



2022 NESCAC Championship

Fri., Feb. 18

First Round Games at Higher Seeds

No. 11 Colby def. No. 6 Bowdoin, 67-58

No. 7 Wesleyan def. No. 10 Hamilton, 63-52

No. 8 Williams def. No. 9 Conn. College, 40-31

Sat. & Sun., Feb. 19-20

Quarterfinals at Higher Seeds

No. 5 Bates def. No. 4 Middlebury, 87-75

No. 1 Trinity def. No. 8 Williams, 57-46

No. 2 Tufts def. No. 7 Wesleyan, 58-55

No. 3 Amherst def. No. 11 Colby, 65-35

Sat., Feb. 26

Semifinals at Trinity

No. 5 Bates def. No. 1 Trinity, 57-55

No. 3 Amherst def. No. 2 Tufts, 73-59

Sun., Feb. 27

Championship Game at Trinity

No. 5 Bates def. No. 3 Amherst, 51-42

Upcoming Games

Friday, March 4

NCAA First Round (at NYU)

Washington & Lee at NYU - TBA

Roger Williams vs. Bates - TBA

NCAA First Round (at Amherst)

SUNY Poly at Amherst - TBA

St. John Fisher vs. Rhode Island College - TBA

NCAA First Round (at Tufts)

Clarks Summit at Tufts - TBA

DeSales vs. SUNY Cortland - TBA

Saturday, March 5

NCAA Second Round (at NYU)

Washington & Lee/NYU winner vs.

Roger Williams/Bates winner - TBA

NCAA Second Round (at Amherst)

SUNY Poly/Amherst winner vs.

St. John Fisher/Rhode Island College - TBA

NCAA Second Round (at Tufts)

Clarks Summit/Tufts winner vs.

DeSales/SUNY Cortland - TBA

Team Standings

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Overall

	GP	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Trinity	10	8	2	.800	17	6	.739
Tufts	10	8	2	.800	20	4	.833
Amherst	9	7	2	.778	21	3	.875
Middlebury	10	6	4	.600	12	11	.522
Bates	10	6	4	.600	17	7	.708
Bowdoin	10	5	5	.500	16	9	.640
Wesleyan	10	4	6	.400	12	13	.480
Williams	10	3	7	.300	10	15	.400
Conn. College	8	2	6	.250	4	17	.190
Hamilton	9	2	7	.222	9	13	.409
Colby	10	2	8	.200	12	10	.545

[Link to: Team & Individual Statistics](#)

NESCAC Player of the Week



Meghan Graff | Bates

Junior, Guard, South Portland, Maine

Graff scored a game-high 20 points against top-seeded Trinity in the NESCAC Semifinals and repeated the effort against No. 3 Amherst in the NESCAC Championship game, propelling Bates to its first conference title in program history. She also dished out four assists against the Bantams and five against Amherst.

NESCAC Notes

The Bates Bobcats became the first No. 5 seed to win the NESCAC Women's Basketball title with a 51-42 victory over No. 3 Amherst. In its fifth appearance in the NESCAC Championship game, the Bobcats were able to capture their first NESCAC title in program history. Bates held a 40-20 lead after three quarters and held off a furious fourth-quarter comeback effort by the Mammoths to earn the victory. Junior **Meghan Graff** (South Portland, Maine) scored a game-high 20 points to pace the Bobcats. Junior **Brianna Gadaleta** (Chappaqua, N.Y.) and senior **Ariana Dalia** (Brick, N.J.) grabbed 16 and 12 rebounds, respectively, to help the Bobcats dominate the glass over the Mammoths, 53-36. Senior **Dani Valdez** (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.) netted a game-high 13 points and grabbed a team-high six rebounds for Amherst while first-year **AnLing Vera** (Cerritos, Calif.) chipped in 11 points to lead Amherst.

Bates reached the championship game for the fifth time with a 57-55 victory over top-seeded Trinity. The Bobcats made a clutch defensive stand as the Bantams had multiple chances to tie or take the lead in the waning minutes of regulation to pull out the victory. Graff scored a game-high 20 points, including two clutch free throws with 1:04 remaining to give Bates a two-point lead and the final score. Dalia contributed a double-double with 11 points and 12 rebounds. Sophomore **Reilly Campbell** (Wallingford, Conn.) led the Bantams with 18 points and nine rebounds.

Amherst earned its 12th trip to the NESCAC Championship game with a 73-59 win over No. 2 Tufts in the semifinals. Vera scored a game-high 23 points to lead four Mammoths in double figures. Amherst shot 62.1 percent in the first half to build a 41-35 halftime lead and led by as many as 13 points with just under eight minutes to go. Tufts climbed back within five, but that is as close as the Jumbos could get the rest of the way. Senior **Courtney Resch** (San Francisco, Calif.) added a double-double for the Mammoths with 14 points and 12 rebounds. Sophomore **Maggie Russell** (Morristown, N.J.) led the Jumbos with 17 points and 14 rebounds.

Three NESCAC teams were selected to the NCAA Tournament. NESCAC Champion **Bates** will face Roger Williams (20-6) in a first-round game to be played at NYU. Roger Williams defeated Endicott, 67-46, to win its first Commonwealth Coast Conference title.

Amherst and **Tufts** were selected to host first and second-round games. The Mammoths will play SUNY Poly (20-6), the NAC Champions, while Tufts meets Clarks Summit (23-4), the winners of the CSAC title, in the first round.