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Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004

EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL DROPS 11TH STRAIGHT TO WESTERN
Warriors stumble after fast start in falling 3-1 in Little East Conference

DANBURY, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team couldn't maintain a quick start in falling to Western Connecticut State University 3-1 in Little East Conference action Tuesday night at the William A. O'Neill Center. Game scorers were 30-26, 26-30, 25-30, 27-30.

With its 11th straight win over Eastern (9-8, 4-1 little east), Western (9-11, 4-1 little east) pulls even with the Warriors atop the conference standings. Eastern and Western are the only teams to win the conference championship, Eastern winning the first four and Western the last five.

Tuesday, Eastern won the first game and ran off nine straight points to move out to a 24-19 lead in Game 2. Western followed by scoring 11 of the last 13 points to even the match, overcame a 17-14 deficit in Game 3, and scored six straight points to take command in Game 4, 23-18 on the way to the deciding three-point win.

The Warriors took the lead for good in Game 1, 25-24 and used the strong serving of senior **Jessica Leifert (WINSTED)** to take a five-point, 24-19 lead in Game 2. Leifert served for eight straight points in that game, two of the points coming on consecutive aces.

Leifert committed only one error on 25 serves in the match and had all three of the team's aces. She also led the way with 21 digs and 14 kills and attacked at .262. Senior **Amanda Jassen (WINSTED)** had 11 kills and 18 digs, junior **Chrissie Siranko (DANBURY)** a season-high 12 kills and freshman **Meghan Doyle (HEWLETT, NY)** 25 assists and 14 digs. Sophomore **Marianna Capomolla (STAMFORD)** made 33 passes with just three errors and also collected ten digs. Freshman **Nicole Tassone (EAST PATCHOGUE, NY)** and sophomore **Lesley Mumford (YARTMOUTH, MA)** each had five blocks.

The Warriors were successful on their first 24 passes through the early stages of Game 2 but slipped after that, totalling 12 reception errors in the match. Five came in the pivotal Game 2 loss.

Western, which had a 49-match conference winning streak snapped last Wednesday against Rhode Island College, got 33 digs from sophomore Shannon Desmond, 15 kills from freshman Tiffany Phoenix and 39 assists from sophomore Kassie Moore.

Eastern opens play in its 24th Annual Crabtree Classic Friday at 4:30 p.m. against Babson College.

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EASTERN WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ELIMINATED IN LITTLE EAST BY RIC
Warriors fail to advance to finals for first time, finish with 14-20 record

PROVIDENCE, RI -- The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team couldn't hold a two-point lead late in the fourth game and was eliminated by Rhode Island College 17-30, 24-30, 30-28, 28-30 in the opening round of the 2003 Little East Conference playoffs at the Murray Center.

After losing the first two games, fifth-seeded Eastern scored the final three points to win Game 3 and led 28-26 in Game 4 before the fourth-seeded Anchorwomen scored the final four points to clinch the win.

Eastern concludes its first season under head coach **Jolie Ward** with an overall record of 14-20, 3-4 in the conference regular season. It was the first time that the Warriors were forced to play a first-round match on the road and it marked the first time that they failed to reach the championship match in the nine-year history of the tournament. Seven of the 11 players on the roster are freshmen and only eight saw action in the season-finale.

Rhode Island (14-15) advances to face top-seeded Western Connecticut State University Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in the tournament semifinals. Eastern and Rhode Island had split two regular-season meetings, the Anchorwomen winning the Little East battle to snap a 31-match losing streak at the hands of Eastern.

The Warriors trailed throughout the first game and trailed by as many as seven points in Game 2 before pulling to within one, 25-24. The hosts scored the final five points to win that game, however, and move out to a 2-0 lead.

As a team, Eastern collected 16 service aces -- equalling its highest total in the last 13 matches -- but attacked at just .019 -- its third-lowest mark this season.

Junior captain **Jessica Leifert (WINSTED)** led Eastern with 14 kills, handled 29 receptions without an error and had nine digs. Freshman **Amy Bullock (RIVERHEAD, NY)** had ten kills but attacked at .000 -- well below her team-leading .244. In the Game 3 win, she was 5-for-10 with just one attack error.

Junior **Amanda Jassen (WINSTED)** had six service aces, ten digs and 12 set assists, freshman **Megan Turner (CLINTON)** adding a collegiate-high 23 digs and junior **Amanda Barry (MANSFIELD)** contributed ten set assists and eight digs..

Rhode Island College 3, Eastern Conn. 1

Eastern Conn. (14-20)	17	24	30	28
Rhode Island College (14-15)	30	30	28	30

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Saturday, November 1, 2003

**Women's Volleyball
at Waltham, MA
Brandeis U. Judges Classic**

Plymouth State U. 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Plymouth State (26-6)	30	30	30
Eastern Conn. (14-18)	18	12	29

Eastern statistical leaders:

Amy Bullock (Riverhead, NY) 12 kills
Amanda Jassen (Winsted) 12 assists

Brandeis U. 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Brandeis U. (25-11)	30	30	30
Eastern Conn. (14-19)	18	23	19

Eastern statistical leaders:

Amy Bullock (Riverhead, NY) 13 kills, .385 att. pct., 3 aces
Amanda Jassen (Winsted) 13 assists
Amanda Barry (Mansfield) 11 digs
Beata Zieba (Bellport, NY) 11 digs, 11 assists
Megan Turner (Clinton) 11 digs

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Saturday, October 25, 2003

TWO LOSSES LEAVE EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL AS NO. 5 SEED IN LEC PLAYOFFS
Warriors fall to Southern Maine and Plymouth to finish 3-4 in conference standings

GORHAM, Maine -- The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team will travel to play a first-round match in next month's Little East Conference playoffs after completing the conference regular season with losses to the University of Southern Maine and Plymouth State College Saturday.

A five-game loss to host Southern Maine and a four-game loss to Plymouth State University leaves Eastern as the No. 5 seed in the six-team playffs. The Warriors (13-17, 3-4 little east) visit No. 4 seed Rhode Island College (12-14, 4-3 little east) in a first-round match Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 6 p.m. The winner will face regular-season champion and host Western Connecticut State University in one semifinal-round match Saturday, Nov. 8. The winner of the other first-round match between No. 3 seed Southern Maine and No. 6 seed Keene State faces No. 2 seed Plymouth State in the other semifinal match Nov. 8 at the Williams A. O'Neill Center on the Western campus. The final is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 9 at noon at the O'Neill Center. Western is the five-time regular-season and four-time defending playoff champion.

Three of the five games against Southern Maine (18-10, 4-3 little east) were decided by two points. A winner of all five previous matches (all 15 games) against Southern Maine, Eastern won two of the first three games Saturday but the Huskies bounced back to take Game 4 30-25 and completed the upset with a 15-13 victory in the deciding game. In the conference coaches' pre-season poll, Eastern was picked to finish third in the regular season, Southern Maine seventh.

Against Plymouth State (24-5, 6-1 little east), ranked seventh in New England, Eastern rallied to win Game 3 31-29 after dropping the opening two but the Panthers wrapped up the match with a 30-22 victory in Game 4.

On the day, freshman **Amy Bullock (RIVERHEAD, NY)** compiled 35 kills and against Southern Maine added six service aces, 15 digs and four blocks. Junior captain **Jessica Leifert (WINSTED)** added 50 digs, 25 in each match.

Against Southern Maine, Bullock attacked at .350 on 40 attempts, freshman **Beata Zieba (BELLPORT, NY)** .461 on 13 attempts and junior **Amanda Jassen (WINSTED)** .333 on 12 attempts. Against Southern Maine, Leifert had three service aces and eight kills, Jassen 15 assists and 17 digs, Zieba 13 assists and 17 digs, junior **Amanda Barry (MANSFIELD)** ten assists and eight digs and freshman **Megan Turner (CLINTON)** 16 digs.

Eastern ends the regular season this weekend at the four-team Brandeis University Judges' Classic. On Friday, the Warriors face St. Joseph College (ME) at 5 p.m. and meet Plymouth State Saturday at 10 a.m. and Brandeis at 1 p.m.

U. of Southern Maine 3, Eastern Conn. 2

Eastern Conn. (13-16, 3-3 little east)	30	31	30	25	13
Southern Maine (17-10, 3-3 little east)	28	33	17	30	15

Plymouth State 3, Eastern Conn. 1

Eastern Conn. (13-17, 3-4 little east)	19	22	31	22
Plymouth State (24-5, 6-1 little east)	30	30	29	30

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Wednesday, October 22, 2003

ECSU W-VOLLEYBALL DROPS FOUR-GAME DECISION TO WESLEYAN U.
Warriors take one game from No. 12-ranked Cardinals after earlier sweep

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. -- The Wesleyan University women's volleyball team broke from a 9-9 tie in Game 4 and went on to a four-game win over Eastern Connecticut State University Wednesday.

The Cardinals (13-10), ranked 12th in New England, defeated Eastern for the sixth time in the last seven meetings after the Warriors (13-15) had won 17 of the first 18 in this series. Wesleyan won by 30-24, 26-30, 30-21 and 30-21. The Cardinals had swept Eastern just over a month ago at the Amherst College Invitational.

Eastern tied the match 1-1 by jumping out to a quick 8-1 lead in Game 2 and holding on after the Cardinals closed to within two points, 28-26. A kill by **freshman Lesley Mumford (YARMOUTH, MA)** and a Wesleyan attack error closed out the win.

The Cardinals won Game 3, leading from start to finish. In the deciding game, Wesleyan broke a 9-9 tie, later outscoring Eastern 6-1 to build a 26-18 advantage.

Freshman **Amy Bullock (RIVERHEAD, NY)** led Eastern with 17 kills, a .245 attack percentage, 12 digs and three service aces, with junior captain **Jessica Leifert (WINSTED)** collecting ten kills and 23 digs and handling 40 serve receptions with just three errors. Freshman **Beata Zieba (BELLPORT, NY)** had 15 digs and 15 assists and **junior Amanda Jassen (WINSTED)** ten digs and 15 assists. Freshman **Megan Turner (CLINTON)**, the team's designated back row player, had 17 digs and handled 32 serve receptions with only two errors.

As a team, Eastern attacked at only .075. Without Bullock's .245 attack percentage, the team managed a mark of just .008.

Junior Rebecca Mintz led a balance Wesleyan attack with ten kills and 19 digs and junior setter Katie Annand had 46 assists.

Eastern closes out regular season play in the Little East Conference Saturday: at the University of Southern Maine. The Warriors, 3-2 in the conference, face Southern Maine at 1 p.m. at Hill Gymnasium on the USM campus and face Plymouth State University at Gorham (ME) High School at 3 p.m.

Wesleyan U. 3, Eastern Conn. 1

Eastern Conn. (13-15)	24	30	21	21
Wesleyan U. (13-10)	30	26	30	30

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Saturday, October 18, 2003

ECSU W-VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS IN REGULAR-SEASON HOME FINALE
Warriors finish regular-season home slate with eight wins in 11 contests

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman **Amy Bullock (RIVERHEAD, NY)** had 30 kills and attacked at .500 in leading the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team to two wins Saturday at Francis E. Geissler Gymnasium.

Eastern (13-14), a winner of six of its last eight, swept Clark University (5-15) 30-24, 30-22, 30-24 and Roger Williams University (30-23, 32-30, 30-21) while Clark downed Roger Williams 30-16, 27-30, 30-28, 30-21.

Eastern, featuring seven freshmen on an 11-player roster, closes out its home regular season with eight wins in 11 matches under first-year head coach **Jolie Ward**.

Bullock, a 5-foot-9 inch outside hitter, had 17 kills without an error against Clark and added 13 kills with just one error against the Hawks. She had 58 attack attempts on the day. In addition, Bullock had 15 digs and four service aces.

Junior captain **Jessica Leifert (WINSTED)** handled 39 passes with just two errors (.949 per cent) on the day and also contributed 28 digs, 13 kills and three service aces. Junior **Amanda Jassen (WINSTED)** had 16 kills and attacked at .283 on 46 attempts and also chipped in 17 digs, four service aces and 32 set assists. Freshman **Beata Zieba (BELLPORT)** led the way with 41 assists and also had 19 digs. Junior **Amanda Barry (MANSFIELD)**, the team's designated back-row player, made 34 passes with just two errors (.941) and added 18 digs. Sophomore **Christine Siranko (DANBURY)** had five of the team's 16 blocks.

The Warriors travel to face Wesleyan University Wednesday at 7 p.m. The Cardinals are ranked 13th in New England.

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Eastern Conn. 3, Clark U. 0

Clark U.	24	22	24
Eastern Conn.	30	30	30

Eastern statistical leaders:

Amy Bullock (Riverhead, NY)	17 kills (.548 att. pct.), 7 digs
Jessica Leifert (Winsted, CT)	6 kills, 10 digs, 17 passes w/1 error
Amanda Jassen (Winsted, CT)	7 kills (.286 att. pct.), 7 digs, 18 assists
Beata Zieba (Bellport, NY)	7 digs, 18 assists

Clark U. 3, Roger Williams U. 1

Roger Williams	16	30	28	21
Clark	30	27	30	30

Eastern Conn. 3, Roger Williams U. 0

Roger Williams	23	30	21
Eastern Conn.	30	32	30

Eastern statistical leaders:

Amy Bullock (Riverhead, NY)	13 kills (.444 att. pct.), 8 digs, 3 service aces
Jessica Leifert (Winsted, CT)	7 kills, 18 digs, 22 passes, 1 error
Amanda Jassen (Winsted, CT)	9 kills (.290 att. pct.), 10 digs, 14 assists
Beata Zieba (Bellport, NY)	12 digs, 23 assists
Amanda Barry (Mansfield, CT)	12 digs, 24 passes, 1 error

Records: Eastern Conn. 13-14, Clark U. 5-15, Roger Williams U. 12-11

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Thursday, October 16, 2003

EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL UPENDED BY WESTERN NEW ENGLAND 3-2
Warriors squander three chances at match point in losing to Bears for first time

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. -- The Western New England College women's volleyball team survived match point three times in Game 4 in rallying for two straight two-point wins and a five-game victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Thursday night at the Alumni Healthful Living Center.

Leading two-games-to-one, Eastern (11-14) took an early lead in Game 4 before the Golden Bears (13-10) bounced back, surviving match point three times to post a 34-32 win. In the deciding game, the Warriors erased an 8-4 deficit to take their only lead at 13-12 on a Western New England attack error. After calling time out, Western New England scored the final three points on a kill and two Eastern attack errors for a 15-10 victory.

It marks the first win for Western New England over Eastern after 14 losses in this series which dates back to 1975.

Eastern led Game 4 29-27, 29-28 and 31-30. With the score tied 32-all, Eastern gave away the two decisive points on a service error and a reception error.

Freshman **Amy Bullock (RIVERHEAD, NY)** had 21 kills -- one shy of her collegiate high -- 11 digs, five blocks and four aces to lead Eastern. Junior **captain Jessica Leifert (WINSTED)** added 16 kills, 26 digs, four service aces and handled 54 service receptions -- her second-highest career total -- with just one error. Junior **Amanda Jassen (WINSTED)** had 12 kills, 14 digs and 26 set assists and freshman **Beata Zieba (BELLPORT, NY)** 18 set assists. In the Game 1 win, Bullock was 7-for-12 with just one attack error.

Freshman Amy Lorinovich led the Bears with ten kills and junior Mande Signor had 30 assists.

Eastern hosts Clark University (11 a.m.) and Roger Williams University (3 p.m.) Saturday at Geissler Gymnasium.

Western New England 3, Eastern Conn. 2

Eastern Conn. (11-14)	30	25	30	32	13
Western NE (13-9)	17	30	22	34	15

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Saturday, October 11, 2003

EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL RALLIES IN SEMIFINALS, TAKES 2nd IN CLASSIC
Warriors erase deficit against Wheaton, fall in Crabtree Classic final to Brandeis

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman **Amy Bullock (RIVERHEAD, NY)** served six straight points in the deciding game that sparked the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team past Wheaton College (MA) Saturday and an eventual second-place finish at its own 23rd Annual Crabtree Classic at Francis E. Geissler Gymnasium.

Trailing two-games-to-one in the best-of-five match, Eastern (11-13) eliminated Wheaton (12-12) by capturing the final two games before falling to Brandeis University (20-3) 3-1 in the championship match Saturday night.

Following their marathan match against Wheaton, the Warriors bounced back to take the first game against rested Brandeis 32-30 behind five kills from Bullock and from six-foot freshman **Lesley Mumford (YARMOUTH, MA)**. The Judges, ranked No. 4 in New England, rallied to win three straight, 30-21, 30-20, 30-10 to claim the title in their first Crabtree Classic appearance.

Eastern, the defending tournament champion, and Brandeis won their respective pools with three victories Friday night and Saturday morning. The Warriors won all nine of their games in those three matches and the Judges nine of ten. While Eastern was rallying past Wheaton to extend its winning streak to a season-high four, Brandeis was sweeping Endicott College in Saturday afternoon's semifinals.

Bullock and junior captain **Jessica Leifert (WINSTED)** teamed up to spark the come-from-behind win over Wheaton. Bullock had a career-high 22 kills and Leifert 16 kills and a career-high 40 digs and the team committed only five service errors on 117 serves. Bullock served Eastern back from an early 3-0 deficit in Game 5, serving six straight points, two the result of aces. Against Wheaton, Leifert handled 48 receptions -- her second highest career total in a match -- committing only two errors. Freshman **Megan Turner (CLINTON)**, the team's designated defensive player in the match, added a collegiate-high 19 digs.

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Against Brandeis, Bullock led Eastern with 14 kills and 15 digs but the Warriors attacked at just .094. Leifert added 13 digs and was successful on 38 of 41 passes, Turner handling 33 of 34 served balls.

Bullock and sophomore **Christine Siranko (DANBURY)** represented Eastern on the all-tournament team while Brandeis senior Marni Kutok was named the Most Outstanding Player.

In five tournament matches, Bullock led Eastern with 71 kills and 20 service aces and was second with 54 digs; Leifert cleanly played 140 of a team-high 148 served balls for a team-high .946 per centage, led the team with 79 digs and was second to Bullock with 59 kills. Junior **Amanda Jassen (WINSTED)** added 31 kills, 69 set assists, 13 service aces and 39 digs. Siranko's .407 attack percentage topped all Eastern players. Freshman **Beata Zieba (BELLPORT,NY)** collected a team-high 86 assists to go along with 48 digs. Junior **Amanda Barry (MANSFIELD)** came off the bench to contribute 28 assists and Turner had 52 digs and was second to Leifert with 97 pass receptions. Six-foot-two-inch freshman **Morgan Williamson (BRIDGEPORT)** led Eastern with seven blocks.

The tournament is named in honor of program founder and Eastern Hall of Fame coach **Floretta Crabtree**, who won a New England Division III record 616 matches and posted 19 post-season tournament berths in 22 seasons between 1975 and 1996.

Eastern visits Western New England College Thursday at 7 p.m.

**23rd Annual Crabtree Classic
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at Eastern Conn. State U.
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**Friday's Results
POOL PLAY**

Eastern Conn. 3, Johnson & Wales U. 0 (30-15, 30-28, 30-27)
Babson College 3, Salve Regina U. 1 (30-23, 30-19, 23-30, 30-28)
Brandeis U. 3, Endicott College 0 (30-26, 30-26, 30-18)
Wheaton College, MA 3, Endicott College 1 (18-30, 30-20, 30-20, 30-24)
Brandeis U. 3, Lasell College 0 (30-6, 30-23, 30-12)
Johnson & Wales U. 3, Babson College 1 (26-30, 30-25, 30-25, 31-29)
Eastern Conn. 3, Salve Regina U. 0 (30-19, 30-16, 30-8)
Wheaton College, MA 3, Lasell College 0 (30-22, 30-15, 30-16)

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**Saturday's Schedule
POOL PLAY**

Johnson & Wales 3, Salve Regina U. 0 (30-22, 30-14, 30-14)
Endicott College 3, Lasell College 0 (30-13, 30-18, 30-22)
Eastern Conn. 3, Babson College 0 (30-15, 30-16, 30-24)
Brandeis U. 3, Wheaton College (MA) 1 (31-29, 30-22, 25-30, 30-20)

Elimination Round

Endicott College 3, Johnson & Wales U. 0 (30-27, 30-17, 30-23)
Wheaton College (MA) 3, Babson College 0 (30-25, 30-16, 30-18)

Consolation match

Lasell College 3, Salve Regina U. 2 (29-31, 31-29, 30-16, 28-30, 15-4)

Semifinals

Brandeis U. 3, Endicott College 0 (30-22, 30-11, 30-22)
Eastern Conn. 3, Wheaton College, MA 2 (30-23, 21-30, 24-30, 30-21, 15-10)

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Brandeis U. 3, Eastern Conn. 1 (30-32, 30-21, 30-20, 30-10)

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

9 MARNI KUTOK*, Sr., Brandeis U. (Larchmont, NY)
#12 Jennifer Lobban, Jr., Brandeis U. (Miami, FL)
#4 Amy Bullock, Fr., Eastern Conn. (Riverhead, NY)
#10 Christine Siranko, So., Eastern Conn. (Danbury, CT)
#1 Amy Wilkinson, Fr., Babson College (Kailuha, HI)
#12 Sara Moore, Fr., Endicott College (Guilford, CT)
5 Annemarie Proto, Jr., Johnson & Wales U. (Bellmore, NY)
4 Angela Lavoie, Fr., Lasell College (Epping, NH)
4 Shauna Crouse, So., Salve Regina U. (North Attleboro, MA)
5 Marriah Vengroff, So., Wheaton College, MA (Storrs, CT)

**-Most Outstanding Player*

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Friday, October 10, 2003

ECSU W-VOLLEYBALL WINS OPENING PAIR AT CRABTREE CLASSIC
Amy Bullock attacks at .363 with ten service aces to lead defending champions

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman outside hitter **Amy Bullock (RIVERHEAD, NY)** had 22 kills with a .364 attack percentage and served ten aces to power Eastern Connecticut State University to two opening wins at its own 23rd Annual Crabtree Classic Women's Volleyball Tournament Friday night at Francis E. Geissler Gymnasium.

Eastern (9-12) won all six games in sweeping Johnson & Wales University (7-17) 30-15, 30-28, 30-27, and Salve Regina University (2-13). The Warriors close out pool play at 11 a.m. Saturday against Babson College (5-13), needing a win to move into the tournament semifinals at 3 p.m. The tournament final is scheduled for 5 p.m.. Eastern won its second tournament title last year, winning all four of its matches and sweeping Johnson & Wales in the final.

In the two victories Friday, Eastern attacked at .338, recorded 32 service aces and committed just seven reception errors on 174 attempts (.954 per cent).

Bullock had 15 kills, a .367 attack percentage and two service aces against Johnson & Wales and added seven kills, a .357 attack percentage and eight service aces against Salve Regina.

Against Salve, Eastern scored 24 points on service aces. Junior setter **Amanda Jassen (WINSTED)** led the Warriors with nine service aces and had six kills in seven tries without an error. In two matches, sophomore middle hitter **Christine Siranko (DANBURY)** had 13 kills and attacked at .532 and Jassen 13 kills and attacked at .480. Freshman outside hitter **Megan Turner (CLINTON)** committed just two errors on 30 reception attempts and added 16 digs while junior outside hitter **Jessie Leifert (WINSTED)** handled 39 receptions with just three errors and contributed 16 digs. Freshman setter **Beata Zieba (BELLPORT, NY)** led the way with 26 digs and 38 set assists, Jassen adding 24 assists.

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Eastern Conn. 3, Salve Regina U. 0 (30-19, 30-16, 30-8)
Wheaton College, MA 3, Lasell College 0 (30-22, 30-15, 30-16)

**Saturday's Schedule
POOL PLAY**

9 a.m.: Johnson & Wales vs. Salve Regina U.
Endicott College vs. Lasell College
11 a.m.: Eastern Conn. vs. Babson College
Brandeis U. vs. Wheaton College (MA)

Elimination Round

1 p.m.
3 p.m. Semfinal matches
5 p.m. CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

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Tuesday, October 7, 2003

EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL LOSES LITTLE EAST BATTLE WITH WESTERN
Warriors fall to Colonials for tenth straight time, 30-20, 30-26, 30-24

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team committed only one reception error but attacked at just .080 in losing in straight games to Western Connecticut State University 30-20, 30-26, 30-24 Tuesday night in a Little East Conference match at Francis E. Geissler Gymnasium.

The win is the tenth straight for Western (14-4, 5-0 little east) over Eastern (7-12, 3-2 little east), four of those wins coming in the championship match of the last four conference tournaments. The Colonials are the No. 6-ranked team in New England.

Senior Sandy Ramos led Western with 12 kills and seven blocks, with sophomore Lisa Horvay adding seven kills and eight digs.

All three games were close throughout the early going before Western pulled away. Western broke from a 9-8 lead to win the first game by ten and shook free in Game 2 to score the final three points on a kill, Eastern attack error and a game-ending ace by junior Lindsay Rick. Leading 21-19 in the deciding game, Western scored seven of the next nine points.

The Warriors did not commit their only reception error until the late stages of the third game but attacked at just .080 in the match. Freshman **Amy Bullock (RIVERHEAD, NY)** had 12 of the team's 28 kills and four of its six aces. Junior captain **Jessica Leifert (WINSTED)** had 14 digs, freshman **Beata Zieba (BELLPORT, NY)** adding ten. Leifert, Bullock and freshman **Megan Turner (CLINTON)** combined to handle 62 receptions without an error.

Eastern hosts the 23rd Annual Crabtree Classic Friday and Saturday at Geissler Gymnasium, facing Johnson & Wales University in its Friday opener at 4:30 p.m.

Western Conn. 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Western Conn. (14-4, 5-0 little east)	30	30	30
Eastern Conn. (7-12, 3-2 little east)	20	26	24

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Wednesday, October 1, 2003

LEIFERT LEADS EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL PAST KEENE STATE 3-1
In winning Little East Conference match, Warriors stay unbeaten vs. Owls.

KEENE, NH – Junior captain **Jessica Leifert (WINSTED)** had 17 kills and 18 digs to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team to a 3-1 win over Keene State College Wednesday in Little East Conference action at Spaulding Gymnasium.

Eastern (6-11, 3-1) snapped a three-game losing streak with its ninth consecutive win over Keene (5-7, 1-3). The Warriors won the match 30-17, 22-30, 30-25, 30-21.

After the teams split the first two games, the Warriors took an early lead in the pivotal Game 3 before the Owls closed to with 26-25. Eastern answered with the final four points, however. A Keene attack error gave the Warriors a two-point lead and freshman **Beata Zieba (BELLPORT, NY)** sandwiched two service aces around a kill by Leifert.

In addition to her kills and digs, Leifert handled 33 serve receptions with just three errors. Zieba, one of four freshman starters, contributed nine kills, five service aces, 14 digs and 19 set assists. Junior **Amanda Jassen (WINSTED)** teamed with Zieba to add 25 set assists, just one shy of her career high. Freshman **Amy Bullock (RIVERHEAD, NY)** attacked at .323 with 15 kills and also had 11 digs.

As a team, Eastern survived a season-high 16 ball-handling errors. The Warriors committed only six service errors on 111 attempts.

Eastern hosts Connecticut College Thursday at 7 p.m. at Francis E. Geissler Gymnasium.

Eastern Conn. 3, Keene State College 1

Eastern Conn. (6-11, 3-1 little east)	30	22	30	30
Keene State (5-7, 1-3 little east)	17	30	25	21

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Thursday, October 2, 2003

EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS CONN COLLEGE 3-0
Warriors win first meeting between teams since 1982, 30-19, 30-20, 30-24

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Junior captain **Jessica Leifert (WINSTED)** had 12 kills, 20 digs and four service aces to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team to a 30-~~19~~, 30-20, 30-24 victory over Connecticut College Thursday at Francis E. Geissler Gymnasium.

In the first meeting between the schools since 1982, Eastern (7-11) won its second match in as many nights. Connecticut College (4-9) had won the last four times the teams had met.

Leifert led Eastern in kills, digs and service aces. In Game 2, she had five kills in 11 tries with just one error and added five digs and two service aces.

Freshmen **Amy Bullock (RIVERHEAD, NY)** and **Beata Zieba (BELLPORT, NY)** each added nine kills. Zieba also added eight digs, two blocks and 17 set assists. Junior **Amanda Jassen (WINSTED)** had ten digs and 22 set assists.

Senior co-captains Kelly Hart and Caitlin Sirico led the Camels. Hart had 12 kills and Sirico 20 digs. Sophomore setter Molly Kawachi collected 21 assists and two service aces.

Eastern host Western Connecticut State University Tuesday in a Little East Conference match at 6 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 3, Connecticut College 0

Eastern Conn. (7-11)	30	30	30
Conn College (4-9)	19	20	24

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Saturday, September 27, 2003

EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL RALLIES TO CATCH TRINITY IN FIVE
At Amherst, Warriors go five with Bantams for second time in three days

AMHERST, Mass. -- Freshman **Amy Bullock (RIVERHEAD, NY)** had 21 kills and junior captain **Jessica Leifert (WINSTED)** a career-high 33 digs as the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team rallied from two games down to dump Trinity College Friday in its opening match at the Amherst College Classic Friday.

The victory was the only one in four matches for the Warriors at the six-team tournament, which was won by host Amherst with a three-game sweep of Wesleyan University in Saturday's final. The Warriors placed second in their three-team pool with a 1-2 record before losing to Muhlenberg College in a losers' bracket match.

Eastern, Trinity and Muhlenberg all finished with 1-3 tournament records while Wesleyan followed Amherst's perfect record with a 3-1 mark and Middlebury was 2-2.

Two days after falling to Trinity in five games at Geissler Gym, Eastern (5-12) rallied to defeat Trinity 30-32, 32-34, 31-29, 30-28 and 15-10 in its Friday opener. The Warriors were swept by Amherst 30-20, 30-20 and 30-14 soon after their two hour and 15 minute marathan with Trinity. On Saturday, Eastern was swept by Wesleyan 30-21, 30-14, 30-18 and by Muhlenberg 30-24, 33-31, 30-17. Amherst is ranked seventh in New England, Wesleyan 12th.

Facing elimination in Game 4 against Trinity, Eastern erased a 9-0 deficit and survived match point for a 30-28 victory before moving out quickly to capture Game 5 and win the match. In the deciding game, Leifert had five digs and three kills and Bullock three kills. In that game, the team did not commit a service error and only one attack error.

In the match against Trinity, Bullock had 21 kills and attacked at .312 while Leifert had 33 digs -- five more than her previous career best -- 14 kills and handled

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41 receptions with just two errors. In that match, junior **Amanda Jassen (WINSTED)** had 26 assists and nine kills and freshman **Beata Zieba (BELLPORT, NY)** 23 assists and 24 digs.

In the tournament, Bullock had 44 kills, 45 digs, ten blocks and eight service aces; Leifert 34 kills and 74 digs and handed 133 receptions with just six errors; Jassen had 69 assists, 22 kills and 52 digs and Zieba 40 digs and 44 assists.

Eastern visits Keene State College Wednesday at 6 p.m. in a Little East Conference match.

Eastern Conn. 3, Trinity College (CT) 2

Eastern Conn.	30	32	31	30	15
Trinity	32	34	29	28	10

Amherst College 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Amherst	30	30	30
Eastern Conn.	20	20	14

Wesleyan U. 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Wesleyan U.	30	30	30
Eastern Conn.	21	14	18

Muhlenberg College 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Muhlenberg	30	33	30
Eastern Conn.	24	31	17

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Wednesday, September 24, 2003

TRINITY RALLIES TO DOWN EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL, 3-2
Warriors fall 15-9 in deciding game after scoring first five points

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Trinity College women's volleyball team rallied to win the final two games and post a 3-2 victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Wednesday at Francis E. Geissler Gymnasium.

Needing one win to seal the victory, Eastern (4-8) dropped Game 4, 30-14, then let a 5-0 lead slip away in the deciding game as the Bantams (2-5) scored seven of the final nine points for a 15-9 victory. Eastern captured the first and third games by 30-26 scores and Trinity won Game 2, 30-24.

The Warriors attacked at just .051 in the match. In the deciding game, they had two kills on 27 tries with five errors. In that final game, **freshman Amy Bullock (RIVERHEAD, NY)** served Eastern into a 50 lead but Trinity bounced back to score the next six points. Junior captain **Jessica Leifert's (WINSTED)** kill and a service ace by junior **Amanda Jassen (WINSTED)** later pulled Eastern into an 8--8 tie before Trinity reeled off the next six points to take command.

Jassen had 18 digs and 22 set assists and freshman **Beata Zieba (BELLPORT, NY)** 23 digs and 18 assists for Eastern, which also got 16 kills and 14 digs from Leifert and 23 digs from junior **Amanda Barry (MANSFIELD)**. Bullock added 12 kills and five service aces and 6-foot-2 inch freshman middle **hitter Morgan Williamson (BRIDGEPORT)** seven blocks.

Eastern competes at the Amherst College Invitational this weekend, facing Trinity Friday at 6:30 p.m. and host Amherst College at 8:30 p.m.

Trinity College (CT) 3, Eastern Conn. 2

Trinity (2-5)	26	30	26	30	15
Eastern Conn. (4-8)	30	24	30	14	9

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Saturday, September 20, 2003

EASTERN VOLLEYBALL WINS TWO OF THREE IN LITTLE EAST PLAY
Warriors sweep UMass and UMass Dartmouth after four-game loss to RIC

BOSTON, Mass. -- Freshman outside hitter **Amy Bullock (RIVERHEAD, NY)** attacked at .330 and collected 48 digs to carry the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team to two wins in three matches this past weekend in Little East Conference competition at the Clark Athletic Center on the Massachusetts Boston campus.

Eastern (4-7, 2-1 little east), rebounded from a 3-1 loss Friday to Rhode Island College to sweep Massachusetts Dartmouth (1-8, 0-3) and Massachusetts Boston (1-6, 1-2) Saturday.

The loss to Rhode Island (4-4, 3-0) snapped a 31-match winning streak against the Anchorwomen, who had last beaten Eastern on September 24, 1986 at Smithfield, RI. Eastern has defeated Rhode Island in four games a week ago at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Invitational.

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In Little East play, Eastern is 10-0 against UMass Dartmouth (28-2 overall) and 8-0 against UMass Boston.

Eastern host Trinity College Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Francis E. Geissler Gymnasium.

R.I. College 3, Eastern Conn. 1

R.I. College (2-4, 1-0)	27	30	30	30	
Eastern Conn. (2-7, 0-1)		30	28	22	21

Eastern Conn. 3, UMass Dartmouth 0

Eastern Conn. (3-7, 1-1)		30	30	30	
UMass Dartmouth (1-7, 0-2)	27	17	18		

Eastern Conn. 3, UMass Boston 0

Eastern Conn. (4-7, 2-1)		30	30	30	
UMass Boston (1-6, 1-2)		21	13	20	

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Eastern Conn. 3, UMass Dartmouth 0

Eastern Conn. (3-7, 1-1)		30	30	30	
UMass Dartmouth (1-7, 0-2)	27	17	18		

Eastern Conn. 3, UMass Boston 0

Eastern Conn. (4-7, 2-1)		30	30	30	
UMass Boston (1-6, 1-2)		21	13	20	

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Saturday, September 13, 2003

EASTERN VOLLEYBALL THIRD AT U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY INVITE
Leifert (25 kills, .921 pass percentage, 39 digs) named to all-tournament team

NEW LONDON, Conn. -- Junior captain **Jessica Leifert (WINSTED)** and freshman **Amy Bullock (RIVERHEAD, NY)** combined for 23 kills, 30 digs and 12 service aces as the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team defeated Rhode Island College to finish third at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Invitational Saturday.

With a ¹²2-1 tournament record, Eastern (2-6) finished third in the four-team field, won by Coast Guard (7-2). The Bears were 3-0, Tufts University (3-2) 2-1 and Rhode Island (0-4) 0-3.

Against Rhode Island, Eastern recorded season-highs in kills (46), assists (34) and service aces (21) on the way to a 30-17, 27-30, 30-22, 30-22 victory. The Warriors opened with a 24-30, 25-30, 23-30 loss to Tufts and finished with a 17-30, 18-30, 24-30 loss to Coast Guard.

Leifert led Eastern against Rhode Island with 12 kills and 15 digs. Bullock had 11 kills, 15 digs and nine service aces. Junior **Amanda Jassen (WINSTED)** added eight kills, five service aces and 13 set assists in the win, with freshman **Beata Zieba (BELLPORT, NY)** contributing 18 set assists and 11 digs.

Jassen represented Eastern on the all-tournament team. She led the Warriors with 25 kills, a .921 pass percentage on a team-high 63 attempts and 39 digs. Bullock had 21 kills, 15 service aces and 33 digs. Jassen had 15 kills, 34 set assists, 20 digs and eight service aces.

Eastern opens Little East Conference play this weekend at the University of Massachusetts Boston. The Warriors face Rhode Island at 6 p.m. Friday, Massachusetts Dartmouth Saturday at 10 a.m. and Massachusetts Boston Saturday at 12:30.

Tufts U. 3 (30-30-30), **Eastern Conn. 0** (24-25-23)
Eastern Conn. 3 (30-27-30-30), R.I. College 1 (17-30-22-22)
U.S. Coast Guard 3 (30-30-30), **Eastern Conn. 0** (17-18-24)

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Wednesday, September 10, 2003

EASTERN VOLLEYBALL WINS FIRST MATCH UNDER JOLIE WARD
Warriors sweep Saint Joseph (CT) for first win under first-year coach

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman **Amy Bullock (RIVERHEAD, NY)** had nine kills and seven service aces to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team to a 30-19, 30-11, 30-24 sweep of Saint Joseph College (CT) Wednesday in its home-opener at Francis E. Geissler Gymnasium.

The win is the first for Eastern (1-4) under first-year head coach Jolie Ward and 16th straight for the Warriors over the Blue Jays (0-2).

Junior captain **Jessica Leifert (WINSTED)** followed Bullock with seven kills, with junior **Amanda Jassen (WINSTED)** adding six and freshman **Megan Turner (CLINTON)** contributing five kills and five service aces. Leifert added nine digs. Freshman **Beata Zieba (BELLPORT, NY)** led Eastern with 16 set assists, Jassen nine.

Defensively, the Warriors committed only two service reception errors on 48 attempts.

Eastern competes in the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Invitational at 9:30 a.m.

Saint Joseph, CT (0-2)	19	11	24
Eastern Conn. (1-4)	30	30	30

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Tuesday, September 9, 2003

ECSU VOLLEYBALL SWEEP BY SMITH COLLEGE, FALLS TO 0-4
Young team attacks at only -0.05 in 30-20, 30-19, 30-16 loss to Pioneers

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team attacked at only -0.05 in a 30-20, 30-19, 30-16 loss to Smith College Tuesday night at Ainsworth Gymnasium in a battle of 2002 ECAC Division III North Tournament qualifiers.

Smith (2-0) broke from a 10-10 first-game tie to outscore Eastern (0-4) 20-10 the rest of the way and held the upper hand in games two and three. Under the direction of first-year head coach Jolie Ward, Eastern features seven freshmen on its 11-player roster.

The Warriors attacked at just -0.05, totalling 22 kills against 28 errors on 120 attempts, but managed a .927 reception percentage, committing only six errors on 82 tries.

Junior captain **Jessica Leifert (WINSTED)** was perfect on 30 receptions and also contributed 12 digs. Freshman **Megan Turner (CLINTON)** led the Warriors with 13 digs and was successful on 17 of 20 receptions. Freshman **Amy Bullock (RIVERHEAD, NY)** handled 16 of 18 receptions and added 11 digs, three block assists, two service aces and shared the team lead with six kills. Sophomore **Christine Siranko (DANBURY)** had six kills and five blocks.

Eastern opens its home season Wednesday at 7 p.m. by hosting Saint Joseph College (CT) at 7 p.m.

Smith College 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (0-4)	20	19	16
Smith (2-0)	30	30	30

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