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Thursday, April 13, 2006

EASTERN M-LACROSSE OVERPOWERS UM DARTMOUTH, 21-1

Eleven players score goals as Warriors remain undefeated and atop Little East Conference

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – Eleven different players scored a goal for the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team in a 21-1 Little East Conference victory over the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Thursday afternoon at Thomas Nevers Field.

Eastern (7-3, 4-0 little east) remains undefeated in the conference and atop the standings with its sixth straight win. It is Eastern's tenth win over UMass (1-9, 0-3 little east) in this ten-game series. Eastern, which has lost only one regular-season conference match in the six-year history of conference play, posted its 69th win in 72 matches in 11 years at Nevers Field.

Junior attack **Dave Carpenter (REDDING)** tied the program game record with a career-high 11 points, recording a career-high five goals to go along with six assists. He already holds the game record of nine assists, when he collected ten points against Keene State as a freshman in 2004. Carpenter leads the conference in assists (29) and points (48).

Junior linemate **Chris Elrod (RIVERSIDE)** added four goals and a career-high three assists and sophomore linemate **Tyler Prescott (NORWALK)** had three goals and three assists. Junior **Patrick Bushnell (SOUTHINGTON)** and sophomore **Mike Annunziato (NORWALK)** combined to win 20 of 25 faceoffs for Eastern and senior midfielder **Rob Quamily (MAMARONECK, NY)** led the team with six ground balls, sophomore defenseman **Jon Snedeker (SOUTHINGTON)** adding five.

Eastern returns to play Wednesday at 4 p.m. when it hosts a non-conference match against Montclair State University.

Eastern Conn. 21, UMass Dartmouth 1

UMass Dartmouth (1-9, 0-3 little east)	0	0	1	0	--	1
Eastern Conn. (7-3, 4-0 little east)	4	4	9	4	--	21

Goals: MD- Ryan Connell; E- Dave Carpenter 5, Chris Elrod 4, Tyler Prescott 3, Kyle MacDonald 2, Mathew Savage, Rob Quamily, Frank Del Cervo, Mike Annunziato, Matthew Ramsay, Justin Brown, Brian Weigand.

Assists: E- Carpenter 6, Elrod 3, Prescott 3, M.Savage, Quamily, J. Brown, Ramsay.

Shots: MD- 14, E- 51; **Saves:** MD- Craig Britton 12; E-Kyle Savage 5 (1 goal allowed, 45:00 min.), Mark Berube 1 (0 goals allowed, 15:00 min.).

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Wednesday, May 10, 2006

NO. 13 STEVENS EMERGES WITH 7-4 WIN IN NCAA M-LACROSSE
Eastern Conn. men's lacrosse can't dig out of five-goal hole in opening loss

HOBOKEN, NJ -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team outscored Stevens Institute of Technology in the second half but could not dig out from a five-goal deficit and was eliminated in the opening round of the 2006 NCAA Division III tournament, 7-4, Wednesday night at DeBaun Field.

Trailing 5-0 two minutes into the second half, Eastern (12-5) outscored No. 13 nationally-ranked Stevens Tech (14-3) 4-2 in the second half, but could never get closer than the final three-goal margin as it concludes its second season under head coach **Nicholas Smith** with only its second loss in its final 13 matches. Stevens has won 11 of its last 12.

By surviving Eastern's upset bid, the Ducks advance to a second-round match Saturday at No. 7 SUNY Cortland. The Red Dragons defeated Stevens, 16-7, three weeks ago.

In a defensive battle that went long stretches without scoring, each team's defenses effectively stymied the other's top offensive players. Stevens' two 40-goal scorers, John Dolny and J.R. Oreskovich, combined for only three goals on 19 shots, while Eastern's top offensive players, Little East Conference scoring leader **Dave Carpenter (Jr./Redding)** and **Chris Elrod (Jr./Riverside)**, had just one goal between them on eight shots. None of the four had even one assist.

The game was scoreless until the Ducks finally broke through with 4:31 left in the first quarter – the only goal over the first 20 minutes, but it was the events in the opening minutes of the second half which changed the complexion of the game.

Leading 1-0 but playing two men down for 30 seconds, Stevens did not let Eastern capitalize upon the opportunity to tie the match. Soon after, the Ducks scored twice in a span of 18 seconds to take command, 3-0, with ten minutes left in the half. They then added another marker 3:28 before the half to take a 4-0 advantage into the break.

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After Stevens survived Eastern's two-man advantage, Skyline Conference Player-of-the-Year Mark Bielicki beat Eastern goalie **Kyle Savage (Fr./Southington)** with a left-handed shot from the left of the cage to make it 2-0, and Patrick Bailey made it 3-0 18 seconds left when he made a run from left to right and found the back of the net with an over-the-shoulder shot. Bailey's second goal of the half – a scorcher from the right of the cage – made it 4-0.

The Warriors finally solved Stevens' tight defensive scheme early in the second half. Elrod got off an off-balance shot under pressure for the team's first goal, and **DJ Simmons (Fr./Mystic)** beat Stevens junior goalie Jack Dunderdale from the left side 1:19 later to make it 5-2. The teams traded goals the rest of the way.

In his first NCAA game, Savage made nine saves, denying the Ducks a number of prime opportunities from close range. Defensemen **Jon Snedker (So./Southington)** and **Steve Lane (Fr./Groton)** spent the night making things difficult for top Stevens scorers Dolny, Bielicki, and Oreskovich, who had combined for 106 goals through their team's first 16 matches. The goal total equaled the lowest in a match this season for the Ducks, who have scored 20 or more goals in a match six times this year. Against No. 5 Rochester Tech this season, they scored nine goals in a one-goal loss, and against No. 8 Middlebury College, they collected 12 goals in another one-goal setback.

The 5-foot-9 inch Carpenter and 5-foot-8 inch Elrod found little room to maneuver against a physical and fast Stevens defense Wednesday. The pair was harassed throughout by defensemen Chris Ford, a 6-foot-4 inch, 200 pound freshman, and Josh Smith, a 6-foot-3 inch, 195 pound junior.

Eastern played the match without injured midfielders **Kyle MacDonald (Jr./Hamden)** and **Gavin Byrne (Fr./Trumbull)**. MacDonald, who had 17 goals and nine assists this year as a member of the top midfield line, fractured his arm in the closing minutes of Saturday's Little East Conference playoff championship game win over Keene State. Byrne missed conference and NCAA tournament play after spraining his ankle in the regular-season finale against UMass Boston April 29.

Stevens Tech 7, Eastern Conn. 4

Eastern Conn. (12-5)	0	0	3	1	--	4
Stevens Tech (14-3)	1	3	2	1	--	7

Goals: E-DJ Simmons 2, Pete Hamilton, Chris Elrod; S-Patrick Bailey 2, John Dolny 2, J.R. Oreskovich, Mark Bielicky, Matt Althausen.

Assists: E-Simmons; S-Bailey.

Shots: E-29, S-41; **Saves:** E-Kyle Savage 9, S-Jack Dunderdale 7.

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Saturday, May 6, 2006

EASTERN M-LACROSSE REGAINS LITTLE EAST TITLE

MVP Carpenter has five goals and six assists in 14-12 victory over Keene

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – **Dave Carpenter (Jr./Redding, CT)** broke a tie by scoring two unassisted goals in the final eight minutes in leading the top-seeded Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team to a 14-12 victory over second-seeded Keene State College in the finals of the Little East Conference playoffs Saturday afternoon before a crowd of 500 at Thomas Nevers Field.

With its 11th win in its last 12 matches, Eastern (12-4) returns to the NCAA tournament for the fifth time in six years. The Warriors had won the regular-season title, edging Keene (11-3), 8-7, two weeks ago to gain the No. 1 seed and home field advantage. The Owls had ended Eastern's four-year conference reign a year ago by winning the regular season, the besting Eastern in the title game at Keene, NH.

Carpenter, the conference leader in assists and points, was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player after scoring nine goals and contributing nine assists in two playoff wins. Against Keene, he had five goals and six assists. Two of Carpenter's goals tied the game and two gave the Warriors' one-goal advantages.

Neither team led by more than two goals, with both teams managing two-goal advantages twice. Eastern trailed six times in the game and led four times.

Eastern, ranked 14th in New England, erased a 12-11 deficit in the fourth quarter by scoring the final three goals of the match. **Pete Hamilton (So./Rutland, VT)** tied the match for the ninth and final time with his fourth goals with 8:20 left, set up on a pass from behind the cage by Carpenter. **Mike Annunziato (So./Norwalk)** won the ensuing faceoff, and the Warriors possessed for a half-minute before Carpenter beat Keene goalie Matt Johnson (So./Derry, NH) to give Eastern the lead for good, 13-12, with 7:48 left. Eastern controlled the ball over the next five minutes before Carpenter came from behind the cage to score from in close to give the Warriors a two-goal advantage with 1:50 left.

The conference championship was the first for Eastern under second-year head coach **Nicholas Smith**. "Our guys were pumped... we brought it back," said Smith afterward. "As a coaching staff, we told the team at halftime that good, productive possessions in the second half would win this game. Whomever possessed the ball consistently in the second half, was going to win. And that's what happened," added Smith.

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Keene, ranked 15th in New England, held a slim 42-40 advantage in shots, but only three of them came in the final quarter. Tony Santa Fe (Fr./Derry, NH), who scored five goals on 12 shots, gave the Owls a 12-11 lead when he scored an unassisted goal 11 seconds into the final quarter. Keene, however, was held to just two shots the rest of the way.

“We figured the game was going to come down to which team had more offensive possessions in the last five minutes,” said Smith. “And we got some huge faceoffs and some huge ground balls. That was the deciding factor in the game.”

Annunziato won 14 of 26 faceoffs and led Eastern with eight ground balls. **Rob Quamily (Sr./Mamaroneck, NY)** added six ground balls. Keene faceoff man Joe Rider (Fr./Concord, NH) won 15 of 29 faceoffs and collected five ground balls, as did Easton Kezer (Fr./Derry, NH).

Two of the conference’s top scorers were effectively shut down. Eastern’s **Chris Elrod (Jr./Riverside, CT)**, who entered the game with a team-leading 29 goals, did not have a goal and just one shot. He was marked primarily by Keene’s Mike Wood (Jr./Exeter, NH). Sean Panora (Jr./South Windsor, CT), who brought a conference-leading 37 goals into the match, finished with one goal on three shots. He was marked closely by Eastern’s **Steve Lane (Fr./Groton, CT)**.

Johnson and Eastern’s **Kyle Savage (Fr./Southington)** both made a number of key saves and each finished with 12 stops.

During the game, Carpenter broke the Eastern season records of 48 assists and 81 points, as well as the conference single-season assist record of 49. He now has 32 goals and 52 assists for 84 points.

Eastern is expected to open in the NCAA tournament with a first-round match Wednesday.

Eastern Conn. 14, Keene State College 12

Keene State (11-3)	3	5	3	1	--	12
Eastern Conn. (12-4)	3	6	2	3	--	14

Goals: K-Tony Santa Fe 5, Ryan Hazelton 3, Greg Gonzales 2, Mike Fontaine, Sean Panora; E-Dave Carpenter 5, Pete Hamilton 4, Kyle MacDonald 2, Tyler Prescott 2, Rob Quamily.

Assists: K-Hazelton, Taylor Morasutti, Santa Fe; E-Carpenter 6, MacDonald, Matthew Savage.

Shots: K-42, E-40; **Saves:** K-Matt Johnson 12, E-Kyle Savage 12.

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Thursday, May 4, 2006

EASTERN M-LACROSSE ADVANCES TO LITTLE EAST FINAL
Top-seeded Warriors never trail in 14-7 victory over No. 4 Plymouth

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – Little East Conference scoring leader **Dave Carpenter (Jr./Redding)** had four goals and an assist in the first half to power the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team to a 14-7 victory over Plymouth State University in the semifinals of the 2006 conference tournament Thursday afternoon at Thomas Nevers Field.

Top-seeded Eastern (11-4), a winner of ten of its last 11, hosts second-seeded Keene State College (10-5) in Saturday's final. Keene, which defeated No. 3 seed Massachusetts Boston 10-7 Thursday, is the defending conference champion. The Owls ended the Warriors' four-year championship reign a year ago with an 11-4 win at Keene, NH. The teams will be meeting in the final for the fourth straight season. Eastern prevailed, 8-7, in this year's regular season match two weeks ago in Willimantic.

Carpenter, who leads the conference in assists (46) and points (73), finished with four goals and three assists. He scored three of his goals to help the Warriors to a 4-1 first-quarter lead, and added a goal and assist in the in the second quarter as the Warriors moved out to a 7-3 halftime lead.

Kyle MacDonald (Jr./Hamden) finished with career-highs of three goals and five points. MacDonald assisted on two of Eastern's four goals in the first quarters and later added two fourth-quarter goals to help the Warriors maintain the lead.

Playing without fourth-leading scorer Bobby Dabrieo, fourth-seeded Plymouth's (8-9) goal total equalled its lowest of the season. Adam Krinsky, second in the conference behind Carpenter in assists and points, was limited to one goal on five shots and one assist. Krinski's first shot came with 21 seconds left in the first half. Krinsky was marked primarily by defenseman **Steve Lane (Fr./Groton)**.

Playing in his first career post-season match, **Kyle Savage (Fr./Southington)** made ten saves for Eastern, while Steve Valeri faced 29 shots and made 15 saves. Eastern outshot the Panthers, 50-26.

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Rob Quamily (Sr./Mamaroneck, NY) collected a team-high six ground balls, **Chris Elrod (Jr./Riverside)** picking up five.

Eastern was able to successfully clear 22 of its 26 tries and limited Plymouth to just 14 of 28.

Jon Gagnon won ten of 11 faceoffs for Plymouth.

Carpenter's three assists move him to within two of tying the program season record, set in 2000 by John Rubano. He is also within eight points of the season point record, set in 2001 by Jeff Reinhart.

The win is the 72nd in 75 matches in 11 years at Nevers Field for Eastern, which is 10-1 in six years of Little East Conference playoff competition.

Eastern Conn. 14, Plymouth State U. 7

Plymouth State (8-9)	1	2	3	1	--	7
Eastern Conn. (11-4)	4	3	2	5	--	14

Goals: P-Jon Gagnon 2, Kyle McKay 2, Adam Krinsky, Tony Aguiar, Luke Metraw; E-Dave Carpenter 4, Kyle MacDonald 3, Matthew Savage 3, Tyler Prescott 2, Chris Elrod 2.

Assists: P-Tim Butler, Matt Fonteanult, Krinsky, John Padua, Nick Pearson; E-Carpenter 3, Pete Hamilton 2, MacDonald 2, Prescott 2, Steve Lane.

Shots: P-26, E-50; **Saves:** P-Steve Valeri 15, E-Kyle Savage 10.

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Saturday, April 29, 2006

EASTERN M-LACROSSE CLINCHES FIFTH LEC CROWN IN SIX YEARS
Warriors secure No. 1 seed in upcoming conference playoffs with 15-6 win over UMB

BOSTON, Mass. – The Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team earned sole possession of the regular season Little East Conference title and clinched the No. 1 seed in the conference tournament playoffs with a 15-6 victory at the University of Massachusetts Boston Saturday afternoon.

Eastern (10-4/6-0 little east) has won the regular season conference title five out of the six year conference history with undefeated season each time. Eastern has amassed a 60-2 regular season record including the years the Warriors were part of the Pilgrim League during which time they went 26-1. The Beacons end the regular season with an 8-4 overall record, 4-2 in conference play.

The top six teams qualify for the conference playoffs, which gets underway Tuesday with first-round matches. Eastern draws one of the two first-round byes and will host a tournament semifinal-round game Thursday afternoon at Thomas Nevers Field. If they win Thursday, the Warriors will host Saturday's final. Eastern won the first four conference playoff titles before being unseated in the final a year ago by Keene State College.

Eastern broke from a 5-5 halftime tie by scoring all five goals of the third quarter. Junior attack **Chris Elrod (RIVERSIDE)** led the Warriors with four goals – all in the second half, and the first two coming in a span of 25 seconds in the third quarter. Senior **Brian Weigand (MANHASSET, NY)** added three goals in the match. Sophomore **Tyler Prescott (NORWALK)** had two goals and two assists while junior **Kyle MacDonald (HAMDEN)** had two goals and one assist.

Junior **Dave Carpenter (REDDING)** and sophomore **Pete Hamilton (RUTLAND, VT)** each had one goal with Carpenter tallying three assists and Hamilton two. Also scoring a goal for the Warriors were senior **Rob Quamily (MAMARONECK, NY)** and freshman **Matthew Savage (SOUTHINGTON)**.

Freshman **Kyle Savage (SOUTHINGTON)** started and won his tenth match in goal. He made eight saves, five coming when he allowed only one goal in the second half. Savage did not allow a second-half goal until one minute into the third quarter, at which time the Warriors were leading by a score of 11-5.

Eastern Conn. 15, UMass Boston 6

Eastern Conn. (10-4, 6-0 little east) 1	4	5	5	--	15
UMass Boston (8-4, 4-2 little east) 1	4	0	1	--	6

Goals: E-Chris Elrod 4, Brian Weigand 3, Tyler Prescott 2, Kyle MacDonald 2, Pete Hamilton, Matthew Savage, Dave Carpenter, Rob Quamily; MB- Robert Thayer 2, Christopher Hanafin, Chris Nyman, Robert Cusack, Robert Black.

Assists: E- Carpenter 3, Prescott 2, Hamilton 2, Elrod, MacDonald; MB- Thayer, Andrew Morrison, Hanafin, Nyman.

Shots: E- 36, MB- 23; **Saves:** E- Kyle Savage 8; MB- Nick Eaton 11.

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TRINITY SURVIVES EASTERN M-LACROSE COMEBACK

Warriors score three late goals but fall, 9-8; eight-game winning streak snapped

HARTFORD, Conn. -- Senior midfielder Chad Burdette's second goal of the match with 22.3 seconds left spoiled Eastern Connecticut State University's late comeback bid and gave the Trinity College men's lacrosse team a 9-8 non-conference victory Wednesday night.

The loss is the first for Eastern (9-4) in over a month and snaps the Warriors' eight-game winning streak. The win is only the third against Eastern in nine matches for Trinity (6-6), which was coming off a 14-3 loss to No. 9 nationally-ranked Middlebury College. Trinity is ranked 13th in New England. Eastern moved into the regional rankings this week for the first time this year, surfacing at No. 14.

Trailing 8-5 early in the fourth quarter, Eastern tied the match with three straight goals. Midfielder **Pete Hamilton (So./Rutland, VT)** scored his second goal of the match with eight minutes left to make it 8-6, and attack **Tyler Prescott (So./Norwalk)** and defenseman **Jon Snedeker (So./Southington)** scored 31 seconds apart in the final two minutes to forge the fourth tie of the game.

With the game tied 8-8, Trinity won the ensuing draw and missed three shots on net -- Eastern goalie **Kyle Savage (Fr./Southington)** saving one of them -- before Burdette connected on a pass from freshman Rob Mountain with 22.3 seconds left.

Attack **Dave Carpenter (Jr./Redding)** contributed to five of Eastern's goals by scoring two and assisting on three. He had a hand in four of Eastern's first five goals, setting up Hamilton for his first goal with five minutes left in the third quarter which gave the Warriors their last lead, 5-4. Trinity answered with four straight at that point to move out to an 8-5 lead before the Warriors rallied back with three straight. Snedeker tied the match with his fourth goal of the year when he took the ball away on Trinity's clearing attempt deep in the Bantam's end and beat Trinity senior goalie Jakob Isbrandtson from close range.

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Faceoff man **Mike Annunziato (So./Norwalk)** won 11 of 18 faceoffs for Eastern while **Rob Quamily (Sr./Mamaroneck, NY)** led all players with five ground balls. Annunziato followed with four ground balls, Jon Snedeker adding three. Trinity did not take its first shot until just four minutes remained in the first quarter but outshot Eastern 36-22 over the final three quarters to finish with a 40-29 advantage in that department.

Carpenter's three assists give him 40 in 13 matches this year – the second-highest total in a season in the program's 11-year history. The ~~goal~~ total is eight behind the all-time season record which was set by John Rubano six years ago.

Eastern closes out the regular season Saturday with a Little East Conference match at the University of Massachusetts Boston at 1 p.m. A victory gives the Warriors their fifth undefeated conference season in six years and the top seed in next month's conference playoffs.

Trinity College 9, Eastern Conn. 8

Eastern Conn. (9-4)	1	2	2	3	--	8
Trinity College (6-6)	1	2	3	3	--	9

Goals: E-Dave Carpenter 2, Chris Elrod 2, Pete Hamilton 2, Tyler Prescott, Jon Snedeker; T-Kris Tedeschi 2, Curtis Kahn 2, Peter McIntire 2, Chad Burdette 2, Owen Cahill.

Assists: E-Carpenter 3, Hamilton; T-McIntire 2, Rob Mountain 2, Tedeschi, Kahn.

Shots: E-29, T-40; **Saves:** E-Kyle Savage 12, T-Jakob Isbrandtsen 8.

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Saturday, April 22, 2006

EASTERN M-LACROSSE RALLIES TO EDGE KEENE STATE, 8-7

MacDonald's goal with 38 seconds left is the game-winner in LEC match

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – The Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team spotted Keene State College the first four goals, but bounced back, getting the game-winner from midfielder **Kyle MacDonald (Jr./Hamden)** with 38 seconds left in an 8-7 victory Saturday afternoon at Thomas Nevers Field.

A winner of eight straight, Eastern (9-3, 5-0 little east) clinches at least a share of the conference regular-season title and can wrap up its fifth unbeaten conference regular season in six years and nail down the No. 1 seed in next month's conference playoffs by defeating Massachusetts Boston next Saturday at Boston.

The loss snaps a 12-game conference winning streak for Keene (9-2, 4-1 little east), which defeated the Warriors in both the regular season and playoffs to capture its first conference championships last fall. The win is Eastern's 33rd in 34 conference regular-season matches and 42nd in 44 overall conference matches in six years.

Keene, ranked 13th in New England, scored the first four goals of the match (three in extra-man situations) before the Warriors roared back with five in a row to take their first lead one minutes into the third quarter. From that point on, the teams alternated goals.

With two minutes left and the score tied 7-7, the Warriors re-gained possession after Keene missed a shot to set up for a game-winning shot. Eastern maintained possession inside the final minute, and MacDonald scored his first goal from in front of Keene goalie Matt Johnson (So./Derry, NH) of the match on a pass from conference assist leader **Dave Carpenter (Jr./Redding)** with 38 seconds left. The Warriors won the ensuing faceoff, and never let the Owls into the attacking zone the rest of the way.

With Eastern trailing 4-0, midfielder **Rob Quamily (Sr./Mamaroneck, NY)** got Eastern on the board with 29 seconds left in the first quarter. Eastern goalie **Kyle Savage (Fr./Southington)**, the conference leader in goals-against average, shut out the Owls in the second quarter and through the first 4:23 of the third to allow the Warriors to rally.

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Brian Weigand (Sr./Manhasset, NY) beat Johnson with a low shot in a one-on-one situation to pull Eastern even, 4-4, with 3:30 left in the third quarter, and attack **Chris Elrod (Jr./Riverside)** gave Eastern its first lead when he took a pass from Carpenter and hit the back of the net with a turnaround shot in the first minute of the third quarter.

With eight minutes left, Eastern attack **Tyler Prescott (So./Norwalk)** snapped a 6-6 tie with his 13th goal of the year, but Keene attack Tony Santa Fe (Fr./Derry, NH) forced the fourth tie of the match with his second goal of the second half with six minutes left.

Johnson, last year's conference Rookie-of-the-Year, made 21 stops in the Keene net while Savage collected ten. In the first quarter, he faced nine shots and turned away eight.

Santa Fe finished with two goals and two assists. Linemate Sean Panora (Jr./South Windsor, CT), the conference leader in goals, scored his 34th and 35th goals of the year.

Eastern's Carpenter was held in check by Keene defenseman Kevin McCarthy (Fr./Derry, NY), but still managed two assists -- on Elrod's go-ahead goal early in the third quarter, and on the game-winner. Quamily led all players with seven ground balls, including one on the faceoff following the game-winning goal. **Mike Annunziato (So./Norwalk)**, won 11 of 19 faceoffs for Eastern.

The win is Eastern's 71st in 74 matches on Nevers Field in the 11-year history of the program.

Eastern visits Trinity College Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 8, Keene State College 7

Keene State (9-2, 4-1 little east)	4	0	1	2	--	7
Eastern Conn. (9-3, 5-0 little east)	1	3	2	2	--	8

Goals: K-Tony Santa Fe 2, Sean Panora 2, Taylor Morasutti, Easton Kezer, Casey Brodersen; E-Rob Quamily 2, Tyler Prescott, Pete Hamilton, DJ Simmons, Brian Weigand, Chris Elrod, Kyle MacDonald.

Assists: K-Santa Fe 2, Ryan Hazelton; E-Dave Carpenter 2, Elrod, MacDonald.

Shots: K-35; E-39; **Saves:** K-Matt Johnson 21, E-Kyle Savage 10.

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Wednesday, April 19, 2006

EASTERN M-LACROSSE OVERPOWERS MONTCLAIR STATE, 16-6
Warriors explode for 13 second-half goals to record seventh straight win

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. - Junior attacks **Chris Elrod (RIVERSIDE)** and **Dave Carpenter (REDDING)** combined for six goals and six assists and the Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team broke from a 3-2 halftime lead to post a 16-6 non-conference victory over Montclair State University Wednesday afternoon at Thomas Nevers Field.

The win is the seventh straight for Eastern (8-3) after a 1-3 start and is its 70th at Nevers Field in 73 matches in its 11-year history. Montclair State (6-8), a winner of the last three ECAC Metro Region championships, has lost four of its last five.

Elrod scored five goals and Carpenter had a goal and six assists. Four of Elrod's goals and five of Carpenter's assist and his goal came in the second half, when the Warriors broke from a 3-2 halftime lead by outscoring the Red Hawks 13-4.

Elrod and Carpenter share the team lead with 20 goals each while Carpenter leads the team and the Little East Conference in assists (35) and points (55). The career-high assist total for Carpenter already equals the sixth-highest in a season in program history, 13 shy of John Rubano's program record, established in 2000.

Sophomore midfielder **Pete Hamilton (RUTLAND)** added a career-high four goals and tied his career high with four points, while sophomore attack **Tyler Prescott (NORWALK)** tied his season-high of three assists for the third straight match. He also scored one goal.

Sophomore midfielder **Mike Annunziato (NORWALK)** helped the Warriors win 15 of 23 faceoffs by taking 12 of 14. Sophomore defenseman **Jon Snedeker (SOUTHINGTON)**, the Eastern lead in ground balls, collected a career-high eight, with Annunziato and freshman defenseman **Steve Lane (GROTON)** picking up five each.

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Freshman goalie Kyle Savage (**SOUTHINGTON**) made 14 saves to record his eighth win, Montclair State junior Tim Condron (West Paterson, NJ) making 17 stops.

Montclair sophomore attack Bryan Klimchak (Clark, NJ) and freshman A.J. Bachman (Montville, NJ), who had combined for 74 goals in the team's first 13 matches, were limited to three goals on 11 shots.

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

Eastern Conn. 16, Montclair State U. 6

Montclair State (6-8)	0	2	2	2	--	6
Eastern Conn. (8-3)	1	2	6	7	--	16

Goals: M- Bryan Klimchak 2, Evan Wehmeyer, A.J. Bachman, Edward Carswell, Tyler Meixner; E- Chris Elrod 5, Pete Hamilton 4, Kyle MacDonald 2, Dave Carpenter, Tyler Prescott, Rob Quamily, DJ Simmons, Matthew Savage.

Assists: M- Dave Armstrong 3, Adam Ahmad, Wehmeyer; E- Carpenter 6, Prescott 3, MacDonald 2, Quamily, Simmons, Jon Snedeker.

Shots: M- 33, E- 49; **Saves:** M- Tim Condron 17, E-Kyle Savage 14.

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CONN EMERGES FROM ONE-GOAL DECISION WITH VICTORY

Eastern Connecticut loses first one-goal match of year, Camels win first, 8-7

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Connecticut College 8, Eastern Conn. 7

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

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

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

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