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Saturday, May 5, 2007

KEENE'S MACHINE (15-0) ROLLS OVER EASTERN, 18-6

No. 17 Owls race to nine-goal halftime lead in LEC men's lacrosse title game

KEENE, N.H. – Named Most Outstanding Player, sophomore attack Tony Santa Fe scored five goals and dished out three assists to lead top seed Keene State College to an 18-6 victory over second-seeded Eastern Connecticut State University in the championship game of the Little East Conference men's lacrosse tournament at Owl Athletic Complex on Saturday.

It was the second conference title in three years for the 17th ranked Owls (15-0), who will head to the NCAA tournament with an undefeated record. KSC has faced Eastern in the last five finals. The Owls also claimed the championship in 2005. It marks the first time since 1998 (the third year of the program) that Eastern will not participate in a post-season tournament. The Warriors participated in five NCAA and three ECAC tournaments over the last eight years, but no longer accept an invitation to the ECAC tournament.

The Owls didn't waste any time getting on the board. KSC went up 3-0 four minutes in the game on a pair of goals by Santa Fe and a goal by Ryan Hazelton. After Eastern senior attack **Dave Carpenter (Redding, CT)** cut the lead to 3-1, the Owls exploded for 12 straight goals to take a commanding 15-1 advantage. Santa Fe scored three more goals in the uprising.

Hazelton finished the game with four goals and two assists and Casey Brodersen, Mike Fontaine and Taylor Morasutti chipped in with two goals each.

Carpenter had two goals and four assists to lead the Warriors (8-9), who finish with their first losing season in the program's 12-year history. Senior midfielder **Tommy Laverty (Westport, CT)** also had a pair of goals for Eastern.

Junior Matt Johnson, last year's LEC Defensive Player-of-the-Year, had eight saves for the Owls before giving way to Billy Brooks, who had one save. Sophomore goalie **Kyle Savage (Southington, CT)** stopped 19 shots for the Warriors, his second one establishing a program record for saves in a season. Savage finishes the season with 225 saves.

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Carpenter concludes his four-year Eastern career with 101 goals, 166 assists and 267 points. He ranks first in points and assists and seventh in goals. This year, he also broke his season record for assists and points, finishing with 61 assists and 96 points. In Thursday's semifinal win over Western Connecticut, he also broke his match record for points when he recorded 13 on five goals and eight assists.

The Warriors won nine of their last 14 matches after losing their first four games to national-caliber competition. Two weeks ago, they lost the battle of undefeated conference teams in a 12-5 loss to homestanding Keene.

Keene State College 18, Eastern Conn. 6

Eastern Conn. (8-9)	1	0	3	2 -- 6
Keene State (15-0)	4	6	5	3 -- 18

Goals: E: Dave Carpenter 2, Tom Lavery 2, Kyle MacDonald, Maxim Fantl; K: Tony Santa Fe 5, Ryan Hazelton 4, Casey Brodersen 2, Mike Fontaine 2, Taylor Morasutti 2, Mike LeSage, Jamie Lesage, Alex Loscialpo;

Assists: Santa Fe 3, Hazelton 2, Sean Panora 2, Brodersen, Peter Lauranzano; E: Carpenter 4.

Saves: E-Kyle Savage 19, K: Matt Johnson 8, Billy Brooks 1.

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Thursday, May 3, 2007

CARPENTER, LAVERTY LEAD EASTERN M-LACROSSE IN LEC

Warriors advance to conference tournament final with 21-11 win over Western

WILLIMANTIC – With five goals and eight assists, senior attackman **Dave Carpenter (Redding, CT)** broke program records for points in a career, season and in a game as well as his own record for assists in a season and senior attackman **Tommy Laverty (Westport, CT)** tied the match record for goals with eight as the second-seeded Warriors moved into the championship match of the 2007 Little East Conference men's lacrosse playoffs with a 21-11 victory over third-seeded Western Connecticut State University Thursday afternoon at Thomas Nevers Field.

Defending playoff champion Eastern (8-8) faces regular-season champion and top-seeded Keene State College Saturday at 1 p.m. in the title match at Keene, NH. The Owls won their 14th game without a loss this year with a 15-3 win over fourth-seeded Massachusetts Boston today at Keene, NH. Keene defeated Eastern, 12-5, during the regular-season meeting three weeks ago.

Carpenter (five) and Laverty (eight) combined for 13 goals and Carpenter added eight assists to power the Warriors to their highest goal total of the season. Eastern had beaten Western (10-7) by a goal, 15-14, during the regular-season match played in a downpour April 4 at Danbury.

Needing eight points to become the program's all-time leading scorer and four assists to break his own season mark for assists, Carpenter finished with a program-record 13 points on five goals and eight assists. He broke Brian Hebron's career point record of 255 with his eighth point of the match, an assist on senior midfielder **Kyle MacDonald's (Hamden, CT)** third-quarter goal which gave the Warriors a 14-5 lead with 7:33 left in the frame. He already owns the career assist record and now has 261 career points on 99 goals and 162 assists

Carpenter's fourth assist of the match on a goal by Laverty with nine seconds left in the first quarter broke his season record of 52 points which he had set last year. He has 57 assists this season. Additionally, his eighth point broke his own season record of 84 and gives him 90 on the season. Carpenter, who leads Division III in assists, had shared the previous match record of 11 points with Hebron.

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Laverty, whose previous match high for goals had been three, scored six of Eastern's first seven goals against Western as the Warriors built a 7-1 lead after one quarter. Laverty's eight goals ties the game record for goals set by Eddie Sheehan against Trinity eight years ago.

Eastern Conn. 21, Western Conn. 11

Western Conn. (10-7)	1	2	3	5	--	11
Eastern Conn. (8-8)	7	4	6	4	--	21

Goals: W-Dennis Skarda 4, Adam Lanchart 2, John Stashenko, AJ Barbieri, Tom Nahornick, Ron Pac, Gary Schultz; E-Tom Laverty 8, Dave Carpenter 5, DJ Simmons 3, Tyler Prescott 2, Matthew Savage 1, Kyle MacDonald, Justin Brown.

Assists: W-Stashenko, Barbieri, Nahornick, Pac, Gary Schultz; E-Carpenter 8, Prescott 2, Matthew Savage 2, Pete Hamilton, Jon Snedeker.

Shots: W-33, E-46 **Saves:** W-Kyle Wood 14 (44:57 min., 17 goals allowed), Eddie Boyle 3 (15:03, 4), E-Kyle Savage 13.

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Saturday, April 28, 2007

EASTERN M-LACROSSE NAILS DOWN No. 2 SEED IN LEC

Warriors build 12-goal lead on way to 19-11 win over UMass Boston

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – Senior attack **Dave Carpenter (Redding, CT)** had four goals and four assists and junior defenseman **Jon Snedeker (Southington, CT)** picked up a career-high 11 ground balls to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team to a 19-11 Little East Conference victory over University of Massachusetts Boston Saturday at Thomas Nevers Field.

By winning its regular-season finale, Eastern (7-8, 5-1 little east) snaps a three-game losing streak and nails down the No. 2 seed in the conference tournament. By gaining the No. 2 seed, the Warriors earn a first-round playoff bye and host a playoff semifinal Thursday at 3:30 p.m. Eastern will face the winner of a Tuesday first-round match between third-seeded Western Connecticut State University and sixth-seeded Massachusetts Dartmouth.

Keene State (13-0, 6-0 little east) clinched its second unbeaten conference regular-season championship with a 16-2 rout of the University of Southern Maine. The Owls play the winner of a Tuesday first-round game between No. 4 UMass Boston (6-6, 3-3 little east) and No. 5 Plymouth State University.

Eastern is the defending LEC playoff champion, having downed Keene State a year ago at Nevers Field.

Ten Eastern players contributed a goal or assist in the team's 14th straight win over the Beacons. Sophomore midfielder **DJ Simmons (Mystic, CT)** added four goals on four shots -- and added an assist while junior midfielder **Pete Hamilton (Rutland, VT)** added three goals.

Eastern had nearly twice as many ground balls as the Beacons (57-32), with sophomore defenseman **Mike Silvestrini (Guilford, CT)** following Snedeker with seven ground balls, senior attack **Tommy Laverty (Westport, CT)** coming up with six and Simmons five. Senior **Patrick Bushnell (Southington, CT)** won 13 of 19 faceoffs for Eastern.

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Senior attack Christopher Hanafin took 12 of the Beacons' 34 shots and scored six goals. Sophomore defensemen Matt Dunn and Rich Stone each had seven ground balls.

Carpenter moved to within eight points of setting an Eastern career record for points. He now has 248 points, seven shy of all-time leader Brian Hebron. With four assists, Carpenter now has 49 assists this year, which is three shy of his season record set last year.

Snedeker, who exceeded by one his previous career-high ground ball total of ten earlier this year against Amherst College, became the 12th player in program history with as many as 75 ground balls in a season. He has exactly 75.

Eastern Conn. 19, Massachusetts Boston 11

UMass Boston (6-6, 3-3 little east)	1	3	0	7	--	11
Eastern Conn. (7-8, 5-1 little east)	6	4	6	3	--	19

Goals: MB-Christopher Hanafin 6, Robert Thayer 2, Peter Kovach, David Liberatore, Nick Thomo; E-DJ Simmons 4, Dave Carpenter 4, Pete Hamilton 3, Tyler Prescott 2, Kyle MacDonald 2, Matthew Savage, Tommy Laverty, Matthew Ramsay, Jon Snedeker.

Assists: MB-Kovach 2, Liberatore, Thomo, James McCarthy; E-Carpenter 4, Prescott 3, Simmons, M. Savage, Justin Brown.

Shots: MB-34, E-46; **Saves:** MB-Nicholas Eaton 10, E-Kyle Savage 12 (4 goals allowed, 45:31), Jay Houle 4 (7, 14:29).

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Tuesday, April 24, 2007

BALANCE CARRIES TRINITY M-LACROSSE PAST EASTERN, 21-11
Bantams answer Warriors' early goal with final six of quarter in victory

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – The Trinity College men's lacrosse team spotted Eastern Connecticut State University an early goal before scoring the final six of the first quarter on the way to a 21-11 victory Tuesday afternoon at Thomas Nevers Field.

In downing Eastern for the second straight year, Trinity (9-4) won its third match in its last four outings. The loss is the third straight for Eastern (6-8), which is 0-4 this year against teams from the New England Small College Athletic Conference.

Led by Rob Mountain, Jeremy Ulan and Kris Tedeschi, Trinity got a goal or assist from 12 different players, 11 of who found the back of the net. Mountain had five goals and two assists, Ulan three goals and Tedeschi, the team leader in goals (30) and points (40) three goals and three assists. The Bantams got goals from eight different people in building a 10-2 halftime lead.

Eastern's best run of the game came in the second quarter. Trailing 6-1, the Warriors outscored the Bantams 3-1 – **Dave Carpenter (Redding, CT)** assisting on all three – to cut the gap to 7-4 with six minutes left before the half. However, Trinity shut the Warriors down the rest of the quarter, and tacked on three more goals before the half – to take its 10-4 lead into the half.

Carpenter led Eastern with a goal and five assists, giving him 90 goals, 150 assists (a program-record) and 240 points in his 65-game career. He ranks second in points, 15 behind all-time leader Brian Hebron.

Primarily behind Connor Wells and Peter Durning, Trinity gained a significant advantage by winning 23 of 35 faceoffs. Wells led the Bantams with nine ground balls off faceoffs, Durning adding eight, as did Adam Cox and **Steve Lane (Groton, CT)** led the Warriors with seven ground balls, **Maxim Fantl (West Hartford, CT)**, **Mike Silvestrini (Guilford, CT)** and **Pete Hamilton (Rutland, VT)** coming up with four each.

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Trinity becomes the first team in Eastern's 12-year history to defeat the Warriors more than once on Thomas Nevers Field. On April 28, 1998, the Bantams took a 9-8 overtime decision here. The Warriors are 75-5 all-time on their home field.

Eastern closes out the regular season Saturday by hosting Massachusetts Boston at 1 p.m. in a Little East Conference match. A win gives Eastern the second seed in next week's Little East Conference tournament and a bye into the semifinals.

Trinity College 21, Eastern Conn. 11

Trinity College (9-4)	6	4	6	5	--	21
Eastern Conn. (6-8)	1	3	4	3	--	11

Goals: T-Rob Mountain 5, Jeremy Ulan 3, Kris Tedeschi 3, Harper Cullen 2, Adam Cox 2, Sam Slater, Zachary Trudeau, Chris Walsh, Sean Delaney, Curtis Kahn, Connor Hustava; E-Tyler Prescott 3, Tommy Laverty 3, Matthew Savage 2, DJ Simmons 2, Dave Carpenter.

Assists: T-Tedeschi 3, Mountain 2, Cullen 2, Robert Key, Kahn, Trudeau, Walsh, Delaney, Slater, Cox; E-Carpenter 5, Maxim Fantl 2.

Shots: T-39, E-28; **Saves:** T-Alex Palma 10 (56:26 min., 10 goals allowed), Steven Shaw 0 (3:34, 1); E-Kyle Savage 10.

Saturday, April 21, 2007

IN LEC, KEENE M-LACROSSE SHUTS DOWN EASTERN, 12-5

In battle of conference unbeatens, Owls clinch home field advantage for playoffs

KEENE, NH --- In a battle of unbeaten Little East Conference men's lacrosse teams, Keene State College held Eastern Connecticut State University scoreless for 22 minutes in the first half and came away with a 12-5 Little East Conference victory over the Warriors Saturday afternoon that clinched the home field advantage for the Owls in the upcoming conference playoffs.

Unbeaten Keene (11-0, 5-0 little east) needs a win at the University of Southern Maine (0-4 in the conference) to sew up its second unbeaten season in conference play in the last three years and capture outright its second conference regular-season championship in three years. Eastern (6-7, 4-1 little east) needs a win Saturday at home over Massachusetts Boston to clinch the No. 2 seed and gain a first-round playoff bye.

Since losing to Eastern in the final of last year's conference playoffs, 14-12, the Owls have reeled off 13 straight victories. They won the ECAC New England Division III crown with two wins following the loss to Eastern, and have won their first 11 matches this season. Both of Keene's losses in its last 20 matches have come at the hands of Eastern.

With the score tied at 1-all Saturday, Keene scored seven consecutive goals, holding the Warriors scoreless for 22 minutes – the final ten minutes of the first quarter and the first 12 minutes of the second. The Warriors salvaged the final goal of the second quarter but trailed by six, 8-2, at the break. Eastern never got closer than five the rest of the way.

Although the Warriors killed off all four of its man-down situations, Eastern could not capitalize on eight extra-man chances, dropping its season percentage to .210 in those situations.

Senior Sean Panora and sophomore Tony Santa Fe each had two goals during Keene's seven-goal run in the first half. The Warriors managed as many as two consecutive goals only once in the match, and never in the same quarter.

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Keene junior Matt Johnson, who allowed 14 goals to Eastern in last year's playoff final, matched Eastern sophomore **Kyle Savage (Southington, CT)** with 15 saves.

The loss is the third for Eastern in 52 conference matches in seven years of conference lacrosse competition.

Eastern hosts Trinity College Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Keene State College 12, Eastern Conn. 5

Eastern Conn. (6-7, 4-1 little east)	1	1	2	1	--	5
Keene State (11-0, 5-0 little east)	5	3	3	1	--	12

Goals: E-Tom Lavery 2, Dave Carpenter, Matthew Savage, Pcte Hamilton; K-Tony Santa Fe 3, Sean Panora 3, Mike Fontaine 2, Peter Lauranzano, Mike LeSage, Ryan Hazelton, Casey Brodersen.

Assists: E-Carpenter, M. Savage; K-Lauranzano 2, LeSage 2, Mike Wood.

Shots: E-33, K-43; **Saves:** E-Kyle Savage 15, K-Matt Johnson 15.

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Tuesday, April 17, 2007

CONN EMERGES FROM ONE-GOAL DECISION WITH VICTORY
Eastern Connecticut loses first one-goal match of year, Camels win first, 8-7

NEW LONDON, Conn. -- The odds did not favor the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team Tuesday afternoon against Connecticut College at Siffen Field.

Eastern (6-6) was 3-0 this year in matches decided by one goal, Conn (2-9) 0-3. The Warriors are undefeated in the Little East Conference at 4-0, while the Camels are 0-7 in the New England Small College Athletic Conference. Eastern had won its only contest against a Connecticut opponent, while Conn had lost its only decision to an in-state foe.

Tuesday, in a match where a tie score dominated on the scoreboard throughout much of the day, Conn had the final word when freshman midfielder Sean Driscoll's go-ahead marker with 6:16 left proved to be the game-winner in an 8-7 victory.

Three times heading into the final minutes of the third quarter, Conn bounced back to tie the match after Eastern had taken a one-goal lead. But it was the Warriors who knotted the score for the final time, 7-7, when junior midfielder **Pete Hamilton (Rutland, VT/Rutland HS)** scored an unassisted goal -- his third of the match -- with just over eight minutes left. Two minutes later, however, Driscoll answered with his third goal -- a blast which beat Eastern sophomore goalie **Kyle Savage (Southington, CT/Southington HS)** between the legs.

Conn was unable to freeze the win in the final minutes, giving the ball back to the Warriors on a turnover with 78 seconds left. With Eastern bidding to tie the game, sophomore midfielder **DJ Simmons (Mystic/Fitch HS)** missed wide with a shot with 47.5 seconds left. The Warriors maintained possession, but returned the favor with a turnover of their own with 28 seconds left, and the Camels were able to run out the clock and defeat Eastern for the second straight time after the Warriors had won the initial meeting between the programs in 2004. The three matches between the programs have been decided by a total of eight goals.

The turning point of the match for Conn came in the final three minutes of the third quarter. After Eastern senior midfielder **Kyle MacDonald (Hamden, CT/Hamden HS)** scored an unassisted goal to give the Warriors their final lead, 6-5, with 3:39 left in the third quarter, Conn got consecutive goals for the first time since the opening quarter. With Conn holding a man advantage, sophomore attack Jesse Stevenson scored on a pass from junior midfielder Matt Flanagan with 2:45 left in the quarter to tie it at 6-all. Driscoll, who had been held scoreless after giving Conn a 1-0 lead in the first two minutes of play, delivered a goal with 6.5 seconds left in the frame that gave Conn a 7-6 lead.

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Conn, which has lost to three teams ranked among the top six in Division III this year, capitalized on three of its four extra-man tries: one in the first quarter that gave it a 2-0 lead, and twice in the third quarter. Eastern's 11 previous opponents had managed to score on man-up opportunities only 21.3 per cent of the time. Eastern was 0-for-4 with the man advantage.

The teams showed near-identical clearing efficiency and shooting totals, and both goalies – Savage and Conn junior reserve goalie Randall Morrison – each stopped 13 shots. Only once in the match did either netminder give up more than two goals in a quarter, Savage surrendering four on eight shots in the third.

Eastern sophomore defenseman **Steve Lane (Groton/Fitch HS)** tied his career-high with seven ground balls, junior defenseman **Jon Snedeker (Southington/Southington HS)** picking up six.

Hamilton tied his season-best with three goals while Simmons had two. Senior attack **Dave Carpenter (Redding/Joel Barlow HS)**, Eastern's all-time assist leader, finished with three assists to up his total of 144. Carpenter assisted on three of the team's four first-half goals. Simmons, who had only six goals as a freshman, took over the team lead with his 22nd and 23rd goals of the year.

Eastern looks to nail down at least a share of its sixth Little East Conference regular-season title in seven years Saturday when it visits Keene State College at 1 p.m. The teams share the conference lead at 4-0. Keene is 10-0 overall. The Warriors swept the Owls in regular-season and conference playoff competition a year ago to win their fifth LEC titles in six years.

Connecticut College 8, Eastern Conn. 7

Eastern Conn. (6-6)	2	2	2	1	--	7
Conn College (2-9)	2	1	4	1	--	8

Goals: E- Pete Hamilton 3, DJ Simmons 2, , Kyle MacDonald, Tommy Laverty, ; C-Sean Driscoll 3, Jesse Stevenson 2, Matt Flanagan, Kevin Nally, Alex Dey.

Assists: E-Dave Carpenter 3, MacDonald; C-Mike Bruno, Craig Audin, Driscoll, Flanagan.

Shots: E-32, C-33; **Saves:** E-Kyle Savage 13, C-Randall Morrison 13.

Thursday, April 12, 2007

WITH 16-5 WIN, STREAKING M-LACROSSE CLIMBS OVER .500
Warriors blast UMass Dartmouth for fourth straight conference victory

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. – Unplayable playing conditions Thursday afternoon didn't level the playing field enough for the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth to seriously challenge the Warriors' perfect Little East Conference men's lacrosse record.

While a torrential rain puddled Cressy Field's artificial surface and made the footing difficult, Eastern (6-5, 4-0 little east) was able to maintain its balance long enough to post a 16-5 victory which pushed its record over .500 for the first time and improved its seven-year conference record to 49-2.

A five-time Little East Conference regular season and playoff champion in six years, Eastern has won six of its last seven and re-gained sole possession of first place in the conference over Keene State College. The Warriors and Owls, who have split the last two regular season and conference playoff championships, meet a week from Saturday at Keene, NH at 1 p.m. Keene remained undefeated in both the conference (3-0) and overall (9-0) Wednesday by downing Plymouth State University.

Against UMass Dartmouth (4-5, 0-3 little east), junior attack **Tyler Prescott (Norwalk, CT/Norwalk HS)** scored a career-high five goals and teammates **D.J. Simmons (Mystic, CT/Fitch Sr. HS)** and **Dave Carpenter (Redding, CT/Joel Barlow HS)** each had three goals and two assists as the Warriors remained perfect all-time (11-0) against the Corsairs.

Prescott, Simmons and Carpenter each scored twice Thursday to ignite the Warriors' early 8-1 in the first 20 minutes of play. UMass was able to cut two goals of that lead four minutes into the second half before the Warriors put together a run of six straight goals – Prescott connecting on two of those goals in a span of 78 seconds – to snuff out comeback hopes of the Corsairs.

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Senior faceoff specialist **Patrick Bushnell (Southington, CT/Southington HS)** won 12 of 20 faceoffs, including six straight that set the stage for a six-goal third quarter that extended Eastern's lead to 14-4 heading into the final quarter. Bushnell and sophomore defenseman **Mike Silvestrini (Guilford, CT/Guilford HS)** each won eight ground balls, with All-New England junior defenseman **Jon Snedeker (Southington, CT/Southington HS)** picking up seven and sophomore defenseman **Steve Lane (Groton, CT/Fitch Sr. HS)** five. With help from the rain and wind, that defensive foursome also harassed the Corsairs into failing to clear 13 of 35 clear attempts. Eastern was stopped on only three of 29 clearing tries.

With five points, Carpenter moving him to within 26 points of setting a program career record. The program's all-time leader with 141 assists, Carpenter is second with 230 points and ninth with 88 goals.

In addition to combining for 24 ground balls, Eastern starting defense of Silvestrini, Snedeker, Lane and sophomore **Brian Marderosian (Wellesley, MA/Ashland HS)** helped limit UMass to 24 shots. And of the Corsairs' shots, only 14 of them reached Eastern sophomore goalie **Kyle Savage (Southington, CT/Southington HS)**, who stopped nine of them.

For the second straight match, Eastern converted three extra-man opportunities, this time on six chances.

Eastern is idle until visiting Connecticut College Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 16, Massachusetts Dartmouth 5

Eastern Conn. (6-5, 4-0 little east)	6	2	6	2 -- 16
UMass Dartmouth (4-5, 0-3 little east)	1	1	2	1 -- 5

Goals: E-Tyler Prescott 5, D.J. Simmons 3, Dave Carpenter 3, Pete Hamilton, Tommy Lavery, Matthew Savage, Kyle MacDonald, Maxim Fantl; MD- Andrew Lewis 2, Zach Eagan, Jeff Pelton, Mark Lapointe.

Assists: E- Hamilton 2, Carpenter 2, Simmons 2, Patrick Bushnell, Lavery, Fantl, MacDonald; MD-Steve Colcilla, Pelton, Lapointe.

Shots: E-42, MD-24; **Saves:** E-Kyle Savage 9, MD-Steve Chase 15.

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Saturday, April 7, 2007

EASTERN M-LACROSSE SURVIVES LEC MATCH WITH 12-11 VICTORY
Warriors score game-winner with eight minutes left, and hold on against Plymouth

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – The Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team scored the final two goals of the match and preserved the lead over the final eight minutes to post a 12-11 Little East Conference men's lacrosse victory over Plymouth State University Saturday afternoon at Thomas Nevers Field.

Last year's conference regular-season and playoff champion, Eastern (5-5, 3-0 little east) survived a match which featured four ties and three lead changes to remain undefeated at Nevers Field in seven years of conference play. Eastern improved to 48-2 in conference regular-season and playoff competition in defeating Plymouth (3-3, 1-1 little east) for the 15th time in this 17-game series.

It is Eastern's second one-goal win over a conference opponent in four days as the Warriors remain undefeated (3-0) in matches decided by a single goal this year.

Plymouth erased a three-goal deficit in the third period by scoring five in a row in the frame – three by freshman Kyle Belanger and took a one-goal lead into the final period. Trailing 11-10 early in the final frame, Eastern tied the match for the final time on senior midfielder **Kyle MacDonald's (Hamden, CT)** only goal with 10:10 left, then scored the final, game-winning goal with 7:43 on the clock. Junior attack **Tyler Prescott's (Norwalk, CT)** only goal of the match was an extra-man opportunity and came on a pass from junior midfielder **Pete Hamilton (Rutland, VT)**. Prescott's winning goal came just 16 seconds after Eastern senior attack **Dave Carpenter (Redding, CT)** hit the post with a potential go-ahead strike.

The Warriors tried to run out the clock in the final minutes but lost possession, the Panthers regaining the ball with an opportunity to force overtime with just over two minutes left. However, Eastern first-year sophomore **Mike Silvestrini (Guilford, CT)** forced a turnover as Plymouth was setting up its offense, and scooped up his fifth ground ball. With just under a minute left, the Panthers again regained possession inside their defensive zone, but committed a penalty after the ball was knocked free and the Warriors ran out the clock in an extra-man situation.

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Plymouth senior goalie Steve Valeri kept his team in contention by making 19 saves, but it was a save by Eastern sophomore goalie **Kyle Savage (Southington, CT)** which may have saved the Warriors. With Eastern trailing 11-10 with 11 minutes left, Plymouth junior attack Adam Krinsky received a pass at midfield and headed unmarked toward the goal. Savage made the point-blank save, however, to keep the Eastern deficit at one goal. MacDonald's tying game followed less than a minute later.

Eastern's most important goal, other than the game-winner, may have come with the Warriors trailing by two goals in the final seconds of the third period. Plymouth had taken that two-goal lead with 34 seconds left, but sophomore midfielder **DJ Simmons (Mystic, CT)** answered by faking a charge to the goal, stopping, and burying a waist-high dart with four seconds left in the period. Simmons then tied the match 55 seconds into the fourth period on a pass from Prescott.

Having struggled all season on extra-man opportunities, Eastern converted three of four against Plymouth.

Simmons and Hamilton combined to take 27 of Eastern's 52 shots, each of them connecting for three goals. All-New England junior defenseman **Jon Suedeker (Southington, CT)** won a team-high nine ground balls, senior midfielder **Patrick Bushnell (Southington, CT)** collecting six, with Silvestrini next with his five.

Plymouth was paced by three freshmen: Belanger, attack Wes Downing and midfielder Matt Johansmeyer. The trio combined for eight goals, with Johansmeyer adding two assists.

Senior defenseman Tim Vasconcellos had five ground balls for Plymouth, senior midfielder Nick Duffy, junior long-stick Mike Russell and freshman long-stick Derick Smith adding four each.

Eastern visits Massachusetts Dartmouth Thursday at 4 p.m. in a Little East Conference match.

Eastern Conn. 12, Plymouth State U. 11

Plymouth State (3-3, 1-1 little east)	1	2	7	1	--	11
Eastern Conn. (5-5, 3-0 little east)	2	3	4	3	--	12

Goals: P-Kyle Belanger 3, Wes Downing 3, Matt Johansmeyer 2, Adam Krinsky 2, John Cogswell; E-Pete Hamilton 3, DJ Simmons 3, Dave Carpenter 2, Matthew Savage, Kyle MacDonald, Tommy Laverty, Tyler Prescott.

Assists: P- Johansmeyer 2, Mike Russell 2, Dave Mokos, Cogswell, Krinsky; E- Mike Silvestrini, Hamilton, M. Savage, Simmons, MacDonald, Prescott.

Shots: P-33, E-52; **Saves:** P-Steve Valeri 19, E-Kyle Savage 10.

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Wednesday, April 4, 2007

EASTERN M-LACROSSE WITHSTANDS UPSET BID
Warriors erase three-goal third-period deficit in LEC win over Western

DANBURY, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team won its 47th Little East Conference match in 49 tries Wednesday afternoon, but had to withstand an upset bid by Western Connecticut State University for a 15-14 victory in a match played in cold and rainy conditions at the Westside Athletic Complex.

Eastern (4-5, 2-0 little east) trailed by three goals one minute into the second half before scoring six in a row to take the lead for good, 13-10, three minutes into the final period. In order to defeat Western (4-4, 0-2 little east) for the fifth time in this five-game series, however, the Warriors had to hold off the Colonials in the final six minutes. Trailing by four, Western scored three goals in a span of two minutes and 30 seconds -- the first goal coming on a two-man advantage -- to pull to within the final one-goal margin with four minutes left.

After the Warriors turned the ball over with two minutes left, Western was unable to score on two potential game-tying shots, the first try saved by Eastern sophomore goalie **Kyle Savage (Southington, CT/Southington HS)** with 72 seconds left. The second attempt came with 33 seconds left and was blocked by an Eastern defender, and the ball was picked up by Eastern sophomore midfielder **Gavin Byrne (Trumbull, CT/Trumbull HS)**.

Eastern has now won 47 of 49 conference matches in seven years of play and is 36-1 in regular-season conference competition in those years. The win was the Warriors' fourth in the last five outings after an 0-4 start and gives Eastern a 2-0 record this year in matches decided by one goal. A fourth-year program, Western has alternated wins and losses throughout the season. The Colonials have now lost their two conference matches by a total of three goals.

In Eastern's run of six straight goals which began two minutes into the third period, senior midfielder **Kyle MacDonald (Hamden, CT/Hamden HS)** scored the first two goals -- his only two of the match -- on assists from junior attack **Tyler Prescott (Norwalk, CT/Norwalk HS)**. Prescott scored the third goal in that stretch and conference point and assist leader **Dave Carpenter (Redding, CT/Joel Barlow HS)** contributed three assists. Eastern's all-time assist leader, Carpenter set up junior midfielder **Pete Hamilton (Rutland, VT/Rutland HS)** with the go-ahead goal inside the final five minutes of the third period.

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Western sophomore midfielder Terry Stroz won 18 of 29 faceoffs, including the final five of the match which helped the Colonials close in inside the final eight minutes. The Warriors' final shot of the match came with eight minutes left, when junior defenseman **Jon Snedeker (Southington, CT/Southington HS)** gave Eastern a 15-11 lead with his only goal of the match on his only shot.

Nine Eastern players contributed a goal or assist, led by Carpenter, Prescott and sophomore attack **Matthew Savage (Southington, CT/Southington HS)**. Carpenter had four assists to go along with two goals, Savage scoring three to give him a team-leading 18, and Prescott contributing two goals and two assists. Sophomore midfielder **Timothy Sheehan (Somers, CT/Somers HS)** -- a first-year transfer from Western -- scored his first collegiate goal seven minutes into the match.

Kyle Savage made nine saves in net for Eastern while Western freshman Eddie Boyle made 14. Eastern outshot Western 55-31, but managed to put only six more shots on net than the Colonials.

Snedeker had five ground balls, senior attack **Tommy Laverty (Westport, CT/Canterbury School)** and senior midfielder **Patrick Bushnell (Southington, CT/Southington HS)** four each.

Junior Ron Pac and freshman A.J. Barbieri led Western with three goals each, the pair combining to score their team's final four goals over the final nine minutes.

Eastern benefited from only one extra-man opportunity in the match -- Matthew Savage converting on a helper from Hamilton in the first minute of the second half that got the Warriors to within two goals -- while Western scored three extra-man tries on eight attempts.

Eastern plays its 50th conference match Saturday when it hosts Plymouth State University at 1 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 15, Western Conn. 14

Eastern Conn. (4-5, 2-0 little east)	5	1	5	4	--	15
Western Conn. (4-4, 0-2 little east)	5	4	1	4	--	14

Goals: E-Matthew Savage 3, Dave Carpenter 2, Tyler Prescott 2, Peter Hamilton 2, Kyle MacDonald 2, Tommy Laverty 2, Tim Sheehan, Jon Snedeker. W-A.J. Barbieri 3, Ron Pac 3, Terry Stroz 2, John Stashenko 2, Adam Lanehart 2, Dennis Skarda, Michael Nazzaro.

Assists: E-Carpenter 4, Prescott 2, Hamilton, MacDonald, D.J. Simmons; E-Skarda 3, Barbieri 2, Nazzaro, Pac, Stroz.

Shots: E-55, W-31; **Saves:** E-Kyle Savage 9, W-Eddie Boyle 14.

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Saturday, March 31, 2007

EASTERN M-LACROSSE OPENS LITTLE EAST WITH 20-11 WIN

Carpenter has eight assists as Warriors open defense vs. USM

WILLIAMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior attack **Dave Carpenter (Redding, CT/Joel Barlow)** contributed to nine goals by scoring one and assisting on eight others as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team opened defense of its 2006 Little East Conference championships with a 20-11 win over the University of Southern Maine Saturday afternoon at Thomas Nevers Field.

Coming off a 17-6 loss to No. 12 nationally-ranked Western New England College Friday night, Eastern (3-5, 1-0 little east) won its 46th conference game in 48 outings over a seven-year period and remained undefeated all-time at home against conference competition.

Eastern got goals from seven different players in racing to a quick 8-1 lead one minute into the second period. Southern Maine (1-3, 0-1 little east) battled back to within five goals, 14-9, before the Warriors scored four in a row to open up an 18-9 lead with 6:39 left.

Carpenter, who set a program record with his 127th career assist Friday night, added eight more against Southern Maine. The assist total is one shy of his program match record, set in 2004.

Sophomore midfielder **DJ Simmons (Mystic, CT/Fitch HS)** led Eastern with five goals, sophomore attack **Matthew Savage (Southington, CT/Southington HS)** adding four. Carpenter, Simmons and Savage share the Eastern lead with 15 goals apiece.

Senior attack **Zach Fermanis (Gorham, ME/North Yarmouth Academy)** led the Huskies with four goals and two assists. Fermanis scored twice in a span of 53 seconds early in the third period -- the second one on an extra-man opportunity -- to pull the Huskies to within 11-6.

Eastern visits Western Connecticut State University Wednesday at 4 p.m. in a Little East Conference match.

Eastern Conn. 20, U. of Southern Maine 11

Southern Maine (1-3, 0-1 little east)	1	3	4	3--	11
Eastern Conn. (3-5, 1-0 little east)	6	5	2	7--	20

Goals: S-Zach Fermanis 4, Lee Gauthier 2, Dan Jackson 2, Matt Soule, Dylan Nadeau, Tyler Mayberry; E-DJ Simmons 5, Matthew Savage 4, Pete Hamilton 3, Maxim Fantl 2, Dave Carpenter, Tyler Prescott, Will Lathrop, Tommy Laverty, Mike Silvestrini, Kyle MacDonald.

Assists: S-Fermanis 2, Alex Pleau, Gauthier, Jackson; E-Carpenter 8, Hamilton, Simmons.

Shots: S-31, E-61; **Saves:** S-James Suriyodorn 16; E-Kyle Savage 5 (4 goals allowed, 30:00 min.), Jay Houle 5 (7, 30:00).

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Friday, March 30, 2007

CARPENTER OF EASTERN M-LACROSSE NAILS DOWN RECORD

Senior attack sets program career assist record in 17-6 loss to No. 12 Western NE

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. -- Already the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse recordholder for assists in a game and season, senior attack **Dave Carpenter (Redding, CT/Joel Barlow HS)** added the career assist record to his resume Friday night as the Warriors were absorbing a 17-6 loss to No. 12 nationally-ranked Western New England College at Golden Bear Stadium on the WNEC campus.

Named as a pre-season honorable mention All-America this year, Carpenter took over the top spot with the 127th assist of his 58-match career when he set up sophomore linemate **Matthew Savage (Southington, CT/Southington HS)** with 6:47 left in the third period. The assist broke the record formerly held by current Eastern assistant coach Brian Hebron, who graduated in 2005 after a four-year career. Hebron, the program leader with 255 career points, had set the record in a 64-game career.

Carpenter had tied Hebron's record with four assists in the team's 7-6 win at Babson College Wednesday. Carpenter set the current season assist record of 52 en route to earning Little East Conference co-Offensive Player-of-the-Year honors last year, and had established the current match record of nine assists against Western Connecticut State University as a freshman in 2004.

The assist was the only one of the match for the 5-foot-9 inch, 170 pound Carpenter, who did manage two goals to give him 80 goals and 207 points in his career. He is ranked third all-time in points (six shy of taking over second place) and in a tie for ninth all-time in goals. Hebron is the program's all-time leader with 255 points and Eddie Sheehan '00 the goal recordholder with 157.

Carpenter scored on his first shot to tie the match at 1-1 inside the first three minutes, before nationally-ranked Western New England College (6-0) scored the next 13 goals in a row to remain undefeated. Carpenter was limited to four shots by 6-foot-3 inch WNEC sophomore defenseman Jared Pabis, last year's Pilgrim League Rookie-of-the-Year.

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The loss ended a four-game winning streak for Eastern (2-5) against its former Pilgrim League opponent. It was the first meeting between the programs since 1999, when Eastern scored a 17-9 win over the Golden Bears at Thomas Nevers Field.

The loss was the third this year for Eastern against a nationally-ranked opponent, following losses to No. 2 Rochester Tech and No. 9 Tufts University.

Eastern sophomore goalie **Kyle Savage (Southington, CT/Southington HS)** turned back 19 shots for Eastern, many of them in one-on-one situations. The hosts had little problem solving Eastern's defense, successfully clearing 33 of 39 opportunities. The Golden Bears' quickness and depth created numerous odd-man rushes that resulted in a number of easy goals, with 11 different players contributing to their scoring total.

Carpenter was not the only player to break a program record in the match. Senior attack Adam Cherry of Western New England became the Golden Bears' all-time leading scorer in the final minutes of the first half when he scored an unassisted goal to give his team a 10-1 lead. The point was the record-setting 225th in the career of Cherry, a 2006 All-America honorable mention pick for the 14-3 Bears.

Cherry was ranked 13th last year by averaging 3.06 goals per match and totaling 49 in all. Marked closely by Eastern first-year sophomore defenseman **Mike Silvestrini (Guilford, CT/Guilford HS)**, Cherry was kept in relative check throughout. He finished with two goals on five shots and with two assists.

Eastern's four defensemen combined for 18 ground balls. Silvestrini and sophomore **Steve Lane (Groton, CT/Fitch HS)** each had five, with senior **Brian Marderosian (Wellesley, MA/Ashland HS)** and junior **Jon Snedeker (Southington, CT/Southington HS)** added four each.

Eastern plays its third match in four days Saturday when it hosts the University of Southern Maine at 2 p.m. in its Little East Conference opener at Nevers Field.

Western New England College 17, Eastern Conn. 6

Eastern Conn. (2-5)	1	0	3	2	--	6
Western NE (6-0)	4	6	6	1	--	17

Goals: E-Dave Carpenter 2, Matthew Savage 2, DJ Simmons, Pete Hamilton; W-Jon Hayes 3, Adam Cherry 2, Ben Reardon 2, Bryan Cofrin 2, Brian Praetorius 2, Scott Kukis, David Teichman, Mike Kelly, Travis Brown, Jedd Brown, Ryan LaChance.

Assists: E-Carpenter, Simmons; W-Cherry 2, Chuck Cartelli, Kukis, Teichman.

Shots: E-38, W-49; **Saves:** E-Kyle Savage 19; W-Chris Body 11 (1 goal allowed, 36:54 min.), James Ellis 4 (5, 19:18), Rob Titus 1 (0, 3:48).

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Wednesday, March 28, 2007

LAVERTY'S GOAL THE DIFFERENCE FOR EASTERN M-LACROSSE
Senior scores tie-breaking goal with 7:35 left and Warriors preserve lead

WELLESLEY, Mass. -- Senior attack **Tommy Laverty (Westport, CT/Canterbury School)** scored the go-ahead goal with 7:35 left and the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team made it stand up in a 7-6 victory over Babson College Wednesday afternoon at Hartwell-Rogers Complex.

Junior attack Jason Wellemeyer had scored three consecutive goals for Babson in a four-minute span to lift the Beavers into a 6-6 tie with nine minutes left. Laverty answered just over a minute later with his second goal of the match and tenth of the season to restore a one-goal lead. Neither team scored the rest of the way.

Laverty's winning goal was set up by senior attack **Dave Carpenter (Redding, CT/Joel Barlow)**, who dished out four assists to gain a share of the Eastern (2-4) career record of 126 assists.

Sophomore **Kyle Savage (Southington, CT/Southington HS)** made 17 saves to record the win in net for Eastern. Savage held Babson off the board for a span of 23 minutes and 30 seconds as the Warriors surged into their 6-3 lead with two minutes left in the third period.

Sophomore attack **Matthew Savage (Southington, CT/Southington HS)** led Eastern with three goals as the Warriors earned revenge for a 4-3 loss at Babson two years ago. Eastern has beaten Babson six of the last seven times the teams have met.

The win is the second straight on the road against a New England opponent for Eastern, which visits No. 12 nationally-ranked Western New England College (5-0) Friday night at 7 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 7, Babson College 6

Eastern Conn. (2-4)	1	2	3	1	--	7
Babson (3-3)	1	2	0	3	--	6

Goals: E- Matthew Savage 3, Tommy Laverty 2, Dave Carpenter, DJ Simmons; B-Jason Wellemeyer 3, Luke Biggins, Matt Harrington, Mike Maher.

Assists: E- Carpenter 4, Laverty 2; B-Harrington 2, R.J. Moulton, Patrick Mulvihill, Wellemeyer.

Shots: E-36, B- 31; **Saves:** E-Kyle Savage 17, B- Max Owen 18.

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Saturday, March 24, 2007

SAVAGES POWER EASTERN M-LACROSSE PAST WHEATON

Matthew has four goals and assist, Kyle stops 14 shots in net in team's first victory

MANSFIELD, Mass. -- Sophomore **Matthew Savage (Southington, CT/Southington HS)** had four goals and an assist and twin brother **Kyle Savage (Southington, CT/Southington HS)** made 14 saves in net as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team posted its first win of the season, 13-9, over Wheaton College (MA) in a match played at Mansfield High School.

The win is the seventh straight in this series after an opening loss for Eastern (1-4) over Wheaton (0-4) and give the Warriors their first victory of the season. Two of Eastern's losses this year have come against teams ranked nationally in Division III.

Matthew Savage and **Dave Carpenter (Redding, CT/Joel Barlow HS)** combined for five goals and two assists when the Warriors outscored the Lyons 6-0 in the third period to wipe out their largest deficit of the match (two goals) and provide them with 9-5 lead. Matthew Savage scored on his first three shots of that period. Matthew Savage and senior **Kyle MacDonald (Hamden, CT/Hamden HS)** each scored goals two minutes apart early in the fourth period -- giving Eastern eight straight goals -- as the Warriors moved out to an 11-5 advantage with ten minutes left.

Wheaton successfully killed off eight of Eastern's nine extra-man opportunities but could not capitalize when it had a two-man advantage for a minute late in that third period. Carpenter had two goals and two assists in the third period and finished the match with three goals and three assists, moving to within five of establishing a program record of 127 assists.

Kyle Savage saved all five shots on net in the third period and held Wheaton scoreless over a span of 21 minutes, which began in the final minute of the second period through the first five minutes of the fourth period.

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MacDonald matched Carpenter with three goals. He scored Eastern's only goal in a 1-1 first period and contributed an extra-man strike to close out the third period before scoring early in the fourth period on an assist from Matthew Savage.

Senior **Patrick Bushnell** won 13 of 24 faceoffs and led Eastern with six ground balls. Junior **Jon Snedeker** and Matthew Savage each had five ground balls.

Eastern visits Babson College Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 13, Wheaton College (MA) 9

Eastern Conn. (1-4)	1	2	6	4	--	13
Wheaton (0-4)	1	4	0	4	--	9

Goals: E-Matthew Savage 4, Kyle MacDonald 3, Dave Carpenter 3, Jon Snedeker, Patrick Joy, DJ Simmons; W-Markus Ricci 3, Richie Rasamny 2, Tim Horan 2, Drew Schaffer, Conor Whitney.

Assists: E-Carpenter 3, MacDonald, M. Savage, Tommy Laverty; W-Schaffer 3, Marco Barbone, Rasamny.

Shots: E-39, W-34; **Saves:** E-Kyle Savage 14, W-Jeremy Beech 11.

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Halftime Lead Slips Away as Wheaton Falls to Eastern Connecticut, 13-9

MANSFIELD, MA- The Wheaton College men's lacrosse team saw a two-goal halftime advantage wiped out behind six unanswered third-period tallies from Eastern Connecticut State University, as the Warriors downed the Lyons, 13-9 on Saturday at Mansfield High School. In the teams' first contest since 2001, the Lyons remained winless on the season at 0-4, while Eastern Connecticut State improved to 1-4.

Each of Wheaton's first two goals knotted the game, as junior **Richie Rasamny (Redding, CT/Joel Barlow)** tallied on the man advantage with 2:57 remaining in the first quarter off freshman **Drew Schaffer's (New Haven, CT/Loomis Chaffee School)** assist before Schaffer scored early in the second. The Lyons netted the next two goals, as Rasamny assisted senior **Markus Ricci (Wayland, MA/Wayland)** before scoring at 8:36. Each team scored once more before halftime, as Wheaton took a 5-3 lead into the intermission and looked to be in control.

The third quarter was a different story entirely, as the Warriors tallied six times on 14 shots while holding the Lyons off the board on 10 shots. After scoring three times in the first 32:21 of the contest, Eastern Connecticut State matched that output during a pivotal 1:20 span early in the period that pushed it back out in front, as sophomore **Matthew Savage (Southington, CT/Southington)** sandwiched a pair of goals around senior **Dave Carpenter's (Redding, CT/Joel Barlow)** tally.

The onslaught continued later in the period, as Carpenter and Savage scored 50 seconds apart to put the Warriors up, 8-5 with 3:50 left. Senior **Kyle MacDonald (Hamden, CT/Hamden)** tallied with 5.1 ticks remaining before he and Savage each found the back of the net early in the final quarter to give their team its largest lead, 11-5 with 11:11 to go in regulation. From there, Wheaton tallied four of the game's final six goals while attempting a late rally. Ricci recorded two of those markers, including the final tally with exactly 1:00 remaining.

Ricci led the Lyons with his third career hat trick, notching three goals, while Rasamny added two goals and an assist, and freshman **Tim Horan (Cheshire, CT/Cheshire)** scored twice. Schaffer had his best game with a goal and three assists, while junior **Jeremy Beech (West Newbury, MA/Governor Dummer Academy)** added 12 saves.

Carpenter, MacDonald and Savage played a hand in 11 of the Warriors' 13 goals, as the three were the team's lone multi-point scorers. Savage contributed four goals and an assist, Carpenter had three tallies and helpers each, while MacDonald added three goals and two assists. Sophomore **Kyle Savage (Southington, CT/Southington)** was stellar in net, making numerous tough saves among his 14.

The Lyons return to action on Wednesday at Trinity College in a 4:00 p.m. contest.

SCORING:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Eastern Connecticut State (1-4)	1	2	6	4	13
Wheaton (0-4)	1	4	0	4	9

Cumulative Scoring:
Goals: WC- Markus Ricci 3, Tim Horan 2, Richie Rasamny 2, Drew Schaffer, Conor Whitney; ECSU- Matthew Savage 4, Dave Carpenter 3, Kyle MacDonald 3, Patrick Joy, DJ Simmons, Jon Snedeker

Assists: WC- Schaffer 3, Rasamny, Marco Barbone; ECSU- Carpenter 3, MacDonald 2, Savage, Tommy Laverty

Goalkeeper Saves: WC- Jeremy Beech 12; ECSU- Kyle Savage 14

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

FOR EASTERN M-LACROSSE, LATE RALLY NOT ENOUGH
Warriors score all five of the match's final-period goals in 14-10 setback

CLERMONT, Fla. -- Eastern Connecticut State University sophomore **DJ Simmons (Mystic, CT/Fitch HS)** scored four straight goals in the final period but the Warriors couldn't overcome a nine-goal deficit in a 14-10 men's lacrosse loss to Amherst College Tuesday afternoon in a match played at the National Training Center.

With Eastern (0-4) trailing by nine, 14-5, after three periods, Simmons scored goals on four straight shots in a span of seven minutes as the Warriors outscored Amherst (1-1) 5-0 over the final 15 minutes. Junior **Tyler Prescott (Norwalk, CT/Norwalk HS)** scored his first goal of the match with 4:38 run to make it 14-10, but neither team could score the rest of the way.

Behind Prescott (seven shots) and Simmons (six), Eastern outshot Amherst 22-3 over the final 15 minutes but it wasn't enough to overcome Amherst's seven-goal third period.

With the score tied 3-3 in the opening minute of the second period, Amherst struck for the next five goals and seven of the next nine to open up a 10-4 lead five minutes into the third period.

Amherst senior Chris Hofmann scored all three of his goals in the third period, with Thomas McDonnell scoring two.

Senior **Dave Carpenter (Redding, CT/Joel Barlow HS)**, Eastern's pre-season Division III All-America, set up four goals with assists to give him a team-leading 14 helpers this year and 119 in his career. Current assistant coach Brian Hebron holds the program career assist record of 126.

Junior **Jon Snedeker (Southington, CT/Southington HS)** collected ten ground balls for Eastern, with senior **Patrick Bushnell (Southington, CT/Southington HS)** and sophomore **Steve Lane (Groton, CT/Fitch HS)** accounting for four each.

Sophomore **Kyle Savage (Southington, CT/Southington HS)** made 14 saves for Eastern, five coming in the third period when Amherst unloaded 23 shots. In remaining undefeated all-time against Eastern, the Lord Jeffs won 19 of 28 faceoffs, outshot Eastern 51-41, held a 42-35 edge in ground balls, and successfully killed off all five of Eastern's extra-man opportunities.

Eastern played without sophomore all-conference midfielder **Pete Hamilton (Rutland, VT/Rutland, HS)**, who is out indefinitely with a twisted left ankle.

It marks the first time in the program's 12-year history that the team has lost its first four matches of a season. Three of the losses have been by four or less goals and two have come against nationally-ranked opponents.

Eastern hosts Wheaton College (MA) Saturday at 1 p.m.

Amherst College 14, Eastern Conn. 10

Eastern Conn. (0-4)	2	1	2	5	--	10
Amherst (1-1)	3	4	7	0	--	14

Goals: E-DJ Simmons 5, Tommy Laverty 3, Patrick Bushnell, Tyler Prescott; A-Thomas McDonnell 3, Derek Cherney 3, Chris Hofmann 3, Matt Kellman, Brett Miller, Tim Thornton, Thomas Foote, Rob Madden.

Assists: E-Dave Carpenter 4, Patrick Joy, Prescott; A-Miller 3, Thornton 2, Kellman, Cherney, Foote.

Shots: E-41, A-51. **Saves:** E-Kyle Savage 14, A-Matt Pietroforte 8 (59:19 min., 9 goals allowed), Andrew Harrison 1 (00:41, 1).

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Tuesday, March 13, 2007

EASTERN M-LACROSSE FALLS TO NO. 17 TUFTS, 13-10
Jumbos snap Warriors' 19-game home winning streak in non-conference win

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – Attackmen Clem McNally (Farhills, NJ) and Mark Warner (Wading River, NY) each scored four goals to help the Tufts University men's lacrosse team to a 13-10 non-conference win over Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday afternoon at Thomas Nevers Field.

Ranked No. 17 nationally in Division III, Tufts (2-0) ended Eastern's (0-3) 19-game winning streak at Nevers Field. Until today, the Warriors' last loss at home came against Stevens Tech, 8-6, on March 28, 2004. The home winning streak was the second-longest for Eastern, which had won 37 in a row between May 6, 1998 and May 3, 2003. Eastern is 73-4 in 12 years at Nevers Field.

The 0-3 start matches the worst start in program history for Eastern, which was coming off a loss to No. 3 nationally-ranked Rochester Tech last Thursday.

The Warriors, who have lost four straight to Tufts, never led, and tied the match for the last time when sophomore attack **Matthew Savage (Southington, CT)** scored on an assist from junior midfielder **Pete Hamilton (Rutland, VT)** with five minutes left in the first half.

Leading 8-6, Tufts scored five of the first six goals of the fourth quarter -- getting goals from five different players – to build a 13-7 lead with four minutes left.

Warner scored one goal in each quarter, collecting both of his team's extra-man goals. McNally scored two of his goals in the decisive fourth quarter, the second a short-handed strike to give the Jumbos a 12-7 lead with 4:45 left.

In addition to scoring two extra-man goals on five tries, Tufts had two short-handed goals. The Warriors managed to score in extra-man situations only once in nine tries, failing on their first seven. Trailing by only two goals, 8-6, late in the third quarter, Eastern was also held scoreless during a two-man advantage.

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Senior attack **Dave Carpenter (Redding, CT)**, a pre-season All-America, led Eastern with three goals and three assists, with Hamilton adding three assists to go along with his goal. Senior defenseman Wiley Dornseif (Littleton, CO) led Tufts with nine ground balls, senior midfielder Matt Lanuto (Duxbury, MA) adding six. Tufts had 52 ground balls to 21 for Eastern.

Sophomore goalie Matt Harrigan (Darnestown, MD) made ten saves for Tufts. He allowed the Warriors to score consecutive goals only once until Eastern scored the final three of the match over the final two minutes.

Sophomore **Kyle Savage (Southington)** made 15 stops for Eastern, seven coming in the second period when he allowed only two late goals.

Eastern faces Amherst College Tuesday at Clermont, FL. No starting time has been released.

Tufts U. 13, Eastern Conn. 10

Tufts U. (2-0)	4	2	2	5	--	13
Eastern Conn. (0-3)	2	2	2	4	--	10

Goals: T-Mark Warner 4, Clem McNally 4, Mike Cortese 2, Joe Cavallo, Doug Smith, Jordan Yarboro; E-Kyle MacDonald 3, Dave Carpenter 3, Matthew Savage, Tommy Lavery, Pete Hamilton, DJ Simmons/

Assists: T-Tucker Merrigan 2, Matt Lanuto, Cavallo, Warner, McNally, Chase Bibby, Smith, Chris Connelly; E-Carpenter 3, Hamilton 3, M. Savage 2, MacDonald.

Shots: T-45, E-25; **Saves:** T-Matt Harrigan 10, E-Kyle Savage 15.

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***WEHMEYER HELPS MONTCLAIR PAST EASTERN
CONNECTICUT, 11-7
Scores Four Times as Red Hawks Down Warriors for First Win of '07***

Montclair, NJ (3/2/06) – Senior midfielder **Evan Wehmeyer (Succasunna, NJ/Pope John XXIII)** scored four goals and added an assist as Montclair State picked up its first win of 2007 with an 11-7 victory over Eastern Connecticut in NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse action at Sprague Field on Saturday afternoon.

Sophomore **Mario Passafiume (Boonton, NJ/Mountain Lakes)** added two goals and an assist as the Red Hawks evened their record at 1-1 on the new season while defeating Eastern Connecticut for the first time in the three meetings.

Senior attack **Dave Carpenter (Redding, CT/Joel Barlow)** had two goals and five assists for Eastern Connecticut, which lost its season opener for the second consecutive season.

Carpenter put ECSU on the board 61 seconds into game as he scored off a feed in front from **Peter Hamilton (Rutland, VT/Rutland)**. Montclair tied the game two minutes later as Passafiume scored unassisted. Carpenter's second goal, on a man-advantage, with 10:26 remaining made the score 2-1, however the Red Hawks tied the game with 5:25 left as Wehmeyer netted his first of the game off an assist from **Taylor Bonner (Old Bridge, NJ/Old Bridge)** as the game was deadlocked at the end of the first quarter.

In the second period, Montclair State would take the lead for good as freshman **Jonathan Lopez (Nutley, NJ/Nutley)** scored his first collegiate goal 1:59 into the period and senior **John Della Pesca (Fair Lawn, NJ/Fair Lawn)** increased the lead 4-2 with tally at the 3:25 mark. **Tom Laverty (Westport, CT/Canterbury School)** cut the lead back to a goal 33 seconds later, but Wehmeyer answered for MSU with 9:57 left as the Red Hawks took a 5-3 lead at halftime.

Montclair would quickly widen the lead within the first four minutes of the second half as Wehmeyer got his hat trick and **Bryan Klimchak (Clark, NJ/AL Johnson)** followed with a goal with 11:29 left as Montclair built a 7-3 advantage. Eastern Connecticut would trim the lead to 7-5 as **Matthew Savage (Southington, CT/Southington)** and **Kyle McDonald (Hamden, CT/Hamden)** scored. However, Klimchak's second goal, on the man-advantage midway through the period, began a four-goal

run that would span the third and fourth quarters.

Wehmeyer's final goal with 6:17 left gave the Red Hawks a 9-5 lead after three and Passaifume's second with 11:44 left in the fourth extended Montclair's lead to five. **Tyler Meixner (Hamburg, NJ/Vernon)** capped Montclair State's scoring with his first of the year at 5:09 of the quarter. Lavery accounted for the final two goals of the game 15 seconds apart as the Warriors would close to the final 11-7 margin.

Montclair State goalkeeper **Thomas Bowers (Hamburg/Pope John XXIII)** finished with 13 saves, including 11 in the first half, for the Red Hawks while senior **Kyle Savage (Southington, CT/Southington)** had six in the game.

Wehmeyer also added six faceoff wins, five ground balls and two caused turnovers while **Patrick Bushnell (Southington, CT/Southington)** collected 11 faceoffs for the Warriors.

Both teams return to action on Wednesday, March 7. Montclair State will travel to local and Skyline Conference rival Kean University for a 7:00 pm matchup. Eastern Connecticut will take on No. 4 Rochester Tech at Western Connecticut State in Danbury, Ct at 4:00 pm.