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Saturday, November 1, 2008

EASTERN CLOSES FIELD HOCKEY SEASON WITH 2-0 LEC VICTORY

Warriors dominate play throughout in 2-0 win over Worcester State College

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University field hockey team dominated play from start to finish Saturday afternoon in posting a 2-0 Little East Conference season-ending victory over Worcester State College.

Eastern (5-13, 2-9 little east) got goals from freshman **Jaime Mugavero (Clinton)** and sophomore **Ashley Del Vecchio (Fairfield)** to close its 12th intercollegiate season with its first home win of the year after six losses. The victory also ends a six-game losing streak at the hands of Worcester State (11-8, 6-5 little east), which will be seeded No. 7 in the eight-team Little East Conference playoffs, which get underway with quarterfinal-round matches Tuesday. The Lancers visit No. 2 Plymouth State University in the first round.

Eastern outshot Worcester, 17-3, and had a 10-3 advantage in penalty corners. The visitors did not record their first shot until five minutes had elapsed in the second half, and were down by the 2-0 margin at the time.

Mugavero scored moments after entering the match midway through the first half, scoring into an open net for her second goal of the year after Worcester senior keeper Erin MacDonald (Dedham, MA) got tangled up with an Eastern player after charging out of the net to knock away a loose ball. Del Vecchio made it 2-0 four minutes into the second half when she worked a give-and-go with senior midfielder **Drew Gomes (Thomaston)**. Junior **Joslin Wells (Marstons Mills, MA)** began the sequence by winning a loose ball near mid field and passing to Del Vecchio. Operating in the middle of the field, DelVecchio found Gomes on the right wing, she hustled to the front of the cage and took a return pass to score on a shot directly in front of MacDonald.

Freshman keeper **Danielle Reichardt (Ocean Township, NJ)** did not make a save in recording her third win in seven decisions. Junior **Tia Mucciarone (Franklin, MA)** turned aside two shots to preserve the team's third shutout. Mucciarone made the duo's first save with 19 minutes left when she kicked out a bid by Worcester sophomore Erin Moore (Brimfield, MA).

Eastern Conn. 2, Worcester State College 0

Worcester State (11-8, 6-5 little east)	1	1	--	2
Eastern Conn. (5-13, 2-9 little east)	0	0	--	0

Scoring: Jaime Mugavero (Ali Chapman) 20:14; Ashley Del Vecchio (Drew Gomes) 38:40.
Shots: W-3, E-17; **Saves:** W-Erin MacDonald 11, E-Danielle Reichardt 0, Tia Mucciarone 2;
Penalty corners: W-3, E-10.

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Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008

SECOND-HALF GOALS LIFT EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY TO 2-0 WIN
Warriors overpower AMC, win final road game on two goals by Joslin Wells

PAXTON, Mass. – Senior forward **Joslin Wells (Marstons Mills, MA)** scored two second half goals to propel the Eastern Connecticut State University field hockey team past Anna Maria College, 2-0, at Alumni Field Thursday afternoon.

The win is the first in the last four matches for Eastern (4-13), which concludes its record away from home at 4-7. Anna Maria (3-15) had won two of its last four. The match was the final one for the Ameats, which fall to 0-2 in this series against Eastern.

Wells scored her third and fourth goals of the season – all in the last five matches – in a span of less than four minutes midway through the second half as the Warriors were able to surge in front after dominating the match throughout. Eastern outshot Anna Maria 16-4 and amassed a season-high total of 18 penalty corners – 11 more than the hosts.

Wells finally broke through with the game's first goal in the 56th minute of action off a feed from freshman forward **Ali Chapman (Watertown)** to put the Warriors ahead, 1-0. Wells struck again just over three minutes later, taking a beautiful pass from freshman back **Liz Bolduc (Stonington)** and finding the back of the goal. The assist was the team-leading third of the season for Bolduc.

The shutout was the second this year for Eastern and the ninth for Anna Maria. Freshman **Danielle Reichardt (Ocean Township, NJ)** and junior **Tia Mucciarone (Franklin, MA)** combined in net for Eastern. Reichardt gained her third win in seven seven decisions without making a save while Mucciarone recorded both saves.

Eastern closes out the season Saturday when it hosts Worcester State College at 1 p.m. in a Little East Conference match.

Eastern Conn. 2, Anna Maria College 0

Eastern Conn. (4-13)	0	2	--	2
Anna Maria (3-15)	0	0	--	0

Scoring: Joslin Wells (Ali Chapman) 55:02; Wells (Liz Bolduc) 58:58
Shots: E-16, A-4; **Saves:** E-Danielle Reichardt 0 (35:00 min.), Tia Mucciarone 2 (35:00).
Penalty corners: E-18, A-7.

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Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008

SURGING WESTFIELD SHUTS OUT EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY
In LEC action, Owls score in first three minutes and roll to sixth straight victory, 3-0

MANSFIELD, Conn. – Ashley Wojnarowski (South Hadley, MA) scored her third goal of the season in the third minute of play and the Westfield State College field hockey team went on to a 3-0 Little East Conference victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday afternoon.

The win is the sixth straight for Westfield State (10-5, 5-4 little east), and is the fourth in a row in the conference. The Owls posted their fourth shutout win over Eastern (3-13, 1-9 little east) in as many years. The Warriors, who have been unable to score in eight of their losses this season, were eliminated from LEC playoff contention this past Wednesday in a 4-1 loss here to UMass Dartmouth.

Westfield entered play in a four-way tie for sixth place in the conference with Bridgewater State, Framingham State and Salem State. Bridgewater was beaten by the University of Southern Maine while Salem was tied at 1-1 with Western Connecticut and Framingham was hosting Massachusetts Dartmouth. at 3:30 p.m. Seeded seventh in last year's playoffs, Westfield was eliminated in the first round by No. 2 Southern Maine, 3-1.

The top eight teams in the 12-team conference qualify for the LEC playoffs, which get underway with first-round matches Nov. 4

Wojnarowski, a junior midfielder, gave Westfield the early lead just 2:54 into play. The Owls held to that one-goal lead before adding another 17 minutes later when sophomore forward Amanda Burns (Hillsdale, NY) scored her sixth goal of the season. Burns' goal total is second only to freshman forward Jessi Gould (Canton, MA), who has 15 goals but did not see action.

Junior forward Katie Moss (Auburn, MA) had a goal and assist for Westfield while senior midfielder Vicky Winson (Upton, MA) had a pair of assists.

Eastern hosts Anna Maria College Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in a non-conference match. Westfield State hosts UMass Dartmouth Tuesday at 7 p.m. in a Little East Conference match.

Westfield State College 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Westfield State (10-5, 5-4 little east)	2	1	--	3
Eastern Conn. (3-13, 1-9 little east)	0	0	--	0

Scoring: Ashley Wojnarowski (Vicky Winson) 2:54; Amanda Burns (Kate Moss) 19:58; Moss (Winson) 62:01.

Shots: W-6, E-4; **Saves:** W-Amanda McCarthy 3, E-Danielle Reichardt 1 (2 goals allowed, 35:00 min), Tia Mucciarone 0 (1, 35:00). **Penalty corners:** W-6, E-11.

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Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2008

EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY ELIMINATED IN LEC PLAYOFF RACE

Picked for ninth in the pre-season, UMass Dartmouth still among leaders

MANSFIELD, Conn. – The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth scored three times in 13 minutes midway through the second to break a tie and post a 4-1 Little East Conference field hockey win over Eastern Connecticut State University Wednesday afternoon.

Picked to finish ninth in the pre-season in the 12-team Little East, UMass (11-5, 5-3 overall) has won four of its last five to remain among the conference leaders. The Corsairs entered play in a five-way tie for fourth place in the conference. With its third loss in as many years to UMass, Eastern (3-12, 1-8 little east) is elimination from playoff contention. The Warriors entered play sharing last place. The top eight teams qualify for the LEC playoffs, which get underway Nov. 4.

UMass Dartmouth entered the match ranked third in the LEC in scoring but was locked in a 1-1 tie with the Warriors before striking for three goals in a span of 13 minutes midway through the second half. Sophomore forward Natalie Brown sandwiched her first two goals of the year around a goal from junior midfielder Kylie Treat's fifth goal of the season to allow the Corsairs to pull away. Sophomore midfielder Lince Mello-Frost (New Bedford, MA) assisted on the first two goals in that stretch.

UMass conference scoring leader Stephanie Kinchla, a sophomore forward with 17 goals, was held off the board but assisted on the the team's first and last goals.

Trailing 1-0, Eastern tied the match with eight minutes left in the first half when senior forward **Joslin Wells (Marstons Mills, MA)** knocked home freshman forward **Ali Chapman's (Watertown)** penalty corner. Wells' second goal of the season -- the 13th of her three-year career -- beat LEC junior goalie Seana Golden. Golden is the conference's top-ranked goalie in goals-against average and is second in save percentage.

Ten minutes into the second half, Brown gave UMass the lead for good on the third shot in a sequence. Eastern junior **Tia Mucciarone (Franklin, MA)** turned away the first two shots before Brown slipped in her first goal of the season. Treat made it 3-1 seven minutes later when she knocked in a loose ball, and Brown put the game away seven minutes after that when she slipped behind Mucciarone on Kinchla's initial bid.

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With Eastern trailing by a goal 13 minutes into play, senior midfielder **Drew Gomes (Thomaston)** had an opportunity, but couldn't convert a penalty corner sent in by Chapman, with the UMass defense stealing the ball and clearing it out. On another of Eastern's nine penalty corners in the match, Gomes got off a shot with 15 minutes left in the first half that was saved by Golden, minutes before Chapman tied the match. Four minutes into the second half, Wells stickhandled the ball into the circle, where Golden turned aside successive shots to keep the game tied.

Eastern hosts Westfield State College Saturday at 1 p.m. in a conference match.

Massachusetts Dartmouth 4, Eastern Conn. 1

UMass Dartmouth (11-5, 5-3 little east)	1	3	--	4
Eastern Conn. (3-12, 1-8 little east)	1	0	--	1

Scoring: MD-Rebecca Stephens (Stephanie Kinchla) 10:59; E-Joslin Wells (Ali Chapman) 26:45; MD-Natalie Brown (Linec Mello-Frost) 45:12; MD-Kylie Treat (Mello-Frost) 51:55; MD-Natalie Brown (Kinchla) 58:34.

Shots: MD-13, E-13; **Saves:** MD-Seana Golden 9, E-Tia Mucciarone 9. **Penalty corners:** MD-4, E-9.

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Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008

EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY DROPS 1-0 DECISION TO SALEM

Warriors lose by single goal for fifth time this season in Little East Conference play

SALEM, Mass. – Freshman forward Lynda Santasuosso scored the only goal 15 minutes into the second half to lift the Salem State College field hockey team to a 1-0 Little East Conference victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday afternoon at Alumni Field.

Santasuosso one-timed a pass from sophomore forward Karen Atkinson to break up the scoreless duel and give Salem (7-6, 4-3 little east) its third 1-0 win over Eastern in the last four years. Eastern (3-11, 1-7 little east) downed Salem 1-0 a year ago.

The Warriors share last place in the 11-team conference with Western Connecticut. Salem is in a five-way tie for fourth place, but has played one less match than three of those teams. Eastern teams make the LEC playoffs, which get underway Nov. 4.

Defending conference champion Keene State remained undefeated in eight conference matches by beating Worcester State, 4-0.

Of Eastern's last eight losses, six have come by a goal. The Vikings were playing their seventh straight one-goal decision, winning for the third time.

Making her tenth start, junior goalie **Tia Mucciarone (Franklin, MA)** made eight saves. It was the sixth time that Eastern has been shut out with Mucciarone serving as the starting goalie. Mucciarone lowered her goals-against average to 3.39 and raised her save percentage to .746 in the loss.

Eastern hosts Massachusetts Dartmouth Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. The Corsairs share fourth place in the conference with a 12 points (4-4 record).

Salem State College 1, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (3-11, 1-7 little east)	0	0	--	0
Salem State (7-6, 4-4 little east)	0	1	--	1

Scoring: Lynda Santasuosso (Karen Atkinson) 49:38.

Shots: E-3, S-13; **Saves:** E-Tia Mucciarone 8, S-Jessica McKenna 2.

Penalty corners: E-6, S-15.

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Tuesday, October 14, 2008

IN RETURN, WELLS BOOSTS EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY, 3-2

In first appearance in three weeks, senior has goal and assist against Lasell

NEWTON, Mass. – Senior forward **Joslin Wells (Marstons Mills, MA)** had a goal and assist in her first match in three weeks as the Eastern Connecticut State University field hockey team trimmed Lasell College, 3-2, Tuesday afternoon in a non-conference match.

The win is the first for Eastern (3-10) since beating Western Connecticut in overtime by an identical score Oct. 1 at Danbury and is the Warriors' fifth without a loss in this all-time series with Lasell (5-7). The Lazers were coming off a 9-2 win at Elms College six days ago.

With the help of Wells, Eastern held a 2-0 lead late in the first half, but needed freshman midfielder **Liz Bolduc's (Stonington)** first career game-winning goal midway through the second half to nail down its third road win of the season.

After joining the team following pre-season in September, Wells started four games with a point before sustaining an injury when she was hit in the face by the ball prior to a Sept. 27 game against Southern Maine. She missed six games with the injury, Eastern winning only one.

The program's active scoring leader in a three-year career, Wells came off the bench to score the first goal of the match – the first time the Warriors have struck first since the win over Western Connecticut – on a penalty stroke in the 17th minute. She followed less than four minutes by assisting on senior midfielder **Drew Gomes' (Thomaston)** second goal of the season to give the Warriors to make it 2-0 with 14 minutes left in the first half.

Despite having scored only one goal in 11 games this year, Lasell sophomore Tia Pratt got a goal back for the Lazers five minutes before intermission, then tied the match with her second unassisted goal 18 minutes later. The score remained tied for only four minutes, however, before Bolduc swept in her second goal of the year, an unassisted strike in the 53rd minute. Eastern's defense made the lead stand up.

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Freshman goalie **Danielle Reichardt (Ocean Township, NJ)** was credited with four saves to gain her second win in five decisions. Reichardt, who came off the bench to earn the win over Western Connecticut, has allowed more than two goals in a match only once in eight appearances this season. She has lowered her goals-against average in each of her last three starts to 2.11.

With 12 goals and 29 points, Wells is ranked sixth all-time in both categories.

Eastern returns to Little East Conference action Saturday at Salem State College at noon.

Eastern Conn. 3, Lasell College 2

Eastern Conn. (3-10)	2	1	--	3
Lasell College (5-7)	1	1	--	2

Scoring: E-Joslin Wells (penalty stroke) 16:53; E-Drew Gomes (Wells) 20:33; L-Tia Pratt 29:51; L-Pratt 48:08; E-Liz Bolduc 52:05.

Shots: E-13, L-12; **Saves:** E-Danielle Reichardt 4, L-Christine Thornton 5. Penalty corners: E-12, L-8.

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Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008

EASTERN DOMINATES SECOND HALF IN LEC SETBACK

For third straight match, Warriors tie game with goal but lose by score of 2-1

MANSFIELD, Conn. – For the third straight match, the Eastern Connecticut State University field hockey team erased a one-goal deficit before eventually losing a 2-1 decision. The most recent time came Saturday in a Little East Conference loss to Framingham State College.

Having beaten Framingham (7-3, 3-3 little east) six of the previous eight times the teams had met, Eastern (2-10, 1-6 little east) tied Saturday's game at 1-1 on freshman forward **Ali Chapman's (Watertown)** third goal of the season 80 seconds into the second half. The Warriors dominated throughout the second half, but couldn't break through again, then went on to their fourth straight loss (third by a 2-1 score) after Framingham junior forward Kali Barrett (North Attleboro, MA) scored her 11th goal of the season with 12 minutes left.

Last Tuesday, Eastern tied the match 1-1 with a goal midway through the second half, but Fitchburg scored the game-winner in overtime in a Little East Conference match. Two days ago, Eastern wiped out an early 1-0 deficit on junior midfielder **Dana McLaughlin's (West Hartford)** first career goal but lost 2-1 to Wesleyan on a goal early in the second half.

Barrett gave the Rams a 1-0 lead in the 16th minute of play Saturday when she beat Eastern junior goalie **Tia Mucciarone (Franklin, MA)** from in close on a rebound of a shot by junior midfielder Jade Franzen (Mansfield, MA). Chapman tied it in the opening minutes of the second half after the Warriors put a pair of close shots on Framingham sophomore goalie Allesha Kenyon (Westford, MA), but Barrett put Framingham up for good when she solidly re-directed a free hit by senior forward Cailyn Morgan (Gardner, MA) high into the cage.

Inside the final three minutes, Eastern made a bid to tie the match on consecutive shots by sophomore forward **Melanie Proud (Wall Township, NJ)** and freshman midfielder **Michelle Tebbets (Pawcatuck)**, but Kenyon knocked both of them aside. The Warriors

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were also scuffling to score inside the final 30 seconds but Framingham freshman back Kayleigh Force (Leominster, MA) was able to clear out an attempt from inside the circle by Eastern freshman midfielder **Liz Bolduc (Stonington)** with 20 seconds left.

In the second half, Eastern had 9-3 advantages in both shots and penalty corners. Eight of the shots were on net, with Kenyon collecting seven saves and giving up the one goal.

Eastern visits Lasell College Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

Framingham State College 2, Eastern Conn. 1

Framingham State (7-3, 3-3 little east)	1	1	--	2
Eastern Conn. (2-10, 1-6 little east)	0	1	--	1

Scoring: F-Kali Barrett 15:51; E-Ali Chapman 36:20; F-Barrett (Cailyn Morgan) 57:41.
Shots: F-7, E-14; **Saves:** F-Allesha Kenyon 12, E-Tia Mucciarone 3; **Penalty corners:** F-5, E-13.

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Thursday, Oct. 9, 2008

WESLEYAN HAS ENOUGH TO EDGE EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY, 2-1
Freshman Claire O'Brien records first career points with assist and game-winning goal

MANSFIELD, Conn. – Wesleyan University freshman forward Claire O'Brien (Ballston Lake, NY) recorded her first collegiate points by contributing an assist on her team's first goal and scoring the game-winner three minutes into the second half in a 2-1 non-conference victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Thursday afternoon.

The road win is the first this year for Wesleyan (2-7) in five tries and snaps an overall five-game losing streak, and keeps Eastern (2-9) winless in three home matches this season. The Warriors have lost three straight, two of them by 2-1 scores.

O'Brien's game-winning goal came on her 16th career shot as she re-directed a hit by sophomore forward Lila Creighton (Denver, CO) past Eastern freshman keeper **Danielle Reichardt (Ocean Township, NJ)** just three minutes into the second half. O'Brien also contributed to her team's 1-0 lead in the 13th minute of play when her hit from the top of the circle was tipped past Reichardt by senior forward Hailey Sarage (Springfield, MA).

The Warriors answered Sarage's goal less than four minutes later when junior midfielder **Dana McLaughlin (West Hartford)** swept in her first career goal from the left of the cage on a short pass from freshman forward **Jaime Mugavero (Clinton)**. Wesleyan junior goalie Breen McDonald (Shaker Heights, OH) had turned away Mugavero's initial attempt but Mugavero pushed the loose ball to McLaughlin at the left post. The goal was only Eastern's second in this five-game series with Wesleyan.

Reichardt and the Eastern defense was tested consistently throughout the first half, as the Cardinals outshot the Warriors 14-3. Reichardt, who lowered her goals-against average to 2.13 with the performance, made ten saves in the half and got a defensive save from sophomore sweeper **Rachel Cocola (South Windsor)**. Sarage and O'Brien were credited with a combined total of seven shots in the half, forcing Reichardt to kick out five of them. Wesleyan also had an 11-0 advantage in penalty corners in the first half.

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With the score tied 1-1 in the first half, O'Brien and Sarage each had bids from in close kicked away by Reichardt, and Cocola came up with her defensive save a minute later to keep the match tied.

One game after making a season-high 16 saves, Reichardt made 12 against Wesleyan, with McDonald making six in winning her second decision.

Eastern returns to Little East Conference action Saturday, hosting Framingham State College at 1 p.m.

Wesleyan U. 2, Eastern Conn. 1

Wesleyan U. (2-7)	1	1	--	2
Eastern Conn. (2-9)	1	0	--	1

Scoring: W-Hailey Sarage (Claire O'Brien) 12:42; E-Dana McLaughlin (Jaime Mugavero) 16:33; W-O'Brien (Lila Creighton) 38:11.

Shots: W-18, E-7; **Saves:** W-Breen McDonald 6, E-Danielle Reichardt 12. **Penalty corners:** W-14, E-3.

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Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008

OVERTIME GOAL SINKS EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY, 2-1

Fitchburg scores 17 minutes into sudden death to claim Little East victory

FITCHBURG, Mass. – Heather DiTerlizzi scored the game-ending goal 17 minutes into sudden death overtime to spoil a 16-save effort by Eastern Connecticut State University freshman **Danielle Reichardt (Ocean Township, NJ)** as Fitchburg State College posted a 2-1 Little East Conference victory Tuesday afternoon.

Freshman **Jaime Mugavero's (Clinton)** first career goal 15 minutes into the second half on an assist from junior **Dana McLaughlin (West Hartford)** tied the match for Eastern (2-8, 1-5 little east) before DiTerlizzi scored on a pass from Paula Bartalamia in overtime. The teams were scoreless through the first 15-minute overtime session, and DiTerlizzi. Fitchburg held a 9-1 advantage in shots in overtime.

Although Fitchburg (6-4, 4-2 little east) was winless in 11 conference matches last year and missed the post-season tournament, the Falcons stand in a tie for third place this year. Fitchburg snapped a two-year losing streak at the hands of the Warriors. Eastern fell to 1-2 in overtime game this year, having lost to Bridgewater and beaten Western Connecticut back on Oct. 1.

Making her second career start (sixth appearance), Reichardt made a career-high 16 saves, six coming in overtime before the game-winner.

Eastern hosts Wesleyan University Thursday at 4 p.m.

Fitchburg State College 2, Eastern Conn. 1, ot

Eastern Conn. (2-8, 1-5 little east)	0	1	(0)	(0)	--	1
Fitchburg State (6-4, 4-2 little east)	1	0	(0)	(1)	--	2

Scoring: F-Kaylee Bergeron (Heather DiTerlizzi) 21:24; E-Jaime Mugavero (Dana McLaughlin) 49:41; F-DiTerlizzi (Paula Bartalamia) 86:40.

Shots: E-9, F-24; **Saves:** E-Danielle Reichardt 16; F-Taylor Van Ahnen 6. **Penalty corners:** E-7, F-10.

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EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY QUIET IN LITTLE EAST LOSS

Warriors outshot by wide margin against Plymouth, shut out for sixth time

PLYMOUTH, N.H. - Junior Kerry D'Ambroise scored her first two goals of the season and assisted on another Saturday afternoon as Plymouth State University defeated Eastern Connecticut State University, 5-0, in a Little East Conference field hockey game at Arold Field.

Plymouth (5-3, 4-1 little east) outshot the visitors 24-4, and the PSU defense posted its fifth shutout in the last six games, handing Eastern (2-7, 1-4 little east) its sixth shutout loss in nine starts. By winning, Plymouth remained one-half game behind LEC leader Keene State, which dumped Western Connecticut, 5-1, Saturday.

Senior Ashley Gutowski put the Panthers on the board less than 13 minutes into the game with her sixth goal of the season. D'Ambroise and junior Sarah Smith then scored goals 20 seconds apart with just over 11 minutes left in the first half and PSU had a 3-0 lead at intermission.

D'Ambroise added her second goal of the game midway through the second half to make it 4-0, and sophomore Kristina Conroy rounded out the scoring with her second of the year with less than four minutes remaining.

Eastern played without starting sophomore sweeperback **Rachel Cocola (South Windsor)**, who missed her first career game (second start).

Freshman Sam Reuss made her first career start in the Panther goal, and made two second-half saves to post her first shutout. Junior **Tia Mucciarone (Franklin, MA)** made 13 saves in net for Eastern – her fourth game this year in double figures.

Eastern visits Fitchburg State Tuesday for a conference match at 4 p.m.

Plymouth State U. 5, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (2-7, 1-4 little east)	0	0	--	0
Plymouth State (5-3, 4-1 little east)	3	2	--	5

Scoring: Ashley Gutowski 12:46; Kerry D'Ambroise 23:32; Sarah Smith (D'Ambroise) 23:52; D'Ambroise (Lauren Bergeron) 56:33; Kristina Conroy (Betsy Renauld) 66:09.
Shots: E-4, P-24; **Saves:** E-Tia Mucciarone 13, P-Sam Reuss 2. **Penalty corners:** E-5, P-14.

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Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008

EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY POSTS LITTLE EAST OT WIN, 3-2
Melanie Proud nets game-ending goal as Warriors end six-game losing skid

DANBURY, Conn. Sophomore forward **Melanie Proud (Wall Township, NJ)** scored the game-winning goal with just over ten minutes gone in sudden death overtime as the Eastern Connecticut State University field hockey team snapped a six-game losing streak with a 3-2 Little East Conference victory over Western Connecticut State University Wednesday night at the Westside Athletic Complex.

Proud, who has come off the bench since sustaining an eye injury two games into the season, received a pass from freshman midfielder **Liz Bolduc (Stonington)** five feet in front of the goal mouth and deposited the ball by a diving Jaimie Kenealy. A forward, Kenealy was making her first appearance in net due to the loss of the team's starting goalie earlier Wednesday.

The win is the first after six straight losses for Eastern (2-6, 1-3 little east) this year and also is the first after six straight LEC losses, dating back to a 1-0 win over visiting Salem State College last October 13.

All four of the goals in regulation came in a span of 16 minutes into the first half, the Warriors scoring the first two and Western (2-7, 1-3 little east) the next two. Freshmen **Ali Chapman (Watertown)** and **Melissa Goffe (Newington)** scored unassisted goals ten minutes apart to make it 2-0 before freshman Melissa Berardi scored twice in a span of 31 seconds to tie the match (the first goal came on a penalty stroke). The goal was the first collegiate one for Goffe, who was making her first start.

The goal was the team-leading third of the season for Proud and her first since she scored twice in a 5-0 season-opening victory at Wheelock College.

Freshman **Danielle Reichardt (Ocean Township, NJ)** was credited with her first collegiate win in net after taking over for junior **Tia Mucciarone (Franklin, MA)** to start the second half. Reichardt made one save to even her personal record at 1-1. Reichardt, who made one save to even her personal record at 1-1, had recorded 41 scoreless minutes in relief in Saturday's LEC loss at Southern Maine and has lowered her goals-against average to 2.04 in four appearances.

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The match was the third straight between the two teams that has advanced into overtime, the Warriors winning in the extra session for the second straight time at Danbury. Two years ago, 2008 senior **Joslin Wells (Marstons Mills, MA)** scored with 28 seconds left in sudden death in Eastern's 2-1 victory.

Eastern continues conference play Saturday when it visits Plymouth State University at 12:30 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 3, Western Conn. 2, ot

Eastern Conn. (2-6, 1-3 little east)	2	0	(1)	--	3
Western Conn. (2-7, 1-3 little east)	2	0	(0)	--	2

Scoring: E-Ali Chapman 10:06; E-Melissa Goffe 19:37; W-Melissa Berardi (penalty stroke); W-Berardi 26:52; E-Melanie Proud (Liz Boldue) 80:29.

Shots: E-18, W-13; **Saves:** E-Tia Mucciarone 3 (2 goals allowed, 35:00 min.), Danielle Reichardt 1 (0, 45:29), W-Jaimie Kenealy 4.

Penalty corners: E-7, W-9.

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Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008

EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY REACHES SCORING COLUMN IN LEC LOSS

All of the game's scoring comes in the first half in a 3-2 setback to Southern Maine

PORTLAND, Maine – The Eastern Connecticut State University field hockey team scored twice in the first half to snap a long scoreless streak but the University of Southern Maine never trailed in posting a 3-2 Little East Conference victory over the Warriors Saturday afternoon in a match played at Deering High School.

Freshman **Liz Bolduc (Stonington)** and senior **Drew Gomes (Thomaston)** scored first-half goals for Eastern (1-6, 0-3 little east), but Southern Maine (3-4, 2-1 little east) never trailed after scoring the first goal of the match on a penalty stroke less than six minutes into play. Bolduc's first career goal tied the match in the 14th minute of play, giving Eastern its first goal after allowing 24 straight over the last five matches.

Southern Maine was coming off a 2-0 loss to Bowdoin College, the No. 1 ranked team in Division III.

The Warriors trailed 3-1 before Gomes knocked in her first goal of the season – fifth of her career – inside the final six minutes of the first half.

Freshman goalie **Danielle Reichardt (Ocean Township, NJ)** contributed 41 scoreless minutes in relief of junior starter **Tia Mucciarone (Franklin, MA)**. Reichardt made four saves in her third career appearance.

Eastern played the match without injured starting forwards **Joslin Wells (Marstons Mills, MA)** and **Melanie Proud (Wall Township, NJ)**. They were replaced in the lineup by freshmen **Ali Chapman (Watertown)** and **Jaime Mugavero (Clinton)**. With assists, sophomore forward **Jamie Frink (Colebrook)** and freshman forward **Melissa Goffe (Newington)** came off the bench to record their first career points.

Eastern continues conference play Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Western Connecticut State University.

U. of Southern Maine 3, Eastern Conn. 2

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

Scoring: S-Bethany Boogie (penalty stroke) 5:34; E-Liz Bolduc (Jamie Frink) 13:46; S-Rolinda Mitchell (Jenn Masessa) 19:54; S-India Lowe 25:39; E-Drew Gomes (Melissa Goffe) 29:28.

Shots: E-16, S-20; **Saves:** E-Tia Mucciarone 6 (3 goals allowed, 29:21), Danielle Reichardt 4 (0, 40:39); S-Allison Hill 9.

Penalty corners: E-6, S-8.

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Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2008

LATE GOALS LIFT CONN COLLEGE PAST EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY

Camels score both of their goals inside final 4:24 to hand Warriors fifth straight loss

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Freshman Sierra Olney scored her first career goal with 4:24 left to snap a scoreless tie and senior Lynne Stillings added her first goal of the year one minute and 24 seconds later to lift Connecticut College to its first win of the season, a 2-0 victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday afternoon.

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Connecticut College 2, Eastern Conn. 0

Conn College (1-4)	0	2	--	2
Eastern Conn. (1-5)	0	0	--	0

Scoring: Sierra Olney 65:36; Lynne Stillings (Jenny Roe) 67:00.

Shots: C-21, E-7; **Saves:** C-Robin Edwards 4, E-Tia Mucciarone 11. **Penalty corners:** C-15, E-6.

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Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008

EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY BATTLES NO. 16 BABSON IN LOSS

Mucciarone makes 13 saves; Beavers score three late goals in 5:30 span to pull away

BABSON PARK, Mass. -- The nationally-ranked Babson College field hockey team scored four times in the final 23 minutes to claim a 4-0 victory over visiting Eastern Connecticut State University in a non-conference matchup at MacDowell Field Thursday night.

The win is the fifth in this series for Babson (5-1) without a loss against Eastern (1-3), which was shut out for the third straight match.

In a contest that was much closer than the final score indicated, Eastern kept Babson off the board for the first 45 minutes of play thanks in large part to junior goalkeeper **Tia Mucciarone (Franklin, MA)**, who finished a strong effort with 13 saves. The Warriors also threatened several times at the other end but were held to just two shots by the Beavers' stalwart defense, which featured strong efforts from senior co-captain Megan Paglialunga and sophomore Sam Sulliman.

Babson finally broke through with 23 minutes left, as freshman Erika Hansen tipped a pass from sophomore Colleen Kelly just inside the right post for the game's first goal. The Beavers then erupted for three straight goals in a span of 5:30 later in the period, beginning when Kelly took a pass from junior Jess Paladino on a penalty corner and blasted a shot past Mucciarone at 63:03. Senior co-captain Nicole Cemelli added another when she redirected a Paladino shot into the cage at 67:12 and sophomore Sarah Fredlund tipped in a Kelly feed at 68:37 for the 4-0 final.

Mucciarone made nine of her 13 saves in the second half to keep Eastern close, while Babson freshman Jessica Pashos made her only save of the contest in the first half.

Eastern looks for its first Little East Conference win after an opening loss when it hosts Bridgewater State College Saturday in its home-opener at 1 p.m.

Babson College 4, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (1-3)	0	0 --	0
Babson (5-1)	0	4 --	4

Scoring: Erika Hansen (Colleen Kelly) 46:52; Kelly (Jess Paladino) 63:03; Nicole Cemelli (Paladino) 67:12; Sarah Fredlund (Kelly) 68:37.

Shots: E-2, B-25; **Saves:** E-Tia Mucciarone 13, B-Jessica Pashos 1.

Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008

DEFENDING CHAMPS ROUGH UP EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY

In Little East opener for both teams, Owls breeze to 8-0 victory over Warriors

KEENE, NH - In its initial quest to return to the Little East Conference playoffs for the first time in four years, the Eastern Connecticut State University field hockey team was soundly beaten by two-time defending champion Keene State College, 8-0, Saturday in the conference opener for both teams at the Owl Athletic Complex.

A winner of its last five straight after an opening loss, Keene (5-1, 1-0 little east) scored three first-half goals in a span of under five minutes and went on to hand Eastern (1-2, 0-1 little east) its second 8-0 loss in its last two matches. Keene has downed Eastern the last seven times the teams have met.

Keene was led by junior forward Carly Benning and junior back Alyssa Rowell, who finished the game with two goals each. Senior forward Elizabeth Rand, junior midfielder Erin Dallas, senior back Heather McDougall, and freshman Sabrina Carey also found the back of the net for the Owls.

Eastern was outshot 29-7, with freshman **Danielle Reichardt (Ocean Township, NJ)** making six saves in the first half in her first collegiate start (second appearance). Junior **Tia Mucciarone (Franklin, MA)** made four saves in the second half.

Eastern visits nationally-ranked Babson College Thursday at 6 p.m.

Keene State College 8, Eastern Conn. 0

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

Scoring: Carly Benning (Leigh Smith) 13:48; Elizabeth Rand (Elizabeth Coffin) 17:36; Alyssa Rowell (Samantha Blanchard) 18:29; Benning (Chelsea Blackmer) 36:26; Erin Dallas 44:11; Rowell (penalty stroke) 44:43; Heather McDougall 57:31; Sabrina Cary (Tara Murphy) 57:31.

Shots: E-7, K-29; **Saves:** E-Danielle Reichardt 6 (3 goals allowed, 35:00), Tia Mucciarone 4 (5, 35:00).

Penalty corners: E-6, K-13.

Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2008

FOR STARTERS, EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY WHIPS WHEELOCK *In opener, Warriors get points from seven different players in 5-0 victory*

BOSTON – The Eastern Connecticut State University field hockey team opened the 2008 season with a convincing 5-0 non-conference victory over Wheelock College Wednesday night in a match played at the Winsor School.

Seven different players contributed a goal or an assist for Eastern, which potted goals on its first two shots of the season in dominating play throughout. Starting five freshmen, the Warriors scored twice in a span of less than three minutes to open up a quick 2-0 lead 12 minutes into play. They made it 3-0 by halftime and tacked on two insurance goals late in the match.

Sophomore forward **Melanie Proud (Wall Township, NJ)** scored twice, with freshman forward **Devon Agule (Acton, MA)** assisting on Eastern's first goal and scoring its second. Freshman midfielder **Erika Malito (Killingly)** also had a goal and assist. Forward **Ali Chapman (Watertown)** and back **Liz Bolduc (Stonington)**, both freshmen, also picked up their first career points with a goal and assist, respectively.

The Warriors outshot Wheelock (0-1) 17-6 in support of junior goalie **Tia Mucciarone (Franklin, MA)** who turned back four shots to record the second full match shutout of her two-year career. The hosts were unable to record their first shot until just 11 minutes remained in the first half, with Mucciarone making a routine save on a bid by junior forward Kelsey McAuliffe.

Eastern set the tone early, outshooting the Wildcats 10-2 in the first half and limiting Wheelock to just two shots before the break.

Eastern stopped a string of four straight road losses dating back to last year. It was the team's first road shutout since mid-September of last year, when it posted a 2-0 Little East Conference victory at Bridgewater State College.

The Warriors open their home season Saturday when they host Manhattanville College in a non-conference match at 4 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 5, Wheelock College 0

Eastern Conn. (1-0)	3	2	--	5
Wheelock (0-1)	0	0	---	0

Scoring: E-Ashley Del Vecchio (Devon Agule) 9:22; Agule (Liz Bolduc) 12:08; Melanie Proud (Erika Malito) 25:33; Proud (Dana McLaughlin) 55:00; Ali Chapman (Malito) 55:42.

Shots: E-17, W-6; **Saves:** E-Tia Mucciarone 4, Meredith Race 8.