

## ITHACA DEFEATS ECSU TO WIN ECAC WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Tournament Most Valuable Player Lisa Black served three key points late in Game 3 and Ithaca College went on to win its first ECAC Division III North Region Women's Volleyball Tournament Saturday at Eastern Connecticut State University.

The top-seeded Bombers (32-15) and second-seeded Warriors had advanced after winning three of four games over Eastern Nazarene and Oneonta State, respectively in the tournament semifinals played earlier in the day.

In the final, the teams split the opening two games before Ithaca broke from a 4-all tie and went on to the Game 3 victory. In the deciding game, the Bombers broke a 2-all tie and never trailed thereafter.

Senior Katie Nichols, the New England Division III Player-of-the-Year, led ECSU with 49 kills in the tournament and attacked at a .489 percentage. She added 32 assists, 22 digs and eight blocks and four service aces. Senior Ginny Berry led Eastern with 40 assists to go along with four service aces. Junior Jody Rogers (68) and senior Laurel DeStefano combined for 131 digs. DeStefano added 15 kills and six service aces while Rogers had 13 kills and three service aces. Sophomore Marcelle Davis had 45 digs, 13 kills, five service aces and four blocks. Freshman Donna Mello had 30 digs and four service aces.

Eastern (40-9) lost for the second straight year in the tournament final after winning championships in 1985 and 1988.

The 40-win season is the Warriors' fifth in the last 11 years and first since 1986. The final 81.6 winning percentage is the second-best in the 17-year history of the program.

ECSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CLOSES REGULAR SEASON AT 39-8  
Improves record vs. New England opponents to 26-1

DANBURY, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team closed out its 17th regular season with a three-game sweep of Western Connecticut State University Wednesday.

Eastern posted its 12th three-game sweep of the year and improved its all-time record against Western to 15-0 with 18-16, 15-8, 15-6. Against New England opponents, Eastern finishes the regular season at 26-1.

The win is ECSU's 39th in 47 outings and gives the Warriors their second-best regular-season winning percentage ever.

Senior all-America candidate Katie Nichols collected 18 kills in 32 attempts for a .500 attack percentage and also added a team-high 13 digs and nine assists.

Senior Ginny Berry had 15 assists, senior Laurel DeStefano 11 kills, 10 digs and two service aces and junior Jody Rogers ten digs and three service aces. As a team, Eastern had 11 service aces.

Eastern, rated first in New England and fourth in the East Region, is expected to be named to its 12th straight post-season tournament when invitations are extended Monday.

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ECSU WOMEN'S ~~SOCCER~~ IMPROVES TO 16-1 AT HOME

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior Katie Nichols of Mystic had 18 kills, 14 assists and five digs as the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team won its 16th match in 17 home decisions 3-0 Monday over Smith College.

Eastern (38-8), ranked fourth in the East Region, eased to 15-5, 15-5, 15-3 decisions over the Pioneers (14-19).

Nichols, who attacked at a .654 clip, was joined among the leaders by classmates Ginny Berry (21 assists) and Laurel DeStefano (13 digs, 11 kills).

The Warriors close out their 17th regular season Wednesday when they travel to Western Connecticut State University at 7 p.m.

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## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior Katie Nichols collected 51 kills and attacked at .529 in leading the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team to a 3-2 win over Division II Springfield College Thursday.

Eastern won by scores of 15-6, 5-15, 15-8, 10-15, 15-5. The win was the 35th against five losses for Eastern, ranked 15th nationally and 15th in 16 decisions at Geissler Gym. Springfield College is 14-14. Nichols also had 17 assists and ten digs while senior Ginny Berry had 33 assists and junior Jody Rogers 37 digs.

Eastern scored ten of the first 11 points in the deciding game and the Maroons got no closer than seven thereafter.

Eastern competes in the Elizabethtown College Invitational this weekend at Elizabethtown, PA.

## ECSU WINS SILVER ROUND IN VOLLEYBALL

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IITHACA, NY -- The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team won its final three matches to capture the silver round at the Ithaca College Invitational Saturday.

The Warriors split a pair of matches Friday and dropped their opener Saturday but rallied to defeat Keuka College, the University at Albany and the University at New Paltz to win the silver round. The Warriors defeated New Paltz in the silver round final.

An opening win over Nazareth Friday gave ECSU its 30th win in the fewest number of matches (33) in the program's history. Eastern, ranked 15th nationally, is 33-5.

Rochester Tech defeated Cortland State to win the title of the 11-team tournament.

### Ithaca College Volleyball Invitational at Ithaca, NY Saturday's Results

Cortland State def. Eastern Conn. 5-15, 14-16  
Eastern Conn. def. Keuka College 15-11, 13-15, 15-5

#### Silver Round Semifinals

Eastern Conn. def. Albany (NY) 15-9, 14-16, 17-15

#### Final

Eastern Conn. def. New Paltz 15-9, 12-15, 15-9

## ECSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL SECOND AT STONY BROOK INVITATIONAL

STONY BROOK, NY -- Senior Katie Nichols recorded her 2000th career assist and 1000th career kill in leading the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team to a second-place finish at the Stony Brook Student Life Invitational at the University at Stony Brook over the weekend.

Eastern (22-2), had a nine-match winning streak snapped in falling to undefeated (13-0) Stony Brook 8-15, 9-15, 15-11, 7-15 in a battle of the tournament's two unbeaten teams Saturday. The Warriors are ranked seventh nationally, Stony Brook fifth.

After defeating Hunter College Friday, Eastern swept the University at Binghamton 15-2, 15-4, 15-6 earlier Saturday.

Nichols was joined on the six-player all-tournament team by senior teammate Laurel DeStefano.

The Warriors travel to Wesleyan University Wednesday (7 p.m.).

## ECSU VOLLEYBALL WINS 21ST MATCH OF SEASON

STONY BROOK, NY -- Senior Laurel DeStefano, sophomore Marcelle Davis and junior Jody Rogers combined for 63 defensive saves as the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team defeated Hunter College 15-9, 15-13, 4-15, 15-9 in the opening round of the University at Stony Brook Invitational Friday.

The Warriors, ranked seventh nationally, improve to 21-1 with their eighth straight win. The third-game loss snapped the team's 16-game winning streak.

DeStefano had 23 defensive saves, Davis 21 and Rogers 19 while senior Katie Nichols had a team-high 14 kills and shared top honors with 16 assists with senior Ginny Berry. Nichols also had 12 defensive saves and a team-high six blocks. Davis had six service aces, four coming in the two-point win in Game 2.

The Warriors face SUNY-Binghamton (10:30) and undefeated (11-0) Stony Brook (1:15) Saturday. Stony Brook is rated fifth nationally.

University at Stony Brook Women's Volleyball Invitational  
at Stony Brook, NY  
Friday's Results

Stony Brook 3 (15-15-15) SUNY-Binghamton 0 (1-5-9)  
Eastern Conn. 3 (15-15-4-15), Hunter 1 (9-13-15-9)

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WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior Katie Nichols had 12 kills, 14 digs and 11 assists as the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team swept UMass Dartmouth 15-6, 15-10, 15-10 Thursday.

The win is the 20th against just one loss for Eastern, which has won 14 consecutive games over the last seven matches. The Corsairs fall to 10-9. Eastern has defeated UMass eight times in ten meetings all-time.

Eastern, ranked seventh nationally and first in the East Region, also got 14 assists from senior Ginny Berry, eight kills and 18 digs from senior Laural DeStefano and nine kills and 17 digs from junior Jody Rogers.

Freshman Donna Mello from Fall River, MA contributed 14 digs while appearing in all three games. Freshman Tania vonMagnus from Wareham, MA had six kills in 16 attempts with just one error and also added a block. Freshman Michelle Silva from Swansea did not see action.

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Thus far this year, Mello and von Magnus have appeared in all possible 21 matches and rank one-two on the team in games played. Mello has appeared in 58 of 59, vonMagnus 57. Silva has appeared in nine matches (six games).

vonMagnus is third on the team in blocks (22), third in block solos (10) and third in block assists (12). She leads the team with a perfect 100.0 mark in serve percentage (21-of-21). Mello is third on the team with 21 service aces and second with 203 reception attempts. Her 162 digs rate her fourth on the team but first among freshmen.

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## ECSU WINS THIRD INVITATIONAL THIS YEAR

SALEM, MA -- Eastern Connecticut State University rebounded from its first loss of the season in its opening match Friday to win the Salem State College Women's Volleyball Tournament Saturday for the fourth time.

Eastern (19-1) won six of seven matches, including all five Saturday to finish in a two-way tie with Eastern Nazarene College. ECSU was awarded its third invitational title this year by virtue of a 16-14, 15-5 win over Eastern Nazarene earlier Saturday.

Senior Katie Nichols was named to her third all-tournament team this year. Nichols, a 5-foot-11 inch setter/hitter from Mystic, totalled 59 kills, 42 assists, 35 digs and six blocks in the tournament. Nichols had 14 kills, 12 assists, 13 digs and one block and attacked at a

Eastern, off to its best start ever at 20 matches, hosts UMass Dartmouth Thursday.

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior Katie Nichols of Mystic collected 74 kills, attacked at a .467 rate and added 51 assists and 39 digs to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team to the title of its own ECSU Round Robin Tournament Saturday.

Eastern (13-0), off to the finest start in the program's 17-year history, won all five of its matches and 15 of 16 games. Hunter College placed second in the tournament, losing only a 16-14, 15-13, 15-6 decision to the Warriors.

ECSU's second win of the tournament -- a three-game sweep of Whittier College -- represented the 450th triumph in the coaching career of ECSU head coach Floretta Crabtree (453-215).

Nichols, a two-time all-East Region hitter/setter, was joined on the all-tournament team by teammate Jody Rogers, a junior from Framingham, MA. Senior Laurel DeStefano (19) from Warwick, RI, Rogers (14), sophomore Marcelle Davis (10) from Meriden and freshman Donna Mello (9) from Fall River, MA combined for 52 of the team's 60 service aces in the tournament. Rogers led ECSU with 62 digs.

## ECSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL WINS SEVENTH STRAIGHT

SO. HADLEY, MA -- Senior Katie Nichols collected 16 kills and 16 assists in leading the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team to its seventh straight win Monday over Mt. Holyoke College (0-1).

The Warriors lost a big lead in losing the first game 14-16 but bounced back to win the next three 15-5, 15-1, 15-7.

The start is the team's best since a 9-0 opening in 1986.

Nichols, a two-time all-East Region performer, committed only two attack errors in hitting at a .389 clip while senior Ginny Mislick hit at .466 (six kills). Nichols also had 12 digs.

Senior Ginny Berry led all ECSU players with 24 assists while sophomore Marcelle Davis had a team-high 16 digs and four service aces to go along with three blocks. Freshman Tania vonMagnus led Eastern with four blocks and added six kills.

Eastern travels to face Rhode Island College Wednesday before hosting its ECSU Round Robin Tournament Saturday.

### Women's Volleyball Monday's Results at South Hadley, MA

Eastern Conn. (7-0) 14-15-15-15

Mt. Holyoke (0-1) 16-5-1-7