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Saturday, May 13, 2000

ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE ELIMINATED IN ECAC SEMIFINALS

Warrors outshoot Williams 55-39 but drop 12-11 overtime decision

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. -- All-America attackman John Moorhead scored his third goal of the match four minutes and 29 seconds into sudden death overtime to lift the Williams College men's lacrosse team to a 12-11 decision over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday in the semifinal round of the ECAC New England Division III Tournament at Wesleyan University.

Defending champion Williams (11-4), ranked 14th nationally and seeded second in the tournament, advances to the final Sunday at 1 p.m. against fifth-seeded and host Wesleyan University, which stunned top-seeded Bowdoin College 10-8 in Saturday's second semifinal.

Third-seeded Eastern (15-3), ranked 17th nationally, scored the only two goals of the fourth quarter to tie the match 11-11. Each team managed only one shot in the first four-minute overtime session -- Moorhead shooting wide midway through the stanza and ECSU senior midfielder **John Rubano (BETHPAGE, NY)** getting off weak shot which went wide with five seconds left.

In the opening seconds of the second overtime session, ECSU senior goalie **Ryan Reitano (BILLERICA, MA)** made a save on a shot by Williams' Nick Weisser but Moorhead was there to scoop up the rebound and bounce it into an open net to end the game.

It is the second overtime loss in eight days for Eastern, which was beaten 14-13 by Springfield College last Saturday in the championship match of the Pilgrim League playoffs.

Eastern outshot Williams 55-39 and cleared 20 of 24 attempts in the loss. Eastern trailed 11-9 at the outset of the fourth quarter but dominated the stanza, amassing a 16-4 advantage in shots in the period and scoring the only two goals. Senior attackman **Eddie Sheehan (COLONIA, NJ)**, who concludes his career record with a program-record 150 goals and 203 points, made it 11-10 with his third goal of the match 46 seconds into the quarter and junior attackman **Loic Williamson (BOXBORO, MA)** tied it at 11 with his fourth goal on a pass from Sheehan two minutes and 15 seconds later.

Reitano made 12 saves in goal for Eastern while freshman Michael Buscher stopped 16 shots for the Ephs.

Eastern, eliminated from the tournament for the second straight year by Williams, concludes its fifth intercollegiate season with a program-record 15 victories.

Williams College 12, Eastern Conn. 11, ot

Eastern Conn. (15-3)	3	4	2	2	(0)	11
Williams College (11-4)	6	2	3	0	(1)	12

Goals: E-Loic Williamson 4, Eddie Sheehan 3, Bill McGovern 2, Anthony Coletti, Dan Grabski; W-Geoff Cohane 4, John Moorhead 3, Robert Adamo, Nick Martinelli, Graham Davidson, Scott Goldberg, Nick Weisser.

Assists: E-Sheehan 3, Williamson 2, Kevin Ireland 2, Jeff Reinhart 2, John Rubano 2; W-Adamo 4, Moorhead, Martinelli, William Marino.

Shots: E-55, W-39; Saves: E-Ryan Reitano 12, Mark Hayes 1; W-Michael Buscher 16, Matt Gunther 0.

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ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE HOSTS ECAC TOURNAMENT OPENER *Warriors face Tufts in New England Division III quarterfinals Wednesday*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team hosts its first-ever ECAC New England Division III tournament match Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Tufts University in one of four quarterfinals matches in the eight-team, single-elimination tournament.

ECSU (14-2) is seeded third in the tournament, Tufts (9-5) sixth. The winner advances to semifinal-round play Saturday, with the final scheduled for Sunday. The Eastern-Tufts winner faces the Williams-Bates winner in the semifinals.

The winner of a quarterfinal round match between Trinity College and Wesleyan University will host the semifinals and final.

Eastern, ranked third in New England and 15th nationally, is making its second straight ECAC tournament appearance. Seeded fifth a year ago, the Warriors dropped a 16-6 verdict to No. 4 seed Williams, which went on to win the title.

Ranked 12th in New England, Tufts has won four of its last five. The Jumbos are led by junior attack Dan Kollar (48-14-62), sophomore attack Jon Zissi (23-24-47) and senior attack Greg Molinelli (24-14-38). Sophomore Kirk Lutwyler (9-5, 10.12 GAA) is the No. 1 goalie.

Eastern enters the match following its first loss in ten matches -- a 14-13 sudden death overtime loss at Springfield College in the Pilgrim League playoff final Saturday.

The Warriors, who have won their last 16 straight at home, are led by all-America senior defenseman Shannon Sligo (SOUTH HADLEY, MA) and all-New England seniors John Rubano (BETHPAGE, NY), Eddie Sheehan (COLONIA, NJ) and Bill McGovern (NEEDHAM, MA). Senior Ryan Reitano (BILLERICA, MA), the national leader in goals-against average, is the starting goalie. Reitano has a 12-2 record and 4.84 GAA.

Eastern and Tufts have never met. The Warriors have faced two of the teams in the tournament, defeating fourth-seeded Trinity 7-3 April 26 and fifth-seeded Wesleyan 17-6 March 15.

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**2000 ECAC New England
Division III Men's Lacrosse Tournament**

Seeds

1. Bowdoin College (12-2); 2. Williams College (9-4); 3. EASTERN CONN. (14-2); 4. Trinity College (9-4); 5. Wesleyan U. (10-4); 6. Tufts U. (9-5); 7. Bates College (9-6); 8. Gordon College (11-4).

Quarterfinals -- Wednesday, May 10

Game 1: Gordon College at Bowdoin College, 4 p.m.; Game 2: Bates College at Williams College, 4 p.m.; Game 3: Tufts U. at Eastern Conn., 4 p.m.; Game 4: Wesleyan U. at Trinity College, 4:30 p.m.

**Semifinals -- Saturday, May 13
at site of Game 4 winner**

Game 1 winner vs. Game 4 winner; Game 3 winner vs. Game 2 winner, time TBA

**Final -- Sunday, May 14
at site of Game 4 winner**

Semifinals winners, time TBA

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Wednesday, May 10, 2000

ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE ADVANCES IN ECAC TOURNAMENT

Warriors move into semifinals Saturday with 21-6 win over Tufts University

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Ten players scored at least one goal as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team advanced in the ECAC New England Division III Tournament with a 21-6 first-round rout of Tufts University Wednesday.

The win is the first ECAC tournament one for Eastern (15-2), seeded third in the eight-team field. The Warriors face second-seeded and defending tournament champion Williams College (10-4) Saturday in the tournament semifinals at noon at Wesleyan University in Middletown. Fifth-seeded Wesleyan (11-4) faces top-ranked Bowdoin College (13-2) in the other semifinal-round match at 2:30. The final is scheduled for Sunday at 1 p.m.

In other first-round matches Wednesday, Williams defeated seventh-seeded Bates College 15-10, Wesleyan eliminated fourth-seeded Trinity College 13-9 and Bowdoin beat eighth-seeded Gordon College 13-5.

The Warriors jumped to a 5-1 lead midway through the first period and were never headed, pushing the lead to 13-4 by the half. Senior attack Eddie Sheehan (COLONIA, NJ) led the way with four goals and an assist, two of his goals coming in the first period. Senior Thierry Francois (NORWALK) contributed three goals and two assists, junior Loic Williamson (BOXBORO, MA) three goals, senior John Rubano (BETHPAGE, NY) two goals and four assists and senior Bill McGovern two goals and three assists.

Senior goalie Ryan Reitano (BILLERICA, MA) was credited with the program's first ECAC win in net. Reitano made ten saves in earning his 38th career win in 43 decisions.

Williams eliminated ECSU 16-6 in last year's first round in the Warriors' first-ever ECAC appearance.

Ranked 15th nationally, Eastern set a program record for wins in capturing its 17th straight home victory. Tufts (9-6) was seeded sixth in the tournament.

Eastern Conn. 21, Tufts U. 6

Tufts U. (9-6)	3	1	0	2	--	6
Eastern Conn. (15-2)	6	7	3	5	--	21

Goals: T-Jon Zissi 3, Dan Kollar, Dan Kramer, Matt Adler; E-Eddie Sheehan 4, Loic Williamson 3, Thierry Francois 3, Jeff Reinhart 2, John Rubano 2, Bill McGovern 2, Michael Grabski 2, Pat Amendolia, Shannon Sligo, Kyler Brown.

Assists: T-Greg Molinelli 2, David Supple, Brian Cunningham; E-Rubano 4, McGovern 3, Francois 2, Reinhart, Sheehan, Kevin Ireland.

Shots: T-24, E-50; Saves: T-Kirk Lutwyler 11, E-Ryan Reitano 10, Mark Hayes 2.

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ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE BEATEN IN PILGRIM FINAL *Springfield College gains NCAA bid with 14-13, ot decision*

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. -- All-America attackman Nick Myers scored on his team's only shot of sudden death overtime as the Springfield College men's lacrosse team won the 2000 Pilgrim League playoff title with a 14-13 victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday.

Springfield (10-6) gains the automatic bid to the 14-team NCAA Division III tournament accorded the league's playoff champion after defeating the three-time league playoff champion Warriors and snapping their league regular-season and playoff winning streak at 32. Eastern (14-2), ranked 15th nationally, had a nine-game winning streak broken in falling to the No.-20 nationally-ranked Pride in the first meeting ever between the clubs.

Eastern scored four straight goals to tie the match 13-13, gaining the equalizer with 1:44 left in regulation on a goal by senior midfielder John Rubano (BETHPAGE, NY). In overtime, Eastern won the faceoff and had three shots during its possession. Springfield all-America midfielder Jeff Zella then stole a pass, however, and carried into the ECSU zone, where Myers took the pass and unloaded the winning shot with 2:45 gone in overtime. The goal was the fourth of the match for Myers.

The match against a nationally-ranked team was the seventh this season for Springfield, now 3-4 in those games.

Rubano led ECSU with three goals and two assists while senior attack Thierry Francois (NORWALK) added three goals in his first start of the season. Senior midfielder Bill McGovern (NEEDHAM, MA) added two goals and two assists for the Warriors, rated first nationally in scoring defense and margin and second in offense.

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Springfield scored the first goal of the fourth quarter to take a 13-9 lead three minutes into the frame but was shut out the rest of the frame. Sophomore attack Michael Grabski (SOMERS) and junior attack Loic Williamson (BOXBORO, MA) scored their first goals of the match four minutes apart to cut the deficit to two, 13-11, and Rubano scored twice 68 seconds apart to tie the match 13-all.

While the goals were the most allowed by ECSU this season, ECSU senior goalie Ryan Reitano (BILLERICA, MA) broke his own program record with 23 saves. Fifteen of the saves came in the first half, when the Pride moved out to a 10-5 halftime lead.

Springfield junior netminder Jeremy Platt made 16 saves, five coming in the fourth quarter and one in overtime as the Warriors rallied.

Eastern is expected to be named to its second straight ECAC New England Division III tournament when the field is announced Monday.

Springfield College 14, Eastern Conn. 13

Eastern Conn. (14-2)	3	2	4	4	(0)	--	13
Springfield (10-6)	3	7	2	1	(1)	--	14

Goals: E-Thierry Francois 3, John Rubano 3, Bill McGovern 2, Jeff Reinhart 2, Kristopher McQuarrie, Michael Grabski, Loic Williamson; S-Nick Myers 4, Kevin Marion 2, Sean Dowling 2, Erik Refvik 2, Jeff Zella, Matt Cersosimo, Jim Warnock, Michael Bartol.

Assists: E-McGovern 2, Rubano 2, Reinhart, Shannon Sligo, McQuarrie; S-Cersosimo 2, Zella 2, Jeremy Platt, Marion.

Shots: E-48, S-58; Saves: E-Ryan Reitano 23, S-Jeremy Platt 16.

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ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE ADVANCES TO PILGRIM LEAGUE FINAL *Warriors win 32nd straight league match, eliminating MIT 17-2 in semifinals*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Thirteen players contributed a goal or assist as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team advanced to the championship match of the Pilgrim League playoffs with a 17-2 win over MIT Wednesday.

Ranked 15th nationally and third in New England, Eastern (14-1) scored the first 15 goals of the match in winning its 32nd straight league match. ECSU has won its last nine matches this season and 16 straight at home.

The Warriors, the three-time defending playoff champions, visit Springfield College Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Pilgrim League title match. The Pride advanced by routing Plymouth State 24-6 Wednesday. Saturday's winner gains an automatic berth in the NCAA Division III tournament, which gets underway Wednesday.

Eastern, which eliminated MIT (9-4) in the semifinals for the third straight season, got four goals and an assist from all-time leading scorer **Eddie Sheehan (COLONIA, NJ)**. Senior midfielder **John Rubano (BETHPAGE, NY)** set a program season record for assists. Rubano broke the previous season mark of 36 with his second of three assists. In addition to his season record of 38, Rubano also holds program assist records in a match (8) and career (90).

Senior goalie **Ryan Reitano (BILLERICA, MA)**, who holds the top goals-against average in Division III, lowered that mark to 3.86 by blanking the Engineers in the first half before giving way to freshman **Mark Hayes (MIDDLETOWN)**. Reitano improved his career record to 37-4.

Eastern and Springfield have never met in men's lacrosse. In their first season in the league, the Pride (9-6) won all six of their Southeast Division regular-season contests while ECSU won all seven of its Northwest Division matches. Springfield is ranked 20th nationally, fourth in New England.

Eastern Conn. 17, MIT 2

Eastern Conn. (14-1)	5	6	4	2	--	17
MIT (9-4)	0	0	1	1	--	2

Goals: M-Pascal Rettig, Eli Weinberg; E-Eddie Sheehan 4, Michael Grabski 2, Kristopher McQuarrie 2, Bill McGovern 2, Kevin Ireland 2, John Rubano, Jeff Reinhart, Thierry Francois, Kyler Brown, Dwayne Coles.

Assists: E-Rubano 3, Ireland 2, Sheehan, McQuarrie, McGovern, Francois, Loic Williamson, Shannon Sligo, Christopher Schofield.

Shots: M-15, E-61; Saves: MIT-Justin Verdirame 19, Tim Nolan 4; E-Ryan Reitano 3, Mark Hayes 7.

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Saturday, April 29, 2000

ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE ROUTS SALEM STATE COLLEGE 27-3

Warriors post fourth straight unbeaten Pilgrim League regular season

SALEM, Mass. -- Sixteen players contributed a goal or assist as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team completed its fourth consecutive unbeaten regular season in the Pilgrim League with a 27-3 Northwest Division win over Salem State College Saturday.

The league win is the 31st straight for Eastern (13-1, 7-0), which has captured 25 straight Northwest Division regular-season matches and six straight playoff matches since 1996. The wins are also the most by the team in the regular season. The win was ECSU's eighth straight this season.

As the No. 1 seed in the Northwest Division, Eastern will host MIT Wednesday at a time not yet announced in the opening round of the Pilgrim League playoffs. MIT is the second-seeded team in the Southeast Division.

Senior attack **John Rubano (BETHPAGE, NY)** had four assists, moving him to within two of breaking the season record of 36, set by Damon Thomas in 1997. Rubano already holds ECSU records for assists in a match and career.

Senior goalie **Ryan Reitano (BILLERICA, MA)** shared netminding duties with sophomore **Matt Bove (WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY)** and recorded his 36th career win in 40 decisions. Reitano leads Division III in goals-against average.

Salem concludes 5-11 overall, 0-7 in the division.

The Warriors, ranked 20th nationally and rated first nationally in defense and scoring margin and second in scoring, have beaten MIT in the opening round of the playoffs each of the past two years. The first-round winners will meet Saturday in the championship match, with the winner advancing to the NCAA Division III tournament.

Eastern Conn. 27, Salem State College 3

Eastern Conn. (13-1)	8	5	8	8	--	27
Salem State (5-11)	0	0	3	0	--	3

Goals: E-Thierry Francois 4, Loic Williamson 4, Kyler Brown 3, Bill McGovern 3, Michael Grabski 2, Eddie Sheehan 2, James Protosow 2, Andrea Smith 2, Anthony Coletti, Eric Desbien, Jeff Reinhart, Bill Rentiers, John Rubano; S-Trevor Eaton, Brad Stalter, Steve Pasciuto.

Assists: E-Rubano 4, Reinhart 3, Kirk Belanger 2, Smith 2, Kristopher McQuarrie, Tucker Pesce, Brown, Coletti, Desbien, Grabski, McGovern, Williamson; S-Keith Santos, Eaton.

Shots: E-56, S-16; Saves: E-Ryan Reitano 2, Matt Bove 3; S-Tim Finn 16.

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ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE WINS SEVENTH STRAIGHT MATCH *Warriors win battle of nationally-ranked teams, 7-3 over Trinity*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Eastern Connecticut State University's No. 1 nationally-ranked defense held Trinity College without a goal for 39 minutes on the way to a 7-3 men's lacrosse victory in a battle of nationally-ranked teams Wednesday.

The win is the seventh straight for Eastern (12-1), ranked 20th nationally in Division III and fourth in New England. Trinity (9-3), ranked 16th nationally and sixth in New England, lost for the third time in four outings after an 8-0 start. It is the highest ranked team which ECSU has beaten in its five-year intercollegiate history.

Ranked first nationally in defense and scoring margin and second in scoring, Eastern did not allow a goal for 39 minutes after the Bantams took a 2-1 lead with four minutes left in the first quarter. ECSU scored the next four goals, moving out to a 5-2 lead before the Bantams finally scored again five minutes into the fourth quarter.

Trinity entered play averaging 13.3 goals per match while ECSU was allowing an average of only 3.8.

The win at home is the 15th straight for Eastern, which had been last beaten in Willimantic by Trinity 10-9 in overtime in 1998.

ECSU senior goalie **Ryan Reitano (BILLERICA, MA)** won for the 35th time in 39 decisions. Reitano made 11 saves and the ECSU defense helped out by holding top Trinity scorer Bobby Souers (49 points) without a point. Souers, who has 31 goals this season, attempted seven shots. As a team, Trinity was able to clear only 51.9 per cent of its 27 attempts while ECSU was successful on 78.1 per cent of its tries.

The key goal of the match was scored by junior midfielder **Jeff Reinhart (LONDONDERRY, NH)**. After Trinity broke its 39-minute scoring drought to pull to within 5-3 five minutes into the fourth quarter, Reinhart answered with his only goal of the match 34 seconds later, tallying an extra-man goal on an assist from senior **Eddie Sheehan (COLONIA, NJ)**. Sheehan, the program's all-time leading scorer, was the only multiple-goal scorer for Eastern. He had two goals and two assists.

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Trinity senior goalie Matt Jerry came up with 18 saves to hold Eastern nearly 12 goals under its season's average.

Eastern closes out its regular season Saturday at 1 p.m. with a Pilgrim League contest at Salem State College before hosting a first-round Pilgrim League match Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 7, Trinity College 3

Trinity (9-3)	2	0	0	1	--	3
Eastern Conn. (12-1)	2	1	2	2	--	7

Goals: T-Ravi Pillay, Andy Hayes, Peter Rogers; E-Eddie Sheehan 2, Thierry Francois, Loic Williamson, Michael Grabski, Shannon Sligo, Jeff Reinhart.

Assists: T-Pillay, Alex Ullman; E-Sheehan 2, John Rubano 2, Williamson, Kristopher McQuarrie.

Shots: T-23, E-33; Saves: T-Matt Jerry 18, E-Ryan Reitano 11.

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ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE WINS SIXTH STRAIGHT MATCH

Warriors improve to 31-2 at home with 16-5 victory over Babson

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Thirteen players contributed a goal or assist as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team overpowered Babson College 16-5 Thursday.

The win is the sixth straight this year and 31st in 33 matches at home for Eastern (11-1), ranked fourth in New England. Babson (6-5), ranked 13th in New England, had been the last regular-season opponent in Division III or New England to defeat the Warriors. Babson defeated ECSU 7-1 last April 24 before the Warriors captured a 10-6 decision in the championship match of last year's Pilgrim League playoffs.

Junior midfielder **Jeff Reinhart (LONDONDERRY, NH)** led ECSU with four goals while senior attack **Loic Williamson (BOXBORO, MA)** had three goals and an assist. Nine other players had one goal each.

Senior goalie **Ryan Reitano (BILLERICA, MA)** recorded his 34th win in 38 career decisions. The NCAA Division III national leader in goals-against average, Reitano allowed four goals through the first three quarters. He made nine saves before giving way to freshman **Mark Hayes (MIDDLETOWN)**.

As a team, the Warriors are ranked first nationally in defense and scoring margin and second in offense. ECSU has not allowed more than six goals to a Division III opponent this season.

Eastern hosts Trinity College, ranked fifth in New England, Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 16, Babson College 5

Babson College (6-5)	2	2	0	1	--	5
Eastern Conn. (11-1)	4	7	4	1	--	16

Goals: B-Mike Welch 3, Chris Darmon, Jason Pacor; E-Jeff Reinhart 4, Loic Williamson 3, Bill McGovern, John Rubano, Shannon Sligo, Anthony Coletti, Thierry Francois, Christopher Strycharz, Eddie Sheehan, Kristopher McQuarrie, Kyler Brown.
Assists: B-Brad Otis, Andrew Sayre; E-Rubano 2, Williamson, Christopher Schofield, Brendan Marra.

Shots: B-26, E-36; Saves: B-Paul DeFina 11, E-Ryan Reitano 9, Mark Hayes 3.

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ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE DOWNS COLBY COLLEGE 15-4

Warriors improve to 30-2 on home field with victory

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team held Colby College scoreless for the first 44 minutes in posting a 15-4 victory Monday in a battle of 1999 ECAC New England Division III tournament teams.

Eastern (10-1), ranked 20th nationally in and fourth in New England, scored the first 12 goals of the match en route to its fifth straight victory this year 30th on its home field in 32 tries in program history. Colby, which advanced to the finals of last year's ECAC tournament, got on the board by scoring twice in the final minute of the third quarter.

Junior **Jeff Reinhart (LONDONDERRY, NH)** scored four goals and senior all-time leading scorer **Eddie Sheehan (COLONIA, NJ)** added three for Eastern, which outshot Colby 48-20. ECSU is ranked first nationally in defense and scoring margin and second in offense. The Warriors have allowed more than six goals in a match only once in a 9-5 loss to New York Tech, ranked first nationally in Division II.

Senior **Ryan Reitano (BILLERICA, MA)** and freshman **Mark Hayes (MIDDLETOWN)** combined for the win in net. Reitano made a season-high ten saves through the first three quarters to up his career won-loss record to 33-4.

Eastern hosts Babson College Thursday at 4 p.m.. The Beavers are ranked 13th in New England.

Eastern Conn. 15, Colby College 4

Colby (3-7)	0	0	2	2	--	4
Eastern Conn. (10-1)	4	3	5	3	--	15

Goals: C-Barron Butler, Conor Cooper, Bill Spencer, Rob Morse; E-Jeff Reinhart 4, Eddie Sheehan 3, Shannon Sligo, Bill McGovern, Christopher Strycharz, Kirk Belanger, Loic Williamson, Thierry Francois, Kristopher McQuarrie, Kevin Ireland.

Assists: C-Butler; E-John Rubano 2, Francois, McQuarrie, Sheehan.

Shots: C-20, E-48; Saves: C-John Shea 12, Ben Park 11; E-Ryan Reitano 10, Mark Hayes 3.

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ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE WINS 30TH STRAIGHT PILGRIM MATCH

Warriors clinch top seed in playoffs with 19-4 win over Plymouth State

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team clinched the top seed in next month's Pilgrim League playoffs with its 30th consecutive league victory -- a 19-4 win over Plymouth State College.

With the win, the Warriors (9-1, 6-0) assured themselves of at least a share of their fourth straight Northwest Division regular-season title and guarantee themselves the No. 1 seed in the Northwest Division when the league playoffs get underway May 3. The playoff champion earns an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament.

Eastern, ranked 20th nationally in Division III, led 5-0 after the first quarter, and after the Panthers (6-3, 2-1) cut the gap to 7-3, scored five straight goals to pull away to a 12-3 lead. The Warriors are rated first in Division III in defense and scoring margin and second in offense.

Junior **Loic Williamson (BOXBORO, MA)** led ECSU with four goals, seniors **Eddie Sheehan (COLONIA, NJ)**, **Thierry Francois (NORWALK)** and **John Rubano (BETHPAGE, NY)** and junior **Jeff Reinhart (LONDONDERRY, NH)** adding three each. Rubano and Francois also contributed two assists each.

ECSU junior defender **Ryan Cavanaugh (WINDSOR)** was primarily responsible for limiting national goal leader Jim Martocchio of Plymouth to one goal on ten shots. Martocchio managed just one shot in the first quarter before getting his team on the board three minutes into the second quarter.

ECSU senior goalie **Ryan Reitano (BILLERICA, MA)** won his 32nd match in 36 career decisions. The national leader in goals-against average (4.70), Reitano allowed four goals before giving way to freshman **Mark Hayes (MIDDLETOWN)** with ECSU leading 16-4 two minutes into the fourth quarter. Both ECSU goalies made six saves.

Jason Biedrzycki had two goals for Plymouth, while Pilgrim League co-assist leader JP Sallèse had three assists. Jon Clark made 16 saves for the Panthers, who had a four-game winning streak snapped.

Eastern hosts Colby College Monday at 4 p.m. in a match originally scheduled to be played April 9 at Waterville, ME.

Eastern Conn. 19, Plymouth State 4

Plymouth State (6-3)	0	3	1	0	--	4
Eastern Conn. (9-1)	5	3	6	5	--	19

Goals: P-Jason Biedrzycki 2, Jim Martocchio, Andrew Quesnel; E-Loic Williamson 4, Eddie Sheehan 3, John Rubano 3, Thierry Francois 3, Jeff Reinhard 3, Christopher Schofield, Kirk Belanger, Brendan Marra.

Assists: P-JP Sallèse 3, Ben Stone; E-Rubano 2, Francois 2.

Shots: P-26, E-55; Saves: P-Jon Clark 16, E-Ryan Reitano 6, Mark Hayes 6.

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ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE WINS 29TH STRAIGHT PILGRIM LEAGUE MATCH *Rain postpones ECSU-Colby match scheduled for Sunday at Waterville, ME*

BOSTON -- Juniors Loic Williamson (BOXBORO, MA) and Christopher Schofield (GLASTONBURY) each scored four goals to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team to a 20-6 win over the University of Massachusetts Boston Saturday in a Pilgrim League Northwest Division match.

The league win is the 29th straight for Eastern (8-1, 5-0) and 30th in a total of 31 contests over five years. The Beacons are 4-3 overall, 1-1 in the division.

Eastern's scheduled non-league match at Colby College Sunday was postponed indefinitely due to rain. Eastern was seeded fifth in last year's ECAC New England Division III Tournament, Colby was second.

The Warriors scored five of the first six goals of the match -- two each by Williamson and Schofield -- and led 10-5 at halftime. Eastern, ranked first nationally in scoring margin and defense, allowed the first goal of the second half before scoring the final ten of the match.

Eastern had 61 shots on net, forcing UMass goalie Will Fleming to make 25 saves.

Eastern hosts Plymouth State College Saturday at 2 p.m. in a Pilgrim League match.

Eastern Conn. 20, UMass Boston 6

Eastern Conn. (8-1)	5	5	5	5	--	20
Umass Boston (4-3)	1	4	1	0	--	6

Goals: E-Christopher Schofield 4, Loic Williamson 4, Jeff Reinhart 3, Eddie Sheehan 3, Michael Grabski 2, John Rubano, Thierry Francois, Anthony Coletti, Kristopher McQuarrie; MB-Josh Stolp 2, Bill Ward 2, Phil Pittorino, Chris Greeley.

Assists: E-Sheehan 2, Kevin Ireland, Francois, Grabski, Williamson; MB-Pittorino 2, Nate Becklo 2.

Shots: E-61, MB-13; Saves: E-Ryan Reitano 2, Mark Hayes 1; MB-Will Fleming 25.

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Wednesday, April 5, 2000

ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE WINS 28TH STRAIGHT PILGRIM LEAGUE MATCH *Seventeen players contribute a goal or assist for Warriors in win*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Seventeen different players contributed a goal or assist as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team won its 28th straight Pilgrim League match with a 24-3 win over University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Wednesday.

Ranked fourth in New England, Eastern (7-1, 4-0) scored nine goals in the first quarter and led 14-0 at halftime. All 36 field players in uniform saw action for Eastern, which entered the contest ranked third nationally in scoring (18.86 goals per game) and first in defense (3.43 goals allowed per game) and margin (+15.43). This year, the Warriors have outscored their four league opponents by a margin of 100-5.

Senior midfielder **John Rubano (BETHPAGE, NY)**, ranked tenth nationally in assists, led the Warriors with three goals and two assists. Rubano extended his ECSU career assist total to 76 in 54 career matches.

UMass Dartmouth falls to 3-4 overall, 2-1 in the league.

Eastern visits Massachusetts Boston Saturday at 1 p.m. in a Pilgrim League contest.

Eastern Conn. 24, UMass Dartmouth 3

UMass Dartmouth (3-4)	0	0	1	2	--	3
Eastern Conn. (7-1)	9	5	7	3	--	24

Goals: M-Jim Ruggeri, Michael Beaton, Adam Centofanti; E-John Rubano 3, Jeff Reinhart 3, Eddie Sheehan 3, Michael Grabski 2, Loic Williamson 2, Kyler Brown 2, James Protosow 2, Andre Smith 2, Kristopher McQuarrie, Anthony Coletti, Christopher Schofield, Bill McGovern, Tucker Pesce.

Assists: M-Bryan Wallace, Ryan McDonald; E-McQuarrie 4, Rubano 2, Schofield 2, Brown 2, Pesce 2, Brendan Marra, Thierry Francois, Reinhart, McGovern, Williamson, Sheehan, Kevin Ireland, Eric Desbien.

Shots: M-11, E-71; Saves: M-Adam Centofanti 22, E-Mark Hayes 4, Matt Bove 0.

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Saturday, April 1, 2000

RUBANO LEADS ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE PAST WHEATON COLLEGE 20-2 *Senior breaks assist records in a match and career as Warriors improve to 6-1*

NORTON, Mass. -- All-New England senior midfielder **John Rubano (BETHPAGE, NY)** broke assist records in a match and career as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team routed Wheaton College (MA) 20-2 Saturday.

Enroute to breaking the match record with eight assists, Rubano broke the career record of 70, which was set by Damon Thomas in 1996 and '97. Rubano has 74 career assists in 53 games, 22 this season. The previous match record for assists was seven, set by Scott Berniker on April 12, 1997.

Eastern (6-1), which has outscored seven opponents this year by a margin of 132-24, scored the first 18 goals of the match. The Lyons (1-5) did not have a shot in the middle two periods.

Fourteen different players contributed a goal or assist. Sophomore **Michael Grabski (SOMERS)** led the way with a career-high four goals while junior attack **Loic Williamson (BOXBORO, MA)** had three goals and three assists.

Senior goalie **Ryan Reitano (BILLERICA, MA)** made two saves in the first half to improve his career record to 30-4.

Eastern looks for its fourth Pilgrim League win in as many contests this year when it hosts Umass Dartmouth Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 20, Wheaton College, MA 2

Eastern Conn. (6-1)	3	7	7	3	--	20
Wheaton, MA (1-5)	0	0	0	2	--	2

Goals: E-Michael Grabski 4, Loic Williamson 3, Kristopher McQuarrie 2, Jeff Reinhart 2, Eddie Sheehan 2, Bill McGovern 2, Anthony Coletti, Christopher Schofield, Thierry Francois, Kirk Belanger, Kevin Ireland; W-Loring Rowe, Padgett Berthiaume.

Assists: E-John Rubano 8, Williamson 3, Reinhart 2, Kyler Brown, Schofield, Belanger, Dwayne Coles. W-David Trail.

Shots: E-56, W-7; Saves: E-Ryan Reitano 2, Mark Hayes; W-Chris Kelly 25.

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Sunday, March 26, 2000

NATIONALLY-RANKED NY TECH SURVIVES ECSU UPSET BID *Men's lacrosse scares No.-2 ranked team in Division II before falling 9-5*

STONY BROOK, NY -- The New York Tech men's lacrosse team scored five straight goals to break a halftime tie and post a 9-5 victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Sunday in the championship game of the Stony Brook School Tournament.

The loss is the first for Eastern (5-1), which took a 3-1 lead early in the second quarter before the Bears (6-0) scored eight of the next nine to build a 9-4 lead with five minutes left in the match. New York Tech, the 1997 NCAA Division II national champion, is ranked second nationally in Division II. ECSU is unranked in Division III.

The Bears scored the first five goals of the second half, four of them coming on extra-man opportunities.

Junior attack **Loic Williamson (BOXBORO, MA)** scored three of ECSU's goals while senior goalie **Ryan Reitano (BILLERICA, MA)** made seven saves while working 40 minutes. Five of Reitano's saves came in the third quarter and allowed the Warriors to remain within striking distance.

ECSU's top attacking line of Williamson, sophomore **Michael Grabski (SOMERS)** and senior attack **Eddie Sheehan (COLONIA, NJ)** combined for five goals and one assist. The ECSU defense limited Tech's top scorer, junior Joel Cocarell to one goal.

Eastern had moved into the tournament finals by defeating Greensboro College 14-4 Saturday while New York Tech dumped Oneonta State 11-3. Oneonta is ranked 19th in Division III. Heading into Sunday's final, Eastern had outscored its first five opponents 107-13.

Against Greensboro, junior midfielder **Jeff Reinhart (LONDONDERRY, NH)** set personal bests of five goals and six points and senior midfielder **Bill McGovern (NEEDHAM, MA)** collected a career-high four goals and equalled his career high with four points. The Pride jumped out to a 3-2 lead but ECSU countered by scoring 12 of the final 13 goals of the match. Reitano made seven saves to record the win in net.

Oneonta defeated Greensboro 21-9 in the consolation game.

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

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Sunday, March 26, 2000

Men's Lacrosse
Stony Brook School Tournament
Championship match -- Sunday, March 26

New York Tech 9, Eastern Conn. 5

NY Tech (6-0)	1	3	2	3	--	9
Eastern Conn. (5-1)	2	2	0	1	--	5

Goals: N-Kevin Rooney 2, John Vella 2, John Buchanan, Tim Spruyt, Mark Cottom, Jon Luciano, Joel Cocarell. E-Loic Williamson 3, Michael Grabski, Eddie Sheehan.

Assists: N-Buchanan 3, Rooney 2, Vella, T. Spruyt, Ken Broschart, Paul Parasmio; E-Grabski, Bill McGovern, Chris Strycharz.

Shots: N-30, E-20. Saves: N-Chad Spruyt 4, E-Ryan Reitano 7, Mark Haynes 1.

First Round -- Saturday, March 25

Eastern Conn. 14, Greensboro College 4

Greensboro (3-4)	2	1	1	0	--	4
Eastern Conn. (5-0)	1	3	5	5	--	14

Goals: G-Chieu Lam, Trevor Shattuck, John Neff, Mars Anguiano; E-Jeff Reinhart 5, Bill McGovern 4, Kris McQuarrie 2, Michael Grabski, John Rubano, Eddie Sheehan.

Assists: G-Bill Zopp; E-Rubano 3, Reinhart, Sheehan, Loic Williamson.

Shots: G-25, E-48; Saves: G-Michael Cappe 12, James Scheidemann 4; E-Ryan Reitano

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Sunday, March 19, 2000

ECSU POSTS 27TH STRAIGHT PILGRIM LEAGUE VICTORY

Warriors improve to 4-0 overall with win over Maine Maritime

NORWICH, Conn. -- All 35 players in uniform saw action and 19 contributed a goal or assist as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team won its 27th consecutive Pilgrim League match with a 32-0 victory over Maine Maritime Academy Sunday at Norwich Free Academy.

Eastern (4-0, 3-0), off to its best start after four matches in its five-year existence, set program records for goals, goals in a shutout and margin of victory. The previous record for goals was 29 and the previous records for goals in a shutout and margin of victory were 27.

The Warriors have won their last 27 straight Pilgrim League matches, dating back to April 27, 1996. ECSU is the three-time defending league regular-season and playoff champion. Maine Maritime (0-3, 0-2) is in its first season in the league.

The starting attack unit of junior **Loic Williamson (BOXBORO, MA)**, senior **Eddie Sheehan (COLONIA, NJ)** and sophomore **Michael Grabski (SOMERS)** combined for nine goals and ten assists. Williamson had two goals and five assists, Sheehan four goals and two assists and Grabski three goals and three assists. Senior attack **Thierry Francois (NORWALK)** added four goals and an assist while junior attack **Kyler Brown (LONGMEADOW, MA)** had three goals and two assists.

Senior **Ryan Reitano (BILLERICA, MA)** and freshman **Mark Hayes (MIDDLETOWN)** combined on the shutout in net, teaming for seven saves. Freshman Grant Robinson of Maine Maritime came up with 29 saves on Eastern's 72 shots.

Ranked seventh in New England, Eastern competes at the U. at Stony Brook Invitational this coming Saturday and Sunday at Stony Brook, NY.

Eastern Conn. 32, Maine Maritime Academy 0

Maine Maritime (0-3)	0	0	0	0	--	0
Eastern Conn. (4-0)	10	12	6	4	--	32

Goals: Eddie Sheehan 4, Thierry Francois 4, Michael Grabski 3, Kyler Brown 3, Loic Williamson 2, Christopher Schofield 2, Jeff Reinhart 2, John Rubano 2, James Protosow 2, Andre Smith 2, Kristopher McQuarrie, Brendan Marra, Tucker Pesce, Jay Botelho, Matthew Godbout, Chad West.
Assists: Williamson 5, Grabski 3, Sheehan 2, Brown 2, Bill McGovern, Pat Ammendolia, Christopher Strycharz, Schofield, Reinhart, McQuarrie, Francois, Rubano, Marra, Smith.
Shots: M-10, E-72. Saves: M-Grant Robinson 29, E-Ryan Reitano 4, Mark Hayes 3.

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Friday, March 17, 2000

ECSU WINS 26TH STRAIGHT PILGRIM LEAGUE MATCH, OVER NORWICH U.
Warriors score eight goals in first quarter en route to third straight win this year

NORWICH, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team won its 26th consecutive Pilgrim League match Friday, defeating Norwich University (VT) 19-2 in a match played at Norwich Free Academy.

Eastern (3-0), ranked seventh in New England, scored eight times in the first quarter and eased to the victory over the Cadets, a first-year league entrant playing their first league match. The Warriors are the three-time defending league regular-season and playoff champion.

Seven players scored twice for Eastern, among them senior attack **Eddie Sheehan (COLONIA, NJ)**, who improved his ECSU career-leading goal total to 121. He has a team-leading 12 this season.

Freshman goalie **Mark Hayes (MIDDLETOWN)** allowed one goal and made seven saves over the first 39 minutes to record his first win in his first start while first-year sophomore goalie **Matt Bove (WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY)** made his collegiate debut in relief.

Eastern hosts Maine Maritime Academy in a Pilgrim League match Sunday at 1 p.m. at Norwich Free Academy.

Eastern Conn. 19, Norwich U. 2

Norwich U. (0-1)	0	0	1	1	--	2
Eastern Conn. (3-0)	8	5	3	3	--	19

Goals: N-Adam Grabiec, John Denaples; E-John Rubano 2, Eddie Sheehan 2, Loic Williamson 2, Michael Grabski 2, Jeff Reinhart 2, Kyler Brown 2, Bill McGovern 2, Thierry Francois, Brendan Marra, Eric Desbien, Tucker Pesce, Christopher Strycharz.

Assists: N-Grabiec, Denaples; E-Rubano, Sheehan, Williamson, Francois, Brown, Marra, Pesce.
Shots: N-18, E-60. Saves: N-Mike Gioia 9, Nathan Hjalpin 7; E-Mark Hayes 7, Matt Bove 0.

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ECSU DOWNS WESLEYAN IN BATTLE OF REGIONALLY-RANKED TEAMS

Warriors win 24th straight home match in men's lacrosse

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team answered with five straight goals after giving up the first two of the match on the way to a 17-6 win over Wesleyan University Wednesday.

two The win for Eastern (2-0), ranked seventh in New England, is its 24th straight at home and is the *third* in as many years over the Cardinals (0-1) after a pair of one-~~game~~ losses in the first meetings between the clubs. Wesleyan is ranked eighth in New England. *goals*

The Cardinals scored two early goals but ECSU countered with the next five over the next six minutes and trailed thereafter. Wesleyan's best opportunity to pull close came in the third quarter. The Cardinals scored a pair of goals to cut a six-goal deficit to four but couldn't capitalize further despite a two-man advantage midway through the quarter.

Senior attack **Eddie Sheehan (COLONIA, NJ)** had six goals and junior attack **Loic Williamson (BOXBORO, MA)** four goals and an assist for Eastern. It was Sheehan's goals that got ECSU going in the first quarter when he scored the team's first three goals in a two-minute span to give it the lead for good. Sheehan also got the first of two straight ECSU goals after the Cardinals had pulled to within 10-6 in the third quarter. Williamson continued to produce against Wesleyan. He had a career-high seven goals -- one shy of the match record -- in last year's 15-12 victory.

Senior goalie **Ryan Reitano (BILLERICA, MA)** also extended his program record with his 27th career win (in 30 decisions). Reitano made nine saves and allowed only three goals after the first quarter.

Both teams are coming off seasons where they qualified for ECAC New England Division III tournament play. Both lost first-round matches.

Eastern hosts Norwich University Friday at 3:30 p.m. in a Pilgrim League match. Norwich is a first-year member in the league.

Eastern Conn. 17, Wesleyan U. 6

Wesleyan U. (0-1)	3	1	2	0	--	6
Eastern Conn. (2-0)	5	4	3	5	--	17

Goals: W-Andrew Rotando 3, Chris Walsh, John Landay, Joedan Okun; E-Eddie Sheehan 6, Loic Williamson 4, Thierry Francois 2, Bill McGovern 2, Kristopher McQuarrie, Michael Grabski, Christopher Schofield.

Assists: W-Rotando, Landay; E-Rubano 3, Jeff Reinhart 2, Anthony Coletti, Francois, Williamson.

Shots: W-31, E-38; Saves: W-Lukas Cash 8, Alex Healy 0; E-Ryan Reitano 9.

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Saturday, March 11, 2000

ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE OPENS SEASON WITH PILGRIM WIN OVER KEENE

Three-time defending league champion wins 25th straight league match, 25-1

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Fifteen different players contributed a goal or assist as three-time defending Pilgrim League champion Eastern Connecticut State University defeated Keene State College 25-1 Saturday in the 2000 men's lacrosse season-opener for both teams.

The win is the 25th straight Pilgrim League win for the Warriors, who have won the last three league regular-season and playoff titles. ECSU, ranked seventh in New England, has also won 23 straight home matches.

Senior midfielder **John Rubano (BETHPAGE, NY)** led the way with a goal and a career-high six assists while junior attack **Kyler Brown (LONGMEADOW, MA)** had four goals and four assists. First-year players **Michael Grabski (SOMERS)**, **Andrea Smith (NORWALK)**, **Eric Desbien (TURNERS FALLS, MA)**, **Christopher Schofield (GLASTONBURY)** and **James Protosow (ROCKY POINT, NY)** all totalled their first points at Eastern.

Eastern outshot the Owls 63-10 and held a 61-32 advantage in ground balls. Keene State senior **Bob Bonnes**, ranked second last year in the league in scoring, was limited to one goal and four shots yesterday. ECSU freshman goalie **Mark Hayes (MIDDLETOWN)** made three saves while working the second half in his debut. Senior goalie **Ryan Reitano (BILLERICA, MA)** recorded his 26th career win in 29 decisions. He made three saves while working the first half.

Eastern hosts Wesleyan University Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.. The Cardinals are ranked eighth in New England.

Keene State (0-1)	0	0	0	1	--	1
Eastern Conn. (1-0)	4	10	6	5	--	25

Goals: K-Bob Bonnes; E-Eddie Sheehan 4, Kyler Brown 4, Jeff Reinhart 3, Loic Williamson 2, Andre Smith 2, Thierry Francois 2, Michael Grabski 2, Brendan Marra 2, John Rubano, Christopher Strycharz, Tucker Pesce, Eric Desbien.

Assists: E-Rubano 6, Brown 4, Chris Schofield, Bill McGovern, James Protosow, Sheehan, Grabski, Smith, Desbien.

Shots: K-10, E-63. Saves: K-Patrick Sullivan 16, E-Ryan Reitano 3, Mark Hayes 3.

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