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**ECSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL BOWS IN LEC FINAL**  
*Western Connecticut defends title with 3-1 decision, advances to NCAA*

DANBURY, Conn. -- Sophomore outsider hitter Amanda Kephart had 22 kills and 19 digs as Western Connecticut State University successfully defended its Little East Conference women's volleyball title with a 3-1 decision over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday at the William A. O'Neill Athletic and Convocation Center.

With the win, Western (20-12) advances to the NCAA Division III tournament, which gets underway Thursday. Eastern is 17-14.

Eastern snapped a string of 12 straight game losses at the hands of Western by taking Game 1 15-13 but Western pulled out a 16-14 decision in Game 2 and wrapped up its fifth straight match win over Eastern with 15-10, 15-7 victories.

Kephart joined tournament Most Outstanding Player Jaymie Rosario on the all-tournament team from Western, which was the LEC regular season champion and No. 1 seed for the second straight year. Rosario, a junior setter, had 54 set assists in the final. Sophomore outside hitter Joslyn Wiseman contributed 15 kills and 22 digs for the Colonials, with junior middle hitter Debra Senior adding 11 kills, 16 digs and five blocks.

Eastern, which was seeded second in the tournament after finishing in a three-way tie for second in the final regular-season standings, got 16 digs and three service aces from senior outside hitter **Sheryl Arrich (ROCKLEDGE, FL)** and 13 digs and eight kills from junior outsider hitter **Christine Belanger (ASHFORD)**. Belanger did not commit a reception error on 28 attempts while Arrich committed only two on 29.

Belanger and senior back row player **Ellie Belcher (BROCKTON, MA)** represented ECSU on the all-tournament team and were joined by senior outside hitter Amy Wilson of UMass Dartmouth and sophomore outside hitter Carin LaValley of Plymouth State.

In two tournament matches, Belanger had 23 digs and 23 kills and made just one error on 53 reception attempts. Belcher had 25 digs in the tournament and committed errors on only three of 41 reception attempts. Junior middle hitter **Vicki Rondeau (PUTNAM)** led ECSU against Western with ten kills.

Eastern had advanced to the final with a 15-13, 15-10, 8-15, 9-15, 15-12 win over third-seeded Plymouth State while Western swept fourth-seeded UMass Dartmouth 15-2, 15-12, 15-1 Friday.

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Friday, November 4, 2000

**ECSU VOLLEYBALL ADVANCES TO LEC TOURNAMENT FINAL**  
*Warriors hold off Plymouth State 3-2, play Saturday at noon*

DANBURY, Conn. -- Eastern Connecticut State University rallied from a 10-6 deficit in the deciding game to post a victory Friday and eliminate Plymouth State College 15-13, 15-10, 8-15, 9-15, 15-12 in the semifinal round of the 2000 Little East Conference Women's Volleyball Tournament at the William A. O'Neill Athletic and Convocation Center at Western Connecticut State University.

Eastern (17-14) advances to the tournament final for the sixth time in the six-year history of the championship and will meet the winner of Friday's late match between No. 1 seed Western Connecticut and No. 4 seed Massachusetts Dartmouth. The final is scheduled for Saturday at noon, with the winner earning an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament.

The win is the third in four outings this year for second-seeded Eastern over third-seeded Plymouth (22-12) and avenges a loss in conference regular-season play. The Warriors had beaten Plymouth twice in non-conference play this year but were beaten in five games when the teams met two weeks ago at Providence, RI. In each of the last three meetings, Eastern won the first two games before Plymouth rallied to force a deciding game.

In the deciding game Friday, Plymouth scored nine of ten points to take a 10-6 lead before the Warriors bounced back for the win.

Senior outside hitter **Sheryl Arrich (ROCKLEDGE, FL)** led the Warriors with 17 digs, senior back row player **Ellie Belcher (BROCKTON, MA)** adding 15 and junior outside hitter **Christine Belanger (ASHFORD)** contributing 15 kills and ten digs. Senior outside hitter **Rachel Cresman (WALLINGFORD)** followed Belanger with 12 kills and junior middle hitter **Vicki Rondeau (PUTNAM)** adding ten. Sophomore middle hitter **Kathy Orloski (WHATELY, MA)** had six blocks.

Eastern lost to Western Connecticut twice in sweeps when the teams met this year -- once in conference play and once at the Springfield College Invitational. The Warriors swept Massachusetts Dartmouth when the clubs met earlier this year.

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Monday, October 30, 2000

**ECSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CLOSSES REGULAR SEASON WITH WIN**  
*Warriors defeat Smith College for 22nd consecutive time 3-1*

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. -- Senior outside hitter **Rachel Cresman** (WALLINGFORD) amassed a career-high 17 kills in the final regular-season match of her career to help carry the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team to its 22nd straight win over Smith College 15-9, 15-12, 13-15, 15-3 Monday.

Cresman, a four-year letterwinner, erased her previous career high of 13 kills. She committed only two errors on 35 attempts for an attack percentage of .429. She also had eight digs, four blocks and a service ace. Sophomore middle hitter **Kathy Orloski** (WHATELY, MA) contributed 12 kills, four service aces and three blocks and junior outsider hitter **Christine Belanger** (ASHFORD) ten kills and 11 digs.

Also in the final regular-season match of their career, senior outside hitter **Sheryl Arrich** (ROCKLEDGE, FL) had a career-high 20 digs and added eight kills and committed only one reception error on 33 attempts and senior back row player **Ellie Belcher** (BROCKTON, MA) had nine digs and three service aces.

Sophomore setter **Kate Edwards** (MONTAGUE, MA) had 43 set assists, seven service aces and two blocks.

Eastern (16-14) opens play in the Little East Conference tournament semifinals Friday at 6 p.m. at Western Connecticut State University. The Warriors face the winner of a Wednesday play-in match between Plymouth State and Keene State.

Smith is 7-21.

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Saturday, October 21, 2000

**ECSU VOLLEYBALL SPLITS FINAL TWO LEC REGULAR-SEASON MATCHES**

*ECSU drops five-game match to Plymouth State, rebounds against So. Maine*

PROVIDENCE, RI -- The Plymouth State College women's volleyball team erased a two-game deficit to defeat Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday in Little East Conference Round Robin play, hosted by Rhode Island College.

Eastern (15-14, 5-2) captured the first two games 15-6, 15-12 but dropped the next three 6-15, 12-15, 11-15 in losing to the Panthers (18-9, 5-2) after a pair of non-conference victories earlier this year. The Warriors closed out their conference regular season with a 15-7, 16-2, 15-7 win over the University of Southern Maine.

With the loss, Eastern falls into a three-way tie for second place in the final conference standings with Plymouth State and UMass Dartmouth. A win would have given ECSU sole possession of second place in the final standings behind regular-season champion Western Connecticut State University and would have guaranteed ECSU of a first-round bye in next month's LEC playoffs. The top two teams receive first-round byes while the No. 6 seed visits the No. 3 seed and the No. 5 seed travels to meet the No. 4 seed Nov. 1.

Official tournament seedings will be announced Monday.

In Saturday's play, junior middle hitter **Vicki Rondeau (PUTNAM)** attacked at .350 with 19 kills and also had five blocks; senior outside hitter **Sheryl Arrich (ROCKLEDGE, FL)** attacked at .344 with 14 kills, added 18 digs and committed only one service errors on 20 attempts. She also had 18 digs. Senior outside hitter **Rachel Cresman (WALLINGFORD)** and junior outside hitter **Christine Belanger (ASHFORD)** shared the team lead with 22 digs each. Cresman also added 14 kills and seven service aces. Freshman setter **Kristen Skelly (BROOKFIELD)** collected 68 set assists, 42 coming in the five-game match with Plymouth State. Skelly also attacked at .273 with eight kills and did not commit a service error on 30 attempts. Junior back row player **Carmen Hormaa (GLEN COVE, NY)** added 17 digs while senior back row player **Ellie Belcher (BROCKTON, MA)** had 11 digs and was perfect on 23 service attempts.

Eastern is idle until Monday, October 30, when it closes out the regular season at Smith College. Next weekend's scheduled tournament at Western Connecticut State University has been cancelled.

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Tuesday, October 17, 2000

**ECSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL SWEEP BY TRINITY COLLEGE**  
*Warriors end four-game losing streak with first win over Corsairs*

HARTFORD, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team attacked at just .081 as Trinity College posted a 15-13, 15-5, 15-6 decision Tuesday.

Eastern (14-13) gave up the final four points in losing Game 1 and trailed throughout games two and three. ECSU committed 19 attack errors on 99 attempts.

Junior outside hitter **Christine Belanger (ASHFORD)** had seven kills and seven digs for ECSU while junior middle hitter **Vicki Rondeau (PUTNAM)** had six kills and four blocks. Senior outside hitter **Sheryl Arrich (ROCKLEDGE, FL)** had six kills and nine digs.

Beth Landry led Trinity (11-13) with nine kills.

Eastern closes out Little East Conference regular-season play Saturday at Providence, RI, when they face Plymouth State (1 p.m.) and the University of Southern Maine (3 p.m.) at Rhode Island College. ECSU is in second place in the conference with a 4-1 record. The top two teams earn first-round LEC playoff byes when the tournament gets underway with play-in games November 1.

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Wednesday, October 11, 2000

**ECSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS IN HOME FINALE**  
*Warriors post 15-3, 15-9, 15-8 win in regular-season finale*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Seniors **Sheryl Arrich (ROCKLEDGE, FL)**, **Ellie Belcher (BROCKTON, MA)** and **Rachel Cresman (WALLINGFORD)** combined for 22 digs in the final regular-season home match of their careers to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team to a 15-3, 15-9, 15-8 win over Johnson & Wales University Wednesday.

Eastern (14-12) trailed in the early stages of all three games but climbed back each time to defeat the Wildcats (10-14), who qualified for NCAA Division III tournament play last year.

Arrich, closing out a two-year home career, led all players with eight digs while four-year letterwinners Cresman and Belcher added seven each. Arrich also handled 11 serve receptions without an error and contributed four kills and three service aces.

Sophomore middle hitter **Kathy Orloski (WHATELY, MA)**, an all-tournament pick at last weekend's ECSU Invitational, led ECSU with eight kills, junior middle hitter **Vicki Rondeau (PUTNAM)** registering six with a .357 attack percentage and junior outside hitter Christine Belanger (ASHFORD) five in 15 attempts without an error.

Freshman setter **Kristen Skelly (BROOKFIELD)** assisted on 25 of ECSU's 31 kills.

Eastern visits Trinity College Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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Tuesday, October 3, 2000

### ECSU VOLLEYBALL SWEEP IN KEY LITTLE EAST MATCH

*Western Connecticut wins battle of conference unbeatens 3-0*

DANBURY, Conn. -- Amanda Kephart served 11 consecutive points -- five resulting from aces -- to lead the Western Connecticut State University women's volleyball team to a first-game win over Eastern Connecticut State University en route to a 15-4, 15-11, 15-2 Little East Conference sweep Tuesday at the William A. O'Neill Center.

The win is the fourth straight for Western (14-10, 5-0) over Eastern (11-11, 4-1) over the last two years after the Warriors had won the first 25 straight matches between the teams. All four have been in straight games.

With the win, Western moves into sole possession of first place in the conference, with the regular-season champion serving as host for the conference post-season tournament early next month.

Kephart, who totalled seven kills and eight digs in the match, served 11 straight points to break a 3-3 tie in Game 1 -- five of the points coming on aces -- as the Colonials moved out to a 14-3 lead. Western broke a 5-5 tie in Game 2 and never trailed thereafter, then scored the first five points of Game 3 to nail down the win.

Eastern, which lost for only the third time in 33 conference matches in six years, attacked at just .110 and committed ten reception and nine service errors. Senior outside hitter **Sheryl Arrich (ROCKLEDGE, FL)** led the Warriors with 12 digs while junior outside hitter **Christine Belanger (ASHFORD)** added ten. For Western, Jaymie Rosario had 21 assists and 14 digs, Beth Lopez 20 digs and Joslyn Wiseman ten kills.

Eastern hosts the 20th Annual ECSU Volleyball Invitational this weekend, opening against Wheaton College (MA) Friday at 5:30 p.m.

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### ECSU VOLLEYBALL LOSES THREE OF FOUR AT BATES

*Rondeau excels for Warriors, sets kill record Friday vs. Plymouth*

LEWISTON, Maine -- Eastern Connecticut State University dropped three of four matches this past weekend at the Bates College Invitational.

Eastern (11-10) split a pair of matches Friday night, losing to Wellesley College 7-15, 1-15, 10-15 but downing Plymouth State College 15-11, 15-7, 13-15, 15-11 before dropping Saturday decisions to Wheaton (MA) College 7-15, 15-8, 6-15, 11-15 and Oneonta State 6-15, 9-15, 12-15.

In the tournament, junior middle hitter **Vicki Rondeau (PUTNAM)** attacked at .451, collecting 43 kills with only six errors on 82 attempts. In the win over New England No. 8 ranked Plymouth State Friday, Rondeau set a program match record with 23 kills. In that match, Rondeau attacked at .778 and committed only two errors on 27 chances. She recorded kills on her first 19 attempts and 22 of her first 23. She did not commit an error until her 24th attempt.

Rondeau also led the way in the tournament with 19 blocks (eight solos) while freshman setter **Kristen Skelly (BROOKFIELD)** had 85 set assists and sophomore **Kate Edwards (MONTAGUE, MA)** 45. Senior back row player **Ellie Belcher (BROCKTON, MA)** collected 34 digs in the tournament.

Eastern returns to Little East Conference action Tuesday at Western Connecticut State University at 6 p.m.

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Friday, September 29, 2000

### ECSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL LOSES BATES INVITE OPENER

*Three-time defending regional champion Wellesley College wins in sweep*

LEWISTON, Maine -- The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team committed 11 service errors and 12 reception errors in dropping a 15-7, 15-1, 15-10 decision to Wellesley College Friday in the opening round of the Bates College Invitational.

After losing the first two games, Eastern (10-8) committed six service errors and 7 reception errors as Wellesley (9-1) completed the sweep. Wellesley, the three-time defending New England Regional champion, is ranked first in New England, 17th nationally in Division III.

Senior outside hitter **Sheryl Arrich (ROCKLEDGE, FL)** led ECSU with five kills and added six digs. Junior back row player **Shauna Quinn (WALLINGFORD)** led all ECSU players with ten digs. Sophomore setter **Kate Edwards (MONTAGUE, MA)** had ten set assists and three service aces.

The loss dropped the Warriors out of contention to win the 16-team invitational title. ECSU meets Plymouth State (10-4) Saturday at 8 a.m. in the second of four scheduled tournament matches. Plymouth, like ECSU a member of the Little East Conference, was swept by host Bates 16-14, 15-10, 15-6. The Panthers are ranked eighth in New England.

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Wednesday, September 27, 2000

### ECSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS KEENE STATE

*Warriors improve to 30-2 in six years of Little East Conference play*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- All 13 Eastern Connecticut State University players in uniform saw action as the Warriors improved to 30-2 in six years of Little East Conference volleyball play with a 15-3, 15-4, 15-11 sweep of Keene State College Wednesday.

For Eastern (10-7, 4-0), senior **Ellie Belcher (BROCKTON, MA)** had a team-high 12 digs while **Sheryl Arrich (ROCKLEDGE, FL)** added ten. Junior **Vicki Rondeau (PUTNAM)** led the way offensively with seven kills and added four blocks while sophomore **Kathy Orloski (WHATELY, MA)** had five blocks.

Sophomore Brita Sawyer led the Owls (4-9, 1-3) with 13 digs, sophomore Katie Shea contributing nine kills and junior Debbie Hughes eight kills and two blocks. Sophomores Kristin Mullins and Abbe Robichaud each had seven digs and a block.

Eastern competes in the Bates College Invitational this weekend.

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### ECSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL BEATEN BY WESLEYAN

*Cardinals beat Warriors for second straight season 3-1*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Wesleyan University allowed only three points in winning the final two games in recording a 15-10, 15-17, 15-1, 15-2 victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday.

Eastern (9-7) rallied to tie match after trailing 14-12 in Game 2 but the Cardinals (10-4) responded by routing the Warriors in the final two games. The win is the second in as many years for Wesleyan, which had lost 17 of the first 18 matches in the series.

Junior outside hitter **Christine Belanger (ASHFORD)** led ECSU with 17 digs while junior middle hitter **Vicki Rondeau (PUTNAM)** had nine kills and senior outside **Rachel Cresman (WALLINGFORD)** seven kills and 12 digs. Sophomore setter Kate Edwards (MONTAGUE, MA) collected 26 set assists.

Eastern returns to Little East Conference action Wednesday, hosting Keene State College at 6 p.m.

**Wesleyan U. 3 (15-15-15-15), Eastern Conn. 1 (10-17-1-2)**  
Records: W-10-4, E-9-7

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### ECSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL SPLITS FOUR MATCHES AT MIT INVITE

*Warriors defeat Colby, lose to MIT in Saturday action*

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. -- Eastern Connecticut State University split four matches over the weekend at the MIT Women's Volleyball Invitational, losing in the semifinal round of the Silver Bracket Saturday.

Competing in the Silver Bracket on Saturday, Eastern (9-6) defeated Colby College 3-1 (17-15, 8-15, 15-13, 15-11) in the quarterfinals but was eliminated by host MIT 3-0 (6-15, 10-15, 13-15) in the semifinals. The Warriors had split two matches in opening play Friday, losing to Springfield College 3-0 (9-15, 11-15, 4-15) but bouncing back to defeat Trinity College 3-1 (15-12, 8-15, 15-12, 15-13).

Against Colby, senior **Sheryl Arrich (ROCKLEDGE, FL)** had seven service aces and nine kills, junior **Christine Belanger (ASHFORD)** nine kills and sophomore setter **Kate Edwards (MONTAGUE, MA)** 36 set assists. Against MIT, Belanger had 19 digs, Edwards 22 assists and four service aces and senior **Rachel Cresman (WALLINGFORD)** nine kills.

Eastern hosts Wesleyan University Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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### ECSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS WESTERN NE 3-0

*Warriors remain unbeaten against Golden Bears 15-2, 15-8, 15-8*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Sophomore **Kathy Orloski (WHATELY, MA)** had seven kills and attacked at .500 in leading the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team to a 15-2, 15-8, 15-8 victory over Western New England College.

The win is the 12th in as many tries and second this year for Eastern (5-3) over Western New England (2-5).

Orloski led a balanced offense with seven kills in 12 attempts with just one error while senior **Sheryl Arrich (ROCKLEDGE, FL)** added eight kills, ten digs and three aces. Senior **Rachel Cresman (WALLINGFORD)** had seven kills, ten digs and two blocks. Sophomore **Kate Edwards (MONTAGUE, MA)** contributed 28 set assists and sophomore middle hitter **Vicki Rondeau (PUTNAM)** had four blocks.

As a team, Eastern attacked at .289 and committed only one reception error.

Eastern competes in the Brandeis University Invitational Saturday, facing Hunter College at 10 a.m., Brandeis at 1 p.m. and UMass Dartmouth at 3.

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**ECSU VOLLEYBALL SECOND AT BRANDEIS INVITATIONAL**  
*Warriors win two of three matches in four-team tournament field*

WALTHAM, Mass. -- Senior outside hitter **Sheryl Arrich (ROCKLEDGE, FL)** and junior outside hitter **Christine Belanger (ASHFORD)** combined for 72 digs and a .904 pass percentage to lead Eastern Connecticut State University to a second-place finish at the Brandeis University Volleyball Invitational Saturday.

Eastern (7-4) defeated Hunter College (6-4) 15-10, 8-15, 15-12, 15-5, lost to host Brandeis (10-2) 9-15, 9-15, 1-15 and completed play with a 15-3, 15-10, 15-8 win over UMass Dartmouth (2-5).

Brandeis won its own tournament for the second straight year by winning all three of its matches and nine of 11 games.

Arrich had 29 digs and committed only five errors on 81 passes (.938 percentage) in the tournament while Belanger contributed a team-high 43 digs and had eight errors on 55 passes (.855). Arrich led all ECSU players with 22 kills while Belanger added 16. Junior middle hitter **Vicki Rondeau (PUTNAM)** totalled 11 blocks, sophomore setter **Kate Edwards (MONTAGUE, MA)** adding ten blocks and a team-high 72 set assists. Senior outside hitter **Rachel Cresman (WALLINGFORD)** had 21 kills and five service aces, senior back row specialist **Ellie Belcher (BROCKTON, MA)** 23 digs and sophomore middle hitter **Kathy Orloksi (WHATELEY, MA)** 16 kills and six blocks.

In the sweep of UMass Dartmouth, Arrich served the first seven points of the first game, finishing with ten service points in the game. In the second game, Belanger served five straight points to wipe out a 5-0 deficit and Arrich later served for the final eight points.

Eastern competes in the MIT Invitational Friday and Saturday at Cambridge, MA.

**ECSU FIELD HOCKEY DROPS LITTLE EAST OPENER**  
*McCorkle scores twice but Warriors fall to Worcester State 4-2*

WORCESTER, Mass. -- The Worcester State College field hockey team scored the final three goals of the match to turn back Eastern Connecticut State University 4-2 in the Little East Conference opener for both clubs Saturday.

Eastern (1-4) got two goals from junior forward **Sara McCorkle (ORANGE)** to take a 2-1 lead late in the first half but the Lancers (1-2) tied the match late in the stanza and got second-half goals from senior midfielder Jen Tremblay and junior forward Amanda Olson to record the win.

McCorkle was credited with her second and third goals of the season, both times re-directing shots from sophomore midfielder **Kristin Therkelsen (GRANBY)** following penalty corners.

Eastern hosts St. Michael's College Sunday at 1 p.m. St. Michael's is ranked fifth in the North Region in Division II.

**Worcester State 4, Eastern Conn. 2**

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

E-Sara McCorkle (Kristin Therkelsen) 16:50; W-Amanda Olson (Christen Watt) 15:45; E-McCorkle (Therkelsen) 3:25; W-Sarah Hann (Jen Murphy) 1:37; W-Jen Tremblay (Hann) 26:39; W-Olson (Watt) 14:24.

Shots: E-6, W-13; Saves: E-Stacey Bulkeley 8, W-Alisha Bates 3. Penalty corners: E-8, W-7.

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Brandeis won its own tournament for the second straight year by winning all three of its matches and nine of 11 games.

Arrich had 29 digs and committed only five errors on 81 passes (.938 percentage) in the tournament while Belanger contributed a team-high 43 digs and had eight errors on 55 passes (.855). Arrich led all ECSU players with 22 kills while Belanger added 16. Junior middle hitter **Vicki Rondeau (PUTNAM)** totalled 11 blocks, sophomore setter **Kate Edwards (MONTAGUE, MA)** adding ten blocks and a team-high 72 set assists. Senior outside hitter **Rachel Cresman (WALLINGFORD)** had 21 kills and five service aces, senior back row specialist **Ellie Belcher (BROCKTON, MA)** 23 digs and sophomore middle hitter **Kathy Orloski (WHATELEY, MA)** 16 kills and six blocks.

In the sweep of UMass Dartmouth, Arrich served the first seven points of the first game, finishing with ten service points in the game. In the second game, Belanger served five straight points to wipe out a 5-0 deficit and Arrich later served for the final eight points.

Eastern competes in the MIT Invitational Friday and Saturday at Cambridge, MA.

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Saturday, Sept. 9, 2000

**Women's Soccer  
at Willimantic, CT**

**Eastern Conn. 0, Trinity College 0, ot**

Trinity (0-0-1)	0	0	(0)	(0)	--	0
Eastern Conn. (1-1-1)	0	0	(0)	(0)	--	0

Shots: T-15, E-27; Saves: T-Sarah Bradley 12, E-Samly Phonesavanh 9.

**NOTES:** The teams played to a tie for the third time in seven career meetings... the match was suspended for one hour with 12:50 left in regulation due to heavy rain and lightning... **Pam Neff (Thompson)** took seven of ECSU's shots but could not break through, bouncing a hard shot off the top of the crossbar in the first half... the Warriors were unable to convert despite two breakaways... the shutout is the first career one in three starts for ECSU junior **Samly Phonesavanh (Killingly)**, who lowered her goals-against average to 0.93...

**Women's Volleyball  
little east conference Round Robin  
at North Dartmouth, MA**

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

Records: Eastern Conn. 4-3, 3-0; R.I. College 1-3, 1-2; UMass Dartmouth (2-1, 2-1); UMass Boston 0-3, 0-3.

**NOTES:** Eastern improved its record in conference play to 29-2 in six years and moved over the .500 mark overall with three wins this weekend... top players in Saturday's two matches: sophomore middle hitter **Kathy Orloski (Whately, MA)** with 18 kills, senior outside hitter **Rachel Cresman (Wallingford)** and senior outside hitter **Sheryl Arrich (Rockledge, FL)** with 13 kills each... Arrich also had 29 digs and five service aces, senior back row player **Ellie Belcher (Brockton, MA)** 22 digs... sophomore setter **Kate Edwards (Montague, MA)** had 46 set assists...

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**Eastern Connecticut State University**

little east conference

Saturday, Sept. 2, 2000

### ECSU VOLLEYBALL PLACES SIXTH AT SPRINGFIELD INVITE *Warriors drop final three after winning opener Friday night*

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. -- Eastern Connecticut State University lost three games by a total of seven points to Little East Conference opponent Western Connecticut State University Saturday and placed sixth in the eight-team Springfield College Volleyball Invitational.

Eastern (1-3) won its opener Friday night against Western New England College 17-15, 15-10, 15-4 in the head coaching debut of interim coach **Karen Ann Sweet** but was beaten by host Springfield College 15-8, 15-1, 15-6 later Friday and by Brockport State 15-8, 15-2, 15-8 Saturday morning to place third in its four-team pool. Against Western in the fifth-place match, the Warriors dropped 15-12, 15-13, 17-15 decisions. Three times, ECSU served unsuccessfully for game point in Game 3.

Junior middle hitter **Vicki Rondeau (PUTNAM)** led ECSU in the tournament with 31 kills and a .394 attack percentage and also added 38 assists. Senior outside hitter **Sheryl Arrich (ROCKLEDGE, FL)** handled a team-high 103 service receptions with just ten errors. She added 41 digs and ten kills. Junior outside hitter **Christine Belanger (ASHFORD)** led all ECSU players with 44 digs and senior outside hitter **Rachel Cresman (WALLINGFORD)** totalled a team-high eight aces to go along with 15 kills. Senior back row player **Ellie Belcher (BROCKTON, MA)** collected 33 digs. Setters **Kate Edwards (MONTAGUE, MA)**, a sophomore, and freshman **Kristen Skelly (BROOKFIELD)** had 57 and 25 assists, respectively.

Eastern opens conference play this weekend at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, facing UMass Boston Friday at 7 p.m., Rhode Island College Saturday at 10 a.m. and UMass Dartmouth at 12:30 p.m.

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