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Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2003

**EASTERN MEN'S SOCCER CLOSSES OUT WITH 2-1 LOSS TO WESLEYAN**  
*Cardinals score twice 4:31 apart as Warriors finish with 1-8 record at home*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshmen Peter Sikora and Morgan Owen came off the bench to score goals in their collegiate debuts and lift the Wesleyan University men's soccer team to a 2-1 victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Wednesday in the Warriors' final match of the season.

Sikora and Owen scored 4:31 apart early in the second half before Eastern got one back on the first collegiate goal by freshman forward **Charlie Perlwitz (WESTPORT)** in the 80th minute.

Junior keeper **Andrew Bessette (PAWCATUCK)** made two saves in his first start of the season for Eastern (6-11-2), which finished with eight losses against one home win this season.

Wesleyan (7-7-1), which defeated Eastern for the fourth straight season, plays in the New England Small College Athletic Conference semifinals Saturday against Williams College.

The match marked the final one in the playing careers of Eastern seniors **Brian Fitzgerald (MARLBOROUGH)**, **Todd Parness (NORTH BRANFORD)**, **Bradford Tucker (TORRINGTON)** and **Dan Williams (LEBANON)**.

**Wesleyan U. 2, Eastern Conn. 1**

Wesleyan U. (7-7-1)	0	2	--	2
Eastern Conn. (6-11-2)	0	1	--	1

**Scoring:** W-Peter Sikora (David Stone) 57:00; W-Morgan Owen (Julian Canzoneri) 61:31; E-Charlie Perlwitz (Nick Rezendes) 79:27.

Shots: W-7, E-4; Saves: W-Brad Wasik 2, E-Andrew Bessette 2. Corner kicks: W-4, E-0.

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Saturday, November 1, 2003

### LUPONE HELPS ECSU MEN'S SOCCER TO SECOND STRAIGHT LEC WIN Warriors dump Southern Maine but are eliminated from playoff contention

PORTLAND, Maine -- Junior forward **Joe Lupone (DERBY)** scored the go-ahead goal with 63 seconds left in the first half and the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team went on to a 3-1 Little East Conference win over the University of Southern Maine Saturday night at Fitzpatrick Stadium.

With the win, Eastern (6-10-2, 3-4-0 little east) finishes in a two-way tie for fifth place in the final conference standings with Southern Maine (8-9-2, 3-4-0 little east) but concludes two points shy of fourth place and the final berth in the upcoming conference tournament. Western Connecticut earned the final playoff berth with a 6-0 win over Massachusetts Boston Saturday. A Western tie or loss and Eastern's win would have made Eastern the No. 4 tournament seed. Southern Maine entered play in fourth place, but its loss, coupled with Western's win, gives Western the final berth. Southern's final record is its best since 1992.

Lupone broke a 1-1 tie with his second goal of the season 63 seconds before the end of the first half when he scored on a rebound of a long shot into the box by sophomore midfielder **Jeff Mitchell (ENFIELD)**. It was the second goal of the year and the second game-winner for Lupone, who made it 3-1 ten minutes into the second half when he connected again on an assist from sophomore forward **Jarod Groat (COBALT)**. Groat, who had scored the only goal of the match in last Saturday's 1-0 conference win at UMass Boston, had given Eastern a 1-0 lead in the seventh minute of play with his second goal in two games, this one coming from 30 yards out.

Eastern, which scored as many as three goals for the second time this year, outshot Southern Maine 14-7. Freshman keeper **Dan Murphy (MONTVILLE)** and junior **Andrew Bessette (PAWCATUCK)** combined on the win in net. Each made one save. Murphy worked the first 82 minutes, allowing the Husky goal in the 30th minute.

The win gives the Warriors a 9-4-2 advantage over the Huskies in 15 seasons of conference play.

The Warriors conclude the season with a 5-3-2 record away from home. Eastern closes out the season Wednesday when it hosts Wesleyan University at 3 p.m. in a makeup game from this past Wednesday.

#### Eastern Conn. 3, U. of Southern Maine 1

Eastern Conn. (6-10-2, 3-4-0 little east)	2	1	-	3
Southern Maine (8-9-2, 3-4-0 little east)	1	0	--	1

**Scoring:** E-Jarod Groat (Pat Kozloski) 6:38; S-Zach Ansley (Sean Tardif) 29:46; E-Joe Lupone (Jeff Mitchell) 43:57; E-Lupone (Groat) 54:44.

Shots: E-14, S-7. Saves: E-Dan Murphy 1 (82:00 min., 1 goal allowed), Andrew Bessette 1 (8:00 min.); S-Kane DiBenedetto 3 (45:00 min., 2 goals allowed), Dan Hills 2 (45:00 min., 1 goal allowed).

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Corner Kicks: E-2, S-6.

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Saturday, October 25, 2003

**GROAT, MURPHY SPARK EASTERN M-SOCCER OVER UMASS BOSTON**  
*Warriors remain in hunt for Little East Conference playoff berth with 1-0 win*

BOSTON, Mass. -- Sophomore forward **Jarod Groat (COBALT)** came off the bench to score the only goal of the match 12 minutes into the second half as men's soccer team blanked the University of Massachusetts Boston Saturday in Little East Conference play.

The win snaps a three-game scoreless losing streak for Eastern (5-10-2, 2-4-0 little east) and keeps the Warriors' hopes alive for one of the four berths in the conference tournament, which gets underway with semifinal-round matches Nov. 5.

Groat's first goal of the year and freshman keeper **Dan Murphy's (MONTVILLE)** fourth solo shutout of the season (first since Sept. 16) gave the Warriors their fourth straight win over UMass (7-8-0, 0-6-0 little east) -- third straight by shutout.

Groat beat UMass senior keeper Michael Tady on his third attempt on net following a cross into the box. Tady made saves on the first two shots but Groat sent the third try from the goal line into the back of the net from several yards out.

Murphy made two saves on the Beacon's three shots while Tady came up with seven saves on Eastern's 12 shots.

Eastern plays its final regular-season home match Wednesday against Wesleyan U. at 3 p.m.

**Eastern Conn. 1, Massachusetts Boston 0**

Eastern Conn. (5-10-2, 2-4-0 little east)	0	1	--	1
UMass Boston (7-8-0, 0-6-0 little east)	0	0	--	0

**Scoring:** Jarod Groat 57:28.

Shots: E-9, MB-4; Saves: E-Dan Murphy 2, MB-Michael Tady 7.

Corner kicks: E-5, MB-3.

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Through matches of Sunday, Eastern (6 points) was currently tied for sixth place in the conference with Massachusetts Dartmouth, both teams two points behind No. 5 Western Connecticut State University and three points behind No. 4 University of Southern Maine in the chase for the final playoff berth. All teams have one conference match remaining in the regular season.

Unofficially, Rhode Island College (15 points), Keene State (13) and Plymouth State (13) have clinched playoff berths, Keene collecting six points over the weekend with wins over Rhode Island Saturday and Southern Maine Sunday.

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If it entertains any hopes of qualifying as the No. 4 seed, Eastern must beat Southern Maine next Saturday at Gorham, ME and must get help from other conference teams. Southern Maine would clinch the final spot with a win over Eastern.

If Eastern wins Saturday and finishes in a tie with Southern Maine and/or Western Connecticut, Eastern would receive the No. 4 seed based on its head-to-head wins over those opponents.

If Eastern and UMass Dartmouth (at Keene State) win next Saturday and winless UMass Boston ties Western Connecticut at Danbury, there would be a four-way tie for the final berth between Eastern, UMass Dartmouth, Western and Southern Maine, all with nine points. Unofficially, Eastern would win the tie-breaker based on head-to-head results against those three opponents (both Eastern and Western were 2-1 against the other three opponents and Eastern would gain the tie-breaker based on its regular-season win over Western).

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Tuesday October 21, 2003

**WHEELER, MARCHESKI LEAD USCGA M-SOCCER OVER EASTERN, 4-0**  
*Three first-half goals send Warriors to third straight shutout loss*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior midfielder Judson Wheeler had a goal and assist and junior midfielder Anthony Marcheski two assists to power the United State CoastGuard Academy men's soccer team to a 4-0 victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday.

The Bears (7-3-4) extended their unbeaten streak to five matches (4-0-1) in posting the most lopsided win in this 18-game series which dates back to 1961. Eastern (4-10-2) was shut out for the third straight match and for the tenth time this year.

The Bears scored three of their goals on headers and one on a rebound off a blast by Wheeler that caromed off the crossbar. Wheeler headed in Marcheski's corner kick in the 17th minute for the first goal and senior midfielder Scott Mitchell came off the bench to follow up Wheeler's knock off the crossbar in the 35th minute. Freshman forward Nicolas Kregel came off the bench to make it 3-0 in the 39th minute when he leaped to head in a long chip from junior midfielder Joel Coito. Midway through the second half, junior back Chad Yeamans rounded out the scoring when he hooked headed in Marcheski's corner kick.

Junior Ryan Waitt and senior Bobby Miller combined in net for the shutout. Waitt made three saves through the first 81 minutes. Freshman **Dan Murphy (MONTVILLE)** made one save and allowed three goals through the first 55 minutes while junior **Andrew Bessette (PAWCATUCK)** made one save over the final 35 minutes.

Eastern visits Massachusetts Boston Saturday at 1 p.m. in a Little East Conference match.

**U.S. Coast Guard Academy 4, Eastern Conn. 0**

Coast Guard (7-3-4)	3	1	--	4
Eastern Conn. (4-10-2)	0	0	--	0

**Scoring:**Judson Wheeler (Anthony Marcheski) 17:01; Scott Mitchell (Wheeler) 35:31; Nicolas Kregel (Joel Coito) 38:50; Chad Yeamans (Marcheski) 63:42.

Shots: C-10, E-6; Saves: C-Ryan Waitt 3 (81:00 min.), Bobby Miller 1 (9:00 min.); E-Dan Murphy 1 (3 goals allowed, 55:00 min.), Andrew Bessette 1 (1 goal allowed, 35:00 min.). Corner kicks: C-3, E-1.

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Saturday, October 18, 2003

**LOMBARDO POWERS KEENE OVER EASTERN MEN'S SOCCER, 5-0**  
*Junior forward has four goals and assist to help Owls subdue Warriors*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Junior forward Jason Lombardo tied a Keene State College record with four goals that powered the Owls to a 5-0 Little East Conference victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday in men's soccer at Thomas Nevers Field.

Ranked ninth in New England, last year's conference playoff champion defeated the Warriors (4-9-2, 1-4 little east) for the 12th straight time, seventh straight in conference play. Keene improves to 2-1-1 in the conference, 9-5-1 overall.

With two regular-season conference matches remaining, Eastern has three points (one win) and is in seventh place in the eight-team conference. A loss in either of their final two regular-season conference matches (next Saturday at winless UMass Boston or Nov. 1 at University of Southern Maine) will eliminate the Warriors from conference playoff contention. Three points by Keene over its three remaining matches or three points by Western Connecticut in its two remaining matches also eliminates Eastern from playoff contention. The top four teams qualify for the conference playoffs, which get underway with semifinal matches Nov. 5.

While the Warriors were able to contain junior forward Casey Banks -- who entered play ranked second in the LEC in scoring -- they were not as fortunate with Lombardo. The 2002 all-conference player contributed to all of Keene's goals. He scored consecutive Keene goals on penalty kicks in the 37th and 61st minutes that gave the Owls a 3-0 lead. His pass in the 68th minute set up freshman midfielder Eric Scott for an uncontested goal to make it 4-0 and his header off a pass from Banks with 17 minutes left rounded out the scoring. Lombardo had opened the scoring in the 22nd minute when he was fed a long pass, shook an Eastern defender in the box and drove a hard shot from point-blank range over the head of Eastern freshman keeper **Dan Murphy (MONTVILLE)**.

Lombardo's four goals tie a Keene record set in 1971 and equalled in 1987.

Eastern hosts the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

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**Men's Soccer**  
**at Willimantic, CT**  
**Keene State College 5, Eastern Conn. 0**

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

Scoring: Jason Lombardo (Kyle Wood) 24:17; Lombardo (penalty kick) 36:25; Lombardo (penalty kick) 60:38; Eric Scott (Lombardo) 67:28; Lombardo (John Harke, Casey Banks) 83:23.

Saves: K-Brandon Beck 3 (84:00 min.), Matt Caron 2 (6:00 min.); E-Dan Murphy 1 (63:00 min., 3 goals allowed), Erik Greb 3 (27:00 min., 2 goals allowed); Corner kicks: K-6, E-4.

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Wednesday, October 15, 2003

**FRESHMEN LEAD TRINITY M-SOCCER OVER EASTERN IN OVERTIME, 1-0**  
*Warriors shut out for eighth time, fall to Bantams on goal nine minutes into OT*

HARTFORD, Conn. -- Freshman Russell Smith scored his second goal of the season nine minutes into sudden death overtime and freshman keeper Eric Wunsch made 11 saves for his first collegiate win as the Trinity College men's soccer team defeated Eastern Connecticut State University 1-0 Wednesday.

Eastern (4-8-2) had 12 second-half shots and three more in overtime but could not penetrate against Trinity's (3-5-2) Wunsch, who made nine saves to record his first collegiate win in his third start.

The winning goal originated from a goal punt by Wunsch. Senior forward Dragan Levic collected the ball on a couple of bounces at the top of the circle and laid it off to Smith on the right wing. Smith carried inside the box and unloaded a 12-yard line shot directly over the head of Eastern freshman keeper **Dan Murphy (MONTVILLE)**. Murphy managed to get his outstretched hands on the drive but couldn't stop the momentum of the ball, which carried into the back of the net.

It marks the eighth time this year that Eastern has been shut out -- the seventh time in Murphy's 11 starts. Murphy has not allowed more than a goal in a match since his collegiate debut in the season-opener -- a 2-0 home loss to Roger Williams University.

A total of 23 different players saw action for Eastern, which could not move in front despite a number of valid opportunities. Wunsch made his most important save just 30 seconds into play on a drive from the left of the box by Eastern junior forward **Zac Griffin (MANCHESTER)**. Murphy's most difficult play came midway through the first half when he dove to his right to snare a left-footed shot from the right side by the 6-foot-2 inch, 200 pound Levic, who totalled five of his team's 17 shots.

Nine minutes into the second half, Eastern threatened but Wunsch made a save on an initial shot by sophomore midfielder **Greg Arvai (NEWINGTON)** and a rebound shot by junior midfielder **Ryan Mecca (BURLINGTON)**. Junior forward **Angelo Radano (SHELTON)** was also denied by Wunsch when he stole a clearing pass in the box and drove a hard shot right at the keeper midway through the second half.

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Griffin, who was just wide on a shot from the right of the goal following a free kick with 19 minutes left, had four of Eastern's 17 shots while playing 68 minutes in his 14th straight start.

Eastern, which had beaten Trinity 4-3 in overtime last year, played without second-year senior center back **Dan Williams (LEBANON)**, who missed his first start at Eastern due to illness.

Eastern hosts defending Little East Conference champion Keene State College Saturday at 1 p.m. The Owls are ranked in a tie for ninth in New England.

**Trinity College 1, Eastern Conn. 0, ot**

Eastern Conn. (4-8-2)	0	0	(0)	--	0
Trinity (3-5-2)	0	0	(1)	--	1

Scoring: Russell Smith (Eric Wunsch, Dragan Levic) 99:03.

Shots: E-17, T-17. Saves: E-Dan Murphy 2 (1 goal allowed, 54:03), Andrew Bessette 1 (0 goals allowed, 45:00) ; T-Eric Wunsch 9. Corner kicks: E-5, T-6.

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Saturday, October 11, 2003

**MITCHELL CARRIES EASTERN M- SOCCER PAST WESTERN CONN. 2-1**  
*PK in 81st minute lifts Warriors past New England's No. 10-ranked team*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Sophomore midfielder **Jeff Mitchell (ENFIELD)** scored two late goals in a six-minute span -- winning the match with his second penalty kick of the season in the 81st minute -- as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team knocked off Little East Conference rival Western Connecticut State University 2-1 Saturday at Thomas Nevers Field.

The win gives Eastern (4-7-2, 1-3-0) its first conference win and is the first conference loss for Western (9-3-3, 2-1-1) and snaps a six-game unbeaten streak (4-1-2) for the Colonials, ranked No. 10 in New England. Until Saturday, the Warriors had scored only one goal at home in five losses.

Mitchell deposited a loose ball from inside six yards into the Western net to tie the match with 15 minutes left, then potted his second penalty kick goal of the season six minutes later that gave Eastern its third conference win over Western against eight losses. Mitchell beat Western senior keeper Mark Pataky with the goal after the Colonials were whistled for a trip in the box. Pataky had allowed only six goals in his first 14 starts this year with a conference-high eight shutouts.

Senior back Gabriel Garcia's second goal of the season came off a header off senior midfielder Felipe Taborda's free kick had given Western an early lead in the fifth minute of play but the Eastern defense stiffened the rest of the way. Freshman keeper **Dan Murphy (MONTVILLE)** made two saves to earn his first collegiate home win and first victory since Sept. 16. The Warriors were 0-5-1 since that date.

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

**Eastern Conn. 2, Western Conn. 1**

Western Conn. (9-3-3, 2-1-1 little east)	1	0	--	1
Eastern Conn. (4-7-2, 1-3-0 little east)	0	2	--	2

W-Gabriel Garcia (Felipe Taborda) 4:35 ; E-Jeff Mitchell 74:50; E-Mitchell (penalty kick) 80:45.

Shots: W-9, E-8; Saves: W-Mark Pataky 3, E-Dan Murphy 2; Corner kicks: W-3, E-7.

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Saturday, October 4, 2003

**EASTERN MEN'S SOCCER DROPS OVERTIME DECISION TO PLYMOUTH**  
*New England's No.-5 ranked team needs extra session to deny Warriors, 1-0*

PLYMOUTH, N.H. - The Plymouth State University men's soccer team scored the only goal of the match five minutes into sudden death overtime to remain unbeaten in the Little East Conference with the win over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday at Panther Field.

Ranked fifth in New England, Plymouth (8-1-0, 3-0-0) maintained a share of first place in the conference with Rhode Island College, which blasted Massachusetts Boston 6-1 Saturday. The Warriors (3-7-2, 0-3-0 little east) were bolstered by the return of freshman keeper **Dan Murphy (MONTVILLE)** but were held scoreless for the seventh time this year.

Freshman Felix Rosen scored his fifth goal of the season five minutes into overtime to end the stalemate as the Panthers gained revenge for Eastern's 2-1 overtime victory at year ago at Thomas Nevers Field. The Warriors have been shut out by Plymouth in their last three losses to the Panthers.

Behind senior goalie Brad Wilby, Plymouth shut out its opponent for the fifth straight time and seventh time in nine matches. Wilby made three saves, Murphy four in a match which featured only 11 total shots in rainy and wet field conditions. Wilby lowered his conference-leading goals-against average to 0.33. Murphy, who missed three straight starts with an ankle injury, is ranked third in the conference with a 0.69 GAA.

In overtime, Plymouth junior Sebastian Rodriguez controlled a loose ball near the top of the box and fed Rosen on the right hand side. Rosen rolled a shot past Murphy into the left corner of the goal to end play in the 96th minute. It was Rosen's third goal in the last two games, and his team-leading fifth of the season.

Eastern hosts Western Connecticut State University in a conference match Saturday at 1 p.m..

*Plymouth State Sports Information Director Kent Cherrington contributed to this game account.*

**Plymouth State U. 1, Eastern Conn. 0, ot**

Eastern Conn. (3-7-2, 0-3-0 little east)	0	0	(0)	--	0
Plymouth State (8-1-0, 3-0-0 little east)	0	0	(1)	--	1

**Scoring:** Felix Rosen (Sebastian Rodriguez) 95:06.  
Shots: E-4, P-7; Saves: E-Dan Murphy 4, P-Brad Wilby 3.

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Wednesday, October 1, 2003

**EASTERN MEN'S SOCCER SNAPS FOUR-GAME LOSING STREAK**

*Radano's first goal of season helps Warriors tie Elms College in OT, 1-1*

CHICOPEE, Mass. -- Junior forward **Angelo Radano (SHELTON)** scored his first goal of the season in the 69th minute that helped the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team snap a four-game losing streak with a 1-1 overtime tie with Elms College Wednesday.

Radano scored his third career goal four minutes for Eastern (3-6-2) after entering the match in the second half on assists from senior back **Dan Williams (LEBANON)** and senior midfielder **Brian Fitzgerald (MARLBOROUGH)**. The Blazers (5-1-1) sent the match into overtime when sophomore midfielder Amar Bellara scored on the rebound of senior back Adriano dos Santos's shot with 14 minutes left in regulation.

Eastern sophomore midfielder **Nick Rezendes (NEWINGTON)** took four of Eastern's season-high 24 shots, nearly scoring twice in the second half. Rezendes' bid to give Eastern the lead as thwarted on a diving stop by Elms senior keeper Josh McConnell with six minutes left in regulation. Elms's best opportunity came in overtime when freshman forward Michael Lima missed wide with a shot to the far post seven minutes into the 20-minute OT session.

Making his third straight start, Eastern freshman keeper **Erik Greb (AMITY HARBORO, NY)** made a season-high nine saves on 21 Elms shots.

Eastern returns to Little East Conference play Saturday with a 2:15 start at Plymouth State University.

**Eastern Conn. 1, Elms College 1, ot**

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

Scoring: EC-Angelo Radano (Brian Fitzgerald, Dan Williams) 69:01; El-Amar Bellara (Adriano dos Santos) 75:47.

Shots: EC-24, El-21; Saves: EC-Erik Greb 9, El-Josh McConnell 11; Corner kicks: EC-4, El-2.

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Saturday, September 27, 2003

**UMASS DARTMOUTH MEN'S SOCCER DOWNS EASTERN, 4-1**  
***Jaquith scores twice as Corsairs take Little East Conference decision***

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- <sup>fresh</sup> Junior forward Robert Jaquith scored his team-leading eighth and ninth goals of the season to power the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth men's soccer team to a 4-1 Little East Conference win over Eastern Connecticut State University.

Jaquith, who entered the week ranked third in the conference in scoring, scored twice in the first 30 minutes -- scoring from six yards on the first and driving the second goal under the crossbar -- and teammate sophomore Ian Maccubbin made it 3-0 just before halftime to give UMass Dartmouth (4-2-0, 1-1-0) its fifth straight win over Eastern (3-6-1, 0-2-0).

The Warriors broke a streak of four straight shutout losses at the hands of UMass when sophomore midfielder **Jeff Mitchell (ENFIELD)** converted a penalty kick for his first collegiate goal. The goal was the first at home for Eastern this year, which fell to 0-5 at Nevers Field.

UMass Dartmouth sophomore Adam Wells made seven saves in net, allowing only Mitchell's penalty kick goal.

Eastern returns to action Wednesday at Elms College at 4 p.m.

**Massachusetts Dartmouth 4, Eastern Conn. 1**

UMass Dartmouth (4-2-0, 1-1-0 little east)	3	1	--	4
Eastern Conn. (3-6-1, 0-2-0, little east)	0	1	--	1

Scoring: MD-Robert Jaquith 16:34; MD-Jaquith 30:39; MD-Ian Maccubbin 32:28; E-Jeff Mitchell (penalty kick) 65:00; MD-Tiago Pinto (penalty kick) 79:00.

Shots: MD-10, E-15; Saves: MD-Adam Wells 7, E-Erik Greb 2 (80 min., 4 goals allowed), Andrew Bessette 1 (10 min., 0 goals allowed).

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Thursday, September 25, 2003

**EASTERN MEN'S SOCCER SHUT OUT BY BRIDGEWATER STATE**  
*Warriors drop first road match after three wins and a tie in 1-0 loss*

BRIDGEWATER, Mass. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team managed only two shots in losing its first road match of the season Thursday in a 1-0 non-conference setback at Bridgewater State College.

Having won three and tied one in four previous road matches this year, Eastern (3-5-1) was shut out for the third straight match and for the third straight season by Bridgewater State (1-2), whose losses this season have come to regionally-ranked teams.

Eastern freshman keeper **Erik Greb (AMITY HARBOR, NY)** made two saves in 81 minutes in his first collegiate start but Bridgewater's only goal -- which came on a defensive lapse 15 minutes into the second half -- stood up. All nine of Eastern's matches this year have resulted in shutouts. Bridgewater freshman keeper John Naughton recorded his first shutout with making a save.

Eastern hosts Massachusetts Dartmouth Saturday at 1 p.m. in a Little East Conference match.

**Bridgewater State College 1, Eastern Conn. 0**

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

**Scoring:** Deron Jackson 59:39.

Shots: E-2, B-9; Saves: E-Erik Greb 2 (81:00, 1 goal allowed), Andrew Bessette 0 (9:00, 0 goals allowed); B-John Naughton 0.

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Saturday, September 20, 2003

**EASTERN MEN'S SOCCER DROPS LITTLE EAST OPENER 1-0**  
*Rhode Island breaks tie in 61st minute to hand Warriors fourth home loss*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Sophomore Cory Lopes scored his second goal of the season 16 minutes into the second half and freshman Kyle Amaral recorded his second shutout in four starts in Rhode Island College's 1-0 win over Eastern Connecticut State University in a Little East Conference men's soccer opener Saturday at Thomas Nevers Field.

Lopes, the 2002 conference Rookie-of-the-Year with 13 goals, finished off a scoring thrust by beating Eastern freshman **keeper Dan Murphy (MONVILLE)** from the left of the box after taking a cross from sophomore Kyle Teixeira, last year's conference Offensive Player-of-the-Year. Junior Tim Calouro got the play started when he won a ball near midfield.

Eastern (3-4-1) has been shut out in all four home appearances this year while Rhode Island (4-3-0) improved to 3-1 on its opponent home field this year.

Amaral made two critical saves to secure the shutout. With eight minutes left in a scoreless first half, he made a diving stop to his left on a free kick by Eastern freshman **Andrew Cooke (MERIDEN)**. With 16 minutes left, he preserved the Rhode Island lead when he crawled to his right to smother a dribbler by Eastern **senior Brian Fitzgerald (MARLBOROUGH)** that was headed inside the post.

Murphy kept the first half scoreless when he dove to his left to get a hand on a hard shot from the left wing by Lopes. The deflected shot bounced off the post and Murphy covered it up. With 19 minutes left, Eastern defender **Nick Rezendes (NEWINGTON)** kept the scoring deficit at one goal when he cleared a header by Teixeira from the goal line after Murphy was beaten to the ball in the box.

Eastern visits Bridgewater State College Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

**Rhode Island College 1, Eastern Conn. 0**

Rhode Island (4-3, 1-0 little east)	0	1	--	1
Eastern Conn. (3-4-1, 0-1 little east)	0	0	--	0

**Scoring:** Cory Lopes (Tim Calouro, Kyle Teixeira) 60:38.

Shots: R-11, E-11; Saves: R-Kyle Amaral 5, E-Dan Murphy 5. Corner kicks: R-6, E-

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Thursday, September 18, 2003

**EASTERN MEN'S SOCCER DROPS TO 0-3 AT HOME IN 2-0 LOSS**  
*Warriors outshoot Salve Regina 14-8 but allow one goal in each half*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team outshot Salve Regina University 14-8 but freshman goalkeeper Davin Sirpenski recorded his third shutout in as many starts as the Warriors were beaten 2-0 Thursday at Thomas Nevers Field.

Freshman Eric Zimmer came off the bench to give Salve Regina (4-3) a 1-0 lead in the 30th minute when he scored from six yards on an Eastern defensive misplay and junior Joe Mastropietro added an insurance goal on an indirect kick from beyond the 18-yard mark ten minutes into the second half.

Eastern (3-3-1), which has been shut out in three home starts this year, outshot the Seahawks 14-8 but Sirpenski made six saves to record his third shutout in as many starts and lower his goals-against average to 0.70 in seven appearances.

Eastern's two best chances to score came with the team trailing 2-0. The first came when junior forward **Joe Lupone (DERBY)** hit the post after taking a feed from sophomore midfielder **Carl Segura (AMHERST, MA)** midway through the second half. With three minutes left, Sirpenski preserved the shutout when he robbed sophomore back **Nick Rezendes (NEWINGTON)** from point-blank range.

Three Eastern keepers saw action, with junior **Andrew Bessette (PAWCATUCK)** making all three of the team's saves while working the first 24 minutes of the second half. Freshman **Dan Murphy (MONTVILLE)**, who has four shutouts in seven starts this year, played the first half and was tagged with the loss after Zimmer slipped in behind the Eastern defense to steal the ball and score his second goal of the year.

Eastern played its second game without all-conference **midfielder Brian Fitzgerald (MARLBOROUGH)**, who is out indefinitely with a separated shoulder.

Eastern opens Little East Conference action Saturday against visiting Rhode Island College at 1 p.m.

**Salve Regina U. 2, Eastern Conn. 0**

Salve Regina U. (4-3-0)	1	1	--	2
Eastern Conn. (3-3-1)	0	0	--	0

**Scoring:** Eric Zimmer 29:18; Joe Mastropietro (Craig Baldino) 55:30.

Shots: S-8, E-14; Saves: S-Davin Sirpenski 6, E-Dan Murphy 0 (45:00, 1 goal allowed); Andrew Bessette 3 (24:00, 1 goal allowed), Erik Greb 0 (21:00, 0 goals allowed).

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Tuesday, September 16, 2003

**WILLIAMS' FIRST EASTERN GOAL LIFTS M-SOCCER TO WIN**  
***Freshman Dan Murphy posts fourth shutout in six starts in 1-0 victory***

NEW HAVEN, Conn. -- Senior back **Dan Williams (LEBANON)** scored the first goal of his Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer career to vault the Warriors to a 1-0 win over Albertus Magnus College Tuesday.

Williams broke a scoreless deadlock with 17 minutes left when he hammered in a ten-yarder on a serve from freshman forward **Charlie Perlwitz (WESTPORT)** on a play which originated from sophomore back **Greg Arvai (NEWINGTON)**.

The goal was the first in Williams' 24-game Eastern career and second in a 56-game career which included 32 matches at Clark University.

Freshman keeper **Dan Murphy (MONTVILLE)** lowered his goals-against average to 0.48 in recording his fourth shutout in six starts. Murphy, who has allowed only one goal since the first match of the season, made six saves and got defensive help from Williams and junior back **Adam Phaiah (DANIELSON)**, each of whom cleared balls off the goal line. Murphy's best save came with 22 minutes left when his perfectly-timed leap enabled him to punch Andres Montoya's blast over the crossbar. Murphy also raced off his line to smother a shot by Liuggi Liovvi with eight minutes left that preserved the Eastern lead.

Before Williams broke through, freshman forward **Steve Keane (EASTON, MA)**, sophomore midfielder **Jeff Mitchell (ENFIELD)** and freshman back **Derek Miles (NEWTOWN)** threatened with dangerous shots that either just missed or were saved by Albertus (4-2) junior keeper Michael Perreira.

Eastern snapped a two-game losing streak at the hands of Albertus.

The Warriors played the match without starting midfielder and senior tri-captain **Brian Fitzgerald (MARLBOROUGH)**, who is out indefinitely with a shoulder injury which occurred in Saturday's 1-0 loss to Ramapo College.

Eastern (3-2-1) hosts Salve Regina University Thursday at 4 p.m.

**Eastern Conn. 1, Albertus Magnus College 0**

Eastern Conn. (3-2-1)	0	1	--	1
Albertus Magnus (4-2-0)	0	0	--	0

**Scoring:** Dan Williams (Greg Arvai, Charlie Perlwitz) 72:47.  
Shots: A-9, E-10; Saves: A-Michael Perreira 3, E-Dan Murphy 6.

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Saturday, September 13, 2003

**RAMAPO STOPS EASTERN, 1-0, POSTS SIXTH STRAIGHT SHUTOUT**  
*Murphy extends scoreless streak to 367 min., 59 seconds before allowing goal*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. --Freshman Arturo Moreira scored on a six-yard header in the 69th minute to vault the Ramapo College men's soccer team to a 1-0 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday at Thomas Nevers Field.

Eastern (2-2-1) outshot Ramapo (5-0-1) 16-5 but could not break through against freshman keeper Jon Castelli, who made ten saves. The visitors were held without a shot for the first 58 minutes of the match.

The only goal originated in the left corner. A long crossing pass went into the box to freshman forward Josh Taylor, who relayed a pass to the far post to Moreira. Moreira's six-yard header beat Eastern freshman keeper **Dan Murphy (MONTVILLE)** and snapped his streak of 367 minutes, 59 seconds without allowing a goal. The Road Runners nearly scored a second goal minutes later but Murphy leaped to tip a shot by junior midfielder Matt Chester over the crossbar.

Castelli's best play to preserve the shutout and scoreless game when he grabbed a 12-yard header from Eastern sophomore midfielder **Jeff Mitchell (ENFIELD)** with 27 minutes left. Sophomore midfielder **Carl Segura (AMHERST, MA)** had Eastern's best two chances when he rifled consecutive 18-yarders off the crossbar with 12 minutes left in the first half.

Ranked sixth in the NCAA Metro Region, Ramapo has not allowed a goal this year and has scored 13 of its own. Ramapo has beaten Eastern all five times the teams have met.

Eastern visits Albertus Magnus College Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

**Ramapo College 1, Eastern Conn. 0**

Ramapo (5-0-1)	0	1	--	1
Eastern Conn. (2-2-1)	0	0	--	0

Arturo Moreira (Josh Taylor) 68:13.

Shots: R-5, E-16; Saves: R-Jon Castelli 10, E-Dan Murphy 3

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Wednesday, September 10, 2003

**MURPHY LEADS ECSU MEN'S SOCCER TO SHUTOUT OF CONN COLLEGE**  
*Freshman keeper extends consecutive shutout streak to 299 minutes, 46 sec.*

NEW LONDON, Conn. -- Freshman keeper **Dan Murphy (MONTVILLE)** made eight saves over 87 minutes to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team to a 3-0 shutout of Connecticut College Wednesday.

Eastern (2-1-1), which shut out the Camels 2-0 last year in Willimantic, is unbeaten in its last three matches (2-0-1) this year. It was Conn's opener.

Murphy left with a 3-0 lead before <sup>junior</sup> freshman **Erik Greb (AMITY HARBOR, NY)** completed the shutout by playing the final three minutes. Murphy has not allowed a goal in his last 299 minutes and 46 seconds. He allowed two goals in a 2-0 opening loss to Roger Williams Aug. 30, the second goal coming in the 78th minute.

Junior **Joe Lupone (DERBY)** and sophomore **Nick Rezendes (NEWINGTON)** each scored once for Eastern and freshman **Adam Phaiah (DANIELSON)** added the clincher in the 80th minute. Lupone scored on a pass from freshman **Steve Keane (EASTON, MA)** in the eighth minute while Rezendes connected on a corner kick to make it 2-0 early in the second half. Phaiah nailed his first collegiate goal from just inside 18 yards on passes from freshman **Pat Kozloski (OXFORD)** and first-year junior **Zac Griffin (MANCHESTER)**.

Eastern hosts Ramapo College Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

**Eastern Conn. 3, Conn College 0**

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

Joe Lupone (Steve Keane) 7:27; Nick Rezendes 53:27; Adam Phaiah (Pat Kozloski, Zac Griffin) 79:05.

Shots: E-17, Conn.-13; Saves: E-Dan Murphy 8 (87:00), Erik Greb 0 (3:00); C-Jon Knights (90:00) 4.

Saturday, August 30, 2003

**ECSU MEN'S SOCCER SHUTOUT IN HOME OPENER**  
*Hatch's penalty kick seals the win for the Hawks*

Willimantic, CT -- Senior forward **David Hatch (PORTSMOUTH, RI)** scored on a penalty kick in the seventy-seventh minute to seal a 2-0 opening match victory for the Roger Williams University men's soccer team over Eastern Connecticut State University.

Eastern Connecticut freshman keeper **Dan Murphy (MONTVILLE)** and Roger Williams junior forward **Sean Whalen (CROMWELL)** collided in mid-air at the top of the box causing Whalen to hit the ground hard and have to leave the match. Murphy was issued a yellow card on the play which resulted in the penalty kick goal by Hatch.

The Hawks took the lead in the seventeenth minute as a free kick taken by junior midfielder **Brian Combra (PORTSMOUTH, RI)** was deflected past Murphy by senior midfielder Jamie Danis (**UPTON, MA**).

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**Roger Williams 2, Eastern Connecticut 0**  
**at Willimantic, CT**

Roger Williams (1-0-0)	1	1	--	2
Eastern Conn. (0-1-0)	0	0	--	0

R-Jamie Danis (Brian Combra) 17:33; R-David Hatch (penalty kick) 77:14.  
Shots: R-13, E-13; Saves: R-Kevin Deegan 4, E-Dan Murphy 4.

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