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Saturday, Oct. 29, 2005

EASTERN M-SOCCER DOWNS RHODE ISLAND IN FINALE
Barney records third shutout in last four starts in 2-0 Little East victory

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – Sophomore keeper **Jay Barney (MANSFIELD)** made four first-half saves to record his third shutout in the last four starts and seniors **Fotis Anastasiou (COLCHESTER)** and **Jeff Mitchell (ENFIELD)** each scored goals in their final match as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team downed Rhode Island College, 2-0 Saturday in its season finale in Little East Conference play.

Despite the win, Eastern (8-7-1, 4-3-0 little east) finishes one point shy of the fourth and final conference playoff berth. Plymouth State University and Western Connecticut State University, both 4-2-1, finish in a tie for third place in the final conference standings with 13 points. The Warriors finish with 12 points.

The loss in the regular-season and conference finale spoils a perfect season in conference play for Rhode Island (9-5-3, 4-1-2 little east), which finishes with 14 points and will be seeded second in the conference playoffs, which get underway with semifinal-round games Wednesday. Keene State College nailed down its third straight regular-season title Saturday with a 3-0 win over visiting Massachusetts Boston. Rhode Island will host third-seeded Plymouth and Keene will host fourth-seeded Western Wednesday. The final is scheduled for Saturday at noon at the site of the highest remaining seed.

Barney, who missed eight straight starts early this year with a shoulder injury, recorded his second straight shutout and third in his last four matches of the year. He shows a final goals-against average of 0.88 and save percentage of .826.

Junior forward **Elvis Perndoj (LEZHA, ALBANIA)** assisted on both Eastern goals with came 15 minutes apart. Anastasiou, a first-year player, scored his team-high seventh goal of the year with a short blast in the box in the 59th minute which carried over the head of Rhode Island sophomore keeper Jadon Neves and under the crossbar. Fifteen minutes later, Mitchell put the game out of reach with his first goal of the year, set up when junior back **Derek Miles (NEWTOWN)** got the ball in the box to Perndoj. Perndoj slid it quickly on the left wing to Mitchell, whose left-footed drive carried across the goal mouth and inside the far right post. In his first season, Perndoj finishes as the team leader with seven assists and shares the lead with Anastasiou with 15 points.

The Eastern defense limited Rhode Island senior forward Kyle Teixeira to just three shots. Teixeira, the LEC leader with 17 goals and 42 points, is a two-time conference Offensive Player-of-the-Year. Teixeira's first shot of the match – a header on a pass from sophomore midfielder Julian Montoya -- nearly gave the visitors a lead in the 14th minute -- but Barney timed his leap perfectly and hauled it in.

With the final win, Eastern concludes with a winning record for the first time since 1996, when it finished 8-7-3.

Eastern Conn. 2, Rhode Island College 0

Rhode Island (9-5-3, 4-1-2 little east)	0	0	--	0
Eastern Conn. (8-7-1, 4-3-0 little east)	0	2	--	2

Scoring: Fotis Anastasiou (Elvis Perndoj) 58:18; Jeff Mitchell (Derek Miles, Perndoj) 73:12.

Shots: R-7, E-8; **Saves:** R-Jadon Neves 3, E-Jay Barney 4.

Corner kicks: R-5, E-2.

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Saturday, October 22, 2005

EASTERN M-SOCCER KEEPS PACE IN LITTLE EAST
Warriors down USM to remain within one point of a tournament berth

GORHAM, Maine -- First-year junior midfielder **David Segura (ENFIELD)** scored his second goal of the year with and sophomore keeper **Jay Barney (MANSFIELD)** recorded his second shutout in the last three starts as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team blanked the University of Southern Maine, 1-0, in Little East Conference action Saturday at the USM Soccer Field.

By winning, Eastern (7-7-1, 3-3-0 little east) remains one point out of fourth place in the eight-team conference behind Western Connecticut State University and Plymouth State University, who share third place with ten points. Western downed the University of Massachusetts Boston, 4-1 to pull into a tie with Plymouth, which lost a 2-1 overtime decision to Rhode Island College.

The top four teams in the final conference standings qualify for the conference tournament, which gets underway Nov. 2.

Southern Maine (4-8-3, 1-3-2 little east) had its four-match unbeaten streak (3-0-1) stopped this year in losing to Eastern by a 1-0 score for the second straight year. The Warriors are 6-1-1 in their last eight matches against the Huskies.

In a defensive-minded first half, the Warriors would get the only score of the match at 35:29. Senior midfielder **Jeff Mitchell (ENFIELD)** played a diagonal ball from the left side into the penalty area where the streaking Sutera got a foot to the ball to deflect it past USM junior goalkeeper Chris Willard for his second goal of the year -- first since the opening weekend of the season. The point was the first this year for Mitchell.

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The pace of the match picked up in the second half, but Willard and Barney were equal to every threat. Barney would finish the match with five saves to post his second shutout of the season in his last three starts. Willard was credited with six saves. Barney lowered his goals-against average from 1.13 to 0.99 and raised his save percentage from .784 to .810.

Having lost this year to both Plymouth and Western, Eastern needs to defeat visiting Rhode Island College Saturday to entertain any hopes of qualifying for the conference tournament. Plymouth visits Massachusetts Dartmouth and Western hosts Southern Maine Saturday on the final day of the regular season.

Eastern visits Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Wednesday at 3 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 1, U. of Southern Maine 0

Eastern Connecticut (7-7-1, 3-3-0 little east)	1	0	--	1
Southern Maine (4-8-3, 1-3-2 little east)	0	0	--	0

Scoring: E-David Sutera (Jeff Mitchell) 35:29.

Shots: E-11, S-8; **Saves:** E-Jay Barney 5; S-Chris Willard 6

Corner kicks: E-2, S-1

little east conference

Thursday, Oct. 20, 2005

KEENE STATE MEN'S SOCCER REMAINS UNBEATEN IN LITTLE EAST

Horne scores 12 minutes into sudden death OT in win over Eastern Conn.

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – Freshman forward Alex Horne (Harvard, MA) scored his second goal of the match 12 minutes into sudden death overtime to lift the Keene State College men's soccer team to a 2-1 Little East Conference victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Thursday afternoon at Thomas Nevers Field.

Ranked No. 3 in New England and No. 19 in Division III, Keene (10-2-2, 4-0-0 little east) moves into first place in the conference with its 15th straight victory over Eastern (6-7-1, 2-3-0 little east). With 12 points in four conference wins, the defending regular-season and conference champions move ahead of Rhode Island College (3-0-1) and Plymouth State (3-1-1), both with ten points. The Warriors are in fifth place in the eight-team conference with six points. The top four finishers qualify for the conference playoffs, which get underway Nov. 2.

The teams played one scoreless ten-minute sudden death period before Keene ended the match two minutes into the second ten-minute session when Horne sent a shot from the right wing over the head of Eastern sophomore keeper **Jay Barney (MANSFIELD)** under the crossbar inside the far post. The goal was set up when sophomore midfielder Ralph Rocco (Groton, MA) won a ball near midfield and slotted a pass to Horne, who outraced an Eastern defender before unloading the game-winning shot – his ninth goal of the year.

Horne had given Keene a 1-0 lead in the 22nd minute of play when he hooked up with Rocco and junior forward Eric Scott (West Springfield, MA) – sending a ground ball from the right side inside the left post -- but the Warriors gained the equalizer with 20 minutes left when junior midfielder **Elvis Perndoj (LEZHA, ALBANIA)** headed in senior back **Nick Rezendes' (NEWINGTON)** long free kick.

Barney made a handful of outstanding saves in the second half and another in overtime – three of them denying Horne – to keep Eastern within striking distance, and then to keep the score tied. Horne nearly ended the match 30 seconds into overtime but Barney smothered his close shot at the near post. Horne took nine of his team's 16 shots, putting eight of them on net. Barney saved six of them

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Perdoj nearly scored three times before finally breaking through in the second half. His 18-yarder skimmed the crossbar midway through the first half, he had a prime opportunity skid just wide of the post with nine minutes left in the first half and Keene sophomore keeper Cal Mintz (Westport, CT) made his only difficult save ten minutes into the secondhalf when he dove to his right to corral Perdoj's low, hard shot.

In the first 11 minutes of the second half, Eastern earned seven corner kicks, but was unable to capitalize, managing only two shots in that time (just one on goal).

Eastern visits Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Wednesday at 3 p.m.

Keene State College 2, Eastern Conn. 1, ot

Keene State (10-2-2, 4-0-0 little cast)	1	0	(0)	(1)	--	2
Eastern Conn. (6-7-1, 2-3-0 little cast)	0	1	(0)	(0)	--	1

Scoring: K-Alex Horne (Ralph Rocco, Eric Scott) 21:45; E-Elvis Perdoj (Nick Rezendes) 71:09; K-Horne (Rocco) 101:48.

Shots: K-16, E-8; **Saves:** K-Cal Mintz 3 (76:00, 1 goal allowed), Matt Caron 0 (25:48, 0 goals allowed). **Corner kicks:** K-9, E-10.

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Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2005

EASTERN M-SOCCER SHUTS OUT UMB IN LITTLE EAST, 3-0
Warriors post fifth straight shutout victory over Beacons, even conference slate

BOSTON, Mass. – The Eastern Connecticut State University men’s soccer team outshot the University of Massachusetts Boston 14-3 in scoring three first-half goals in a 3-0 Little East Conference victory Tuesday afternoon.

The win is the fifth straight by shutout for Eastern (6-6-1, 2-0-2 little east) over UMass Boston (6-5-2, 0-3-2) and moves the Warriors into fifth place in the eight-team conference. Eastern has six points, one behind fourth-place Western Connecticut State University, which has played one more match than the Warriors. The top four finishers qualify for the conference post-season tournament which gets underway in two weeks.

Junior midfielder **Elvis Perndoj (LEZHA, ALBANIA)** scored Eastern’s first goal in the 16th minute and assisted on senior forward **Fotis Anastasiou’s (COLCHESTER)** team-leading sixth goal of the year 15 minutes later to give the Warriors a 2-0 lead. Junior forward **Shane Laughran (COVENTRY)** came off the bench to score his second goal of the year with seven minutes left in the first half. Perndoj leads Eastern with five assists this year.

Eastern outshot the Beacons 14-3 in the first half and finished with a 19-8 advantage in that department and a 7-2 edge in corner kicks.

Sophomore keeper **Jay Barney (MANSFIELD)** needed only two saves to post his first full shutout of the year and ninth in 24 career starts.

Eastern hosts Keene State College Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in a Little East Conference match. Ranked No. 3 in New England and No. 19 nationally, Keene won last year’s conference regular season and post-season titles.

Eastern Conn. 3, Massachusetts Boston 0

Eastern Conn. (6-6-1, 2-2-0 little east)	3	0	--	3
UMass Boston (6-5-2, 0-3-2 little east)	0	0	--	0

Scoring: Elvis Perndoj (Jay Barney) 15:16; Fotis Anastasiou (Perndoj) 29:51; Shane Laughran (Richard Bruneau) 38:21.

Shots: E-19, MB-8; **Saves:** E-Jay Barney 2, MB-Paul Maniscalco 4. **Corner kicks:** E-7, MB-2.

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Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2005

EASTERN MEN'S SOCCER SHUT OUT BY TRINITY

For third straight year, Bantams score the only goal of the match

HARTFORD, Conn. – Sophomore midfielder Charlie Fuentes scored his team-leading third goal of the match midway through the second half Tuesday afternoon as the Trinity College men's soccer team shut out Eastern Connecticut State University for the third straight year by a score of 1-0. *5:26 5m*

A pass from freshman forward Michael Van Beuren sprung Fuentes for the game-winning goal in the 62nd minute of play. Fuentes carried alone through the middle after taking the pass in stride and knocked the shot past Eastern sophomore keeper **Jay Barney (MANSFIELD)**, who came out in a diving attempt to cut off the 15-yard shot.

Coming off a ten-day layoff, Eastern (5-6-1) was beaten by a 1-0 score for the third time in as many years by Trinity, with freshman keeper Zac Trudeau becoming the third different keeper to hold the Warriors scoreless. Eastern has not scored against Trinity over the last 279 minutes and three seconds – since downing the Bantams in the sixth minute of overtime, 4-3, in 2002.

Eastern has been shut out four times in its last six matches. Trinity (3-6-0) won by shutout for the second straight match.

Trinity outshot Eastern 13-7 and held a 5-2 advantage in shots on net. Trudeau needed only two saves to record his second career shutout, stopping junior midfielder **Pat Kozloski's (OXFORD)** first-half bid and freshman midfielder **Jimmy McConville's (MANCHESTER)** second-half shot on net. Despite a 1.21 goals-against average, Barney's personal record this year fell to 0-3.

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

Trinity College 1, Eastern Conn. 0

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

Scoring: Charlie Fuentes (Michael Van Beuren) 61:14.

Shots: E-7, T-13; **Saves:** E-Marcin Kaczerski 2 (45:00, 0 goals allowed), Jay Barney 2 (45:00, 1 goal allowed); T-Zac Trudeau 2. **Corner kicks:** E-2, T-1.

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Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005

FIDLER'S GOAL STANDS UP IN WESTERN'S WIN OVER EASTERN
Colonials down Warriors in Little East Conference match, 1-0

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – Junior forward Bradley Fidler (West Lawn, PA) scored on his only shot of the match in the 38th minutes as the Western Connecticut State University men's soccer team edged Eastern Connecticut State University, 1-0 Saturday in a Little East Conference match at Thomas Nevers Field.

The conference scoring leader, Fidler scored his 12th goal of the season with seven minutes left in the first half when he scored into an open net. Eastern sophomore keeper **Jay Barney (MANSFIELD)** dove to his left to cut down the angle when junior forward Michael Laudano (East Haven, CT) carried to the end line. Instead of shooting, Laudano sent a crossing pass from right to left into the box to senior midfielder Matt Cusack (New Milford, CT). Cusack could have taken an uncontested shot, but instead knocked a short pass further across the goal mouth to Fidler, who one-timed it into the back of the net.

Eastern's (5-5-1, 1-2-0 little east) Barney, who had shut out Western (8-2-0, 2-1-0 little east) with six saves in last year's scoreless overtime draw, kept the Eastern deficit at one goal 14 minutes into the second half when he saved Cusack's penalty kick shot. Barney dove to his left to deny Cusack's bid inside the right post. Cusack

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was awarded the free attempt after freshman midfielder Kyle Garrett (Sandy Hook, CT) was taken down in the box by Eastern sophomore back **Sead Mehic (HARTFORD)**.

Eastern scoring leader **Fotis Anastasiou (COLCHESTER)** appeared to have tied the match midway through the second half when he converted junior midfielder **Elvis Perndoj's (LEZHA, ALBANIA)** give-and-go pass but was ruled to be offside on the play.

The win is the fourth straight for Western, third straight by shutout. Western freshman keeper Daniel Michalowski (Bristol, CT) made seven saves to post his fourth collegiate shutout. Barney made five saves for Eastern, which outshot the Colonials 13-10. Both Barney and Michalowski made their best saves to keep the game scoreless in the first half. Barney made a diving save to his left to turn back freshman forward Elliott Wangaard's (Shelton) shot at the right post midway through the half. Minutes later, Michalowski stopped a hard shot from close range by Eastern freshman midfielder **Jimmy McConville (MANCHESTER)**. McConville had one-timed a crossing pass while stationed at the right post.

With his team leading, Wangaard unloaded a shot that sailed wide from inside the box with eight minutes left that would have provided insurance. Wangaard took six of his team's shots, forcing Barney to make saves on four of them.

Eastern senior back **Greg Arvai (NEWINGTON)** kept Fidler bottled up throughout most of the match while Western sophomore back Mike Savenelli (East Haven, CT) limited Anastasiou to just one shot.

Eastern hosts 2004 conference tournament champion Keene State College Saturday at 1 p.m.

Western Conn. 1, Eastern Conn. 0

Western Conn. (8-2-0, 2-1-0 little east)	1	0	--	1
Eastern Conn. (5-5-1, 1-2-0 little east)	0	0	--	0

Scoring: Bradley Fidler (Michael Laudano, Matt Cusack) 37:55.

Shots: W-10, E-13; **Saves:** W-Daniel Michalowski 7, E-Jay Barney 5.

Corner kicks: W-3, E-2.

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Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005

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EASTERN, PLYMOUTH M-SOCCER GO OVERTIME AGAIN

Panthers score early in OT to remain undefeated with 2-1 Little East Conference win

PLYMOUTH, N.H. – Freshman **Semir Mehmedovic** scored his second straight game-winning goal Saturday afternoon, this time four minutes into overtime to lift Plymouth State University to a 2-1 victory over Eastern Connecticut State University in a Little East Conference men's soccer match at Panther Field.

Ranked ninth in New England, Plymouth remains unbeaten (7-0-1, 2-0 little east) with its sixth straight win while the Warriors fall to 4-4-1 overall and 1-1 in conference play and have now gone three matches without a win (0-2-1).

It is the fourth straight season that the contest between the two teams has gone into overtime. There has been a winner each time, Plymouth having won the last three after Eastern took a 2-1 decision at Thomas Nevers Field in 2002.

Mehmedovic's game-winning goal was set up by sophomore Mike Cunningham as he slid a beautiful through-ball and Mehmedovic knocked it home for his team-leading fifth goal of the season. On Wednesday, he scored the only goal in a 1-0 non-conference win at Endicott College.

Trailing 1-0, Eastern tied the match 11 minutes into the second half on junior midfielder **Elvis Perndoj's** (LEZHIA, ALBANIA) second goal of the season on an assist from junior midfielder **Pat Kozloski** (OXFORD). The Panthers had scored midway through the opening half as Cunningham's cross found the diving head of Dustin Moya.

Eastern sophomore keeper Jay **Barney** (MANSFIELD) made two saves, playing the entire match for the Warriors. It was the first start since the opening match of the season for Barney, who injured his shoulder in the first half against St. Lawrence University.

Eastern visits Elms College on Tuesday at 4 p.m. in a non-conference match.

Plymouth State U. 2, Eastern Conn. 1, ot

Eastern Conn. (4-4-1, 1-1-0 little east)	0	1	(0)	--	1
Plymouth State (7-0-1, 2-0-0 little east)	1	0	(1)	--	2

Scoring: P-Dustin Moya (Mike Cunningham) 27:00; E-Elvis Perndoj (Pat Kozloski) 56:04; P-Semir Mehmedovic (Cunningham) 94:00.

Shots: E-5, P-6; Saves: E-Jay Barney 2, P-Tyler Shute 1.

Corner kicks: E-3, P-3.

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Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2005

McCONVILLE'S FIRST CAREER GOAL LIFTS EASTERN M-SOCCER, 1-0
Sophomore keeper Marcin Kaczerski's strong effort in second half preserves victory

CHICOPEE, Mass. – Freshman midfielder Jimmy McConville scored his first career goal in his first start and sophomore keepers **Jay Barney (MANSFIELD)** and **Marcin Kaczerski (BRISTOL)** each had four saves in the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team's 1-0 non-conference victory over Elms College Tuesday.

Eastern (5-4-1) snaps a three-game unbeaten streak with its first win over Elms (0-9-0) after a tie and loss each of the past two years. The victory also pushes the Warriors over the .500 mark for the first time after ten matches since they were 8-2-0 in 1997.

McConville, who had come off the bench in each of the team's first nine matches, made the most of his first start when he re-directed a cross from first-year junior midfielder **Elvis Perdoj (LEZHA, ALBANIA/Bristol Central HS)** past Elms freshman keeper Philip Joyce in the 64th minute. The assist was the fourth of the season for Perdoj, who totaled a team-high 12 as a first-team All-New England selection at Manchester Community College last fall. No Eastern player has been credited with more than four assists in a season since 1997.

Kaczerski made four saves over the final 45 minutes to gain his fifth win of the year against three losses and a tie, coming up with three key stops and also receiving help from his defense in preserving the shutout victory. Kaczerski turned aside consecutive shots inside the 18-yard box by Elms College senior midfielder Jeff Kruger and junior midfielder Matt Kapinos in the 53rd minute. The Blazers had another great opportunity to tie the game ten minutes later, but senior midfielder Vuthy Chhum fired a shot just wide near post from the top of the box.

Kaczerski then received help from his defense with 4:45 remaining. Chhum beat Kaczerski with a shot from the top of the box, but sophomore back **Sead Mehic (HARTFORD)** made a beautiful bicycle kick save on the goal-line to deny the Blazers of a sure goal.

The Blazers had one final chance with 2:45 remaining, but Kaczerski made a point-blank save off Chhum to preserve the victory.

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

Eastern Conn. 1, Elms College 0

Eastern Conn. (5-4-1)	0	1	--	1
Elms College (0-9-0)	0	0	--	0

Scoring: Jimmy McConville (Elvis Perdoj) 63:49.

Shots: EC-16, EI-17; **Saves:** EC-Jay Barney 4 (45:00 min.), Marcin Kaczerski 4 (45:00 min.), El-Philip Joyce 5 (68:17 min., 1 goal allowed), Nick Pellegrini 0 (21:43 min., 0 goals allowed). **Corner kicks:** EC-9, EI-2.

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Thursday, September 22, 2005

IN 2-0 MEN'S SOCCER SETBACK, EASTERN'S OFFENSIVE FIZZLES
Warriors muster little offense as they are shut out for fifth straight time vs. BSC

BRIDGEWATER, Mass. – The Bridgewater State College men's soccer team got a goal early in each half and Eastern Connecticut State University mounted little offensive pressure in a 2-0 non-conference loss Thursday at Swenson Field.

Eastern (4-3-1) has been shut out by Bridgewater (2-3-0) each of the last five times the teams have met, although it came away with a scoreless overtime draw with the Bears a year ago at Thomas Nevers Field. Thursday, freshman midfielder Jon Nutting scored his second goal of the year when he one-timed a cross from the left wing by sophomore midfielder Takashi Suzuki in the ninth minute, and senior midfielder Topher Paone converted a breakaway attempt 66 seconds into the second half to provide Bridgewater with all of the offensive it would need.

Bridgewater, which qualified for NCAA tournament play last year by winning the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference title, had the better of play throughout the match. After scoring its first-half goal, Bridgewater had two additional prime chances in the final ten minutes of the first half. The first try was an open header which sailed over the crossbar. On the second, Eastern sophomore keeper Marcin **Kaczerski (BRISTOL)** came up with a save on a breakaway which materialized when Paone stole a cross-field pass and carried in alone on the left side.

Eastern sophomore keeper **Jay Barney (MANSFIELD)**, who played the second half, kept the deficit at two goals with 15 minutes left when he drove to his right to deny Bridgewater freshman forward Joe Zguro's bid from the right side.

Eastern's best chance to break through came with four minutes left when senior forward **Fotis Anastasiou (COLCHESTER)** lifted a head ball from inside the box off a corner from freshman midfielder **Benja Tirigall (VICTORIA, ARGENTINA)** over the crossbar.

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Bridgewater's goal in the first half was the first allowed by Kaczerski (other than a penalty kick) after a scoreless streak of 350 minutes and three seconds. The Warriors have been shut out in three of their last six matches.

Junior keeper John Naughton recorded his first win and first shutout of the year, making four saves in lowering his goals-against average to 1.11. Naughton's losses have come to Babson College, Plymouth State and Wheaton College (MA). Babson is ranked fifth in New England, Plymouth ninth and Wheaton was a national quarterfinalist a year ago.

Eastern looks for its second Little East Conference win without a loss when it visits Plymouth State University Saturday at 3 p.m.

Bridgewater State College 2, Eastern Conn. 0

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

Scoring: Jon Nutting (Takashi Suzucki) 8:30; Topher Paone (Deron Jackson) 46:06.

Shots: E-9, B-10. Saves: E-Marcin Kaczerski 3 (45:00, 1 goal allowed), Jay Barney 1 (45:00, 1 goal allowed); B-John Naughton 4.

Corner kicks: E-5, B-4.

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Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2005

EASTERN TIES ALBERTUS, EXTENDS UNBEATEN STREAK TO FOUR
Eastern keepers Kaczerski and Barney hold Falcons scoreless in 0-0 overtime draw

NEW HAVEN, Conn. – Eastern Connecticut State University sophomore keepers **Marcin Kaczerski (BRISTOL)** and **Jay Barney (MANSFIELD)** combined on the team's third shutout in the last four matches in a 0-0 men's soccer overtime draw with Albertus Magnus College Tuesday afternoon at Celentano Field.

Kaczerski made three saves in the first half and Barney one in the second half and through 20 minutes of sudden-death overtime for Eastern (4-2-1), which is 3-0-1 in its last four outings. It is the third straight year that the Warriors have shut out Albertus (4-1-1), which opened its season with four straight wins.

Eastern's best scoring opportunity came in overtime but Albertus freshman keeper Chris Vasquez made the play of the game when he flung himself to the right to stop Eastern junior **Elvis Perndoj's (LEZHA, ALBANIA)** boomer inside the box and keep the game scoreless. In the second half, a Perndoj corner kick was headed by Eastern senior **Derek Miles (NEWTOWN)**. Vasquez knocked the shot down and smothered the ball on the goal line when Miles returned a second shot.

Eastern outshot the Falcons 17-9 but Vasquez came up with nine saves.

Late in the first half, Albertus had its best scoring chance but senior Mike Gilman hit the top of the crossbar from 30 yards out.

In the last 341 minutes and 33 seconds – dating back to the first half of a 1-0 loss to Connecticut College Sept. 8 -- Kaczerski has allowed only a penalty kick goal.

Eastern visits Bridgewater State College Thursday at 4 p.m. in a non-conference match.

Eastern Conn. 0, Albertus Magnus 0, ot

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

Shots: E-17, A-9; **Saves:** E-Marcin Kaczerski 3 (45:00 min.), Jay Barney 1 (65:00 min.), A-Chris Vasquez 9. **Corner kicks:** E-8, A-3.

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Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005

ANASTASIOU'S GOALS LIFT EASTERN MEN'S SOCCER PAST UMD
Senior scores both goals as Warriors trim Corsairs, 2-1, in Little East opener

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. – First-year senior forward **Fotis Anastasiou (COLCHESTER)** scored a goal early in each half and Eastern Connecticut State University allowed only a penalty kick goal in a 2-1 victory over the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth in the Little East Conference opener for both schools Saturday afternoon at Cressy Field.

With its fourth win in six matches, Eastern (4-2-0) is off to its best start after six matches since 1997, when it went 5-1 to open the year on the way to a 9-10 final record. The Warriors have beaten UMass Dartmouth (2-3-0) each of the past two years after the Corsairs had won five straight. UMass was the No. 7 seed in last year's ECAC New England Division III Tournament.

Anastasiou, a former NJCAA Division III All-America first-teamer at Manchester Community College, headed in a cross from senior back **Nick Rezendes (NEWINGTON)** in the seventh minute of play, then made it 2-0 eight minutes into the second half when he buried a pass from junior midfielder **Elvis Perndoj (LEZHA, ALBANIA)**. The point was the first of the season for Rezendes while the assist was the team-leading third for Perndoj, a first-team All-New England pick at Manchester CC last year, when he had a team-leading 12 assists.

Sophomores **Marcin Kaczerski (BRISTOL)** and **Jay Barney (MANSFIELD)** combined in net for Eastern. Kaczerski made six saves over the first 63 minutes before giving way to Barney with 27 minutes left and Eastern leading 2-1. UMass's goal came against Kaczerski and came on a penalty kick by senior forward Tiago Pinto after the Warriors were whistled for a foul in the box. The goal was the first allowed by Kaczerski

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after consecutive shutouts in his last two matches. Kaczerski has gone 296 minutes and 33 seconds without allowing a regular goal. Barney, last year's conference Rookie-of-the-Year, returned to the lineup for the first time since injuring his shoulder in the first half of the season-opener.

Leading 2-1, Eastern's defense held tight despite playing the final 18 minutes a man down after freshman back **Kyle Bedini (MANCHESTER)** was sent off for an illegal tackle.

Anastasiou has three goals and an assist in the last two matches and leads Eastern with five goals and 11 points. Last year's team leader finished with four goals.

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

Eastern Conn. 2, Massachusetts Dartmouth 1

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

Scoring: E-Foti Anastasiou (Nick Rezendes) 6:13; E-Anastasiou (Elvis Perndoj) 53:29; MD-Tiago Pinto (penalty kick) 60:20.

Shots: E-9, MD-13; **Saves:** E-Marcin Kaczerski 6 (63:00, 1 goal allowed), Jay Barney 1 (27:00, 0 goals allowed).

Corner kicks: E-2, MD-2.

Thursday, Sept. 15, 2005

EASTERN M-SOCCER STIFLES SALVE REGINA IN 3-0 VICTORY *Warriors allow only one second-half shot in winning second straight home contest*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – The Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team got a goal and assist from junior **Pat Kozloski (OXFORD)** and senior **Fotis Anastasiou (COLCHESTER)** and allowed Salve Regina University only one second-half shot in a 3-0 non-conference victory Thursday afternoon at Thomas Nevers Field.

It marks the first time since 1999 that Eastern (3-2-0) has opened with two consecutive wins at home. Playing its sixth straight match away from home, Salve (2-2-2) lost for the second straight season to the Warriors. The losing team in all seven matches in the series has been shut out.

Eastern's starting defense of sophomore keeper **Marcin Kaczerski (BRISTOL)**, seniors **Greg Arvai (NEWINGTON)** and **Rob Bedini (MANCHESTER)**, junior **Derek Miles (NEWTOWN)** and freshman **James Picarella (BREWSTER, NY)** limited Salve to just one shot in the second half, five in all.

Kozloski scored his first career goal with ten minutes left in the first half and Anastasiou recorded his team-leading third of the year on an assist from Kozloski to make it 2-0 four minutes into the second half. Senior forward **Carl Segura (AMHERST, MA)** came off the bench to score his first goal of the season midway through the second half on assists from Anastasiou and first-year junior midfielder **Elvis Perndoj (LEZHA, ALBANIA)**.

Freshman midfielder **Jimmy McConville's (MANCHESTER)** long cross from the left wing set up Kozloski's goal. McConville's pass into the box deflected off two players and rolled to an unmarked Kozloski, who blasted a 22-yarder under the crossbar.

Kozloski and Anastasiou worked a pretty give-and-go, with Anastasiou burying the goal from close range to make it 2-0 early in the second half. Two short passes in the box led to Segura's insurance goal.

The shutout was the second in the last two starts for Kaczerski, who made seven saves to gain his first career shutout Saturday against Ramapo College at Nevers Field. He has not allowed a goal in the last 233 minutes, 33 seconds.

Eastern opens its Little East Conference season Saturday at Massachusetts Dartmouth at 3:30 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 3, Salve Regina U. 0

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

Scoring: E-Pat Kozloski 35:02; E-Fotis Anastasiou (Kozloski) 48:48; E-Carl Segura (Anastasiou, Elvis Perndoj) 71:14.

Shots: S-5, E-19; **Saves:** S-Davin Sirpenski 8, E-Marcin Kaczerski 1.

Corner kicks: S-5, E-3.

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Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005

EASTERN MEN'S SOCCER SNAPS HEX AGAINST RAMAPO, 1-0
Newcomer Perndoj scores in 75th minute to back Kaczerski's first career shutout

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- First-year junior midfielder **Elvis Perndoj (LEZHA, ALBANIA)** scored his first goal at Eastern Connecticut State University in the 75th minute of play and sophomore **Marcin Kaczerski (BRISTOL)** made seven saves to record his first collegiate shutout as the Warriors edged Ramapo College of New Jersey, 1-0, in their home-opener Saturday afternoon at Thomas Nevers Field.

Perndoj's 12th collegiate goal, which came on assists from junior back **Derek Miles (NEWTOWN)** and freshman midfielder **Jimmy McConville (MANCHESTER)**, gave Eastern (2-2-0) its first win over Ramapo (4-1-0) in this seven-game series. Playing their first road contest of the season, the Roadrunners had outscored their first four opponents by a margin of 19-2. Ramapo is ranked No. 6 in the Metro Region.

The game-winning goal originated with Miles' long free kick. McConville collected the ball and flicked it to the foot of Perndoj, who one-timed a shot past freshman keeper Michael Kull (Millville, NJ) with 15 minutes left in the match. It was the second career assist for Miles and first career point for McConville, who has come off the bench in all four matches this year.

Kaczerski made seven saves to notch his first collegiate shutout in his third career start. As a starter, Kaczerski has won two of three decisions, allowing only two goals. He replaced sophomore starter **Jay Barney (MANSFIELD)** in a season-opening overtime loss to nationally-ranked St. Lawrence University a week ago after Barney injured his shoulder late in the first half.

Perndoj came to Eastern this year after a two-year career at Manchester Community College, where he had 11 goals and 14 assists and earned first-team NJCAA Region XXI All-New England honors in 2004. He was a high school teammate of Kaczerski at Bristol Central High School.

Eastern hosts Salve Regina University Thursday at 4 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 1, Ramapo College 0

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

Scoring: Elvis Perndoj (Derek Miles, Jimmy McConville) 74:53.
Shots: E-9, R-11; **Saves:** E-Marcin Kaczerski 7, R-Mike Kull 3.
Corner kicks: E-0, R-2.

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Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005

DESPITE 12-5 ADVANTAGE IN SHOTS, EASTERN M-SOCCER FALLS, 1-0
Warriors put only three shots on net, however, in loss to Connecticut College

NEW LONDON, Conn. – Freshman keeper Ted Lane came off the bench to complete a shutout as the Connecticut College men's soccer team blanked Eastern Connecticut State University, 1-0, Thursday afternoon at Harkness Green.

It marks the fourth straight year that the winning team has posted a shutout. Conn College (1-0) has won the last two seasons by identical 1-0 scores while Eastern (1-2) won the previous two matches in shutout fashion.

The only goal of the match came in the 36th minute of play, when senior midfielder David Goldblatt found sophomore teammate David Driscoll with a crossing pass from the left of the net across to the right post. . Driscoll banged a well-placed header past Eastern sophomore keeper **Marcin Kaczerski (BRISTOL)**.

Making his second straight in place of injured sophomore starter **Jay Barney (MANSFIELD)**, Kaczerski allowed only one goal for the second straight match. He made just one save, which came in the first half.

The Warriors held a 12-5 advantage in shots, but managed to put only three of those attempts on net. Lane made three saves to combine on a shutout with sophomore Andrew White in his first career appearance. Lane entered a scoreless match with 13 minutes left in the first half and Driscoll scored the decisive goal four minutes later.

Eastern's starting defense of seniors **Greg Arvai (NEWINGTON)**, **Rob Bedini (MANCHESTER)**, **Nick Rezendes (NEWINGTON)** and junior **Derek Miles (NEWTOWN)** limited Conn's offensive opportunities.

The Warriors played the final 14 minutes one man shy after Rezendes was ejected when issued a red card by referee Steve Saba.

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Eastern's best second-half opportunity came with midway through the half when first-year senior forward **Fotis Anastasiou (COLCHESTER)** found himself unmarked in the middle of the box by freshman forward **Jimmy McConville (MANCHESTER)**, but Lane was perfectly positioned and was able to cover up his low, hard head ball. In the first half, first-year junior forward **Shane Laughran (COVENTRY)** was taken down in the offensive box without a call after catching up to Arvai's long clearing head ball with a long run.

Conn nearly added to its one-goal lead in the final minutes of the first half but both freshman forward Win Robinson and junior midfielder Robbie Logan knocked head balls on crossing passes from senior forward Michal Kosac wide of the right post.

Eastern opens its home season Saturday at 2 p.m. against Ramapo College, ranked No. 6 in the Metro Region.

Connecticut College 1, Eastern Conn. 0

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

Scoring: David Driscoll (David Goldblatt) 36:27.

Shots: E-12, C-5; **Saves:** E-Marcin Kaczerski 1, C-Andrew White 0 (32:00 min.), Ted Lane 3 (58:00 min.).

Corner kicks: E-4, C-2.

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Sunday, Sept. 4, 2005

EASTERN MEN'S SOCCER GAINS SPLIT AT LOTTO CLASSIC

Anastasiou scores first two goals in NCAA play; Kaczerski records win in first start

CANTON, N.Y. – First-year senior forward **Fotis Anastasiou (COLCHESTER)** scored twice and sophomore keeper **Marcin Kaczerski (BRISTOL)** recorded the win in net in his first career start when the Eastern Connecticut State University men's soccer team downed Clarkson University, 3-1, Sunday on the second day of play at the St. Lawrence University Lotto Classic at MacAllaster Field on the SLU campus.

Eastern (1-1) got first-half goals from Anastasiou and junior midfielder **David Sutera (ENFIELD)** – both first-year players from Manchester Community College – and Foti added an insurance marker midway through the second half after Clarkson (0-2) had cut the deficit to one goal two minutes into the frame.

Making his first career start (fifth appearance) in place of sophomore **Jay Barney (MANSFIELD)**, sophomore keeper **Marcin Kaczerski (BRISTOL)** was credited with his first career win after three losses. Kaczerski, who made three saves against the Golden Knights, was selected as the all-tournament keeper after allowing three goals and making 12 saves in 154 minutes in the tournament. Kaczerski made nine saves over the final 60 minutes in Saturday's 2-1 overtime loss to St. Lawrence after Barney injured his shoulder late in the first half. Kaczerski allowed the game-winning overtime goal.

St. Lawrence defeated Salem State College, 4-0, earlier Sunday to win the tournament title. Salem had beaten Clarkson 5-2 Saturday.

Junior midfielder **Pat Kozloski (OXFORD)** and junior back **Derek Miles (NEWTOWN)** were also named to the all-tournament team from Eastern.

Anastasiou knocked in a rebound of his own shot to give Eastern a 1-0 lead in the 18th minute of play and Sutera made it 2-0 when he drilled a 30-yarder into the left-hand corner of the net with less than two minutes left in the first half. Sophomore midfielder **Richard Bruneau (BRISTOL)** earned his first career assist on the play. The Golden Knights cut the Eastern lead in half with a goal two minutes into the second half but the Warriors clung to the one-goal advantage until Anastasiou struck again 20 minutes later. On the goal, Anastasiou carried a pass from senior forward **Carl Segura (AMHERST, MA)** into the box before flicking the ball past Clarkson junior keeper David Hennessey.

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Sutera, Bruneau and Segura all came off the bench for Eastern, which played 11 substitutes after getting time from ten reserves Saturday against St. Lawrence.

Prior to enrolling at Eastern, Anastasiou scored 31 goals in two years (2001 and 2002) at Manchester Community College en route to first-team All-America honors in 2002. He did not score a goal in five matches at Division I Central Connecticut State University in 2003. Sutera had four goals in his only season at MCC (last year).

Eastern visits Connecticut College Thursday at 4 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 3, Clarkson University 1

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

Scoring: E-Fotis Anastasiou 17:41; E-David Sutera (Richard Bruneau) 43:45; C-David Jetta (Michael D'Amico) 47:16; E-Anastasiou (Carl Segura) 67:32.

Shots: C-9, E-12; **Saves:** C-David Hennessey 4, E-Marcin Kaczerski 3.

Corner kicks: C-6, E-2.

Saturday, Sept. 3, 2005

EASTERN M-SOCCER BATTLES NO. 12 ST. LAWRENCE IN OT LOSS

Saints force overtime with four minutes left, gain 2-1 win in overtime

CANTON, N.Y. – Freshmen Ian Fairlie and Paul La Marca scored their first collegiate goals to rally the St. Lawrence University men's soccer team to a 2-1 overtime win over upset-minded Eastern Connecticut State University on the first day of the Lotto Classic Saturday afternoon at Sandy MacAllaster Field on the St. Lawrence campus.

Senior midfielder **Brian Clark's** (PATCHOGUE, NY) first goal since his freshman season stood up for 36 minutes, until the Saints tied the match with less than four minutes left in regulation, and won it with just under six minutes gone in sudden-death overtime.

It was the opening match of the season for both teams. St. Lawrence was ranked 12th in the pre-season after reaching the Round of 16 in last year's NCAA Division III tournament.

Despite nearly doubling Eastern's shot total, St. Lawrence could not break through and trailed, 1-0 late in the match before Fairlie beat Eastern sophomore keeper **Marcin Kaczerski** (BRISTOL) off a corner kick in the 87th minute. LaMarca ended the game in overtime with a diving header off a cross from forward James Merrill.

Clark had given Eastern a 1-0 lead seven minutes into the second half when he leaped to one-time a cross from first-year junior **Elvis Perndoj** (LEZHA, ALBANIA) inside the far post. The Warriors had nearly broken through minutes earlier when first-year junior **Shane Laughran** (COVENTRY) one-timed a hard shot off the far post. Senior forward **Carl Segura** (AMHERST, MA) nearly gave Eastern the win in overtime. With Saints' freshman keeper Emilio Coletta out of position, Segura settled a pass in the box and unloaded a shot which caromed off a wall of St. Lawrence defenders stationed on the goal line.

Kaczerski replaced All-Little East Conference keeper **Jay Barney** (MANSFIELD) in goal with nine minutes left in the first half. Barney was injured when he left his feet to deny a breakaway, landing hard on his shoulder. Kaczerski is expected to make his first start Sunday, when the Warriors face Clarkson University at 2 p.m. in their second tournament game. In Saturday's other match, the Golden Knights lost to Salem State College, 5-2. St. Lawrence meets Salem State Sunday at noon.

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Eastern Conn. (0-1)	0	1	(0)	--	1
St. Lawrence (1-00)	0	1	(1)	--	2

Scoring: E-Brian Clark (Elvis Perndoj) 51:45; S-Ian Fairlie (Chris Lonegan) 86:11; Paul LaMarca (Elliott Savitz, James Merrill) 95:40.

Shots: E-14, S-26; Saves: E-Jay Barney 2 (36:04 min., 0 goals allowed), Marcin Kaczerski 9 (63:56 min., 2 goals allowed), S-Emilio Coletta 4.

Corner kicks: E-3, S-11.