pm
Fitchburg St. at Westfield St. - 2 pm
Mass. Maritime at Western Conn. St. - 5 pm