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Thursday, Nov. 8, 2007

EASTERN BATTLES WILLIAMS IN FIRST-ROUND NCAA LOSS
Seventh-seeded Warriors finally run out of gas against No. 2-seeded Ephs

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – The seventh-seeded Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team battled No. 2 seed Williams College through two games before running out of gas in Game 3 and was eliminated in the opening round of the NCAA Division III New England Women's Volleyball Tournament Thursday night at Rockwell Cage on the MIT campus.

In the first meeting between the programs in eight years, Williams (28-7) posted a 30-24, 30-22, 30-13 victory to move into the regional semifinals Friday at 4:30 p.m. against third-seeded Amherst College in a re-match of their conference championship game which was won by Williams in five games last weekend.

Thursday, the Ephs won their eighth straight match and stopped Eastern's season-high four-game winning streak, but were unable to put the Warriors away in either of the first two games. Leading 18-16 in Game 1, Williams outscored Eastern 6-2 to finally open up a six-point, 24-18 lead. Eastern led, 14-11, in Game 2 before a run of six straight Williams points pushed the Ephs into a three-point lead, 18-15. Eastern managed to tie the game once thereafter, 19-19, on a Williams attack error. Williams, which features seven players standing 5-foot-10 inches or taller, took command early in Game 3 in closing out the match.

Thursday, Williams attacked at .328 and limited the Warriors to a mark of just .091. Senior **Priscilla Dougherty (Island Park, NY)**, second-team all-conference junior **Sandra Jaques (Milford)**, and sophomore **Lauren Odell (Dover Plains, NY)** all had 11 digs for the Warriors, whose defense was primarily responsible for their credible performance. Lauren Odell also handled 26 receptions with a .923 percentage, while Jaques was perfect on 13 passes and freshman **Katie Dinihanian (Stratford)** was 17-for-19 (.895) in that department.

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The team's only senior, Dougherty had 18 set assists in the final match of her career and ended her four-year career ranked second all-time with 2,805 assists. Dougherty, the MVP of last weekend's Little East Conference tournament, also added five kills with a .308 attack percentage. Sophomore **Ashley Tuggle (South Windsor)** led all Eastern players with nine kills, attacking at .292. Junior **Alexandra Silvestros (North Branford)** added seven kills and Jaques six.

Six-foot freshman Nicole Ballon-Landa led the Ephs with 17 kills, attacking at .483, while sophomore Melissa Pun – a first-team all-region selection as a freshman – had eight kills and a .318 attack percentage. She also served 25 balls with three aces and only one error and added 11 digs. Five-foot-ten inch sophomore Chelsea Kubal dug up a team-high 17 balls for Williams, and freshman setter Emily Avis set for 38 assists and added ten digs.

Following a disappointing regular season, Eastern qualified for its third straight NCAA tournament (16th overall) last weekend by defeating three higher seeds on the road to earn the automatic bid extended the Little East Conference champion. Williams, which has advanced into the national quarterfinals in each of its last three NCAA appearances, won the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) title with its victory over Amherst last weekend.

**NCAA DIVISION III
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT
NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL
at Cambridge, MA**

**First Round
2 Williams College 3, # 7 Eastern Conn. 0**

Eastern Conn. (11-27)		24	22	13
Williams College (28-7)	30	30	30	

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Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007

EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL CAPS IMPROBABLE RUN

No. 5- seeded Warriors sweep Western Conn. for LEC championship

KEENE, NH — The fifth-seeded Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team completed the most improbable run in the 13-year history of the Little East Conference Tournament by sweeping second-seed Western Connecticut State University to capture its third straight playoff crown Saturday afternoon at Spaulding Gymnasium on the Keene State College campus.

Eastern (11-26) scored only its third three-game sweep of the season, posting a 30-26, 31-29, 30-21 win in the 80-minute battle to end Western's (19-12) nine-match winning streak and record its seventh title since the advent of the tournament in 1995.

In a five-day span, the Warriors defeated three higher-seeded teams away from home, two in five-game decisions. They tripped up fifth-seeded Rhode Island College Tuesday night in Providence and top-seeded and host Keene Friday night, and the second-seeded Colonials Saturday.

With the title, the Warriors extend their New England Division III-record total of NCAA tournament appearances to 16 by earning the automatic bid accorded the LEC tournament champion. The NCAA Division III tournament gets underway Thursday with regional play.

During the regular season, Eastern lost four matches to the three teams that it defeated in the playoffs, winning only two of 14 games in those four losses.

In mid-October, the Warriors were in the midst of a program-record ten-match losing streak before ending that string with a five-game home win over Montclair State University Oct. 19. Head coach Jolie Ward saw that victory as the turning point in the season.

"Having the players feel like they could do it on their own was the big change," said Ward, who has led the Warriors to three LEC titles in five years. "And that Montclair game changed the momentum. And as soon as they got that motivation and the understanding that they could win, they realized that they could accomplish things."

Eastern captain **Priscilla Dougherty (Island Park, NY)** — the team's only senior — was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player. Against Western, Dougherty set for 32 assists and added six kills and a .333 attack percentage, eight digs and four aces without committing a service error in 22 tries. In three tournament matches, Dougherty collected 124 assists, 17 kills, 31 digs and five service aces.

The momentum of the championship match swung Eastern's way midway through the first game, when junior **Jen Braswell (Wilton)** served straight points — four coming on aces — that carried

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the Warriors back from an early eight-point (17-9) deficit. Trailing 21-19, Eastern scored seven straight points to surge ahead for good, 26-21. In that run, Dougherty served two aces and sophomore **Lindsey Odell (Dover Plains, NY)** had two kills.

The Warriors took command of the match by squeezing out the Game 2 victory. The Colonials led by three points in the late stages of the game and had an opportunity for game point with a 29-28 lead. Eastern junior **Alexandra Silvestros (North Branford)** extended the game, however, with a kill on a Western pass across the net. Dougherty's tip following junior **Sandra Jaques's (Milford)** serve gave the Warriors a 30-29 lead, and a Western attack error gave the Warriors the two-point win.

Eastern never trailed in the decisive game, racing to a 5-0 lead. After Western cut the gap to 9-7, Eastern scored four straight. Jaques tipped a kill in front of the Colonial defense for the first point, Dougherty found the floor with another perfectly-placed kill, and Western committed an attack error for the next point before sophomore **Ashley Tuggle (South Windsor)** capped the important surge with a service ace to make it 13-7. The lead would never dip below four thereafter.

In the match, Eastern committed only three reception errors and attacked at .149 – 62 percentage points above its season attack percentage.

Sophomore **Lauren Odell (Dover Plains, NY)** handled 30 passes with just one error, freshman **Katie Dinihanian (Stratford)** was perfect on 17 attempts, and Jaques was 13-for-14. Lauren Odell also picked up a team-high 22 digs to improve her tournament total to 66, with Jaques adding 11 for a tourney total of 53.

Lindsey Odell, Tuggle and Jaques led Eastern offensively in the tournament. Lindsey Odell topped the Warriors against Western with 12 kills to give her 37 in the tournament; Jaques contributed 11 winners in the final to give her a team-high 40 in the tournament, and Tuggle chipped in nine kills to boost her tournament total of 35. Silvestros added ten critical kills in the final to improve her three-game tournament total to 29.

Sophomore Rebecca Stein and freshman Danielle Spangler had nine kills each to lead the Colonials' attack. Sophomore Christina Bell and senior Krystal Wilson had 13 and 11 digs, respectively, and freshman Samantha Hathaway finished with 33 assists.

"We had a lot of struggles this year and a lot of ups and downs," observed Ward, "but the players pulled together. With such a young team, we had a lot of adversity early in the season. I knew that they had the potential to do amazing things as a team, but it had to come from them, they needed to see it. We needed to go through the struggles first, and make adjustments and make changes. And they proved it to themselves."

Eastern and Western were meeting in the final for the seventh time. The Warriors won in 1997 and 1998 and Western from 1999 through 2002 on the way to five straight championship. Eastern has been in the final 11 times, winning six times (the Warriors also won the initial LEC playoff crown in a round-robin format in 1995).

Eastern Conn. 3, Western Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (11-26)	30	31	30
Western Conn. (19-12)	26	29	21

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**LITTLE EAST CONFERENCE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - FINALS
EASTERN CONN. SWEEPS WESTERN CONN. TO CAPTURE CHAMPIONSHIP**

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#5 Eastern Conn. (11-26)	30	31	30	3
#2 Western Conn. (19-12)	26	29	21	0

KEENE, N.H. 11/3/07 – Fifth seed Eastern Connecticut State University swept second seed Western Connecticut State University 3-0 in the championship game of the 2007 Little East Conference women's volleyball tournament played Saturday afternoon at Keene State's Spaulding Gym.

With the win ECSU receives the LEC's automatic berth to the NCAA Division III tournament.

It's the third straight championship for the Warriors (11-26), who also captured LEC titles from 1995-1998. Western Conn. (19-12) won four consecutive LEC titles from 1999-2003.

Eastern Conn. overcame a 17-9 deficit to win the first game 30-26. The Warriors who trailed throughout the second game got the final two points at the end to pullout a 31-29 victory in the second game. ECSU led from start to finish to claim the third game 30-21.

Senior setter Priscilla Dougherty (Island Park, N.Y.), who finished with four service aces and 32 assists was named the tournaments' most outstanding player.

The Warriors featured a balanced offense with sophomore hitter Lindsey Odell (Dover Plains, N.Y.) (12 kills), junior hitter Sandra Jaques (Milford, Conn.) (11 kills), and Alex Silvestros (10 kills) leading the way. Junior setter Jen Braswell (Wilton, Conn.) had four service aces each and Lauren Odell (Island Park, N.Y.) added 23 digs.

Sophomore middle hitter Rebecca Stein (Kingston, N.Y.) and freshman hitter Danielle Spangler (Simi Valley, Ca.) had nine kills each to lead the Colonials' attack. Sophomore libero Christina Bell (Prospect, Conn.) and senior defensive specialists Krystal Wilson (Meridan, Conn.) had 13 and 11 digs respectively, and freshman setter Samantha Hathaway finished with 33 assists.

The upset-minded Warriors posted a 3-2 quarterfinal win over R.I.College and a 3-2 victory against top seed Keene State on the way to capturing the title.

WCSU advanced to the finals with a 3-1 semifinal win over Plymouth State.

noon. Keene State will await word of a possible ECAC tournament berth on Monday.

The Owls (24-11), who were hosting the final rounds of the LEC tournament for the first time fell behind 18-6 and never recovered, dropping the first game 30-21.

KSC came back to win the second game 30-22. The Warriors won the third game 30-24 and the Owls forced a fifth game with a 30-22 fourth game victory.

ECSU won the deciding fifth game (15-12) to move onto the finals.

Junior hitter Sandra Jaques (Milford, Conn.) and sophomore hitter Lindsey Odell (Dover Plains, N.Y.) led Eastern with 18 and 17 kills respectively. Junior middle blocker Alex Silvestros (North Branford, Conn.) had three blocks, senior setter Priscilla Doughty (Island Park, N.Y.) had 41 assists and sophomore defensive specialist Lauren Odell (Dover Hills, N.Y.) finished with 22 digs. Freshman defensive specialists Allyson Franklin also had nine service aces.

Junior hitter Brittany O'Bryant (Merrimack, N.H.) had 18 kills and sophomore hitter Carly Newton (Centerville, Mass.) and Kelly Yankowski (Turners Falls, Mass.) finished with 16 kills each for KSC. Sophomore hitter Jamie Levine (Medfield, Mass.) added 31 digs and sophomore setter Jordan Pokryfki (Wasila, AK) finished with 50 assists.

The two-time defending champion Warriors also won titles in 1995-1998.

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Friday, Nov. 2, 2007

EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL SHOCKS TOP-SEEDED KEENE

Fifth-seeded Warriors move into Little East playoff final with five-game win

KEENE, N.H. – Junior **Sandra Jaques (Milford)** and sophomore **Lindsey Odell (Dover Plains, NY)** combined for 35 kills as the fifth-seeded Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team shocked top-seeded Keene State College in five games in the semifinals of the 2007 Little East Conference playoffs Friday night at Spaulding Gym.

After losing both regular-season matches to Keene State (24-11) during the regular season – winning only one of seven games in those matches -- Eastern (10-26) eliminated the Owls Friday, 30-21, 22-30, 30-24, 22-30, 15-12 by winning a five-game decision for the fourth straight time.

With the win, the two-time defending conference champion Warriors meet No. 2 seeded Western Connecticut State University (19-11) for the seventh time in ten years. Western, which eliminated No. 3 seeded Plymouth State U., 3-1, earlier Friday, beat Eastern four straight years in the final (1999-2002) after Eastern had swept Western in 1997 and 1998. Eastern won the first four and last two LEC tournaments, the Colonials taking five straight titles between 1999 and 2002.

Jaques tied her career-high with a team-high 18 kills, Lindsey Odell exceeding her previous career-best with 17 while attacking at .297. Sophomore **Ashley Tuggle (South Windsor)** was also in double figures in kills with 11, junior **Alexandra Silvestros (North Branford)** chipping in eight kills and three blocks. Tuggle set the tempo for Eastern by serving seven straight points in Game 1 that pushed the Warriors into the lead for good.

As a team, Eastern attacked a .226 – its fifth-highest percentage in a match this season.

Sophomore **Lauren Odell (Dover Plains, NY)** and Jaques combined for 42 digs, Odell leading all players with 22 and Jaques following with 20. Senior setter **Priscilla Dougherty (Island Park, NY)** picked up 15 digs and set for 41 assists. She has 85 assists

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in two tournament victories. Both Lauren Odell and Jaques recorded their 500th digs of the season in the match.

In addition to her team-high dig total, Lauren Odell had an .882 percentage on a team-high 43 reception attempts. Jaques had a .917 reception percentage on 24 tries.

Junior Brittany O'Bryant had 18 kills and sophomore Carly Newton and Kelly Yankowski 16 each for Keene. Sophomore Jamie Levine had a game-high 31 digs and sophomore Jordan Pokryfki finished with 50 assists.

Eastern will be making its 11th appearance in the title game (fourth straight) in 12 years, Western its eighth. The Warriors are 5-5 in the championship game, Western 5-2.

During the regular season, the Warriors had lost eight of nine matches on its opponent's home court. Friday, they defeated a higher-seeded opponent on the road in the playoffs for the second straight time (the Warriors eliminated fourth-seeded Rhode Island College Tuesday in five games).

It marks the third straight year that Eastern avenged a regular-season loss to Keene to eliminate the Owls in the LEC playoffs. Keene was foiled in its bid for a second finals appearance in three years. Eastern swept the Owls in the 2005 final for its first championship since 1998.

A winner of nine straight, Western defeated Eastern in four games when the teams met in the regular season a month ago. A win would give Eastern its first three-game winning streak of the year.

The tournament champion qualifies automatically for the NCAA Division III tournament, which begins with regional play Thursday.

Eastern Conn. 3, Keene State College 2

Eastern Conn. (10-26)	30	22	30	22	15
Keene State (24-11)	21	30	24	30	12

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL VICTOR IN LITTLE EAST OPENER

After being swept by RIC in regular season, Warriors take five-game road decision

PROVIDENCE, R.I. -- The fifth-seeded Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team committed only two service errors and seven reception errors on the evening and upended fourth-seeded Rhode Island College in five games in the opening round of the 2007 Little East Conference playoffs Tuesday night at the Murray Center.

With its third five-game win in its last three tries, Eastern (9-26) advances into the semifinals for the fourth straight year under fifth-year head coach **Jolie Ward**. The two-time defending playoff champion Warriors meet top-seeded Keene State College (24-10) in the first of two semifinal-round matches Friday night at 4 p.m. at Spaulding Gymnasium. At 6 p.m. Friday, No. 3 Plymouth State U. (20-11) faces No. 2 Western Conn. (18-11). Plymouth eliminated No. 6 UMass Boston and Western knocked out No. 7 UMass Dartmouth Tuesday in other first-round matches. Regular-season champion Keene drew a first-round bye. The tournament final is slated for Saturday at noon at Keene.

Swept by Rhode Island (15-17) Sept. 15 at Geissler Gym, Eastern won a match on its opponents' home court for only the second time in ten tries this season. Eastern won by scores of 30-20, 27-30, 32-30, 30-28 and 15-10 as the Anchorwomen finished 0-4 this year in five-game decisions and complete their season on a seven-match losing streak. The Warriors, who have won as many as two matches in a row for only the second time this year, are 4-3 this season when the match has gone five games.

In Game 5, sophomore **Lauren Odell (Dover Plains, NY)** served six straight points to vault Eastern into a 7-1 lead, and the Warriors never trailed. Rhode Island pulled to within one point, 10-9, but committed two consecutive attack errors as Eastern re-gained the momentum. The Warriors closed out the win by scoring the final three points, the first one on a kill by junior **Alexandra Silvestros (North Branford)**, the second on a service ace by junior **Sandra Jaques (Milford)**, and the final one on a match-ending Rhode Island attack error.

Featuring a miserable .082 attack percentage this year, Eastern had seven kills without an error in the deciding game, did not commit a service error, and was guilty of only one reception error. In the match, Eastern totaled nine service aces against just two service errors and had a .947 reception percentage – just .001 behind best mark which was achieved over six weeks ago.

Each ranked among the top five in the conference in digs, Lauren Odell and Jaques each had 22 on the evening. Odell successfully passed 42 of 45 balls and Jaques was perfect on 22 receptions and on 20 service tries. Jaques also contributed 11 kills. Sophomore **Lindsey Odell (Dover Plains, NY)** handled 21 reception attempts with just two errors on the defensive end and

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chipped in ten kills on the offensive side. Sophomore **Ashley Tuggle (South Windsor)** served 35 balls without an error and was among four Eastern players in double-digits in kills with a team-high 15, Silvestros added 11 kills. **Priscilla Dougherty (Island Park, NY)**, the team's only senior, set for 44 assists.

Rhode Island senior middle blocker Kimiyo Garcia led all players with 28 kills, while senior Sherri Heard contributed 18 winners. Garcia also logged 19 digs, eight blocks and four service aces to pace the Anchorwomen attack Garcia tops the LEC in kills, is second in blocks and is among the leaders in attack percentage.

The only time Eastern has failed to advance beyond the first round of the playoffs under Ward came in the coach's first year (2003), when the Warriors dropped a four-game decision to the Anchorwomen at the Murray Center. The team bounced back the following year to eliminate top-seeded Rhode Island in five games in the semifinals at the Murray Center before being swept by Plymouth State on the same court.

Eastern, which swept Keene State in the 2005 final, has lost both meeting with the Owls this year. Keene won, 3-0, at the Endicott College Invitational Sept. 7, then downed the Warriors in four game Sept. 22 in the regular-season conference match three weeks later at Keene, NH.

**Women's Volleyball
little east conference Playoffs
at Providence, RI**

**First Round
Eastern Conn. 3, Rhode Island College 2**

Eastern Conn. (9-26)	30	27	32	28	15
R.I. College (15-17)	20	30	30	30	10

**Friday, Nov. 2
Semifinals
at Keene, NH**

5 Eastern Conn. (9-26) at #1 Keene State College (24-10), 4 p.m.
#3 Plymouth State U. (20-11) vs. #2 Western Conn. (18-11), 6 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 3
Final
at Keene, NH**

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Saturday, October 27, 2007

Women's Volleyball
at Willimantic, Conn.

Eastern Conn. 3, Massachusetts Dartmouth 1

UMass Dartmouth (6-19, 0-6 little east)	37	24	20	24
Eastern Conn. (8-26, 2-4 little east)	35	30	30	30

Notes: Final Little East Conference regular-season match for both teams. Both Eastern and UMass Dartmouth will open with road matches in the first round of the seven-team LEC playoffs, which will be held Tuesday. Eastern will be the No. 5 seed and will visit No. 4 seed Rhode Island College in a re-match of last year's LEC playoff final, won in three games by Eastern. UMass Dartmouth will be the No. 7 seed and will visit No. 2 seed Western Connecticut State University. Eastern is the two-time defending LEC playoff champion. Top-seeded Keene State College will host the semifinals and final Friday and Saturday. Eastern defeated UMass for the 30th consecutive time. **Priscilla Dougherty (Island Park, NY)**, Eastern's only senior, was honored prior to the match before playing the final regular-season home match of her career.

Game 1:

UMass broke game point and scored the final three points. The Corsairs trailed only twice and led 28-24 before Eastern battled back to tie the game 29-29 behind the serving of **Allyson Franklin**.

Game 2:

Eastern scored six straight points to wipe out a three-point deficit and move into a 23-20 lead, scoring the final two points of the run on Dougherty's service ace and **Alexandra Silvestros'** kill. Eastern was not threatened thereafter.

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The Warriors scored the first three points and never trailed by more than a point, the final time at 9-8. Eastern scored five in a row to snap a 10-10 tie and led by as many as 11, 23-12. Dougherty had a service ace and UMD committed two attack errors in Eastern's run of five straight points.

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Sandra Jaques	11 kills; 20 digs; 16 rec. attempts with 0 errors
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Lauren Odell	27 serves with one error; 20 digs; 32 rec. attempts with 2 errors
Allyson Franklin	19 serves with one error
Jen Braswell	9 digs, 15 set assists

UMass Dartmouth statistical leaders:

Aly Zagame	22 digs; 39 rec. attempts with 3 errors
Nazareth Cardoso	16 kills, 18 digs, 3 blocks
Mellanie Staiger	42 set assists
Hilary Teichert	13 kills

Saturday, October 27, 2007

**Women's Volleyball
at Willimantic, Conn.**

Eastern Conn. 3, Massachusetts Dartmouth 1

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Wednesday, October 24, 2007

NEW PALTZ DISPATCHES EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL, 3-0
Hawks needs only 71 minutes to sweep Warriors, who attack at just .023

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – Kim Braga, Samantha Prudente and Dana Kindelmann combined for 20 kills and a .419 attack percentage that carried the SUNY New Paltz women's volleyball team to 30-20, 30-15, 30-19 sweep of Eastern Connecticut State University Wednesday night in a 71-minute match at Francis E. Geissler Gymnasium.

The win is the sixth in the last seven matches for New Paltz (24-10), which swept Eastern (7-26) for the third straight season. The Warriors fall to 2-9 at Geissler Gym this year after being swept for the 18th time in 33 contests this year.

The Hawks scored eight straight points in Game 1 to pull away from a two-point lead, put Game 2 away early by rolling up a 17-1 lead, and completed the sweep with a seven-point run in Game 3 that ballooned a three-point advantage to ten, 28-18.

The Warrior's only lead of the evening came in Game 3, when a New Paltz attack error and sophomore **Lindsey Odell's (Dover Plains, NY)** service ace gave them a 15-13 lead. The Hawks countered with the next four points, however, to regain an advantage that they would not concede.

Braga of New Paltz led all players with nine kills, Prudente adding six and Kindelmann five. Each of the three attacked at over .350. Katie Becofsky and Amanda Brown combined for 21 digs for the winners, with Becofsky leading all players with 25 assists. Lauren Hogue and Kelcey Noble combined to commit only one reception on 20 passes.

As a team, Eastern attacked at just .023 and committed nine reception errors in three games.

Junior **Alexandra Silvestros (North Branford)** led the Warriors with six kills, sophomore **Ashley Tuggle (South Windsor)** adding five kills and seven digs and freshman **Gianna Tomrbino (East Moriches, NY)** four kills and two service aces. Sophomore **Lauren Odell (Dover Plains, NY)** had a .964 reception percentage on 28 pass attempts and also led the Warriors with 15 digs. Lindsey Odell followed with 11 digs and junior **Sandra Jaques (Milford)** eight. Junior setter **Jen Braswell (Wilton)** recorded 13 of the team's 22 set assists and also pitched in with nine digs and two service aces.

Eastern played without all-conference senior setter **Priscilla Doughery (Island Park, NY)**, who had academic commitments.

Eastern closes out the regular season Saturday on Senior's Day when it hosts Massachusetts Dartmouth in a Little East Conference match at noon before opening the conference playoffs with a first-round match Tuesday.

SUNY New Paltz 3, Eastern Conn. 0

New Paltz (24-10)	30	30	30
Eastern Conn. (7-26)	20	15	19

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Saturday, October 20, 2007

EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL SWEEP TWICE AT CONN COLLEGE

Reception and attack errors doom Warriors against Conn and Western New England

NEW LONDON, Conn. -- Reception errors were costly in the first loss and attack errors fatal in the second as the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team was swept for the 16th and 17th times this year, losing to Connecticut College and Western New England College Saturday at the Charles Luce Fieldhouse.

Eastern (7-25) committed 17 reception errors against Connecticut College (15-6) for a season-low percentage of .764 in a 30-15, 30-27, 30-23 loss, then attacked at just .022 against Western New England College (19-7) to fall again in straight games, 30-26, 30-25, 30-27.

The losses are the 11th and 12th in the last 13 matches for the Warriors, who were coming off a five-game conquest of visiting Montclair State University less than 16 hours earlier. Saturday, Eastern was without junior **Sandra Jaques (Milford)** -- the team's top all-around player -- who was absent due to family obligations.

Eastern brought a history of winning against Saturday's opponents, having beaten the Camels the previous seven times the teams had met, and having downed Western New England in four of the previous six meetings.

Sophomore outside hitter **Ashley Tuggle (South Windsor)** led the Warriors Saturday with 13 kills and was second with 25 digs. She also had a .947 serve percentage on 19 attempts. Sophomore defensive specialist **Lauren Odell (Dover Plains, NY)** took over the team lead in digs. Her six-game total of 31 gives her a team-leading 442 on the season. Odell also served 26 balls with just one error and received a team-high 72 serves. Junior **Jen Braswell (Wilton)** and senior **Priscilla Dougherty (Island Park, NY)** combined for 40 of the team's 55 set assists, Braswell collecting 21 and Dougherty 19.

Eastern hosts SUNY New Paltz Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in a non-conference match.

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Friday, Oct. 19, 2007

EASTERN VOLLEYBALL STOPS TEN-GAME SLIDE WITH FIVE-GAME WIN

Warriors erase 12-9 deficit in Game 5 to present coach with her 100th win at Eastern

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team scored five of the final six points in the decisive fifth game to upend Montclair State University and present head coach **Jolie Ward** with her 100th victory at Eastern Friday night at Francis E. Geissler Gymnasium.

Winless since Sept. 29, Eastern (7-23) stopped a program-worst ten-match slide with its second win in as many years against Montclair State (18-14). Eastern won the match by scores of 19-30, 30-23, 30-19, 21-30, 15-13.

The triumph is the 100th against 80 losses at Eastern for fifth-year head coach Jolie Ward, who also won 51 matches and lost 37 in three years as head coach at Farmingdale State University between 2000 and 2002. Ward has led Eastern to back-to-back Little East Conference playoff titles and to at least a share of the last three regular-season conference titles. The Warriors lost four all-conference players from last year's 30-10 team, including the conference's offensive and defensive players of the year.

After opening its home season with a four-game win over Eastern Nazarene College Sept. 13, the Warriors had lost eight straight at Geissler Gym until Friday.

The Red Hawks had forced a decisive fifth game by leading Game 4 from start to end. Game 5 was tied five times, the final time at 12-12. Montclair scored three in a row to break from a 9-9 deadlock before the Warriors scored four in a row to take the lead for good, 13-12, on a Red Hawk attack error. Sophomore middle blocker **Alexandra Silvestros' (North Branford)** match-ending kill sealed the victory.

Eastern brought a team attack percentage of .079 into the match, but managed to double that, compiling a .172 mark with 66 kills. Featuring an .878 reception percentage, the Warriors posted a mark of .912 against Montclair.

Junior **Sandra Jaques (Milford)** tied her career high with 18 kills as one of four players to record double figures in that category. Silvestros and classmates **Ashley Tuggle (South Windsor)** and **Lindsey Odell (Dover Plains, NY)** all added 11. Silvestros attacked at .241, Jaques .222. Defensively, sophomore **Lauren Odell (Dover Plains, NY)** led the way with 23 digs, senior **Priscilla Dougherty (Island Park, NY)** amassing 18, Lindsey Odell 16 and Jaques 15. Lauren Odell had a .902 reception percentage on a team-high 41 chances, with freshman **Gianna Trombino (East Moriches, NY)** making only one error on 21 tries.

As a team, Eastern exceeded its season average with a .930 serve percentage. Dougherty served 21 balls without an error, Lindsey Odell 22 with just two, and Trombino 19 with

one. She also had three service aces. Trombino also contributed seven kills and ten assists, while Dougherty accumulated 35 assists.

Montclair, whose entire roster was comprised of freshman and sophomores, got 16 kills and eight blocks from 6-foot-1 inch sophomore middle blocker Anna Chesnakova. Sophomore middle blocker Kara Burnham matched Chesnakova with 16 kills, freshman outside hitter Devon Johnston adding 13 kills and nine digs. Sophomore outside hitter Sara Sirag had 19 digs, and sophomore setter Raisa Silva 47 set assists.

With the win, Eastern evens its record in five-game decisions to 3-3.

Eastern visits Connecticut College Saturday, facing the host Camels at 11 a.m. and Western New England College at 1 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 3, Montclair State U. 2

Montclair State U. (18-14)	30	23	19	30	13
Eastern Conn. (7-23)	19	30	30	21	15

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Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2007

at Middletown, Conn.
Wesleyan U. 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (6-23)	15	12	22
Wesleyan (14-5)	30	30	30

EASTERN STATISTICAL LEADERS:

Lauren Odell 12 digs, 21 rec. attempts with 2 errors (.905)
Jen Braswell 9 digs, 8 set assists
Lindsey Odell 12 rec. attempts with 3 errors (.750)
Priscilla Dougherty 4 kills

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Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007

**Women's Volleyball
at MIT Quad
at Cambridge, Mass.**

Greensboro College 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (6-20)	13	15	23
Greensboro (15-12)	30	30	30

EASTERN STATISTIC LEADERS:

Lauren Odell	9 digs, 25 rec. attempts with 3 errors (.880)
Priscilla Dougherty	6 digs, 7 set assists
Lindsey Odell	17 rec. attempts with 1 error (.941), 4 kills
Jen Braswell	9 set assists

MIT 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (6-21)	15	18	19
MIT (24-1)	30	30	30

EASTERN STATISTIC LEADERS:

Lauren Odell	17 digs, 37 rec. attempts with 2 errors, (.946), 11 serves with 0 errors
Priscilla Dougherty	10 digs, 7 set assists, 6 kills
Jen Braswell	7 set assists
Ashley Tuggle	6 kills

Colby-Sawyer College 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (6-22)	21	22	23
Colby-Sawyer (19-3)	30	30	30

EASTERN STATISTIC LEADERS:

Priscilla Dougherty	8 digs, 16 set assists, 17 serves with 2 errors (.882)
Lauren Odell	8 digs, 36 rec. attempts with 6 errors (.833)
Sandra Jaques	25 rec. attempts with 0 errors, 9 kills
Lindsey Odell	6 kills
Alexandra Silvestros	5 kills

NOTES: Lauren Odell named to all-tournament team.

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MIT WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CLAIMS FIRST PLACE IN QUAD TOURNAMENT
Katrina Ellison and Katie Rowe Represent Engineers on All-Tournament Team

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – The MIT women's volleyball team did not drop a game as it captured its third consecutive MIT Quad Tournament title on Saturday. Colby-Sawyer College finished second, with Greensboro College placing third and Eastern Connecticut State University taking fourth place.

All-Tournament Team

Montana Molyneux, Colby-Sawyer College
Kristen Romanko, Colby-Sawyer College
Lauren Odell, Eastern Connecticut State University
Michelle Gabson, Greensboro College
Katrina Ellison, MIT

Tournament MVP: Katie Rowe, MIT

Final Standings

1. MIT (3-0)
2. Colby-Sawyer College (2-1)
3. Greensboro College (1-2)
4. Eastern Connecticut State University (0-3)

MIT 3, Colby-Sawyer 0 (30-19, 30-18, 30-19)
Greensboro 3, Eastern Connecticut 0 (30-13, 30-15, 30-23)

MIT 3 Eastern Connecticut 0 (30-15, 30-18, 30-19)
Colby-Sawyer 3, Greensboro 1 (19-30, 30-24, 30-26, 30-24)

MIT 3, Greensboro 0 (30-26, 30-18, 30-23)
Colby-Sawyer 3, Eastern Connecticut 0 (30-21, 30-22, 30-23)

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Thursday, Oct. 11, 2007

**at Northampton, Mass.
Smith College 3, Eastern Conn. 1**

Eastern Conn. (6-19) 25 21 30 23

Smith College (10-9) 30 30 28 30

NOTES: Smith has beaten Eastern 7 of last 8 after the Warriors had won 22 straight in this series... Eastern has lost 6 straight, leaving head coach Jolie Ward at 99 coaching victories at Eastern in her fifth year... freshman Christina Schirone came off the bench for six kills, four in the fourth game... in the Game 3 win, Eastern scored four straight points and never trailed after that... the Warriors scored the final two points of that game to break from a 28-28 tie. Sandra Jaques' kill ended the game...

Eastern Statistical Leaders: Sandra Jaques 13 kills, 21 digs, 40 reception attempts with 5 errors Alexandra Silvestros 4 blocks, 16 serves with 1 error Lauren Odell 21 digs, 33 reception attempts with 3 errors Lindsey Odell 14 digs, 3 blocks, 17 serves with 1 error; 6 kills Jen Braswell 24 set assists, 3 service aces, 9 digs

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Smith 3, EC -1

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Smith Volleyball Defeats Eastern Connecticut 3-1 Northampton, MA: Co-captain Catherine Shafor (Red Bluff, CA) had a team high 25 digs along with 14 kills and two service aces to lead the Pioneers past Eastern Connecticut College 3-1. With the victory, the Pioneers improved to 10-9 while Eastern Connecticut fell to 6-19.

The Pioneers, who defeated the Warriors 30-25, 30-21, 28-30, 30-23, also received good performances from Lauren Martinez (Phoenix, AZ) who dished out 21 assists, served four aces and had 12 digs; Mikal Minarich (Hobart, IN) added 9 kills, 20 assists and 2 service aces and Bothany Weiss (Windham, NH) tallied 11 kills, 2 solo blocks and 3 service aces.

Sandra Jaques (Milford, CT) led the Warriors with 13 kills and 21 digs while sisters Lauren and Lindsey Odell (Dover Plains, NY) combined for 35 digs. Setter Jen Braswell (Wilton, CT) had 24 assists in the loss.

The Pioneers will host the eight-team Smith Invitational this weekend with games at 5 & 7 pm on Friday night and 9, 11, 1 & 3 on Saturday.

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Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007

27th Annual Crabtree Classic
Women's Volleyball Invitational
at Willimantic, Conn.
Friday-Saturday/Oct. 5-6

FINAL STANDINGS

	MATCH RECORD			GAME RECORD		
1. Ithaca College (21-6)	4	0	1.000	12	0	1.000
2. Bridgewater State (9-11)	3	1	.750	9	6	.600
3. Johnson & Wales (15-10)	2	2	.500	8	7	.533
4. Colby College (9-14)	1	3	.250	4	10	.286
5. Eastern Conn.(6-18)	0	4	.000	2	12	.077

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

AMANDA HUBBARD*	Sr.	Ithaca College Horseheads, NY
Mary Schaefer	Sr.	Ithaca College Eden, NY
Kelsey Collasius	Sr.	Bridgewater State Rochester, MA
Audra Vaccari	Sr.	Johnson & Wales Winsted, CT
Jenny Lawrence	Jr.	Colby College Lafayette, CA
Lauren Odell	So.	Eastern Conn. Dover Plains, NY

*-Most Outstanding Player

Saturday's Results

Bridgewater State College 3, Colby College 1 (30-17, 30-12, 13-30, 30-20)

Stat leaders:

BSC: Elsa Apostoli 18 digs; Jolie Clerc 16 digs; Erica Kelley 32 assists; Kelsey Collasius 11 kills, Alyssa Grimes 10 kills.

Colby: Jenny Lawrence 13 digs, 19 set assists, 3 service aces; Jessie Prentice 11 digs, 24 rec. attempts with 3 errors, 3 service aces; Carlie Minichino 11 digs; Cassie Sancartier 23 rec. attempts with 0 errors; Meredith Lawler 9 kills on 40 attempts with 6 errors; Larissa Levine 8 kills on 23 attempts with 3 errors, 4 blocks; Heather Arvidson 8 kills on 25 attempts with 4 errors.

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Friday, Oct. 5, 2007

EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL SLUGGISH IN TWO TOURNEY LOSSES

Warriors lose first matches ever to Bridgewater State and Colby in own invite

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team attacked at .057 and committed 18 service errors and 28 reception errors in dropping two matches on the opening night of its own 27th Annual Crabtree Classic Friday night at Francis E. Geissler Gymnasium.

Eastern (6-16) experienced its first losses ever to Bridgewater State College (7-10) and Colby College (9-12), losing in straight games to Bridgewater (30-25, 30-22, 30-26) in the tourney opener and in four games to Colby (15-30, 19-30, 30-28, 22-30).

Ithaca College and Bridgewater State both won their two matches Friday night, while Colby split a pair and Eastern and Johnson & Wales lost twice. Eastern faces Ithaca – which last won this tournament in 1985 – Saturday at 10 a.m. and closes out the tournament against Johnson & Wales at 2:30 p.m.

Bridgewater, which competed in last year's NCAA tournament after winning the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference, never trailed against Eastern after the opening points of each game to knock off the Warriors for the first time after five losses in this series. Colby had lost all three previous times against Eastern.

After committing only seven reception errors against Bridgewater, Eastern made a season-high 21 against Colby and attacked at .048 – its lowest effort since Sept. 15 – and had a season-low .802 reception percentage (its season percentage entering the tournament was .886).

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In two matches, sophomore **Lauren Odell (Dover Plains, NY)** and junior **Sandra Jaques (Milford)** combined for 65 of the team's 117 digs. Jaques had a .919 reception percentage on 37 attempts and Odell was at .847 on a team-high 85 tries. Jaques also led all players with 19 kills, sophomore **Lindsey Odell (Dover Plains, NY)** following with 12. **Junior Jen Braswell (Wilton)** had 25 assists, senior **Priscilla Dougherty (Island Park, NY)** 19.

Since upsetting Springfield College at the Bates College Invitational last weekend, the Warriors have dropped seven of nine games in three losses. The Warriors have lost their last six at home after an opening win Sept. 15.

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Women's Volleyball Invitational
at Willimantic, Conn.**

Friday, Oct. 5

Bridgewater State College 3, Eastern Conn. 0 (30-25, 30-22, 30-26)

Stat leaders:

BSC: Kelsey Collasius 18 kills, 4 blocks; Allison Hibbard 11 kills, 3 service aces; Alyssa Grimes 10 kills; Elsa Apostoli 15 digs; Marissa Pita 13 digs; Erica Kelley 36 set assists.

ECSU: Lauren Odell 22 digs, 31 reception attempts with five errors; Sandra Jaques 11 digs, 21 reception attempts with 0 errors, 5 kills; Ashley Tuggle 5 kills; Priscilla Dougherty 10 set assists; Lindsey Odell 9 digs.

Ithaca College 3, Colby College 0 (30-19, 30-20, 30-26)

Stat leaders:

IC: Mary Schaefer 13 digs, 10 rec. attempts, 0 errors; Amanda Hubbard 6 digs, 10 rec. attempts with 0 errors, 16 kills on 39 attempts with 3 errors;; Corinna Doctor 39 set assists; Rachel Busch 3 blocks, 12 kills, 24 attempts, 3 errors; Andria Mynders 11 kills, 27 attempts, 2 errors.

Colby: Jessie Prentice 13 digs, 6 kills on 28 attempts with 1 error; Jenny Lawrence 9 digs, 27 set assists; Meredith Lawler 14 kills on 39 attempts with 2 errors.

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Western Connecticut Vs Eastern Connecticut W-Volleyball 10/2/07 @Eastern Conn.

Winner: Western Conn. 3-1

Match Scores: Western/Eastern 30-23/30-27/32-34/30-20

Western Record (overall/conference): 9-7/3-1

Eastern Record (overall/conference): 6-14/1-4

Digs:

Western: Krystal Wilson-20 Natalie Crosby-20

Eastern: Lauren Odell-23 Sandra Jaques-19

Reception Attempts/Errors:

Western:

Eastern Lauren Odell-36/2 Sandra Jaques 29/3

Assists:

Western: Sammie Hathaway-44

Eastern: Priscilla Dougherty 32

Blocks:

Western: Becca Stein- 7 total blocks

Eastern: Courtney Sims-9 Alex Silvestros- 9

Kills/Attacks/Errors (Top 3):

Western: Becca Stein- 14 kills Katie Kopchick 13 kills

Eastern: Sandra Jaques 14/41/9 Ashley Tuggle 11/32/4 Gianna Trombino 8/27/3

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS:

Western:

Eastern: Sandra Jaques Services Attempts 16 Serve Aces 2 Errors 0

Quick Summary:

Game1: western ct had strings of 4 and 6 points in a row. Numbers 4 and 12 had strong performances

Game2: Western CT with early star by getting off to a 4-0 lead Eastern CT settled down, but then had to survive a late surge by Eastern. Western had a 28-20 lead that was narrowed down to three before Western managed to win 30-27.

Game3: Western CT got off to another big lead, 7-2. Eastern CT then closed the with a string of five straight points to make the score 11-12. After Western retook a lead, the

serving by Eastern's Allie Franklin got Eastern back within two. Western was then able to get to match point, but Eastern managed four points in a row to tie the score up. The two teams exchanged points back and forth until Eastern's Courtney Sims was able to kill the winner.

Game 4: The two teams exchanged points back and forth to start the game until Eastern managed to pull away with five points in a row. Western then responded with several points in a row to eventually catch up to Eastern and then pull away from them. A key stretch included four points in a row for Western when Western was winning 24-18. Western was then able to finish off the match by beating Eastern 30-20. Several key players in this game were Western's #9 for her blocking and #4 for her attacks.

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EASTERN CONN. AND WESTERN CONN. ADVANCE TO FINALS**

MATCH #1	1	2	3	4	F
#3 Plymouth State (20-11)	27	30	28	27	1
#2 Western Conn. (19-11)	30	28	30	30	3

KEENE, N.H. 11/2/07 – Second seed Western Connecticut State University defeated third seed Plymouth State University 3-1 in a hard fought Little East Conference women's volleyball semifinal match played Friday at Spaulding Gym in Keene, N.H.

Western Conn, (19-11) will face fifth seed Eastern Conn. in Saturday's championship game at noon.

The two teams split the first two games with Western Conn. winning the first game 30-27 and Plymouth State taking the second 30-28. The Colonials won the next two games 30-28 and 30-27.

Senior hitter Heather Keogh (Monroe, Conn.), freshman hitter Natalie Crosby (East Haven, Conn.), and freshman hitter Danielle Spangler (Simi Valley, Ca.) had 12 kills each to lead the Colonials' offense. Keogh had just three errors in 22 attack for a hitting percentage of .409. senior defensive specialists Krystal Wilson (Meridan, Conn.) 25 digs, and Rebeccaa Stein (Kingston, N.Y.) added eight solo blocks. Freshman setter Samantha Hathaway (Milford, Conn.) finished with seven service aces and 37 assists.

Junior hitter Regan Bowlen (Portsmouth, N.H.) had a match high 16 kills and five service aces to lead Plymouth State (20-11). Sophomore middle hitter Eliza Badeau (Foster, R.I.) and junior hitter Wendy Dziedzic (Nashua, N.H.) added 12 and 11 kills respectively. Junior defensive specialists Sarah Spears (Meredith, N.H.) finished with 25 digs and sophomore setter Brianna Kleckner (Terryville, Conn.) contributed 39 assists. Badeau had five blocked assists.

WSCU captured the LEC championship five times in 1999-2003. PSC's lone title came in 2004.

MATCH #2	1	2	3	4	5	F
#5 Eastern Conn. (10-26)	30	22	30	22	15	3
#1 Keene State (24-11)	21	30	24	30	12	2

KEENE, N.H. 102/07 – Fifth seed Eastern Conn. upset top seed Keene State College 3-2 in the second semifinal match of the Little East Conference played at Spaulding Gym on Friday night.

The Warriors (10-26) will play second seed Western Conn. in Saturday's championship game at

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Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007

EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL STUNS SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

At Bates Invitational, Warriors come back from two games down to wound Pride

LEWISTON, Maine – This season has been one of ups and downs for the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team. Saturday afternoon's stunning five-game victory over Springfield College at the Bates College Invitational would serve as an unqualified 'up.'

Using Saturday morning's three-game sweep of Worcester State College as a springboard, Eastern (6-13) surged back from a two-game deficit at the hands of Springfield College (13-6) to tie the match with consecutive two-point wins, then capture the deciding game, 15-12 to finish with a split of its four tournament matches.

In the first meeting against Springfield under current fifth-year head coach **Jolie Ward**, Eastern dropped the first two games, 30-18, 30-24, then won back-to-back two-point games for the first time this year (31-29, 30-28) to force the deciding game. In the final game, the Warriors attacked at .318 (9-for-22 with two errors) and got strong efforts from junior **Sandra Jaques (Milford)** and freshmen **Gianna Trombino (East Moriches, NY)** and **Katie Dinihanian (Stratford)**. Jaques had three kills and five digs, Trombino had four kills on as many tries and Dinihanian committed only one reception error on seven tries in that deciding game.

The Pride was coming off Saturday morning's easy-three games sweep of Rivier, a team which swept Eastern Friday night. The loss to Eastern prevented Springfield from sharing the invitational championship with the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. The Bears were the only team to win all four of their tournament matches.

Behind invite champion Coast Guard, Bates, Bowdoin College and Springfield were all 3-1 in the nine-team tournament, with Eastern and Rivier at 2-2. Colby College was 1-3 and Worcester State College and UMass Dartmouth 0-4.

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In the first match since 2001 against Springfield, last year's No. 5-ranked team in New England, Eastern snapped a four-game losing streak at the hands of the Pride. Springfield's last three wins over Eastern had come in three-game sweeps.

Jaques totaled a team-leading 92 digs in the tournament to give her 1,009 in her three-year career. She becomes the third player under Ward to reach the 1,000-dig milestone, following all-time leader Marianna Capomolla (1,929) and second-ranked Jessica Leifert (1,845). With 75 tournament assists, senior setter **Priscilla Dougherty (Island Park, NY)** moved ahead of Kate Edwards (2,445) and into second place all-time with 2,471 assists, 1,735 behind all-time leader Michelle Cunningham.

The triumph over Springfield was also the 99th coaching win in five seasons at Eastern for Ward, who has led the Warriors to the last two Little East Conference playoff championships.

Against Springfield, Jaques led the way with 29 digs and 18 kills; Dougherty collected 41 assists (her second-highest mark of the season) and 13 digs and had six kills, attacked at .313 and had a .963 percentage on 27 serves; Dinihanian added 14 digs and compiling a .903 reception error on 31 tries; freshman **Alyssa Ruta (Holbrook, NY)** had 14 digs and was perfect on 14 serves; Trombino added 12 kills and a .345 attack percentage and sophomore **Courtney Sims (Manchester)** contributed 11 kills.

The four teams with the best tournament records were represented on the all-tournament. Three players were chosen from Coast Guard, among them tourney MVP Corinne McCormack. Two were picked from Springfield and one each from Bowdoin and Bates.

From Eastern, Jaques was worthy of all-tournament consideration. She led the Warriors in kills (53), digs (averaging 5.75 in 16 games), serve percentage (.983) and reception attempts (112), shared the team lead in service aces (5) and was second in attack percentage (.227) and reception percentage (.893). Sophomore **Lauren Odell (Dover Plains, NY)** led all Eastern players in reception percentage (.914), matched Jaques with five aces and was second to Jaques in digs (58) and reception attempts (81). Sophomore **Lindsey Odell (Dover Plains, NY)** followed Jaques with 35 kills and junior **Alexandra Silvesetros (North Branford)** led all Eastern players with nine blocks in the tourney.

Eastern hosts Western Connecticut State University Tuesday at 6 p.m. in a Little East Conference match. The Warriors and Colonials have combined to win 11 of the 12 conference post-season titles. Eastern won the first four and also the last two, while Western won five straight between 1999 and 2003.

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Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007

EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL SHOWS LIFE IN LITTLE EAST SPLIT

Warriors remain perfect vs. UMB, lose in four to LEC leader Keene State College

KEENE, NH – The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team disposed of the University of Massachusetts Boston to maintain their perfect record against the Beacons before falling to Little East Conference leader Keene State College in four games Saturday at Spaulding Gymnasium.

With wins over UMass Boston and Eastern, Keene (10-6, 4-0 little east) remains the only unbeaten team in the conference and moved to within two wins of posting its first unbeaten season in conference play and earning its first regular-season title since joining the conference in 1998. Eliminated by Eastern (4-11, 1-3 little east) in the semifinals of last year's conference tournament, Keene was the pre-season favorite to win the title, with Eastern second and a logjam at third.

Eastern needed four games to defeat UMass Boston (30-24, 27-30, 30-23, 30-19) for the 11th time without a loss in conference play before losing to Keene (32-30, 16-30, 27-30, 26-30) in four games, the final two losses in the match being decided by a total of seven points. Two weeks ago, Keene swept Eastern at the Endicott College Invitational, closing out the victory with a 20-point win in Game 3.

In losing to Keene for only the second time in 14 conference matches, Eastern was mathematically eliminated from finishing with a share of the conference regular-season title (each team plays only six regular-season LEC matches this year, one less than a year ago). The Warriors have won or shared the last three regular-season titles, going 7-0 a year ago en route to their first outright title since 1998.

Two weeks ago, Eastern had a 14-match conference winning streak ended when it was swept at home by Rhode Island College and Plymouth State in its conference openers. In those matches, the Warriors attacked at just .087 and had a reception percentage of only .887. Saturday, Eastern attacked nearly 100 percentage points higher (.179) and recorded a .903 reception percentage.

Behind sophomore outside hitters **Ashley Tuggle (South Windsor)** and **Lindsey Odell (Dover Plains, NY)**, Eastern attacked a .217 – its second-best percentage of the season – against UMass. Tuggle had career-highs of 17 kills and .485 attack percentage and Odell added nine kills without an error for a .429 percentage against the Beacons. Junior outside hitter **Sandra Jaques (Milford)** was also in double digits with 12 kills, and also led the team with 21 digs, was perfect on 23 serves, and had a .950 reception percentage on 20 attempts. In that match, sophomore defensive specialist **Lauren Odell (Dover Plains, NY)** complemented Jaques with 18 digs, and was perfect on 25 reception attempts.

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While the team was unable to attack effectively against Keene, the Warriors used improved serving and serve receiving from their first match of the day to nearly extend the Owls to a deciding five-game match. After the teams split the first two games, they battled closely in games three and four, with the hosts prevailing.

Jaques followed up her strong play against UMass with similar effectiveness against Keene. She led all Eastern players with 14 kills, was second with 19 digs (to move over the 900 dig mark for her career), was perfect on 11 serves and repeated her .950 reception percentage on an identical number of tries (20) as against UMass. Sophomore middle blocker **Alexandra Silvestros (North Branford)** chipped in a career-high 11 kills against Keene with a .333 attack percentage, while Lauren Odell, Jaques and freshman defensive specialist **Alyssa Ruta (Holbrook, NY)** featured a combined .932 reception percentage on 88 attempts. Ruta also came up with 16 digs, the second-highest total of her career.

On the day, Lauren Odell raised her season reception percentage 14 points to .916, handling 67 balls with only three errors. She also led the club with 41 digs. On the day, Jaques had 40 digs, a team-high 26 kills, had a .950 reception percentage on 40 tries and served 34 balls without an error.

Senior **Priscilla Dougherty (Island Park, NY)** collected ^{872.167} over 30 assists in each match and also dug up 23 balls. With 68 assists, Dougherty moved into ~~second~~ place all-time with 2,396 helpers. She needs 50 assists to overtake Kate Edwards for second place. Current volunteer assistant coach Michelle Cunningham, a four-time all-region performer, holds the program assist record of 4,206.

All seven conference teams qualify for the LEC playoffs, which get underway with first-round matches Oct. 30. The regular-season champion is awarded a first-round tournament bye and hosts the semifinals and final.

Keene rounds out its conference schedule with matches against Plymouth State Oct. 2 and 2006 conference tournament finalist Rhode Island College Oct. 20. Eastern faces Western Connecticut Oct. 2 and Massachusetts Dartmouth Oct. 27.

Eastern competes in the Bates College Invitational this weekend, facing Bowdoin College Friday night and Rivier College, Springfield College and Colby College Saturday.

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Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007

EASTERN VOLLEYBALL SWEEP BY TRINITY COLLEGE, 3-0

With six freshmen, rebuilding Warriors continue to lose close games

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. - A struggling Eastern Connecticut State University volleyball team continued to show the effects of losing four all-conference players from a year ago, the Warriors falling in straight games for the third straight match Tuesday night in a 3-0 shutout loss to Trinity College at Francis E. Geissler Gymnasium.

With five freshmen playing significant roles against Trinity (5-3), Eastern (3-10) dropped 30-22, 30-25, 30-24 decisions in losing to the Bantams for the fourth straight year. The Warriors, who have already equaled last year's entire loss total from a year ago, have lost nine consecutive games at home in going 0-3 over a four-day span.

Eastern gave away the first five points of Game 1 Tuesday but rallied to take a one-point lead twice. Trailing by one, the Bantams scored three points in row to move out to a two-point lead. The visitors never gave up the lead thereafter. Eastern led by six points early in Game 2. With the score tied at 21-21. Trinity scored five of the next six points to take command. In Game 3, Trinity scored nine of the final ten points to pull away for the six-point win.

Sophomore **Ashley Tuggle (South Windsor/South Windsor)** led Eastern with nine kills and attacked at .240, with sophomore **Alexandra Silvestros (North Branford/North Branford)** adding five kills and four blocks.

Freshman **Katie Dinihanian (Stratford/Bunnell)** spent the evening as the defensive specialist, digging 14 balls and serving 13 balls with just one error. Eastern junior dig leader **Sandra Jaques (Milford/Jonathan Law)** led the Warriors with 17 digs and also received a team-high 29 serves, handling 25 of them. Senior captain **Priscilla Dougherty (Island Park, NY/West Hempstead)** set 15 balls for kills that moved her into a tie for third place all-time with 2,328 set assists.

As it has throughout most of the year, Eastern featured a sub-par attack percentage, managing a mark of only .095 on 105 attempts. Thus far this year, the Warriors have attacked better than .100 only four times.

Molly Ullman led Trinity with ten kills, Amanda Poole adding seven. Emily Moore had 20 set assists, and forced five of Eastern's seven reception errors by serving for aces. Kathleen Lenz added 14 digs for Trinity, which has won three straight.

Eastern returns to Little East Conference play Saturday, facing Keene State College and UMass Boston at Keene, NH. The Owls are rated first in the pre-season coaches' poll.

Trinity College 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Trinity College (5-3)	30	30	30
Eastern Conn. (3-10)	22	25	24

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Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007

EASTERN VOLLEYBALL BOUNCED IN LITTLE EAST OPENERS

Fourteen-match LEC winning streak ends for two-time defending playoff champs

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – A 14-match Little East Conference winning streak fell in convincing fashion Saturday, as the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team was swept by Rhode Island College and Plymouth State University at Francis E. Geissler Gymnasium in the LEC openers.

Having lost three all-conference players from last year's unbeaten regular-season and playoff champions – including the offensive and defensive Player-of-the-Year winners -- Eastern (3-9, 0-2 little east) dropped straight decisions to Rhode Island College (30-25, 30-28, 30-24) and Plymouth State University (30-25, 30-25, 30-25).

Eastern, picked to finish second behind Keene State College in the 2007 LEC pre-season coaches' poll, has shared or won outright the last three regular-season conference titles and has captured two straight LEC playoff titles, both coming at Geissler Gym.

After sweeping Eastern, Rhode Island (7-4, 1-1 little east) rallied from two games back to force a deciding game before falling to Plymouth State (6-1, 2-0 little east) by two points. Plymouth won by scores of 30-21, 30-28, 27-30, 16-30, 15-13.

The Warriors, who had swept RIC in last year's LEC playoff final and had been swept by Plymouth State in the 2004 playoff championship game, had won ten straight conference regular-season matches and 14 LEC matches in all dating back to Oct. 4, 2005.

On the day, freshman **Gianna Trombino (East Moriches, NY)** had a .914 reception percentage on 35 tries and was successful on 15 of 16 serves. She also had ten kills and nine digs. Sophomore **Lauren Odell (Dover Plains, NY)** made only two errors on 40 serve receptions (.950), successfully served 19 of 21 balls and came up with 17 digs. Junior **Sandra Jaques (Milford)** dug up a team-high 34 balls and kept in play 31 of 32 serve receptions (.969). Sophomore **Lindsey Odell (Dover Plains, NY)** served 27 of 28 balls cleanly and added 16 digs. Senior setter **Priscilla Dougherty (Island Park, NY)** had 33 assists in two matches and added 13 digs.

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The loss to Rhode Island snapped an overall seven-match winning streak against the Anchorwomen. In that match, the Warriors attacked at .032 and committed eight reception errors.

The Warriors attacked at .140 against Plymouth and were guilty of 12 reception errors and nine service errors. Eastern jumped to early leads in the first two games against the Panthers – leading 8-2 in the opening game and 10-3 in Game 2 – but couldn't sustain momentum. Plymouth scored the final five points to break from a tie in the second game. The Panthers never trailed in Game 3.

Eastern hosts Trinity College Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Rhode Island College 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Rhode Island College (7-3, 1-0 little east)	30	30	30
Eastern Conn. (3-8, 0-1 little east)	25	28	24

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE:

Kimiyo Garcia: 14 kills (.290 attack pct.), 13 digs, 19 receptions with 1 error, 5 blocks

Sherri Heard: 18 kills (.400 attack pct.)

Mary Kate Winter: 22 receptions with 2 errors, 16 digs

Amy Souza: 19 set assists

Jeanne Rosa: 14 set assists

EASTERN CONN.:

Courtney Sims: 6 kills

Lindsey Odell: 16 serves with one error, 9 digs

Lauren Odell: 11 digs, 27 receptions with one error

Gianna Trombino: 14 serves with one error; 19 receptions with two errors

Sandra Jaques: 17 digs

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Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007

EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL DROPS TWO AT ENDICOTT INVITATIONAL

Warriors finish sixth in eight-team field after losing three of four in tournament

BEVERLY, Mass. – The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team was swept in its first match Saturday, and dropped a five-game decision in its second and placed sixth in an eight-team field over the weekend at the Endicott College Invitational.

After splitting its first two matches Friday night, Eastern (2-7) was swept Saturday afternoon by host Endicott (30-21, 30-28, 30-22) in a re-match of last year's NCAA tournament opener (won by Endicott) in its final match in pool play. In the match against Bowdoin to determine fifth place, the Warriors forced a decisive Game 5 with a 13-point Game 4 win – getting three straight kills from freshman outside hitter **Rachael Joy (Huntington Station, NY)** and five digs from junior outside hitter **Sandra Jaques (Milford)** – but fell seven points shy in the final. Game scores were 30-28, 22-30, 16-30, 30-17, 8-15.

Against Endicott (6-1), Jaques had ten kills, attacked at .250, had a .958 reception percentage on 23 attempts, four service aces and 14 digs; freshman defensive specialist **Katie Dinihanian (Stratford)** added 13 digs and a .971 reception percentage on 34 attempts; sophomore outside hitter **Ashley Tuggle (South Windsor)** nine kills and senior setter **Priscilla Dougherty (Island Park, NY)** 20 set assists.

In five games against Bowdoin (2-2), Jaques had 11 digs and a .903 reception percentage on 31 tries; Dougherty 22 assists and ten digs; sophomore outside hitter **Lindsey Odell (Dover Plains, NY)** eight kills and a .467 attack percentage; Dinihanian a .913 percentage on 23 receptions, senior outside hitter **Angela Loomis (Meriden)** 11 digs, and sophomore middle blocker **Courtney Sims (Manchester)** eight kills.

Tuggled had 34 kills, eight digs and three blocks on the weekend and represented Eastern on the ten-player all-tournament team. In the tournament, Jaques was the team's best all-around player. In starting all 13 games in which she appeared, Jaques had 22 kills, a .958 serve percentage on 48 tries (with four aces), a .914 reception percentage on 81 attempts and 59 digs (4.5 per game).

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New Jersey City University won all four of its matches (winning 12 of 16 games) to claim the tourney title. NJCU swept host Endicott, 30-19, 36-34, 30-19 in the final, which featured the respective winners of each pool.

At last year's Endicott College quad, Eastern won two of three matches to share first place.

Eastern opens its home season Thursday, hosting Eastern Nazarene College at 7 p.m.

Endicott College 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Endicott (6-1)	30	30	30
Eastern Conn. (2-6)	21	28	22

Bowdoin College 3, Eastern Conn. 2

Bowdoin (2-2)	28	30	30	17	15
Eastern Conn. (2-7)	30	22	16	30	8

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Friday, Sept. 7, 2007

EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL SPLITS AT ENDICOTT COLLEGE INVITE

Warriors sweep Emmanuel after being swept by LEC opponent Keene

BEVERLY, Mass. – Senior outside hitter **Angela Loomis (Meriden/Maloney)** had 12 kills and attacked at nearly .250 and senior setter **Priscilla Dougherty (Island Park, NY/West Hempstead)** recorded 20 assists as the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team swept Emmanuel College, 30-13, 30-19, 32-30, Friday night on the opening night of the Endicott College Invitational.

The victory over Emmanuel (0-6) in a battle of 2006 conference champions and NCAA tournament teams gave Eastern (2-5) a split on the night. The Warriors were swept by Little East Conference rival Keene State College (4-2) in their tournament opener earlier Friday, 30-21, 30-23, 30-10.

Against Emmanuel, sophomore outside hitter **Ashley Tuggle (South Windsor/South Windsor)** and Dougherty followed Loomis with ten kills each. Freshman defensive specialist **Katie Dinihanian (Stratford/Bunnell)** came up with a career-high 27 digs and also handled 17 serve receptions with only two errors. Junior outside hitter **Sandra Jaques (Milford/Jonathan Law)** complemented Dinihanian with 15 digs.

Against Keene, Jaques led the way with 19 digs and seven kills, Tuggled totaling nine kills and three blocks, freshman defensive specialist **Alyssa Ruta (Holbrook, NY/Sachem East)** digging up ten balls and junior setter **Jen Braswell (Wilton/Wilton)** recording 15 assists.

Two years ago, Eastern avenged a regular-season loss to Keene to sweep the Owls in the championship match of the 2005 Little East Conference tournament. The Warriors followed last year by sweeping the Owls in the LEC tournament semifinals on the way to their second straight title.

The Warriors close out tournament play with two matches Saturday, facing Endicott College at noon and playing again at either 2 or 4 p.m. Endicott eliminated Eastern in the first round of last year's NCAA tournament.

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Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007

EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL RALLIES PAST EASTERN NAZARENE, 3-1

Warriors erase significant deficits twice to win home-opener over Crusaders

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – Junior outside hitter **Sandra Jaques (Milford/Jonathan Law)** was perfect on 39 serve receptions and added a team-high 33 digs to power the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team past Eastern Nazarene College in its 2007 home-opener Thursday night at Geissler Gym. Game scores were 30-27, 28-30, 30-23, 30-27.

Led by Jaques, Eastern (3-7) totaled only five reception errors (.948 per cent) and averaged over 25 digs per game. Having lost seven of their first nine matches, the Warriors entered their home-opener with an .874 reception percentage and averaging just under 20 digs per game.

In downing Eastern Nazarene (3-2) for the ninth straight time, the Warriors dug out of significant deficits to take a 2-1 lead in the match. Down 26-24 in Game 1, the Warriors outscored the Crusaders 6-1 the rest of the way, sophomore middle blocker **Courtney Sims (Manchester/Great Path Academy)** serving for the first three points of that run.. ENC took the lead for good at 25-24 in its two-point victory in Game 2 before the hosts won the next two games.

The Warriors came back from a 15-9 deficit in Game 3, scoring five straight points to pull to to within one, 15-14 and taking the lead for good, 18-17, on a kill by Sims. A 6-1 scoring spurt pushed Eastern's lead to 29-22.

The decisive game was tied at 26-26 before the hosts took command with three straight points on Eastern Nazarene attack and service errors and a kill by junior setter **Jen Braswell (Wilton/Wilton)**.

Jaques contributed ten digs and five kills in the opening win and was perfect on ten serve receptions. She accounted for two of the team's final four points with kills. In the third-game win, sophomore outside hitter **Lindsey Odell (Dover Plains, NY/Dover)** helped

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the Warriors break from tie midway through the game with consecutive aces to give the Warriors a 17-16 lead, then she chipped in all three of her kills in the game to help Eastern pull away. Sophomore libero **Lauren Odell (Dover Plains, NY/Dover)** followed Jaques by digging up 24 balls and handling 27 serves with only three errors.

Eastern Nazarene's Cassandra Auguste, a 5-foot-11 inch left-handed middle blocker, powered the Crusaders early with 11 kills and just three errors when the teams split the first two games, but was limited to only six kills – including just one kill in Game 4 – in the final two games.

Eastern opens defense of its 2006 Little East Conference regular-season title Saturday by hosting Rhode Island College at noon and Plymouth State University at 4 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 3, Eastern Nazarene College 1

Eastern Nazarene (3-2)	27	30	23	27
Eastern Conn. (3-7)	30	28	30	30

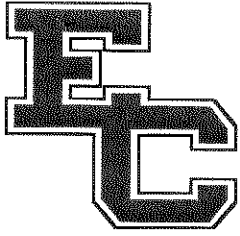
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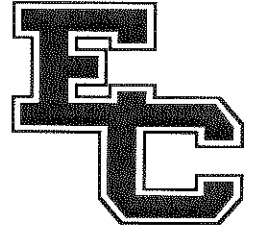
Courtney Sims:	10 kills, 13 serves with one error
Sandra Jaques:	9 kills, 39 receptions with no errors, 33 digs
Lauren Odell:	24 digs, 27 receptions with three errors
Jen Braswell:	6 kills, 14 serves with no errors, 13 digs, 11 assists
Priscilla Dougherty:	22 assists
Lindsey Odell:	8 kills, 9 digs, 8 receptions with no errors

Eastern Nazarene:

Cassandra Auguste:	17 kills, 15 digs, 3 blocks
Amber Burns:	11 kills, 8 digs, 5 blocks
Christina Ludwick:	33 assists, 17 digs
Rebekah Sorensen:	12 digs
Jamie Swedick:	11 digs
Janna Fernandes:	10 digs



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NJCU Wins Endicott Invitational, Gulls Finish Second

Women's Volleyball
September 8, 2007

BEVERLY, MA – New Jersey City University's Lizzelle Cintron (Elizabeth, NJ/Elizabeth) was named the Endicott Invitational MVP as the senior middle blocker hammered home 23 kills in the Gothic Knights three-game sweep of Endicott College in Beverly, MA.

The Gothic Knights got right to work in game one of the Finals as NJCU defeated the home-standing Gulls, 30-19, in the opening frame. Game two was perhaps the most exciting of the two-day event as each side traded points throughout. The Gothic Knights would prevail in the second contest, as they took a hard-fought, 36-34, decision and a 2-0 lead into game three. It was all New Jersey City in the third and final game as the visitors captured the Endicott Invitational Championship trophy with a decisive, 30-19, game three victory.

The Gothic Knights were led by Tournament MVP Lizzelle Cintron's 23 kills and five blocks. Alex Johanesen (Bridgewater, NJ/Bridgewater-Raritan) dished-out 23 assists while senior libero Glorinell Perez (Elizabeth, NJ/Elizabeth) had 18 digs in the winning effort. NJCU placed two players, Cintron and Jacqueline LeBlanc (Westfield, NJ/Westfield), on the All-Tournament Team.

Endicott was led by All-Tournament Team selections Meghan Hall (Santa Cruz, CA/Aptos) and Hayley Janelle (Madbury, NH/Oyster River). Hall compiled 30 assists while Janelle notched 10 kills in the losing effort.

Endicott earned a trip to the finals by downing the Eastern Connecticut State University Warriors, 3-0, in the noontime match-up. The Gulls Meghan Hall handed out 40 assists in the three game contest. Brittany Phillips (Sudbury, MA/Lincoln Sudbury), Hayley Janelle and Steph Wiese (Higganum, CT/Haddam-Killingworth) combined for 31 kills in the victory.

The Warriors were paced by Sandra Jaques' (Milford, CT/Jonathan Law) 10 kills and 14 assists. Eastern Connecticut also got a strong outing from Priscilla Dougherty (Island Park, NY/West Hempstead), as the senior setter compiled 20 assists in the loss.

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Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007

EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL EMERGES WITH FIVE-GAME VICTORY

Warriors improve to 17-2 all-time by edging Roger Williams for first win of year

BRISTOL, R.I. -- Outside hitters **Sandra Jaques (Milford/Jonathan Law)** and **Lindsey Odell (Dover Plains, NY/Dover)** combined for seven kills without an error in the decisive two-point win which carried the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team to a five-game victory over Roger Williams University Wednesday night. The Warriors won their three games by a total of seven points: 20-30, 33-31, 30-27, 18-30, 15-13.

The win is the first for Eastern (1-4) this year after four losses last weekend at the Virginia Wesleyan College Invitational and improves the Warriors to 17-2 all-time against Roger Williams (2-1). Since 2002, the Warriors are 3-0 against Roger Williams when the match has been extended to five games.

Roger Williams scored three straight points to survive match point and pull to within one point in the decisive game, but Lindsey Odell, a sophomore, gave the Warriors the win with her 12th kill of the match. Lindsey Odell had three kills in five tries and Jaques, a junior, four kills in six attempts without an error in Game 5. In that game, Eastern committed only one service error, one reception error, and three attack errors.

In the match, Jaques led the Warriors with 15 kills and added 23 digs, and committed only two errors on 43 reception attempts. Sophomore **Lauren Odell (Dover Plains, NY/Dover)** served five aces, while senior setter **Priscilla Dougherty (Island Park, NY/West Hempstead)** had 25 digs and 45 assists. Freshman defensive specialist **Alyssa Ruta (Holbrook, NY/Sachem East)** led all players with 30 digs. Sophomore middle blocker **Courtney Sims (Manchester/Great Path Academy)** matched Lindsey Odell with 12 kills.

Eastern competes in the Endicott College Invitational this weekend, facing Little East Conference foe Keene State (5 p.m.) and Emmanuel College (7 p.m.) Friday night.

Eastern Conn. 3, Roger Williams College 2

Eastern Conn. (1-4)	20	33	30	18	15
Roger Williams U. (2-1)	30	31	27	30	13

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Saturday, Sept. 1, 2007

EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL WINLESS AT WINGATE
Warriors lose three games by two points on second day at Virginia Beach

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. – Sophomore outside hitter **Ashley Tuggle (South Windsor/South Windsor)** had 11 kills against Gwynedd-Mercy College Saturday afternoon but the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team committed seven reception errors in the decisive fifth game in a loss which left the Warriors winless in four matches over the weekend at the Virginia Wesleyan College Wingate INNvitational at the Jane P. Batten Student Center's Donald M. Forsyth Court.

Following two decisive losses Friday night, Eastern (0-4) battled DeSales University (2-1) in a 30-21, 28-30, 28-30 setback, then pushed Gwynedd-Mercy (1-3) to five games before falling, 30-17, 25-30, 28-30, 30-26, 11-15. In the decisive game, the Warriors committed seven reception errors on 13 reception attempts.

A little-used reserve last year, Tuggle recorded 11 kills against Gwynedd-Mercy – the most by an Eastern player in a single match in the tournament. In that match, junior setter **Jen Braswell (Wilton/Wilton)** had 23 set assists, eight digs and five service aces and senior setter **Priscilla Dougherty (Island Park, NY/West Hempstead)** added ten assists and successfully served 15 of 16 balls. Freshman defensive specialist **Katie Dinihanian (Stratford/Bunnell)** led the Warriors against the Griffins with 19 digs and 35 serve receptions.

In the loss to DeSales, sophomore defensive specialist **Lauren Odell (Dover Plains, NY/Dover)** dug up 32 balls – an average of over 11 per game. She also received 34 serves, making four errors. Dougherty served 21 balls without an error against DeSales, with six of those serves resulting in aces. She added nine digs and nine assists. Sophomore outside hitter **Lindsey Odell (Dover Plains, NY/Dover)** chipped in 15 digs against the Bulldogs. Tuggle and senior outside hitter **Angela Loomis (Meriden/F.T. Maloney)** each had five kills against DeSales.

The Warriors visit Roger Williams University Wednesday at 7 p.m.

**Virginia Wesleyan College Wingate INNvitational
at Virginia Beach, VA**

Saturday's Results

DeSales U. 3 (30-30-30), Eastern Conn. 0 (21-28-28)

Gwynedd-Mercy College 3 (17-30-30-26-15), Eastern Conn. 2 (30-25-28-30-11)

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EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL SWEEP TWICE IN SEASON-OPENERS

Warriors trumped by St. Mary's and Virginia Wesleyan at Virginia Beach

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. – The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team opened its 2007 season with three-games losses to St. Mary's College (MD) and host Virginia Wesleyan College Friday night in opening play at the Wingate INNvitational at the Jane P. Batten Student Center's Donald M. Forsyth Court.

Following an 11-hour bus drive which began late Thursday night, Eastern (0-2) was swept by St. Mary's (1-0) 30-19, 30-13, 20-16 in its first match at 5 p.m., then fell to Virginia Wesleyan College (2-0) 30-23, 30-15, 30-6, immediately afterward.

Sophomore twin win sisters **Lindsey** and **Lauren Odell (Dover Plains, NY/Dover)** led the Warriors against St. Mary's by combining for 23 digs, while returning first-team All-Little East Conference senior setter and team captain **Priscilla Dougherty (Island Park, NY/West Hempstead)** collected ten assists in the first match and seven against the host Marlins.

Senior outside hitter **Angela Loomis (Meriden/F.T. Maloney)** was the only Eastern players with more than three kills in either match. She had five kills against St. Mary's but did not play in the second match. In two matches, the Warriors attacked at -.044, managing only 30 kills on 225 attempts with 40 errors

~~In the match,~~ ^{On the night,} Lauren Odell led the way with 19 digs and handled 38 serves with six errors Freshman defensive specialist **Katie Dinihanian (Stratford/Bunnell)** committed only two errors on 21 reception attempts on the evening and Loomis was 14-for-15 on reception attempts against St. Mary's. Lindsey Odell followed Lauren Odell with 12 digs on the night, Dougherty and sophomore **Ashley Tuggle (South Windsor)** adding 11 each, and Loomis ten (against St. Mary's).

Eastern lost four all-conference honorees from last year's 30-10 season, including the LEC's offensive and defensive players of the year. St. Mary's finished 19-10 a year ago, Virginia Wesleyan 19-9. It was the first meeting between Eastern and St. Mary's since 1981 and the first-ever contest between the Warriors and Marlins.

Eastern closes out tournament play Saturday against DeSales University (10 a.m.) and Gwynedd-Mercy College (noon).

**Virginia Wesleyan College Wingate INNvitational
at Virginia Beach, VA**

St. Mary's College (MD) 3 (30-30-30), Eastern Conn. 0 (19-13-16)
Virginia Wesleyan College 3 (30-30-30), Eastern Conn. 0 (23-15-6)

Saturday's Schedule

Eastern Conn. vs. DeSales U., 10 a.m.
Eastern Conn. vs. Gwynedd-Mercy College, noon

Endicott College Invitational Volleyball Tournament Final Results

Pool A	Wins	Losses	Finish
Endicott	3	1	2 nd
Keene State	2	2	4 th
Eastern Conn. St.	1	3	6 th
Emmanuel	0	3	8 th

Day One

Endicott def. Emmanuel - 3-0 (30-10, 30-10, and 30-27)

Keene State def. Eastern Conn. St. - 3-0 (30-21, 30-21, 30-10)

Eastern Conn. St. def. Emmanuel - 3-0 (30-13, 30-14, 32-30)

Endicott def. Keene St. - 3-1 (30-24, 24-30, 30-24, 30-28)

Day Two

Keene State def. Emmanuel - 3-0 (30-26, 30-22, 30-18)

Endicott def. Eastern Conn. - 3-0 (30-21, 30-28, 30-22)

Pool B	Wins	Losses	Finish
New Jersey City U.	4	0	1 st
Springfield	3	1	3 rd
Bowdoin	2	2	5 th
Salve Regina	0	3	7 th

Day One

Springfield def. Salve Regina - 3-0 (30-21, 30-17, 30-22)

NJCU def. Bowdoin - 3-1 (30-27, 30-15, 28-30, 30-14)

NJCU def. Salve Regina - 3-1 (30-19, 30-17, 26-30, 30-25)

Springfield def. Bowdoin - 3-2 (20-30, 31-29, 25-30, 30-23, 16-14)

Day Two

Bowdoin def. Salve Regina - 3-0 (30-15, 30-16, 30-18)

NJCU def. Springfield - 3-2 (30-16, 27-30, 25-30, 30-14, 15-4)

Playoffs

NJCU def. Endicott - 3-0 (30-19, 36-34, 30-19)

NJCU Finishes 1st

Endicott finishes 2nd

Springfield def. Keene State - 3-1 (30-26, 23-30, 30-28, 30-26)

Springfield finishes 3rd

Keene State finishes 4th

Bowdoin def. Eastern Conn - 3-2 (28-30, 30-22, 30-16, 17-30, 15-8)

Bowdoin Finishes 5th

Eastern Connecticut State finishes 6th

Salve Regina def. Emmanuel - 3-2 (31-29, 28-30, 30-24, 25-30, 15-13)

Salve Regina University finishes 7th

Emmanuel College finishes 8th

Final Standings

1. NJCU
2. Endicott
3. Springfield
4. Keene State
5. Bowdoin
6. Eastern Connecticut State University
7. Salve Regina University
8. Emmanuel College

All Tournament Team

- Gillian Page (Bowdoin) – Sophomore - Outside Hitter – Mercer Island, WA
- Ashlee Tuggle (Eastern Conn.) – Sophomore – Outside Hitter – South Windsor, CT
- Brittany Canaff (Salve Regina) – Sophomore – Outside Hitter – Paramus, NJ
- Lindsey Parker (Emmanuel) – Junior – Outside Hitter – New Bedford, MA
- Lizzelle Cintron (NJCU) – Junior – Middle Blocker – Elizabeth, NJ
- Jacqueline LeBlanc (NJCU) – Junior - Outside Hitter – Westfield, NJ
- Meghan Hall (Endicott) – Senior – Setter – Santa Cruz, CA
- Hayley Janelle (Endicott) – Junior – Middle Hitter – Madbury, NH
- Heidi Yohe (Springfield) – Junior – Opposite Hitter – Deer Park, WA
- Jordan Pokryfki (Keene State) – Sophomore – Setter – Wasila, AK

Tournament MVP:

- Lizzelle Cintron (NJCU) – Junior – Middle Blocker – Elizabeth, NJ

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Subject: Endicott Invitational Update

Quick update from the Endicott Invitational. We just finished the 10:00 AM games. Here are the results:

Keene State def. Emmanuel – 3-0 (30-26, 30-22, 30-18)
 Bowdoin def. Salve Regina – 3-0 (30-15, 30-16, 30-18)

Below are the updated standings, including the most recent game this morning:

Endicott College Invitational Volleyball Tournament

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Emmanuel	0	3	-
Keene State	2	1	-
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Day Two

Bowdoin def. Salve Regina – 3-0 (30-15, 30-16, 30-18)

Thank You,

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