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Saturday, October 28, 1995

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER SHUTS OUT UMASS BOSTON 2-0
Warriors finish third in final Little East Conference standings

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman forward Kevin Minich (STAFFORD) and senior midfielder Pete Ronga (BELLMORE, NY) scored first-half goals to lift the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team to a 2-0 Little East Conference win over the University of Massachusetts Boston Saturday.

Eastern finishes the season at 8-7-3, 4-2 in the Little East Conference. UMass Boston finishes 7-11-1 overall, 0-5-1 in the conference. Eastern finishes third in the seven-team conference, UMass seventh.

Minich scored his third goal of the season in the 25th minute and Ronga scored his third of the season ten minutes later as the Warriors finish with a winning record following a 3-16-1 campaign of 1994. The win snapped a three-game losing streak for Eastern while the Beacons finish on a four-game losing streak.

Junior keeper Phil Stevens (TOLLAND) made seven saves to notch his fourth shutout of the season. Mauricio made five saves for UMass, which was outshot 14-10.

Eastern Conn. 2, UMass Boston 0

UMass Boston (7-11-1)	0	0	--	0
Eastern Conn. (8-7-3)	2	0	--	2

Kevin Minich (unassisted) 25:08; Pete Ronga (Aaron Boucher, Rob Bustamante) 35:24.
Shots: MB-10, E-14; Saves: MB-Mauricio Ortiz 5, E-Phil Stevens 7.

Thursday, October 26, 1995

CONN COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER DEFEATS ECSU 5-2

NEW LONDON, Conn. -- The Connecticut College men's soccer team scored twice in the first 18 minutes en route to a 5-2 victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Thursday.

The win is the ninth straight for Conn (10-3), ranked fourth in the NCAA Division III Metro Region. Eastern falls to 7-7-3 with its third straight loss.

Mohamed Diagne and Matt Raynor each scored twice and had an assist for Conn, with Doug Haas scoring once and assisting once and Chris Quercia collecting three assists.

Diagne and Raynor scored six minutes apart early in the first half before senior back Jon Moser (ELLINGTON) scored his first goal of the year on a 35-yard blast which hit the crossbar and bounced in. Raynor made it 3-1 before the end of the half and Diagne made it a three-goal spread seven minutes into the second half when he scored his second breakaway goal.

ECSU freshman forward Kevin Minich (STAFFORD) scored ECSU's second goal, gaining credit for his second goal of the year when his 18-yarder deflected off a Conn defender and caromed inside the right post.

Junior Phil Stevens (TOLLAND) made eight saves in net for Eastern. Ian Bauer (six saves) and John Hirsch (one) combined in net for Conn.

Eastern closes out its season Saturday, hosting UMass Boston in a Little East Conference match. Eastern guarantees itself sole possession of third place in the final conference standings with a win or tie.

Conn College 5, Eastern Conn. 2

Eastern Conn. (7-7-3)	1	1	--	2
Conn College (10-3)	3	2	--	5

C-Mohamed Diagne (Matt Raynor) 11:48; C-Raynor (Diagne, Chris Quercia) 18:00; E-Jon Moser (John Natale) 23:00; C-Raynor (Stephen Ladas, Doug Haas) 27:00; C-Diagne (Quercia) 47:20; E-Kevin Minich (Kevin Felgate) 49:09; C-Haas (Jamie Gordon, Quercia) 55:26.
Shots: E-16, C-21; Saves: E-Phil Stevens 8, C-Ian Bauer 6, John Hirsch 1.

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Tuesday, October 24, 1995

COAST GUARD ACADEMY EDGES ECSU MEN'S SOCCER 1-0 IN OVERTIME

Cadets break through against Stevens with 11 minutes left

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Robert Borowczak scored inside the right post on the U.S. Coast Guard Academy's 30th shot of the match with 11 minutes left in overtime as the Cadets edged the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team 1-0 Tuesday.

The win is the seventh straight(sixth straight by shutout) for the Cadets (10-3-1), ranked in a tie for tenth in the NCAA Division III Metro Region. Eastern falls to 7-6-3 with its third (shutout) loss in the last four matches.

Coast Guard dominated play throughout but was unable to break through against ECSU keeper Phil Stevens (TOLLAND) until the 109th minute. After Eastern was whistled for tripping just outside the box, Ryan Roslonck sent a free kick into the area, where teammate Paul Nkamsi pushed the ball through to an unmarked Borowczak on the far post. Borowczak beat Stevens inside the post for his fourth goal of the season.

The goal came on Coast Guard's 30th shot, 11 of which were stopped by Stevens. Stevens made two spectacular saves in the second half and the Cadets also came up empty when Borowczak hit the right post from in close with three minutes left in regulation. Stevens also robbed Steve Deveau twice from in close in overtime before Borowczak broke through.

The loss was ECSU's first in five overtime matches (1-1-3) this year.

Coast Guard finished with a 33-7 advantage in shots. Stevens collected 13 saves while Karl Landermade four saves to record the shutout.

Esatern travels to face Connecticut College Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

U.S. Coast Guard Academy 1, Eastern Conn. 0, ot

Coast Guard (10-3-1)	0	0	(0)	(1)	--	1
Eastern Conn. (7-6-3)	0	0	(0)	(0)	--	0

Robert Borowczak (Ryan Roslonck, Paul Nkamsi) 109:05.
Shots: C-33, E-7; Saves: C-Karl Lander 4, E-Phil Stevens 13.

Saturday, October 21, 1995

PLYMOUTH STATE SHUTS OUT ECSU MEN'S SOCCER 3-0
Little East Conference scoring leader Scaccia registers hat trick

PLYMOUTH, NH -- Senior Brett Scaccia scored all three of his team's goals as the Plymouth State College men's soccer team blanked Eastern Connecticut State University 3-0 Saturday in Little East Conference play.

Plymouth (11-4-1) concludes its conference slate at 5-1 and remains in the hunt for the LEC title. The Warriors (7-5-3) fall to 3-2 in the LEC and can finish no better than third in the final LEC standings.

Scaccia, the 1993 conference co-Player-of-the-Year, improved his conference-leading point total to 43 points by scoring all three of his team's goals -- giving him 21 this season -- all coming in the first half in a span of 15 minutes.

The Panthers, ranked tenth in New England and winners of five straight and nine of ten, outshot ECSU 16-4 in building their first-half lead. Plymouth finished with a 20-11 advantage in shots. Magnus Karlsson, the LEC leader in goals-against average, made six saves for Plymouth to record his eighth shutout (seventh in the last ten matches) while junior Phil Stevens (TOLLAND) made ten saves for Eastern.

Eastern hosts the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Tuesday at 3 p.m.

**Men's Soccer
Saturday's Result
at Plymouth, NH**

Plymouth State 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (7-5-3)	0	0	--	0
Plymouth State (11-4-1)	3	0	--	3

Brett Scaccia (Sean Wisbey) 24:01; Scaccia (Jeff Petry) 29:20; Scaccia (Paul Andrew) 39:04.

Shots: E-11, P-20; Saves: E-Phil Stevens 10, P-Magnus Karlsson 6.

Thursday, Oct. 19, 1995

STEVENS LIFTS ECSU MEN'S SOCCER OVER TRINITY COLLEGE 2-1
Junior keeper makes eight saves in Warriors' first victory at Trinity since 1985

HARTFORD, Conn. -- Junior keeper Phil Stevens (TOLLAND) made eight saves and the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team got second-half goals from senior Pete Ronga (BELLMORE, NY) and junior Rob Bustamante (BRISTOL) in a 2-1 victory over Trinity College Thursday.

Eastern improves to 7-4-3 while the Bantams fall to 3-6-1. The win was the first after two straight shutout losses at the hands of Trinity and was ECSU's first over the Bantams in Hartford since 1985, a string of four straight losses.

ECSU's goals came on rebounds of shots by junior Barry Gordon (BLOOMFIELD) less than six minutes apart early in the second half and lifted the Warriors into a 2-0 lead. Trinity got one back in the 65th minute but was held scoreless by Stevens the rest of the way.

Ronga's goal was his first since the opening match of the season while Bustamante scored the first in his three-year career.

Eastern held a slim 14-13 edge in shots. Freshman Craig Anderson matched Stevens with eight saves.

Eastern travels to face Plymouth State in a Little East Conference match Saturday at 1 p.m.

**Men's Soccer
at Hartford, Conn.
Eastern Conn. 2, Trinity College 1**

Eastern Conn. (7-4-3)	0	2	--	2
Trinity (3-6-1)	0	1	--	1

E-Pete Ronga (Barry Gordon) 55:36; E-Rob Bustamante (Gordon) 60:06; T-Jared Fernandes (Andy Hayes) 65:38.

Shots: E-13, T-14; Saves: E-Phil Stevens 8, T-Craig Anderson 8.

October 17, 1995

WESLEYAN MEN'S SOCCER BLANKS ECSU 3-0

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. -- Wesleyan University scored twice in the final 11 minutes to post a 3-0 men's soccer victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday.

Andy Fiore gave the Cardinals (7-3-1) a 1-0 lead 14 minutes before the end of the first half and that lead stood up until Will Miceli and Jason Shuster each scored in the final 11 minutes. The goals were the first of the season for all three players.

The loss is only the second in the last seven matches (3-2-2) for Eastern, which slips to 6-4-3 overall.

Wesleyan held a slim 7-5 edge in shots in the first half but used a 10-2 advantage in the second half to finish with a 17-7 margin. Oliver Stockhammer made two saves and Zach See one over the final four minutes in combining on the shutout.

Junior Phil Stevens (TOLLAND) made six saves in net for Eastern.

Eastern travels to Trinity College Thursday at 3 p.m.

Wesleyan U. 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (6-4-3)	0	0	--	0
Wesleyan U. (7-3-1)	1	2	--	3

Andy Fiore (Miriti Murungi) 31:19; Will Micelli (Jason Shuster) 78:58; Shuster (unassisted) 85:34.

Shots: E-7, W-17; Saves: E-Phil Stevens 6, W-Oliver Stockhammer 2, Zach See 1.

Saturday, October 14, 1995

GHIGLIA'S LATE GOAL GIVES ECSU MEN'S SOCCER OVERTIME WIN

Warriors blank Massachusetts Dartmouth 1-0 in Little East Conference

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. -- Freshman midfielder Nick Ghiglia (BRISTOL) drilled a 22-yard shot under the crossbar with two minutes left in overtime to power the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team to a 1-0 Little East Conference victory over the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Saturday.

The win is the third in the last four matches for Eastern (6-3-3), which shows a 3-1-2 mark in its last six outings. The Warriors improve to 3-1 in the conference. UMass Dartmouth is 5-7-1 overall, 1-3 in conference play.

Ghiglia, whose only other goal gave ECSU a 1-1 overtime draw at regionally-ranked Bridgewater State Sept. 30, one-timed his blast from the top of the box just under the crossbar and through the fingers of a diving UMass keeper Mike Ring. Eastern had sent the ball into the box but it was knocked out beyond the 18-yard mark to Ghiglia, who scored on his only shot of match in 80 minutes of action.

ECSU junior keeper Phil Stevens (TOLLAND) lowered his season's goals-against average to 1.15 with his third shutout -- first since Sept. 14. Stevens has allowed more than one goal in a match in just three of 12 starts.

UMass could not score despite several outstanding opportunities. In the first half, Stevens made a diving save of a shot by Jeff Pimental with ten minutes left, then got a hand on a deflected ball headed for the net five minutes later. In the second half, Erik Reis -- who came up empty on seven shots -- had his bouncing shot hit the post while shooting at an empty net. In overtime, Stevens smothered Reis' point-blank attempt and Pimental sailed a wide-open 12-yard shot over the crossbar.

Eastern's best opportunities to score were foiled when when junior forward Barry Gordon (SPANISH TOWN, JAMAICA) couldn't convert when junior midfielder John Natale (WETHERSFIELD) put the ball at his feet at the six-yard line with Ring out of the net.

Freshman midfielder Kevin Minich (STAFFORD) also just missed when his hard shot skimmed the crossbar with five minutes left in overtime.

Eastern held a slim 18-17 edge in shots. Stevens made eight saves, Ring ten.

Eastern travels to face Wesleyan University Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 1, Massachusetts Dartmouth 0, ot

Eastern Conn. (6-3-3)	0	0	0	(1)	- -	1
UMass Dartmouth (5-7-1)	0	0	0	(0)	- -	0

Nick Ghiglia (unassisted) 118:00.

Shots: E-18, MD-17; Saves: E-Phil Stevens 8, MD-Mike Ring 10.

Saturday, Oct. 7, 1995

WUNDERLICH'S FIRST CAREER GOAL PROPELS ECSU MEN'S SOCCER
Warriors extend unbeaten streak to four in win over Southern Maine 2-1

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Sophomore forward Troy Wunderlich (NORTH STONINGTON) snapped a tie with his first career goal in the final minute of the first half to carry the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team to a 2-1 Little East Conference win over the University of Southern Maine Saturday.

The win is the second straight for Eastern (5-2-3) and extends its unbeaten streak to four (2-0-2). The Warriors are 1-1 in the conference. Southern Maine falls to 0-9 overall, 0-4 in the LEC.

Wunderlich, who replaced sophomore Aaron Honore (HEBRON) with four minutes left in the first half, scored his first career goal with 51 seconds left in the stanza on assists from senior Mark Samuels (HARTFORD) and freshman Kevin Minch (STAFFORD). Senior Kevin Felgate (WINDSOR) got the play going with a free kick in the defensive third, passing down the right touch line to Minch. Minch carried to midfield before passing ahead to Samuels, who beat a defender while cutting toward the goal and laid the ball off to Wunderlich, who beat USM keeper Corey Lombard from 12 yards.

Samuels had scored his team-leading fifth goal of the season 12 minutes previously on an assist from Honore to pull ECSU into a 1-1 tie. Samuels headed in a rebound of an eight-yard shot by Honore which hit the crossbar. The Huskies' Mike Fish had given his team a 1-0 lead in the 13th minute when he scored on a direct kick from 20 yards.

Eastern held an 19-10 advantage in shots. ECSU keeper Phil Stevens (TOLLAND) made five saves in lowering his goals-against average to 1.21. Lombard of USM made nine saves.

Eastern hosts North Adams State College Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 2, Southern Maine 1

Southern Maine (0-9)	1	0	--	1
Eastern Conn. (5-2-3)	2	0	--	2

S-Mike Fish (Matt Carrier) 13:23; E-Mark Samuels (Aaron Honore) 32:26; E-Troy Wunderlich (Kevin Minch, Samuels) 44:09.

Shots: S-10, E-19; Saves: S-Corey Lombard 9, E-Phil Stevens 5.

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SAMUELS, NATALE SPARK ECSU MEN'S SOCCER PAST FITCHBURG

Each scores goal, collects assist in Warriors' 2-1 win over Falcons

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior Mark Samuels (HARTFORD) and junior John Natale (WETHERSFIELD) each scored once and assisted on the other to spark the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team past Fitchburg State College 2-1 Thursday.

The win extends ECSU's (4-2-3) unbeaten streak to three (1-0-2) while the loss snaps Fitchburg's (6-2) four-game winning streak. The Warriors have now exceeded last year's win total with nine regular-season matches remaining.

Samuels scored his team-leading fourth goal of the season (first in four matches) 20 minutes into the second half to snap a scoreless tie, picking up the rebound of Natale's shot and firing it past freshman Fitchburg keeper Aaron Hohos. Natale made it 2-0 nine minutes later with his first goal of the season, carrying in alone on a short pass from Samuels and beating Hohos inside the right post.

Freshman Nathan Arnold ruined the shutout bid of junior keeper Phil Stevens (TOLLAND) when he scored from 12 yards with six minutes left.

Fitchburg outshot ECSU 11-6 in the first half but the Warriors had several prime scoring opportunities foiled when sophomore Leo Paredes and senior Steve Grico cleared shots by ECSU sophomore Aaron Honore (HEBRON) off the goal line minutes apart. ECSU senior back Kevin Felgate (WINDSOR) kept the shutout intact midway through the second half when he cleared a Fitchburg shot off the goal line with Stevens out of net.

Fitchburg outshot ECSU 23-13. Hohos made seven saves, Stevens 16.

Eastern returns to Little East Conference action Saturday, hosting the University of Southern Maine at 3 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 2, Fitchburg State College 1

Fitchburg State (6-2)	0	1	--	1
Eastern Conn. (4-2-3)	0	2	--	2

E-Mark Samuels (John Natale) 65:21; E-Natale (Samuels) 73:59; F-Nathan Arnold (Jason Richardson) 83:49.

Shots: F-23, E-13; Saves: F-Aaron Hohos 7, E-Phil Stevens 16.

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Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1995

ECSU WOMEN'S SOCCER DROPS SIXTH STRAIGHT

Warriors beaten by Salem State 1-0

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior Stephanie Miano scored the only goal of the match three minutes before the end of the first half to lift the Salem State College women's soccer team over Eastern Connecticut State University Wednesday.

The loss is the sixth straight for Eastern (1-8-1) -- third straight by one goal -- and extends its winless streak to seven (0-6-1). Salem is 3-5-1 after snapping a two-game losing streak.

Miano scored her team-leading fifth goal of the year in the 42nd minute. Sophomore Maria Ringbert won a ball near midfield and pushed it ahead to Miano, who carried untouched for 20 yards before slipping a 12-yard shot from the middle of the box past sliding ECSU sophomore keeper Sara Suitor (MANCHESTER).

Eastern best scoring opportunity came with 12 minutes left but Salem freshman keeper Cara Lopez made a diving deflection of a hard 15-yard by ECSU sophomore Karen Rak (GALES FERRY). Rak had all three of ECSU's second half shot while junior Sheri Sensenig (LEDYARD) had both of the Warriors' first-half tries. Salem had 21 shots in the game.

Lopez finished with three saves, all in the second half, Suitor 11.

Eastern hosts the University of Southern Maine Saturday at 1 p.m. in a Little East Conference match.

Salem State 1, Eastern Conn. 0

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

Stephanie Miano (Maria Ringbert) 42:15.

Shots: S-21, E-5; Saves: S-Cara Lopez 3, E-Sara Suitor 11.

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Wednesday, Sept. 27, 1995

ECSU, ALBERTUS MAGNUS MEN'S SOCCER TIE 1-1

NEW HAVEN, Conn. -- Freshman Jade Loika's team-leading fourth goal of the season with 3:42 left in overtime lifted the Albertus Magnus College men's soccer team into a 1-1 tie with Eastern Connecticut State University Wednesday.

The tie extends ECSU's winless streak to four (0-2-2) since a 3-0 start. Albertus is 3-4-1.

ECSU junior Phil Stevens (TOLLAND) made two saves in holding the Falcons scoreless in net over the first 61 minutes, then scored his first goal of the season with 4:35 left in the first overtime period after being inserted a midfield. Stevens scored on a hard shot from 20 yards on an indirect kick.

Eastern played the final 38 minutes of the match one man short after senior sweeper Kevin Felgate (WINDSOR) received his second yellow card, and Albertus finally broke through on Loika's goal with time running out. Loika's volley from the left post beat ECSU keeper Justin Novick (SOUTH WINDSOR) inside the right post.

The Warriors, who dominated play with a 37-14 shot advantage, had a chance to go up by two goals with 10:20 left in overtime but junior John Natale's penalty kick was stopped by Albertus keeper Jim Bernardo. Bernardo finished the match with 15 saves.

Eastern travels to face Bridgewater State College Saturday at 6 p.m. at Raynham, MA.

Eastern Conn. 1, Albertus Magnus 1, ot

Eastern Conn. (3-2-2)	0	0	(1)	(0)	--	1
Albertus Magnus (3-2-2)	0	0	(0)	(1)	--	1

E-Phil Stevens (John Natale) 100:25; A-Jade Loika (Tony Cook, Chris McCarthy) 116:18.
Shots: E-37, A-14; Saves: E-Phil Stevens 2, Justin Novick 3; A-Jim Bernardo 15.

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Saturday, Sept. 30, 1995

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER TIES UNDEFEATED BRIDGEWATER STATE
Stevens makes 13 saves in net in 1-1 overtime deadlock

RAYNHAM, Mass. -- Freshman Nick Ghiglia (BRISTOL) scored his first career goal and junior keeper Phil Stevens (TOLLAND) made 13 saves in net as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team played undefeated Bridgewater State College to a 1-1 overtime draw Saturday night.

It marks the second time in three years that Eastern (3-2-3) has tied Bridgewater (8-0-2), which entered play ranked in a tie for fifth in the most recent ISAA New England Division III ratings.

Jason Cook re-directed a crossing pass from teammate Enrique Polletta past Stevens in the 21st minute to give the Bears the early lead but Ghiglia boomed a 20-yard free kick past two-time all-New England keeper Nelson Almada six minutes before the end of the half to pull ECSU even.

Eastern dominated play in the second half and through overtime, outshooting the hosts 17-12 in that span and forcing Almada to make ten of his 13 saves. The Warriors played the final ten minutes a man short after sophomore back Matt Caruso (WOODSTOCK) was issued his second yellow card.

Each team finished with 23 shots and three corner kicks. Eastern limited Bridgewater all-New England forward Dan Riley to one first-half shot.

It marks the second time this season that ECSU has tied a regionally-ranked team, the Warriors playing fourth-ranked Wheaton College, MA to a 1-1 home tie Sept. 20.

Eastern hosts Fitchburg State College Thursday at 4 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 1, Bridgewater State 1, ot

Eastern Conn. (3-2-3)	1	0	(0)	(0)	--	1
Bridgewater State (8-0-2)	1	0	(0)	(0)	--	1

B-Jason Cook (Dan Riley, Enrique Polletta) 21:00; E-Nick Ghiglia (unassisted) 39:00.
Shots: E-23, B-23; Saves: E-Phil Stevens 13, B-Nelson Almada 13.

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ECSU MEN'S SOCCER BLANKED BY WCSU 2-0 IN LEC MATCH

DANBURY, Conn. -- First-team all-Little East Conference forward John Benitez scored twice as the Western Connecticut State University men's soccer team shut out Eastern Connecticut State University 2-0 Saturday in a Little East Conference match.

Western (4-3-1), last year's conference champion, remains atop the conference with a 2-0-1 record. Eastern (3-2-1) is 1-1 in conference play. With the win, Western extended its unbeaten streak against ECSU to eight (7-0-1) since 1988.

Benitez broke a scoreless tie when he converted a penalty kick 20 minutes into the match. The kick was awarded due to a foul in the box. Benitez added an insurance goal five minutes into the second half when he beat ECSU keeper Phil Stevens (TOLLAND) on a cross from teammate Juan Martinez.

Western outshot ECSU 12-5, allowing only one second-half shot. Jason Rakauskas, who leads the conference in goals-against average, made three saves in posting his fourth shutout for Western. Stevens made six.

Eastern travels to Albertus Magnus College Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Western Conn. 2, Eastern Conn. 0

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

John Benitez (penalty kick) 20:19; Benitez (Juan Martinez) 50:31.
Shots: E-5, W-12; Saves: E-Phil Stevens 6, W-Jason Rakauskas 3.

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LATE GOAL LIFTS ECSU MEN'S SOCCER INTO 1-1 OVERTIME TIE

Samuels scores with five minutes left in regulation against Wheaton

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior forward Mark Samuels (HARTFOR) scored his third goal of the season with five minutes left in regulation to lift the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team into a 1-1 overtime tie with Wheaton College (MA) Wednesday.

ECSU is now 3-1-1. Wheaton remains unbeaten (5-0-1) but did not gain a win for the first time in six outings.

Samuels, moved from midfield to forward to start the match, punched the ball by Wheaton keeper Jon Girolamo with five minutes left in regulation following a corner kick from freshman Nick Ghiglia (BRISTOL). Ghiglia sent his corner kick into the box, where junior John Natale (WETHERSFIELD) sent a pass to Samuels. Samuels was stuffed on his first attempt by a Wheaton defender but regained control and beat Girolamo with a hard shot inside the left post. Samuels' shot was one of only two in the half by Eastern.

The Lyons, last year's ECAC New England Division III runner-up, outshot ECSU 30-7 but junior keeper Phil Stevens (TOLLAND) came up with a career-high 18 saves, nine in the first half when Wheaton outshot the Warriors 15-4. Girolamo made three saves in the match.

Wheaton was foiled on several outstanding scoring opportunities in the first half before freshman forward Keith Buckholz came off the bench to give Wheaton the lead with 1:22 left in the first half. Three minutes prior to that goal, ECSU senior back Keven Felgate (WINDSOR) cleared a header from Wheaton's Phil Lin off the goal line with a left-footed stop.

ECSU travels to face Western Connecticut State University in a Little East Conference match Saturday at 2 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 1, Wheaton, MA 1, ot

Wheaton (5-0-1)	1	0	(0)	(0)	--	1
Eastern Conn. (3-1-1)	0	1	(0)	(0)	--	1

W-Keith Buckholz (Oscar Medina, Brent Carlson) 43:38; E-Mark Samuels (Nick Ghiglia, John Natale) 85:00.

Shots: W-30, E-7; Saves: W-Jon Girolamo 3, E-Phil Stevens 18.

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SAT., Sept 16, 1995

SALEM STATE HANDS ECSU MEN'S SOCCER FIRST LOSS 5-0

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Bjorn Ljunberg had two goals and two assists and Antonio Lage two goals and an assist to power the Salem State College men's soccer team to a 5-0 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday.

The loss is the first for Eastern (3-1) while Salem improves to 2-2. The Vikings extended their unbeaten streak against Eastern to 14 (11-0-3) since 1982.

Ljunberg gave Salem the lead in the sixth minute and Yuji Tomizuka made it 2-0 two minutes later and the Vikings pulled away with three goals in the second half.

Salem outshot ECSU 18-8. Junior Phil Stevens (TOLLAND) had five saves and freshman Justin Novick (SOUTH WINDSOR) three in net for ECSU while Jim O'Donnell stopped four shots to post the shutout for Salem.

Eastern hosts Wheaton College, MA Wednesday at 4 p.m.

**Men's Soccer
at Willimantic, Conn.**

Salem State College 5, Eastern Conn. State U. 0

Salem State (2-2)	2	3	--	5
Eastern Conn. (3-1)	0	0	--	0

Bjorn Ljunberg (Norman James, Antonio Lage) 6:10; Yuji Tomizuka (Ljunberg, James) 8:19; Lage (Ljunberg, Pat Kamzol) 47:14; Ljunberg (Tomizuka) 50:10; Lage (unassisted) 58:02.
Shots: S-18, E-8; Saves: S-Jim O'Donnell 4, E-Phil Stevens 5, Justin Novick 3

Thursday, Sept. 14, 1995

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER IMPROVES RECORD TO 3-0
Stevens extends scoreless streak to 234 minutes in 3-0 win

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Junior forward Barry Gordon (SPANISH TOWN, JAMAICA) scored his third goal in as many matches and junior keeper Phil Stevens (TOLLAND) recorded his second straight shutout as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team blanked Westfield State College 3-0 Thursday.

The win is ECSU's third to open the season -- its best start since opening 4-0 in 1987. Westfield drops to 1-2.

Gordon, who scored the team's first goal in its first two matches, assisted on the team's first yesterday, then scored his third goal of the year ten minutes into the second half to give ECSU a 2-0 lead.

Stevens extended his personal scoreless streak to 234 minutes as he combined on the shutout with freshman Justin Novick (SOUTH WINDSOR). Stevens made five saves over the first 75 minutes, Novick two saves over the final 15.

Senior midfielder Mark Samuels (HARTFORD) scored his second goal in as many matches to give ECSU a 1-0 lead in the 31st minute. Gordon and freshman forward Kevin Minich (STAFFORD) added second-half goals. Minich also had an assist while senior back Jon Moser (ELLINGTON) assisted on both second-half goals.

Eastern outshot Westfield 21-10 in extending its unbeaten streak against the Owls to six (5-0-1).

The Warriors hosts Salem State College Saturday at 2 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 3, Westfield State 0

Westfield State (1-2)	0	0	--	0
Eastern Conn. (3-0)	1	2	--	3

Mark Samuels (John Natale, Barry Gordon) 31:22; Gordon (Jon Moser, Kevin Minich) 54:49; Minich (Moser, Pete Ronga) 62:37.

Shots: W-15, E-21; Saves: W-Bryan Gava 5, Neil Belanger 4; E-Phil Stevens 5, Justin Novick 2.

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1995

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER WINS SECOND STRAIGHT MATCH
Warriors blank Rhode Island College in conference opener

PROVIDENCE, RI -- Junior Barry Gordon (SPANISH TOWN, JAMAICA) scored his second goal in as many matches and senior Mark Samuels (HARTFORD) added his first career one as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team blanked Rhode Island College 2-0 Tuesday in the Little East Conference opener for both teams.

The win is the second in as many outings for Eastern (2-0), which won only three matches all of last year. The Anchormen fall to 0-3.

Gordon, a junior who did not play last year, scored in the 22nd minute on an assist from senior Kevin Felgate (WINDSOR) while Samuels added an insurance marker with 20 minutes left in the match on an assist from sophomore Matt Caruso (WOODSTOCK). Samuels played in three matches as a freshman in 1991.

Junior keeper Phil Stevens (TOLLAND) made five saves for Eastern while Steve Clapprood made eight. Stevens has allowed only one goal in two matches.

ECSU hosts Westfield State College Thursday at 4 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 2, Rhode Island College 0

Eastern Conn. (2-0)	1	1	--	2
R.I. College (0-3)	0	0	--	0

Barry Gordon (Kevin Felgate) 22:40; Mark Samuels (Matt Caruso) 71:10.

Shots: E-10, R-6; Saves: E-Phil Stevens 5, Steve Clapprood 8.

Wednesday, Sept. 6, 1995

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER WINS OPENER 2-1 OVER TEIKYO POST U.

WATERBURY, Conn. -- Senior midfielder Pete Ronga broke a tie 16 minutes into the second half and junior keeper Phil Stevens made 11 saves as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team defeated Teikyo Post University 2-1 Wednesday in its season-opener.

Eastern, which didn't win its first match a year ago until the ninth match of the season, erased a 1-0 deficit in beating the Eagles (1-2) after losing the last two meetings between the clubs.

Ronga, who missed six matches last year with a separated shoulder, scored his 11th career goal in the 61st minute on an assist from freshman forward Kevin Minich with a chip shot over on-rushing Post keeper Takayuki Yokoyama to snap a 1-1 tie.

The Eagles had taken a 1-0 lead in the 21st minute before junior forward Barry Gordon tied the match five minutes later on an assist from junior midfielder John Natale. Neither Gordon nor Natale had played last year.

Stevens, last year's MVP, made 11 saves on 13 Eagles' shots while Yokoyama made five saves on 11 ECSU shots.

Eastern is idle until opening its Little East Conference season Tuesday at Rhode Island College.

Eastern Conn. 2, Teikyo Post U. 1

Eastern Conn. (1-0)	1	1	--	2
Teikyo Post (1-2)	1	0	--	1

T-Hirohito Okomoto (Gary Dunnigan, Brian Dunnigan) 20:57; E-Barry Gordon (John Natale) 26:05; E-Pete Ronga (Kevin Minich) 60:51.

Shots: E-11, T-13; Saves: E-Phil Stevens 11, T-Takayuki Yokoyama 5.