

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011

Field Hockey

Eastern Conn. 2, Regis College (MA) 1

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- In the first meeting between the programs, Eastern Connecticut State University senior **Chelsie Rizzo (Bethel)** scored at the left post with nine minutes left to snap a tie as the Warriors ended their home season with a 2-1 victory over Regis College (MA).

Eastern (3-14) won for the second time in the last five outings and for the third time this year at home, while Regis (6-10) had a five-match winning streak snapped, a streak which featured four straight shutout victories.

Trailing 1-0, Eastern tied the match with eight minutes left in the first half on senior **Erika Malito's (Killingly)** fourth goal of the season in a scramble in front of the net, and won it on Rizzo's fifth goal of the season. Senior **Ali Chapman (Watertown)** set up the winning goal with the hit-in on Eastern's 11th penalty corner of the match. Chapman sent the pass in to first-year junior **Hannah Collier (Watertown)**, who drove a hard shot at the cage from the top of the circle. Regis defender Victoria Pappas knocked the shot off the goal line, but Rizzo was right there to send the quick deflection into the cage.

Regis needed only 72 seconds to take a 1-0 lead when Meghan Robohm carried untouched into the circle and fired a waist-high shot past Eastern senior goalie **Danielle Reichardt (Ocean Township, NJ)**. The Pride were outshot 8-2 the rest of the half, however, with the Warriors accumulating six of the seven penalty corners that were awarded over the first 35 minutes.

Making her sixth start of the year, Regis goalie Genesis Gudiel had six saves in the first half, holding the Warriors off the board until Malito's equalizer late in the period.

Pappas made two defensive saves for Regis, clearing out a shot by Chapman with 12 minutes left following an Eastern penalty corner with the game tied at 1-all. Five minutes earlier Eastern junior back **Lauren DeLuca (South Windsor)** had kept the match tied when she stopped a shot on the back line by Regis' Cheyenne Genga. Christine O'Toole was there for the rebound of Genga's shot, but Reichardt followed with her only save of the half.

Eastern closes out its season Saturday at Bridgewater State University at 1 p.m. in a Little East Conference match.

Saturday, Oct. 20, 2011

Field Hockey
At Bridgewater, MA

Bridgewater State U. 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Records: E, 3-15, 0-11 Little East; B, 12-5, 7-4 Little East

It was the season-finale for Eastern, which failed to make the Little East Conference playoffs for the seventh straight year. Eastern was outshot 16-1 and 12-0 in penalty corners.

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Field Hockey

Worcester State Blanks Eastern Connecticut, 4-0

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Worcester, MA --- Sophomore **Lindsey McGeary** (Foxboro, MA) notched two goals and junior keeper **Rebecca Mullen** (Peabody, MA) posted her fourth shutout of the season as they helped lead Worcester State to a 4-0 triumph over Eastern Connecticut in Little East Conference field hockey action this afternoon.

The contest started off as a back and forth affair as the Lancers had a 10-5 lead in shots over the first 20 minutes of the period.

Sophomore **Kelly Gawron** (Ramsey, NJ) and junior **Lauren DeLuca** (S. Windsor, CT) paced the Warrior back line as they combined for three defensive saves to keep the hosts off the board. Senior **Molly Cotter** (N. Easton, MA) also had a stop for the Blue and Gold to keep the game scoreless.

McGeary would then break the stalemate at the 26:06 mark when she converted a long pass from the left side from freshman **Kelli McPearson** (Mansfield, MA).

Following the intermission with the 1-0 advantage, McGeary then sent in her ninth marker of the season with 43:51 off the clock on a cross from the right side from senior **Sarah Cozzens** (Sterling, MA). McGeary's attempt slipped past Eastern Connecticut keeper **Danielle Reichardt** (Ocean Township, NJ), who had stretched her body to completely block the opening in front of the cage.

The Lancers (9-7, 5-5 LEC) then broke the game open and scored twice in a span of two and a half minutes on goals by senior **Samantha Janda** (Sterling, MA) and Cozzens.

Eastern Connecticut (2-14, 0-10 LEC) nearly broke the shutout with 15 minutes remaining in the second half, but the tally was wiped off the board when the official closest to the net indicated that junior **Hanna Collier's** (Watertown, CT) bid came from outside of the striking circle.

Senior **Haley Erickson** (Saugus, MA) also had a defensive stop for WSU as she helped keep the Warriors off the board with seven minutes left in regulation.

Mullen finished with five saves for the hosts while Reichardt turned aside 12 shots for the visitors.

McGeary, who had originally led the team in goals over the first six games of the season, scored for the first time since a victory against Anna Maria on September 15.

Janda and Cozzens also now have 13 and 14 goals, respectively, on the campaign. Cozzens is now just two away from tying the all-time mark that is held by four players including Lancer Hall of Famer **Lisa Stockdale (1995-98)**, who was inducted last weekend.

The Lancers will take a week off and close their season at home against Fitchburg State at 11 AM next Saturday while the Warriors will entertain Regis on Thursday at 4 o'clock.

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Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011

OVERTIME PENALTY STROKE SINKS EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY

Warriors' conference post-season tournament hopes dissolve in 3-2 LEC setback

MANSFIELD, Conn. — A penalty stroke late in sudden-death overtime officially ended the Little East Conference playoff hopes of the Eastern Connecticut State University field hockey team Thursday night at the Mansfield Outdoor Complex.

After Eastern (2-13, 0-9 Little East) bounced back from a two-goal deficit for the second time in the last three conference contests to tie the match, Brittany Barra's penalty stroke with 3:22 left in a 30-minute sudden death session -- awarded when Eastern senior goalie **Danielle Reichardt (Ocean Township, NJ)** was cited for covering up a loose ball during a scramble in front of the net -- gave Western Connecticut State University (9-6, 4-5 Little East) a 3-2 victory.

The loss mathematically eliminates the Warriors from attaining one of the eight LEC playoff spots in the 12-team conference, while Western moves into a four-way tie for sixth place in the conference with the win in the match which had been postponed Wednesday due to rain.

Down 2-0 in the opening minutes of the second half, Eastern's defense held Western scoreless from the field for the remaining 60 minutes. The Warriors got one back on senior forward **Erika Malito's (Killingly)** third goal of the season on an assist from first-year junior **Hannah Collier (Watertown)** ten minutes into the second half, and pulled even with 8:14 left in regulation on senior midfielder **Lyndsey Zavisza's (Suffield)** first goal of 2011 on an assist from freshman forward **Deisy Naranjo (Washington Heights, NY)**.

Neither team was able to break through the first 15-minute sudden-death overtime -- Eastern managing two shots and a penalty corner -- and appeared headed toward a penalty-stroke shootout after Reichardt made a sprawling, game-saving (to that point) save on a breakaway by Deanne Mastrocola with 3:39 left in the second overtime.

On the play, however, Western was awarded its 15th penalty corner of the match -- sixth in overtime. Team scoring leader Lauren Atkinson provided the hit-in on the corner, then took a return pass soon after from Barra. Atkinson became tangled up with Reichardt while fighting for the loose ball in front of the cage when the infraction was whistled. Atkinson found a small space between Reichardt and the left post on her ensuing game-ending penalty stroke.

After Western had the better of play in the first half -- Eastern's first shot did not come until 5:33 remained in the first half -- the Warriors' defense helped swing the momentum back in the hosts' favors. Starting defenders were junior **Lauren DeLuca (South Windsor)**, sophomore **Kelly Gawron (Ramsey, NJ)** and freshman **Jennifer Mitteness (Waterford)**, with sophomore **Nicole Vitello (Wallingford)** coming off the bench.

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Barra figured in all three of Western's goals, setting up teammates for the first two.

Mastrocola had given Western its 1-0 lead at halftime with her third goal of the season in the 26th minute and Kim Gigante made it 2-0 1:22 into the second half. Barra assisted on both goals, giving her a team-leading five helpers.

Reichardt made 13 saves for Eastern, which was outshot 22-7. Three of her saves came on four Western shots (prior to the stroke) in the second overtime session. She stopped Mastrocola twice and Atkinson once. All four of Western's shot in the second overtime prior to the stroke followed penalty corners.

Subbing for the injured Alyssa Picariello, sophomore Courtney Hearn made three saves to gain her first win of the year.

For the fourth time in the last six matches between the teams, the match has been determined in overtime, both teams winning twice. In 2008 at Danbury, Eastern gained a 3-2 verdict on a game-winning goal 10:29 into overtime. Current senior **Ali Chapman (Watertown)** scored the first goal of that match but the Colonials later rallied from a 2-0 deficit to force overtime. Reichardt came off the bench to post 45 scoreless minutes to earn her first career win.

Eastern visits Worcester State University Saturday at 3 p.m. in a Little East Conference match.

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011

EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY HAS ITS WAY IN 8-0 VICTORY

Ali Chapman nets hat trick against non-conference opponent Daniel Webster

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- In the first match ever between the programs, **Ali Chapman (Watertown)** recorded the eighth hat trick in the program's 14-year history as the Eastern Connecticut State University field hockey team snapped a seven game losing streak with an 8-0 win over Daniel Webster College Wednesday night at the Mansfield Outdoor Complex.

Leading 2-0 at halftime, Eastern (2-11) scored five goals in a span of seven minutes in the second half. Chapman scored both Eastern goals in the first half and added her team-leading sixth of the season in the second half, when six different players scored the six goals.

Daniel Webster (3-6) senior goalie Amy Prince made nine of her 15 saves in the first half when she kept the match scoreless for the first 21 minutes before the Warriors set a program record with six goals in one half over the final 35 minutes. The 11 Daniel Webster starters played the entire 70 minutes, with fatigue contributing to their inability to take shots (1) or defend (17 shots allowed) in the second half.

Junior **Lauren DeLuca (South Windsor)**, sophomore **Nicole Vitello (Wallingford)** and freshman **Maureen Hinman (Wallingford)** all recorded their first collegiate points. Hinman and Vitello each had a goal and assist and DeLuca a goal. First-year junior **Hannah Collier (Watertown)** was credited with her first collegiate assist when she set up Chapman's first goal of the match in the 22nd minute.

The team's 37 shots established a match record and the goal total was one shy of the program record set two years ago tomorrow in a home win over Lasell College. The eight-goal winning margin and eight-goal margin in a shutout also tie the program record set against Stevens Tech seven years ago.

The visiting Eagles competed in last year's ECAC New England Division III tournament and finished with a 12-5 record.

Senior goalie **Danielle Reichardt (Ocean Township, NJ)** made three saves to post her second career shutout.

The program's active scoring leader, Chapman boosted her four-year totals to 15 goals and 41 points. She shares fifth place all-time in career goals, shares fourth in assists (11) and is fifth in points.

Eastern visits Keene State College in a Little East Conference match Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011

Field Hockey Salem State 3, Eastern Conn. 2

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University field hockey team erased a two-goal deficit in the second half but Salem State University scored the game-winner with 14 minutes left as the Warriors remained winless in the Little East Conference with a 3-2 loss Saturday at the Mansfield Outdoor Complex.

In a battle of two teams looking for their first conference victory of the season, Eastern (1-11, 0-7 Little East) and Salem State (4-7, 1-6 Little East) traded goals before the Vikings ended an overall four-game losing streak with their fourth straight victory over Eastern.

Trailing 2-0, Eastern got one back 50 seconds before the end of the first half on senior Ali Chapman's (Watertown) third goal of the year when she re-directed senior **Amanda Farina's** (Mahopac, NY) drive to the cage. Eight minutes into the second half, the Warriors struck for the tying goal when junior **Hannah Collier (Watertown)** teamed up with her hometown teammate. Collier drove a hard, high blast past Salem sophomore keeper Michaela Boyer. Collier's shot came near the top of the circle on Chapman's hit-in on a penalty corner.

Junior Courtney Lynch netted the game-winner with 14 minutes left when she unloaded a drive on a short crossing pass from junior Erin Wilson (Reading, MA) past Eastern senior goalkeeper **Danielle Reichardt (Ocean Township, NJ)**.

Salem appeared to be on its way to a rout after freshman Nicole Bisbee and junior Eryn Shea scored first-period goals for the Vikings. Bisbee came off the bench to make it 1-0 in the 14th minute when she controlled a sweeping pass from Shea and blasted a low shot from the right of the circle inside the left post. Junior Kristin Santanello set up the play when she won the ball outside the circle and fed Shea. Santanello and Shea worked a give-and-go which led to a two-person break for Salem with two minutes left in the first half, and Shea knocked in her fifth goal of the season on a short pass from Santanello to make it 2-0.

Salem was playing without top scorer Kaitlyn Aronian, who leads the club in goals (6) and points (14).

Eastern hosts Daniel Webster College Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011

PLYMOUTH FIELD HOCKEY PULLS AWAY FROM EASTERN, 4-0

Despite being outshot by wide margin, Warriors stay close through early minutes of second half

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Seven-time Little East Conference tournament finalist Plymouth State University scored twice in three minutes late in the match to pull away from Eastern Connecticut State University, 4-0, Saturday afternoon at the Mansfield Outdoor Complex.

Having beaten Eastern (1-9, 0-5 Little East) all 15 previous times the teams had met, Plymouth (8-1, 4-1 Little East) dominated play but managed only one goal in the first half before making it 2-0 six minutes into the second half, and tacking on two insurance goals in a span of three minutes inside the final seven minutes of play.

With the win, Plymouth maintains a share of second place in the conference a game behind conference leader Keene State College. Plymouth was coming off a 3-0 road loss to Keene three days ago. Plymouth and Keene are the most successful programs in LEC history, having combined for ten post-season titles. Plymouth has won three and reached the championship match a total of seven times.

Eastern senior goalkeeper **Danielle Reichardt (Ocean Township, NJ)** made eight of her game total of 21 saves (11 shy of her program record of 32 set in the 2011 opener) to keep the Warriors within a goal at halftime before the Panthers unloaded 24 shots in the second half, getting three past Reichardt.

Ranked third in the LEC in total shots, Plymouth junior forward Olivia Colborn (Lancaster, NH) unleashed 13 in the game, putting six on net and finishing with a goal (that made it 2-0 six minutes into the second half) and assist. Sophomore forward Jackie Morin (Scarborough, ME), who entered the match sharing the team lead for points with Colborn, unloaded all seven of her shots on goal, sneaking one past Reichardt that made it 3-0 with seven minutes left.

Freshman forward Nikki Garvey (Canaan, NH) put the Panthers ahead for good with just under ten minutes gone when she took a pass from All-LEC midfielder Christine Parisi (Hampton, NH), carried 20 yards past several Eastern defenders, and beat a diving Reichardt in a 1v1 situation. Colborn took a return pass at the left post after sending in a penalty corner to make it 2-0 six minutes into the second half and Morin scored from in close on a pass from sophomore forward Lauren Carroll (Rollinsford, NH) after initially fanning on the shot. Carroll's fourth goal of the year rounded out the scoring with four minutes left when she re-directed Colborn's drive at the left post.

Plymouth outshot Eastern 40-2 and was awarded 22 of the 26 penalty corners in the match.

Eastern visits two-time defending LEC tournament champion Massachusetts Dartmouth Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011

MANHATTANVILLE GETS THE MEASURE OF EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY

Warriors manage only one second-half goal in non-conference road loss to Valiants

PURCHASE, N.Y. – Sophomore forward Megan Greene scored twice in the second period to lift the Manhattanville College field hockey team to a 4-1 non-conference victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Wednesday afternoon at GoValiants.com Field.

Greene's first goal 32 seconds into the second period pushed the Manhattanville (5-1) lead to 3-0, and Greene added her team-leading seventh goal eight minutes after Eastern senior forward **Ali Chapman (Watertown)** to re-store the Valiants' three-goal cushion. Last year's leading scorer, Chapman recorded her second goal of the season on an assist from senior midfielder **Lyndsey Zavisza (Suffield)**.

Eastern senior **Danielle Reichardt (Ocean Township, NJ)** stopped 13 shots for Eastern (1-5), while Manhattanville sophomore Amy Hilton made five saves.

The loss is Eastern's second straight after a 3-1 home win over Wheelock College eight days ago. The match was the first between the programs since 2007. The Valiants have won four in a row against Eastern in this series. Their only loss this season for Manhattanville came by a 5-0 margin over nationally-ranked William Smith College four days ago.

Eastern returns to Little East Conference action Saturday when it visits Framingham State University at 4 p.m. Senior **Erika Malito (Killingly)** scored off the team's first penalty corner six minutes into the second half of last year's 1-0 home win over the Rams for its only LEC victory of the year.

Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011

WESTFIELD TRIMS EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY IN LITTLE EAST, 1-0
For fourth time in last five years, Warriors drop one-goal decision to Owls in LEC play

WESTFIELD, Mass. – In the last five years, there have been many near-misses for the Eastern Connecticut State University field hockey team against Westfield State University. Count Saturday's result as another.

Coming off its first victory of the season Tuesday, Eastern (1-5, 0-2 little east) held Westfield State (4-1, 1-1 little east) to one goal despite being outshot by a wide margin in a 1-0 Little East Conference setback .

The Owls outshot Eastern, 22-1 and were awarded 15 of the 17 penalty corners in the match in edging the Warriors by a single goal for the fourth time (third year in a row) in the last five season.

Sophomore forward Sarah Pliszka redirected a shot by senior forward Jessi Gould about five yards in front of the goal for the game-winner with four minutes left in the first stanza for her second goal of the year. Gould, the team-leader with six goals, unloaded eight shots, but the only two that were on cage were knocked away by senior goalkeeper **Danielle Reichardt (Ocean Township, NJ)**, who made five saves.

Eastern visits Manhattanville College Wednesday for a non-conference match beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011

EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY POSTS FIRST VICTORY OF SEASON
Against Wheelock College, Malito's penalty stroke in 11th minute sets tempo in 3-1 win

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Senior forward **Erika Malito (Killingly)** converted a penalty stroke in the 11th minute and the Eastern Connecticut State University field hockey team went on to a 3-1 non-conference victory over Wheelock College Tuesday night at the Mansfield Outdoor Complex.

Eastern (1-4) controlled possession throughout much of the contest, outshooting Wheelock (0-5) 15-3 and collecting six of the penalty corner awarded in the match. The Warriors remain unbeaten in five matches against Wheelock in the all-time series.

Eastern assumed its second lead of the season in the opening minutes when Malito was awarded a penalty stroke after Wheelock sophomore goalie Michelle Greene (Marshfield, MA) converted up a loose ball in the circle. Malito beat the goalie high into the left-hand corner of the cage.

First-year junior forward **Hannah Collier (Watertown)** nine minutes later with her first career goal off a rebound of a shot that was saved by Greene on Eastern junior midfielder **Rochelle Normandin (South Windsor)**.

Senior forward **Ali Chapman (Watertown)**, the team's top returning scorer, broke through for her first goal of the season ten minutes into the second half when she cleaned up a loose ball following a long run into the circle by senior midfielder **Amanda Farina (Mahopac, NY)**.

Eastern senior goalie **Danielle Reichardt (Ocean Township, NJ)** was denied her second career shutout when junior forward Despina Savvoulides (Norwalk) scored on a 1-on-1 opportunity with just under four minutes left in the match.

The Warriors' starting defense which made Reichardt's night uneventful included junior **Lauren DeLuca (South Windsor)**, sophomore **Kelly Gawron (Ramsey, NJ)** and first-year sophomore **Jennifer Mitteness (Waterford)**.

Eastern returns to Little East Conference competition Saturday against homestanding Westfield State University. The Warriors look to snap a six-game losing streak at the hands of the Owls, having scored just one goal in that stretch.

Thursday, September 08, 2011

CONN COLLEGE FIELD HOCKEY SURGES PAST EASTERN, 6-1

For Camels, three goals in six minutes break early second-period tie in non-conference game

MANSFIELD, Conn. — The Connecticut College field hockey team shook free from a tie early in the second half by scoring three times in less than six minutes and went on to a 6-1 non-conference victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Thursday night at the Mansfield Outdoor Complex.

After being shut out by Conn (1-0) each of the past three seasons, Eastern (0-3) tied the Thursday's match, 1-1, 70 seconds into the second period on senior forward **Chelsie Rizzo's (Bethel)** second goal of the season.

Managing only one goal despite taking 12 first-half shots, Conn finally found its rhythm with three goals six minutes apart in the early stages of the second period. Top returning scorer Brittany Fitzgerald (Ridgefield), a junior, answered Rizzo's goal six minutes later to give the Camels the lead for good, 2-1, and junior forward Hanna Wagner (Sudbury, MA) and sophomore forward Laura Sanderson (Hanover, NH) followed with goals 18 seconds apart to make it 4-1 14 minutes into the second half.

Conn tacked on two late insurance goals in a span of 37 seconds inside the final two minutes to account for the five-goal differential.

Eastern senior goalie **Danielle Reichardt (Ocean Township, NJ)**, coming off a program-record 32 saves in the team's home opener a week ago, stopped five shots to keep the first half close and finished with nine. The Warriors spent most of the first half inside its defensive circle but the starting defense in front of Reichardt of junior **Lauren DeLuca (South Windsor)**, sophomore **Kelly Gawron (Ramsey, NJ)** and freshman **Jennifer Mittness (Waterford)** withstood the visitors' advances.

Conn freshman goalie Maureen Smolskis (Kensington, MD) gained her first collegiate win thanks to Conn's five-goal second half onslaught. The second-half starter in cage, Smolskis allowed Rizzo's game-tying goal on Eastern's first shot of the match.

Rizzo was removed from the field with an injury with 13:18 left and Conn leading 4-1, and did not return.

Conn outshot Eastern 23-3 and was credited with 12 of the 16 penalty corners in the match.

Eastern opens its Little East Conference season Saturday, hosting the University of Southern Maine at 1 p.m. The Huskies were picked for fourth among 12 teams in the LEC pre-season poll and have posted four straight wins over Eastern since the Warriors' last victory over USM — a 2-1 victory at Mansfield in 2006.

Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011

ONE-GOAL LEAD DISSOLVES IN EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY LOSS

Salve Regina overcomes halftime deficit to post 3-1 non-conference victory over Warriors

MIDDLETOWN, R.I. – The Salve Regina University field hockey team scored three goals in 12 minutes to wipe Eastern Connecticut State University halftime lead in the Warriors' 3-1 non-conference setback at Gaudet Field Saturday night.

Junior midfielder **Rochelle Normandin's (South Windsor)** second career goal on senior midfielder **Elise Zarcaro's (Enfield)** second career assist with five minutes left in the first half staked Eastern (0-2) to a 1-0 lead. That lead held up until Salve (2-0) scored twice in less than three minute midway through the half, and added an insurance goal with three minutes left.

Freshman Alexandria Rizzo paced the Seahawk attack with two goals, while senior Samantha Dalton scored the go-ahead goal in the 58th minute.

Eastern senior goalie **Danielle Reichardt (Ocean Township, NJ)** made five saves.

With the win, Salve ties the all-time series at 3-3. The Warriors had opened last year's home season with a 3-1 victory over the Seahawks, scoring two late goals to forge the win backstopped by Reichardt.

Eastern hosts Connecticut College Thursday at 6 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011

REICHARDT BREAKS RECORD IN EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY LOSS

Senior goalie kicks out 32 shots in 4-1 season-opening loss to Ramapo College of New Jersey

MANSFIELD, Conn. – Senior goalie **Danielle Reichardt (Ocean Township, NJ)** kicked out a program-record 32 shots when the Eastern Connecticut State University field hockey team opened its 2011 season with a 4-1 loss to Ramapo College of New Jersey Thursday night at the Mansfield Outdoor Complex.

A four-year member of the program making her 40th career appearance, Reichardt made saves on 32 of Ramapo's (1-0) 36 shots on cage. She allowed only one goal in the second half and none after the opening minutes of the second half.

Coming off a 9-10 season, Ramapo dominated over the first 35 minutes, scoring three times in a span of ten minutes. In the first meeting between the programs, Ramapo unloaded 25 shots in the first half before the Warriors answered with all eight of their shots and all eight of their penalty corners over the final 35 minutes.

Returning scoring leader Amanda Barretta (Roseland, NJ), a senior forward, scored three of Ramapo's goals, opening the scoring in the 16th minute and making it 4-0 in the opening minutes of the second half. Barretta put nine of her ten shots on cage, while senior midfielder Jayne Manigrasso (Atlantic Highlands, NJ) collected 11 of her team's 41 shots, putting all of them on goal and knocking one in to make it 2-0 with the 20th minute.

Eastern senior forward **Chelsie Rizzo (Bethel)** connected on her second career goal midway through the second half on an assist from junior midfielder **Rochelle Normandin (South Windsor)**.

Reichardt's save total broke a 13-year old record of 26 set by Stacey Bulkeley against Plymouth State University on October 17, 1998.

Eastern visits Salve Regina University Saturday at 5 p.m.