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at Eastern Conn. 12, MIT 2

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Saturday, May 9
at Willimantic, CT**

Eastern Conn. 22, Plymouth State 10

Plymouth State (11-6)	2	2	2	4	--	10
Eastern Conn. (13-2)	7	6	6	3	--	22

Goals: P-Travis Moore 3, Josh Perry 3, J.P. Sallese 2, Brendan Burke, Sean Clancy; E-Anthony Feleppa 4, Eddie Sheehan 4, Thierry Francois 4, Brendan Carney 3, John Rubano 2, Jeff Reinhart 2, Bill McGovern, Ian Beazley, Ryan Smart.

Assists: P-Perry 3, Sallese, Moore, Nate Ostis; E-Feleppa 4, Sheehan 3, Scott Berniker 2, Rubano, Beazley, Ryan Rose, Sean Schofield, Vincent Bellante, Dan Campbell.

Shots: P-28, E-55; Saves: P-Nate Pearson 12, Kevin Gholami 5; E-Jon Gorgone 5, Ryan Reitano 3.

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Wednesday, May 6, 1998

ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE ADVANCES TO PILGRIM LEAGUE FINAL Warriors defeat MIT 12-2, to host Plymouth in final Saturday

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team moved within one victory of defending its Pilgrim League playoff title Wednesday, eliminating MIT 12-2 in the semifinal round.

The league win is the 16th straight over a three-year period for Eastern (12-2), which hosts Plymouth State College (11-5) Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Pilgrim League final. ECSU is the top seed in the Northwest Division while Plymouth placed second in the division. The Panthers edged host Wheaton College 14-13 Wednesday in the other semifinal-round match. Wheaton was the top seed in the Southeast Division.

Against MIT (8-5), Eastern was held to its lowest goal total in a Pilgrim League match since May 2, 1996 (an 11-10 home win over Gordon) but successfully killed all eight of MIT's extra-man opportunities and allowed the Engineers a clear percentage of just 33.3 (13 of 39) and just 22 total shots.

ECSU was held scoreless through most of the first quarter by MIT goalie Justin Verdirame, who entered the week ranked fourth nationally with a league-leading goals-against average of 7.30. ECSU finally broke through with a goal by sophomore attack **Eddie Sheehan (COLONIA, NJ)** with five minutes left in the stanza and the Warriors added two more in the final minutes to take a 3-0 lead after one quarter.

ECSU junior goalie **Jon Gorgone (NEWTON, MA)** made ten saves, lowering his goals-against average to 7.46. ECSU led 6-0 before the Engineers broke through with a goal by Pascal Rettig with five minutes left in the third quarter. Junior midfielder **Ryan Rose (SOMERS)** scored three goals for ECSU while Sheehan had two goals and an assist.

Eastern defeated Plymouth State 23-11 when it opened its Pilgrim League season March 31 at Willimantic.

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MIT (8-5)	0	0	1	1	--	2
Eastern Conn. (12-2)	3	2	2	5	--	12

Goals: M-Pascal Rettig, Rick Chang; E-Ryan Rose 3, Eddie Sheehan 2, John Rubano 2, Thierry Francois, Anthony Feleppa, Bill McGovern, Jeff Reinhart, Scott Berniker.

Assists: M-Peter Jenkins; E-Feleppa 2, Sheehan, Ryan Smart.

Shots: M-22, E-43.

Saves: M-Justin Verdirame 19, E-Jon Gorgone 10.

**Final
Saturday, May 9**

Plymouth State (11-5) at Eastern Conn. (12-2), 1 p.m.

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Friday, May 1, 1998

ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE CLOSSES OUT UNBEATEN LEAGUE SEASON Warriors defeat Salem State 21-5, host league playoff opener Wednesday

SALEM, Mass. -- Seventeen different players contributed a goal or assist as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team wrapped up its second straight unbeaten season in Pilgrim League regular-season play with a 21-5 win over Salem State College in the regular-season finale Friday.

For the second straight year, Eastern (11-2) finishes atop the Pilgrim League Northwest Division standings with a 5-0 record. Salem State finishes 3-12 overall, 1-4 in the league.

Junior attack **Anthony Feleppa (ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA)** led ECSU with four goals and two assists, with freshman midfielder **Jeff Reinhart (LONDONDERRY, NH)** and junior attacks **Thierry Francois (NORWALK)** and **Brendan Carney (RIDGEFIELD)** each adding three goals and an assist.

Junior goalie **Jon Gorgone (NEWTON, MA)** went the distance in goal for the fourth straight match, winning for the third time in that stretch. Gorgone made 13 saves.

Eastern opens defense of last year's Pilgrim League playoff championship Wednesday at 4 p.m. The Warriors host MIT (8-4), seeded second in the Southeast Division. The Engineers shared the division's regular-season title with Wheaton College but are seeded second because they were beaten 11-10 at Wheaton in regular-season play April 2.

If it defeats MIT in the first meeting ever between the schools, Eastern will host the Pilgrim League title match Saturday.

Eastern Conn. 21, Salem State 5

Eastern Conn. (11-2)	9	5	4	3	--	21
Salem State (3-12)	1	2	1	1	--	5

Goals: E-Anthony Feleppa 4, Thierry Francois 3, Jeff Reinhart 3, Brendan Carney 3, Eddie Sheehan 2, Ryan Rose 2, Ben Jones, Sean Schofield, Loic Williamson, Keith Marotta. S-Mark Rowell 3, Kevin Morash 2.

Assists: E- Feleppa 2, Bill McGovern 2, Scott Berniker 2, Antonio Napoleone, Vincent Bellante, John Rubano, Anthony Coletti, Matt Benoit, Francois, Reinhart, Carney, Williamson; S-Scott L'Italien, Sean Parsons, Tevor Eaton.

Saves: E-Jon Gorgone 13; S-Mike Devlin 21.

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Tuesday, April 28, 1998

TRINITY MEN'S LACROSSE STUNS ECSU IN OVERTIME 10-9 *Bantams score three times in final 1:45 of regulation*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Trinity College men's lacrosse team scored three goals in the final 1:45 of regulation and Alex Fleming's goal 15 seconds into overtime boasted the Bantams to a 10-9 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday.

The loss snapped a ten-game winning streak for Eastern (10-2) as both of this season's setbacks have come in overtime. It also broke a streak of 16 consecutive home wins for Eastern, ranked tenth in New England. Trinity (7-5) is ranked eighth in New England.

Sophomore attack **Eddie Sheehan's (COLONIA, NJ)** fourth goal of the match had given ECSU a 9-6 lead with 3:03 left but Trinity got one back at 1:45, then scored twice in 17 seconds, tying the match on a goal by Bobby Souers with 20 second left.

Eastern won the faceoff in regulation but turned the ball over immediately and Fleming took a pass and beat ECSU junior keeper **Jon Gorgone (NEWTON, MA)** in front of the net after just 15 seconds had elapsed.

Mark Tassie, Brian Byrne and Souers each scored twice for Trinity, which never led until the final goal after leading 2-1 late in the first quarter.

Junior attack Thierry Francois (NORWALK) scored three goals for Eastern, which travels to Salem State College Friday at 7 p.m.

Trinity College 10, Eastern Conn. 9, ot

Trinity (7-5)	2	0	2	5	(1)	--	10
Eastern Conn. (10-2)	1	2	3	3	(0)	--	9

Goals: T-Bobby Souers 2, Mark Tassie 2, Brian Byrne 2, Evan Levine, John Harrelson, Alex Fleming, Steve Baldini; E-Eddie Sheehan 4, Thierry Francois 3, Ryan Smart, Ryan Rose.

Assists: T-Michael Engel, Tassie 2, Harrelson, Byrne; E-Jeff Reinhart 2, Bill McGovern, Sheehan, Francois, Feleppa,

Shots: T-33, E-37; Saves: T-Matt Jerry 16, E-Jon Gorgone 11.

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Saturday, April 25, 1998

ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE WINS TENTH STRAIGHT 14-7 *Warriors win 16th straight home match, defeat 10th-ranked Babson*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team scored five straight goals in the third quarter to break from a one-goal lead and post its tenth straight victory -- a 14-7 triumph over Babson College Saturday.

The win is the 16th straight at home for Eastern (10-1), which has won 18 of its last 19 overall. Babson falls to 8-4. The teams entered play sharing tenth place in the most recent NEILA Division III poll.

Leading 5-3 at halftime, Eastern allowed the first goal of the third quarter but followed by scoring the next five to move out to a 10-4 lead with four minutes left in the session.

Junior attack **Anthony Feleppa** (^{ADELAIDE} ~~ADELAIDE~~, AUSTRALIA) scored two of his four goals in the match in that stretch while also adding one were sophomore midfielder **Bill McGovern** (NEEDHAM, MA), freshman midfielder **Jeff Reinhart** (LONDONDERRY, NH) and junior attack **Thierry Francois** (NORWALK). In the match, Francois and sophomore midfielder **John Rubano** (BETHPAGE, NY) had two goals and two assists each.

Eastern, which avenged last year's 12-6 loss to Babson, outshot the Beavers 50-22. Junior goalie **Jon Gorgone** (NEWTON, MA) went the distance in goal for the third straight start. Gorgone made eight saves while Babson's John Schmidt, ranked nationally in goals-against average and save percentage, made 19 saves. It was the second-most goals allowed this year by Babson. ECSU leads the nation in scoring, bringing an average of 19.6 goals into the match. Babson's Jon Nash, who entered played leading the team with 32 goals and 17 assists, had two shots and one assist.

Eastern hosts Trinity College Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. The Bantams are ranked eighth in New England.

Eastern Conn. 14, Babson College 7

Babson (8-4)	1	2	2	2	--	7
Eastern Conn. (10-1)	2	3	5	4	--	14

Goals: B-Chris Darmon 2, Jason Pacor 2, Brad Otis, Mike Papay, Mike Welsh; E-Anthony Feleppa 4, John Rubano 2, Thierry Francois 2, Vincent Bellante, Eddie Sheehan, Ryan Rose, Shannon Sligo, Bill McGovern, Jeff Reinhart.

Assists: B-Welsh, Sean Randall, Jon Nash, Matt Whittier; E-Rubano 2, Francois 2, McGovern, Reinhart, Dan Campbell.

Shots: B-22, E-50; Saves: B-John Schmidt 19, E-Jon Gorgone 8.

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Tuesday, April 21, 1998

ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE WINS NINTH STRAIGHT 20-11 *Eleven different players contribute a goal in victory over Roger Williams*

BRISTOL, RI -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team scored ten goals in the third quarter to break from a slim 6-5 halftime lead on the way to its ninth straight victory, 20-11 over Roger Williams University Tuesday.

The win is the ninth straight after a season-opening 13-12 double overtime loss to Wesleyan University and the 17th in the last 18 outings for Eastern (9-1), dating back to last April 17.

The Hawks (5-7) scored the first three goals of the match in the first three and one half minutes but Eastern got two back on extra-man situations later in the quarter. Leading 6-5 at halftime, Eastern scored the first seven goals of the third quarter to move out to a 13-5 lead, outscoring the hosts 10-2 in the quarter to pull away. In the game, Eastern scored on five of seven extra-man situations.

Eleven different players had a goal for Eastern. Junior attack **Anthony Feleppa (ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA)** led the way with four goals and an assist, upping his team-leading totals to 31 goals and 18 assists.

Junior goalie **Jon Gorgone (NEWTON, MA)**, improved on his career-high save mark. Gorgone, who totalled 18 in a 16-6 win at Western New England last Thursday, collected a career-high 19 yesterday.

Eastern, ranked tenth in New England, hosts 11th-ranked Babson College Saturday at 2 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 20, Roger Williams U. 11

Eastern Conn. (9-1)	2	4	10	4	--	20
Roger Williams (5-7)	3	2	2	4	00	11

Goals: E-Anthony Feleppa 4, John Rubano 3, Bill McGovern 2, Jeff Reinhart 2, Eddie Sheehan 2, Thierry Francois 2, Ryan Rose, Anthony Napoleone, Vincent Bellante, Scott Berniker, Ryan Smart. R-Chris Cokas 3, Brendan Giblin 2, Brendan McNamara 2, Ben Redfield 2, Evan Gould, Joe Kerwin.

Assists: E-Francois 2, Shannon Sligo, McGovern, Reinhart, Feleppa, Sheehan, Rubano, Rose, Bellante; R-Gould 2, Mark Gilmore, Giblin, Redfield, Cokas, Kerwin.

Shots: E-66, R-40; Saves: E-Jon Gorgone 19, R-Chris White 25.

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Saturday, April 18, 1998

ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE WINS EIGHTH STRAIGHT 24-2 *Eighteen different players contribute goal or assist in win*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. --Junior attack **Brendan Carney (RIDGEFIELD)** scored four goals and junior attack **Thierry Francois (NORWALK)** had three goals and one assist as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team defeated Keene State College 24-2 Saturday in a Pilgrim League match.

Eastern (8-1), which remained unbeaten in three league matches, had 14 different players score goals and a total of 18 contribute a goal or assist. The final goal total was the highest of the season for Eastern, which leads Division III by averaging 19.0 goals per outing. Keene, a first-year program, falls to 3-4 overall, 2-2 in the league.

The Warriors led 11-0 after the first period and cruised to their eighth victory in a row and 15th straight at home. ECSU, which outshot the Owls 57-16, has won 16 of its last 17 and 12 of the 13 regular-season league matches which it has played in three seasons.

The Owls played without league scoring leader Bob Bonnes who averages 7.3 points per match on the strength of 34 goals and ten assists.

Eastern visits Roger Williams University Monday at 4 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 24, Keene State College 2

Eastern Conn. (8-1)	11	3	5	5	--	24
Keene State (3-4)	0	0	2	0	--	2

Goals: E-Brendan Carney 4, Thierry Francois 3, John Rubano 2, Scott Berniker 2, Ryan Smart 2, Keith Marotta 2, Loic Williamson 2, Vincent Bellante, Anthony Coletti, Dan Gardner, Antonio Napoleone, Ryan Rose, Eddie Sheehan, Sean Bannon; K-Eric White, Tim Trevithick.

Assists: E-Smart, Francois, Bellante, Williamson, Napoleone, Sheehan, Jeff Reinhart, Bill McGovern, Anthony Feleppa, Sean Schofield; K-Mike LaFleur 2.

Shots: E-57, K-16; Saves: E-Ryan Reitano 8, K-Peter Ward 16.

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Thursday, April 16, 1998

ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE WINS SEVENTH STRAIGHT

Gorgone stops career-high 18 shots in 16-6 win over Western NE

SPRINGFIELD -- Junior goalie **Jon Gorgone** (NEWTON, MA) made a career-high 18 saves in posting his second career complete game and junior attack **Anthony Feleppa** (ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA) had five goals and two assists as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team won its seventh straight match, defeating Western New England College 16-6 Thursday.

Western New England (4-6) scored the first two goals in the first 80 seconds of the match but ECSU answered with the next six.

Gorgone, playing the entire match for only the second time in 21 career starts, came up with nine stops while allowing only three goals in each half.

Feleppa took over the team lead in goals, upping his season total to 27 and improved his team-leading scoring total to 43 points.

Junior attack **Scott Berniker** (MONTROSE, NY) added three goals for the Warriors, who host Keene State College Saturday at 2 p.m. in a Pilgrim League match.

Eastern Conn. 16, Western New England 6

Eastern Conn. (7-1)	3	5	4	4	--	16
Western NE (4-6)	2	1	2	1	--	6

Goals: E-Anthony Feleppa 5, Scott Berniker 3, Vincent Bellante 2, Ryan Rose 2, Dan Campbell, John Rubano, Thierry Francois, Ryan Smart; W-P.J. Wicker 3, Paul Boudreau 2, David Driscoll.

Assists: E-Feleppa 2, Francois 2, Bill McGovern 2, Bellante, Eddie Sheehan; W-Tom Nolan, Richard Culver

Shots: E-45, W-38; Saves: E-Jon Gorgone 18, W-Jared Barringer 14.

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April 11, 1998

ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE WINS SIXTH STRAIGHT MATCH

Warriors equal season-high with 23 goals in defeating UMass Boston

BOSTON -- Fourteen different players contributed a goal or assist as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team won its sixth straight match 23-9 Saturday over University of Massachusetts Boston.

Eastern (6-1), ranked 11th in New England, scored ten of the first 11 goals of the match in handing the 13th-ranked Beacons (5-1) their first loss. The win is the 14th in the last 15 outings for Eastern dating back to last April 17. ECSU is rated third nationally in goals per match and tenth in scoring margin.

Junior attack **Thierry Francois (NORWALK)** had four goals while sophomore midfielder **Bill McGovern (NEEDHAM, MA)**, junior attack **Anthony Feleppa (ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA)**, junior midfielder **Ryan Rose (SOMERS)** and junior attack **Brendan Carney (RIDGEFIELD)** had three each. Sophomore attack **Eddie Sheehan (COLONIA, NJ)** had three of the team's 14 assists.

Bryan Ronayne led the Beacons with three goals and an assist. UMass sits atop the Southeast Division of the Pilgrim League while ECSU is unbeaten in two Northwest Division matches. Only intra-division contests are counted in league standings.

Junior goalie **Jon Gorgone (NEWTON, MA)** gained his third win of the year in net, making 13 first-half saves while allowing only three goals.

UMass played without Nick Tempesta (knee injury), ranked second in the Pilgrim League in scoring.

Eastern travels to Western New England College Thursday at 4 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 23, UMass Boston 9

Eastern Conn. (6-1)	7	7	5	4	--	23
Umass Boston (5-1)	1	2	2	4	--	9

Goals: EC-Thierry Francois 4, Bill McGovern 3, Anthony Feleppa 3, Ryan Rose 3, Brendan Carney 3, John Rubano 2, Dan Gardner 2, Scott Berniker, Eddie Sheehan, Ryan Smart; MB-Bryan Ronayne 3, Chris DeMaio 2, Doug Stay 2, Rob Dudley, Bill Ward.

Assists: EC-Sheehan 3, Rose 2, Loic Williamson 2, Francois, Berniker, McGovern, Smart, Dan Campbell, Jeff Reinhart, Vincent Bellante; MB-Ronayne, Dudley, DeMaio.

Shots: EC-47, MB-37. Saves: EC-Jon Gorgone 13, Ryan Reitano 2; MB-Will Fleming 12.

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April 8, 1998

ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE IMPROVES TO 2-0 IN PILGRIM LEAGUE Warriors hold UMass Dartmouth without a third-quarter shot in 19-7 win

WILIMANTIC -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team scored seven goals while taking all 15 of the shots in the third quarter en route to a 19-7 Pilgrim League victory over the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Wednesday.

Each team entered play having won its first Pilgrim League match. ECSU, ranked 11th in New England, improves to 5-1 with its 13th win in its last 14 matches. UMass, a first-year intercollegiate program, is 5-2.

Leading 6-3 midway through the second quarter, Eastern scored the next 13 goals - five in succession by junior attack **Anthony Feleppa (ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA)** -- to open up a 19-3 lead with nine minutes left in the match. ECSU held the Corsairs without a shot in the third quarter while scoring seven times.

Feleppa finished with six goals on as many shots and added an assist to improve his team-leading scoring totals to 19 goals and 14 assists. Twelve different players contributed at least a goal and assist. Feleppa entered the week ranked nationally in both points and assists per match and ECSU was rated third nationally in goals per match (17.33).

The Warriors travel to UMass Boston Saturday at 1 p.m. to meet the Beacons, ranked 13th in New England.

Men's College Lacrosse Wednesday's Result at Willimantic, Conn.

Eastern Conn. 19, UMass Dartmouth 7

UMass Dartmouth (5-2)	1	2	0	4	--	7
Eastern Conn. (5-1)	5	4	7	3	--	19

Goals: MD-Mike Monturio 3, Richard Fournier, Michael Dion, Nat Moor, Dan Hemenway. EC-Anthony Feleppa 6, Thierry Francois 2, Eddie Sheehan 2, Loic Williamson 2, Jeff Reinhart, Ryan Smart, John Rubano, Bill McGovern, Brendan Carney, Ian Beazley, Brian Hobbs.

Assists: MD-Moor, Hemenway; EC-Francois 3, Smart, Rubano, Feleppa, Sheehan, Hobbs, Rose.

Shots: MD-18, EC-58; Saves: MD-Steven Brandt 24, EC-Jon Gorgone 5, Ryan Reitano 1.

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ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE WINS FOURTH STRAIGHT Francois scores six goals in 19-9 win over Wheaton (MA)

NORTON, Mass. -- Junior attack **Thierry Francois (NORWALK)** scored six goals -- one shy of the program record in a match -- to help lift the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team to a 19-9 win over Wheaton (MA) College Saturday.

The win is the fourth straight for Eastern (4-1), ranked 11th in New England Division III while Wheaton falls to 3-3. The victory is ECSU's 12th in the last 13 matches, dating back to last April 17.

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ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE WINS PILGRIM LEAGUE OPENER

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team opened defense of its Pilgrim League Northwest Division regular-season title with a 23-11 victory over Plymouth State College Tuesday in the league opener for both schools.

The win is the third straight for Eastern (3-1) and ninth straight in regular-season league play over a three-year period. The league match is the first for the Panthers (2-2), a first-year league member.

Leading 6-3 six minutes into the second quarter, Eastern scored eight straight goals, moving out to a 14-3 lead two minutes into the third quarter. Junior attack Scott Berniker (MONTROSE) had two goals and an assist in the run.

Berniker led ECSU with four goals and two assists, junior attack Thierry Francois (NORWALK) and sophomore attack Eddie Sheehan (COLONIA, NJ) adding three goals each.

Plymouth got five goals and two assists from sophomore Travis Moore.

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

Men's College Lacrosse Tuesday's Result at Willimantic, CT

Eastern Conn. 23, Plymouth State 11

Plymouth State (2-2)	1	2	4	4	--	11
Eastern Conn. (3-1)	4	8	6	5	--	23

Goals: P-Travis Moore 5, Jim Martocchio 2, Josh Perry 2, Jon Hunt, Brendan Burke, E-Scott Berniker 4, Eddie Sheehan 3, Thierry Francois 3, Anthony Feleppa 2, Antonio Napoleone 2, Loic Williamson 2, Brendan Carney, Jeff Reinhart, John Rubano, Bill McGovern, Brian Hobbs, Ian Beazley, Dan Gardner.

Assists: P-Josh Perry 3, Travis Moore 2, Kevin Mitchell; E-Feleppa 2, Berniker 2, Dan Campbell 2, Vincent Bellante 2, Sheehan, Rubano, Francois, Hobbs, Rose.

Shots: P-37, E-46; Saves: P-Nate Pearson 9, Kevin Gholami 6; E-Ryan Reitano 3, Jon Gorgone 6.

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ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE DEFEATS GUILFORD COLLEGE 18-6

Warriors score eight straight goals to build nine-goal lead in win

GREENSBORO, NC -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team scored eight straight goals to break from a one-goal lead and went on to post an 18-6 victory over host Guilford College Wednesday.

The win is the second straight for Eastern (2-1), which outscored its two opponents in North Carolina 40-19 and outshot them 130-54.

Leading 4-3 with 12 minutes left in the second quarter, Eastern scored eight straight goals -- two each by freshman midfielder **Jeff Reinhart** (LONDONDERRY, NH) and sophomore midfielder **John Rubano** (BETHPAGE, NY) -- to move out to a 12-3 lead with nine minutes left in the third quarter. Junior attack **Anthony Feleppa** (ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA) assisted on two of the goals in the run.

In the match, Eastern scored six goals on nine extra-man opportunities. The Warriors outshot the Quakers (2-5) 66-22. Feleppa and Rubano led ECSU with five points each, Feleppa totalling four assists and Rubano three goals. Junior attack **Thierry Francois** (NORWALK) also had three goals. Feleppa leads ECSU with 18 points (nine goals).

Sophomore **Ryan Reitano** (BILLERICA, MA) and junior **Jon Gorgone** (NEWTON, MA) combined in net for Eastern. Reitano made four saves over the first 42 minutes, departing with a 13-5 lead to record his first win of the season.

Eastern opens Pilgrim League schedule Tuesday, hosting Plymouth State College at 3:30 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 18, Guilford College 6

Eastern Conn. (2-1)	3	5	6	4	--	18
Guilford (2-5)	2	1	2	1	--	6

Goals: E-John Rubano 3, Thierry Francois 3, Eddie Sheehan 2, Jeff Reinhart 2, Brendan Carney 2, Ryan Rose 2, Anthony Feleppa, Ryan Smart, Bill McGovern, Vincent Bellante; G-Ted Long 2, Frank Cole, Matt Synowicz, Josh Gauthier, Chad Tripps.

Assists: E-Feleppa 4, Rubano 2, Rose, Bellante, Carney, Ben Jones, Scott Berniker, Brian Hobbs; G-Tripp, Fran Randall.

Shots: E-66, G-22; Saves: E-Ryan Reitano 4, Jon Gorgone 3; G-Anthony Roman 20.

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Sunday, March 22, 1998

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ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE DEFEATS VILLA JULIE 22-13**Feleppa totals nine points as Warriors even record at 1-1**

GREENSBORO, NC -- Junior attack **Anthony Feleppa (ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA)** had four goals and two assists in the first half as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse built a 14-goal advantage and eased to a 22-13 victory over Villa Julie College Sunday.

Feleppa was one of 13 ECSU players to contribute a goal or assist. He finished with five goals and four assists, falling one point shy of the ECSU match record. The Warriors (1-1) outshot the Mustangs 63-32, racing to a 20-6 lead before Villa Julie (3-3) scored seven straight to cut the deficit to 20-13 with 7:40 left.

Junior attack **Thierry Francois (NORWALK)** added three goals and two assists while freshman midfielder **Jeff Reinhart (LONDONDERRY, NH)** and junior midfielder **Ryan Rose (SOMERS)** added three goals each and sophomore midfielder **Bill McGovern (NEEDHAM, MA)** two goals and an assist.

Junior **Jon Gorgone (NEWTON, MA)** gained the win in net, making eight saves in the first half.

Eastern meets Guilford College here Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

**Men's College Lacrosse
at Greensboro, NC**

Eastern Conn. 22, Villa Julie College 13

Eastern Conn. (1-1)	6	8	6	2	--	22
Villa Julie (3-3)	2	3	2	6	--	13

Goals: E-Anthony Feleppa 5, Thierry Francois 3, Jeff Reinhart 3, Ryan Rose 3, John Rubano 2, Bill McGovern 2, Vincent Bellante, Brendan Carney, Loic Williamson, Scott Berniker; VJ-Eric Schmith 4, Scott Hermes 2, Rob Ruff 2, Matt Russell, Mark Krastel, Adam Childs, Rick Blake, Tom Schisler.

Assists: E-Feleppa 4, Francois 2, Brian Hobbs, McGovern, Berniker, Dan Campbell, Shannon Sligo; VJ-Travis Williams 3, Schmith 2, Krastel, Childs, Mike Tyler.

Shots: E-63, VJ-32; Saves: E-Jon Gorgone 8, Ryan Reitano 8; VJ-Kjeld Lauritzen 27.

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ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE EDGED BY WESLEYAN IN OPENER *Cardinals stop Warriors' eight-game winning streak in overtime 13-12*

WEST HAVEN, Conn. -- Eastern Connecticut State University freshman attackman **Anthony Feleppa (ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA)** forced overtime with a tying goal with 2:23 left in regulation but Wesleyan University broke the tie five minutes into sudden death to post a 13-12 win over the Warriors Wednesday.

The win is the second one-goal verdict in as many years for Wesleyan (3-0) over Eastern, which had an eight-game winning streak snapped in dropping its season-opener. The Warriors had won their final eight games of last year.

Eastern wiped out one-goal deficits three times in the second half, finally forcing overtime by tying the match 12-12 when Feleppa notched his third goal of the match on an assist from sophomore attackman **Eddie Sheehan (COLONIA, NJ)** with 2:23 left in regulation.

The teams played a scoreless four-time session before Alex Benik scored his second goal one minute into the second four-minute stanza to keep the Cardinals undefeated.

Sophomore midfielder **Ryan Smart (NORWALK)** matched Feleppa with three goals while Sheehan finished with two goals and two assists.

Eastern travels to Greensboro, NC this weekend to face Villa Julie College Sunday and Guilford College Wednesday.

Wesleyan University 13, Eastern Conn. 12, ot

Eastern Conn. (0-1)	6	2	2	2	(0)	(0)	12
Wesleyan (3-0)	4	3	3	2	(0)	(1)	13

Goals: E-Anthony Feleppa 3, Ryan Smart 3, Eddie Sheehan 2, Bill McGovern, Thierry Francois, John Rubano, Vincent Bellante; W-Dan Osborne 4, Mark Puner 3, John Landay 2, Alex Benik 2, Pat Reid, Craig Schortzmann.

Assists: E-Sheehan 2, McGovern 2, Francois 2, Feleppa, Scott Berniker, Ryan Reinhart; W-Puner, Landay, Reid, Davis Thompson-Moss.

Saves: E-Ryan Reitano 9, Jon Gorgone 4; W-Lucas Cash 14.

Shots: E-57, W-31.

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