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FINAL 2016 GRINOLD CHAPTER NEW ENGLAND DIVISION III FOOTBALL WEEKLY RANKINGS RELEASED

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

The Golden Bears received 11 first place votes to top second place and New England Small College Athletic Conference champion Trinity once again 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. Tufts, Middlebury, Framingham State, Wesleyan and WPI hold the last five positions in the final 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 served as voters in this year's poll, and special thanks to **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)** for their work throughout the season.

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GRINOLD CHAPTER NEW ENGLAND DIVISION III FOOTBALL POLL
Week #8 – FINAL - November 14, 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)	10-0	119	1
2	Trinity (1)	8-0	108	2
3	Husson	9-1	88	3
4	Salve Regina	8-1	83	4
5	Bridgewater State	8-2	71	5
6	Tufts	7-1	68	7
7	Middlebury	6-2	39	6
8	Framingham State	7-3	37	9
9	Wesleyan	6-2	35	8
10	WPI	6-4	7	10

Also Receiving Votes: Plymouth State (4), Amherst (1)