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Friday, November 10, 1995

ECSU VOLLEYBALL ELIMINATED FROM NCAA TOURNAMENT *Warriors beaten by Coast Guard for third time this season*

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. -- Eastern Connecticut State University attacked at just .087 and committed 11 service errors as it was eliminated by the U.S. Coast Guard Academy 12-15, 15-11, 2-15, 13-15 in the opening round of the NCAA Division III New England Regional tournament at Springfield College.

Second-seeded Coast Guard (36-5) advances to the regional title game Saturday at 7 p.m. against the winner of last night's other semifinal-round match between top-seeded Springfield College and fourth-seeded Williams. ECSU concludes at 25-16 after losing to Coast Guard for the third time this season.

Sophomore Megan Delaney (NEW FAIRFIELD) had 13 kills and four blocks for ECSU while senior Kathy Kimball (NORTH STONINGTON) had 12 kills. Sophomore Karen Sweet (EAST HADDAM) had nine kills, 16 digs and four service aces, sophomore Courtney Davidson (DRACUT, MA) 21 digs, seven kills and two aces. Freshman Anne DiFranco (MERIDEN) had 29 digs, junior Chastity Pimental (FALL RIVER, MA) 18 and sophomore Kelly Mudgett (ELLINGTON) 15.

After dropping Game 1, Eastern trailed Game 2 11-5 before Davidson served ten straight points to give the Warriors the win. Davidson served 16 of the team's 42 points in the match.

After attacking at .178 through the regular season, ECSU managed just .087 last night, committing 29 attack errors on 183 total attacks. The Warriors collected 11 service aces but committed the same number of service errors.

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ECSU VOLLEYBALL SPLITS PAIR AT INTER-REGIONAL CLASSIC Warriors conclude regular season 25-15; await NCAA tournament berth

CORTLAND, NY -- The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team split a pair of matches on the second day of the Inter-Regional Classic Saturday, losing to Cortland State College 15-3, 15-4, 15-10 before sweeping Oswego State 15-10, 15-10, 15-13.

Ithaca College (39-2), ranked third nationally, won the tournament by winning each of its three matches while Cortland State (32-10) and Springfield College (28-6) shared second with 2-1 records. Eastern (25-15) shared fourth place with the U.S. Coast Guard Academy (35-5), both at 1-2. Oswego State (14-22) was last at 0-3. The tournament features three of the top teams from the NCAA Division III New England Region against three of the top teams from the New York Region.

The contests were the final regular-season ones for all six teams.

Senior all-America Kathy Kimball (NORTH STONINGTON) led ECSU with 28 kills yesterday, sophomore Megan Delaney (NEW FAIRFIELD) adding 19 kills and nine blocks. Sophomore Courtney Davidson (DRACUT, MA) had 36 digs, freshman setter Michelle Cunningham (BARNSTABLE, MA) 58 assists.

In the loss to Cortland, Eastern attacked at just .111 and had ten reception errors.

Eastern, ranked third in New England, expects a bid to its tenth NCAA tournament when bids are extended Monday.

Inter-Regional Volleyball Classic at Cortland, NY Saturday's Results

Cortland State 3, Eastern Conn. 0 (15-3, 15-4, 15-10)

Cortland State 3, U.S. Coast Guard 2 (8-15, 15-2, 2-15, 15-8, 15-9)

Eastern Conn. 3, Oswego State 0 (15-10, 15-10, 15-13)

Ithaca College 3, U. S. Coast Guard 0 (15-11, 15-4, 15-5)

Ithaca College 3, Springfield College 0 (15-5, 15-10, 15-12)

Springfield College 3, Oswego State 0 (15-4, 15-4, 15-6)

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Friday, November 3, 1995

ECSU VOLLEYBALL DROPS OPENER AT INTER-REGIONAL CLASSIC

CORTLAND, NY -- The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team battled back from a 9-1 deficit before dropping Game 1 and nationally-ranked Ithaca College went on to a 16-14, 15-11, 15-5 sweep Friday at the Inter-Regional Classic.

The tournament features three of the top teams from the NCAA Division III New England Region squaring off against three of the top clubs in the New York Region.

While Eastern (24-14) lost for only the second time in the last 11 outings, Springfield College and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy -- ranked 1-2 in New England -- posted victories over Cortland State and Oswego State, respectively. Springfield (27-5), ranked 13th nationally, defeated the Red Dragons (30-10), ranked third in New York, 15-7, 12-15, 15-13, 15-5. Coast Guard (35-3) swept unranked Oswego State (14-20) 15-13, 15-1, 15-9.

In Game 1, Eastern bounced back from a 9-1 deficit to surge ahead 14-11 before losing to Ithaca (37-2), ranked first in New York and third nationally, for the seventh straight time.

Senior all-America Kathy Kimball (NORTH STONINGTON) had a team-high 23 kills and attacked at .487 while sophomore Megan Delaney (NEW FAIRFIELD) had 14 kills. Sophomore Karen Sweet (EAST HADDAM) and freshman Sara Skribiski (SUNDERLAND, MA) each had 22 digs. Freshmen setters Michelle Cunningham (BARNSTABLE, MA) and Anne DiFranco (MERIDEN) had 24 and 23 set assists, respectively.

Eastern continues in tournament play today, facing Cortland State at 11 a.m. and Oswego State at 2 p.m. The Warriors are expected to be named to their tenth NCAA Division III tournament Monday.

Tuesday, October 31, 1995

ECSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS SMITH COLLEGE 3-0
Warriors improve to 17-5 vs. New England; close in on NCAA berth

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior all-America Kathy Kimball (NORTH STONINGTON) had 20 kills and attacked at .459 in the final regular-season home match of her career to power the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team to a 15-11, 16-14, 15-4 sweep of Smith College Tuesday in a battle of regionally-ranked teams.

Eastern, improved to 24-13 with its tenth win in the last 11 matches, winning its 17 match in 22 outings against NCAA Division III New England competition. Smith falls to 26-8 with its fifth straight loss. The Warriors are ranked third in New England, Smith sixth.

Kimball, a fifth-year senior, added six digs and seven blocks as the Warriors defeated the Pioneers for the tenth straight time. Sophomore Megan Delaney (NEW FAIRFIELD) added 11 kills and five blocks, sophomore Karen Sweet (EAST HADDAM) ten kills and 18 digs.

Sophomore Courtney Davidson (DRACUT, MA) led ECSU with 19 digs, junior Chastity Pimental (FALL RIVER, MA) and freshman Anne DiFranco (MERIDEN) adding 13 digs each. Freshman Michelle Cunningham (BARNSTABLE, MA) had 40 assists and ten digs.

Eastern winds up the regular season this weekend at the Inter-Regional Classic at Cortland, NY. Bids to the 1995 NCAA Division III tournament will be extended Monday. Eastern expects to receive its tenth bid, third in as many years.

Saturday, October 28, 1995

ECSU VOLLEYBALL FINISHES SECOND AT ELIZABETHTOWN
Cunningham represents ECSU on all-tournament team

ELIZABETHTOWN, Pa. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team won five of six matches in placing second at the Elizabethtown College Halloween Classic Saturday.

The Warriors (23-13), won all four of their matches in pool play, then knocked off host Elizabethtown College 15-13, 15-3 for its ninth straight overall win before losing to Gettysburg College (38-4) 15-2, 15-8 in the tournament final. Eastern is ranked third in the NCAA Division III New England Region, Gettysburg second in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Eastern moved into the championship bracket after finishing with one of the top four records in pool play in the nine-team tournament. Two of the team's wins in pool play came Saturday morning in three-game sets against Salisbury State 7-15, 16-14, 15-8 and Western Maryland 15-12, 8-15, 15-3.

ECSU freshman setter Michelle Cunningham (BARNSTABLE, MA) represented the Warriors on the all-tournament team, finishing with 80 assists. Senior all-America Kathy Kimball (NORTH STONINGTON) led the way with 30 kills, sophomore Courtney Davidson (DRACUT, MA) collecting 57 digs, sophomore Karen Sweet (EAST HADDAM) 34 digs.

**Elizabethtown College
Women's Volleyball Invitational
at Elizabethtown, PA**

**Saturday's Results
Pool Play**

Western Maryland 2, Salisbury State U. 1 (16-14, 6-15, 15-12)
Elizabethtown 2, Johns Hopkins U. 0 (15-6, 15-4)
Gettysburg 2, Mary Washington 1 (15-3, 13-15, 15-6)
Eastern Conn. 2, Salisbury State U. 1 (7-15, 16-14, 15-8)
Johns Hopkins U. 2, Goucher 0 (15-8, 15-13)
Gettysburg 2, Eastern Mennonite 0 (15-3, 15-6)
Elizabethtown 2, Goucher 0 (15-3, 15-7)
Mary Washington 2, Eastern Mennonite 1 (15-8, 13-15, 15-7)
Eastern Conn. 2, Western Maryland 1 (15-12, 8-15, 15-3)

Consolation Round

Mary Washington 2, Western Maryland 0 (15-12, 15-11)
Johns Hopkins U. 2, Eastern Mennonite 0 (15-10, 15-4)

**Championship Round
Semifinals**

Gettysburg 2, Goucher 0 (15-10, 15-9)
Eastern Conn. 2, Elizabethtown 0 (15-13, 15-3)

Final

Gettysburg 2, Eastern Conn. 0 (15-2, 15-8)

All-Tournament Team

Jen Krug (Most Valuable Player), Gettysburg; Kristen Caputo, Gettysburg; Michelle Cunningham, Eastern Conn.; Elizabeth Bishard, Elizabethtown; Lori Leonard, Johns Hopkins; Gigi Koundinya, John Hopkins; Angie Long, Mary Washington.

Friday, October 27, 1995

ECSU WINS OPENING PAIR AT ELIZABETHTOWN INVITATIONAL
Warriors post 16th straight 20-win volleyball season

ELIZABETHTOWN, Pa. -- Senior all-America Kathy Kimball (NORTH STONINGTON) had 19 kills and attacked at .563 as the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team won its opening pair at the Elizabethtown College Halloween Classic Friday.

Eastern (20-12), which posted its 16th straight season of 20 or more wins with the triumphs, swept Johns Hopkins (16-13) 15-10, 15-8 and Mary Washington College (26-14) 15-10, 15-6 and is one of three undefeated teams after the first day of play in the nine-team tournament.

Kimball, who had 19 kills in 32 attempts with just one error, also added six blocks and seven digs as the Warriors extended their winning streak to six. Junior Megan Delaney (NEW FAIRFIELD) had 13 kills and sophomore Karen Sweet (EAST HADDAM) eight to go along with 28 digs. Sophomore Courtney Davidson (DRACUT, MA) added 26 digs and freshman setter Michelle Cunningham 32 set assists.

Eastern faces Salisbury State Saturday morning at 10:15 and Western Maryland at 12:45 in pool play. The top four teams advance to elimination play, beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday.

**Elizabethtown College
Women's Volleyball Invitational
at Elizabethtown, PA**

Friday's Results

Mary Washington 2, Johns Hopkins 0 (15-4, 17-15)
Gettysburg 2, Elizabethtown 0 (15-10, 15-5)
Eastern Mennonite 2, Western Maryland 1 (15-5, 6-15, 15-10)
Eastern Conn. 2, Johns Hopkins 0 (15-10, 15-8)
Gettysburg 2, Salisbury State U. 0 (15-4, 15-11)
Goucher 2, Western Maryland 0 (15-13, 17-15)
Eastern Conn. 2, Mary Washington 0 (15-10, 15-6)
Elizabethtown 2, Salisbury State U. 0 (15-10, 15-10)
Goucher vs. Eastern Mennonite, late

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Tuesday, October 24, 1995

ECSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS MOUNT HOLYOKE 3-0

HADLEY, Mass. -- Senior Kathy Kimball (NORTH STONINGTON) had 15 kills and attacked at .545 to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team to a 15-9, 15-6, 15-8 victory over Mount Holyoke College Tuesday.

Eastern (18-12) improves to 16-5 against NCAA Division III New England competition with its eighth straight win over the Lyons (5-22). The Warriors are ranked third in New England.

Sophomore Megan Delaney (NEW FAIRFIELD) added eight kills, sophomore Karen Sweet (EAST HADDAM) ten digs and freshman Michelle Cunningham (BARNSTABLE, MA) 25 assists. Freshman Sara Skribiski (SUNDERLAND, MA) had 12 service points.

Eastern competes in the nine-team Elizabethtown College Halloween Classic this weekend at Elizabethtown, PA.

Saturday, October 21, 1995
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KIMBALL LEADS ECSU TO LITTLE EAST VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior all-America Kathy Kimball (NORTH STONINGTON) had 45 kills and attacked at .317 in leading Eastern Connecticut State University to the title of the Little East Conference Women's Volleyball Championship Saturday.

Eastern (17-12) won all three of its tournament matches to claim the inaugural title. Western Connecticut State University (16-15) placed second, losing only to Eastern, with UMass Dartmouth (15-10) third at 1-2 and Rhode Island College fourth (11-20) at 0-3.

Kimball was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player and was joined on the all-tournament team by teammate Michelle Cunningham (BARNSTABLE, MA), a freshman setter who collected 93 assists; junior Leah Veleas and sophomore Wendy Thompson of Western; senior Stephanie King of UMass Dartmouth and junior Faith Birtwell of Rhode Island College.

Sophomores Megan Delaney (NEW FAIRFIELD) and Karen Sweet (EAST HADDAM) had 22 kills each for Eastern, with sophomore Courtney Davidson (DRACUT, MA) leading the way with 58 digs, Sweet adding 48. Delaney led ECSU with 15 blocks and Sweet with eight service aces. In a three-game sweep of second-place Western, Kimball attacked at .429, posting 17 kills in 35 tries with just two errors.

Junior Laurie Brown (23 kills) and seniors Nadine Marrier (22) and Sarah Drewicz (19) led UMass Dartmouth offensively.

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Women's Volleyball Championship
at Eastern Connecticut State University
Willimantic, Conn.

Saturday, October 21

Eastern Conn. 3, Rhode Island College 1 (15-12, 8-15, 15-4, 15-2)
Western Conn. 3, UMass Dartmouth 2 (6-15, 15-7, 10-15, 15-3, 15-12)
Eastern Conn. 3, Western Conn. 0 (15-10, 15-9, 15-5)
UMass Dartmouth 3, Rhode Island College 1 (15-11, 15-6, 13-15, 15-7)
Eastern Conn. 3, UMass Dartmouth 1 (15-2, 12-15, 15-10, 15-3)
Western Conn. 3, Rhode Island College 0 (15-10, 15-7, 16-14)

Final Standings

| Institution (Overall) | MATCH | | GAME | |
|----------------------------|-------|---|------|---|
| | W | L | W | L |
| 1. Eastern Conn. (17-12) | 3 | 0 | 9 | 2 |
| 2. Western Conn. (16-15) | 2 | 1 | 6 | 5 |
| 3. UMass Dartmouth (15-10) | 1 | 2 | 6 | 7 |
| 4. R.I. College (11-20) | 0 | 3 | 2 | 9 |

All-Tournament Team

Faith Birtwell, R.I. College; Stephanie King, UMass Dartmouth; Leah Veleas, Western Conn.; Wendy Thompson, Western Conn; Michelle Cunningham, Eastern Conn.

Most Outstanding Player

Kathy Kimball, Eastern Conn.

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Wednesday, Oct. 18, 1995

ECSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL BEATEN BY COAST GUARD 3-2 *Cadets improve record to 27-2 after defeating ECSU for second time*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The U.S. Coast Guard Academy won the final two games to defeat the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team 15-11, 14-16, 14-16, 15-6, 15-9 Wednesday in a battle of Connecticut's top two Division III teams.

The win is the 27th against just two losses for Coast Guard, ranked second in New England Division III. Eastern, ranked third, falls to 14-12 after losing for the second time to the Cadets this season after winning the first 23 matches of the series.

The loss for Eastern was the first at home against a Division III opponent in a dual match after 20 straight victories, dating back to Oct. 22, 1990. The Warriors had not lost to a New England Division III opponent in a dual match at Geissler Gym since falling to Rhode Island College Nov. 2, 1982.

In the deciding game, which utilized rally scoring, the Cadets outscored ECSU 8-1 to break from a 3-3 tie and assume an 11-4 lead.

Aurora Fleming (16 kills), Anne Blandford (15) and Cassie Janssen (12) led Coast Guard offensively. Blandford also had a team-high eight blocks while Janssen had 22 digs. Nell Stamper led the team with 27 digs, Kerry Karwan adding 23. Natalie Magnino totalled a team-high 36 set assists.

Sophomore Karen Sweet (EAST HADDAM) led ECSU with 20 kills, 26 digs and seven service aces. Senior Kathy Kimball (NORTH STONINGTON) totalled a team-high 25 kills to go along with 13 digs while sophomore Courtney Davidson (DRACUT, MA) had a team-best 31 digs to complement eight kills. Freshman Nicki Cote (MATTAPOISETT, MA) came off the bench to contribute 22 digs.

Eastern hosts the Little East Conference Championship Saturday at noon.

Saturday, Oct. 14, 1995

ECSU VOLLEYBALL THIRD AT ITHACA COLLEGE INVITATIONAL
Freshman Anne DiFranco named to all-tournament team

ITHACA, NY -- Eastern Connecticut State University erased a two-game deficit in winning its opener but dropped its remaining two ~~games~~ ^{MATCHES} this past weekend at the Ithaca College Women's Volleyball Invitational.

The Warriors (14-11), ranked fourth in New England, came from behind to edge New York University (17-12) 3-2 Friday night but then squandered a two-game lead in losing to Rutgers University-Newark (18-6) 3-2 Saturday and dropping a final 3-1 decision to host Ithaca College (25-1), ranked third nationally in Division III.

After losing their first two games to NYU 13-15, 7-15, the Warriors rebounded for 15-7, 15-12, 15-12 wins. Against Rutgers-Newark, Eastern won the first two 15-5, 15-7 but proceeded to lose 7-15, 6-15, 13-15. Against Ithaca, Eastern captured Game 1 15-7 before the hosts rallied for 15-5, 15-4, 15-12 victories to finish unbeaten and capture the title.

Sophomore middle hitter **Megan Delaney (NEW FAIRFIELD)** had 35 kills, 25 digs and 23 blocks to lead ECSU while sophomore **Karen Sweet (EAST HADDAM)** had 26 kills, 57 digs and nine service aces. Sophomore **Courtney Davidson (DRACUT, MA)** added 19 kills and 58 digs, senior **Kathy Kimball (NORTH STONINGTON)** 35 kills, 20 digs and ten blocks.

Freshman setter **Anne DiFranco (MERIDEN)**, pressed into fulltime service due to an injury to starter **Michelle Cunningham (BARNSTABLE, MA)**, represented ECSU on the six-player all-tournament team. DiFranco played all 14 games, collecting 118 assists.

Eastern hosts the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Wednesday at 7 p.m. in a match rescheduled from Sept. 26. The Cadets are ranked second in New England.

10/7/95

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE WINS ECSU VOLLEYBALL INVITATIONAL

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Springfield College rallied after losing the first two games to defeat Eastern Connecticut State University and went on to win the 15th Annual ECSU Women's Volleyball Invitational Saturday.

The Pride (15-5), ranked first in New England Division III, won the tournament in their first-ever appearance. Springfield won all five of its matches in the six-team, round-robin tournament.

Springfield's only game losses in the tournament came when it dropped the first two games against Eastern Connecticut Saturday afternoon 14-16, 9-15. In Game 3, the Pride rallied from an 11-3 deficit, winning that 15-13 and going on to 15-9, 18-16 triumphs. The deciding game utilized rally-point scoring.

Eastern (13-9), ranked fourth in New England, and MIT (14-7) both finished 3-2 but the Warriors were awarded second place by virtue of their five-game win over the Engineers Friday night.

Friday, October 6, 1995

ECSU, SPRINGFIELD UNBEATEN AT ECSU VOLLEYBALL INVITATIONAL
Warriors rally from two-game deficit past MIT in second match

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Eastern Connecticut State University and Springfield College remained unbeaten after the first day of play at the 15th Annual ECSU Women's Volleyball Invitational.

Eastern (12-7), swept Wesleyan University 15-7, 15-12, 15-1 in its first match, then rallied to knock off defending tournament champion MIT 15-8, 4-15, 8-15, 15-8, 15-13 in the final match of the night. Springfield, the No.-1 ranked team in New England, swept Gordon 15-8, 15-8, 15-1 and Bates 15-8, 15-12, 15-10.

Each of the six teams in the round-robin tournament play three matches Saturday.

Trailing 2-1 in the best-of-five match with MIT, Eastern forced a deciding game with a 15-18 win in Game 4, then prevailed during rally-point scoring in the deciding game. The Warriors trailed 4-0 and 5-1 in that deciding game but pulled ahead 7-5 behind the serving of sophomore Karen Sweet (EAST HADDAM). Leading 13-12, Eastern made it 14-12 on MIT's serve before the Engineers got back to within 14-13 on ECSU's service. Senior Kathy Kimball (NORTH STONINGTON) had a kill to end the match.

Kimball led ECSU in the two matches with 31 kills, Sweet adding 18 and sophomore Megan Delaney (NEW FAIRFIELD) 14. Sophomore Courtney Davidson (DRACUT) led ECSU with 37 digs, Sweet with 28 and sophomore Chastity Pimental (FALL RIVER, MA) 22. Davidson had six service aces, Sweet four. Freshman setter Michelle Cunningham (BARNSTABLE, MA) had 63 assists.

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Tuesday, Oct. 3, 1995

ECSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL BESTS UMASS DARTMOUTH 3-1

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Sophomore Karen Sweet (EAST HADDAM) had ten digs, eight kills and six service aces to power the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team to a 15-8, 14-16, 15-3, 15-2 victory over the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Tuesday.

The match is the first in ten days for Eastern (10-7), ranked fourth in the NCAA Division III New England Region, and 11th straight over the Corsairs (7-5) since 1989.

Senior all-America Kathy Kimball (NORTH STONINGTON) supported Sweet with nine kills and four digs, junior Chastity Pimental (FALL RIVER, MA) adding seven digs, five kills and four aces and sophomore Courtney Davidson (DRACUT, MA) 19 digs and four kills. Sophomore Megan Delaney (NEW FAIRFIELD) led the Warriors with five blocks to go along with six kills and four digs. Freshman Michelle Cunningham (BARNSTABLE, MA) had 21 set assists, freshman Anne DiFranco (MERIDEN) 11. As a team, ECSU collected 13 service aces.

ECSU hosts the 15th Annual ECSU Invitational this weekend at Francis E. Geissler Gymnasium.

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ECSU'S CRABTREE NEW ENGLAND'S WINNINGEST COACH

Volleyball Coach Records No.-577 at MIT Invitational

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. -- Eastern Connecticut State University's Floretta Crabtree became the winningest coach in New England collegiate women's volleyball history when the Warriors defeated Roger Williams University 15-1, 15-2 Saturday at the MIT Invitational.

Crabtree, in her 21st season, tied the record Friday night with her 576th victory when ECSU defeated Amherst College 15-6, 15-7 in its second match in the tournament. Saturday, Crabtree took over sole possession of first place with the win over Roger Williams.

The Warriors (9-7), ranked second in New England, reached the tournament's semifinal round before losing to eventual champion Springfield College 15-0, 16-14. In addition to beating Roger Williams Saturday, ECSU swept Mount Holyoke 15-4, 15-12 to finish 3-1 in pool play and gain a spot in the tournament semifinal-round.

Freshman setter Michelle Cunningham (BARNSTABLE, MA) represented ECSU on the all-tournament team. Cunningham, earlier named to the Gordon College Invitational all-tournament team, had 36 set assists, 15 digs and seven service aces. Junior Chastity Pimental (FALL RIVER, MA) had 13 kills and 18 digs, senior Kathy Kimball (NORTH STONINGTON) 12 kills and 11 digs, sophomore Karen Sweet (EAST HADDAM) 16 digs and seven service aces and sophomore Courtney Davidson (DRACUT, MA) 21 digs. Kimball recorded her 1,000th career kill against Mount Holyoke, improving the total to 1,005 through Saturday.

Former University of New Haven mentor Debbie Chin, who posted an 18-year record of 576-178 at the Division II institution, held the previous record for coaching wins in New England. Crabtree was already the winningest *active* coach in New England in any division and the all-time winningest coach in New England *Division III* history.

Eastern hosts tournament runner-up U.S. Coast Guard Academy Tuesday at 7 p.m. The Bears are ranked first in New England, 14th nationally in Division III.

NEW ENGLAND'S ALL-TIME WINNINGEST WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL COACHES

(Through matches of Sept. 23)

| Rank, Coach, Institution | Div. | Yrs. | W-L |
|---|------|------|---------|
| 1. FLORETTA CRABTREE, ECSU | III | 21 | 578-269 |
| 2. Debbie Chin, University of New Haven | II | 18 | 576-178 |
| 3. Dick Bagge, Providence College | I | 17 | 533-221 |
| 4. Nancy Detwiler, Eastern Nazarene | NAIA | 21 | 532-186 |

Active coach in **BOLD UPPERCASE**

Source: AVCA Volleyball Records Book

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Friday, September 15, 1995

ECSU MEN'S, WOMEN'S SOCCER HOME TODAY
Men face Salem State, Women meet Wesleyan University

The ECSU men's and women's soccer teams are in action at home today (SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16).

At noon, the Eastern women, 1-2-1 thus far, look to stretch their unbeaten streak to three when they host Wesleyan University. Wesleyan, last year's ECAC New England Division III champion, is 1-1 and beat ECSU twice by 4-0 scores a year ago (the second time in the first round of the ECAC tournament).

The ECSU men, 3-0 thus far, look for their fourth straight win when the Warriors meet Salem State College at 2 p.m. Eastern has not beaten the regional power Vikings the last 13 times the teams have met (0-10-3). An ECSU win would match the team's best start since 1987.

The ECSU cross-country teams are also at home, hosting Clark University at 11 a.m. at Mansfield Hollow State Park.

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ECSU VOLLEYBALL DROPS PAIR TO NATIONALLY-RANKED FOES
Warriors lose to Trinity (TX), Juniata at PowerBar National Classic

SAN ANTONIO, Texas -- The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team was beaten by host Trinity University (TX) and Juniata College Friday at the PowerBar National Classic.

Eastern (5-4) was swept by Trinity 15-4, 15-8, 15-10 and by Juniata 15-5, 15-13, 15-8 in its opening-round matches in the six-team round-robin tournament.

Trinity (3-3) is ranked seventh nationally in Division III and coming off last year's 32-7 finish while Juniata (9-1) is the No.-3 ranked team in Division III following last fall's 37-9 season. Eastern, Trinity and Juniata all competed in last year's NCAA tournament.

Senior all-America Kathy Kimball (NORTH STONINGTON) had seven kills and three blocks in each match and attacked at .389 against Juniata. Junior Chastity Pimental (FALL RIVER, MA) had 12 kills and 14 digs on the night, sophomore Megan Delaney (NEW FAIRFIELD) ten kills and 14 digs. Sophomore Karen Sweet (EAST HADDAM) had 19 digs and freshman Michelle Cunningham (BARNSTABLE, MA) 42 set assists.

Today, Eastern meets Southwestern University (TX) at 11:30 a.m. and Wheaton (IL) at 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1995

ECSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL UPSETS SPRINGFIELD 3-2
Warriors win decisive game 15-9 on rally point scoring

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team rallied from a decisive first-game loss to edge Springfield College Tuesday in the Warriors' home-opener.

The Warriors were beaten 5-15 in the first game but rallied for a 15-9, 15-13, 3-15, 15-9 triumph, taking the decisive game on rally point scoring.

The win is the first for Eastern (5-2) over Springfield after losses each of the past three seasons. The Pride, which qualified for NCAA Division II play and finished 31-4 last fall, lost for the first time in four outings.

In the decisive game, in which each points are awarded on each serve to the team that wins the rally, Eastern raced to an 8-3 lead -- scoring four times on its own serves and four times on Springfield service errors. The Pride closed the gap to 9-7 but gave away two points on service errors. With ECSU leading 11-8, freshman Michelle Cunningham (BARNSTABLE, MA) served three straight points to give ECSU an insurmountable 14-8 lead.

In Game 3, when ECSU took a 2-1 lead in the match, the Warriors rallied from a 13-10 deficit, scoring the final five points behind serves from sophomore Megan Delaney (NEW FAIRFIELD).

Freshman Nicki Cote (MATTAPOISETT, MA) enjoyed her best match of the year, digging 22 balls to go along with five service aces and five kills. Delaney had nine digs, eight blocks, seven kills and four service aces, sophomore Courtney Davidson (DRACUT, MA) 14 digs and four kills, Cunningham 19 digs, four kills, 28 assists and a service ace, junior Chastity Pimental (FALL RIVER, MA) 12 digs and six kills and senior Kathy Kimball (NORTH STONINGTON) 12 kills, seven digs and a service ace.

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Junior Kerri Camuso led Springfield with 18 kills.

Eastern competes in the PowerBar National Classic this weekend at San Antonio, TX.

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ECSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL THIRD AT GORDON INVITATIONAL
Freshman Michelle Cunningham Named to All-Tournament Team

WENHAM, Mass. -- Freshman setter Michelle Cunningham (BARNSTABLE, MA) collected 78 assists and 27 digs to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team to a third-place finish among six teams Saturday at the Gordon College Invitational.

The U.S. Coast Guard won all five of its matches to win the round-robin tournament, followed by the University of Rochester (4-1), Eastern (3-2), Bates College, Gordon College and Tufts University, each of which finished 1-4.

The Warriors (4-2) won two of three matches Saturday after splitting a pair Friday night. Saturday, Eastern swept Tufts and Bates before being swept by the University of Rochester. ECSU had opened the tournament Friday with a two-game loss to tournament champion U.S. Coast Guard before bouncing back to sweep host Gordon College.

Cunningham, who also added five service aces and four block assists, represented ECSU on the all-tournament team in her first collegiate tournament.

Sophomore middle hitter Megan Delaney (NEW FAIRFIELD), who finished second to Cunningham in all-tournament voting from ECSU, had team-highs in kills (32), blocks (14) and attack percentage (.384) to go along with 26 digs and two service aces. Sophomore outside hitter Karen Sweet (EAST HADDAM) had 17 kills, six service aces and a team-high 46 digs, sophomore hitter Courtney Davidson (DRACUT, MA) 19 kills and 44 digs and junior hitter Chastity Pimental (FALL RIVER, MA) 43 digs, 11 kills and six service aces.

Eastern hosts Springfield College Tuesday at 7 p.m. in its home-opener.

**Gordon College Volleyball Invitational
at Wenham, MA**

Final Standings

1. U.S. Coast Guard (5-0); 2. U. of Rochester (4-1); 3. Eastern Conn. (3-2); 4. Bates College (1-4); 5. Gordon College (1-4); 6. Tufts U. (4-1).

Friday's Results

Gordon 2, Tufts 0 (15-3, 15-3)
Rochester 2, Bates 0 (15-4, 15-2)
Coast Guard 2, Eastern Conn. 0 (15-8, 15-7)
Tufts 2, Bates 0 (15-1, 15-10)
Eastern Conn. 2, Gordon 0 (15-7, 15-3)
Coast Guard 2, Rochester 0 (15-10, 16-14)

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Cassie Janssen, So., Coast Guard
Sandra Bollefer, Sr., Rochester
Michelle Cunningham, Fr., Eastern Conn.
Colleen Matlen, Sr., Bates
Sidney Shelton, So., Gordon
Angela Yost, Fr., Tufts.

Saturday's Results

Rochester 2, Gordon 1 (15-11, 14-16, 15-9)
Coast Guard 2, Bates 0 (15-2, 15-10)
Coast Guard 2, Gordon 0 (15-9, 15-4)
Eastern Conn. 2, Tufts U. 0 (15-2, 15-9)
Eastern Conn. 2, Bates 0 (15-8, 15-9)
Bates 2, Gordon 1 (15-8, 14-16, 15-7)
Rochester 2, Tufts 0 (15-9, 15-9)
Rochester 2, Eastern Conn. 0 (15-11, 15-9)
Coast Guard 2, Tufts 0 (15-6, 15-11)