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Saturday, May 10, 2003

### ECSU M-LACROSSE ELIMINATED FROM NCAA TOURNEY *Hamilton College scores overtime goal to post 11-10 victory*

CLINTON, NY -- Senior midfielder Bryan St. John scored on an assist from sophomore attack Jim Henry two minutes into sudden death overtime as the Hamilton College men's lacrosse team eliminated Eastern Connecticut State University from the 2003 NCAA Division III tournament with an 11-10 win Saturday.

Eastern (11-4) scored twice to take a 10-9 lead with 4:34 left in regulation but senior attack Matt Silverio tied the match with his fourth goal with 2:18 left in regulation on a pass from Henry and St. John won it 2:08 into overtime. Silverio, the two-time Upstate College Athletic Conference Player-of-the-Year, is the team's top goal-scorer and Henry the team's assist leader.

Eastern had a seven-game winning streak stopped in losing its opening match in NCAA play for the third straight year. It was the first NCAA match ever for Hamilton (15-2), which advances to face Cortland State Wednesday in a national quarterfinal match. Hamilton has won ten straight.

The Warriors never trailed by more than one and led by two, 5-3 with eight minutes left in the first half on goals by seniors **Eric Faraday (NEWINGTON)** and **Kristopher McQuarrie (LONDONDERRY, NH)**. The Continentals countered with three straight, however, before Faraday's third goal pulled Eastern even 6-6 at halftime. The match was tied eight times.

Faraday led Eastern with three goals, senior All-America **Marc DiGiovanni (WILTON)** adding two goals and three assists. DiGiovanni set up three first-half goals with passes but did not score until the first minute of the fourth quarter. He then scored twice -- tying the match each time -- in a span of four minutes.

Senior-goalie **Mark Hayes (FAIRFIELD)** made ten saves. Hayes finishes his career sharing first place with 38 career wins and first in games, starts, minutes and saves. DiGiovanni concludes his three-year Eastern career ranked second all-time in assists (81) and points (198) and fourth in goals (117).

Eastern was under the direction of first-year head coach **Jonathan Basti**, who led the Warriors to their fifth straight post-season tournament.

#### Hamilton College 11, Eastern Conn. 10 (ot)

Eastern Conn. (11-4) 2	4	0	4	(0)	--	10
Hamilton (15-2)	2	4	1	3	(1)	-- 11

Scoring: E-Eric Faraday 3-0, DiGiovanni 2-3, Ryan Perkoski 2-0, Brian Hebron 1-2, Andy Stockfisch 1-0, Kristopher McQuarrie 1-0, Bill Morgan 0-1; H-Matt Silverio 4-1, Bryan St. John 2-2, Jim Henry 1-4, Sean Lackaye 1-1, Dan Geiger 1-1, Scott Cohen 1-0, Jack Newton 1-0.

Shots: E-36, Hamilton 30; Saves: E-Mark Hayes 10, H-Jason Mleczko 12.

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Saturday, May 3, 2003

**ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE WINS THIRD STRAIGHT LEC TITLE**  
*Warriors down second-seeded Keene State 18-9 to gain NCAA bid*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team scored eight goals in the third quarter to break open a close match and go on to an 18-9 win over Keene State College Saturday in the championship match of the 2003 Little East Conference playoffs at Thomas Nevers Field.

With its seventh straight win, top-seeded Eastern (11-3) wins its third straight conference playoff title and gains an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament, which gets underway with a first-round match Wednesday. It was the first championship match appearance for second-seeded Keene State (11-4), whose only two conference losses this year have come at the hands of Eastern. Eastern has won all 23 conference matches in three years and has won 37 straight matches at Thomas Nevers Field.

The Owls led by a goal on three occasions in the first half before Eastern went ahead for good on junior midfielder **Bill Morgan's (WINDSOR)** extra-man goal with 10:50 left in the first half. Thirty-four seconds later, senior **Eric Faraday (NEWINGTON)** converted a goal when the Warriors had a two-man advantage to make it 6-4. Leading 7-5 at halftime, Eastern scored the first three goals of the third quarter, outscoring Keene 8-2 in the frame to take a 15-7 lead into the final quarter.

Senior All-America attack **Marc DiGiovanni (WILTON)** scored twice and junior midfielder **Andy Stockfisch (WILTON)** added another in the early 3-0 run in the third quarter when Eastern moved out to a 10-5 lead.

Led by DiGiovanni (four goals), ten different players contributed to the Eastern scoring. Sophomore attack **Brian Hebron (HICKSVILLE, NY)** -- Eastern's second-leading scorer -- finished with three goals and two assists. He did not score his first goal until just five minutes remained in the third quarter.

First-year junior midfielder **Joseph Nozdrovicky (BALDWIN, NY)** was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player. An Ohio State transfer, Nozdrovicky won 29 of 41 faceoffs (70.7 per cent) and added 16 ground balls in Eastern's two playoff wins. He was 15-for-23 against Keene State and 14-for-18 in a 19-4 semifinal win over Massachusetts Boston Thursday.

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Thursday, May 1, 2003

### ECSU M-LACROSSE ADVANCES TO LITTLE EAST PLAYOFF FINALS *DiGiovanni, Hebron combine for 7 goals, 9 assists in 19-4 semifinal win*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior All-America **Marc DiGiovanni (WILTON)** and sophomore **Brian Hebron (HICKSVILLE, NY)** combined for seven goals and nine assists as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team defeated the University of Massachusetts Boston 19-4 Thursday in the semifinals of the Little East Conference playoffs at Thomas Nevers Field.

The two-time defending regular-season and conference playoff champion, top-seeded Eastern (10-3) scored the first 16 goals of the match en route to its 22nd straight conference win and 36th consecutive victory at Nevers Field. Fourth-seeded UMass (7-9) had won five of its last six entering play before falling to Eastern for the tenth straight time. Eastern had eliminated UMass 17-3 in last year's semifinals.

Eastern, ranked seventh in New England and a winner of six straight, is scheduled to host second-seeded Keene State College (11-3) in Saturday's final at Nevers Field at 1 p.m.. Keene blasted third-seeded Massachusetts Dartmouth 20-5 Thursday. It will be the first championship match appearance for the Owls, ranked 15th in New England. As the No. 2 seed last year, Keene was upset by UMass Dartmouth in the semifinals.

For the first time, the playoff champion will be accorded an automatic berth in the NCAA Division III tournament, which gets underway next week.

DiGiovanni equalled his career high with nine points, assisting on a career-high seven goals and adding two of his own. The assist and point totals are one shy of the Eastern match record. DiGiovanni moved into sole possession of second place all-time with 77 assists -- 23 shy of John Rubano's all-time record -- and took over fourth place all-time with 188 career points. He is one shy of sharing place for career points and three shy of sharing second place. Eddie Sheehan's 212 points are the all-time record. DiGiovanni's 111 career goals rank him fourth, 46 behind all-time leader Sheehan.

Hebron scored a career-high five goals -- all on assists from DiGiovanni -- and added two assists. Eleven different players contributed to the scoring.

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Eastern senior goalie **Mark Hayes (FAIRFIELD)** started and played 30 shutout minutes -- making two saves -- to gain his 37th career win against eight losses. Hayes is one shy of tying the program record for goalie wins, set by Ryan Reitano between 1997 and 2000.

UMass senior attack Joshua Stolp, who entered the match leading the conference in goals, set a program career record of 188 goals when he scored his first of three five minutes into the third quarter. Stolp, a four-year player, now has 190 goals, breaking the mark previously held by Jamie Mulroney (1992-94).

**Eastern Conn. 19, Massachusetts Boston 4**

UMass Boston (7-9)	0	0	3	1	--	4
Eastern Conn. (10-3)	9	5	4	1	--	19

Scoring: MB-Joshua Stolp 3-1, Mike Forns 1-1, Ryan O'Rourke 0-1; E-Brian Hebron 5-2, Eric Faraday 4-0, Marc DiGiovanni 2-7, Donny Angle 2-0, Andy Stockfisch 2-0, Bill Morgan 1-1, Nuno Ramos 1-1, Will Pinto 1-0, Frank McIsaac 1-0, Joseph Nozdrovicky 0-1, Andre Smith 0-1.

Shots: MB-18, E-47; Saves: MB-Nick Eaton 17; E-Mark Hayes 2 (30 min., 0 goals allowed), Scott Fox 2 (15 min., 3 goals allowed), Brian Zimowski 1 (15 min., 1 goal allowed).

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Wednesday, April 23, 2003

**ECSU M-LACROSSE CLINCHES SHARE OF LITTLE EAST TITLE**  
*Warriors remain unbeaten (21-0) in three years of conference play with 15-6 win*

KEENE, NH -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team clinched a share of the Little East Conference regular-season title Wednesday with a 15-6 victory over Keene State College at Owl Stadium Complex.

With its 21st straight conference win, the two-time conference regular-season and playoff champions are guaranteed of at least a share of the regular-season title and a bye into the conference playoff semifinals. A win over the University of Southern Maine Saturday gives Eastern (9-3, 5-0) its third straight 6-0 conference regular-season finish and the No. 1 seed and home field in the conference playoffs, which get underway with two first-round matches Tuesday.

Eastern is ranked sixth in New England, Keene (8-3, 3-1) 15th. The Owls had a four-game winning streak broken and have lost all of their matches this year to regionally-ranked teams. Eastern has won five straight and seven of eight.

The Warriors scored the first six goals of the second quarter to pull away for an 8-1 halftime lead. Eastern unloaded 19 shots in the quarter, getting two goals in that stretch from sophomore attack **Brian Hebron (HICKSVILLE, NY)** and two from junior attack **Matt Kowalsky (NEWINGTON)**. Eastern outscored Keene (8-3, 3-1) 10-2 from the early minutes of the second quarter through the end of the third quarter.

Hebron led Eastern with four goals and an assist. Junior midfielder **Bill Morgan (WINDSOR)** and senior All-America attack **Marc DiGiovanni (WILTON)** had three goals each, DiGiovanni adding two assists and Morgan one. DiGiovanni and Keene sophomore attack Ben Bradley entered the week ranked 1-2 in the conference in points. Bradley had one goal on ten shots and added an assist.

Eastern senior goalie **Mark Hayes (FAIRFIELD)** made 13 saves to record his 36th career win, two behind all-time leader Ryan Reitano. Junior midfielder **Joseph Nozdrovicky (BALDWIN, NY)** won 15 of 24 faceoffs, eight of 12 in the first half. He also had six ground balls, as did junior All-New England defender **Andrew Handras (BETHPAGE, NY)**. Keene sophomore Eric Delisle made 12 saves, six in the second quarter.

Eastern hosts Southern Maine Saturday at 2 p.m. in the regular-season finale.  
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Saturday, April 19, 2003

**ECSU M-LACROSSE WINS 35TH STRAIGHT MATCH ON HOME FIELD 10-9**  
*Warriors hold Widener eight goals under its average in snapping its nine-game streak*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Sophomore attackman **Brian Hebron (HICKSVILLE)** scored three goals and added an assist as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team won its 35th straight match on its home field with a 10-9 victory over Widener University Saturday at Thomas Nevers Field.

Eastern (8-3) snapped the Pioneers' (9-3) nine-game winning streak in improving its all-time record on its home field to 52-2. Eastern's last home loss came 10-9 in overtime to Trinity College April 28, 1998. The Warriors have won four straight.

Hebron scored two goals and senior All-America attackman **Marc DiGiovanni (WILTON)** one as the Warriors wiped out their only deficit of the match and took a 6-4 lead 2:27 into the third quarter. With Eastern leading 9-7, the teams traded extra-man goals -- Hebron notching his with 5:07 left to re-store the two-goal lead. The Pioneers cut the deficit to one goal again with 3:11 left but the Warriors ran out the clock after gaining possession with one minute left.

Eastern senior **Mark Hayes (FAIRFIELD)** was called upon for just seven saves as Eastern outshot the Pioneers 40-27 but his save of a point-blank shot by Widener senior Steve Littlewood with six minutes left helped Eastern maintain a 9-7 lead. Widener senior Pat Carmack stopped 25 Eastern shots.

Widener entered play averaging 16.6 goals per game but Eastern's defense limited 46-goal scorer Brian Manion to one goal on four shots. Manion scored his only goal with five minutes left in the first half after junior attack **Bill Morgan (WINDSOR)** had scored twice to give Eastern a 2-0 lead.

Junior midfielder **Joseph Nozdrovicky (BALDWIN, NY)** won 17 of 23 faceoffs. Senior All-America defender **Pat Ammendolia (ACTION, MA)** led Eastern with nine ground balls, Nozdrovicky adding seven and junior defender **Andrew Handras (BETHPAGE, NY)** five.

Eastern returns to Little East Conference play Wednesday at Keene State College at 4 p.m.

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Monday, April 14, 2003

**EASTERN LACROSSE STRETCHES LITTLE EAST WIN STREAK TO 20**  
*Warriors equal program record with 32 goals in victory over Salem State*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Twenty different players contributed to the scoring and senior All-America **Marc DiGiovanni (WILTON)** scored the 100th goal of his career as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team routed Salem State College 32-2 Monday at Thomas Nevers Field.

Ranked third in New England, Eastern (7-3) remained unbeaten in 20 conference matches all-time, winning its fourth this season. Eastern has won 34 straight matches at Thomas Nevers Field. The goal total equals the most in a match in program history.

A total of 20 different players had a goal or assist for Eastern. A third-year letterwinner, DiGiovanni became the fifth player in the program's eight-year history to accumulate at least 100 goals at Eastern. A transfer from Johns Hopkins University, DiGiovanni scored his 100th goal with his first of four goals three minutes into play. He also had four assists. In ten matches this year, DiGiovanni has 30 goals and 23 assists, 103 goals and 68 assists in his 38-game career.

First-year junior **Amir Loghmanieh (AMHERST, NY)** had a career-high four goals and sophomore **Brian Hebron (HICKSVILLE, NY)**, this past week's conference Offensive Player-of-the-Week, had three goals and two assists. Sophomores **Frank McIsaac (RIDGE, NY)** and **Michael Kitselman (GREENWICH)** and junior defenseman **Jason Saunders (NORWALK)** each recorded their first career points. McIsaac had a goal and two assists, Kitselman two goals and Saunders one goal.

Eastern hosts Widener University Saturday at 1 p.m.

**Eastern Conn. 32, Salem State College 2**

Salem State (0-5, 0-4 little east)	1	0	0	1	--	2
Eastern Conn. (7-3, 4-0 little east)	9	12	6	5	--	32

Scoring: S-Pat Simmons 2-0, Eric Stanton 0-2; E-Marc DiGiovanni 4-4, Amir Loghmanieh 4-0, Brian Hebron 3-2, Andy Stockfisch 2-0, Frank McIsaac 1-2, Andrew Handras 1-0, Nuno Ramos 1-1, Andre Smith 1-1, Kristopher McQuarrie 2-1, Michael Kitselman 2-0, Donny Angle 2-0, Will Pinto 2-0, Joseph Nozdrovicky 1-0, Bill Morgan 1-0, Jason Saunders 1-0, Tim Bolduc 1-0, Andy Castoldi 1-1, Matt Kowalsky 1-0, Andy Ivanick 1-0, Patrick Hennessey 0-1.

Shots: S-14, E-71; Saves: S-Mike Bates 17, E-Mark Hayes 5 (30 min., 1 goal allowed); Scott Fox 3 (15 min., 0 goals allowed), Brian Zimowski 4 (15 min., 1 goal allowed).

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Saturday, April 5, 2003

### ECSU M-LACROSSE WINS 18TH STRAIGHT LEC MATCH *Warriors remain unbeaten all-time in conference with 13-6 win over UMB*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Six different players scored first-half goals and the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team posted its 18th straight Little East Conference win, 13-6 over the University of Massachusetts Boston Saturday at Thomas Nevers Field.

Ranked fourth in New England, Eastern (5-3, 2-0 little east conference) has won all 18 of its conference matches in the three years of conference play and extended to 32 its winning streak at Nevers Field. Coming off Wednesday's 9-8 overtime loss at Trinity, Eastern avoided its first two-game losing streak in the program's eight-year history.

Leading 3-0 after one quarter, Eastern scored four of the first five goals in the second quarter to move out to a 7-1 lead with eight minutes left in the first half.

Eleven players contributed a goal or assist against UMass Boston, and all three Eastern goalies logged at least 15 minutes of work. Senior All-America **Marc DiGiovanni (WILTON)** and **Brian Hebron (HICKSVILLE, NY)** each had three goals and one assist for Eastern. DiGiovanni moved into fifth place all-time with his 157th career point. *(1-5, 0-1 little east)*

Eastern visits Plymouth State College Saturday at 2 p.m.

#### Eastern Conn. 13, UMass Boston 6

UMass Boston (1-5, 0-1 little east)	0	2	0	4	--	6
Eastern Conn. (5-3, 2-0 little east)	3	4	4	2	--	13

Scoring: M- Jesse Flynn 2-1, Steve Cappellini 2-0, Mike Forns 1-2, Joshua Stolp 1-0, Ryan O'Rourke 0-3; E-Brian Hebron 3-1, Marc DiGiovanni 3-1, Andy Stockfisch 2-0, Kristopher McQuarrie 1-2, Bill Morgan 1-0, Ryan Forthofer 1-0, Tim Bolduc 1-0, Andrew Handras 1-0, Donny Angle 0-1, Nuno Ramos 0-1, Andy Castoldi 0-1.

Shots: M-18, E-45; Saves: M-Nick Eaton 16, E-Mark Hayes (4 saves, 2 goals allowed, 30 min.), Scott Fox (2 saves, 0 goals allowed, 15 min.), Brian Zimowski (2 saves, 4 goals allowed, 15 min.).

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Wednesday, March 26, 2003

**DEFENSE CARRIES ECSU M-LACROSSE PAST STEVENS 10-5**  
*Warriors allow only one goal in each of last three quarters in victory*

HOBOKEN, NJ -- The Eastern Connecticut State University defense allowed only one goal in each of the last three quarters in recording a 10-5 victory over Stevens Institute of Technology Wednesday at DeBaun Field.

Leading 3-0, Eastern (3-2) gave up two goals in the final 32 seconds of the first quarter but surrendered only three the rest of the way in defeating the Ducks (3-4) in the first meeting between the schools. Both institutions have qualified for NCAA Division III tournament play each of the past two years.

After Stevens scored four minutes into the third quarter to pull to within 7-4, the Eastern defense didn't allow another for nearly 25 minutes, until the hosts scored the final goal of the match with 39.1 seconds left.

Sophomore attackman **Brian Hebron (HICKSVILLE, NY)** scored on three of his five shots and also contributed two assists and five ground balls. With Eastern leading by one goal, 4-3 early in the second quarter, Hebron assisted on a goal by senior midfielder **Kristopher McQuarrie (LONDONDERRY, NH)** before scoring the team's only extra-man goal with 2:39 left in the quarter to make it 6-3. Hebron either assisted or scored five goals in a six-goal span in the match.

Senior goalie **Mark Hayes (FAIRFIELD)** made 11 saves to gain the win in net. Senior long stick midfielder **Pat Ammendolia (ACTON, MA)** had five ground balls.

Ranked 19th nationally, Eastern opens Little East Conference action Saturday at 2 p.m., hosting Massachusetts Dartmouth.

**Eastern Conn. 10, Stevens Tech 5**

Eastern Conn. (3-2)	3	4	2	1	--	10
Stevens Tech (3-4)	2	1	1	1	--	5

Scoring: E-Brian Hebron 3-2, Marc DiGiovanni 2-1, Kristopher McQuarrie 2-1, Bill Morgan 1-1, Eric Faraday 1-1, Andre Smith 1-0, Andy Stockfisch 0-1; S-Adam Baker 1-1, Rob Leming 1-0, Tom DiLemmo 1-0, Mike Baumbach 1-0, Brian Lalli 1-0, Matt Kuppe 0-1, Jim Mitchel 0-1.

Shots: E 24, S-29; Saves: E-Mark Hayes 11, S-Matt Cannon 10.

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Monday, March 24, 2003

**WHITTIER HAS TOO MUCH FOR ECSU M-LACROSSE IN 17-9 WIN**  
*No. 3 Poets use 9-1 run to hand No. 19 Warriors second loss of season*

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY, VA -- The All-America attack line of Kelly Hall, Ryder Bateman and Luke Gilbert combined for ten goals and three assists as the No. 3-ranked Whittier College men's lacrosse team turned back Eastern Connecticut State University 17-9 Monday at Ray Rostan Field on the campus of Hampden-Sydney College.

Whittier (7-0), ranked third nationally in the most recent USILA Division III poll, used a 9-1 run to pull away from a 3-2 lead and beat Eastern (2-2) for the third time in two years. Whittier reached the second round of last year's NCAA tournament before losing by one goal to eventual national champion Middlebury College. Three of Eastern's last four losses in its last 15 matches have come at the hands of the Poets.

Eastern, which had lost by double figures the previous two times the teams had met, scored four of the game's five goals to cut the gap to 15-8 with 3:28 left but could get no closer. Whittier had outscored Eastern 9-1 over a span of 35 minutes to build a 12-3 lead with 22 minutes left in the game.

Whittier's top attack line players, all three of whom were named to the USILA Division III All-America team last year, scored five of it's team's first seven goals. Bateman finished with four goals, Hall three and Gilbert three goals and three assists.

Eastern, which was stymied on all 12 of its extra-man opportunities, got a goal and career-high five assists from senior All-America attackman **Marc DiGiovanni (WILTON)**. The team's top scorer, DiGiovanni was limited to just three shots by the Whittier defense, most notably starting defenseman Aaron Jaffe. The Poets were also successful on 29 of 33 clear attempts.

Eastern senior goalie **Mark Hayes (FAIRFIELD)** made 14 saves for Eastern, six coming in the first quarter when Whittier unloaded 15 shots. First-year Ohio State transfer **Joseph Nozdrovicky (BALDWIN, NY)** won 15 of 26 faceoffs for Eastern.

Eastern meets Stevens Institute of Technology Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Hoboken, NJ. Stevens Tech received votes in this week's national poll.

**Whittier College 17, Eastern Conn. 9**

Whittier (7-0)	4	3	7	3	--	17
Eastern Conn. (2-2)	2	1	2	4	--	9

Scoring: W-Ryder Bateman 4-0, Luke Gilbert 3-3, Kelly Hall 3-0, Andrew Biers 2-0, Evan Cardwell 1-2, Larry Giglio 1-0, Dan Finck 1-2, Brian Kelly 1-1, Blake Mitchell 1-0, Dax Harrison 0-1; E-Andy Stockfisch 2-0, Brian Hebron 2-1, Marc DiGiovanni 1-5, Eric Faraday 1-0, Andre Smith 1-1, Amir Logmanieh 1-0, Joseph Nozdrovicky 1-0.

Shots: W-48, E-26; Saves: W-Adam Messick 9, E-Mark Hayes 14.

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Sunday, March 16, 2003

**BALANCED EFFORT LEADS ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE PAST TUFTS**  
*11 players contribute points for nationally-ranked Warriors in 18-10 win*

NORWICH, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team never allowed more than two consecutive goals in posting an 18-10 win over Tufts University Sunday in match played at Norwich Free Academy.

Ranked seventh in New England and 17th nationally, Eastern (2-1) scored four straight goals after spotting the Jumbos (0-1) a 1-0 lead and never trailed thereafter. Eastern's defense never allowed Tufts to score more than two unanswered goals. The Jumbos, winless in two matches against Eastern, are ranked tenth in New England.

Senior All-America attackman **Marc DiGiovanni (WILTON)** was one of 11 players to contribute points. DiGiovanni scored five goals to take over sixth place all-time with 85 career goals. Sophomore attackman **Brian Hebron (HICKSVILLE)** added three goals and two assists and senior midfielder **Andre Smith (NORWALK)** two goals and a career-high three assists for a career-high five points.

Senior goalie **Mark Hayes (FAIRFIELD)** made 15 saves to record his 30th career win. Hayes allowed goals on four of Tufts's first seven shots but settled down to allow only one on Tufts's next 15 attempts.

Eastern faces No. 5 nationally-ranked Whittier College Monday, March 24 at 1 p.m. at Charlottesville, VA. The Poets defeated Eastern twice last year, eliminating the Warriors in the first round of the NCAA tournament at Whittier, CA.

**Eastern Conn. 18, Tufts U. 10**

Tufts (0-1)	3	3	3	1	--	10
Eastern Conn. (2-1)	6	6	2	4	--	18

Scoring: T-Bryan Griffin 5-0, David Taylor 2-3; Devin Clarke 1-0; Casey D'Annolfo 1-0, Mike O'Brien 1-0, Alex Kerwin 0-3; E-Marc DiGiovanni 4-1; Brian Hebron 3-2; Andre Smith 2-3, Kristopher McQuarrie 2-2, Andy Stockfisch 2-1, Eric Faraday 1-1, Amir Loghmanieh 1-0, Joseph Nozdrovicky 1-0, Nuno Ramos 1-0, Matt Kowalsky 1-0, Pat Ammendolia 0-1.

Shots: T 39, E 47; Saves: T Michael Terrasi 6 (30 min., 12 goals allowed), Brian Atherton 9 (30 min., 6 goals allowed); E-Mark Hayes 15 (59 min., 9 goals allowed), Scott Fox 2 (1 min., 1 goal allowed).

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Saturday, March 8, 2003

**ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE DRUBBED BY SUNY AT CORTLAND 19-4**  
*Red Dragons score nine extra-man goals in match featuring nationally-ranked teams*

KINGS POINT, NY -- Fourteen players contributed a goal or assist to power the SUNY College at Cortland men's lacrosse team to a 19-4 victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday in a match featuring nationally-ranked teams played at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Cortland (1-1), ranked ninth nationally, scored on its first two shots and went on to post the first six goals of the match. Eastern (1-1), ranked 14th nationally, was shut out in the first and third periods by the Red Dragons, an 11-time NCAA tournament qualifier.

Cortland, which reached the second round of last year's NCAA tournament, scored on each of its first four extra-man opportunities in the first 25 minutes. The Dragons cashed in on nine extra-man tries on 15 opportunities in all while Eastern was held without an extra-man goal despite nine opportunities. Junior attackman Drew Hyatt and freshman attackman Kyle Lambert each scored twice on extra-man situations.

Senior All-America goalie Steve Feltmann made 16 saves before being replaced with seven minutes left and the Red Dragons leading 15-3. Hyatt led the balanced Cortland effort with five goals and an assist while senior All-America attackman Craig Degnan had three goals, two coming in the first period. Senior All-America midfielder Derek Elvin had two goals and three assists. He had both of his goals and two of his assists in the first 19 minutes.

Junior defender Frank Estrella helped limit Eastern All-America attackman **Marc DiGiovanni (WILTON)** to one goal and one assist. Eastern's top offensive line managed just three goals and an assist.

Eastern visits Babson College Friday at 4:30 p.m.

**SUNY College at Cortland 19, Eastern Conn. 4**

Eastern Conn. (1-1)	0	3	0	1	--	4
Cortland (1-1)	5	5	3	6	--	19

Scoring: E-Brian Hebron 2-0, Marc DiGiovanni 1-1, Kristopher McQuarrie 1-0; Bill Morgan 0-1; C-Drew Hyatt 5-1, Craig Degnan 3-0, Derek Elvin 2-3, Kyle Lambert 2-0, Andrew Roth 1-2, Clyde Robinson 1-0, Doug Muhlbauer 1-1, Mike Bryant 1-1, Matt O'Connell 1-1, Ryan LaFleur 1-0, Chris Soluri 1-0, Adam Hughes 0-2 Dan Mendelson 0-1, Drew Soloman 0-1.

Shots: E-33, C-48; Saves: E-Mark Hayes 12 (15 goals, 55:35), Scott Fox 0 (4 goals, 4:25); C-Steve Feltmann (3 goals, 53:06), Michael Draper 3 (1 goal, 6:54).

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### DiGIOVANNI, HAYES LEAD ECSU M-LACROSSE TO 16-5 WIN *Basti earns first win as collegiate head coach in win over C.W. Post*

FAIRFIELD, Conn. -- Marc DiGiovanni (WILTON) tied his career high with six goals and Mark Hayes (FAIRFIELD) made 22 saves to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team to a 16-5 win over LIU-C.W. Post Saturday in the opener for both schools at Sacred Heart University.

In a battle of pre-season nationally-ranked teams, Eastern rolled up a 13-1 lead late in the third quarter in giving first-year head coach Jonathan Basti his first win as a collegiate head coach. Basti replaced seven-year head coach Rick McCarthy, who led the Warriors into post-season competition the past four years. Basti had been an assist at Sacred Heart the past two years.

Eastern was ranked 16th nationally in the pre-season Division III poll, C.W. Post fifth in the pre-season Division II poll. C.W. Post has reached the Division II title game four times in the past seven years, winning the 1996 crown.

DiGiovanni, a senior pre-season All-America, led the way offensively, scoring five goals in a run of 13 straight by the Warriors after the Pioneers had scored the first goal of the match four minutes into play. Sophomore attackman Brian Hebron (HICKSVILLE, NY) added two goals and three assists for Eastern, which got a goal or assist from eight different players.

Hayes finished one save shy of the program's match record for saves, which he shares with Ryan Reitano. He held the Pioneers scoreless for 40 minutes and two seconds as Eastern was making run of 13 straight goals. The Pioneers scored four of their five goals in the game's final 16 minutes.

Eastern faces No. 5 nationally-ranked SUNY at Cortland Saturday at 1 p.m. in Wantagh, NY.

#### at Fairfield, CT

LIU-C.W. Post (0-1)	1	0	0	4	--	5
Eastern Conn. (1-0)	3	4	6	3	--	16

Scoring: C-Sandy Tejada 1-1, Ryan Graham 1-0, Pete Ruffini 1-0, Tom Hill 1-0, Jim Blocho 1-0, Vinny Della Speranza 0-1, E-Marc DiGiovanni 6-0, Brian Hebron 2-3, Kristopher McQuarrie 2-3, Eric Faraday 2-1, Andre Smith 2-0, Andy Stockfish 1-1, Matt Kowalsky 1-0, Joseph Nozdroyieky 0-1.

Shots: C-37, E-43; Saves: C-Mike Zagari (60 min.) 10, E-Mark Hayes (60 min.) 22.

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