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GRINOLD CHAPTER NEW ENGLAND DIVISION III FOOTBALL WEEKLY RANKINGS RELEASED

BUZZARDS BAY, Mass. -- The seventh Grinold Chapter New England Division III football weekly rankings of the 2016 season have been released, and newly crowned New England Football Conference champion Western New England holds the top spot in the poll for a seventh straight week.

The Golden Bears received 11 first place votes to top second place Trinity in this week's rankings, as the Bantams collected the other first place vote. Eastern Collegiate Football Conference champion Husson is next in third place, while Salve Regina and Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference champion Bridgewater State round out the top five. Middlebury, Tufts, Wesleyan, Framingham State and WPI hold the final five positions in this week's poll.

The New England Division III Football Poll is presented by the Jack Grinold Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the National Football Foundation, which also serves as the title sponsor of the weekly Gold Helmet Awards presented by the New England Football Writers Association throughout the season.

A 12-member panel representing all four New England Division III playing conferences will serve as voters in this year's poll, and rankings will be released each Monday afternoon through November 14th. Members of this year's voting panel are **E.J. Mills (Amherst), JB Wells (Bowdoin), Jay Civetti (Tufts), Tom Kelley (Framingham State), Paul Castonia (Plymouth State), Pat Haverly (Fitchburg State), Skip Bandini (Curry), Chad Martinovich (MIT), Kevin Gilmartin (Salve Regina), Gabby Price (Husson), Tony Volpone (Castleton)** and **Mike Landers (Mount Ida)**.

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GRINOLD CHAPTER NEW ENGLAND DIVISION III FOOTBALL POLL
Week #7 – November 7, 2016 (First Place Votes In Parentheses)

<u>Rank</u>	<u>School (FPV)</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Previous Rank</u>
1	Western New England (11)	9-0	119	1
2	Trinity (1)	7-0	106	3
3	Husson	8-1	90	4
4	Salve Regina	7-1	82	2
5	Bridgewater State	7-2	74	5
6	Middlebury	6-1	55	T6
7	Tufts	6-1	54	T6
8	Wesleyan	6-1	42	8
9	Framingham State	6-3	20	9
10	WPI	6-3	18	10