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## **2022 NESCAC Championship**

Fri., Feb. 18

First Round Games at Higher Seeds

No. 11 Bowdoin def. No. 6 Conn. College, 56-53

No. 7 Trinity def. No. 10 Bates, 67-50

No. 9 Colby def. No. 8 Hamilton, 64-58

Sat. & Sun., Feb. 19-20

**Quarterfinals at Higher Seeds** 

No. 4 Williams def. No. 5 Amherst, 70-66

No. 1 Wesleyan def. No. 9 Colby, 82-71

No. 7 Trinity def. No. 2 Tufts, 90-76

No. 3 Middlebury def. No. 11 Bowdoin, 91-72

Sat., Feb. 26

Semifinals at Wesleyan

No. 1 Wesleyan def. No. 7 Trinity, 70-67

No. 4 Williams def. No. 3 Middlebury, 78-61

Sun., Feb. 27

Championship Game at Wesleyan

No. 1 Wesleyan def. No. 4 Williams, 78-75 (OT)

## **Upcoming Games**

Friday, March 4 NCAA First Round (at Wesleyan) Nichols vs. RPI - 5:10 p.m. Husson at Wesleyan - 7:40 p.m.

#### NCAA First Round (at Mt. Union)

Williams vs. Neumann - 3:20 p.m. Stevens vs. Mt. Union - 5:50 p.m.

#### Saturday, March 5 NCAA Second Round (at Wesleyan)

Nichols/RPI winner vs. Husson/Wesleyan winner - 7:40 p.m.

### NCAA Second Round (at Mt. Union)

Williams/Neumann winner vs.
Stevens/Mt. Union winner - 5:50 p.m.

Team Standings	NESCAC				Overall		
	GP	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Wesleyan	10	9	1	.900	24	3	.889
Tufts	10	8	2	.800	13	10	.565
Middlebury	10	7	3	.700	18	6	.750
Williams	8	5	3	.625	17	4	.810
Amherst	10	5	5	.500	15	9	.625
Conn. College	9	4	5	.444	10	11	.476
Trinity	9	4	5	.444	16	9	.640
Hamilton	10	4	6	.400	12	13	.480
Colby	10	3	7	.300	12	13	.480
Bates	10	2	8	.200	9	12	.429
Bowdoin	10	2	8	.200	12	14	.462

# Link to: Team & Individual Statistics

# **NESCAC Player of the Week**



# Jordan James | Wesleyan Senior, Forward, Vienna, Va.

James led Wesleyan to the program's second NESCAC Championship. He averaged 15.5 points, 10.0 rebounds, 2.5 assists, and 2.5 blocks per game for the weekend. The NESCAC leader in field goal percentage was 12-for-14 (85.7 FG%) from the floor. In the semifinal against Trinity, James scored 13 points, grabbed seven rebounds, blocked four shots, and had two assists in the 70-67 win. He followed that up with a team-leading 18 points to go with 13 rebounds and three assists to helped Wesleyan defeat Williams, 78-75, in overtime to clinch the NESCAC title.

### **NESCAC Notes**

In a game that featured 20 lead changes and 16 ties the top-seeded Wesleyan Cardinals outlasted No. 4 Williams in overtime, 78-75, to win the program's second NESCAC Men's Basketball title. Junior **Preston Maccoux** and senior **Jordan James** (Vienna, Va.) led the Cardinals with 18 points each. Maccoux added six rebounds and four assists and was 5-for-5 from the foul line. James grabbed 13 rebounds to complete a double-double effort. Sophomore **Nate Karren** (Sacramento, Calif.) paced the Ephs with a game-high 19 points to go along with six rebounds and five assists and sophomore **Cole Prowitt-Smith** (Fairfield, Conn.) chipped in 15 points, six rebounds, five assists, and three steals.

Wesleyan reached the semifinals with a 70-67 win over neighboring Trinity, the No. 7 seed. Neither team held more than a three-point lead throughout and the game featured eight lead changes, all in the second half. Jordan led four Cardinals in double figures with 13 points, seven rebounds, and four blocks. First-year **Nicky Johnson** (Lexington, Mass.) was three points shy of a triple-double with seven points, 10 rebounds, and a NESCAC Championship record 14 assists. First-year **Will Dorian** (Needham, Mass.) and sophomore **Ben Callahan-Gold** (New York, N.Y.) scored a game-high 14 points each to lead Trinity. Dorian added 12 assists and five rebounds, while Callahan-Gold grabbed seven boards.

Williams advanced to the finals for the 10th time in program history with a 78-61 win over No. 3 Middlebury. The Ephs shot 50 percent from 3-point range to build an 18-point lead at the end of the first half and never looked back. Junior **Spencer Spivy** (San Francisco, Calif.) led Williams with a game-high 20 points and five assists. Prowitt-Smith added 17 points and eight rebounds and Karren contributed 11 points and eight boards. Junior **Alex Sobel** (Setauket, N.Y.) recorded 19 points and first-year **Sam Stevens** (Mansfield, Mass.) tallied 18 points to lead the Panthers. First-year **David Brennan** (Boston, Mass.) nearly recorded a double-double during the contest with eight points and eight boards.

**Wesleyan** and **Williams** were the two NESCAC teams selected to the NCAA Tournament field. The Cardinals, who earned an automatic bid, will host a first and second-round games on March 4-5 and face Husson (15-9) in the first round. Husson won the NAC title with a 57-53 win over SUNY Poly to earn an automatic bid.

Williams was an at-large selection and will travel to Mt. Union to meet Neumann (21-5) in a first-round contest on March 4. Neumann won the Atlantic East Championship with a 61-59 victory over Marymount (VA).