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Endicott to host Mount Ida in ECAC North Atlantic Bowl

The Endicott College football team may have fallen short of making a repeat appearance in the Division 3 NCAA Tournament, but the Gulls still have some important football to play.

Endicott will host Mount Ida on Saturday (1 p.m.) in the ECAC North Atlantic Bowl and the Gulls would like nothing more than to finish their record-breaking season with a victory.

If the 9-1 Gulls were to win on Saturday, they would set a new program record for wins in a season with 10.

Mount Ida comes into the game with a 6-4 record while riding a three-game win streak. During that spurt the Mustangs have been averaging over 26 points per game.

Of course, if a team is going to keep pace with Endicott, then it would take a lot of points.

The Gulls have produced huge offensive numbers this season, led by senior quarterback Phil Konopka. Konopka has thrown for 2,450 yards and 25 touchdowns with a completion percentage of 66.2.

Senior Ryan Carino and junior Mike Murphy have been two of Konopka's favorite targets. Carino has nine touchdown catches, while Murphy has 759 yards receiving.

Endicott running back Mike Lane has also been a beast this season, rushing for a single-season program record of 1,424 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Scoring on Endicott isn't easy, either. The Gulls' defense is currently seventh in total defense nationally, and seventh against the run. Kevin Eagan, Jason Silva and Bill Hickey have been the biggest contributors for the Gulls on the defensive side of the ball.