

Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007

OVERTIME GOAL LIFTS EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY IN OPENING MATCH

Senior Stephanie Mongelli gives Warriors win early in sudden death session

MANSFIELD, Conn. – Senior forward **Stephanie Mongelli (Pequannock, NJ/Pequannock Township)** scored her second goal of the match less than five minutes into sudden-death overtime to lift the Eastern Connecticut State University field hockey team to a 2-1 season-opening victory over Lasell College Wednesday afternoon at the Mansfield Outdoor Complex.

Mongelli, who now has 19 career goals to move to within one of a tie for second place all-time, tied the match with 16 minutes left when she re-directed a shot by senior midfielder **Marisa Esposito (Wethersfield/Wethersfield)** after junior back **Meagan Puzacke (Thomaston/Thomaston)** sent in a penalty corner. Mongelli drove in the game-winner early in the 30-minute sudden-death session, again following a penalty corner set up by Puzacke. The shot beat Lasell goalkeeper Laura Gallagher to end the match. Esposito's assist on the first goal represented her first collegiate point.

First-year sophomore transfer **Tia Mucciarone (Franklin, MA)** shut out Lasell after spelling sophomore starter **Mindy Maher (Sherman/Shepaug Valley)**, taking over in net to start the second half. Mucciarone, who played lacrosse last spring at Virginia Wesleyan College, made six saves in her college field hockey debut, three in overtime.

The Warriors started four newcomers in the match: junior transfer **Drew Gomes (Thomaston/Thomaston)** and **Melanie Proud (Wall Township, NJ/Wall)** at forward, **Rene Breton (Stafford/Stafford)** at midfield, and **Rachel Cocola (South Windsor/South Windsor)** on defense.

Eastern, which remains undefeated in four contests all-time against Lasell, has won its last three overtime matches, all by scores of 2-1.

Eastern hosts Keene State College in its Little East Conference opener Saturday at 1 p.m. The Owls were undefeated in the conference last year, winning the regular season and conference titles.

Eastern Conn. 2, Lasell College 1, ot

Lasell (0-2)	1	0	(0)	--	1
Eastern Conn. (1-0)	0	1	(1)	--	2

Scoring: L-Katie Bryer (Kristina Gorski) 22:07; E-Stephanie Mongelli (Marissa Esposito) 53:44; E-Mongelli (Meaghan Puzacke) 74:25.

Shots: L-11, E-10; **Saves:** L-Laura Gallagher 4; E-Mindy Maher 0 (35:00, 1 goal allowed), Tia Mucciarone 6 (39:25, 0).

Penalty corners: L-4, E-10.

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Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007

LATE GOALS SINK EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY, 3-0

Keene State scores all of its goals in six-minute span late in match

MANSFIELD, Conn. – The Keene State College field hockey team erupted from a scoreless tie by striking for three goals in a six-minute span late in the match in posting its 18th straight Little East Conference regular-season victory, 3-0, over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday afternoon in the conference opener for both schools.

Although Keene (2-1) had better offensive chances, the Owls could not break through until there were only 13 minutes left. Senior midfielder Amy Dubois (Jefferson, NH), freshman midfielder Chelsea Blackmer (Boylston, MA) and junior forward Elizabeth Rand (Peterborough, NH) all scored their first goals of the season as the Owls pulled away for their sixth straight win over Eastern (1-1).

Keene has won or shared the last four conference regular-season titles. Last year, the Owls won all 11 regular-season matches, then went on to the post-season tournament title. They have not lost a regular-season LEC match since Sept. 28, 2005.

Senior forward Maegan Moran (Derry, NH) set up the first goal when she sent a pass from the right end line across the goal mouth to Dubois, who re-directed it into an open area in the cage. Senior forward Kat Trimmer (Hanover, NH) assisted on Blackmer's first career goal less than four minutes later, and sophomore midfielder Erin Dallas (Marlow, NH) found Rand open on the left side of the cage for the final goal with just over seven minutes left. Rand had entered the match for the first time just seconds earlier.

Eastern freshman defender **Rachel Cocola (South Windsor)** had kept the match scoreless when she cleared the ball off the goal line with sophomore goalkeeper **Tia Mucciarone (Franklin, MA)** ten minutes into the second half.

The Warriors did not earn a penalty corner until 13 minutes into the second half as Keene gained a 12-4 advantage in that category.

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Keene senior goalkeeper Jennifer McDougall (Avon, CT) was not called upon for a save until just 2:30 remained in the match, when she kicked out a bid by first-year Eastern junior transfer **Drew Gomes (Thomaston)**.

Led by sophomore forward Carly Benning's (Brewster, MA) five shots, Keene outshot Eastern 17-2. Mucciarone made seven saves in losing her first collegiate match in her first start. Mucciarone came off the bench and was credited with Wednesday's 2-1 overtime win over visiting Lasell.

Eastern visits Manhattanville College Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Keene State College 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Keene State (2-1, 1-0 little east)	0	3	--	3
Eastern Conn. (1-1), 0-1 little east)	0	0	--	0

Scoring: Amy Dubois (Maegan Moran) 56:43; Chelsea Blackmer (Kat Trimmer) 60:29; Elizabeth Rand (Erin Dallas) 62:58.

Shots: K-17, E-2; **Saves:** K-Jennifer McDougall 1, E-Tia Mucciarone 7.

Penalty corners: K-12, E-4.

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DEL ROSSI LEADS TRINITY OVER EASTERN CONNECTICUT FOR FIRST BANTAM WIN

Hartford, Conn. – Junior **Karli Del Rossi (Mantua, N.J.)** scored two goals and tallied two assists to lead the Trinity College Bantams to an 8-0 win over the visiting Eastern Connecticut State University Warriors in field hockey action this evening at Sheppard Field. The win is Trinity's first of the season, bringing their record to 1-1. Freshmen **Carolyn Cameron (South Hamilton, Mass.)** and **Christina Bradley (Wellesley, Mass.)** both added a goal and an assist for the Bantams. Trinity held the Warriors to just one shot. Sophomore **Mindy Maher (Sherman, Conn.)** made 16 saves for the Warriors, whose record falls to 1-3 on the early season.

Teams	1st	2nd	Final
Eastern Connecticut (1-3)	0	0	0
Trinity, Conn. (1-1)	3	5	8

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007

NINE MINUTE STRETCH FATAL FOR EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY
Manhattanville scores all of its goals in that span in downing Warriors, 4-2

PURCHASE, NY -- The Manhattanville College field hockey team scored all four of its goals in a stretch of nine minutes in the first half and the outburst was enough to send the Valiants to a 4-2 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday afternoon.

Eastern (1-2) collected five shots and two penalty corners in the first ten minutes of play and led, 1-0, before Manhattanville (3-2) struck for all four of its goals in a span of just nine minutes -- three of the goals coming in five minutes -- to beat the Warriors for the third straight time in this series and match its entire 2006 win total. It was the first meeting between the programs since 2003.

The Eastern defense of starting backs **Meagan Puzacke (Thomaston/Thomaston)**, **Kate Caren (Redding/Joel Barlow)**, **Rachel Cocola (South Windsor/South Windsor)** and **Kim Spreda (Southington/Southington)** -- bottled up the Valiants without allowing a shot through the first 14 minutes of play. Manhattanville finally called timeout after first-year junior transfer **Drew Gomes (Thomaston/Thomaston)** scored her first goal in the 11th minute to lift the Warriors into a 1-0 lead, then answered with four straight goals. Eight of Manhattanville's 11 shots in the match came in that nine-minute stretch against first-year sophomore goalie **Tia Mucciarone (Franklin, MA/Franklin)**.

In Saturday's Little East Conference loss to Keene State College, the Warriors allowed all three Owl goals in a six-minute span in a 3-0 loss.

Freshman Kirstin Betsill scored twice in less than two minutes to give Manhattanville a 2-1 lead, and senior Heather Allen followed with her first two goals of the season four minutes apart.

After threatening in the early minutes with five shots, Eastern managed only one the rest of the half -- a bid which was cleared away from the goal on a defensive save by Manhattanville back Sami Berardo. The Warriors outshot and shut out the hosts in the second half, but could not break through until junior **Jaime Seligmann (Sherman/Nonnewaug)** beat Manhattanville junior goalie Lauren Gagnon with six seconds left. It was the third career goal for Seligmann, first since 2005.

Manhattanville College 4, Eastern Conn. 2

Eastern Conn. (2-1)	1	1	--	2
Manhattanville (3-2)	4	0	--	4

Scoring: E-Drew Gomes 10:12; M-Kirstin Betsill 22:37; M-Betsill 24:21; M-Heather Allen (Maura Bruen) 27:46; M-Allen (Caitlin Greiner) 31:53; E-Jaime Seligmann 69:54.

Shots: E-13, M-11; **Saves:** E-Tia Mucciarone 2 (4 goals allowed, 35:00), Mindy Maher 0 (0, 35:00); M-Lauren Gagnon 6.

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September 15, 2007

IN LEC, EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY UPENDS BRIDGEWATER, 2-0
Sophomore goalie Mindy Maher leads Warriors to first shutout victory in 29 matches

BRIDGEWATER, Mass. – Sophomore **Mindy Maher (Sherman)** posted the first shutout by an Eastern Connecticut State University goalie in 29 matches as the Warriors scored two first-half goals and went on to blank Bridgewater State College, 2-0, Saturday afternoon in Little East Conference play.

Eastern (2-3, 1-1 little east) scored twice off penalty corners in the first half, and Maher made four of her six saves in the second half to preserve Eastern's third win over Bridgewater State (3-1, 1-1 little east) in the last four years. Eastern had lost 3-0 to Bridgewater last year and was coming off Thursday's 8-0 non-conference loss at Trinity College.

Junior forward **Joslin Wells (Marstons Mills, MA)** scored her first goal of the season (sixth of her career) and sophomore midfielder **Kelsey Kaiser (Quaker Hill)** contributed the first of her career to give the Warriors a 2-0 halftime lead. Wells was set up on a pass by active scoring leader **Stephanie Mongelli (Pequannock, NJ)** in the 15th minute and Kaiser by junior back **Meagan Puzacke (Thomaston)** with just 46 seconds left in the first half.

Making her second start of the season, Maher recorded her first career shutout and the first shutout by the Warriors since a 2-0 conference decision over Western Connecticut on Oct. 4, 2005. Maher kept the Bears off the board despite Bridgewater's 9-1 shot advantage.

Bridgewater had opened its season with wins over Babson College, a 2005 NCAA tournament qualifier, and UMass Dartmouth. UMass Dartmouth had reached last year's Little East Conference championship match and was the 2007 conference per-season co-favorite.

Eastern visits Connecticut College Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 2, Bridgewater State 0

Eastern Conn. (2-3, 1-1 little east)	2	0	--	2
Bridgewater State (3-1, 1-1 little east)	0	0	--	0

Scoring: Joslin Wells (Stephanie Mongelli) 14:15; Kelsey Kaiser (Meagan Puzacke) 34:14. **Shots:** E-8, B-12; **Saves:** E-Mindy Maher 6, B-Nicole Downs 4.

Penalty corners: E-8, B-9.

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BSC Bears Fall to Eastern Connecticut State, 2-0

BRIDGEWATER, Mass. – In Little East Conference field hockey action, the Bridgewater State College Bears dropped a 2-0 decision to visiting Eastern Connecticut State University this afternoon in Bridgewater.

With the loss, the Bears fall to 3-1 on the season and 1-1 in the Little East as they snapped a three-game winning streak. Eastern improves to 2-3 overall and 1-1 in conference play.

Sophomore netminder **Mindy Maher** (Sherman, CT) turned aside 6 shots to pick up her first shutout and first win of the season. Eastern tallied both of their goals in the first half off penalty corners. Junior forward **Joslin Wells** (Marstons Mills, MA) opened the scoring in the 15th minute, while sophomore midfielder **Kelsey Kaiser** (Quaker Hill, CT) made it a 2-0 advantage with just 46 seconds left in the half.

After being outshot in the first half, 7-3, the Bears held a 9-1 advantage in the second half but could not get a shot past Maher.

Senior goaltender **Nicole Downs** (Hanover, MA) made 4 saves in goal for the Bears in the loss.

Bridgewater State will look to rebound next Tuesday as the Bears host non-conference rival Wheaton College at 4 PM. Eastern travels to Connecticut College on Tuesday for a 4:30 non-conference match with the Camels.

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Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007

FOR EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY, EARLY LEAD EVAPORATES QUICKLY

Warriors lead for 46 seconds, fall to Conn College in first-ever meeting between programs

NEW LONDON – The Eastern Connecticut State University field hockey team led for 46 seconds before Connecticut College answered by scoring the final four goals in a 4-1 victory over the Warriors in the first-ever meeting between the programs Tuesday afternoon.

Coming off a 2-0 Little East Conference win over Bridgewater State College Saturday, Eastern (2-4) struck early, but not often, against Conn (1-3). The Camels, shut out by a combined 15-0 margin in three opening loss to nationally-ranked opponents, needed only 46 seconds to gain the equalizer, took the lead for good with 11 minutes left in the first half, and then managed to pull away with two late goals.

Junior **Drew Gomes (Thomaston/Thomaston)**, a first-year transfer, scored her second goal of the season on an assist from senior **Stephanie Mongelli (Pequannock, NJ/Pequannock Township)** five minutes into play. Junior Jenny Roe tied the match 46 seconds later, and senior Courtney Smith made it 2-1 with 11 minutes left in the first half.

The Camels played almost the entire second half on Eastern's side of the field, peppering shots on sophomore keeper **Mindy Maher (Sherman/Shepaug Valley)**, who turned away 16 shots in the match to keep the match from turning into a rout.

Eastern hosts Babson College Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in the first of five straight home matches.

Connecticut College 4, Eastern Conn. 1

Eastern Conn. (2-4)	1	0	--	1
Conn College (1-3)	2	2	--	4

Scoring: E-Drew Gomes (Stephanie Mongelli) 5:00; C-Jenny Roe (Jill Mauer) 5:46; C-Courtney Smith (Abby Hine) 24:41; C-Kelsey Fredericks 58:28; C-Mauer (Hine) 67:52.

Shots: E-3, C-20; **Saves:** E-Mindy Maher 16, C-Steph Quinn 0 (1 goal allowed, 35:00 min.), Jamie Sheehan 2 (0, 35:00).

Penalty corners: E-4, C-12.

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Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007

BABSON EDGES EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY IN 2-1 VICTORY

Beavers score winning goal with eight minutes left; remain perfect vs. Warriors

MANSFIELD, Conn. – Senior midfielder Annie Pease (Waterville, ME) broke a tie by scoring her first goal of the season with eight minutes left to lift Babson College to a 2-1 non-conference win over Eastern Connecticut State University Thursday afternoon.

Trailing 1-0, Eastern (2-5) tied the match following a penalty corner after time had elapsed in the first half. Although Babson (2-5) maintained a significant advantage in shots and penalty corner, the score remained tied until Pease swept in the go-ahead goal from in front of the cage as she was falling to the ground. Pease's go-ahead goal was a rebound of a shot by junior Nicole Cemelli (Towaco, NJ) that bounced off the pads of Eastern sophomore goalie **Mindy Maher (Sherman)**.

Cemelli's first goal of the year in the fourth minute of play had given Babson an early lead, but Eastern freshman forward **Melanie Proud (Wall Township, NJ)** tied the match for Eastern with no time remaining in the first half. Cemelli's goal followed a penalty corner and was the rebound of a shot by sophomore forward Jess Paladino (Turner, ME) that was saved by Maher. Proud's first career goal was a re-direct of a shot by junior forward **Joslin Wells (Marstons Mills, MA)**.

The win is the second in three matches for Babson this year as the Beavers remain perfect in four matches against the Warriors in this series.

Eastern returns to Little East Conference play Saturday when it hosts the University of Southern Maine at 1 p.m.

Babson College 2, Eastern Conn. 1

Babson College (2-5)	1	1	--	2
Eastern Conn. (2-5)	1	0	--	1

Scoring: B-Nicole Cemelli 3:35; E-Melanie Proud (Joslin Wells) 35:00; B-Annie Pease 61:51.

Shots: B-16, E-8; **Saves:** B-Emily Cohen 4, E-Mindy Maher 5.

Penalty corners: B-12, E-4.

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Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007

SOUTHERN MAINE CAPITALIZES IN SECOND HALF IN 4-2 VICTORY

Against Eastern, Huskies score on two of three shots in final 35 minutes in LEC play

MANSFIELD, Conn. – The University of Southern Maine field hockey team scored on two of its three second-half shots to remain undefeated in the Little East Conference with a 4-2 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday afternoon.

Southern Maine (5-2, 3-0 little east) survived an early penalty-stroke attempt and an Eastern (2-6, 1-2 little east) goal soon after to take a 2-1 halftime lead, then scored on its first two shots of the second half and went on to hand the Warriors their third straight loss.

Junior forward Missy Rivet gave the Huskies a 3-1 lead 21 seconds into the second half with her second goal of the year, and freshman forward Sara Winterbottom made it 4-1 seven minutes later when she scored her first career goal. Counting a goal by junior forward Alyssa Kraus which gave the Huskies the lead for good at 2-1 with 2:37 left in the first half, Southern Maine scored three of its goals in a span of less than ten minutes.

Southern Maine sophomore goalie Allie Hill kept the match scoreless when she kicked out Eastern junior forward **Joslin Wells' (Marstons Mills, MA)** penalty stroke 14 minutes into the match, but the Warriors followed with the first first goal of the match less than four minutes later when freshman forward **Melanie Proud (Wall Township, NJ)** scored her second goal in two matches. Eastern was awarded the penalty stroke when Hill covered up the ball after stuffing Eastern junior forward **Drew Gomes's (Thomaston)** scoring attempt.

Eastern's 1-0 lead lasted less than four minutes, however, when sophomore forward India Lowe scored her team-leading seven goal with 14 minutes left in the half, and Lowe set up the go-ahead goal with 2:37 left in the first half when her shot was tipped in by Kraus.

Eastern outshot Southern Maine 5-3 in the second half and had an 8-1 advantage in penalty corners over the final 35 minutes, but Hill and her replacement, freshman Courtney Howe combined for three second-half saves before Wells broke through for her second goal of the year with six minutes left.

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Eastern sophomore goalie **Mindy Maher (Sherman)** stopped seven shots in the first half, when Southern Maine put nine of its ten shots on the cage.

Eastern plays its third of five straight home matches Wednesday, hosting Western Connecticut State University at 4:30 p.m.

U. of Southern Maine 4, Eastern Conn. 2

Southern Maine (5-2, 3-0 little east)	2	2	--	4
Eastern Conn. (2-6, 1-2 little east)	1	1	--	2

Scoring: E-Melanie Proud (Drew Gomes) 17:17; S-India Lowe (Alyson Lumino) 20:51; S-Alyssa Kraus (Lowe) 32:23; S-Missy Rivet (Brandi Alton) 35:21; S-Sara Winterbottom 42:58; E-Joslin Wells 64:01.

Shots: S-13, E-11; **Saves:** S-Allie Hill 6 (58:41 min., 1 goal allowed), Courtney Howe 1 (11:19, 1); E-Mindy Maher 7 (35:00, 2), Tia Mucciarone 1 (35:00, 2).

Penalty corners: S-6, E-9.

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Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007

EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY TRIPPED UP BY WESTERN

In Little East play, Colonials force overtime, win early in extra session

MANSFIELD, Conn. – The Western Connecticut State University field hockey team scored off a penalty corner with 13 minutes left in regulation and Little East Conference scoring leader Cortney Romyns won it with a breakaway goal three minutes into overtime as the Colonials trimmed Eastern Connecticut State University, 3-2, Wednesday afternoon.

The win is the first for Western (3-5, 2-2 little east) after losses to Eastern (2-7, 1-3 little east) each of the past two seasons, including last year's 2-1 overtime setback. In snapping a four-game losing streak, Western hands Eastern its fourth loss in a row.

Freshman forward **Ashley Del Vecchio (Fairfield)** and senior forward **Stephanie Mongelli (Pequannock, NJ)** each scored inside the final two minutes of the first half and Eastern's 2-1 lead stood up until first-year Western sophomore Meredith Stuart banged in a goal off Sara LeFevre's penalty corner to tie the match with 13 minutes left in regulation.

In the 6-on-6 overtime session, Romyns was foiled on two scoring bids in the opening 90 seconds before she ended the match with her conference-leading ninth goal of the season. Romyns gained possession on Eastern's side of midfield, hustled down the left wing, and beat Eastern sophomore goalie **Mindy Maher (Sherman)** on a one-on-one situation with just 3:18 gone in sudden death.

Romyns had given Western an early 1-0 lead in the 18th minute, scoring the first of her two breakaway goals. She took a pass from Stuart ahead of the field and when Eastern sophomore goalie **Tia Mucciarone (Franklin, MA)** came out to challenge the play, quickly unloaded a low shot inside the right post. Stuart is a first-year transfer from the University of New Hampshire.

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Returning to action after missing three games with injury, Del Vecchio beat Western freshman goalie Christina Natale with a rebound goal following a shot by Mongelli to tie the match with 1:41 left in the first half. Less than two minutes later, she found Mongelli with a short pass during a scramble in front of the net to tie the match with no time left in the first half.

The goal for Mongelli, who has seen limited action the last two matches due to a pulled muscle, was her team-leading third of the year and the 20th of her career and pulls her into a three-way tie for second all-time, nine behind all-time leader Mo Deegan.

Eastern hosts Plymouth State University Saturday at 1 p.m. in a conference match.

Western Conn. 3, Eastern Conn. 2, ot

Western Conn. (3-5, 2-2 little east)	1	1	(1)	--	3
Eastern Conn. (2-7, 1-3 little east)	2	0	(0)	--	2

Scoring: W-Cortney Romyns (Meredith Stuart) 17:47; E-Ashley Del Vecchio 33:19; E-Stephanie Mongelli (Del Vecchio) 35:00; W-Stuart (Sara LeFevre (56:40); W-Romyns 73:18.

Shots: W-6, E-9; **Saves:** W-Christina Natale 5, E-Tia Mucciarone 0 (1 goal, 35:00), Mindy Maher 1 (2, 38:18).

Penalty corners: W-8, E-9.

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Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007

PLYMOUTH SCORES ON FIRST SHOTS IN 2-0 LEC WIN OVER EASTERN

In Little East field hockey, early goals send Warriors to fifth straight defeat

MANSFIELD, Conn. — Junior Ashley Gutowski and senior Rachel Kirschner scored on their team's first two shots of the game in a span of three minutes and it was enough for the Plymouth State University field hockey team to post a 2-0 Little East Conference victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday afternoon.

In a battle of teams looking to return to the conference playoffs, Plymouth (4-4, 4-1) kept pace in the early race for the regular-season title with Salem State and Keene State, each of whom won to remain a game behind unbeaten front-runner Keene State College. The loss is the fifth in a row for Eastern (2-8, 1-4) this year and 12th without a win against Plymouth in the series.

Gutowski scored her first goal of the year on a pass from sophomore Morgan Lemmon following a penalty corner with just under ten minutes gone to give Plymouth a 1-0 lead, and Kirschner made it 2-0 less than three minutes later when she carried the ball down the middle of the Eastern defense and fired a shot inside the right post.

Shut out for the first time over its last six matches, Eastern managed only two shots in the second half and was not awarded a penalty corner (Plymouth had eight in the half). The shots came in succession 12 minutes into the second half and came off the sticks of freshman **Rene Breton (Stafford)** and junior **Drew Gomes (Thomaston)**. Breton's shot was stuffed by Plymouth senior goalie Leah Curtin (Londonderry, NH) and constituted her only save of the half, the Gomes' follow-up rolled wide.

The Warriors' best chance came 15 minutes into the match, but Plymouth freshman Betsy Renauld (Penacook, NH) cleared a shot by Eastern freshman **Paige Booth (Hollis, NH)** off the goal line.

Gutowski left the match six minutes into the second half due to a right ankle injury and did not return.

Eastern winds up a string of five straight home matches -- looking for its first win in that stretch -- Tuesday against Fitchburg State College in a conference match at 4:30 p.m.

Plymouth State U. 2, Eastern Conn. 0

Plymouth State (4-4, 4-1 little east)	2	0	--	2
Eastern Conn. (2-8, 1-4 little east)	0	0	--	0

Scoring: Ashley Gutowski (Morgan Lemmon) 9:57; Rachel Kirschner 12:41.

Shots: P-9, E-6; **Saves:** P-Leah Curran 3, E-Tia Mucciarone 5.

Penalty corners: P-14, E-6.

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Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2007

EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY SNAPS FIVE-GAME STREAK WITH WIN
Warriors score twice in first half for 2-0 Little East victory over Fitchburg

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Junior midfielder **Drew Gomes (Thomaston)** scored the only goal needed in the fifth minute of play and sophomore goalie **Mindy Maher (Sherman)** made five saves in the second half to lift the Eastern Connecticut State University field hockey team to a 2-0 Little East Conference victory over Fitchburg State College Tuesday afternoon.

Eastern (3-8, 2-4 little east) salvages its first win on a five-game homestand and ends a five-game overall losing streak. Fitchburg (2-7, 0-6 little east) lost for the fourth straight time. Both have Eastern's conference wins have been by identical 2-0 scores.

On the team's first shot, Gomes re-directed a shot by senior midfielder **Amy Lampe (Brookfield)** inside the right post to give the Warriors a quick lead, and senior forward **Stephanie Mongelli (Pequannock, NJ)** made it a two-goal cushion with five seconds left in the first half when she scored following a penalty corner that the Falcons could not clear. The goal is the 21st in the career of Mongelli, who moves into sole possession of second place on the program's all-time goal list.

All seven of Fitchburg's shots were on goal in the second half, with Maher needing to make five saves to keep the Falcons off the board. Maher also got defensive help from junior back **Meagan Puzacke (Thomaston)** and freshman sweeper **Rachel Cocola (South Windsor)**, each of whom made a defensive save in the second half. The Falcons unloaded five shots and had five penalty corners in a span of five minutes in the second half, but could not break through.

Eastern visits Framingham State College Saturday at 11 a.m. in a Little East Conference match.

Eastern Conn. 2, Fitchburg State College 0

Fitchburg State (2-7, 0-6 little east)	0	0	--	0
Eastern Conn. (3-8, 2-4 little east)	2	0	--	2

Scoring: Drew Gomes (Amy Lampe) 4:07; Stephanie Mongelli (Nicole Spallacci) 34:55.
Shots: F-10, E-8. **Saves:** F-Emily Creen 4 (2 goals allowed, 35:00 min.), Taylor Begin 1 (0, 35:00); E-Tia Mucciarone 1 (0, 35:00), Mindy Maher 5 (0, 35:00).
Penalty corners: F-9, E-4.

Saturday, October 6, 2007

OVERTIME GOAL LIFTS EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY TO WIN

Wells scores both goals as Warriors improve position in Little East playoff race

FRAMINGHAM, Mass. Junior forward **Joslin Wells (Marstons Mills, MA)** scored the tying and game-ending goals 13 minutes apart to lift the Eastern Connecticut State University field hockey team to a 2-1 Little East Conference overtime victory over Framingham State College Saturday morning at Maple Street Field.

Wells tied the game when she scored following a penalty corner on a drive from the top of the circle with just over 11 minutes left in regulation, then gave Eastern (4-8, 3-4 little east) its second overtime triumph in three tries this year with her fourth goal of the season just 2:42 into overtime. The win was Eastern's sixth in eight matches in the series with Framingham (5-5, 3-4 little east), which had won the last two.

Making her sixth start in the cage, first-year sophomore goalie **Tia Mucciarone (Franklin, MA)** evened her personal record at 3-3 by making three saves, only one of which came after halftime.

Freshman forward Kristen Sacco's team-leading ninth goal of the year – coming on her only recorded shot of the match – gave Framingham a 1-0 lead eight minutes into the second half. Eastern was awarded ten of its penalty corners after the break, finally capitalizing on its final one in overtime.

The victory follows Eastern's 2-0 verdict over Fitchburg State College Tuesday and provides the Warriors with two straight conference wins since they captured their final two regular-season conference matches and qualified for LEC post-season play in 2004.

The win, coupled with losses by the closest competitors above the Warriors in the conference standings, moves the Warriors out of a two-way tie for eighth place into a three-way tie for sixth place in the 12-team standings. The top eight teams qualify for the LEC playoffs, which begin Oct. 30. The Warriors have missed the playoffs the last two years and three of the last four.

The victory also matches Eastern's entire win total of a year ago, achieved in 18 matches. The Warriors have a minimum of six matches remaining in 2007.

Eastern Conn. 2, Framingham State College 1, ot

Eastern Conn. (4-8, 3-4 little east)	0	1	(1)	--	2
Framingham State (5-5, 3-4 little east)	0	1	(0)	--	1

Scoring: F-Kristen Sacco (Meghan Maki) 43:15; E-Joslin Wells 59:38; E-Wells 72:42.

Shots: E-15, F-7; **Saves:** E-Tia Mucciarone 3, F-Stephanie Bourgeois 6.

Penalty corners: E-14, F-6.

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Field Hockey
vs. Eastern Connecticut State University
Saturday, October 6, 2007

WARRIORS DOWN RAMS 2-1 IN OVERTIME

Framingham, MA- Junior forward Joslin Wells (Marston Mills, MA) scored two goals to lift the visiting Warriors of Eastern Connecticut to a 2-1 overtime win over the Framingham State Rams on Maple Street Field this morning. The loss drops the Rams back to .500 at 5-5 overall and 3-4 in Little East Conference play, while the Warriors improve to 4-8 overall and 3-4 in LEC play.

After a scoreless first half, the Rams took a 1-0 lead in the 44th minute as freshman Kristen Sacco (Mendon, MA) scored her ninth goal of the season. Fellow freshman Meghan Maki (Fitchburg, MA) assisted on the goal.

The Warriors would claw their way back into the game as they had seven penalty corners in the second half and eventually capitalized on one to tie the game. In the 60th minute, Wells corralled the ball at the top of the circle off a corner and fired a shot into the back of the net to knot the game at 1-1 with just over ten minutes left in regulation. Wells would add her second goal of the game three minutes into overtime to give the Warriors the win.

The Rams return to action on Thursday as they host Simmons College at 3:30, while the Warriors travel to Wesleyan on Wednesday.

Eastern Connecticut vs Framingham State (Oct 06, 2007 at Framingham, MA)
Eastern Connecticut (4-8, 3-4 LEC) vs. Framingham State (5-5, 3-4 LEC)
Date: Oct 06, 2007 Attendance: 118

Goals by period **1 2 OT Tot**

Eastern Connecticut. **0 1 1 - 2**
Framingham State.... **0 1 0 - 1**

SCORING SUMMARY:

- 1. 43:15 FRAM Kristen Sacco (8) (Meghan Maki)**
- 2. 59:38 ECSUFH Joslin Wells Penalty corner - blast from top of the circle**
- 3. 72:42 ECSUFH Joslin Wells (unassisted)**

Shots: Eastern Connecticut 15, Framingham State 7

Saves: Eastern Connecticut 3 (Tia Mucciarone 3), Framingham State 6 (Stephanie Bourgeois 6)

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Wednesday, October 10, 2007

WESLEYAN EDGES EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY BY 3-0 SCORE

In non-conference match, one goal separates teams until two minutes remain

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. – Although the Wesleyan University field hockey team dominated in shots and penalty corners, the Cardinals could not salt away their fifth straight win of the year until scoring twice in the final two minutes of a 3-0 non-conference victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Wednesday night.

Wesleyan's (6-4) fifth straight win snaps a two-game winning streak for Eastern (4-9), which remained within striking distance until senior Adrienne Shea scored on her only shot of the match with 2:04 remaining to give the Cardinals a two-goal lead. Senior Maddie Rottman, who assisted on Shea's goal, added an insurance goal 47 seconds later to round out the scoring.

Freshman Allie Lynch's first career goal with less than four minutes left in the first half had given Wesleyan a 1-0 halftime edge.

Despite advantages of 21-3 in shots and 10-1 in penalty corners, Wesleyan could not pull away until the final two minutes and gain its fourth win over Eastern in as many games in this series. It was Wesleyan's third shutout in the series.

Making her sixth start of the year, sophomore **Mindy Maher (Sherman)** made five saves while Wesleyan goalie Breen McDonald needed only one stop to post her second shutout of the year. It was only the second time in the last nine outings that Eastern has been shut out.

Eastern hosts Salem State College Saturday at 11 a.m. on Seniors' Day in a Little East Conference match.

Wesleyan U. 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (4-9)	0	0	--	0
Wesleyan U. (6-4)	1	2	--	3

Scoring: Allie Lynch (Amanda Nickels) 31:22; Adrienne Shea (Maddie Rottman) 67:56; Rottman (Elle Celeste, Nickels) 68:43.

Shots: E-3, W-21; **Saves:** E-Mindy Maher 5, W-Breen McDonald 1.

Penalty corners: E-1, W-10.

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FIELD HOCKEY - in Middletown, Conn., Wed., Oct. 10, 2007

Wesleyan University (6-4) 3 , Eastern Connecticut St. U. (4-9) 0

NOTES: Despite a 21-3 final shot advantage, Wesleyan scored just one goal late in the first half and nursed it until the closing moments of the game before hitting the net twice in the final 2:04 for a comfortable margin of victory. Wesleyan is now 4-0 all-time vs. Eastern Conn. and holds a 13-1 goal differential over the four contests. Freshman Allie Lynch scored the first goal of her career with a hard drive off a corner from the left side just inside the circle with 3:38 left in the opening period. Eastern did not get off a shot until the final 10 minutes of the game but its first by sophomore Dana McLaughlin was a challenging one and proved to be the only save of the contest for Wesleyan sophomore keeper Breen McDonald. The Cardinals only put nine of their 21 shots on goal. Two of those came late in the contest, one on a tip-in by senior Adrienne Shea and the other a drive by senior Maddie Rottman from the top of the circle off a corner, to account for the last two goals of the game. Sophomore Mindy Maher picked up five saves for Eastern.

SCORING BY PERIODS

	1	2	-	T
Eastern Conn. (4-9)	0	0	-	0
Wesleyan (6-4)	1	2	-	3

1st Half --- W - Allie Lynch (Amanda Nickels) 3:38. 2nd Half --- W - Adrienne Shea (Maddie Rottman) 2:04 ; W - Maddie Rottman (Elle Celeste, Amanda Nickels) 1:17.

SHOTS: W - 21 ; ECSU - 3.

SAVES: W - Breen McDonald 1 ; ECSU - Mindy Maher 5, Team 1.

PENALTY CORNERS: Wes - 10 ; ECSU - 1.

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Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007

EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY WINS THIRD STRAIGHT LEC MATCH

Warriors even their conference record with 1-0 victory over Salem State

MANSFIELD, Conn. - Senior **Stephanie Mongelli (Pequannock, NJ)** scored her team-leading fifth goal of the year in the seventh minute and the Eastern Connecticut State University defense limited Salem State College to just one second-half shot in the Warriors' 1-0 Little East Conference victory Saturday afternoon.

Mongelli, the program's second all-time leading scorer, re-directed senior **Amy Lampe's (Brookfield)** free hit from the top of the circle past Salem State (7-5, 5-3 little east) freshman goalie Jessica McKenna (Rowley, MA) with less than seven minutes elapsed. First-year Eastern (5-9, 4-4 little east) goalie **Tia Mucciarone (Franklin, MA)** made the lead stand up by recording five saves in posting her first collegiate full match shutout in her seventh start.

With the victory, Eastern exceeds its conference and overall win totals of both 2006 and 2005. The Warriors have won three straight conference matches for the first time since capturing four in a row on the way to a 7-3 LEC record in 2001.

Soon after Mongelli's goal, Mucciarone made consecutive pad saves - stopping a drive by freshman April Rossetti (Saugus, MA), then turning away freshman Jenna Lentine's (Methuen, MA) rebound bid. She needed to make only one save on Salem's only shot in the second half.

The Warriors nearly added to their lead midway through the second half, but Salem got defensive saves from junior Julie Brooks (East Bridgewater, MA) with 15 minutes left and senior Alison Carnevale (Salem, MA) with 45 seconds remaining.

Salem, which had beaten Eastern each of the last two years, entered the match sharing third place in the 12-team conference with Bridgewater State and Plymouth State, both of whom won their matches Saturday. Only five teams in the conference now have more points than Eastern's 12 (Framingham has three less points but has played one fewer match).

The top eight teams in the final regular-season standings qualify for the LEC playoffs, which get underway Oct. 30. Eastern looks to qualify for the first time in three years.

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Eastern visits Massachusetts Dartmouth Tuesday at 4 p.m. in a conference match. The Corsairs are 2-6 in the conference but took conference co-leader University of Southern Maine to penalty strokes Saturday in a loss.

Eastern Conn. 1, Salem State College 0

Salem State (7-5, 5-3 little east)	0	0	--	0
Eastern Conn. (5-9, 4-4 little east)	1	0	--	1

Scoring: Stephanie Mongelli (Amy Lampe) 6:51.

Shots: S-9, E-9. **Saves:** S-Jessica McKenna 4, E-Tia Mucciarone 5.

Penalty corners: S-8, E-4.

Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2007

EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY DROPS KEY LITTLE EAST MATCH, 2-1

With loss, Warriors compromise playoff standing as Westfield, Framingham pull even

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. -- University of Massachusetts Dartmouth freshman forward Linee Mello-Frost made the first goal of her collegiate career a big one Wednesday afternoon.

Mello-Frost fired home a shot on a two-on-zero break nine minutes into the second half to snap a 1-all tie and give the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth field hockey team a 2-1 Little East Conference victory over Eastern Connecticut State in a Little East Conference match at Cressy Field.

On the heels of three straight conference wins, Eastern (5-10, 4-5 little east) entered the match holding down sixth place in the 12-team conference (the top eight teams qualify for the LEC playoffs). With 16 freshmen and sophomores on its roster, UMass Dartmouth (5-10, 3-6 little east) has struggled this year after reaching last year's conference playoff final. The Corsairs had lost three of their previous four conference matches.

With overtime wins Wednesday, Framingham State College and Westfield State College pulled into a three-way tie with Eastern for sixth place in the LEC, all with 12 points and 4-5 records.

The goal by Mello-Frost came less than five minutes after the Warriors had tied the score. Junior forward **Joslin Wells (Marstons Mills, MA)** drove down the left side of the field and fired home a shot to even the score at the 39:32 mark. The goal was the fifth of the season for Wells, which ties her for the team lead.

The Corsairs took the early lead. Freshman forward Kim Crosby re-directed home a pass from senior forward Caitlin DiCecca at 17:19 of the first half to give UMass Dartmouth a 1-0 advantage at the intermission. The Warriors had pressed early, but were denied several times by Corsair senior goalkeeper Liz Fitzgerald, who also stopped Wells from point-blank range with 15 seconds remaining in regulation time to preserve the victory.

Coming off her first shutout Saturday against LEC opponent Salem State College, Eastern sophomore goalie **Tia Mucciarone (Franklin, MA)** made four stops on 13 UMD shots. She was making her sixth start in the team's last seven games. Fitzgerald needed to make eight saves on an identical number of Eastern attempts to secure the win for the hosts.

Eastern visits Westfield State Friday night at 7 p.m. in a Little East Conference match before closing out its LEC regular season Saturday, Oct. 27 at Worcester State College.

UMass Dartmouth Sports Information contributed to this account.

UMass Dartmouth 2, Eastern Conn. 1

Eastern Conn. (5-10, 4-5 little east)	0	1 --	1
UMass Dartmouth (5-10, 3-6 little east)	1	1 --	2

Scoring: MD-Kimberly Crosby (Caitlin DiCecca) 17:19; E-Joslin Wells 39:32; MD-Linee Mello-Frost 44:05.
Shots: E-13, MD-13; Saves: E-Tia Mucciarone 4, MD-Liz Fitzgerald 8.

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Monday, Oct. 22, 2007

EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY CAN'T CAPITALIZE ON SHOT ADVANTAGE

Warriors outshoot Westfield State decisively, but drop key Little East match, 1-0

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Senior forward Megan Wolski scored the only goal of the match early in the first half as Westfield State College field hockey team made the most of only three shots and held on to defeat Eastern Connecticut State University, 1-0, in a key Little East Conference match Monday evening.

With its third straight win this year and third shutout victory over Eastern (5-11, 4-6 little east) in the last three years, Westfield State (9-7, 5-5 little east) climbs out of two-way tie with Eastern and takes over seventh place in the conference.

With one regular-season conference matching remaining, the Warriors hold onto the eighth and final conference playoff berth, and can clinch a spot for the first time in three years with a win at Worcester State College Saturday afternoon. With the win over Eastern, Westfield clinches a spot in the playoffs, which get underway with quarterfinal-round matches a week from Tuesday.

Eastern outshot the Owls 10-3, but Westfield senior goalie Cat Hanks made Wolski's conference-leading 14th goal of the season in the sixth minute of play stand up by posting her third full shutout of the year. Wolski was a first-team all-conference selection as a junior.

Sophomore goalie **Mindy Maher's (Sherman)** only save of the match came with five minutes left for Eastern, which was shut out for the fifth time this year.

Eastern closes out its home regular season Thursday by hosting Anna Maria College in a non-conference match at 3:30 p.m.

Westfield State College 1, Eastern Conn. 0

Westfield State (9-7, 5-5 little east)	1	0	--	1
Eastern Conn. (5-11, 4-6 little east)	0	0	--	0

Scoring: Megan Wolski (Kate Moss) 5:48.

Shots: E-10; W-3; **Saves:** E-Mindy Maher 1, W-Cat Hanks 6.

Penalty Corners: E-6; W-3

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Thursday, Oct. 25, 2007

Del VECCHIO SPARKS EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY TO 4-0 WIN

In first career start, freshman forward leads Warriors to third straight home victory

MANSFIELD, Conn. – In her first career start, freshman forward **Ashley Del Vecchio (Fairfield)** applied early pressure with six shots in the first nine minutes, and later added two assists as the Eastern Connecticut State University field hockey team rolled past Anna Maria College, 4-0, in a non-conference match Thursday afternoon.

The final goal total is the highest for Eastern (6-11) since a 4-2 Little East Conference home win over Bridgewater State College nearly three years ago. It is the biggest margin of win in a shutout since the Warriors opened the 2004 season with an 8-0 win over visiting Stevens Tech.

A winner of four of its last seven, Eastern closed out its home regular season with three straight wins.

Del Vecchio, starting in place of injured freshman **Melanie Proud (Wall Township, NJ)**, sparked the Warriors to a 17-1 first-half shot advantage by taking six shots in the opening nine minutes of play. Three of her shots were on net and forced Anna Maria (2-14) freshman goalie Alyssa Boykin to make saves in order to keep the match scoreless.

Eastern scored twice in a span of eight minutes to take a 2-0 lead into halftime. Junior **Jaime Seligmann (Sherman)** scored her second goal of the year by re-directing a free hit by junior **Joslin Wells (Marstons Mills, MA)** 18 minutes into action, and Wells' team-high sixth goal of the season on Del Vecchio's hit-in off a penalty corner made it 2-0. Del Vecchio set up first-year junior **Drew Gomes (Thomaston)** for her fourth goal of the year to make it 3-0 seven minutes into the second half, and sophomore **Casey Mugavero (Clinton)** rounded out the scoring when she recorded her first career goal on her first shot of the season with 2:30 left. Wells now has 11 goals in 32 matches in her two-year career.

All 21 eligible players saw action for Eastern, which was playing without three regulars who were injured in Monday's 1-0 conference loss at Westfield State College. Proud and sophomore **Kelsey Kaiser (Quaker Hill)** watched from the sideline while recuperating from concussions, and sophomore **Dana McLaughlin (West Hartford)** was sidelined after re-injuring her surgically-repaired knee.

Sophomore goalies **Mindy Maher (Sherman)** and **Tia Mucciarone (Franklin, MA)** split time in net. Maher made one save to record her first win since blanking Bridgewater State, 2-0, nearly six weeks ago.

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The match was the first meeting ever between the programs and the final regular-season home one of the year for Eastern, which closes out the regular season Saturday at Worcester State College at noon. A win will vault the Warriors into the LEC playoffs for the first time in three years, while a loss will leave them out.

Eastern Conn. 4, Anna Maria College 0

Anna Maria (2-14)	0	0	--	0
Eastern Conn. (6-11)	2	2	--	4

Scoring: Jaime Seligmann (Joslin Wells) 18:13; Wells (Ashley Del Vecchio) 25:52; Drew Gomes (Del Vecchio) 41:41; Casey Mugavero 67:30.

Shots: A-3, E-21; **Saves:** A-Alyssa Boykin 10, E-Mindy Maher 1, Tia Mucciarone 1.

Penalty corners: A-8, E-12.

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Saturday, October 27, 2007

EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY ELIMINATED FROM LEC CONTENTION

Needing a win to get in, Warriors fall to Worcester State; end season 6-12

WORCESTER, Mass. – The Worcester State College field hockey team scored all four of its goals in the final 24 minutes to climb over Eastern Connecticut State University in the final standings and qualify for the eighth and final spot in the Little East Conference playoffs with a 4-0 victory Saturday afternoon at Coughlin Field.

Needing one win in its final three conference matches, Eastern (6-12, 4-7 little east) lost all three, each of which was played on the road. The first two losses came by one goal as the Warriors finished out of the playoffs for the third straight year and fourth time in five seasons. Eastern had moved into playoff contention by winning three straight LEC matches in the first two weeks of October.

Eastern and Worcester complete the 11-match conference season with identical records, but the Lancers qualify due to the head-to-head victory. They will visit No. 1 seed Keene State College in Tuesday's first round.

Saturday, Worcester (9-10, 4-7) scoring leaders Kara Walker and Angela Johnson combined for three goals and two assists as the Lancers defeated Eastern for the sixth straight year. Walker scored twice in a span of less than seven minutes to break a scoreless duel and give Worcester a 2-0 lead, then assisted on a goal by Johnson with three minutes left to make it 3-0. The Lancers added a goal off a penalty corner following the expiration of time.

Worcester was seeded fourth in last year's playoffs and reached the semifinals before losing in overtime to eventual champion Keene State College.

Worcester State sophomore goalie Stacie Moore made six save to record her second shutout in as many starts this year. Eastern sophomore goalie **Tia Mucciarone (Franklin, MA)** also made six stops in losing her fifth decision in nine starts in her first season.

Eastern junior scoring leader **Joslin Wells (Marstons Mills, MA)** took seven of Eastern's 11 shots, but Moore made saves on the three which reached net.

Eastern played its final two matches of the year without three regulars. In Monday's 1-0 LEC loss at Westfield State, freshman **Melanie Proud (Wall Township, NJ)** and sophomore **Kelsey Kaiser (Quaker Hill)** both suffered concussions and sophomore **Dana McLaughlin (West Hartford)** re-injured her knee.

Worcester State College 4, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (6-12, 4-7 little east)	0	0	--	0
Worcester State (9-10, 4-7 little east)	0	4	--	4

Scoring: Kara Walker (Jillian Tamburro) 46:11; Walker (Angela Johnson) 52:58; Johnson (Walker) 67:07; Kate Fisher (Meghan Feehan) 70:00.

Shots: E-11, W-17; **Saves:** E-Tia Mucciarone 6, W-Stacie Moore 6.

Penalty corners: E-6, W-7.

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