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Tuesday, October 30, 2001

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER ELIMINATED IN LEC PLAYOFFS

UMass Dartmouth scores only goal with seven seconds left

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. -- Junior midfielder Keita Monteiro scored the only goal of the match with seven seconds left as the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth eliminated Eastern Connecticut State University from the Little East Conference men's soccer playoffs Tuesday.

Third-seeded UMass (13-5) advances to the semifinals Friday at second-seeded Plymouth State College. The tournament final is scheduled for Sunday at the site of the highest remaining seed. Sixth-seeded Eastern finishes 5-15-1.

The Corsairs outshot ECSU 12-2 in the second half but ECSU junior keeper **Arthur Lubniewski (NEWINGTON)** came up with a number of outstanding saves, including one when he came out to stuff James Smith on a breakaway attempt with nine minutes left. Minutes after ECSU survived a UMass flurry which netted them two shots on goal -- with a header from six yards sailing just over the crossbar -- Monteiro knocked in a loose ball with time winding down for the only goal of the match. Monteiro's winning goal was the result of a corner kick which bounced into the box and off the chest of an ECSU defender, who was unable to clear the ball.

UMass has beaten ECSU 1-0 by scoring late goals each of the last three times the teams have met. The Corsairs prevailed with a goal 17 minutes into overtime Sept. 22 at Thomas Nevers Field and also scored a goal with eight minutes left in last year's regular-season win. UMass junior keeper Jorge Fonseca has recorded each of the 1-0 wins in net but was not called upon for a save in this one. Lubniewski had seven saves for the second time this year against UMass.

Massachusetts Dartmouth 1, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (5-15-1)	0	0	--	0
UMass Dartmouth (13-5)	0	1	--	1

Keita Monteiro 89:53.

Shots: E-7, MD-18; Saves: E-Arthur Lubniewski 7; Jorge Fonseca 0.

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Saturday, October 27, 2001

ECSU, RIC MEN'S SOCCER PLAY TO OVERTIME TIE 1-1 *Tie leaves Warriors in sixth place, will travel in LEC tournament opener*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Rhode Island College junior back James Williamson scored his third goal of the season with nine minutes left in regulation and the Anchormen and Eastern Connecticut State University went on to a 1-1 double overtime draw on the final day of Little East Conference regular-season play Saturday.

Eastern (5-14-1, 2-4-1) finishes the regular season in sixth place and the Warriors will visit third-seeded University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the opening round of the conference tournament. Fourth-seeded Rhode Island (4-11-4, 2-3-2) hosts fifth-seeded Western Connecticut State University Tuesday in the other first-round match.

Keene State won its first outright regular-season conference title since joining in 1997 by shutting out Massachusetts Boston 4-0. The Owls and second-seeded Plymouth State draw first-round byes.

Eastern had taken a 1-0 lead five minutes into the second half on freshman back **Curtis Wolff's** (CHESHIRE) first goal off a corner kick from freshman midfielder **Stephen Tackling** (GRAND CASE, ST. MARTIN), but Rhode Island gained the equalizer with just under nine minutes left in regulation. The Anchormen had only one shot in the 30-minute overtime session but held on to snap a three-game losing streak.

Eastern outshot Rhode Island 18-10 but Anchorman senior keeper Carlos Pinhancos came up with nine saves.

Rhode Island College 1, Eastern Conn. 1, ot

R.I. College (4-11-4, 2-3-2 little east)	0	1	(0)	(0)	--	1
Eastern Conn. (5-14-1, 2-4-1 little east)	0	1	(0)	(0)	--	1

E-Curtis Wolff (Stephen Tackling) 51:12; R-James Williamson (Pete Ceprano) 81:07.
Shots: R-10, E-18; Saves: R-Carlos Pinhancos 9, E-Arthur Lubniewski-6.

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ECSU MEN'S SOCCER SHUT OUT BY WESLEYAN U. 3-0

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. -- Rich Valentino had a goal and assist and Mike Trofa two assists to lead the Wesleyan University men's soccer team to a 3-0 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday.

The shutout loss is the ninth of the season for Eastern (5-14), which has dropped three of its last four.

Both teams had 11 shots but Wesleyan (8-4-1) capitalized, moving out to a 2-0 halftime lead on goals by Hughes and Valentino and putting the game away on Tivon Sidorsky's goal on Trofa's second assist six minutes into the second half.

Noah Levine made five saves to post his first shutout in his second start of the year.

Eastern winds up the regular season Saturday, hosting Rhode Island College at 1 p.m. in a Little East Conference match. The Warriors have qualified for the conference post-season tournament, which gets underway Tuesday.

Wesleyan U. 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (5-14)	0	0	--	0
Wesleyan U. (8-4-1)	2	1	--	3

Padraig Hughes (Rich Valentino) 10:57; Valentino (Mike Trofa) 31:39; Tivon Sidorsky (Trofa) 51:09.

Shots: E-11, W-11; Saves: E-Ercole Casella 1, W-Noah Levine 5.

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Sunday, October 21, 2001

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER SHUT OUT BY RAMAPO COLLEGE 2-0 *Roadrunners down Warriors for fourth straight victory*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team couldn't capitalize upon a 17-10 advantage in shots as the Warriors were shut out by Ramapo College 2-0 Sunday at Thomas Nevers Field.

Sophomore Paul Taylor gave the Roadrunners (8-9) a 1-0 lead when he one-timed junior James Dooley's corner kick inside the right post and junior Chris Blackmore added an insurance marker with eight minutes left when he collected junior Adam Tighe's chip and sent a high shot into an open net from 18 yards.

Freshmen Rich Wolfle and Eric Stryker combined for the shutout in net, making five saves for Ramapo, which won its fourth straight match. ECSU outshot the Roadrunners 17-10 but neither Ramapo keeper was called upon to make an outstanding save.

Eastern visits Wesleyan University Tuesday at 3 p.m. before closing out the regular season Saturday by hosting Rhode Island College at 1 p.m. in a Little East Conference match.

Ramapo College 2, Eastern Conn. 0

Ramapo College (8-9)	1	1	--	2
Eastern Conn. (5-13)	0	0	--	0

Paul Taylor (James Dooley) 24:08; Chris Blackmore (Adam Tighe) 82:24.
Shots: R-10, E-17; Saves: R-Rich Wolfle 3 (70:00), Eric Stryker 2 (20:00); E-Ercole Casella 1 (45:00), Arthur Lubniewski 3 (45:00).

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Saturday, October 20, 2001

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER SECURES LITTLE EAST PLAYOFF BERTH *With 4-0 win, Warriors nail down berth in upcoming playoffs*

GORHAM, ME -- Freshmen **Stephen Tackling** (GRAND CASE, ST. MARTIN) and **Josh Waller** (CANTERBURY) scored goals five minutes apart early in the second half Saturday to carry the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team to a 4-0 Little East Conference win over the University of Southern Maine and guarantee the Warriors a spot in the upcoming conference playoffs.

The win for Eastern (5-12, 2-4 little east), coupled with the University of Massachusetts Boston's 4-0 loss at Western Connecticut State University, guarantees ECSU no lower than the No. 6 seed in the conference playoffs. The top six finishers in the eight-team conference qualify for the single-elimination playoffs, which get underway with first-round games Oct. 30.

Tackling's second goal of the year on an assist from senior **Russell Ferreira** (TOLLAND) 51 seconds into the second half boasted ECSU into a 1-0 lead and Waller's unassisted goal five minutes later made it 2-0. Senior **Ryan Smith** (MADISON) and freshman **Angelo Radano** (SHELTON) scored goals later in the half to make a winner of freshman keeper **Ercole Casella** (NORTH HAVEN), who made two saves while playing the second half. The goal was the first collegiate one for Radano.

Eastern outshot Southern Maine (2-15-1, 0-5-1 little east) 13-7 and posted its second straight road win after 19 straight losses. The Huskies have lost nine straight and have been shut out 12 times this year.

The Warriors host Ramapo College Sunday at 1 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 4, U. of Southern Maine 0

Eastern Conn. (5-12, 2-4 little east)	0	4	--	4
Southern Maine (2-15-1, 0-5-1 little east)	0	0	--	0

Stephan Tackling (Russell Ferreira) 45:51; Josh Waller 50:36; Ryan Smith (Phil Dube) 75:50; Angelo Radano (Durga Sharma) 81:00.

Shots: E-13, SM-7; Saves: E-Arthur Lubniewski 2, Ercole Casella 2; SM-Dan Hills 5.

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Tuesday, October 16, 2001

KEENE STATE MEN'S SOCCER EDGES ECSU IN LITTLE EAST 1-0 *Bailey's first goal of season lifts No. 4 New England-ranked Owls*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior back Mark Bailey headed in a corner kick from teammate John Cortese 12 minutes into the second half to lift the Keene State College men's soccer team to a 1-0 Little East Conference men's soccer win over Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday.

With the win, Keene (11-3, 5-0) remains unbeaten in the conference while ECSU falls to 4-12 overall, 1-4 in the conference. It is the sixth shutout of the year for the Owls, ranked in a tie for fourth in New England.

Bailey scored on his only shot of the match on Keene's only corner kick of the second half. He headed in Cortese's corner kick inside the left post from six yards. Keene managed only one shot in the first half but collected ten after the break. The Owls were playing without freshman Jason Lombardo -- the conference's scoring leader -- who missed the match with a pulled muscle.

The Owls have now beaten ECSU the last ten times the teams have met, the last four by shutout.

Eastern visits the University of Southern Maine Saturday at 1 p.m. in a conference match.

Keene State College 1, Eastern Conn. 0

Keene State (11-3, 5-0 little east)	0	1	--	1
Eastern Conn. (4-12, 1-4 little east)	0	-	--	-

Mark Bailey (John Cortese) 56:49.
Shots: K-11, E-8. Saves: K-D.J. Nordmark 2, E-Arthur Lubniewski 5.

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Saturday, October 13, 2001

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER WINS FIRST IN LITTLE EAST CONFERENCE *Warriors remain alive in hunt for tournament berth with 2-0 win*

BOSTON, Mass. -- Senior **Russell Ferreira (TOLLAND)** and freshman **Ryan Mecca (BURLINGTON)** scored second-half goals to lift the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team to its first Little East Conference win of the season, a 2-0 decision over the University of Massachusetts Boston Saturday.

Eastern (4-11, 1-3) was the only team without a point in the eight-team conference entering play. The win is the ninth against four losses in conference play all-time for Eastern against UMass Boston (4-10, 1-3). The top six teams qualify for the conference playoffs, which get underway Oct. 30.

With the win, Eastern snaps a three-game losing streak in winning its first road match of the season after six losses. The Beacons drop their fourth in their last five in being shut out for the ninth time this year.

Ferreira scored his first goal of the season when UMass keeper Orlando Torres lost the handle on the ball six minutes into the second half. Mecca's third goal of the year pushed the lead to 2-0 with less than five minutes left.

First-year junior keeper **Arthur Lubniewski (NEWINGTON)** and freshman **Ercole Casella (NORTH HAVEN)** combined for the win in goal. Casella made three saves over the final 48 minutes to even his record at 3-3.

Eastern hosts conference co-leader Keene State College Tuesday at 4 p.m. in a Little East Conference match at Thomas Nevers Field.

Eastern Conn. 2, Massachusetts Boston 0

Eastern Conn. (4-11, 1-3 little east)	0	2	--	2
UMass Boston (4-10, 1-3)	0	0	--	0

Russell Ferreira 51:29; Ryan Mecca (Stephen Tackling) 85:36.
Shots: E-20, MB-12; Saves: E-Arthur Lubniewski 1, Ercole Casella 3.

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Wednesday, October 10, 2001

TRINITY SCORES TWICE IN FINAL 13 MINUTES TO HOLD OFF ECSU *Warrior soccer team beaten by Bantams for fifth straight time, 3-1*

HARTFORD, Conn. -- Freshman forward Rob Bialobrzeski came off the bench to score the first goal of the match and assist on an insurance goal and junior forward Morgan Sandell had two goals and an assist in leading the Trinity College men's soccer team to a 3-1 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Wednesday.

The win is the fifth straight for Trinity (6-3) over Eastern (3-10), which has lost three straight since stunning No. 9 nationally-ranked Wheaton College 2-0 a week ago.

Bialobrzeski scored just moments after entering the game to give Trinity a 1-0 lead with 17 minutes left in the first half after taking a pass from Sandell, who scored twice late in the second half with his team-leading sixth and seventh goals of the season.

Trailing 2-0, ECSU cut the gap in half when freshman midfielder **Par Andersson (STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN)** converted a penalty kick -- his first collegiate point -- with 11:27 left. Sandell's second goal on an assist from Bialobrzeski with just 73 seconds left gave Trinity a two-goal cushion.

Eastern looks for its first Little East Conference win after three losses Saturday at Massachusetts Boston (1 p.m.)

Trinity College 3, Eastern Conn. 1

Eastern Conn. (3-11)	0	1	--	1
Trinity (6-3)	1	2	--	3

T-Rob Bialobrzeski (Morgan Sandell) 27:55; T-Sandell (Aaron Birnbaum) 77:39;
E-Par Andersson (penalty kick) 78:33; T-Sandell (Bialobrzeski) 88:47.
Shots: E-11, T-12; Saves: E-Arthur Lubniewski 3, T-Jamie Burns 1.

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Monday, October 8, 2001

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER DROPS 6-2 DECISION TO ALBERTUS MAGNUS
Falcons score four goals in six minutes to hand Warriors tenth defeat

NEW HAVEN, Conn. -- The Albertus Magnus College men's soccer team scored four goals in less than six minutes and went on to a 6-2 victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Monday.

Leading 2-1, the Falcons (7-3-2) scored twice in the final 3:12 of the first half, then scored twice in the first 2:33 of the second half to push the lead to 6-1. Sophomore back Mike Abbey converted a penalty kick in the seventh minute to give Albertus an early 1-0 lead and freshman Tucker Wood made it 2-0 eight minutes later when he found himself unmarked from 12 yards after receiving a through-ball from freshman Steve Arias.

In addition to the assist, Arias scored twice for Albertus during its four-goal, six-minute outburst while junior Jeff Teixeira had a goal and assist in that run.

Sophomores **Todd Parness (NORTH BRANFORD)** and **Chris Puzio (BERLIN)** came off the bench to score for Eastern. The goal was the second of Parness's career and first for Puzio. Sophomore **Phil Dube (WEST HARTFORD)** collected his first collegiate point with an assist.

Eastern visits Trinity College Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

Albertus Magnus 6, Eastern Conn. 2

Eastern Conn. (3-10)	1	1	--	2
Albertus Magnus (7-3-2)	4	2	--	6

A-Mike Abbey (penalty kick) 7:06; A-Tucker Wood (Steve Arias) 15:28; E-Todd Parness (Phil Dube) 34:10; A-Felipe Montoya 41:48; A-Arias (Jeff Teixeira) 43:08; A-Teixeira (Frank Bonavena) 45:30; A-Arias 47:33; E-Chris Puzio 84:14.

Shots: E-9, W-16; Saves: E-Ercole Casella 4, Arthur Lubniewski 2; A-John Adams 4, Mike Bauer 0.

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Saturday, October 6, 2001

RIBEIRO LEADS WESTERN CONN. MEN'S SOCCER PAST EASTERN
Freshman has goal and two assists in Colonials' 3-1 conference victory

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman forward Daniel Ribeiro scored a goal and assisted on the other two to lead the Western Connecticut State University men's soccer team to a 3-1 Little East Conference victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday at Thomas Nevers Field.

Western (6-4-3, 1-2) scored in the second minute of play and led 2-0 at halftime. The Warriors (3-9, 0-3) got one back with 25 minutes left in the game but Ribeiro scored his fifth goal of the season on a breakaway set up by sophomore Justin Pease's through-ball with just over three minutes left.

It is the first two-game winning streak of the year for Western, which jumped to a quick 1-0 lead with just under two minutes gone when sophomore Felipe Taborda slammed an 18-yarder inside the right post on feed from Ribeiro. Western made it 2-0 midway through the half when sophomore David Forefo connected on a six-yard header on Ribeiro's cross from the right wing.

Trailing 2-0, Eastern got one back midway through the second half when **Ryan Mecca (BURLINGTON)** scored his second goal of the year but Ribeiro steered his fifth goal of the season into an open net with 3:13 left after beating ECSU freshman keeper **Ercole Casella (NORTH HAVEN)** to the ball.

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

Western Conn. 3, Eastern Conn. 1

Western Conn. (6-4-3, 1-2 little east)	1	2	--	3
Eastern Conn. (3-9, 0-3 little east)	0	1	--	1

W-Felipe Taborda (Daniel Ribeiro) 1:55; W-David Forero (Ribeiro) 26:10; E-Ryan Mecca (Mike Nuzzolillo, Travis Deprey) 64:47; W-Ribeiro (Justin Pease) 86:47.

Shots: W-13, E-4; Saves: W-Mark Pataky 1, E-Arthur Lubniewski 3, Ercole Casella 2.

**Field Hockey
at Salem, MA**

Eastern Conn. 2, Salem State College 1

Eastern Conn. (8-5, 5-2 little east)	1	1	--	2
Salem State (2-8, 1-6 little east)	0	1	--	1

E-Mo Deegan 12:41; S-Elizabeth Powers (Corinne Michaud) 9:32; E-Sharon Kilpatrick (Stefanie Fraser) 8:32.

Shots:E-16, S-10; Saves: E-Jennifer Makwana 3, S-Emily King 4, Jeanette Gordon 8.

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Wednesday, October 3, 2001

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER KNOCKS WHEATON FROM UNBEATEN RANKS
Warriors (3-8) score two second-half goals to blank No.-9 nationally-ranked Lyons

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team scored two goals on three shots to stun No.-9 nationally-ranked and previously-unbeaten Wheaton College (MA) 2-0 Wednesday at Thomas Nevers Field.

Eastern (3-8), outscored 15-1 in five straight losses to Wheaton (10-1) entering play, got second-half goals from former RHAM High School teammates **Geoff Zimmitti (HEBRON)** and **Kenny Romanchuck (MARLBOROUGH)** and withstood 17 shots to beat the Lyons for the first time after losing seven and tying one in eight previous meetings. Wheaton is ranked second in New England and ninth nationally in Division III.

Zimmitti put ECSU ahead for good 14 minutes into the second half when he one-timed a cross from freshman **Angelo Radano (SHELTON)** inside the far left post, scoring his third goal of the year and 13th of his career. The play was set up deep in the ECSU end when freshman back **Mike Nuzzolillo (NORTH BRANFORD)** won a Wheaton throw-in and chipped it up the right sideline to Radano. The point was the first collegiate one for Nuzzolillo.

With Eastern clinging to the 1-0 lead, Romanchuck added an insurance marker with less than three minutes left when he beat Wheaton senior keeper Craig Evans from 12 yards after winning the ball 25 yards from the goal and out-maneuvering a Wheaton defender, who fell down as Romanchuck changed direction inside the box. The play originated from freshman keeper **Ercole Casella's (NORTH HAVEN)** punt to midfield, where Zimmitti headed it ahead to Romanchuck while challenging a Wheaton defender in the air.

Wheaton outshot Eastern 17-3 but Ercole made six second-half saves to gain his second win. First-year junior **Arthur Lubniewski (NEWINGTON)** made five saves on Wheaton's seven first-half shots.

Junior Shaun Cavanaugh, who had scored ten goals in Wheaton's first ten matches, was limited to one shot by the ECSU defense, led by junior sweeperback Brian Fitzgerald (MARLBOROUGH).

With the win, Eastern evens its home record at 3-3.

Eastern hosts Western Connecticut State University Saturday at 1 p.m. in a Little East Conference match.

Eastern Conn. 2, Wheaton College (MA) 0

Wheaton College (10-1)	0	0	--	0
Eastern Conn. (3-8)	0	2	--	2

Geoff Zimmitti (Mike Nuzzolillo, Angelo Radano) 58:47; Kenny Romanchuck (Ercole Casella, Zimmitti) 87:11.

Shots: W-17, E-3; Saves: W-Craig Evans 0, E-Arthur Lubniewski 5, Ercole Casella 6.

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Saturday, September 29, 2001

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER FALLS TO DEFENDING LEC CHAMPIONS 1-0
Warriors lose to Plymouth State, drop fifth one-goal decision this year

PLYMOUTH, NH -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team couldn't capitalize on a one-man advance over the final 30 minutes of play as the Warriors were beaten 1-0 by defending Little East Conference champion Plymouth State College Saturday.

Leading 1-0, Plymouth (4-3, 2-0) survived the red-card ejection of Troy Silva 15 minutes into the second half, holding on to defeat Eastern (2-8, 0-2) for the fifth straight year and handing the Warriors their fifth one-goal loss this year against one win. Silva was dismissed after being tagged with his second yellow card.

Senior Garry Thompson scored the only goal of the match in the 26th minute, when he blasted a rebound past ECSU junior keeper **Arthur Lubniewski (NEWINGTON)**, who has allowed only two goals in suffering two conference losses this year. Senior Scott Laine made four saves to record his second shutout in five starts and lower his goals-against average to 0.79. Lubniewski made three saves and lowered his GAA to 1.54.

Eastern hosts No. 10 nationally-ranked Wheaton College (MA) Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Plymouth State 1, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (2-8, 0-2)	0	0	--	0
Plymouth State (4-3, 2-0)	1	0	--	1

Garry Thompson (Antoine Moibqueyi) 25:25.

Shots: E-6, P-10. Saves: E-Arthur Lubniewski 3, P-Scott Laine 4.

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Wednesday, September 26, 2001

LATE GOALS LIFT ECSU MEN'S SOCCER PAST MASS COLLEGE 2-1 *Zimmitti ties match in 70th minute, assists on game-winner with 38 seconds left*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior **Geoff Zimmitti (HEBRON)** tied the match in the 70th minute and assisted on freshman **Ryan Mecca's (BURLINGTON)** game-winning goal with 38 seconds left in regulation to provide the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team with a 2-1 win over Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Wednesday at Thomas Nevers Field.

Mecca, appearing in only his fourth collegiate match, gave ECSU its second win against seven losses and fourth victory over the Mohawks (2-6-1) in the last six years.

Freshman Joe Macksey had scored his team-leading fifth goal of the year to give Mass College a 1-0 lead 13 minutes into the second half but Zimmitti notched his second goal of the year (12th of his career) on an assist from sophomore **Kenny Romanchuck (MARLBOROUGH)** to tie the match 11 minutes later.

Freshman keeper **Ercole Casella (NORTH HAVEN)** needed only one save to record his first collegiate win. It was his first start since Sept. 15.

Eastern visits 2000 conference tournament champion Plymouth State College Saturday at 3 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 2, Mass College 1

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

M-Joe Macksey (Owen Broch) 58:05; E-Geoff Zimmitti (Kenny Romanchuck) 69:15; E-Ryan Mecca (Zimmitti) 89:22.

Shots: M-3, E-9; Saves: M-Bryan Chadwick 4, E-Ercole Casella 1.

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Saturday, September 22, 2001

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER DROPS LITTLE EAST CONFERENCE OPENER *Fonseca shuts out Warriors 1-0 for second straight season.*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- University of Massachusetts Dartmouth junior Adrain Gonsalves scored his first goal of the season 17:23 into overtime and junior goalkeeper Jorge Fonseca shut out the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team for the second straight year, 1-0 in the Little East Conference opener for both teams Saturday.

Gonsalves drove a 15-yarder into an open net after receiving a pass from junior Admir DaSilva. Gonsalves evaded ECSU (1-7, 0-1) junior keeper **Arthur Lubniewski (NEWINGTON)** and had only to beat an ECSU defender to score the game-ending shot. DaSilva had left the match with an injury with ten minutes left in regulation before returning to set up Gonsalves for the winning goal.

Fonseca, the MVP of last year's Little East Conference tournament, made six saves for UMass (6-2, 1-0) to lower his goals-against average to 1.22. Fonseca had shut out ECSU by the same score in last year's regular-season finale.

Both clubs had a prime opportunity to score in the first 15-minute overtime. UMass juniro Vesselin Tzolov, who has scored six of his team's 13 goals, hit the post from 20 yards on a free kick and Fonseca came up with the save on ECSU senior **Geoff Zimmitti's (HEBRON)** point-blank shot on a re-start.

Eastern hosts Massachusetts College Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Massachusetts Dartmouth 1, Eastern Conn. 0, ot

UMass Dartmouth (6-2, 1-0)	0	0	(0)	(1)	-	1
Eastern Conn. (1-7, 0-1)	0	0	(0)	(0)	-	0

Adrain Gonsalves (Admir DaSilva) 107:25.

Shots: MD-17, E-14; Saves: MD-Jorge Fonseca 6, E-Arthur Lubniewski 7.

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Thursday, Sept. 20, 2001

BRIDGEWATER STATE MEN'S SOCCER BLANKS ECSU 5-0
Freshman records hat trick in Bears' victory over Warriors

BRIDGEWATER, Mass. -- Freshman Allan Villatoro scored two goals five minutes apart in the second half to complete a three-goal hat trick and lift the Bridgewater State College men's soccer team to a 5-0 victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Thursday.

Villatoro put Bridgewater (1-3) ahead for good with the first goal of the match in the 28th minute, then added two goals five minutes apart early in the second half to push the lead to 4-0.

The Bears outshot Eastern (1-6) 23-9. Sophomores Brian Krug (five saves) and Mike Testa (none) combined for the shutout in goal.

Eastern opens Little East Conference play Saturday, hosting Massachusetts Dartmouth at 2 p.m. at Thomas Nevers Field.

Bridgewater State 5, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (1-6)	0	0	--	0
Bridgewater State (1-3)	2	3	--	5

Allan Villatoro (Fred Quinn) 27:27; Ryan Mackiewicz (Jason Hanscom) 35:34; Villatoro 55:00; Villatoro (Quinn) 60:00; Ian Melton (Emmanuel Quayson) 86:24.

Shots: E-9, B-23; Saves: E-Arthur Lubniewski 9, Ercole Casella 3; B-Brian Krug 5, Mike Testa 0.

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Wednesday, September 12, 2001

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER DROPS SECOND ONE-GOAL DECISION 3-2

Romanchuck, Tackling score first career goals in loss at Conn College

NEW LONDON, Conn. -- Freshman John Stone's goal broke a tie midway through the second half that carried the Connecticut College men's soccer team to a 3-2 decision over Eastern Connecticut State University Wednesday at Harkness Green.

The loss is the fourth to open the season for Eastern, second straight by a 3-2 score. Conn improves to 1-1.

Freshman **Stephen Tackling (GRAND CASE, ST. MARTIN)** had scored his first collegiate goal on a deflected shot in the 59th minute to tie the match at two-all but Stone put the Camels ahead for good seven minutes later when he scored from inside the box on a pass from junior Sean Hamill. Hamill, Stone and sophomore Nathaniel Appel had hooked up 11 minutes earlier to give Conn a 2-1 lead when Hamill hammered a 12-yard header inside the left post on a long chip by Appel.

ECSU sophomore **Kenny Romanchuck (MARLBOROUGH)** had given ECSU a 1-0 lead in the 29th minute with his first career goal, set up on freshman **Sean Zettervall's (COLCHESTER)** cross from the left wing. Romanchuck found himself alone just outside the box after receiving the pass and beat Conn junior keeper Sean LaBrie inside the left post from 15 yards. Two minutes later, Conn was awarded a penalty kick on an ECSU hand ball and sophomore Timothy Walker scored inside the right post, just beyond the dive of ECSU freshman keeper **Jake Gadomski (EAST HAMPTON)**.

Both teams had several outstanding opportunity to score additional goals in the game. Gadomski made diving saves on Stone and Walker to foil additional Conn threats in the second half and ECSU junior sweeper **Brian Fitzgerald (MARLBOROUGH)** cleared a shot by Conn junior Erich Archer off the line midway through the first half. Trailing 3-2 with nine minutes left, Eastern had consecutive shots cleared off the line by Appel and junior Joe Randall. LaBrie also came up big when he knocked ECSU senior **Russell Ferreira's (TOLLAND)** blast from the right post over the crossbar with 17 minutes left.

ECSU senior midfielder **Ryan Smith (MADISON)** left the match after 13 minutes due to a hamstring pull suffered prior to pre-season. Smith had scored both of the team's goals Sunday in a 3-2 loss to Hampden Sydney College at Fayetteville, NC.

Conn outshot ECSU 21-9, with Stone collecting seven of his club's chances. LaBrie made five saves while Gadomski came up with six in his first collegiate appearance over the first 67 minutes.

Eastern hosts U.S. Coast Guard Academy Saturday at 1 p.m

Connecticut College 3, Eastern Conn. 2

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

E-Kenny Romanchuck (Sean Zettervall) 28:41; C-Timothy Walker (penalty kick) 30:40; C-Sean Hamill (John Stone, Nathaniel Appel) 55:12; E-Stephene Tackling (Todd Parness) 58:57; C-Stone (Hamill) 66:11.

Shots: E-9, C-21; Saves: E-Jake Gadomski 6, Ercole Casella 2; C-Sean LaBrie 5.

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Monday, Sept. 17, 2001

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER BLANKS WESTFIELD STATE FOR FIRST WIN 2-0
Lubniewski records shutout in goal as Warriors snap scoreless streak against Owls

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team limited Westfield State College to ten shots on goal and senior **Geoff Zimmitti (HEBRON)** and **Josh Waller (CANTERBURY)** scored their first goals of the season to lift the Warriors to a 2-0 win over Westfield State College Monday at Thomas Nevers Field.

Eastern (1-5) broke a streak of three straight shutout losses at the hands of Westfield (1-3) when Zimmitti scored in the 26th minute and Waller came off the bench to add an insurance goal with just over five minutes left.

The Eastern defense -- led by junior sweeper **Brian Fitzgerald (MARLBOROUGH)** and junior **Travis Deprey (BILLERICA, MA)** -- allowed the Owls only ten shots at net and first-year junior keeper **Arthur Lubniewski (NEWINGTON)** made five saves to record his first win in his third start. It was ECSU's first shutout since a 1-0 overtime win over the University of Southern Maine last Oct. 14.

Zimmitti, the program's active career scoring leader, one-timed a shot from the right post past Westfield senior keeper D.J. Conway to give ECSU a 1-0 lead midway through the first half. Deprey set up the goal when he served a bouncing ball into the box and bounded over the head of Conway to an unmarked Zimmitti, who recorded his 11th career goal. That margin stood up until 5:33 remained, when Waller ran on to a ball cleared by the ECSU defense and headed ahead at midfield by sophomore **Chris Puzio (BERLIN)**. Waller beat a Westfield defender to the ball and carried ten yards before grounding a shot from 20 yards inside the left post. Waller had entered the match for the first time with 26 minutes left after an injury to starting forward **Stephen Tackling (GRAND CASE, ST. MARTIN)**.

Westfield had four prime opportunities to score but came up empty on each. Lubniewski dove to his left with 13 minutes left in the first half to snare a quick shot by Peter Fager and Steve Jorge hit the crossbar one minute later. Five minutes into the second half, Jay Chelo hit the left post with a drive and Chris Whalley blasted a 25-yard direct kick just wide of the post with 15 minutes left in the match.

Conway managed to keep the margin at one goal with 21 minutes left when he leaped to tip ECSU junior Matt McDevitt's 25-yarder over the crossbar.

Eastern visits Bridgewater State College Thursday at 4 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 2, Westfield State 0

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

Geoff Zimmitti (Travis Deprey) 26:03; Josh Waller (Brian Fitzgerald, Chris Puzio) 84:27.
Shots: W-10, E-10; Saves: W-D.J. Conway 4, E-Arthur Lubniewski 5.

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Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER FALLS TO COAST GUARD BY 1-0 SCORE

Bears defeat Warriors by that score for fourth consecutive season

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman Anthony Marcheski converted sophomore Judson Wheeler's crossing pass in the 62nd minute that gave the U.S. Coast Guard Academy men's soccer team a 1-0 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday at Thomas Nevers Field.

The Bears (3-0-1) have beaten ECSU (0-5) by that score each of the past four years.

After splitting two ECSU defenders, Marcheski carried into the box, where he passed to Wheeler on the left wing. Wheeler then sent a return pass to Marcheski on the right post, where he beat ECSU freshman keeper **Ercole Casella (NORTH HAVEN)** inside the opposite post for the only goal of the match.

Eastern had an opportunity to tie the match with just over one minute left but freshman **Par Andersson's (STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN)** 18-yard blast hit the right post and was cleared. Coast Guard was foiled on two prime second-half attempts: ECSU junior **Travis Deprey (BILLERICA, MA)** stepped behind Casella to clear senior Jared Trusz' shot off the goal line 15 minutes and senior Scott Cieplik just missed when he one-timed a long goal kick just wide of the left post with four minutes left.

Eastern hosts Westfield State College Monday at 4 p.m.

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

Coast Guard (3-0-1)	0	1	--	1
Eastern Conn. (0-5)	0	0	--	0

Anthony Marcheski (Judson Wheeler) 61:27.
Shots: C-14, E-13; Saves: C-Phil MacArthur 4, E-Ercole Casella 4.

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Sunday, September 9, 2001

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER EDGED BY HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE 3-2
Ryan Smith scores first two career goals in loss at OKI-America Classic

FAYETTEVILLE, NC -- Senior **Ryan Smith (MADISON)** scored his first two career goals but the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team was unable to capitalize in a 3-2 loss to Hampden-Sydney College Sunday in the its second game in the OKI-America Classic, hosted by Methodist College.

Smith, making only his first start of the season due to a pre-season muscle pull, gave the Warriors (0-3) a 2-1 lead with 18 minutes left in the first half but the Tigers (4-1) scored twice in the final 30 minutes, posting the game-winner with 13 minutes left. Hampden-Sydney is ranked ninth in the NSCAA Division III South Region poll. Primarily a defender during his career, Smith was moved to midfield against Hampden-Sydney. He had had two assists in 40 previous career matches.

First-year ECSU junior keeper **Arthur Lubniewski (NEWINGTON)** made six saves on 22 Hampden-Sydney shots while the Tigers' Austin Krison came up with five on nine Eastern shots.

Eastern had lost its tournament opener Saturday, 2-0 to Methodist.

The Warriors visit Connecticut College Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Hampden-Sydney College 3, Eastern Conn. 2

Hampden-Sydney (4-1)	1	2	--	3
Eastern Conn. (0-3)	2	0	--	2

E-Ryan Smith (Russell Ferreira) 11:34; H-Josh Dickens 11:50; E-Smith 27:10; H-Will Swink (Mike Kraemer) 59:58; H-Wilson Graham (Rob Comegys) 76:53.
Shots: H-22, E-9; Saves: H-Austin Krison 5, E-Arthur Lubniewski 6.

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Saturday, September 8, 2001

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER SHUT OUT BY METHODIST COLLEGE 2-0 *Warriors lose first match at OKI-America Classic to host Monarchs*

FAYETTEVILLE, NC -- Freshman midfielder Tom Bennett scored on a corner kick midway through the first half and host Methodist College went on to a 2-0 win over the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team Saturday in the first game of the OKI-America Classic.

Eastern (0-2) is scheduled to face Hampden-Sydney College Sunday at 2 p.m. in its second tournament game. Hampden-Sydney was beaten 4-2 by York College (PA) earlier Saturday. Methodist is 3-0.

Bennett scored on a corner kick in the 23rd minute to give the Monarchs a 1-0 lead sophomore midfielder B.J. Sayles headed in teammate Matt Holmes' free kick with six minutes left to add an insurance goal.

First-year junior **Arthur Lubniewski (NEWINGTON)** made seven saves in his first start in goal for Eastern. Justin Agema also made seven saves to record the shutout for Methodist.

OKI-America Classic at Fayetteville, NC

Methodist College 2, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (0-2)	0	0	--	0
Methodist (3-0)	1	1	--	2

Tom Bennett 22:38; B.J. Sayles (Matt Holmes) 83:50.
Shots: E-12, M-19; Saves: E-Arthur Lubniewski 7, M-Justin Agema 7.

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Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2001

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER BLANKED IN SEASON-OPENER

Salve Regina scores two minutes apart in 2-0 win over Warriors

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior Ben Magoun had a goal and assist to help lift the Salve Regina University men's soccer team to a 2-0 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday in the Warriors' home-opener at Thomas Nevers Field.

Magoun set up the first goal of the game in the 62nd minute and scored the second just over two minutes later. Sophomore Chris Girardin took a short pass from Magoun and sent a long cross through the box to the far post, where unmarked junior Brendan Yout one-timed a hard shot past ECSU freshman keeper **Ercole Casella (NORTH HAVEN)** to break the scoreless tie. Minutes later, Magoun scored on sophomore Craig Baldino's pass from the right wing to make it 2-0.

Salve (1-1) junior keeper Tom Slavin shut out ECSU for the second straight year, recording four saves. Last year, Eastern outshot Salve 31-15 but Slavin came up with 15 saves as the Seahawks scored the only goal 26 minutes into sudden death overtime.

Prior to the match, ECSU dedicated its soccer field in the name of Thomas Nevers, who led the Warriors to 11 post-season tournaments and back-to-back undefeated regular seasons in 1968 and 1969 during an 18-year coaching tenure (1961-1978).

Eastern competes in the Oki-America Classic at Fayetteville, NC this weekend, facing Methodist College Saturday at 3 p.m. and Hampden-Sydney Sunday at 2 p.m.

Salve Regina U. 2, Eastern Conn. 0

Salve Regina (1-1)	0	2	--	2
Eastern Conn. (0-1)	0	0	--	0

Brendan Yout (Ben Magoun, Chris Girardin) 61:45; Magoun (Craig Baldino) 63:56.

Shots: S-8, E-13; Saves: S-Tom Slavin 4, E-Ercole Casella 5, Arthur Lubniewski 0.