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Saturday, November 12, 1994

ECSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ELIMINATED IN REGIONAL FINAL
Warriors swept by host University at Stony Brook

STONY BROOK, NY -- The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team committed 11 service errors and attacked at .048 as the University at Stony Brook rolled to a 15-12, 15-6, 15-4 victory in the championship game of the NCAA Division III Northeast Regional tournament Saturday.

Top-seeded Stony Brook (27-12) advances to the national quarterfinals next weekend against the winner of Saturday's New York Regional title match between Ithaca College and host SUNY College at Brockport.

Second-seeded Eastern, which finishes 28-14, had defeated third-seeded MIT Friday and Stony Brook had swept Williams in regional first-round action Friday.

With Eastern trailing 14-3 in Game 1, sophomore Chastity Pimental of Fall River, MA served nine straight points (including five aces) to pull the Warriors to within 14-12 before the Seawolves held on.

Seniors Tania vonMagnus of Wareham, MA and Tawnia Pacheco of Bristol, RI led ECSU. vonMagnus had 12 kills and 15 digs, Pacheco 11 kills and 17 digs. Senior Beth Hackett had 26 set assists.

Maura Gormley and Christy Innes each had nine kills for Stony Brook while Kim Lombardo had 21 set assists.

Eastern and Stony Brook had split a pair of regular-season matches, the Warriors losing 3-games-to-1 Sept. 23 at the Stony Brook Student Life Invitational before winning 2-games-to-1 Oct. 7 at the ECSU Invitational. Stony Brook is playing its final season at the Division III level.

**NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
NORTHEAST REGIONAL**

**at Stony Brook, NY
Friday, Nov. 11 -- Semifinals**

Eastern Conn. State U. 3, MIT 1 (15-7, 15-11, 2-15, 15-11); University at Stony Brook 3, Williams College 0 (15-12, 15-9, 15-2)

Saturday, Nov. 12 -- Final

University at Stony Brook 3, Eastern Conn. State U. 0 (15-12, 15-6, 15-4)

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Friday, November 11, 1994

ECSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ADVANCES TO REGIONAL FINAL
Warriors beat MIT, avenge only New England Division III loss

STONY BROOK, NY -- The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team avenged its only Division III New England loss this season by eliminating Massachusetts Institute of Technology 15-7, 15-11, 2-15, 15-11 in the semifinal round of the NCAA Division III Northeast Regional Tournament Friday.

The Warriors (28-13) advance to the tournament final Saturday at 7 p.m. against the winner of last night's other semifinal-round match between host and top-ranked University at Stony Brook (25-12) and fourth-ranked Williams College (27-8).

The regional champion advances to a national quarterfinal-round match next Saturday at a site to be determined.

Senior all-Northeast Region pick Tawnia Pacheco of Bristol, RI led ECSU with 25 digs and added eight kills while senior Tania vonMagnus of Wareham, MA had a team-high 15 kills, attacked at .250 and added 14 digs. Junior Carolina Mendez of East Haddam came off the bench with ECSU losing 10-7 in Game 4 and served five straight points -- two of them aces -- to put the Warriors in front 12-10.

All-Northeast Region picks Kamilah Alexander (14 kills, .400 attack percentage, 12 digs, six blocks) and Pareen Dallah (nine kills, 14 digs) led MIT (29-9).

Seeded second, Eastern defeated the third-seeded Engineers after losing 9-15, 8-15 at the ECSU Invitational October 7 at Willimantic. The win also avenged the team's only New England Division III loss in 19 regular-season outings and was the team's first post-season tournament win over MIT after two EAIAW losses in 1982, and NCAA losses in 1983 and 1984.

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NORTHEAST REGIONAL
at Stony Brook, NY
Friday, Nov. 11 -- Semifinals**

Eastern Conn. 3, MIT 1 (15-7, 15-11, 2-15, 15-11); Williams College at University at Stony Brook, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 12 -- Final

7 p.m.

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ECSU VOLLEYBALL DEFEATS SMITH COLLEGE 3-2

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. -- Freshman Karen Sweet of East Haddam had five kills and eight digs in the deciding game to help the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team edge Smith College 15-11, 15-9, 16-18, 13-15, 15-7.

Ranked second in the NCAA Division III Northeast Region, Eastern (26-11) improved its record against New England Division III competition to 18-1 with its fourth win in the last five outings. Smith is 18-14 after losing to ECSU for the ninth straight time.

On the night, Sweet totalled a team-high 27 kills and was second with 40 digs while senior Tania vonMagnus of Wareham, MA had 25 kills, a team-high 47 digs and a team-high four service aces. Junior Bianca Soto of New Fairfield had 17 kills and 23 digs. vonMagnus had ten digs in the deciding game.

Eastern hosts the Inter-Region Classic Friday and Saturday in its final regular-season appearance.

October 26, 1994

ECSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

With one week remaining in the regular season, the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team remains in contention for its 15th straight post-season tournament berth.

The Warriors stand 22-9 overall, 18-2 vs. NCAA Division III Northeast Region competition. Eastern is ranked second in both New England and the Northeast Region.

A winner of 19 of its first 23, Eastern dropped five straight -- its longest streak since 1979 -- after losing two starters. Entering this weekend's tournament, Eastern has won its last three.

The Warriors returned nine letterwinners from last year's NCAA tournament qualifier but lost first-team all-America middle hitter Kathy Kimball for the season with a back injury after the first match of the season. In addition, six-foot freshman middle hitter Pam Keefe left school for personal reasons earlier this month and senior Tawnia Pacheco, a first-team all-East Region performer last year, missed six matches with a twisted ankle suffered Oct. 11. The first four matches Pacheco missed were all losses and came at the Mizuno Invitational, hosted by nationally-ranked UC-San Diego Oct. 14-15 at La Jolla, CA.

Eastern won the Little East Conference Invitational Sept. 17, placed second at Gordon and the ECSU Invitational and third at Stony Brook.

Pacheco has been named to all-tournament teams at the ECSU Invitational and at Gordon while senior setter Beth Hackett has gained all-tournament honors at Stony Brook and UC-San Diego.

Junior Bianca Soto is ranked among the national leaders by averaging 0.80 service aces per game. Senior Tania vonMagnus averaged 0.57 aces and Pacheco 0.51. Pacheco averages 4.90 digs per game, vonMagnus 3.67. In recent weeks, freshmen Karen Sweet and six-foot Laura Breeger have played key roles.

As a team, the Warriors average 18.7 digs and 3.07 aces -- both marks among the national leaders.

Eastern is under the direction of 20th-year head coach Floretta Crabtree, the second-winningest active coach in Division III.

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Thursday, October 20, 1994

ECSU VOLLEYBALL DEFEATS CLARK FOR EIGHT STRAIGHT TIME

WORCESTER, Mass. -- All 12 players in uniform saw action as the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team disposed of Clark University in 65 minutes 15-3, 15-9, 15-4 Thursday.

The win was the eighth straight over the Cougars for the Warriors, who improve to 21-9 with their 16th win in 17 tries over New England Division III competition. Clark is 3-19.

Senior Tania vonMagnus of Wareham, MA led ECSU with six kills and nine digs while junior Bianca Soto of New Fairfield had five kills, five digs and two service aces. Senior Beth Hackett of Holbrook, NY had 12 set assists.

Eastern hosts Wesleyan University Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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Tuesday, October 25, 1994

ECSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS WESLEYAN 3-0
Warriors improve to 17-1 vs. NE Division III competition

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team won its 17th match in 18 tries against New England Division III competition this year, sweeping Wesleyan University 15-8, 15-11, 15-6 Tuesday.

Junior Bianca Soto of New Fairfield gave ECSU the lead for good in Game 1 by serving five straight points -- the final four with aces. In Game 2, sophomore Chastity Pimental of Fall River, MA helped ECSU (22-9) overcome an early 6-3 deficit by serving eight straight points. The Warriors scored the first four points in easing to the Game 3 decision.

Soto had 11 kills, eight digs and eight service aces while senior Tania vonMagnus of Wareham, MA had 12 kills, 16 digs, three service aces. Freshman Karen Sweet of East Haddam had six kills and seven digs. Senior Beth Hackett of Holbrook, NY had 33 set assists.

Eastern, ranked second in New England, defeated Wesleyan (15-19) for the tenth straight time. The Cardinals are ranked tenth in New England.

Eastern competes in the Lady Jay Halloween Classic this weekend at Elizabethtown, PA.

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Wednesday, October 19, 1994

ECSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL POSTS 15TH STRAIGHT 20-WIN SEASON
Warriors defeat Mount Holyoke College for the seventh straight time

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Junior Bianca Soto of New Fairfield served for six straight points in the deciding game as the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team defeated Mount Holyoke College 3-2 Wednesday.

The Warriors (20-9), ranked second in New England and second in the NCAA Northeast Region, posted its 15th straight 20-win season with a 15-6, 14-16, 15-13, 12-15, 15-10 decision. It was Eastern's seventh straight win over the Lyons (11-12) and snapped a five-match losing streak -- the Warriors' longest since 1979.

With Eastern trailing 6-5 in the fifth game, Soto served six straight points as Eastern moved out to an 11-6 lead. Freshman Meghan Delaney of New Fairfield had a key block and kill in the deciding game.

Senior Tania vonMagnus of Wareham, MA (14 kills) and freshman Laura Breeger of New Fairfield combined for 27 kills for Eastern, which has won 15 of 16 against New England Division III competition this season. Freshman Karen Sweet of East Haddam added ten kills and a team-high 14 digs while Soto and vonMangus each added 12 digs. Breeger (8 blocks), Delaney (7) and Soto combined for 21 blocks.

Eastern travels to face Clark University Thursday at 7 p.m.

MIT WINS ECSU VOLLEYBALL INVITATIONAL FOR SECOND TIME

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Massachusetts Institute of Technology won its final five tournament matches after losing its opener Friday as the Engineers won the 14th Annual Eastern Connecticut State University Women's Volleyball Invitational Saturday.

MIT (19-4) and host Eastern Connecticut State University (19-4) finished with identical 5-1 tournament match records but the Engineers' 15-9, 15-8 win over Eastern Friday gives them the title. The Warriors placed second while the University at Stony Brook (14-7) was third at 4-2 in the seven-team, round-robin tournament.

MIT, which also won the 1986 tournament title, dropped its tournament opener Friday to Gordon but bounced back to defeat Eastern, Bates, Wesleyan, Stony Brook and Albany.

The tournament featured six of the top eight-ranked teams in the NCAA Northeast Region in Stony Brook (1st), Eastern (2nd), MIT (5th), Gordon (6th), Bates (7th) and Wesleyan (8th). Stony Brook was ranked 13th nationally while Eastern had received votes in the most recent ranking.

Eastern senior Tawnia Pacheco of Bristol, RI represented the Warriors on the seven-player all-tournament team. Pacheco had 30 kills and 36 digs in three matches Saturday while senior setter Beth Hackett of Holbrook, NY had 56 assists and junior Bianca Soto of New Fairfield eight service aces.

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Tuesday, October 4, 1994

ECSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL EXTENDS STREAK TO 18

Warriors extend regular-season winning streak vs. New England foes

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team extended its regular-season winning streak against New England opponents to 18 Tuesday with a pair of wins over UMass Dartmouth and Bridgewater State College.

The Warriors, who have not lost a regular-season match against a New England opponent since October 13, 1993, swept host UMass Dartmouth (8-8) 15-10, 15-3 and defeated Bridgewater State (8-10) 15-4, 12-15, 15-1.

Eastern (14-3), ranked first in New England and second in the Northeast Region, has won five straight, improving to 11-0 against New England competition and 11-1 vs. Northeast Region opponents this year.

Freshman Pam Keefe of Medway, MA led ECSU with 16 kills and a .593 attack percentage. She also had 14 digs and shared the team lead with six service aces.

Senior Tawnia Pacheco of Bristol, RI had 14 kills and 19 digs, senior Tania vonMagnus of Wareham, MA 13 kills and a team-high 20 digs. Senior setter Beth Hackett of Holbrook, NY had 38 set assists and six service aces.

Eastern hosts its 14th Annual ECSU Invitational this weekend at Geissler Gym.

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 1994
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ECSU VOLLEYBALL IMPROVES TO 23-0 AGAINST COAST GUARD
Warriors edge Cadets in battle of two top regional teams

NEW LONDON, Conn. -- Six-foot freshman Pam Keefe of Medway, MA had 24 kills and 14 digs to help lift the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team to a 3-2 win over the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Tuesday.

The Warriors' 23rd straight win over Coast Guard was a hard-fought one, with the Bears evening the best-of-five encounter with 17-15, 15-10 wins after Eastern had taken the opening two 15-13, 15-6. Eastern prevailed in the deciding game 15-11.

Eastern entered play ranked second in the first NCAA Division III Northeast Region poll and first in New England. Coast Guard (10-2) is ranked third in the Northeast Region.

Senior Tawnia Pacheco of Bristol, RI added 13 kills and a team-high 23 digs while senior Tania vonMagnus of Wareham, MA had ten kills, 20 digs and four service aces. Senior setter Beth Hackett of Holbrook, NY had 58 set assists.

Eastern meets UMass Dartmouth and Bridgewater State next Tuesday at 6 p.m. at North Dartmouth, MA.

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ECSU VOLLEYBALL FINISHES THIRD AT STONY BROOK

STONY BROOK, NY -- The Eastern Connecticut State University volleyball team swept Hunter College and LIU-Southampton Saturday to place third at the USB Student Life Invitational, hosted by the University of New York at Stony Brook.

The Warriors finished with a 2-2 record in the tournament. Ithaca College won all of its matches, finishing 4-0, followed by Stony Brook at 3-1. Hunter was fourth at 1-3, Southampton fifth at 0-4.

Eastern (11-3) defeated Hunter 15-1, 15-10, 15-10 and Southampton 15-7-, 15-8, 15-2 Saturday after bowing to Ithaca and Stony Brook Friday.

Ithaca improves to 20-1, Stony Brook is 6-5, Hunter 3-11 and Southampton 0-12.

Senior Beth Hackett of Holbrook, NY represented ECSU on the all-tournament team.

USB Student Life Invitational at Stony Brook, NY

Saturday's Results

Ithaca 3, Stony Brook 0 (15-7, 15-6, 15-9)
Hunter 3, LIU-Southampton 0 (forfeit)
Stony Brook 3, LIU-Southampton 0 (15-6, 15-3, 15-5)
Eastern Conn. 3, Hunter 0 (15-1, 15-10, 15-10)
Ithaca College 3, Hunter 0 (15-0, 15-4, 15-3)
Eastern Conn. 3, LIU-Southampton 0 (15-7, 15-8, 15-2)

Friday, Sept. 23, 1994
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ECSU VOLLEYBALL BEATEN TWICE AT STONY BROOK

STONY BROOK, NY -- The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team dropped matches to Ithaca College and host University of New York at Stony Brook Friday at the USB Student Life Invitational.

Ithaca (17-1) defeated Eastern (9-3) in five games 15-2, 14-16, 15-6, 11-15 while Stony Brook (5-4) won in four 15-6, 11-15, 15-12, 15-11. All three teams competed in NCAA tournament play a year ago.

Senior Tawnia Pacheco of Bristol, RI led ECSU with 31 kills and 44 digs while freshman Pam Keefe of Medway, MA had 28 kills and 36 digs and senior Tania vonMagnus of Wareham, MA 24 kills and 31 digs. Senior setter Beth Hackett of Holbrook, NY totalled 75 assists.

Eastern, which had a six-match winning streak snapped, meets Hunter College Saturday at 1 p.m. and LIU-Southampton at 3 p.m.

USB Student Life Volleyball Invitational at Stony Brook, NY

Friday's Results

Ithaca 3, Eastern Conn. 2 (15-2, 14-16, 15-6, 11-15, 15-3)
Stony Brook 3, Hunter 0 (15-4, 15-5, 15-3)
Ithaca 3, LIU-Southampton 0 (15-3, 15-2, 15-4)
Stony Brook 3, Eastern Conn. 1 (15-6, 11-15, 15-12, 15-11)

Saturday's Schedule

LIU-Southampton vs. Hunter, 10 a.m.; Ithaca vs. Stony Brook, 10 a.m.;
Eastern Conn. vs. Hunter, 1 p.m.; LIU-Southampton vs. Stony Brook, 1 p.m.;
LIU-Southampton vs. Eastern Conn., 3 p.m.; Hunter vs. Ithaca, 3 p.m.

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Wednesday, Sept. 21, 1994

ECSU SWEEPS R.I COLLEGE 3-0 IN WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team defeated Rhode Island College for the 19th straight Wednesday, 15-6, 15-8, 15-3.

The win was the 550th in the 20-year coaching career of ECSU head coach Floretta Crabtree, the winningest coach in the history of New England Division III volleyball. She has lost 249 matches.

Seniors Tawnia Pacheco (10) and Tania vonMagnus (6) led ECSU in kills, with freshman Pam Keefe adding five kills, five service aces and six digs. Senior Beth Hackett had 19 assists.

Eastern is 9-1 and remains unbeaten with an 8-0 record against New England competition. RIC is 1-6.

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1994 Women's Volleyball Invitational
Round Robin
Saturday, September 17
at Eastern Connecticut State University
Willimantic, Conn.

Eastern Conn. 3, Rhode Island College 0 (15-7, 15-5, 15-3)
Western Conn. 3, UMass Dartmouth 0 (15-6, 15-6, 15-3)
Eastern Conn. 3, Western Conn. 0 (15-8, 15-7, 15-6)
UMass Dartmouth 3, Rhode Island College 1 (12-15, 15-9, 16-14, 15-13)
Eastern Conn. 3, UMass Dartmouth 0 (15-9, 15-8, 15-7)
Western Conn. 3, Rhode Island College 0 (15-6, 15-1, 15-12)

FINAL STANDINGS

Institution	MATCH		GAME	
	W	L	W	L
Eastern Conn.	3	0	9	0
Western Conn.	2	1	6	3
UMass Dartmouth	1	2	3	7
R.I. College	0	3	1	9

Team Records: Eastern Conn. 8-1; Western Conn. 3-8; UMass Dartmouth 1-2; R.I. College 1-5.

ECSU WINS THREE TO TAKE FIRST LITTLE EAST VOLLEYBALL INVITATIONAL

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Eastern Connecticut State University won all nine of its games in winning three matches en route to the first Little East Conference Volleyball Invitational Saturday.

Western Connecticut, which entered play at 1-7, won two of its three matches to place second while UMass Dartmouth was third at 1-2 and Rhode Island College fourth at 0-3.

Senior Tawnia Pacheco led Eastern with 25 kills and added 36 digs. Pacheco, the NCAA Division III national leader in digs, also had eight service aces while junior Bianca Soto, ranked 14th nationally in service aces, added 15 service aces and senior Tania vonMagnus 12. vonMagnus, ranked 16th nationally in digs, followed Pacheco with 30. Freshman Pam Keefe had 21 kills and attacked at a team-best .357.

As a team, Eastern totalled 48 service aces in nine games.

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DEFENDING CHAMPION ECSU VOLLEYBALL WINS TWO AT GORDON

WENHAM, Mass. -- Senior Tawnia Pacheco of Bristol, RI led Eastern Connecticut State University with 23 kills and 32 digs as the Warriors won their opening two matches Friday at the Gordon College Women's Volleyball Invitational.

Eastern (3-0) defeated Tufts University 9-15, 15-12, 15-7, then defeated Western Connecticut State for the 19th straight time 15-3, 7-15, 15-5.

Senior Tania vonMagnus of Wareham, MA complemented Pacheco with 16 kills and 23 digs while freshman Pam Keefe of Medway, MA had 11 kills and 26 digs. Senior setter Beth Hackett of Holbrook, NY had 42 assists and six service aces. Hackett served for the first eight points of the deciding game against Western (0-2). Tufts is 0-2.

Eastern, the 1993 tournament champion, and the University of Rochester each won their two matches Friday in the six-team round-robin tournament. Eastern played without all-America Kathy Kimball of North Stonington, who will not see action this weekend due to a back injury.

The Warriors meet Hamline University Saturday at 9 a.m., Rochester at noon and host Gordon at 1:30.

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ECSU VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS SAINT JOSEPH IN 1994 OPENER

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Junior Bianca Soto of New Fairfield set an Eastern Connecticut State University match record with 12 service aces as the Warriors swept Saint Joseph College (CT) 15-2, 15-6, 15-4 in the season-opener for both schools.

The Warriors trailed only twice in the 62-minute match, collecting a team-record 25 service aces en route to defeating the Blue Jays for the 11th straight time after losses in the first two matches in this series, which dates back to 1975. It was the first meeting between the schools since 1981.

Sixteen players saw action for Eastern, which collected 23 kills and attacked at .381.

Senior all-America Kathy Kimball had a team-high seven kills, senior Tawnia Pacheco adding six kills, seven digs and two service aces. Senior setter Beth Hackett had 16 assists, freshman Courtney Davidson seven.

Eastern competes at the Gordon College Invitational Sept. 9-10.