

Saturday, November 2, 2002

SMITH SCORES TWICE AS ECSU MEN'S SOCCER WINS FINALE
Warriors break three-game losing streak with 3-1 victory over Rhode Island

PROVIDENCE, RI --- Senior midfielder **Ryan Smith (MADISON)** scored twice as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team defeated Rhode Island College, 3-1, in a Little East Conference game Saturday.

The Warriors finish the 2002 season with an 8-9-1 overall record, 3-4 in the Little East Conference. The victory broke a three-game losing streak dating back to October 22.

Eastern coach Frantz Innocent now has 99 career wins through 13 full seasons.

ECSU scored three first-half goals in less than eight minutes. At 15:31, freshman midfielder **Carl Segura (AMHERST, MA)** hit the post from 25 yards out. Smith followed with a five-yard shot to the lower left as the ball bounced to him in the box.

Junior back **Dan Williams (LEBANON)** hit a 30-yard free kick off RIC goalkeeper Jason Nelson. The ball went to Smith inside the box again. He converted his team-leading fifth goal to the lower left corner from six yards out at 19:03.

Just over four minutes later, freshman forward **Jarod Groat (MIDDLETOWN)** attempted to slide tackle Nelson. The ball ricocheted off of Groat on a line drive into the net for his second goal of the season at 23:07.

RIC's Kyle Teixeira scored on a penalty kick at 55:06.

The Anchormen outshot the Warriors, 19-8. Senior **Arthur Lubniewski (NEWINGTON)** and sophomore **Andrew Bessette (PAWCATUCK)** combined for seven saves in the win. Nelson recorded one save.

Eastern Conn. 3, Rhode Island College 1
at Providence, RI

Eastern Conn. (8-9-1, 3-4 little east)	3	0	--	3
Rhode Island College (11-8, 2-5 little east)	0	1	--	1

Scoring: E-Ryan Smith (Carl Segura) 15:31; E-Smith (Dan Williams) 19:03; E-Jarod Groat 23:07; R-Kyle Teixeira (penalty kick) 55:06.

Shots: E-8, R-19. Saves: E-Arthur Lubniewski 3, Andrew Bessette 4; R-Jason Nelson 1. Corner kicks: E-1, R-5.

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Wednesday, October 30, 2002

EASTERN ELIMINATED FROM LEC MEN'S SOCCER PLAYOFF CONTENTION
Southern Maine scores once in each half to win first conference match

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. ---Sophomore Mike Suesse and freshman Jonathan Martens scored goals and two keepers combined for nine saves as the University of Southern Maine eliminated the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team from Little East Conference playoff contention with a 2-0 victory Wednesday at Thomas Nevers Field.

The win was the first in conference play for Southern Maine (4-9-3, 1-3-2) and drops Eastern (7-9-1, 2-4) from contending for one of the four conference post-season tournament berths.

Suesse scored in the 28th minute when his hard 15-yard shot was fumbled by Eastern senior goalkeeper **Arthur Lubniewski (NEWINGTON)** at the left post. Martens added an insurance goal with just 13 seconds left when he beat Lubniewski to a cleared ball and carried it uncontested into an open net.

Eastern's two best scoring chances came when sophomore forward **Josh Waller (CANTERBURY)** drilled 30-yarders over the crossbar, once in each half. Junior Dan Hills made four saves in the first half and freshman Chris Willard collected five in the second.

Eastern closes out the regular season Saturday with a Little East Conference match at Rhode Island College at 1 p.m.

U. of Southern Maine 2, Eastern Conn. 0

Southern Maine (4-9-3, 1-3-2)	1	1	--	2
Eastern Conn. (7-9-1, 2-4)	0	0	--	0

Mike Suesse (Andy Budelman, Ian Frank) 27:41; Jonathan Martens 89:47.
Shots: S-6, E-17; Saves: S-Dan Hills 4 (45:00), Chris Willard 5 (45:00); E-Arthur Lubniewski 2.

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Tuesday, October 29, 2002

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

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. – Sophomore Evan Berding came off the bench to score his team-leading tenth goal of the season with 15 minutes left in the first half and the Wesleyan University men's soccer team went on to a 3-0 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday.

The win is the third straight for Wesleyan (9-4) over Eastern (7-8-1) and snaps a three-game losing streak for the Cardinals.

Berding beat the Eastern defense just minutes being inserted into the match, taking a pass from teammate Michael Trofa in stride and driving a shot from the right-hand side of the box inside the left post. Leading 1-0 at halftime, Wesleyan added a second goal 13 minutes into the second half when junior Chris Feige took teammate Bobby Guadagno's corner kick, wheeled and fired a left-footed shot from close range into the cage.

Wesleyan outshot Eastern 16-4. Junior goalkeeper Brad Wasik made only one save, denying sophomore **Angelo Radano (SHELTON)** in a one-on-one opportunity from ten yards in the first half.

Eastern hosts the University of Southern Maine Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in a Little East Conference match. It is a makeup of Saturday's match postponed due to rain.

Wesleyan U. 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (7-8-1)	0	0	--	0
Wesleyan U. (9-4)	1	2	--	3

Evan Berding (Michael Trofa) 29:09; Chris Feige (Bobby Guadagno) 57:32; Kevin Lohela (Padraig Hughes, Feige) 83:49.

Shots: E-4, W-16; Saves: E-Arthur Lubniewski 8 (73:00), Andrew Bessette 0 (17:00); W-Brad Wasik 1.

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Tuesday, October 22, 2002

KEENE M-SOCCER SNAPS EASTERN'S THREE-GAME STREAK

Defending conference champion Owls break halftime tie en route to 3-1 win

KEENE, NH -- Sophomore forward Jason Lombardo broke a tie with his team-leading ninth goal of the year midway through the second half and the Keene State College men's soccer team went on to a 3-1 Little East Conference win over Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday night at the Owl Athletic Complex.

Eastern (7-7-1, 2-3 little east) had a three-game winning streak snapped with the loss to the Owls (10-4-2, 3-1-1), ranked fourth in New England. The Warriors entered play locked in a four-way tie for third place in the conference. The top four finishers in the final regular-season standings qualify for the conference playoffs, which get underway next month. Each team has two regular-season conference matches remaining.

Junior midfielder **Brian Fitzgerald's (MARLBOROUGH)** second goal of the season on an assist from freshman midfielder **Carl Segura (AMHERST, MA)** 51 seconds before halftime had tied the match. Both teams had a number of chances to break the tie in the second half before Lombardo took a crossing pass from teammate John Harke and hammered a right-footed shot from the right of the net inside the left post. Keene added an insurance goal with five minutes left when an Eastern defender knocked Justin Hickman's header into the Warriors' goal while attempting a clear.

Unbeaten in their last six matches (4-0-2), the Owls broke through against Eastern senior keeper **Arthur Lubniewski (NEWINGTON)** 14 minutes into the match when an unmarked Casey Banks headed teammate Niklas Brosnan's long free kick inside the far post from his position at the left post. The goal came on Keene's first shot of the match and was the first allowed by Lubniewski in 302 minutes over four matches.

Fitzgerald pulled Eastern even inside the final minute of the first half when he took Segura's through-ball in stride, outraced one defender and beat Keene senior keeper D.J. Nordmark with a ten-yard shot inside the right post. Two minutes earlier, Fitzgerald had been denied on consecutive close-range shots after receiving a pass from sophomore forward **Stephen Tackling (GRAND CASE, ST. MARTIN)**. Nordmark knocked down Fitzgerald's first shot with his left hand while falling down, and fullback Steve Curry moved onto the goal line to clear away Fitzgerald's second attempt. Moments before Fitzgerald's goal, Nordmark had dove to his left to reject a blast by junior back **Dan Williams (LEBANON)** which came on a free kick.

Keene is unbeaten against Eastern the last 14 times the teams have met (13-0-1) and has won 11 straight against the Warriors.

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

Keene State College 3, Eastern Conn. 1

Eastern Conn. (7-7-1, 2-3 little east)	1	0	--	1
Keene State (10-4-2, 3-1-1 little east)	1	2	--	3

K-Casey Banks (Niklas Brosnan) 14:00; E-Brian Fitzgerald (Carl Segura) 44:09; K-Jason Lombardo (John Harke) 64:55; K-own goal 85:04.

Shots: E-14, K-19; Saves: E-Arthur Lubniewski 6, K-D.J. Nordmark 4.

*Amato, Joe
(2 assists)*

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Saturday, October 19, 2002

ECSU M-SOCCER BLANKS UMASS BOSTON FOR THIRD STRAIGHT WIN *Tackling, Inga score goals as Warriors outshoot Beacons 22-5 in Little East play*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Sophomore forward **Stephen Tackling (GRAND CASE, ST. MARTIN)** scored his first goal of the year in the first match that he did not start this year to help 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 at Thomas Nevers Field.

Eastern (7-6-1, 2-2) held a 22-5 advantage in shots in dowing the Beacons (2-10-2, 0-3-1) for the third straight year and moving its record above the .500 mark for the first time since Sept. 20. The Warriors have won three straight and five of their last seven.

The Warriors outshot UMass 12-2 in the first half, finally capitalizing with 11 minutes left in the frame. Tackling, who had entered the match four minutes earlier, tapped the rebound of a shot by junior midfielder **Brian Fitzgerald (MARLBOROUGH)** inside the right post for his first goal of the season. The ball had come free when UMass junior keeper Michael Tady hit the ground while diving to his left to deny Fitzgerald's low 15-yard shot. Tackling came off the bench to play just 28 minutes in the match after having started all 12 of the previous matches in which he had appeared this year.

Freshman forward **Ortiz Inga (WILLINGTON)** made it 2-0 midway through the second half when he scored his first career goal on just his second shot on a short cross from sophomore back **Curtis Wolff (CHESHIRE)**. Both Inga and Wolff had been inserted into the lineup just moments before the goal. Wolff charged into the box almost immediately upon entering the match, moving in alone on Tady before slipping the ball across the goal mouth to an uncontested Inga, who one-timed it into an open net. It was Wolff's first career assist.

Senior keeper **Arthur Lubniewski (NEWINGTON)** made three saves to record his third solo shutout of the year -- second in three matches -- and lower his goals-against average to 1.05.

The win was the 98th in the 13-year coaching career of ECSU head coach **Frantz Innocent**, who has coached more matches (248) than anyone in the program's 42-year history.

Eastern visits Keene State College Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in a conference match. Keene, ranked sixth in New England, is the defending conference regular-season and tournament champion.

Eastern Conn. 2, UMass Boston 0

Umass Boston (2-10-2, 0-3-1 little east)	0	0	--	0
Eastern Conn. (7-6-1, 2-2-0 little east)	1	1	--	2

Stephen Tackling (Brian Fitzgerald) 34:21; Ortiz Inga (Curtis Wolff) 72:55.
Shots: MB-5, E-22; Saves: MB-Michael Tady 5, E-Arthur Lubniewski 3.

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Thursday, October 17, 2002

ECSU Men's Soccer Wins Second Straight On Waller's Overtime Goal
Scores game-winner less than six minutes into overtime

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Sophomore forward **Josh Waller (CANTERBURY)** scored twice, including the game-winner less than six minutes into sudden-victory overtime, as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team defeated Trinity College, 4-3, at Thomas Nevers Field Thursday.

The Warriors (6-6-1) ended a six-game losing streak against the Bantams (4-4-1) with the win. ECSU has won two straight games and is unbeaten in overtime (2-0-1) in 2002. Trinity lost consecutive games for the first time this season.

In overtime, Waller used one touch on a deflected ball and right-footed a 15-yard shot to the lower right of the net past Trinity sophomore goalkeeper **Jamie Burns (MINNETONKA, MN)** at 95:43. That was Waller's second game-winning goal this season. He had the game-winner against Connecticut College on September 11. The Warriors are now 4-0 in games where Waller scores a goal. He has five career goals, three this season.

Eastern led 3-2 with just under nine minutes left in regulation on freshman forward **Jarod Groat's (MIDDLETOWN)** first career goal. Groat received a cross from freshman midfielder **Greg Arvai (NEWINGTON)** in the box. He turned around and sent a right-footed shot to the left of the net. The ball went off Burns and into the left corner at 81:15. That was Arvai's first career assist and point.

Trinity tied the game at 3-3 just over four minutes later on a six-yard header by junior midfielder **Chris Walther (PALISADES, NY)**. Senior midfielder **Nick Lombardi (NEW BOSTON, NH)** sent the cross from the left side to Walther in the box.

There were three second-half ties and lead changes. The Bantams were the recipients of an own goal two minutes into the second half. Waller tied the game at 1-1 less than five minutes later on an 18-yard shot to the upper right off a rebound. Trinity junior midfielder **Timothy Cross (MARBLEHEAD)** scored on a six-yard header to the middle of the net less than a minute later.

Eastern senior midfielder **Ryan Smith (MADISON)** went low left to convert on a penalty kick at 61:56 to tie the game at 2-2. The referee awarded the Warriors a penalty kick after a Trinity defender was called for a handball in the box.

The Warriors outshot the Bantams, 17-11. ECSU senior goalkeeper **Arthur Lubniewski (NEWINGTON)** and sophomore goalkeeper **Andrew Besette (PAWCATUCK)** combined for six saves. Lubniewski made five saves and allowed no goals in 54 minutes of action. Burns recorded six saves.

Eastern hosts UMass Boston in a 1 p.m. Little East Conference game at Thomas Nevers Field Saturday.

Eastern Conn. 4, Trinity College 3, ot
at Willimantic, CT

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

Scoring: T-own goal 47:00; E-Josh Waller 51:21; T-Timothy Cross (Ramon Bell) 52:10; E-Ryan Smith (penalty kick) 61:56; E-Jarod Groat (Greg Arvai) 81:15; T-Chris Walther (Nick Lombardi) 85:24; E-Waller 95:43.

Shots: T-17, E-11. Saves: T-Jamie Burns 6; E-Art Lubniewski 5, Andrew Besette 1. Corner kicks: T-5, E-6.

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Monday, October 14, 2002

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER SHUTS OUT SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY 2-0
Lubniewski records second shutout as Warriors stop two-game skid

NEWPORT, RI -- **Kenny Romanchuck** (MARLBOROUGH) and **Joe Lupone** (DERBY) scored their first goals of the year and goalkeeper **Arthur Lubniewski** (NEWINGTON) recorded his second solo shutout of the season as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team blanked Salve Regina University 2-0 Monday at Fort Adams State Park. The match was originally scheduled to be played Sept. 3 but was postponed due to rain.

A junior, Romanchuck scored his first goal of the year with six minutes left in the first half with an 18-yarder from a difficult angle. The shot was stopped by Salve keeper Brian Zupan but carried him into the net. Lupone, a freshman, scored his first career goal 22 minutes into the second half when he nailed a left-footed eight-yarder under the crossbar. Lupone one-timed a crossing pass from the right wing by first-year senior **Josh Lord** (WILLIMANTIC), who recorded his first career point.

Lubniewski posted his second 2-0 shutout this year for Eastern (5-6-1), making five saves on ten Salve (6-9-1) shots. Lubniewski had made two saves in a shutout of visiting Connecticut College Sept. 11.

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

Eastern Conn. 2, Salve Regina U. 0

Eastern Conn. (5-6-1)	1	1	--	2
Salve Regina (6-9-1)	0	0	--	0

Kenny Romanchuck 39:17; Joe Lupone (Josh Lord) 66:45.
Shots: E-16, S-10; Saves: E-Arthur Lubniewski 5, Brian Zupan 5.

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Saturday, October 12, 2002

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER BEATEN 1-0 IN LITTLE EAST MATCH
Warriors allow first-half goal in loss to unbeaten Western Connecticut

DANBURY, Conn. -- Senior midfielder Alberto Lopez scored his first goal of the year with nine minutes left in the first half to power the Western Connecticut State University men's soccer team to a 1-0 Little East Conference win over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday at the Midtown Campus Field.

Ranked fifth in New England, Western (10-0-5, 3-0 little east) remains unbeaten this season. All three of the Colonials' conference wins have come by 1-0 verdicts. Eastern (4-6-1, 1-2) has lost eight of ten to Western in conference play.

Lopez, who entered the match with 16 minutes gone, knocked in a loose ball from inside the box for the only goal with nine minutes left in the half. The shutout was the ninth for Western junior keeper Mark Pataky, who lowered his conference-leading goals-against average to 0.45. He made five saves on ten Eastern shots.

Eastern visits Salve Regina University Monday at 4 p.m. in the makeup of a match which was postponed due to rain Sept. 3.

Western Conn. 1, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (4-6-1, 1-2 little east)	0	0	--	0
Western Conn. (10-0-5, 3-0 little east)	1	0	--	1

Alberto Lopez (Phil Taborda) 35:43.

Shots: E-10, W-15; Saves: E-Arthur Lubniewski 3, W-Mark Pataky 5.

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Tuesday, October 8, 2002

NATIONALLY-RANKED WHEATON ROUTS ECSU MEN'S SOCCER

Eastern head coach Frantz Innocent coaches record 244th match in 8-1 loss

NORTON, Mass. -- Eight players contributed a goal as the No. 14 nationally-ranked Wheaton College (MA) men's soccer team routed Eastern Connecticut State University 8-1 Tuesday at Keefe Field.

Last year, one of Eastern's (4-5-1) five wins was a 2-0 decision over the Lyons (9-2) and was the only regular-season loss for Wheaton (9-2), which went on to 21 wins and the NCAA New England Region championship. This time, Wheaton scored four times in 12 minutes in the first half en route to the easy victory.

For 13th-year Eastern head coach Frantz Innocent (95-133-16), the match was his 244th as program head coach, moving him ahead of program founder Tom Nevers. Nevers had coached the first 243 matches in program history between 1961 and 1978.

The Lyons are ranked second in New England and 14th nationally.

Freshman back **Tom Dugan (ENFIELD)** scored his first career goal for Eastern late in the first half on an assist from sophomore forward **Joe Lupone (DERBY)**.

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

Wheaton College (MA) 8, Eastern Conn. 1

Eastern Conn. (4-5-1)	1	0	--	1
Wheaton College (9-2)	4	4	--	8

W-John Chronis (Gabe Margolis) 17:44; W-Matt Mancini (Chronis) 19:56; W-Shaun Cavanaugh (George Thomas, Barry Finnerty) 25:40; W-Dan Antoniuk 29:51; E-Tom Dugan (Joe Lupone) 37:36; W-Jason Percy (David Wurm) 61:05; W-Justin Spiro (Greg Ferriero) 73:45; W-Olivier Brocard (Jimmy Henderer) 76:14; W-Matt Ristuccia (Thomas) 80:10.

Shots: E-7, W-31; Saves: E-Arthur Lubniewski (30:00 min.) 2, Andrew Bessette (60:00) 2; W-Mike Henninger 2.

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Saturday, October 5, 2002

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER DEFEATS PLYMOUTH STATE IN OT

Plymouth transfer Ryan Smith scores first career game-winning goal

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior midfielder **Ryan Smith (MADISON)** scored the game-winning goal just under seven minutes into sudden-victory overtime as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team defeated Plymouth State College, 2-1, in a Little East Conference game at Thomas Nevers Field Saturday.

The Warriors (4-4-1 overall, 1-1 Little East) have won two straight games for the first time since October of 2000. ECSU defeated UMass Boston (2-1) on October 7 and Albertus Magnus College (2-1) on October 9. This is the first time Eastern has had a .500 record since November 3, 1999 (8-8-2). The loss broke the Panthers' two-game unbeaten streak (1-0-1).

In overtime, ECSU junior forward **Kenny Romanchuck (MARLBOROUGH)** sent a kick on goal that deflected off a Plymouth State defender right to Smith. Smith sent an eight-yard, left-footed shot past goalkeeper **Brad Wilby (HADDONFIELD, NJ)** at 96:53. The goal was Smith's second in two matches, fifth in his career and first game-winning one. In his first match after moving up from wing back to midfield, Smith had scored the tying goal and assisted on the winning one Wednesday in a 2-1 win at Massachusetts College. Smith had transferred to Eastern in the fall of 1999 from Plymouth State, where he had played rugby.

The Warriors led 1-0 in the first half on freshman forward **Brian Clark's (PATCHOGUE, NY)** first-career goal. Clark received a cross from sophomore forward **Josh Waller (CANTERBURY)** inside the box. Clark one-timed the cross past Wilby into the upper right of the net from eight yards out at 41:37. At 54:13, the Panthers tied the score on sophomore forward **Sebastian Rodriguez's (SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA)** 12-yard shot into the right corner. It was Rodriguez's second goal of the year, fourth in his career.

Eastern coach Frantz Innocent, in his 13th season, tied the program record for most games coached at 243 (95-132-16). He now shares that distinction with Thomas Nevers (1961-1978), the first coach in program history.

The Warriors outshot the Panthers, 17-15. ECSU senior goalkeeper **Arthur Lubniewski (NEWINGTON)** made six saves. Wilby recorded five. This is Eastern's first win against Plymouth State since a 5-0 home shutout in 1996. The Panthers lead the overall series, 18-8-1.

ECSU will travel to regionally-ranked Wheaton College (MA) for a 4 p.m. non-conference game Tuesday. Plymouth State will host Keene State in a 1 p.m. Little East game Saturday.

Eastern Conn. 2, Plymouth State 1, ot

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

E-Brian Clark (Josh Waller) 41:37; P-Sebastian Rodriguez (Koichi Nakatsubo) 54:13; E-Ryan Smith (Kenny Romanchuck) 96:53.

Shots: P-15, E-17. Saves: P-Brad Wilby 5, E-Arthur Lubniewski 6. Corner kicks: P-3, E-4.

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SMITH LIFTS ECSU M-SOCCER PAST MASS COLLEGE 2-1
With two second-half goals, Warriors snap three-game losing streak

NORTH ADAMS, Mass. – Senior **Ryan Smith (MADISON)** scored the tying goal and assisted on **Ryan Mecca's (BURLINGTON)** game-winner as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team posted a come-from-behind 2-1 win over Massachusetts College Wednesday at the Zavattaro Athletic Complex.

With the win, Eastern (3-4-1) snapped a string of three straight shutout losses and handed the Trailblazers (3-4-2) their fourth straight loss and extended their winless streak to five.

Moved up to midfield from back for this match, Smith scored his first goal of the season 11 minutes into the second half to tie the match, then set up Mecca's game-winning with ten minutes left. Mass College senior keeper Peter Ruckdeschel saved a shot by Smith but the rebound bounced to Mecca, who drove an 12-yarder into a net vacated by Ruckdeschel for his first goal of the season.

The Warriors outshot the hosts 20-12 – 14-7 in the second half -- with Ruckdeschel called upon to make 13 saves. Eastern senior keeper **Arthur Lubniewski (NEWINGTON)** gained his first win since Sept. 11. Lubniewski made two saves in playing the second half. Sophomore **Andrew Bessette (PAWCATUCK)** made three saves in the first half but was lifted on the short end of a 1-0 halftime margin. Senior Aron Mann had given Mass College a 1-0 lead in the 11th minute when he beat Bessette inside the left post with a 30-yard blast from above the circle.

Smith had pulled Eastern into a 1-1 tie when he beat Ruckdeschel with a shot from the left-hand corner of the box. Smith had settled a crossing pass from freshman **Jeff Mitchell (ENFIELD)** with his body before ripping a low, hard shot past Ruckdeschel.

Eastern played without junior sweeperback **Brian Fitzgerald (MARLBOROUGH)**, who broke his arm in the final minute of Saturday's 1-0 loss at Massachusetts Dartmouth.

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

Eastern Conn. 2, Massachusetts College 1

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

M-Aron Mann 10:12; E-Ryan Smith (Nick Rezendes, Jeff Mitchell) 56:13; E-Ryan Mecca (Smith) 79:52.

Shots: E-20, M-12; Saves: E-Andrew Bessette 3, Arthur Lubniewski 2; M-Peter Ruckdeschel 13. Corner kicks: E-5, M-5.

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Saturday, September 28, 2002

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER DROPS LITTLE EAST DECISION

UMass Dartmouth defeats Warriors by 1-0 score for fourth straight time

: NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. -- Shawn Nunes scored the only goal of the match midway through the second half to lift the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth men's soccer team to a 1-0 Little East Conference win over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday.

Nunes took a chip from teammate Diego Escudero behind the Eastern (2-4-1, 0-1) defense and beat keeper **Andrew Bessette (PAWCATUCK)**, giving the first-year sophomore keeper the loss in his first career start. The goal was only the seventh allowed this year by the Warriors, who have now lost three straight shutouts. The 1-0 win is the fourth straight for the Corsairs (6-1-1, 1-0) over Eastern. UMass scored 17 minutes into overtime to win last year's regular-season conference match, then eliminated Eastern by scoring with seven seconds left in regulation in the first round of last year's conference tournament.

Bessette made five saves while senior keeper Jorge Fonseca of UMass made three saves to record his fourth straight shutout win over the Warriors. Fonseca has not allowed a goal to Eastern in 377 career minutes.

Eastern starting sweeperback **Brian Fitzgerald (MARLBOROUGH)** broke his arm in a collision with Fonseca in the final minutes of play. Fitzgerald finished the match but his status is questionable for the remainder of the season.

Eastern visits Massachusetts College Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Massachusetts Dartmouth 1, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (2-4-1, 0-1)	0	0	--	0
UMass Dartmouth (6-1-1, 1-0)	0	1	--	1

Shawn Nunes (Diego Escudero) 65:02.

Shots: E-4, MD-12; Saves: E-Andrew Bessette 5, MD-Jorge Fonseca 3.

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BRIDGEWATER STATE SHUTS OUT EASTERN

Mochizuki and Villatoro each record a goal and assist in win

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Sophomore midfielder **Junji Mochizuki** (SHIZUOKA-KEN, JAPAN) and sophomore forward **Allan Villatoro** (MARLBORO, MA) each had a goal and an assist as the Bridgewater State College men's soccer team shut out Eastern Connecticut State University, 3-0, at a rain-soaked Thomas Nevers Field Thursday.

The Bears led 1-0 at the half on Villatoro's goal at 17:18. Freshman forward **Deron Jackson's** (FORESTDALE, MA) shot bounced off of ECSU senior goalkeeper **Arthur Lubniewski** (NEWINGTON) to Villatoro six yards out on the right side of the box. Villatoro sent the ball to the left corner of the net.

Bridgewater State (2-2-1) scored twice in the second half, just over four minutes apart on goals by Jackson and Mochizuki. Jackson headed in a Mochizuki corner kick at 78:47. Mochizuki received a Villatoro cross in the box and scored from eight yards out into the left of the net.

The best Eastern opportunity came with less than 14 minutes left in regulation on a 12-yard header by junior midfielder **Kenny Romanchuck** (MARLBOROUGH) that went wide right. Sophomore forward **Joc Lupone** (DERBY), junior back **Dan Williams** (LEBANON) and senior back **Ryan Smith** (MADISON) had mid-range, second-half shots that were saved by Bridgewater State senior goalkeeper **Brian Krug** (Norton, MA).

The Warriors (2-3-1) have been shut out in back-to-back games and in each of their three losses. The three goals are the most allowed by Eastern all season and equal the amount the opposition has scored in its first five games.

Bridgewater now leads the overall series, 4-3-3.

The Warriors outshot the Bears, 20-17. Lubniewski made eight saves and Krug 10.

Eastern travels to North Dartmouth, MA, for a 1 p.m. game against UMass Dartmouth Saturday.

Bridgewater State College 3, Eastern Conn. 0

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

B-Allan Villatoro 17:18; B-Deron Jackson (Junji Mochizuki) 78:47; B-Mochizuki (Villatoro) 82:48.

Shots: B-17, E-20. Saves: B-Brian Krug 10, E-Arthur Lubniewski 8 and Andrew Bessette 0. Corner Kicks: B-3, E-5.

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

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Sunday, September 22, 2002

DEFLECTED GOAL CARRIES RAMAPO MEN'S SOCCER PAST ECSU
Road Runners score only goal 14 minutes into second half to down Warriors

MAHWAH, NJ – Paul Taylor scored on a deflected 18-yard shot 14 minutes into the second half to carry the Ramapo College men's soccer team to a 1-0 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Sunday.

Matt Chester's crossing pass found Taylor at the top of the box and the junior midfielder's blast caromed off the back of an Eastern defender and deflected inside the left post, beyond the reach of senior keeper Arthur Lubniewski (NEWINGTON).

It is the third straight Eastern (2-2-1) match decided by a 1-0 score. The Warriors were coming off Friday's win at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

The Warriors dominated the first half of play against Ramapo (4-1-1), collecting ten shots and forcing Road Runner keeper Tommy Cinquegrana to make six saves. Minutes after Eastern sophomore **Stephen Tackling (GRAND CASE, ST. MARTIN)** missed wide left on an open 12-yard from the right wing 17 minutes into the match, Cinquegrana dove to his right to deny a blast by sophomore **Joe Lupone (DERBY)** which was headed inside the left post.

The goal was only the second one allowed this year by Lubniewski, the first in 288 minutes. Lubniewski had not allowed a goal after being victimized by a penalty-kick goal late in the first half of the season-opener against Roger Williams.

Eastern hosts Bridgewater State College Thursday at 4 p.m. at Thomas Nevers Field.

Ramapo College 1, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (2-2-1)	0	0	--	0
Ramapo (4-1-1)	0	1	--	1

Paul Taylor (Kyle Hoffman, Matt Chester) 58:41.
Shots: E-14, R-14; Saves: E-Arthur Lubniewski 7, Andrew Bessette 1; R-Tommy Cinquegrana 8; Corner kicks: E-3, R-3.

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Friday, Sept. 20, 2002

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER BLANK U.S. COAST GUARD 1-0
Warriors score in second half to avenge four straight 1-0 losses to Bears

NEW LONDON, Conn. -- Freshman **Nick Rezendes (NEWINGTON)** scored on a rebound early in the second half and goalkeepers **Arthur Lubniewski (NEW BRITAIN)** and **Andrew Bessette (PAWCATUCK)** combined on a shutout to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team to a 1-0 win over the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Friday at Nitchman Field.

Rezendes, stationed on the right post, scored his first career goal when Coast Guard junior keeper Phil MacArthur deflected a shot by Eastern freshman **Brian Clark (PATCHOGUE, NY)** across the goal mouth. Rezendes's return shot hit the crossbar and bounced in. The play was set up on a free kick from junior sweeper **Brian Fitzgerald (MARLBOROUGH)**.

Bessette made his first three collegiate saves to record his first win for Eastern (2-1-1). He had replaced Lubniewski (two saves) to start the second half. Bessette's best save preserved the lead with 22 minutes left when he dove to his left to smother a hard, low shot by Coast Guard junior Matt Smith. The Bears almost tied the match with 15 minutes left when junior forward Judson Wheeler picked up a loose ball from 15 yards and rifled a quick turnaround shot which sailed over the crossbar.

The Warriors controlled play throughout the second half, forcing MacArthur to make five saves. Clark nearly scored twice in the half. He drilled a one-timer in a one-on-one situation with MacArthur with 25 minutes left, then sent a diving header wide after sophomore midfielder **Ryan Mecca (BURLINGTON)** stole a pass in the box ten minutes later.

Coast Guard (2-2) had beaten Eastern the last four times the teams had met, all by 1-0 scores. Eastern's last win over the Bears in New London came by a 4-1 count in 1992.

Eastern visits Ramapo College Sunday at 2 p.m.

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

Eastern Conn. (2-1-1)	0	1	--	1
Coast Guard (2-2)	0	0	--	0

Nick Rezendes (Brian Clark) 53:30.

Shots: E-12, C-9; Saves: E-Arthur Lubniewski 2, Andrew Bessette 3, C-Phil MacArthur 8. Corner kicks: E-3, C-6.

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Tuesday, September 17, 2002

SECOND-HALF GOAL LIFTS ALBERTUS PAST ECSU 1-0
Santo scores on 20-yard with 17 minutes left to hand Warriors first loss

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman back Ryan Santo sent a 20-yarder inside the far post with 17 minutes left to lift the Albertus Magnus College men's soccer team to a 1-0 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday at Thomas Nevers Field.

The Falcons (4-1) scored on the first of just two second-half shots to defeat Eastern (1-1-1) for the second straight year after a nine-game winless streak (0-6-3). Senior keeper John Adams recorded seven saves for Albertus -- two coming in succession midway through the second half -- in beating Eastern for the second straight season.

The Warriors outshot the Falcons 10-2 in the second half and held Albertus without a second-half shot until Santo launched a 20-yarder from the right of the box inside the far left post, beating first-year sophomore keeper **Andy Bessette (PAWCATUCK)**. Bessette had replaced senior keeper **Arthur Lubniewski (NEWINGTON)** at the start of the second half in his collegiate debut.

One of Eastern's best opportunities came when Adams was unable to hold onto junior back **Brian Fitzgerald's (MARLBOROUGH)** free kick with 13 minutes left. The ball popped out of Adams's grasp but Eastern freshman midfielder **Carl Segura's (AMHERST, MA)** low hard shot from 12 yards went wide of the right post. Fourteen minutes into the second half, Eastern had hit the crossbar with a shot and sophomore back **Curtis Wolff (CHESHIRE)** followed by nailing the rebound wide of the right post.

The Falcons nearly took a lead with eight minutes left in the first half but Lubniewski tipped junior midfielder Kurt Bedocs's high shot over the crossbar.

Eastern visits the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Friday at 4 p.m.

Albertus Magnus 1, Eastern Conn. 0

Albertus Magnus (4-1)	0	1	--	1
Eastern (1-1-1)	0	0	--	0

A-Ryan Santo (Kurt Bedocs, Ricardo Gutierrez) 73:04.
Shots: A-10, E-16; Saves: A-John Adams 7, E-Arthur Lubniewski 3, Andy Bessette 0; Corner kicks: A-3, E-3.

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Wednesday, September 11, 2002

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER SHUTS OUT CONN. COLLEGE
Warriors improve to 9-4 in home openers under Innocent

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Sophomore forwards **Josh Waller (CANTERBURY)** and **Angelo Radano (SHELTON)** each scored second-half goals as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team shut out Connecticut College, 2-0, in its home opener Wednesday at Thomas Nevers Field.

The Warriors, unbeaten on the season at 1-0-1, are 9-4 in home openers under coach Frantz Innocent. This win broke a two-game losing streak against the Camels. Connecticut College leads all-time series between the two schools, 11-5. This was the first game of the season for the Camels (0-1-0).

ECSU broke a scoreless first-half tie less than seven minutes into the second half. Junior back **Brian Fitzgerald (MARLBOROUGH)** sent a long lead pass into the middle of the box for Waller. Waller perfectly placed an 18-yard head shot past charging Connecticut College senior goalkeeper Sean LaBrie (YARMOUTH, ME) at 51:35.

The Warriors scored at 69:10 as a result of another Fitzgerald cross and a Connecticut College defensive breakdown. Fitzgerald found a wide open Radano on the left side of the box. Radano made a quick move and scored from 10 yards out.

Fitzgerald has been involved in all three Eastern goals in 2002. He had the game-tying goal against Roger Williams University on Sept. 7 with five seconds left in regulation. Fitzgerald recorded only one assist in 16 career games entering the season.

ECSU senior goalkeeper **Arthur Lubniewski (NEWINGTON)** preserved the shutout with a diving save off an eight-yard blast by Connecticut College senior forward Justin Provost (WEST HAVEN) with 17 minutes left in regulation.

The Warriors outshot the Camels, 14-9. Sophomore goalkeeper Jon Knights (NASHUA, NH) and LaBrie combined for five saves. Lubniewski made two saves.

ECSU will host Albertus Magnus College Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Nevers Field. Connecticut College will host New England Small College Athletic Conference opponent Williams College Saturday at 2 p.m. in its home opener.

Eastern Connecticut State U. 2, Connecticut College 0
at Willimantic, CT

Connecticut College (0-1-0)	0	0	--	0
Eastern Conn. (1-0-1)	0	2	--	2

E-Josh Waller (Brian Fitzgerald) 51:35; E-Angelo Radano (Fitzgerald) 69:10.
Shots: C-9, E-14. Saves: C-Jon Knights 3 and Sean LaBrie 2; E-Arthur Lubniewski 2.
Corner kicks: C-4, E-5.

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Saturday, September 7, 2002

ECSU MEN'S SOCCER RALLIES TO TIE ROGER WILLIAMS

Warriors force overtime on goal with five seconds left in regulation

BRISTOL, RI -- Junior back **Brian Fitzgerald (MARLBOROUGH)** scored with five seconds left in regulation as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team tied Roger Williams University, 1-1 in double overtime, Saturday afternoon.

With time running out in the second half, sophomore forward **Joe Lupone (DERBY)** sent a cross into the box from the right wing. The ball bounced around and a scramble ensued. Fitzgerald got his foot on the ball and sent it to the far post, past Roger Williams sophomore goalkeeper Justin Hughes at the 89:55 mark.

ECSU senior goalkeeper **Arthur Lubniewski (NEWINGTON)** challenged a ball to Roger Williams senior Joshua Rose at the far post with less than five minutes left in the first half. The referee awarded Rose a penalty kick after issuing Lubniewski a yellow card for pushing. Rose scored the Hawks' lone goal on the PK at 40:51.

The Warriors (0-0-1) had three great scoring opportunities before finally scoring in the second half. Lupone hit the crossbar and had a shot tipped over the crossbar by Hughes midway through the second half. Senior back **Ryan Smith (MADISON)** sent a shot over the goal with seven minutes left.

Lubniewski preserved the tie with a diving save to his right on a shot by Roger Williams senior Colin Whalen in the second overtime.

ECSU outshot Roger Williams (1-1-1), 25-9, including 8-2 in the first half. The Hawks didn't have a shot on goal until 38 minutes into the game. Lubniewski made three saves and Hughes six.

The Warriors host Connecticut College at Nevers Field Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 1, Roger Williams 1 (2 OT) at Bristol, RI

Eastern Conn. (0-0-1)	0	1	(0)	(0)	--	1
Roger Williams (1-1-1)	0	(0)	(0)	--	1	

R-Joshua Rosen (penalty kick) 40:51; E-Brian Fitzgerald (Mike Nuzzolillo, Joe Lupone) 89:55.

Shots: E-25, R-9; Saves: E-Arthur Lubniewski 3, R-Justin Hughes 6.

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