

Tuesday, February 20, 1996

ECSU MEN'S BASKETBALL ENDS SEASON WITH LEC TOURNAMENT LOSS
Sixth-seeded Warriors edged at third-seeded RIC 81-74

PROVIDENCE, RI -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's basketball team raced to an early ten-point lead but the upset-minded Warriors dropped an 81-74 decision to Rhode Island College Tuesday in the first round of the Little East Conference tournament.

With the loss, sixth-seeded ECSU (8-17) concludes its season. The Anchormen (18-7), seeded third, advance to the tournament semifinals Friday against second-seeded Plymouth State College at 8 p.m. at North Dartmouth, MA.

After losing their two regular-season conference games to Rhode Island by a combined 21 points, the Warriors were within striking distance throughout last night. Eastern trailed by only three at halftime, 36-33, fell back by 11 after committing nine turnovers in the first seven minutes of the secondhalf, then battled back and trailed by only four, 78-74 with 14 seconds left.

A three-point field goal by senior Edward Silva (LOWELL, MA) had pulled ECSU to within those four points before Rhode Island's Frank Minkon countered with a three-point play to ice the win with seven seconds left.

Eastern scored 21 of of the game's first 32 points before Rhode Island chipped away, finally taking its first lead 27-25 with four minutes left in the half.

ECSU sophomore forward Roberto Marquez (WINDHAM) scored a season-high 30 points on 12 of 17 field goals and 6 of 6 free throws while Silva had 21 points and a game-high ten rebounds.

Conference scoring leader Alex Butler of Rhode Island led the Anchormen with 24 points, 12 coming on 14 free throws, with Minikon adding 12 and Derrick Campbell ten.

The Warriors ended the season on a six-game losing streak, dropping nine of their last ten.

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ECSU MEN'S BASKETBALL BEATEN BY UMASS BOSTON IN OVERTIME 80-73

BOSTON, Mass. -- James Gomes hit a three-point field goal with one second left in regulation to send the game into overtime and added ^{five} ~~more~~ points in the extra session to lift the University of Massachusetts Boston to an 80-73 Little East Conference men's basketball decision over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday.

The Beacons, who had lost 12 of their previous 13 entering play, finish the regular season at 4-20 overall with their first conference victory in 12 decisions. ~~East~~ Eastern, which ~~had~~ lost 15 of its final 18 regular-season games after a 5-2 start, falls to 8-16 overall, 2-10 in the conference.

As the No.-6 seed in the upcoming LEC tournament, Eastern travels to face third-seeded Rhode Island College Tuesday ~~(time 1:30)~~ at 7:30 pm.

Gomes, the LEC's second-leading scorer with an average of 21.7, finished with 35 ~~points~~ points. After scoring 18 points in the first half, Gomes ~~managed~~ managed only five through the first 15 minutes of the second half until exploding. Gomes scored five points in the final ten seconds of ~~the~~ regulation -- hitting a driving ~~layup~~ ^{with 10 seconds left and his team trailing by three} layup and sinking the ~~three~~ ^{three} three-pointer at ~~the~~ the horn -- to send the game into overtime. In overtime, he scored five points ^{and teammate Pedro Gomes sank six of eight free throws}. The Warriors missed ~~13~~ ¹² of ~~14~~ ¹³ field goals in overtime.

A total of 75 free throws were taken in the game, the Beacons hitting 32 of 41 and Eastern 24 of 34.

Sophomore forward Roberto Marquez (WINDHAM) came off the bench to score 16 points for Eastern while junior guard Chris Robinson (BRIDGEPORT) added 15, junior center Jamie Brelsford (WINDHAM) a career-high 14 and senior guard Sheron Edwards (MANCHESTER) 11 points and nine rebounds.

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UMASS DARTMOUTH MEN'S BASKETBALL DEFEATS ECSU 85-66
Corsairs post 12th straight regular-season conference win over Warriors

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth men's basketball team -- picked to finish third in the pre-season in the Little East Conference -- clinched at least a share of its eight title with an 85-66 victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday.

The win is the 12th straight in LEC regular-season play for the Corsairs over Eastern. UMass (17-6), ranked in a tie for fifth in the NCAA Division III Northeast Region, improved to 9-2 with one regular-season conference game remaining while the Warriors fall to 2-9 in the conference, 8-15 overall. UMass can clinch the regular season title outright Saturday with a win over the University of Southern Maine.

Eastern stayed within striking distance throughout most of the first half before the Corsairs scored 11 of the final 13 points of the half to wipe out a four-point deficit and take a 31-26 lead into the lockerroom. Eastern committed seven turnovers in the first four minutes of the second half, and UMass' Mosadi Caldwell scored eight of his 16 points in that span as UMass moved out to an 11-point, 43-32 lead. UMass hit half of its 38 second-half field goals.

The visitors, who own a share of their fifth straight conference title, took 31 three-point field goal attempts, sinking ten (five in each half). Eric Eaton scored a game-high 18 points for the winners, followed by Caldwell and Ryan Bland (11). UMass committed only 12 turnovers in the game.

First-year sophomore forward Bryan Moretti (NORWICH) scored a season-high 11 points, while freshman guard Chris Cook (WINDSOR) added the same number. Senior guard Sheron Edwards (HARTFORD) had ten points and equalled his career-high with ten rebounds while freshman center Bryan Hall (HARTFORD) added a season-high ten points.

Eastern closes out the regular-season Saturday with a conference game at UMass Boston.

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ECSU MEN'S BASKETBALL LOSES LITTLE EAST DECISION TO PLYMOUTH STATE 81-56

PLYMOUTH, NH -- Four Eastern Connecticut State University starters combined for just five points as the Warriors dropped an 81-56 Little East Conference men's basketball decision to Plymouth State College Saturday.

Eastern falls to 8-14 overall, 2-8 in the LEC while surging Plymouth improves to 15-7 overall, 8-3 in the LEC with its seventh straight victory. The Panthers have won their last five conference games.

In scoring its least number of points in a game this year, Eastern shot just 30.2 per cent (16-of-53) from the floor. Twenty-two of the team's points came in 30 free throws. ECSU turned the ball over 25 times.

Two ECSU starters were held scoreless and two others combined for just five points.

Junior center Terence Corley (STAMFORD) led the Warriors with a season-high 19 points while sophomore forward Roberto Marquez (WINDHAM) had 15 and senior forward Edward Silva 13.

Max Barrera led a balanced Plymouth attack with 18 points, Allan Conlan adding 16 points. ~~Richard Whitehouse had 14~~ Barrera, who hit all seven of his field goal attempts, also pulled down a game-high eight rebounds to lift the hosts to a decisive 48-30 rebound advantage.

Eastern hosts UMass Dartmouth Tuesday at 8 p.m. in a Little East Conference game.

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RIC DEFEATS EAST MEN'S BASKETBALL 83-71 IN LITTLE EAST CONFERENCE GAME

PROVIDENCE, RI -- Little East Conference scoring leader Alex Butler scored 21 of his game-high 33 points in the second half to pace the Rhode Island College men's basketball team to an 83-71 victory over Eastern Connecticut State University.

The Anchormen, ranked in a tie for ninth in the NCAA Division III Northeast Region, improve to 7-3 in the conference, one game behind leader UMass Dartmouth, and to 14-7 overall. Eastern falls to 3-13 overall, 2-7 in the LEC.

The Anchormen led from start to finish, taking a 22-point 43-21 lead into the lockerroom. The Warriors trailed by as many as 25, 63-38 midway through second half.

Butler, who averages 24.9 points, scored nine of his 21 points on 11 free throws. Tom Bliss was the only other RIC player in double figures, finishing with ten.

Junior center Terence Driley (STAMFORD) and freshman guard Chris Cook (WINDSOR) led off the bench to lead ECU with 14 and 13 points, respectively. Senior forward David Miller (WINDSOR) finished with ten points, but had only two while playing 10 minutes in the first half.

Game recap to face Plymouth State College Saturday in a conference game at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6, 1996

HARRISON POWERS WESTERN CONN. PAST EASTERN CONN.
Colonials complete sweep of Warriors 82-72 in men's basketball

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Sophomore guard E.J. Harrison had 25 points and junior guard Todd Dean scored ten of his 16 points from the foul line as the Western Connecticut State University men's basketball team defeated Eastern Connecticut State University 82-72 Tuesday in a Little East Conference game.

Western improves to 6-3 in the conference and 15-5 overall while Eastern falls to 2-6 in the LEC and 8-12 overall.

The Warriors shot 60.7 per cent in the first half to offset 19 turnovers and take a 42-38 halftime lead. Western, however, scored the first five points of the second half and moments later took the lead for good 47-46 with 17:40 left.

Harrison hit half of his 16 field goal attempts and seven of eight free throws while Dean added six rebounds, six steals and two assists to to along with his point total. Thomas Rea added 14 points, three steals and three assists for Western, which has beaten Eastern all six times the teams have met in LEC regular-season play.

Junior center Terence Corley (STAMFORD) had a season-high 18 points for Eastern, hitting eight of ten field goals and two free throws. He also had seven rebounds. Sophomore forward Roberto Marquez (WINDHAM) came off the bench to score 15 points and grab a game-high ten rebounds. Senior forward Edward Silva (LOWELL, MA) had 11 points, seven rebounds and six assists but collected 11 of the Warriors' 34 turnovers.

Western matched its field goal total of 26 with as many free throws. The Colonials were awarded 41 attempts. Eastern was 7-of-16.

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ECSU MEN'S BASKETBALL DEFEATS SOUTHERN MAINE IN LITTLE EAST

Warriors snap four-game losing streak at hands of Huskies

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Sophomore forward Roberto Marquez (WINDHAM) and senior forward Edward Silva (LOWELL, MA) combined for 41 points on 17 of 31 shooting from the floor in Eastern Connecticut State University's 84-78 Little East Conference men's basketball win over the University of Southern Maine Saturday.

The win is the second against five conference losses for Eastern (8-11), which snapped a three-game losing streak this year and a streak of four straight setbacks at the hands of Southern Maine. The Huskies fall to 3-6 in the conference, 9-11 overall.

In a game of scoring streaks, Eastern put together the final one, scoring eight straight to assume a seven point, 73-66 lead with 3:16 left. Silva had the first four points in the run, senior guard Sheron Edwards (MANCHESTER) added two and Marquez had a jam off a steal to cap the rally.

Eastern's run following a streak of 13 straight points by Southern Maine, which turned a 65-53 deficit into a 66-65 lead with five minutes left.

With the game knotted 39-all at halftime, Eastern scored 16 straight points over a six minute span early in the second half to move out to an 11-point, 56-45 lead with 11:23 left.

Marquez came off the bench to score 22 points on ten of 18 shooting from the floor and added a team-high seven rebounds. Silva had 19 points on 7-of-13 field goal shooting. Junior guard Chris Robinson (BRIDGEPORT) contributed 19 points for Eastern, which sank half of its 34 shots in the second half.

Southern Maine, which shot 63.6 per cent in the first half, hit 13 of 18 three-point tries in the game, eight of 11 in the second half.

Jason Van Bennekum led the visitors with 22 points (3-of-4 from "three") and eight rebounds, Frank Billings adding 15 points and Jeremy Hamey 12 points.

Eastern hosts Western Connecticut State University in a Little East Conference game Tuesday at 8 p.m.

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ECSU RALLY FALLS SHORT IN MEN'S BASKETBALL LOSS TO RIC 73-62

Warriors score 17 straight before dropping Little East Conference decision

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's basketball team scored 17 straight points late in the game after trailing by 25 before dropping a 73-62 Little East Conference decision to Rhode Island College Tuesday.

The loss is the ninth in the last 11 games for Eastern (7-11) and fifth in six conference outings. Conference leader Rhode Island College improves to 6-1 in the LEC and 13-5 overall. The Anchormen are ranked seventh in the Northeast.

The Anchormen went the final 9:35 of the game without a field goal, going scoreless for 8:46 before sinking five free throws in the final 67 seconds. Rhode Island junior guard Alex Butler, the LEC scoring leader with a 26.3 scoring average, was held to just nine points, three after the break.

The Anchormen held a 42-34 edge on the boards, grabbing 25 offensive rebounds.

Frank Minikon led RIC with 22 points (9-of-13 from the floor) and eight rebounds, Sean Siembab adding 11.

Sophomore forward Roberto Marquez (WINDHAM) led ECSU with 19 points, senior forward Edward Silva adding 18.

ECSU hosts the University of Southern Maine Saturday at 4 p.m. in a Little East Conference game.

Thursday, January 26, 1996

ECSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL WINS SEVENTH IN LAST EIGHT **Warriors hold on to defeat Connecticut College 60-57**

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Connecticut College women's basketball team wiped out a 12-point deficit to take their only lead of the second half with three minutes left before Eastern Connecticut State University re-grouped for a 60-57 victory Thursday.

The win is the seventh in the last eight outings for Eastern (8-7), which lost six of its first seven games this year. The win also snaps a three-game Conn (8-5) winning streak over the Warriors.

Leading by six, 27-21 at halftime, Eastern pushed the lead to 12, 46-34 and lead by that margin with 8:10 left. A 13-4 Conn surge was capped by a pair of free throws by game-high scorer Dana Curran (21 points), however, as the Camels took their only lead of the second half, 55-54 with 2:54 left.

Sophomore guard Kristen Brown (GLOCESTER, RI) swished a three-point field goal for Eastern on its next possession, however, to put the Warriors ahead for good. Over the final 1:46, Conn missed three of four shots from the floor, both of its free throw attempts and committed three turnovers.

Freshman Jen Zabek (SOUTH DEERFIELD, MA) led ECSU with 13 points, Brown adding 12, junior center Beth Milton (MANCHESTER) 11 and sophomore guard Shannon Kindelan (SOUTHINGTON) ten. Milton led all players with 14 rebounds but ECSU was outrebounded 42-38 after holding a 24-14 halftime lead in that department.

ECSU MEN'S BASKETBALL FALLS DESPITE 70-POINT SECOND HALF **Warrior rally falls short against third-ranked Babson**

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior forward Edward Silva (LOWELL, MA) scored 26 of his career-high 28 points in the second half to spark a 70-point Eastern Connecticut State University scoring effort but the Warriors dropped a 118-111 decision to Babson College Thursday.

The loss is the eighth in the last ten games for Eastern (7-10) while Babson, ranked third in the Northeast and 20th nationally in Division III, improves to 12-3 with its seventh straight win.

Eastern trailed by 22, 63-41 at halftime but battled back, shooting 52.0 per cent (26-of-50) from the floor. Down by 22, 70-48, the Warriors used a 16-2 run over a span of 2:16 to pull to within eight, 72-64 with 14:10 left. ECSU later got as close as four several times before the Beavers pulled away.

Junior guard Chris Robinson (BRIDGEPORT) followed Silva with a season-high 23 points. Silva finished with a triple-double, adding ten rebounds and ten assists to go along with four steals.

Mark Teller had 25 to pace Babson, Mike Kingsley adding 23 and Bryant Richards 22.

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Tuesday January 23, 1996

UMASS DARTMOUTH MEN'S BASKETBALL DEFEATS ECSU 78-61
Corsairs defeat ECSU for 11th straight time in LEC regular season

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. -- The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth -- the worst free-throw shooting team in the Little East Conference -- sank 17 of 20 free throws over the final 2:13 to preserve a 78-61 LEC victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday in men's basketball.

The win for UMass (11-4, 5-1), the four-time defending Little East Conference champion, is the 11th straight over Eastern (7-9, 1-4) in regular-season conference play. The Warriors have lost seven of their last nine overall this year.

Ranked fourth in the most recent NCAA Division III Northeast Regional poll, released Tuesday, UMass trailed only twice in the game, taking the lead for good at 12-11 and proceeding to score 14 of the next 19 points to move ahead by ten, 26-16 with 7:35 left in the first half.

Trailing by as many as 16, 42-26 in the opening minutes of the second half, Eastern was able to whittle the deficit to seven, 55-48 when junior guard Chris Robinson (BRIDGEPORT) hit his fourth three-point field goal of the game with 4:04 left. At that point, Mosadi Caldwell grabbed a rebound and scored for UMD and Ryan Bland stole the ball and layed it in to push the lead back to 11, 59-48 with 2:55 left.

UMass, shooting 63.5 per cent from the foul line entering play, sank 26 of 35 in the game (74.3 per cent). The Corsairs hit 23 of 30 in the second half, 17 of 20 over the final 2:13. UMass' final 17 points came from the stripe.

Bland of UMass led all players with 22 points, Caldwell adding 20 and Eric Eaton 20. Caldwell pulled down a game-high 11 rebounds (five offensively) to help the Corsairs to a decisive 48-32 board advantage.

Senior forward Edward Silva (LOWELL, MA) led ECSU with 17 points, Robinson adding 14 and sophomore forward Roberto Marquez (WINDHAM) 11. Marquez led ECSU with seven rebounds.

Eastern hosts Babson College, ranked third in the Northeast Region, Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

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WHEATON COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL DEFEATS ECSU 65-57

NORTON, Mass. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's basketball team was held scoreless over the game's final 4:15 in dropping a 65-57 decision to Wheaton College Thursday.

The loss is the fourth straight and sixth in the last seven for Eastern (6-8). Wheaton won for the second straight ~~one~~ time after losing ten straight. The Lyons are 4-10.

A three-point field goal ~~missed~~ by senior guard Sheron Edwards (MANCHESTER) pulled the Warriors into a tie 57-57 with 4:15 left but ECSU did not score the rest of the way. Dave Pransky (team-high 14 points) scored five of his team's final eight points.

Sophomore forward Roberto Marquez (WINDHAM) led ECSU with 17 points, to go along with nine rebounds. Junior center Terence Corley ~~missed~~ (STAMFORD) had ten points and pulled down a season-high 14 rebounds.

Rob Hoffman followed Pransky for Wheaton with 12 points.

ECSU hosts UMass Boston Saturday at 4 p.m. in a Little East Conference game.

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Eastern outrebounded wheaton 48-41 but missed 23 of 27 three-point field goals and 11 of 20 free throws.

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ECSU MEN'S BASKETBALL SNAPS FOUR-GAME LOSING STREAK *Warriors win first Little East Conference game, 73-55 over UMass Boston*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Junior guard Chris Robinson (BRIDGEPORT) scored all 13 of his points in the second half to spark the Eastern Connecticut State University men's basketball team to a 73-55 Little East Conference win over the University of Massachusetts Boston Saturday.

The conference win is Eastern's first this year and snaps a four-game overall losing streak for the Warriors (7-8, 1-3). UMass (2-13, 0-5) lost for the fifth straight game.

Trailing by two, 28-26 at halftime, Eastern scored 15 of the first 19 points in the first five minutes of the second half -- Robinson scoring eight on a pair of three-point field goals and two free throws -- to take a nine point, 41-32 lead. In all, Eastern outscored the Beacons 22-6 over the first eight minutes of the half to open up a 14 point, 48-34 lead.

Senior forward Edward Silva (LOWELL, MA) led ECSU with 16 points and ten rebounds while sophomore forward Roberto Marquez (WINDHAM) matched Robinson with 13 points.

UMass shot just 31.8 per cent (21 of 66) from the floor. The conference-leader in free throw percentage, the Beacons missed 16 of 26 tries from the line (38.5 per cent). The Warriors shot 50 per cent (16-of-32) from the floor in the second half in outscoring UMB 47-27.

Eastern travels to face UMass Dartmouth Tuesday at 8 p.m. in a conference game.

ECSU MEN'S BASKETBALL LOSES LITTLE EAST CONFERENCE GAME TO WCSU 82-66

DANBURY, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's basketball team cut 16 points off a 28-point second-half deficit before dropping an 82-66 Little East Conference decision to Western Connecticut State University Tuesday.'

The loss is the third straight for Eastern (6-7), winless in three LEC outings. Western improves to 11-3 overall with its sixth straight win, ^{and} ~~its~~ sixth straight over ECSU.

Leading by 22, ²⁴ 46-~~22~~ at halftime, the Colonials, ranked ninth in the NCAA Division III Northeast Region, pushed the advantage to 28, 59-31 with ^{five minutes} 15:10 left. ^{into the second half.}

At that point, Eastern scored 21 of the next 26 points to cut the gap to 12, 64-52 with 5:20 left. The Colonials hit ten of 13 free throws the rest of the way, however, to win for the tenth time in the last 11 games.

Bret Nichols scored a game-high 21 points and E.J. Harrison added 17 for Western, Darrin Bryant adding 12. Terence Corley led ECSU with 11 points, ^{He did not play in the first half.} all coming in the second half. Rich Martin led ECSU with seven rebounds.

*ECSU travels to face Western College, MA
Thursday at 8 p.m.*

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ECSU MEN'S BASKETBALL BEATEN 69-67 BY PLYMOUTH STATE

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's basketball team missed seven free throws in the final five minutes -- failing to convert 14 of 32 in the game -- in losing a 69-67 Little East Conference contest to Plymouth State College Saturday.

The loss is the fourth in the last five outings for Eastern (6-6, 0-2) while Plymouth State improves to 7-4 overall, 2-2 in the conference. The win snaps a two-game Plymouth losing streak.

Trailing by six, 65-59 with 58 seconds left, Eastern got a pair of free throws from junior guard LaVada DeValda (BRIDGEPORT) and a three-point play from junior guard Wakime Hauser (GREENWICH) to get within two 66-64 with 30 seconds left. ECSU managed to hit just one of five free throws the rest of the way, however.

Trailing by the final score and inbounding under the Plymouth basket with two seconds left, Eastern couldn't tie the game when senior forward Edward Silva's (LOWELL, MA) 15-footer hit the back of the iron and bounced away.

Allan Conlan led Plymouth with 17 points and 11 rebounds, hitting seven of 11 shots from the floor. Dave Christie added 14 points for the Panthers, the coaches' pre-season pick to win the conference.

Sophomore forward Roberto Marquez (WINDHAM) led the Warriors with 16 points, junior guard Chris Robinson (BRIDGEPORT) and Silva adding 12 each and DeValda ten. Silva grabbed a career-high 16 rebounds to help ECSU to a 48-43 advantage on the boards.

The teams combined for 51 turnovers, ECSU committing 27.

Eastern travels to face Western Connecticut State University Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in a Little East Conference game.

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CLARK UNIVERSITY SHOOTS 61.8 PER CENT FROM FLOOR IN MEN'S BASKETBALL WIN OVER EASTERN CONN.

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Neil Scott scored 23 points to pace six double-digit scorers as the Clark University men's basketball team posted a 93-81 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Wednesday.

The win snaps a five-game losing streak for Clark (4-6), which shot 61.8 per cent from the floor. Eastern falls to 6-5 after losing for the third straight season to the Cougars.

Scott hit 10-of-16 shots from the floor en route to his team-high scoring totals while also grabbing nine rebounds. Mike Mitchell added 19 points on 7-of-8 shooting from the floor, Jeremy MacNutt 14 points and eight assists, Michael Wilder 13 points and Sean Fitzgerald and Rafael Rodrigues ten points each. Rodrigues also pulled down a game-high ten rebounds to help his team to a 38-30 rebounding advantage and Fitzgerald collected six of his team's 21 assists.

The Cougars raced to an 18-point, 51-33 halftime lead on the strength of 65.5 per cent shooting (19-of-29) from the floor. The Warriors answered by scoring nine of the first 11 points in the second half to cut the gap to 11, 53-42 -- seven coming from game-high scoring leader Roberto Marquez (24 points). Clark pushed the lead back to as many as 17 before the Warriors got as close as seven, 85-78 with 1:35 left.

Chris Robinson added a season-high 15 points for Eastern, LaVada DeValda adding 14 and Edward Silva 12 points and seven assists. Marquez led ECSU with seven rebounds.

Eastern travels to Rhode Island College Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

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ECSU MEN'S BASKETBALL DEFEATS SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY 79-59 in salem consolation

SALEM, Mass. -- Senior forward Edward Silva (LOWELL, MA) and sophomore forward Roberto Marquez (WINDHAM) combined for 43 points, ¹⁰ rebounds and 12 assists to pace the Eastern Connecticut State University men's basketball team to a 79-59 victory over Suffolk University Saturday in the consolation round of the Salem State College Christmas Tournament.

The win for Eastern (6-4) over Suffolk (2-7) in the first meeting ever between the teams snaps a two-game losing streak for the Warriors, who ~~limited the Rams~~ set a season best for least points allowed.

Silva finished with a game-tying 22 points -- his second most points this year -- while handing out a career-high eight assists to go along with six rebounds and four steals. Silva hit ten of 13 tries from the free throw line and six of eight field goal attempts. Marquez totalled at least 20 points for the seventh time in the last eight games, finishing with ²¹ to go along with ^{four} five rebounds and four assists. Marquez sank ¹⁶ ~~nine~~ of ~~16~~ field goals and five of six free throws.

Marquez scored 11 of ECSU's first 19 points to give the Warriors the early lead while Silva sparked a run of 12 straight points early in the second half with a basket, two steals and an assist. That run pushed a three-point, 35-32 lead to 15, 47-32 five minutes into the second half.

ECSU forced 29 turnovers with 16 steals.
~~Ed Hurley~~ Ed Hurley came off the bench for Suffolk to match Silva's total of 22 points while Mark Bouchard added ten for the Rams.

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ECSU MEN'S BASKETBALL DROPS OPENER IN SALEM STATE CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT

SALEM, Mass. -- Sophomore forward John Patraitis hit 11 of 15 shots from the floor to pace his team's 65.5 per cent field goal mark as the Anna Maria College men's basketball team defeated Eastern Connecticut State University 97-76 Friday in a first-round game at the Salem State College Christmas Tournament.

The Amcats (8-1), ranked sixth in the NCAA Division III Northeast Region, move into the tournament final Saturday at 7 p.m. against the winner of Friday's 8 p.m. game between host Salem State College and Suffolk University. Eastern (5-4), playing its first game in nearly three weeks, will play in the consolation game at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Anna Maria took the lead for good 19-18 midway through the first half and used 66.7 per cent shooting from the floor (16-of-24) to move out to a 15-point, 51-36 lead at halftime. The Amcats sank seven of ten three-pointers in the half, Tom Keane (13 points in the game) and Jon ~~Blondino~~ ^{of 26 points} ~~Econom~~ (11) sinking three each. Patraitis scored 16 of his game-high total in the second half.

Sophomore forward Roberto Marquez led ECSU with 20 points and 12 rebounds while senior forward Edward Silva had 14 points and seven rebounds and senior guard Sheron Edwards 12 points. Junior guard LaVada DeValda, the team's third-leading scorer, missed his first career game with the flu.

JUNIOR TERENCE CORLEY
a 6-6, 280 pound center, had nine points and five rebounds in his debut.
The NAUGATUCK VALLEY CTC transfer joined the team Tuesday.

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SOUTHERN MAINE MEN'S BASKETBALL EDGES ECSU 78-73 IN OVERTIME IN LITTLE EAST

GORHAM, Maine -- The University of Southern Maine men's basketball team survived 21 lead changes and 11 ties -- ~~outscoring~~ outscoring Eastern Connecticut State University 7-2 in overtime -- to post a 78-73 Little East Conference victory Saturday.

The Huskies improve to 4-3 overall, 2-1 in the conference. Eastern (5-3) had a four-game winning streak snapped in dropping its conference-opener.

ECSU senior guard Sheron ~~#~~ Edwards (season-high 14 points) grabbed a rebound and scored on a short jumper with five seconds left in regulation to ^{send} ~~send~~ the game into overtime, but Jason Van Bennekum hit a free throw and Jason Foster (11 points) a shot in the lane to open overtime and the Huskies were not headed.

Eastern hit just one of eight field goals in overtime, senior forward ~~#~~ Edward Silva (LOWELL, MA) scoring the last of his 19 points with a spin move to cut the USM lead to one, 74-73 with 1:53 left.

The Huskies also only hit one field goal in overtime but took eight free throws, hitting five. ECSU did not take a free throw in overtime.

Sophomore forward Roberto Marquez (WINDHAM) of Eastern led all players with 21 points, but managed just seven after the half after being plagued with foul trouble. Marquez picked up his third and fourth personal fouls in a two-second span with 11:08 left in regulation. He did not score after converting a three-point play with a free throw to give ECSU a 55-54 lead with 11:21 left. *He fouled out with 1:41 left in overtime.*

Marquez ~~#~~ shared game-high rebounding honors with Van Bennekum, each grabbing ten.

Jeremy Hamey led USM with 15 ~~#~~ points, Mike Boissonneau adding 12 and Aaron Tredwell, ~~#~~ David Segal and Foster 11 each.

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ECSU MEN'S BASKETBALL WINS FOURTH STRAIGHT GAME
Warriors hold off Wesleyan University 71-65

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's basketball team used an 8-2 run in the second half to open up an eight point lead and held on to post its fourth straight win, 71-65 Thursday over Wesleyan University.

Eastern, which won only six games all of last year, improves to 5-2 overall while the Cardinals fall to 0-5.

Eastern scored the first hoop of the second half to move out to a 12-point, 34-22 lead but Wesleyan fought back to within two, 41-39 behind the shooting of Brian O'Dowd (17 points).

Leading by that 41-39 count, Eastern scored eight of the next ten points -- five on a three-point field goal and two free throws from senior guard Sheron Edwards (MANCHESTER), who finished with a season-high 12 points. The spurt gave ECSU a 49-41 lead with 9:13 left and the Cardinals got no closer than six the rest of the way.

Sophomore forward Roberto Marquez (WINDHAM) and senior forward Edward Silva (LOWELL, MA) led ECSU with 16 and 15 points, respectively, followed by Edwards and junior guard Chris Robinson (BRIDGEPORT), who had ten points, six rebounds and four steals. Silva added a team-high seven rebounds, five steals and three assists.

Esatern shot just 39.6 per cent from the floor but hit 22 of 31 free throws and seven of 14 three-pointers.

Matt Kingsley shared game-high scoring honors with O'Dowd while Josh Schaer had eight points and nine rebounds. The Cardinals managed to sink just 17 of 32 free throws.

Eastern opens its Little East Conference season Saturday at the University of Southern Maine (4 p.m.).

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Tuesday, December 5, 1995

ECSU MEN'S BASKETBALL WINS THIRD STRAIGHT GAME 84-77
Silva scores career-high 30 as Warriors defeat Worcester State College 84-77

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior forward Edward Silva (LOWELL, MA) scored a career-high 30 points and sophomore forward Roberto Marquez (WINDHAM) added 23 and the pair combined for 17 rebounds in leading the Eastern Connecticut State University men's basketball team past Worcester State College 84-77 Tuesday.

The win is the third straight for Eastern (4-2) and fifth in as many years over Worcester State (1-5).

Silva scored his career-high total on 13-of-20 shooting from the floor and added season-high totals with nine rebounds and seven assists. Marquez, who had led ECSU in scoring each game until last night, sank 11 of 19 tries from the floor and contributed eight rebounds. Junior guard LaVada DeValda (BRIDGEPORT) added ten points and four rebounds.

With the game tied 71-all with 5:20 left, the Warriors ran off seven straight points, senior guard Sheron Edwards (MANCHESTER) hitting a three-point field goal and Marquez adding two hoops as the Warriors moved out to a 78-71 lead with 2:49 left.

Frank Pierre paced four double-digit scorers for Worcester State with 18 points, sinking seven of ten tries from the floor and grabbing a team-high eight rebounds. John Bowler had 16 points, seven rebounds and five assists.

Eastern hosts Wesleyan University Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 30, 1995

ECSU MEN'S BASKETBALL DOWNS NORTH ADAMS STATE 81-61
Marquez scores game-high 22 points in Warriors' victory

NORTH ADAMS, Mass. -- Sophomore forward Roberto Marquez (WINDHAM) scored eight of his game-high 22 points in a two-minute stretch in the second half to spark a run of 11 straight Eastern Connecticut State University points and the Warriors went on to an 81-61 men's basketball victory over North Adams State College Thursday.

Eastern improves to 3-2 with its first win on its opponent's home court since last Dec. 6 -- breaking a streak of ten straight losses. North Adams is 2-2.

Marquez, who has led the team in scoring in every game this year, was held scoreless for the game's first 12:24 before scoring all of his points in a span of 17:36. Trailing by five, 42-37 six minutes into the second half, Eastern scored 11 straight points in less than two minutes. Marquez sandwiched four hoops around junior guard LaVada DeValda's (BRIDGEPORT) three-point field goal as the Warriors surged ahead 48-42 with 12:25 left.

Trailing by four, 48-44 with ten minutes left, the Mohawks went scoreless from the field for seven minutes as the Warriors took command 68-50 with 4:46 left. After trailing by that 42-37 score, Eastern outscored the host 31-8 in racing to its 68-50 lead.

Eastern shot a blistering 64.5 per cent from the floor in the second half, outscoring the hosts 54-33. The Warriors finishing with a 53.7 per cent shooting mark in the game and sank 20 of 27 free throws.

Eastern fell behind early but appeared to gain the momentum with a 16-2 run which gave its a 25-18 lead with four minutes left in the first half. The Mohawks countered, however, by scoring the final ten points of the half, moving in front at halftime 28-27 on Kenyatta Harrison's three-point field goal in the closing seconds.

Junior guard Chris Robinson (BRIDGEPORT) had 12 points for Eastern, six coming on as many free throws. DeValda added 11, as did junior center Jamie Brelsford (WINDHAM), whose total was a career-high. Senior forward Edward Silva (LOWELL, MA) and Marquez each had five rebounds, Brelsford and Robinson four each. Senior guard Sheron Edwards (MANCHESTER) handed out five assists while DeValda had four steals.

Josh Thielen had 19 points, sinking 7-of-11 field goals, for North Adams. Josh Roach added 13 points and shared game-high rebounding honors with nine.

Eastern hosts Worcester State College Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 25, 1995

ECSU MEN'S BASKETBALL DEFEATS FRAMINGHAM STATE 101-89 IN HARBOR CONSOLATION

BOSTON, Mass. -- Eastern Connecticut State University's reserve players sparked ⁴⁰⁻¹⁸⁻⁸ run early in the game and the Warriors went on to defeat the Framingham State College men's basketball team 101-89 Saturday in the consolation game of the 11th Harbor Invitational, hosted by Massachusetts Boston.

In the title game, Trinity College, which had beaten ECSU 89-88 Friday, defeated the host Beacons ⁸²⁻⁶⁴.

Eastern (2-2) allowed seven of the game's first eight points to be scored by the Rams. With the Warriors trailing 9-6, Eastern's starting five was replaced and the Warriors went on an 18-8 run -- allowing just two field goals over the next eight minutes -- to take a 24-17 lead. *with eight minutes left.*

Freshman Chris Cook (WINDSOR) scored five points by hitting his first two career shots during the run, with senior Adam Kelsey (SHARON) and freshman Rich Martin (BRIDGEPORT) adding three points and junior Jamie Brelsford (WINDHAM) and sophomore ^{Bryan} Rich Moretti (NORWICH) two each during the run.

The Warriors built a 46-38 halftime lead and never let the Rams (1-3) get closer than four in the second half.

Sophomore Roberto Marquez (WINDHAM) led ECSU in scoring for the fourth time in as many games this year, sharing game-high honors with 22. Junior LaVada DeValda (BRIDGEPORT) added 18 points, sinking four of six three-pointers, senior Edward Silva (LOWELL, MA) 11, junior Chris Robinson (BRIDGEPORT) and Brelsford ten each. It was a career-high for Brelsford, who followed Marquez (7) with six rebounds. ECSU converted 12 of 22 three-pointers, including six of seven in the second half. Marquez also led ECSU with five assists.

Framingham, beaten by ECSU in the consolation game for the second straight year, got 22 points from Jim DiChiara and John Larivee and 19 from Jason Reeves. Larivee (12) and Reeves combined for 23 rebounds but ECSU finished with a 37-33 edge in that department.

TRINITY COMEBACK CATCHES ECSU MEN'S BASKETBALL 89-88 AT HARBOR INVITATIONAL
Bantams erase 12-point deficit, score with one second left on follow-up

BOSTON, Mass. -- Craig Moody scored on a follow-up basket with one second left to lift the Trinity College men's basketball team to an 89-88 comeback victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Friday in the opening round of the 11th Harbor Invitational.

Eastern (1-2) will meet the loser of Friday's late game between host Massachusetts Boston and Framingham State College Saturday at 2 p.m. in the consolation game. Trinity (2-0) moves into Saturday's 4 p.m. championship tilt.

A pair of free throws by senior Edward Silva (LOWELL, MA) with eight seconds left had given ECSU an 88-87 lead over Trinity, which reached the Final Four of last year's NCAA Division III men's basketball tournament. The Bantams inbounded at halfcourt following two timeouts with six seconds left. Troy McKelvin missed a drive to the basket and Kevin Bednar couldn't convert the rebound but Moody scored on the team's ~~first~~ third try with one second left for the winning margin. ECSU inbounded under its own basket after a timeout but did not get a shot off.

The Warriors built a 12-point lead in the first half and led by seven, 76-69 with 7:40 left in the game. At that point, Trinity scored 14 of the next 16 points, six from McKelvin, to take its first lead since the opening seconds, 83-78 with 3:35 left. Eastern, which managed only one field goal over the final ten minutes (14 points from the foul line ^{on 15 tries} over that span), countered with six free throws of its own to take an 84-83 lead with 2:01 left. The lead changed hands four times until Moody's winning bucket with one second left.

Trinity's five starters combined for all of the team's points, led by McKelvin (29), Keith Wolff (25) and Moody (14). Sophomore Roberto Marquez (26) and Silva (21) led Eastern, with junior Chris Robinson (BRIDGEPORT) adding 13, senior Sheron Edwards (MANCHESTER) 11 and junior LaVada DeValda (BRIDGEPORT) ten. Marquez added a team-high nine rebounds before fouling out with 3:35 left. Robinson fouled out with 41 seconds left.

RICHARD STOCKTON WINS ECSU MEN'S BASKETBALL TIP-OFF TOURNAMENT
ECSU women's team moves into final with 45-39 win over Kean

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Tournament Most Outstanding Player Carl Cochran hit a three-point field goal to break a tie, then added a pair of free throws later to lift Richard Stockton College to the title of the Eastern Connecticut State University men's basketball Tip-Off Tournament Saturday with a 78-75 victory over the host Warriors.

In the first day of the women's tournament, host Eastern Connecticut State University moved into the tournament title game for the 13th time in 16 years with a 45-39 win over Kean College. The Warriors will meet Saint Joseph's College (ME), which defeated Richard Stockton 71-64 in the other semifinal game, in Sunday's 1 p.m. final. The final is a re-match of the 1991 championship game, won by Eastern. Kean faces Richard Stockton in the consolation game.

COCHRAN LEADS RICHARD STOCKTON

Cochran, who finished with a game-high 25 points, gave the Ospreys (2-0) a 76-73 lead when he canned his third three-point field goal of the game with 48 seconds left. Ed Silva's layup with 32 seconds left pulled ECSU to within one, 76-75 before Cochran hit both ends of a one-and-one attempt with 13 seconds left to ice the win.

Cochran, who was joined on the all-tournament team by teammate Marty Small (19 points/ten rebounds in the final), hit six of seven free throws, finishing the second half with 16 points.

Both teams were red-hot at the foul line, Stockton hitting 10-of-11 and ECSU 16-of-17.

Eric Magazine matched Small with 19 points for the winners, who won the tournament in their first-ever appearance. David Keady added 11 points.

Roberto Marquez (19), LaVada DeValda (18), Silva (18) and Chris Robinson (12) finished in double figures for Eastern, which shot 56.3 per cent from the floor. DeValda hit all nine of his free throws. Marquez and Silva represented ECSU on the all-tournament team.

Rounding out the all-tournament team were Dan Hunt of Bridgewater State and Cory O'Brion of Thomas. Bridgewater (1-1) won the consolation game, pulling away to post an 84-71 win over the Terriers (1-3). Bruce Higgins of Bridgewater led both teams with 23 points and 14 rebounds. Hunt finished with 14 points. O'Brion led Thomas with 17.

ECSU WOMEN HOLDS OFF KEAN

Eastern led by as many as 11 points with six minutes left and held off the Cougars. Leading 36-25 with 6:10 left, Eastern managed just two points over the next four minutes as Kean cut the gap to five, 38-33. Cindy Claffey followed by scoring all six of her points the rest of the way, hitting both ends of a 1-and-1 twice and adding a driving layup with 34 seconds left.

Poor field goal shooting plagued both teams, Eastern finishing at 30.4 and Kean 20.8. Eastern led 19-13 at halftime. The Cougars were unable to cut into the lead as they were held scoreless from the floor (eight free throws) until El-Quana Johnson scored on an offense rebound midway through the stanza to cut ECSU's ten-point lead to eight, 31-23.

Beth Milton (15 rebounds) and freshman Tasha Manzie (ten) helped ECSU to a slim 47-44 edge on the boards. Milton led the Warriors with nine points while Johnson scored a game-high ten for Kean to match her rebound total. Manzie posted her rebounding total in just 14 minutes.

The games were the season-openers for all four teams.