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Saturday, April 16, 2005

### CONN COLLEGE SNAPS EASTERN M-LACROSSE WINNING STREAK

*Camels score six straight goals to pull away for 13-9 non-conference victory*

NEW LONDON, Conn. – Dave Schwartz scored the first and last goal in a 6-0 run beginning midway through the third quarter that helped lift the Connecticut College men's lacrosse team to a 13-9 victory Saturday that snapped Eastern Connecticut State University's four-game winning streak.

Coming off two wins over nationally-ranked opponents, Conn (5-5) countered a run of four straight Eastern goals by scoring six straight that lifted the Camels into a 13-6 lead three minutes into fourth quarter.

Eastern never led in the game and trailed by five, 7-2 early in the third quarter before scoring four straight goals in a span of four minutes that cut the gap to one, 7-6 midway through the third quarter.

Senior attack **Brian Hebron (HICKSVILLE, NY)** and freshman midfielder **Josh Cittadino (BALDWIN, NY)** scored goals four seconds apart to begin Eastern's run of four straight goals and Hebron cut the gap to 7-6 with 8:25 left with his third goal of the match. Hebron led Eastern with four goals, Cittadino adding two.

Eastern visits Keene State College Saturday at 1 p.m. in a Little East Conference match.

#### **Connecticut College 13, Eastern Conn. 9**

Eastern Conn. (6-4)	2	0	4	3	--	9
Conn College (5-5)	2	3	5	3	--	13

**Scoring:** E-Brian Hebron 4-0, Josh Cittadino 2-0, Chris Elrod 1-1, Dave Carpenter 1-1, Brian Weigand 1-0; C-Russ Chase 4-0, Brad Luckhardt 2-2, Dave Schwartz 3-0, Chas McLaughlin 2-0, Craig Audin 2-0, Chris Lyon 0-1, Brendan Rampi 0-1.

**Shots:** E-46, C-37; **Saves:** E-Will Holland 10, C-Dave Schwartz 11.

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Thursday, April 14, 2005

### EASTERN MEN'S LACROSSE CONTINUES LITTLE EAST DOMINANCE

*Warriors overwhelm UMass Dartmouth 19-3 to post 35<sup>th</sup> straight conference victory*

NORTH DARTMOUTH, MA -- Four-time defending Little East Conference regular-season and playoff champion Eastern Connecticut State University extended its conference unbeaten streak to 35 with a 19-3 win over the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Thursday afternoon at Cressy Field.

Twelve different players contributed a goal or assist for Eastern (6-3, 4-0 little east), which scored the first five goals of the match and outshot UMass (2-6, 0-3 little east) 52-22 overall. Eastern's defense shut out the Corsairs through the first 22 minutes and limited them to one goal in the first half. Eastern was successful on 25 of 28 clear attempts in the game.

Of Eastern's first ten goals, senior attack **Brian Hebron (HICKSVILLE, NY)** scored four and assisted on two. The top attack line of Hebron and sophomores **Dave Carpenter (REDDING)** and **Chris Elrod (RIVERSIDE)** combined for 11 goals and seven assists.

Seven players contributed at least four ground balls, led by sophomore midfielder **Patrick Bushnell (SOUTHINGTON)**. Bushnell won nine of 15 faceoffs and picked up eight ground balls. Freshman defenseman **Jon Snedeker (SOUTHINGTON)** came up with five ground balls and Carpenter, freshman midfielder **Josh Cittadino (BALDWIN, NY)**, Hebron, freshman midfielder **Pete Hamilton (RUTLAND, VT)** and senior midfielder **Michael Kitselman (GREENWICH)** added four ground balls each to the Warriors' game total of 57.

In his second collegiate game, freshman attack **Keith Lorenzo (RONKONKOMA, NY)** scored his first two goals. He scored on his first recorded shot with 9:24 left. Snedeker had his first collegiate assist. Junior goalie **Will Holland (KENT)** made nine saves and allowed only two goals over the first 43:23 to lower his goals-against average to 7.89 and raised his save percentage to .647.

Eastern visits Connecticut College Saturday at 1:30 p.m. for a non-conference match.

#### Eastern Conn. 19, UMass Dartmouth 3

Eastern Conn. (6-3, 4-0 little east)	4	3	7	5	--	19
UMass Dartmouth (2-6, 0-3 little east)	0	1	2	0	--	3

**Scoring:** E-Brian Hebron 4-3, Dave Carpenter 3-4, Chris Elrod 4-0, Pete Hamilton 2-1, Keith Lorenzo 2-0, Josh Cittadino 1-1, Jeff Flandina 1-1, Kyle MacDonald 1-0, Tyler Prescott 1-1, Rob Quamily 0-1, Jon Snedeker 0-1, Brian Weigand 0-1; MD-J-P Desjardins 1-0, Ryan Grant 1-0, Kevin Enwright 1-0.

**Shots:** E-52, MD-22; **Saves:** E-Will Holland 9 (43:23 min., 2 goals allowed), Kiernan Daly 4 (16:37 min., 1 goal allowed); MD-Steve Chase 18.

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Saturday, April 9, 2005

**EASTERN M-LACROSSE SURVIVES GAME OF BALL CONTROL, 9-3**  
*Senior Brian Hebron sets career assist and point records in Little East victory*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – Senior attack **Brian Hebron (HICKSVILLE, NY)** broke Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse career records for assists and points six minutes apart as the Warriors posted a 9-3 Little East Conference victory over Plymouth State University Saturday afternoon at Thomas Nevers Field.

The conference win is the 34<sup>th</sup> straight for the four-time defending regular-season and playoff champions, whose ball-control style this year contrasted two wins over Plymouth State by a combined score of 47-12. Eastern (5-3, 3-0 little east) improved its all-time record on Nevers Field to 62-3. Idle for a week, Plymouth (2-5, 0-2) dropped its third straight match.

Hebron entered his 60<sup>th</sup> career game tied with John Rubano '00 with 100 career assists and three points shy of Eddie Sheehan's '00 record point total of 212. Hebron scored his first goal with 43 seconds left in the first half to give Eastern a 3-1 lead and broke the assist record with 8:17 left in the third quarter when he set up sophomore attack **Chris Elrod (RIVERSIDE)** for a goal that gave Eastern a 6-2 lead. Hebron recorded his record-setting 213<sup>th</sup> point with an assist on a goal six minutes later by sophomore attack **Dave Carpenter (REDDING)**. Rubano played in 64 matches at Eastern, Sheehan 63.

Hebron also scored the final goal of the match to give him three goals and two assists in the match and 112 goals (fifth all-time) and 102 assists for 214 points in his career.

Eastern junior goalie **Will Holland (KENT)** and Plymouth sophomore goalie Steve Valeri (Chelmsford, MA) each made 12 saves. Holland lowered his goals-against average to 8.37 and improved his save percentage to .636.

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Eastern freshman defenseman **Jon Snedeker (SOUTHINGTON)** led Eastern to a 52-37 advantage in ground balls by recording ten.

Eastern visits Massachusetts Dartmouth Thursday at 4 p.m.

**Eastern Conn. 9, Plymouth State U. 3**

Plymouth State (2-5, 0-2 little east)	0	2	0	1	--	3
Eastern Conn. (5-3, 3-0 little east)	0	3	4	2	--	9

**Scoring:** P-Adam Krinsky 1-2, Matt Fontenault 1-0, Mike Russell 1-0, Bobby Dabrieo 0-1; E-Brian Hebron 3-2, Dave Carpenter 2-1, Pete Hamilton 1-1, Chris Elrod 1-1, Rob Quamily 1-0, Tommy Lavery 1-0.

**Shots:** P-26, E-32; **Saves:** P-Steve Valeri 12, E-Will Holland 12.

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Wednesday, April 06, 2005

**EASTERN M-LACROSSE PULLS AWAY FROM WESTERN CONN. 15-5**  
*Hebron ties career assist record in helping Warriors win 33<sup>rd</sup> straight LEC win*

DANBURY, Conn. – First-year sophomore attack **Chris Elrod (RIVERSIDE)** had a career-high six goals and two assists and senior attack **Brian Hebron (HICKSVILLE, NY)** recorded his program-tying 100th career assist as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team defeated Western Connecticut State University 15-5 Wednesday night in a Little East Conference match.

The conference win is the 33rd straight over a five-year period for Eastern (4-3, 2-0 little east), the four-time defending conference regular-season and playoff champion. A second-year program, Western (4-2, 1-1) was coming off its first conference win ever Saturday against PlymouthStateUniversity by a score of 12-8.

Elrod scored three goals on passes from Hebron that gave the Warriors an early 4-1 lead. Eastern pushed the lead to 7-1 after 18 minutes and the Colonials never got closer than five thereafter.

Nine different players had a goal or assist. The starting attack line of Elrod, Hebron and sophomore **Dave Carpenter (REDDING)** combined for eight goals and eight assists. Hebron and Carpenter each had a goal and three assists.

Hebron, who became the second player in program history with as many as 200 career points Monday against the University of Southern Maine, tied 2000 graduate John Rubano's career assist record with his three assists and moved to within three points of 2000 graduate Eddie Sheehan's career record of 212 points. Hebron leads Eastern with 26 points (15 goals, 11 assists) this year. Elrod has 22 points (19 goals, three assists).

Junior goalie **Will Holland (KENT)** made 11 saves over the first 50 minutes -- allowing only three goals -- to gain the win in net while former Eastern reserve goalie Scott Fox made 13 saves for the Colonials. Against Holland, Western never managed to score as

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many as two unanswered goals. Holland, who went over the 100-save mark for the year, lowered his goals-against average to 9.18 and raised his save percentage to .621.

Leading 8-3, Eastern scored seven straight goals – getting goals from six different players and holding Western from scoring for 16 minutes – to gradually pull away.

Junior midfielder **Rob Quamily (MAMARONECK, NY)** scored twice – including the first goal of the match less than two minutes into play-- and came up with a team-high eight of the team's 54 ground balls. Freshman midfielder **Pete Hamilton (RUTLAND, VT)** took 14 of Eastern's 44 shots, scoring two goals. Elrod followed with eight shots, scoring on five straight shots at one point. Carpenter, senior long-stick midfielder **Ryan Forthofer (GLASTONBURY)** and freshman defenseman **Jon Snedeker (SOUTHINGTON)** each had five grounds balls.

Freshman midfielder **Josh Cittadino (BALDWIN, NY)** and sophomore midfielder **Patrick Bushnell (SOUTHINGTON)** combined to win 17 of 24 faceoffs. Cittadino was 12-for-16.

Eastern hosts PlymouthState Saturday at 2 p.m. at Thomas Nevers Field.

**Eastern Conn. 15, Western Conn. 5**

Eastern Conn. (4-3, 2-0 little east)	5	2	6	2	--	15
WesternConn. (4-2, 1-1 little east)	1	1	1	2	--	5

**Scoring:** E-Chris Elrod 6-2, Rob Quamily 2-1, Pete Hamilton 2-0, Dave Carpenter 1-3, Brian Hebron 1-3, Kyle MacDonald 1-1, Jon Snedeker 1-0, Jeff Flandina 1-0, Josh Cittadino 0-1; W-Justin Monroe 2-0, Jeremy Salley 1-1, Dennis Skarda 1-0, John Stashenko 1-0.

**Shots:** E-44, W-24. **Saves:** E-Will Holland 11 (50 min., 3 goals allowed), Kiernan Daly 0 (10 min, 2 goals allowed); W-Scott Fox 13.

Monday, April 04, 2005

**EASTERN M-LACROSSE OPENS LITTLE EAST SEASON WITH 14-5 WIN**  
*Nine players contribute a goal or assist as Warriors capture 32<sup>nd</sup> straight LEC match*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – Senior attack **Brian Hebron (HICKSVILLE, NY)** became the second player in Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse history to record as many as 200 career points in sparking a 14-5 victory over the University of Southern Maine Monday afternoon at Thomas Nevers Field in the Little East Conference opener for both programs.

Hebron had five goals and four assists to move him to within seven of the all-time point record of 212 and to within three of the all-time assist record of 100. He leads Eastern this year with 14 goals and eight assists.

Seven different players had a goal or assist in the first quarter when Eastern (3-3) rolled up an 8-1 lead. First-year sophomore attack **Chris Elrod (RIVERSIDE)** added three goals and sophomore attack **Dave Carpenter (REDDING)** had two goals and two assists.

The Warriors held a 58-17 advantage in shots and 55-31 advantage in ground balls in winning its 32<sup>nd</sup> straight match in five years of conference play. The four-time regular-season and playoff conference champions also improved their all-time record at Nevers Field to 61-3.

Eastern freshman goalie **Kiernan Daly (WINDSOR)** made two saves and allowed one goal in playing the fourth quarter his collegiate debut in relief of junior goalie **Will Holland (KENT)**. Holland evened his record at 3-3 by making six saves and leaving with a 12-4 lead. For Southern Maine (0-3), junior goalie Jeff Lamoureux (Walpole, MA) made 17 saves in working the first three quarters.

Eastern visits Western Connecticut State University Wednesday at 7 p.m. in a conference match.

**Eastern Conn. 14, U. of Southern Maine 5**

Southern Maine (0-3, 0-1 little east)	1	2	1	1	--	5
Eastern Conn. (3-3, 1-0 little east)	8	1	3	2	--	14

**Scoring:** S-Travis Witham 1-0, Matt Butler 1-0, Brian White 1-0, Mark St. John 1-0, Ben Sylvania 0-1; E-Brian Hebron 5-4, Chris Elrod 3-0, Dave Carpenter 2-2, Pete Hamilton 2-0, Rob Quamily 1-0, Tyler Prescott 1-0, Brian Weigand 0-1, Josh Cittadino 0-1, Kyle MacDonald 0-1.

**Shots:** S-17, E-58; **Saves:** S-Jeff Lamoureux 17 (45 min., 12 goals allowed), Mark Morissette 9 (15 min., 2 goals allowed); E-Will Holland 6 (45 min., 4 goals allowed), Kiernan Daly 2 (15 min., 1 goal allowed)

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Thursday, March 24, 2005

### BABSON MEN'S LACROSSE WINS DEFENSIVE BATTLE 4-3 *Warriors held to lowest goal total since 7-1 loss to Beavers six years ago*

BABSON PARK, MA – The Babson College men's lacrosse team scored the only goal of the third quarter and the first goal of the fourth to defeat Eastern Connecticut State University 4-3 Thursday evening.

The goal total is the second-lowest for Eastern in program history and lowest since the Warriors were beaten by Babson 7-1 in 1999. Three of Eastern's (2-2) matches this year have been decided by one goal. Babson (3-2) snapped a two-game losing streak with the win.

After the teams played to a 2-2 halftime tie, freshman attack Jason Wellemeier scored both of his team's second-half goals, taking passes from senior attack Steve Whitney with 4:38 left in the third quarter and from junior attack Jonathan Wyeth with 4:52 left in the match.

Trailing 2-0, Eastern tied the match in the second quarter when sophomore attack **Chris Elrod (RIVERSIDE)** scored his team-leading tenth goal of the year and senior attack **Brian Hebron (HICKSVILLE, NY)** scored his eighth on an extra-man opportunity. It was the only extra-man goal for either team, both of whom had six chances.

In the final 11 minutes of the game, Hebron hit the iron twice attempting to tie the game.

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Eastern junior goalie **Will Holland (KENT)** made 17 saves, 11 in the second. He lowered his goals-against average to 9.38 and improved his save percentage to .642.

Four Eastern players collected four ground balls each: freshman midfielder **Josh Cittadino (BALDWIN, NY)**, senior defenseman **Paul Korzep (SOUTH WINDSOR)** and sophomore long-stick midfielder **Dexter Eccleston (NORWALK)**.

Eastern visits No. 12 nationally-ranked Stevens Tech Saturday at 1 p.m.

**Babson College 4, Eastern Conn. 3**

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

**Scoring:** E-Chris Elrod 1-0, Brian Hebron 1-0, Josh Cittadino 1-0, Jeff Flandina 0-1); B-Jason Wellemeyer 3-0, Nick Corto 1-0, Jared Connell 0-1, Steve Whitney 0-1, Jonathan Wyeth 0-1.

**Shots:** E-22, B-36; **Saves:** E-Will Holland 17, B-Dave Frascogna 11.

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Monday, March 21, 2005

**NO. 5 TUFTS PULLS AWAY FROM EASTERN MEN'S LACROSSE, 13-5**  
**Jumbos score eight unanswered goals to hand Warriors first loss of season**

MEDFORD, Mass. – Tufts University got goals from six different players in an eight-goal scoring run late in the first quarter and went on to a 13-5 victory over Eastern Connecticut State University at Bello Field Monday afternoon.

Ranked No. 5 nationally in Division III, Tufts (3-0) scored eight straight goals while holding Eastern scoreless for 33 minutes to build an 11-2 lead by the closing minutes of the third quarter.

Six different players contributed goals in the run, with junior midfielder Mike O'Brien and senior attack Bryan Griffin each netting two and sophomore attack Mark Warner scoring one and assisting on three.

Eastern (2-1) came up empty on eight extra-man opportunities – four coming during a scoreless second quarter -- while Tufts capitalized on two of its three chances.

Eastern's top attack line of senior **Brian Hebron (HICKSVILLE, NY)** and sophomores **Dave Carpenter (REDDING)** and **Chris Elrod (RIVERSIDE)** were held to two goals and two assists. The team leader with nine goals, Elrod's only shot came with ten minutes left.

Griffin and Warner each had six points to lead Tufts, Griffin netting four goals and Warner passing for four assists.

Hebron led Eastern with two goals and an assist, giving him seven goals and four assists this year and moving him into sole possession of third place all-time with 194 points and to within seven assists of the program record of 100.

Junior goalie **Will Holland (KENT)** stopped a career-high 19 shots, seven coming when the Jumbos unloaded 20 third-quarter shots. Tufts won seven of nine faceoffs in that quarter and 13 of 21 in the match.

Holland led Eastern with nine ground balls, freshman midfielder **Josh Cittadino (BALDWIN, NY)** picking up eight and senior defenseman **Paul Korzep (SOUTH WINDSOR)** seven.

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Cittadino, who won four of five faceoffs in the first quarter, had a goal and assist, junior midfielder **Rob Quamily (MAMARONECK, NY)** and sophomore attack **Kyle MacDonald (HAMDEN)** adding one goal each and Carpenter contributing an assist.

With its second win over Eastern in as many years, Tufts ties the all-time series 2-2. The Warriors won the first two matches by a combined margin of 39-16 and the Jumbos the last two by a margin of 23-14.

Eastern visits Babson College Thursday at 5 p.m.

**Tufts U. 13, Eastern Conn. 5**

Eastern Conn. (2-1)	2	0	2	1	--	5
Tufts (3-0)	4	2	5	2	--	13

Scoring: E-Brian Hebron 2-1, Josh Cittadino 1-1, Rob Quamily 1-0, Kyle MacDonald 1-0, Dave Carpenter 0-1; T-Bryan Griffin 4-2, Mark Warner 2-4, Devin Clarke 2-1, Mike O'Brien 2-1, Michael Hughes 1-0, Chris Connelly 1-0, Ave Cook 1-0, Wiley Dornseif 0-1, Billy Granger 0-1. Shots: E-22, T-51; Saves: E-Will Holland 19, T-Andy Starr 7.

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	Griffin	4	2
	Warner	2	4
	Clarke	2	1
	O'Brien	2	1
	Hughes	1	0
	Quamily	1	0
	Cook	1	0

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Tuesday, March 15, 2005

**EASTERN M-LAX JUMPS EARLY, HOLDS OFF MONTCLAIR**

*Warriors win consecutive one-goal decisions for first time in program history 11-10*

MONTCLAIR, NJ – The Eastern Connecticut State University offense gave the Warriors a four-goal halftime lead and the defense limited Montclair State University to one fourth-quarter goal in an 11-10 men's lacrosse victory Tuesday afternoon at Sprague Field.

Coming on the heels of an opening 12-11 overtime decision over No. 16 nationally-ranked Rochester Tech nine days ago at Hoboken, NJ, the win gives Eastern (2-0) two consecutive one-goal victories for the first time in the program's ten-year history. The loss is the second straight for Montclair (1-3), which was beaten 18-6 nine days ago at Wesleyan University, ranked 17<sup>th</sup> nationally at the time.

First-year sophomore attack **Chris Elrod (RIVERSIDE)** followed up his five-goal performance in his Eastern debut with four more goals. His final goal of the match with two minutes left in the first half boosted Eastern's lead to 7-2. The Warriors never trailed and the final score represented the only one-goal margin of the game.

The Warriors led 8-4 at halftime, then survived Montclair's five-goal third quarter which cut the gap to one, 10-9. Each team scored only once in the final quarter – neither scoring over the final ten minutes -- with Eastern junior midfielder **Rob Quamily's (MAMARONECK, NY)** second goal of the match three minutes into the final frame giving the Warriors an 11-9 lead.

Eastern junior goalie **Will Holland (KENT)** posted his second straight career win, matching his effort of nine days ago with 16 saves. Holland, 0-3 a year ago in his first season, improved his save percentage to .604.

Eastern's defense successfully killed three Montclair man-up opportunities in the fourth quarter. The Red Hawks scored only once on eight man-up tries in the match while Eastern was 2-for-5, with both man-up goals coming in the first half. After Elrod gave

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Eastern a quick 1-0 lead, freshman midfielder **Pete Hamilton (RUTLAND, VT)** made it 2-0 with an unassisted man-up strike and sophomore attack **Kyle MacDonald (HAMDEN)** opened the second quarter with a man-advantage goal that made it 3-0.

Senior attack **Brian Hebron (HICKSVILLE, NY)** added three goals and two assists for Eastern, moving him to within eight of the program's career assist record of 100. Hebron's third goal of the match with 4:22 left in the third quarter had given Eastern a 10-7 lead before junior attack James Kole and senior attack Sean Pekarsky of Montclair closed out the frame with goals that cut the margin to one, 10-9 entering the fourth quarter.

Until this year, Eastern had played consecutive one-goal matches in the same season only once. In its first season on the intercollegiate level in 1996, the Warriors defeated Endicott College 9-8 at Thomas Nevers Field, then lost 13-12 at Wheaton College (MA) two days later.

The match was the first between the programs. Montclair is scheduled to eliminate the sport at the conclusion of this season.

Eastern hosts No. 7 nationally-ranked Tufts University Monday at 4 p.m.

**Eastern Conn. 11, Montclair State U. 10**

Eastern Conn. (2-0)	2	6	2	1	--	11
Montclair State U. (1-3)	0	4	5	1	--	10

**Scoring:** E-Chris Elrod 4-0; Brian Hebron 3-2; Rob Quamily 2-0; Pete Hamilton 1-0; Kyle MacDonald 1-0; Dave Carpenter 0-1, Josh Cittadino 0-1; M-James Kole 3-0, Sean Pekarsky 2-0, John Della Pesca 2-0, Kevin Gondres 1-2, Dave Armstrong 1-0, Brian Fischer 1-0, Evan Wehmeyer 0-2.

**Shots:** E-32, M-40; **Saves:** E-Will Holland 16, M-Thomas Bowers 5 (30:56 min., 8 goals allowed), Tim Condron 6 (29:04 min., 3 goals allowed).

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Saturday, March 5, 2005

**IN DEBUT OF HEAD COACH NICK SMITH, WARRIORS STUN RIT**  
*Hebron's overtime goal lifts young Warrior team past No. 16 Tigers 12-11*

HOBOKEN, N.J. -- In the collegiate head coaching debut of **Nicholas Smith**, senior attackman **Brian Hebron (HICKSVILLE, NY)** scored three minutes and nine seconds into sudden-death overtime to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team to a stunning 12-11 victory over No. 16 nationally-ranked Rochester Tech (RIT) Saturday night in a match played at Stevens Institute of Technology.

It was the 2005 opener for both teams, the first meeting between the programs and the first match as a collegiate head coach for Smith, who had spent the previous two seasons as an assistant at Rochester Tech.

The Warriors, who had lost their entire defense, four of their top six scorers, as well as their No. 1 goalie from last year's NCAA tournament team, never trailed after tying the match 6-6 four minutes into the third quarter. In the game, the Warriors allowed RIT to score as many as three straight goals only once. The Tigers forged the eighth tie of the game with 1:51 left in regulation, but missed three attempts at the cage in the final minute -- junior goalie **Will Holland (KENT)**, making two saves -- as the game extended into sudden-death overtime.

Rochester Tech had the first possession in overtime but Holland made a save on a shot by freshman attackman Andrew Ruocco. The Warriors carried into the Rochester end and called timeout with two minutes gone in overtime. After the timeout, Eastern moved the ball briskly -- looking for an opening -- before finally getting the ball onto the stick of Hebron, who pumped in an off-balance shot from in close, beating Rochester sophomore goalie John Foley for the game-winner. It was the second goal of the match and 96th career one for Hebron, who had not scored since the early minutes of the second quarter despite taking 11 shots.

In his first start since last March 22, Holland turned back a career-high 16 shots to record his first collegiate goal in his fourth start. Foley made 18 stops.

Sophomore **Chris Elrod (RIVERSIDE)**, a first-year transfer from Colgate University, led Eastern with five goals and an assist in his debut. Elrod scored two goals in a row -- the second with an extra-man advantage -- to give Eastern an 11-9 lead with nine minutes left in regulation. That lead stood up until the Tigers scored twice in a span of 34 seconds to knot the match at 11 with 1:51 left.

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Following the match, Smith distributed game balls to Elrod, Holland, Hebron, and junior defenseman **Roberto Jones (NORWALK)**. Defenseman Jones, senior **Paul Korzep (SOUTH WINDSOR)** and freshman **Jon Snedker (SOUTHINGTON)** were all making their first collegiate starts.

Seven of the 17 players to see action for the Warriors were playing their first match in an Eastern uniform and six were starting their first matches.

It was only the second overtime win against seven losses in the program's ten-year history. Eastern had lost seven straight overtime decisions after besting Wheaton College (MA) 9-8 April 5, 1997.

Eastern visits Montclair State University Saturday at 1 p.m.

**Eastern Conn. 12, Rochester Tech 11, ot**

Rochester Tech (0-1) 2 4 2 3 (0) -- 11

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

**Scoring:** R-David Thering 3-4, Joe Argesc 4-0, Zach Bednarz 2-1, Brandon Wilkin 0-2, Andrew Ruocco 1-0, Colin Jesien 1-0; E-Chris Elrod 5-1, Jeff Flandina 1-2, Brian Hebron 2-1, Dave Carpenter 1-1, Josh Cittadino 1-0, Kyle MacDonald 1-0, Rob Quamily 1-0, Jeff Cullen 0-1.  
**Shots:** R-37, E-41. **Saves:** R-John Foley 18, E-Will Holland 16.

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