

ECSU

Sports News

Sports Information Office

Bob Molta, Director

Tel.: (860) 465-5172 * FAX: (860) 465-4696

Hotline: (860) 465-5756

e-mail: molta@ecsuc.ctstateu.edu

Eastern Connecticut State University

little east conference

Wednesday, November 4, 1998

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER DROPS SEASON-ENDING 2-1 DECISION

Freshman Todd Davis scores first collegiate goal to give Wesleyan victory

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman Todd Davis came off the bench to score his first collegiate goal in his fourth match and lift the Wesleyan University men's soccer team to a 2-1 victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Wednesday in the Warriors' season-finale.

Davis, who entered the match in the second half, one-timed a cross from senior Peter Czerepak midway through the second half to give Wesleyan (5-7-1) the win. ECSU finishes 7-12.

Czerepak had given Wesleyan a 1-0 lead with his team-leading fifth goal of the season in the 20th minute but ECSU gained the equalizer ten minutes later when junior forward **Paul Bazzano (ROCKY HILL)** scored his team-leading sixth goal of the season when he headed the ball past Wesleyan keeper Noah Levine on pass from sophomore forward **Geoff Zimmitti (HEBRON)**.

Wesleyan had several opportunities to break the tie but couldn't capitalize until Davis's goal. The play originated when senior Andy Fiore lofted a pass from the middle of the field down the right wing to Czerepak, who got behind an ECSU defender and chested the ball to his feet. Czerepak carried it briefly to the end line and crossed it across the goal mouth to an unmarked Davis at the left post, who one-timed it into the open net.

The win is the fifth for Wesleyan over Eastern in as many years.

Wesleyan University 2, Eastern Conn. 1

Wesleyan U. (5-7-1)	1	1	--	2
Eastern (7-12)	1	0	--	1

W-Peter Czerepak (Avi Stopper) 20:11; E-Paul Bazzano (Geoff Zimmitti) 30:20; W-Todd Davis (Andy Fiore, Czerepak) 65:47.

Shots: W-18, E-11; Saves: W-Noah Levine 4, E-Doug Craig 4.

Mailing address:

Sports Center, Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic, CT 06226

ECSU

Sports News

Sports Information Office

Bob Molta, Director

Tel.: (860) 465-5172 * FAX: (860) 465-4696

Hotline: (860) 465-5756

e-mail: molta@ecsuc.ctstateu.edu

Eastern Connecticut State University

little east conference

Saturday, October 31, 1998

PLYMOUTH STATE MEN'S SOCCER CLINCHES LITTLE EAST

Panthers remain undefeated on season, drop Eastern Connecticut 2-0

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior forward Jesse Elderkin scored his team-leading 14th goal of the season 20 minutes into the match to help the Plymouth State College men's soccer team to a 2-0 victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday and clinch its fifth Little East Conference championship.

The Panthers, ranked tenth nationally and second in New England, finished unbeaten with seven conference wins and remained undefeated (14-0-2) overall with two regular-season matches remaining. Eastern falls to 7-11-0 overall and finishes 4-3-0 in the conference. The Warriors are the last conference team to beat Plymouth, which has won 15 straight since losing 5-0 at ECSU Oct. 26, 1996. Plymouth won all seven of its conference matches for the second straight year.

Elderkin gave Plymouth a 1-0 lead when he headed in a cross from sophomore back Simon Sendowski. Plymouth maintained its 1-0 edge until freshman forward Antoine Moiboueyi beat ECSU freshman keeper Doug Craig (NIANTIC) in a one-on-one situation after taking Sendowski's through-ball ahead of the field. It was Moiboueyi's tenth goal of the year.

Eastern's best opportunity to tie the match came with three minutes left in the first half when junior midfielder Vincent Cioffi (WILLINGTON) hit the crossbar from 20 yards and junior forward Paul Bazzano's (ROCKY HILL) rebound shot was cleared by a Plymouth defender.

Eastern hosts Wesleyan University Wednesday at 3 p.m. in its regular-season finale.

Plymouth State 2, Eastern Conn. 0

Plymouth State (14-0-2)	1	1	--	2
Eastern Conn. (7-11-0)	0	0	--	0

Jesse Elderkin (Simon Sendowski, Adam Jordan) 20:00; Antoine Moiboueyi (Sendowski) 87:43.

Shots: P-14, E-11; Saves: P-Shawn Higgins 4, E-Doug Craig 4.

Mailing address:

Sports Center, Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic, CT 06226

ECSU

Sports News

Sports Information Office

Bob Molta, Director

Tel.: (860) 465-5172 * FAX: (860) 465-4696

Hotline: (860) 465-5756

e-mail: molta@ecsuc.ctstateu.edu

Web site: <http://nutmeg.ctstateu.edu>

Eastern Connecticut State University

little east conference

Thursday, October 29, 1998

CIOFFI, CRAIG LEAD ECSU MEN'S SOCCER PAST CONN COLLEGE

Cioffi nets two goals, Craig posts sixth shutout in 2-0 victory over Camels

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Junior midfielder Vincent Cioffi (WILLINGTON) scored two goals in the first half and freshman keeper Doug Craig (NIANTIC) posted his sixth shutout of the season to power the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team to a 2-0 win over Connecticut College Thursday.

The win snaps a two-game home losing streak for Eastern (7-10). Conn College, ranked ninth in the Metro Region, falls to 6-5-1.

Cioffi, who had missed the team's previous two matches -- the first of his career -- following his second operation for a broken nose this season -- got Eastern on the board in the sixth minute with his third goal of the year on assists from sophomore back Mike Murphy (MONTVILLE) and junior forward Paul Bazzano (ROCKY HILL). Cioffi made it 2-0 with nine minutes left in the first half when he beat Conn College keeper Ian Bauer on a direct kick from 18 yards.

The shutout was the first for Craig in six matches. He was forced to make saves on six of Conn's eight shots. Conn forward Jonah Fontela, who had 14 shots and tied a Camel record with five goals in his team's 6-1 win over ECSU last season, was limited to one shot.

Eastern closes out its Little East Conference scheduled Saturday, hosting conference leader Plymouth State College at 1 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 2, Connecticut College 0

Conn College (6-5-1)	0	0	--	0
Eastern Conn. (7-10)	2	0	--	2

Vincent Cioffi (Mike Murphy, Paul Bazzano) 15:36; Cioffi 36:27.
Shots: C-8, E-13; Saves: C-Ian Bauer 4, Kyle Sheffield 0; E-Doug Craig 6.

Mailing address:

Sports Center, Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic, CT 06226

ECSU

Sports News

Sports Information Office

Bob Molta, Director

Tel.: (860) 465-5172 * FAX: (860) 465-4696

Hotline: (860) 465-5756

e-mail: molta@ecsuc.ctstateu.edu

Web site: <http://nutmeg.ctstateu.edu>

Eastern Connecticut State University

little east conference

Tuesday, October 27, 1998

FERREIRA'S DIRECT KICKS SINK ECSU MEN'S SOCCER IN OT *Bridgewater midfielder scores twice on free kicks to beat Warriors*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Sophomore midfielder Marco Ferreira scored twice on direct kicks -- the second ending the match six minutes into sudden death overtime -- as the Bridgewater State College men's soccer team defeated Eastern Connecticut State University 2-1 Tuesday.

Ferreira's goals were nearly identical, coming 42 minutes apart. On each, he drilled a free kick inside the far post on shots taken atop the penalty box. The winning direct kick came from 22 yards out and was taken from just to the left of the goal. Ferreira drilled a low shot to the right of the wall which eluded the dive of ECSU freshman keeper **Doug Craig** (NIANTIC).

Ferreira's sixth goal of the season eight minutes into the second half had given the Bears (8-5-1) a 1-0 lead which held up until ECSU (6-10-0) junior back **Michael Fritch** (TORRINGTON) tied the match with his first collegiate goal with 2:45 left in regulation. Fritch, whose first collegiate point had come Saturday at UMass Dartmouth, split two defenders and outjumped Bridgewater keeper Scott Sullivan to head the ball into an open goal from 18 yards. Junior midfielder **Darek Selke** (EAST HAMPTON) had set up the play with he won an ECSU goal kick at midfield and sent a long pass toward the Bridgewater goal. Fritch raced in from the right wing and headed the ball on one bounce into the vacated goal.

Bridgewater outshot ECSU 20-12. Both keepers made six saves.

Eastern hosts Connecticut College, ranked ninth in the Metro Region, Thursday at 3 p.m.

Bridgewater State College 2, Eastern Conn. 1, ot

Bridgewater State (8-5-1)	0	1	(1)	--	2
Eastern Conn. (6-10)	0	1	(0)	--	1

B-Marco Ferreira 53:04; E-Michael Fritch (Darek Selke) 87:19; B-Ferreira 95:59.
Shots: B-20, E-12; Saves: B-Scott Sullivan 6, E-Doug Craig 6.

Mailing address:

Sports Center, Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic, CT 06226

ECSU

Sports News

Sports Information Office

Bob Molta, Director

Tel.: (860) 465-5172 * FAX: (860) 465-4696

Hotline: (860) 465-5756

e-mail: molta@ecsuc.ctstateu.edu

Eastern Connecticut State University

little east conference

Saturday, October 24, 1998

COLLINS'S OVERTIME GOAL CARRIES ECSU MEN'S SOCCER *Warriors edge UMass Dartmouth 3-2 in Little East Conference*

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. -- Sophomore midfielder **Matt Collins's** (WINDSOR LOCKS) second goal of the season 18 minutes into sudden death overtime gave the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team to a 3-2 victory over the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Saturday.

Eastern (6-9-0) improves to 4-2 in the conference in winning in its final road match of the season -- just its second win away from home against eight losses. UMass is 5-10-1 overall, 3-3 in the conference.

The Corsairs had erased a 2-0 halftime lead with two goals in a seven minute span midway through the second half before Collins scored on an assist from junior midfielder **Alonzo Cherrington** (PEMBROKE, BERMUDA) 18 minute into overtime -- the team's second overtime win against two losses this season.

Junior midfielder **Tony Manfre's** (ELLINGTON) first career point and sophomore midfielder **Geoff Zimmitti's** (HEBRON) second goal of the season four minutes apart had staked ECSU to a 2-0 advantage late in the first half but the Corsairs bounced back to send the match into overtime, Keita Monteiro pulling UMass even in the 74th minute. Manfre assisted on Zimmitti's goal, as did junior back **Michael Fritch** (TORRINGTON), who recorded his first collegiate point.

ECSU freshman keeper **Doug Craig** (NIANTIC) made ten saves to gain the win in net for Eastern while Dave Duraes made three for the Corsairs.

Eastern hosts Bridgewater State College Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 3, Massachusetts Dartmouth 2

Eastern Conn. (6-9-0)	2	0	(0)	(1)	--	3
UMass Dartmouth (5-10-1)	0	2	(0)	(0)	--	2

E-Tony Manfre (Paul Bazzano) 33:31; E-Geoff Zimmitti (Manfre, Michael Fritch) 37:41; MD-Jay Ponte (Mike Tuccillo) 67:58; MD-Keita Monteiro (Jeff Grossi) 74:37; E-Matt Collins (Alonzo Cherrington) 108:18.

Shots: E-13, MD-16; Saves: E-Doug Craig 10, MD-Dave Duraes 3.

Mailing address:

Sports Center, Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic, CT 06226

ECSU

Sports News

Sports Information Office

Bob Molta, Director

Tel.: (860) 465-5172 * FAX: (860) 465-4696

Hotline: (860) 465-5756

e-mail: molta@ecsuc.ctstateu.edu

Eastern Connecticut State University

little east conference

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

KEENE STATE COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER BLANKS ECSU 5-0 *Warriors drop third straight match, fall to 3-2 in Little East Conference*

KEENE, NH -- Lakota Denton had two goals and an assist to power the Keene State College men's soccer team to a 5-0 Little East Conference win over Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday.

The loss is ECSU's (5-9-0) second straight in the conference after three opening wins. Keene State (10-5-0), ranked eighth in New England, improves to 4-1 in the conference. The teams had entered play sharing second place in the conference.

Denton got the Owls on the board at 19:03, then assisted when teammate Chris Brunette made it 2-0 38 seconds later.

Keene State outshot ECSU 22-5 in defeating ECSU for the fifth consecutive time.

Eastern visits Massachusetts Dartmouth Saturday at 2 p.m. in a Little East Conference match.

Keene State College 5, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (5-9-0)	0	0	--	0
Keene State (10-5-0)	4	1	--	5

Lakota Denton (Mike Norton) 19:03; Chris Brunette (Denton, Norton) 19:41; Denton (unassisted) 31:18; Greg Lam (unassisted) 42:25; Chris Ahern (Derek Bell) 72:06. Shots: E-5, K-22; Saves: E-Doug Craig 8, K-Matt Andrulot 1.

Mailing address:

Sports Center, Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic, CT 06226

ECSU

Sports News

Sports Information Office

Bob Molta, Director

Tel.: (860) 465-5172 * FAX: (860) 465-4696

Hotline: (860) 465-5756

e-mail: molta@ecsuc.ctstateu.edu

Eastern Connecticut State University
little east conference

Saturday, October 17, 1998

OVERTIME GOAL LIFTS RIC PAST ECSU IN MENS' SOCCER 2-1 *Warriors drop first conference match, Anchormen win first*

PROVIDENCE, RI -- Tim Brown scored his sixth goal of the season 16 minutes into sudden death overtime as the Rhode Island College men's soccer team won its first Little East Conference match, handing Eastern Connecticut State University its first conference loss 2-1 Saturday.

The teams scored 13 minutes apart in the second half before Brown clinched the win for Rhode Island (8-6, 1-3) when he scored just 52 seconds into the second overtime period. Neither team had scored through the first 15-minute overtime period.

Jeff Lavigne's eighth goal of the season ten minutes into the second half staked RIC to a 1-0 lead but junior forward **Paul Bazzano's (ROCKY HILL)** team-leading fifth goal of the season -- fourth in the last six matches -- on an assist from freshman midfielder **Jared Palmer (NORTH STONINGTON)** 13 minutes later pulled ECSU even.

The loss was the sixth against one win in seven matches away from home for Eastern (5-8, 3-1).

Eastern travels to Keene State College Tuesday for a Little East Conference match at 7 p.m.

Rhode Island College 2, Eastern Conn. 1, ot

Eastern Conn. (5-8)	0	1	(0)	(0)	--	1
R.I. College (8-6)	0	1	(0)	(1)	--	2

R-Jeff Lavigne (Mike Denham) 55:10; E-Paul Bazzano (Jared Palmer) 68:11; R-Tim Brown (Hugo Costa) 105:52.

Shots: E-13, R-16; Saves: E-Doug Craig 6, R-Pete Gallo 6.

Mailing address:

Sports Center, Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic, CT 06226

ECSU

Sports News

Sports Information Office

Bob Molta, Director

Tel.: (860) 465-5172 * FAX: (860) 465-4696

Hotline: (860) 465-5756

e-mail: molta@ecsuc.ctstateu.edu

Eastern Connecticut State University

little east conference

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 1998

TWO LATE GOALS LIFT TRINITY PAST ECSU MEN'S SOCCER

Two goals within 1:18 give fifth-ranked Bantams 2-1 victory

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Jay Fernandes and Chris Zoppi scored goals one minute and 18 seconds apart late in the match to give the Trinity College men's soccer team a 2-1 victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Wednesday.

A goal in the seventh minute by ECSU junior forward **Paul Bazzano (ROCKY HILL)** stood up until Fernandes's game-tying goal with 7:29 left. One minute and eighteen seconds later, Zoppi pushed the game-winning goal through the puddles from eight yards to give the Bantams (6-3), ranked fifth in the Metro Region, their third win in as many seasons over the Warriors (5-7).

The loss is the first after four shutout home wins for Eastern, which had outscored its visiting opponents 10-0 before Fernandes's tying goal. ECSU freshman keeper **Doug Craig (NIANTIC)** had not allowed a goal in 281 minutes and 31 seconds until Fernandes drilled his second goal of the season inside the left post from six yards on a one-time pass from teammate Michael Baskoff. Just over one minute later, Fernandes helped set up Zoppi's go-ahead goal with a header in the box to teammate Mike Wilson. Wilson attempted a shot but the ball hit a puddle and landed at the feet of Zoppi, who pushed it past Craig inside the left post.

Bazzano, who had tallied game-winning goals in two of the team's previous three wins, gave ECSU the early lead with his team-leading fourth goal of the season in the seventh minute. Junior midfielder **Darek Selke (EAST HAMPTON)** began the play with a throw-in to sophomore back **Mike Murphy (MONTVILLE)**. Murphy sent the ball into the box and Bazzano, cutting through the box, headed it over on-rushing Trinity keeper Tom Hambrick-Stowe from ten yards.

Eastern looks for its fourth straight Little East Conference win Saturday at Rhode Island College (1 p.m.).

Trinity College 2, Eastern Conn. 1

Trinity (6-3-0)	0	2	--	2
Eastern Conn. (5-7-0)	1	0	--	1

E-Paul Bazzano (Darek Selke, Mike Murphy) 7:14; T-Jay Fernandes (Ashton Crosby, Michael Baskoff) 82:31; T-Chris Zoppi (Fernandes, Mike Wilson) 83:49.
Shots: T-19, E-8; Saves: T-Tom Hambrick-Stowe 4; E-Doug Craig 10.

Mailing address:

Sports Center, Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic, CT 06226

ECSU

Sports News

Sports Information Office

Bob Molta, Director

Tel.: (860) 465-5172 * FAX: (860) 465-4696

Hotline: (860) 465-5756

e-mail: molta@ecsuc.ctstateu.edu

Web site: <http://nutmeg.ctstateu.edu>

Eastern Connecticut State University

little east conference

Monday, Oct. 12, 1998

BAZZANO'S GOAL LIFTS ECSU MEN'S SOCCER PAST ALBERTUS

Early goal enough for keeper Doug Craig, who posts fifth shutout win

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Junior forward **Paul Bazzano (ROCKY HILL)** scored his second game-winning goal in ten days and freshman keeper **Doug Craig (NIANTIC)** recorded his fifth shutout win as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team edged Albertus Magnus College 1-0 Monday.

Bazzano, who scored the first goal in a 3-0 win over UMass Boston Oct. 3, registered the game-winner again yesterday, one-timing junior midfielder **Darek Selke's (EAST HAMPTON)** corner kick inside the right post from 18 yards in the eighth minute for the only goal of the match.

Craig lowered his goals-against average to 1.20 with his fifth shutout win for Eastern (5-6), making eight saves -- his highest total in the last six matches. With Craig, Eastern has not allowed a goal at home this season in four wins while scoring ten of its own. Craig has not allowed a goal in the last 199 minutes.

In running their unbeaten streak to seven (5-0-2) against Albertus, Eastern outshot the Falcons (5-7-1) 21-12.

Craig denied Albertus its best scoring threats with eight minutes left in the first half when he dove to smother a shot from ten yards by Jason Kelly, then scrambled to deflect the rebound of a second shot. ECSU had a chance to add a second goal seven minutes into the second half when sophomore forward **Matt Collins (WINDSOR LOCK)** had his shot from 15 yards hit the right post and bound away.

Eastern remains home Wednesday, hosting Trinity College at 4 p.m. The Bantams are ranked fifth in the Metro Region as the top-ranked team in Connecticut.

Eastern Conn. 1, Albertus Magnus 0

Albertus Magnus (5-7-1)	0	0	--	0
Eastern Conn. (5-6-0)	1	0	--	1

Paul Bazzano (Darek Selke) 8:49.

Shots: A-12, E-21; Saves: A-Gabe DeMelo 2, Jeff Errico 6; E-Doug Craig 8.

Mailing address:

Sports Center, Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic, CT 06226

ECSU

Sports News

Sports Information Office

Bob Molta, Director

Tel.: (860) 465-5172 * FAX: (860) 465-4696

Hotline: (860) 465-5756

e-mail: molta@ecsuc.ctstateu.edu

Web site: <http://nutmeg.ctstateu.edu>

Eastern Connecticut State University

little east conference

Saturday, Oct. 10, 1998

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER EDGES SOUTHERN MAINE IN OVERTIME 1-0 *Vincent Cioffi's goal gives Warriors third straight conference victory*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Junior midfielder **Vincent Cioffi's** (WILLINGTON) second goal of the season seven minutes into sudden death overtime lifted the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team to a 1-0 Little East Conference victory over the University of Southern Maine Saturday.

It marks the first time in ten years of conference play that the Warriors have won their first three contests. ECSU is 4-6 overall (3-0 at home) -- all of its wins by shutout -- while Southern Maine dips to 0-3 in the conference, 4-8 overall with its fifth straight loss.

Cioffi hit a 20-yarder under the crossbar after receiving a long pass out of the backfield from junior back **Ted Buck (STORRS)** to give ECSU its 11th win (11-4-2) in 17 matches with Southern Maine. The match was hindered by a puddled field caused by a constant rain. Cioffi's shot, which gives him two game-winning goals in his career, was the team's only one in overtime.

Southern Maine's best scoring chance came late in the first half when freshman forward Darby Higgins sent a shot on an open net after ECSU freshman keeper **Doug Craig (NANTIC)** was caught out of goal. However, junior sweeper **Michael Fritch (TORRINGTON)** leaped to head the ball off the line.

Eastern held a slim 10-9 edge in shots and both Craig and Southern Maine junior keeper Corey Fleming each made three saves. In recording his fourth shutout in nine starts, Craig lowered his goals-against average to 1.33.

Eastern played the match without two starters, sophomore sweeperback **Lorenzo Durante (DERBY)** and freshman forward **Jared Palmer (NORTH STONINGTON)**. Durante injured his knee Wednesday at Wheaton College while Palmer was serving a one-game suspension after being assessed his fifth yellow card Wednesday.

Eastern hosts Albertus Magnus College Monday at 4 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 1, University of Southern Maine 0, ot

Southern Maine (4-7)	0	0	(0)	--	0
Eastern Conn. (4-6)	0	0	(1)	--	1

Vincent Cioffi (Ted Buck) 96:48.

Shots: S-9, E-10; Saves: S-Corey Fleming 3, E-Doug Craig 3.

Mailing address:

Sports Center, Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic, CT 06226

ECSU

Sports News

Sports Information Office

Bob Molta, Director

Tel.: (860) 465-5172 * FAX: (860) 465-4696

Hotline: (860) 465-5756

e-mail: molta@ecsuc.ctstateu.edu

Eastern Connecticut State University

little east conference

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 1998

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER SHUT OUT BY WHEATON COLLEGE 2-0

Warriors outshot 20-4, remain winless against Lyons

NORTON, Mass. -- The Wheaton College men's soccer team remained unbeaten in six matches with Eastern Connecticut State University, outshooting the Warriors 20-4 en route to a 2-0 victory Wednesday.

Ranked sixth in the New England Region, Wheaton (9-2) has won five matches and tied one in this series which dates back to 1993. Eastern (3-6) had entered play having won three of its last four, each of the wins by shutout.

Eric Reed broke a scoreless tie in the eight minutes before the end of the first half to give the hosts a 1-0 halftime lead and the Lyons got an insurance goal from Dan Antoniuk off ECSU freshman keeper **Doug Craig** (NIANTIC) 12 minutes before the end of regulation.

Craig made four saves while Wheaton keeper Greg Bates needed just one to record the shutout.

Eastern returns to Little East Conference action Saturday, hosting the University of Southern Maine at 1 p.m.

Wheaton College 2, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (3-6)	0	0	--	0
Wheaton (9-2)	1	1	--	2

Eric Reed (Pat Gillis) 36:45; Dan Antoniuk (unassisted) 78:18.
Shots: E-4, W-20; Saves: E-Doug Craig 4, W-Greg Bates 1.

Mailing address:

Sports Center, Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic, CT 06226

ECSU

Sports News

Sports Information Office

Bob Molta, Director

Tel.: (860) 465-5172 * FAX: (860) 465-4696

Hotline: (860) 465-5756

e-mail: molta@ecsuc.ctstateu.edu

Web site: <http://nutmeg.ctstateu.edu>

Eastern Connecticut State University

little east conference

Saturday, October 3, 1998

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER BLANKS MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON 3-0

Warriors win first two Little East Conference matches since 1991

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team outshot Massachusetts Boston 22-4 and freshman keeper **Doug Craig (NIANTIC)** needed just one save to record his third shutout in the last four starts in the Warriors' 3-0 Little East Conference victory Saturday.

The win is the third in the last four matches for Eastern (3-5) and the conference victory is its second in as many outings, giving the Warriors wins in their first two conference matches for the first time since 1991. The Beacons fall to 4-4-1 overall, 1-1 in the conference.

Freshman forward **Jared Palmer (NORTH STONINGTON)** contributed to all three goals, assisting on the first and last and beating UMass keeper Ken Susi (11 saves) on a breakaway to give the Warriors a 2-0 lead in the 74th minute.

Eastern took all 14 of the game's first-half shots but could not break through until junior forward **Paul Bazzano (ROCKY HILL)** scored inside the left post four minutes into the second half on assists from Palmer and junior tri-captain **Vincent Cioffi (WILLINGTON)**. Two minutes after Palmer's goal made it 2-0, first-year sophomore midfielder **Matt Collins (WINDSOR LOCKS)** came off the bench to score his first collegiate goal to put the game away.

Craig, who has started seven of eight matches this season, lowered his goals-against average to 1.42.

Eastern visits Wheaton College, ranked fourth in New England, Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 3, Massachusetts Boston 0

UMass Boston (4-4-1)	0	0	--	0
Eastern Conn. (3-5)	0	3	--	3

Paul Bazzano (Vincent Cioffi, Jared Palmer) 48:45; Palmer (unassisted) 74:36; Matt Collins (Palmer, Alonzo Cherrington) 76:31.

Shots: MB-4, EC-22; Saves: MB-Ken Susi 11, EC-Doug Craig 1.

Mailing address:

Sports Center, Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic, CT 06226

ECSU

Sports News

Sports Information Office

Bob Molta, Director

Tel.: (860) 465-5172 * FAX: (860) 465-4696

Hotline: (860) 465-5756

e-mail: molta@ecsuc.ctstateu.edu

Eastern Connecticut State University
little east conference

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 1998

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER BEATEN BY MASS COLLEGE 2-1 *Warriors have two-game winning streak snapped, fall to 1-4 on road*

NORTH ADAMS, Mass. -- Eddie Pires came off the bench to break a tie with his fifth goal 15 minutes into the second half and lift Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts to a 2-1 men's soccer victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Wednesday.

The loss snaps a two-game winning streak for Eastern (2-5), which lost for the fourth time in five road matches. The Mohawks improve to 6-2-1 overall after defeating ECSU for the first time in the last three matches.

The teams traded early goals, the hosts scoring in the fifth minute on Chris Biello's fifth goal of the year and the Warriors answering four minutes later when junior midfielder **Vincent Cioffi (WILLINGTON)** converted his first goal of the season with a 20-yarder under the crossbar.

The Mohawks, who outshot ECSU 17-9 in the match, got the game-winner after receiving a direct kick just outside the box. Pires drilled the attempt into the upper right-hand corner.

Biello's goal snapped a streak of 185 scoreless minutes by ECSU freshman keeper **Doug Craig (NIANTIC)** who had recorded consecutive shutouts in the team's wins over Teikyo Post and Western Connecticut.

Eastern looks for its second straight Little East Conference win Saturday when it hosts Massachusetts Boston at 1 p.m.

Massachusetts College 2, Eastern Conn. 1

Eastern Conn. (2-5)	1	0	--	1
Mass College (6-2-1)	1	1	--	2

M-Chris Biello (Daisuke Sakai, Ken Hepburn) 5:02; E-Vincent Cioffi (unassisted) 9:16; M-Eddie Pires (unassisted) 60:50.

Shots: E-9, M-17; Saves: E-Doug Craig 7, M-Tom Geysen 2.

Mailing address:

Sports Center, Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic, CT 06226

ECSU

Sports News

Sports Information Office

Bob Molta, Director

Tel.: (860) 465-5172 * FAX: (860) 465-4696

Hotline: (860) 465-5756

e-mail: molta@ecsuc.ctstateu.edu

Eastern Connecticut State University

little east conference

Saturday, Sept. 26, 1998

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER BLANKS WESTERN CONN. IN CONFERENCE OPENER

Palmer scores first collegiate goal, Bazzano adds goal and assist in 2-0 win

DANBURY, Conn. -- Freshman forward **Jared Palmer's** (NORTH STONINGTON) first collegiate goal three minutes into the match was enough for freshman keeper Doug Craig (NIANTIC), who recorded his second consecutive shutout, as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team blanked Western Connecticut State University 2-0 Saturday in the Little East Conference opener for both schools.

The win is the second straight (2-4) after four opening losses for Eastern and the first over Western since a 7-1 triumph in Danbury on the final day of the 1987 season. After that loss, the Colonials had tied the next and won the next nine. Western (6-2), a 1997 ECAC New England tournament qualifier, entered play ranked fifth in the NSCAA Metro Region and as the top-ranked institution from New England.

Palmer beat Western sophomore Tim Luchsinger just three minutes into the match for his first collegiate goal (third point) on an assist from **junior forward Paul Bazzano** (ROCKY HILL). Eleven minutes into the second half, Bazzano scored his first goal in the last 15 matches on a header from junior forward **Alonzo Cherrington** (PEMBROKE, BERMUDA) to provide insurance. Cherrington had scored twice with an assist in Wednesday's 4-0 home win over Teikyo Post University.

Craig has now posted back-to-back shutouts and has allowed only one goal in 297 minutes over the last three matches. In that span, Craig has lowered his season's goals-against average to 1.57 from 3.29.

Eastern travels to Massachusetts College Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 2, Western Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (2-4)	1	1	--	2
Western Conn. (6-2)	0	0	--	0

Jared Palmer (Paul Bazzano) 3:10; Paul Bazzano (Alonzo Cherrington) 56:17.
Shots: E-8, W-12; Saves: E-Doug Craig 8, W-Tim Luchsinger 5, R.J. Lucas 0.

Mailing address:

Sports Center, Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic, CT 06226

ECSU

Sports News

Sports Information Office

Bob Molta, Director

Tel.: (860) 465-5172 * FAX: (860) 465-4696

Hotline: (860) 465-5756

e-mail: molta@ecsuc.ctstateu.edu

Eastern Connecticut State University

little east conference

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 1998

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER GAINS SHUTOUT IN FIRST WIN OF SEASON *Cherrington totals five points, Craig notches first collegiate shutout*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Junior midfielder **Alonzo Cherrington (PEMBROKE, BERMUDA)** came off the bench to score two goals and add an assist and freshman keeper **Doug Craig (NIANTIC)** made nine saves to record his first collegiate shutout as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team blanked Teikyo Post University 4-0 in its home-opener Wednesday.

Eastern (1-4) had managed just one goal in losing its first four matches but came alive against the Eagles (2-5), Cherrington's first goal at ECSU giving the Warriors a 1-0 halftime lead. That one-goal margin remained until the Warriors scored three times in seven minutes beginning in the 75th minute. Cherrington's header on a cross from sophomore **Geoff Zimmitti (HEBRON)** made it 2-0 and Zimmitti's first goal of the year 51 seconds later made it 3-0. Cherrington set up sophomore **Jason Edward's (OLD SAYBROOK)** first career goal seven minutes before the end of the match to round out the scoring.

Craig, who made a combined 25 saves in the team's previous two matches, came up with nine saves and posted the shutout to lower his goals-against average to 1.90. Craig had allowed only one goal, in the 116th minute, of last Friday's 1-0 sudden death overtime loss to U.S. Coast Guard.

Eastern travels to face Western Connecticut State University Saturday at 7 p.m. in its Little East Conference opener. The Colonials are ranked fifth in the NSCAA Division III Metro Region poll.

Eastern Conn. 4, Teikyo Post U. 0

Teikyo Post (2-6)	0	0	--	0
Eastern Conn. (1-4)	1	3	--	4

Alonzo Cherrington (Troy Wunderlich, Vincent Cioffi) 40:14; Cherrington (Geoff Zimmitti) 75:57; Zimmitti (Jared Palmer) 76:48; Jason Edwards (Cherrington) 82:47.
Shots: T-13, E-13; Saves: T-Shawn Smith 9, E-Doug Craig 9.

Mailing address:

Sports Center, Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic, CT 06226

ECSU

Sports News

Sports Information Office

Bob Molta, Director

Tel.: (860) 465-5172 * FAX: (860) 465-4696

Hotline: (860) 465-5756

e-mail: molta@ecsuc.ctstateu.edu

Eastern Connecticut State University

little east conference

Friday, Sept. 18, 1998

COAST GUARD GOAL IN OVERTIME SINKS ECSU MEN'S SOCCER

Warriors drop fourth straight when Cadets score in 116th minute

NEW LONDON, Conn. -- The U.S. Coast Guard Academy men's soccer team snapped a string of 338 consecutive scoreless minutes against Eastern Connecticut State University Friday, striking for a sudden-death goal after 27 minutes of overtime in a 1-0 victory.

The loss is the fourth in as many outings this year for Eastern, which played its most inspired match of the year. Coast Guard, which had beaten ECSU by the same margin in overtime in 1995, improves to 3-1.

The Cadets had not scored against ECSU since the win in 1995, falling to ECSU 3-0 a year ago after the teams had played to a scoreless overtime deadlock in 1996. The scoreless streak reached 338 minutes (nearly four 90-minute matches) before sophomore David Garcia beat ECSU freshman keeper **Doug Craig (NIANTIC)** with a 20-yard shot into the upper right-hand corner of the net with just 3:06 left. With ECSU attempting to clear the ball, Coast Guard sophomore Scott Cieplik gained possession in the left corner and sent a pass to Garcia atop the left-hand corner of the 18-yard box. Garcia carried briefly before unloading his shot from the left side inside the right post.

Craig, who lowered his goals-against average to 2.41 from 3.29 with the effort, made a season-high 13 saves. In Tuesday's 2-0 loss at Westfield State, Craig made 12 saves and, other than a penalty kick, allowed only one goal.

The match marked the debut of ECSU sophomore stopperback **Lorenzo Durante (DERBY)**, who had missed the season's first three matches due to academic conflicts. Durante played the entire 117 minutes in front of junior sweeper **Michael Fritch (TORRINGTON)** as the Warriors had the better of play after the first 20 minutes. All-Little East Conference defender **Ted Buck (STORRS)** left the match with 11:42 remaining in regulation after twisting his right ankle. He did not return.

Eastern had several chances in overtime to win, the best coming six minutes before Garcia's game-winner when junior tri-captain **Vincent Cioffi (WILLINGTON)** had his 20-yard rocket tipped over the crossbar by USCGA sophomore keeper James Wimberley.

Eastern makes its home debut Wednesday, hosting Teikyo Post University at 4 p.m.

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

Eastern Conn. (0-4)	0	0	(0)	(0)	--	0
Coast Guard (3-1)	0	0	(0)	(1)	--	1

David Garcia (Scott Cieplik) 116:54.

Shots: E-22, C-19; Saves: E-Doug Craig, 13, C-James Wimberley 7.

Sports Center, Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic, CT 06226

ECSU

Sports News

Sports Information Office

Bob Molta, Director

Tel.: (860) 465-5172 * FAX: (860) 465-4696

Hotline: (860) 465-5756

e-mail: molta@ecsuc.ctstateu.edu

Eastern Connecticut State University

little east conference

Tuesday, September 15, 1998

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER SHUT OUT AT WESTFIELD STATE COLLEGE 2-0

Warriors limited to five shots on goal in losing third straight match

WESTFIELD, Mass. -- Tim Whitney scored two goals in just over three minutes early in the second half to lift the Westfield State College men's soccer team to a 2-0 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday.

The loss is the third in five days for the Warriors (0-3), who have scored just one goal and been shut out the past two matches. The win is the first for Westfield (1-2), which had dropped opening decisions to top regional teams Western Connecticut State University and Williams College.

Whitney, who came off the bench, snapped a scoreless tie when he converted a penalty kick in the 50th minute after ECSU was called for a foul in the box, then made it 2-0 at 53:51 when he banged in an 18-yarder.

Eastern was outshot 18-5, with Whitney taking eight of his team's shots.

The Warriors travel to face U.S. Coast Guard Academy Friday at 7 p.m.

Westfield State 2, Eastern Conn. 0

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

Tim Whitney (penalty kick) 50:32; Whitney (Andrew Lewis) 53:51.
Shots: E-5, W-18; Saves: E-Doug Craig 12, W-D.J.Conway 3.

Mailing address:

Sports Center, Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic, CT 06226

Saturday, Sept. 12, 1998

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER LOSES TWICE AT VIRGINIA WESLEYAN
Warriors outscored 8-1 at Blue Marlin Invitational Sept. 11-12

NORFOLK, VA -- Steve Sachs had a goal and two assists to help carry Christopher Newport University to a 4-0 shutout of the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team Saturday in the second round of the 13th Annual Blue Marlin Invitational, hosted by Virginia Wesleyan College.

Eastern (0-2) dropped both of its tournament matches, bowing to the host Marlins 4-1 Friday. Christopher Newport, ranked tenth in the NCAA Division III South Region, evens its record at 2-2. The Captains were beaten by Kean University 7-2 Friday in the first round. The tournament pairings were pre-determined.

The Captains scored twice on headers off corner kicks, getting the only goal it would need in the 27th minute when Shadi Abi-Saab headed Sachs's corner kick past ECSU junior keeper **Nate Gainey (MONTVILLE)**. Sachs gave Christopher Newport a 2-0 halftime lead when found himself alone 12 yards out and one-timed a cross past Gainey.

The Warriors had several chances to get on the board in the first half but came up empty. Junior midfielder **Darek Selke's (EAST HAMPTON)** corner kick two minutes into the match appeared headed inside the far post but the ball grazed the hand of a leaping ECSU player and the goal was nullified. Freshman forward **Jared Palmer's (NORTH STONINGTON)** unobstructed header from in front of the goal also sailed just wide of the left post and the Warriors also had a goal called back when they were whistled for being offside.

Gainey made three saves and allowed the two first-half goals before giving way to freshman **Doug Craig (NIANTIC)** six minutes into the second half. Craig, who made five saves in his collegiate debut Friday in the loss to Virginia Wesleyan, came up with four saves over the final 39 minutes.

Virginia Wesleyan won its own tournament for the seventh time, edging Kean 3-2 Saturday afternoon in a battle of the tournament's two first-round winners.

Eastern travels to face Westfield State College Tuesday at 7 p.m

ECSU Beaten 4-1 in First Round in Season Debut

Vincent Sciallo scored three times to carry host Virginia Wesleyan College to a 4-1 victory Friday over the Warriors, making their season debut. The win for Virginia Wesleyan, ranked 18th nationally, was its third without a loss.

Trailing 4-0, Eastern scored in the 76th minute on a goal by senior forward **Troy Wunderlich (NORTH STONINGTON)**, who knocked in the rebound of a shot by junior midfielder **Vincent Cioffi (WILLINGTON)**.

(more)

222222222222

Sciullo scored both goals of the first half -- getting the hosts on the board in the 14th minute when he one-touched in a cross from Ryan Molloy. Molloy assisted on two of Sciullo's goals.

Craig made five saves in net in his collegiate debut for Eastern. Jamie Kyne made two saves while shutting out Eastern over the first 71 minutes before giving way to Ryan Ego.

Eastern opened its ninth season under head coach Frantz Innocent with seven returnees and four newcomers in the starting lineup and was without sophomore center back **Lorenzo Durante (DERBY)**. Durante, who started all 19 matches as a freshman, did not make the trip due to academic-related commitments.

**13th Annual Blue Marlin Invitational
at Norfolk, VA**

Friday, Sept. 11 -- First Round

Virginia Wesleyan 4, Eastern Conn. 1

Virginia Wesleyan (3-0)	2	2	--	4
Eastern Conn. (0-1)	0	1	--	1

VW-Vincent Sciullo (Ryan Molloy) 14:17; VW-Sciullo (James Abadi) 24:40; VW-Matt Hasty (unassisted) 56:00; VW-Sciullo (Molloy) 67:16; EC-Troy Wunderlich (Vincent Cioffi) 76:56.

Shots: VW-15, EC-13; Saves: VW-Jamie Kyne 2, Ryan Ego 3; EC-Doug Craig 5.

Saturday, Sept. 12 -- Second Round

Christopher Newport U. 4, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (0-2)	0	0	--	0
Christopher Newport (2-2)	2	2	--	4

Shadi Abi-Saab (Steve Sachs) 27:10; Sachs (B.J. Jenkins, Rick Gullledge) 41:34; Joe Moriarty (Gullledge) 52:39; Tony Asperin (Sachs, Jenkins) 79:13.

Shots: E-10, CN-18; Saves: E-Nate Gainey 3, Doug Craig 4; CN-Joe Pombriant 1, Kevin Huylebroeck 2.