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Crabtree Classic
Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

4:30 p.m.

Lasell College 3, Babson College 0 (30-24, 30-26, 30-21)
Eastern Conn. 3, Brandeis U. 2 (30-32, 30-27, 31-29, 25-30, 15-13)
Wheaton College (MA) 3, Johnson & Wales U. 2 (23-30, 30-17, 30-32, 30-23, 15-10)

7:30 p.m.

Brandeis U. 3, Johnson & Wales U. 0 (30-28, 30-18, 30-16)
Eastern Conn. 3, Babson College 0 (30-26, 30-14, 30-20)
Wheaton College (MA) 3, Lasell College 0 (30-27, 30-24, 30-13)

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

9:30 a.m.

Brandeis U. 3, Wheaton College (MA) 2 (30-26, 30-17, 24-30, 24-30, 15-13)
Johnson & Wales U. 3, Babson College 1 (27-30, 30-15, 30-27, 33-31)
Eastern Conn. 3, Lasell College 1 (30-18, 30-25, 24-30, 30-23)

Noon

Johnson & Wales U. 3, Lasell College 0 (30-27, 30-19, 30-19)
Eastern Conn. 3, Wheaton College (MA) 1 (30-25, 30-26, 25-30, 30-20)
Brandeis U. 3, Babson College 0 (30-25, 30-27, 30-26)

3 p.m.

Brandeis U. 3, Lasell College 0 (30-20, 30-18, 30-21)
Eastern Conn. 3, Johnson & Wales U. 0 (30-17, 30-20, 30-28)
Wheaton College (MA) 3, Babson College 0 (30-19, ~~31-20~~, 30-22)
31-29

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Friday, Oct. 7, 2005

EASTERN VOLLEYBALL OPENS INVITE WITH TWO WINS

In first match, Warriors defeat Brandeis for first time in five-game decision

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – Senior **Nicole Tassone (EAST PATCHOGUE, NY)** had three kills and a block to help Eastern Connecticut State University rally from a late, two-point deficit in the deciding game and post a 3-2 victory over Brandeis University Friday night on the opening night of the 25th Annual Crabtree Classic women's volleyball invitational at Francis E. Geissler Gymnasium.

Eastern (14-7) recorded a 30-32, 30-27, 31-29, 25-30, 15-13 victory over Brandeis (7-10) in its first match, then swept Babson College (4-9) 30-26, 30-14, 30-20 in equaling its season-high five-game winning streak.

Needing one win to defeat Brandeis for the first time after five losses in this series, Eastern dropped a five-point decision to the Judges after trailing throughout Game 4. Down 12-10 in the deciding game, the Warriors scored three straight points to take a 13-12 lead. With the score tied at 13, Tassone recorded her 12th kill of the match on a set from sophomore **Priscilla Dougherty (ISLAND PARK, NY)** to give Eastern a one-point lead, and sophomore **Emma Sousa (COVENTRY)** and freshman **Sandra Jaques (MILFORD)** teamed to block a Brandeis attack attempt and end the match.

In the match, the Warriors registered a season-high 25 blocks, with junior **Chrissie Siranko (DANBURY)** contributing a block solo and a career-high seven assists, Sousa a solo and five assists and Tassone a solo and four assists. Eastern also had 11 service aces against Brandeis and 14 more against Babson.

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In the fifth game against Brandeis, Tassone contributed to four of Eastern's final five points. She had consecutive kills to pull Eastern even at 12, a block assist to make it 13-12 and a kill to make it 14-13. In the match, she attacked at .393, committing only one error on 28 attempts.

In two matches, Sousa had 23 kills, Siranko 22 and Tassone 14, with Tassone attacking at .393 against Brandeis and Sousa at .421 against Babson. Siranko led Eastern with eight blocks, Sousa adding six and Tassone five.

In the two wins, junior **Marianna Capomolla (STAMFORD)** had 28 digs, junior **Jessica Keogh (MONROE)** 22 and Jaques 17. Capomolla did not commit a reception error on 27 tries against Babson and Keogh collected 19 without an error on the evening. Jaques handled 26 of 27 receptions (23 of 24 against Brandeis) and freshman **Jasmine Lopez (MERIDEN)** received a career and team-high 29 against Brandeis as the team's designated defensive player.

Sophomore **Angela Loomis (MERIDEN)** had five service aces against Babson while Capomolla and Keogh finished the night with four each. Dougherty accumulated 32 assists in two matches, sophomore **Courtney Fromm (WINGDALE, NY)** 20.

Along with Eastern, Wheaton College (MA) won both of its matches on the first day of the six-team round-robin tournament.

Saturday, Eastern faces Lasell College at 9:30 a.m., Wheaton at noon and Johnson & Wales at 2 p.m. Johnson & Wales defeated Eastern twice in five games in last year's tournament after the Warriors had won all seven previous meetings between the clubs.

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Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2005

EASTERN VOLLEYBALL RALLIES PAST WESTERN IN LEC

Warriors break 10-10 tie in decisive ~~15-10~~ win; snap 11-game streak to Colonials
15-13

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – Sophomore setter **Jen Braswell (WILTON)** came off the bench to collect 27 assists over the final three games in sparking the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team to a five-game Little East Conference victory over Western Connecticut State University Tuesday night at Francis E. Geissler Gymnasium.

Eastern (12-7, 4-1 little east) snaps an 11-match losing streak at the hands of Western (6-8, 2-3), which had a streak of five straight conference championships snapped last fall by Plymouth State University. The Warriors had won the first 25 matches in this series which dates back to 1979, but had gone six years without defeating the Colonials before this match.

Eastern won the match by scores of 30-23, 27-30, 24-30, 30-25, 15-13.

In Game 4, Eastern stayed alive by scoring the first five points and never trailed but needed to score five straight points after Western had pulled to within two, 18-16. With the score tied 10-10 in Game 5, sophomore **Emma Sousa (COVENTRY)** and junior **Jessica Keogh (MONROE)** had consecutive kills and a Western attack error pushed the lead to 13-10. Keogh and Sousa then teamed for a block moments later to make it 14-11, and after Western pulled to within a point, Sousa closed out the win with her 12th kill of the match.

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With Eastern trailing two-games-to-one, Braswell came off the bench to hand out seven assists in the Game 3 loss, then started the final two games and contributed ten assists in each victory for a career-high total of 27.

Keogh matched Sousa with 12 kills and also had 19 digs and handled 36 serve receptions without an error. Sophomore **Angela Loomis (MERIDEN)** led Eastern with 22 digs and had 25 receptions with just two errors and had two service aces while junior **Marianna Capomolla (STAMFORD)** had 13 digs and four service aces and had 39 reception attempts with just two errors. The Warriors did not commit a reception error until their 29th attempt of the match.

Seniors **Nicole Tassone (EAST PATCHOGUE, NY)** and **Chrissie Siranko (DANBURY)** had 11 and ten kills each, with Tassone adding two service aces and six blocks. Sophomore **Priscilla Dougherty (ISLAND PARK, NY)** followed Braswell with 11 assists, sophomore **Courtney Fromm (WINGDALE, NY)** adding nine.

The Warriors committed a season-high 19 ball-handling errors but committed only four reception errors and had 15 service aces.

Senior Lisa Horvay (Winsted, CT) led Western with nine kills and a .348 attack percentage while sophomore Krystal Wilson (Meriden, CT) had 36 digs and senior Stefanie Weise (New Fairfield, CT) ten kills, 30 set assists and 15 digs. Junior Cecelia Laskauskas (Danbury, CT) added seven kills and four blocks.

Eastern hosts the 25th Annual Crabtree Classic Friday and Saturday. Action gets underway at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Eastern Conn. 3, Western Conn. 2

Western Conn. (6-8, 2-3 little east)	23	30	30	25	13
Eastern Conn. (12-7, 4-1 little east)	30	27	24	30	15

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Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005

EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL WINS 30TH TOURNAMENT TITLE
Warriors edge NJ City University to claim Hunter College Invitational

NEW YORK – Seniors **Chrissie Siranko (DANBURY)** and **Nicole Tassone (EAST PATCHOGUE, NY)** and sophomore **Emma Sousa (COVENTRY)** combined for 33 kills and ten blocks to spark the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team to a four-game win over New Jersey City University Saturday and give it the title of the Hunter College Invitational.

Eastern (11-7) and New Jersey (13-5) completed the tournament with 2-1 records and the Warriors were awarded the title based on the win over the Gothic Knights. Host Hunter (4-15) and St. Joseph's-Patchogue (8-7) shared third place with identical 1-2 records. Hunter defeated St. Joseph's, 3-2, during the the tournament.

The tournament title is the 30th for Eastern since 1982 and is the first for the Warriors under third-year head coach **Jolie Ward**. Eastern's last championship had come in winning its own invitational crown in 2002.

Eastern and New Jersey split the first two games – Eastern winning the first, 30-25, and the Gothic Knights the second, 32-30 – before the Warriors nailed down the title with 30-25, 30-24 victories.

Against New Jersey, Tassone had ten kills and attacked at .310 and had four blocks; Sousa 12 kills and four blocks and Siranko 11 kills and two blocks. Sophomore setter **Priscilla Dougherty (ISLAND PARK, NY)** set for 16 assists. Juniors **Marianna Capomolla (STAMFORD)** and **Jessica Keough (MONROE)** and sophomore **Angela Loomis (MERIDEN)** led the team in digs. Capomolla had 15, Loomis 12 and Keogh 11. Keogh also handled 18 serves without an error and Capomolla 49 with just two errors.

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Eastern opened the tournament with a five-game loss to St. Joseph's (21-30, 30-27, 30-26, 25-30, 14-16), then swept Hunter, 30-11, 30-19, 30-20.

Against St. Joseph's, Keogh had 11 kills and seven digs and junior **Lesley Mumford (YARMOUTH, MA)** ten kills and four blocks, Capomolla 12 digs and Dougherty 16 assists. In the sweep of Hunter, Tassone had eight kills, Siranko six and Sousa five, Capomolla eight digs and eight service aces and Dougherty 12 assists.

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

St. Joseph's-Patchogue 3, Eastern Conn. 2

St. Joseph's (8-5)	30	27	26	30	16
Eastern Conn. (9-7)	21	30	30	25	14

Eastern Conn. 3, Hunter College 0

Hunter College (3-15)	11	19	20
Eastern Conn. (10-7)	30	30	30

Eastern Conn. 3, New Jersey City U. 1

NJ City U. (13-5)	25	32	25	24
Eastern Conn. (11-7)	30	30	30	30

Wednesday, September 28, 2005

EASTERN VOLLEYBALL GIVES UP SHARE OF LITTLE EAST LEAD
Warriors lose to Keene State College for first time in 11 matches, 3-1

KEENE, NH – The Eastern Connecticut State University women’s volleyball team committed attack errors that gave Keene State College the final five points of the deciding game as the Owls posted their first win ever over the Warriors, 3-1 Wednesday night at Spaulding Gymnasium.

After losing the first two games, 30-27, 30-26, Eastern (9-6, 3-1 little east) won Game 3, 30-18 before Keene (6-4, 3-1 little east) closed out its first win over the Warriors after ten straight losses, 30-22. In the final game, Keene scored six straight points to move out to a 17-11 lead and later scored the final five points on Eastern attack errors.

Plymouth State’s sweep of visiting Massachusetts Boston Wednesday moves the defending conference playoff champions into sole possession of first place with a 4-0 record, one game ahead of Eastern and Keene State. The Warriors have lost three straight.

In the match, freshman **Juliet Barber (MINEOLA, NY)** and **Sandra Jaques (MILFORD)** combined to receive 44 serves and commit only two errors. Barber was perfect on 29 tries, Jaques making only two errors on 15 tries. Barber improved her team-leading reception percentage to .953 on 169 service receptions this year.

As a team, Eastern totaled a season-high 16 block assists and equaled its season high with 11 total blocks. Sophomore **Emma Sousa (COVENTRY)** had a block solo and five block assists, senior **Chrissie Siranko (DANBURY)** a solo and four assists and junior **Lesley Mumford (YARMOUTH, MA)** four assists.

Barber was also perfect on nine serves and had 12 digs. Jaques led the Warriors with 16 digs, junior **Marianna Capomolla (STAMFORD)** matching Barber with 12 digs. Siranko led Eastern with eight kills, Sousa adding seven. Senior **Nicole Tassone (EAST PATCHOGUE, NY)** had six kills without an error but had only ten attempts. Sophomore **Priscilla Dougherty (ISLAND PARK, NY)** handed out 11 set assists.

Eastern plays three matches at the Hunter College Invitational Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m.

Keene State College 3, Eastern Conn. 1

Eastern Conn. (9-5, 3-1 little east)	27	26	30	22
Keene State (6-4, 3-1 little east)	30	30	18	30

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Friday, Sept. 23, 2005

EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL DROPS NON-CONFERENCE DECISION
Warriors commit season-high 19 reception errors in four-game loss to Stevens Tech

HOBOKEN, N.J. – The Eastern Connecticut State University women’s volleyball team committed a season-worst 19 reception errors in dropping a four-game non-conference decision to Stevens Tech Friday night at Canavan Arena.

Stevens Tech (11-2) won by scores of 30-14, 27-30, 30-14, 30-23 in the first match played between the two programs. Eastern (9-5) has lost two straight.

After losing the first game, Eastern snapped a 26-26 tie in Game 2 on the way to a three-point win, but the Ducks scored the first 15 points of Game 3 on the way to that victory and never trailed in the final game.

Ranked among the Top 25 in service aces, Stevens recorded 19, which resulted in a season-high 19 reception errors for the Warriors. Micki Blitz, Melissa Rhode and Melanie Volk each had five service aces for the Ducks. Dawn Herring led Stevens with 19 kills and Rachel Ostroff had 24 digs.

For Eastern, senior **Chrissie Siranko (DANBURY)** had 12 kills, junior **Marianna Capomolla (STAMFORD)** 21 digs, senior **Nicole Tassone (EAST PATCHOGUE, NY)** seven blocks and sophomore **Meghan Doyle (HEWLETT, NY)** 21 set assists.

With a 3-0 Little East Conference record, Eastern returns to conference play Wednesday, visiting Keene State College at 6 p.m.

Stevens Tech 3, Eastern Conn. 1

Eastern Conn. (9-5)	14	30	14	23
Stevens Tech (11-2)	30	27	30	30

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Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2005

EASTERN VOLLEYBALL SWEEP BY TRINITY COLLEGE, 3-0
Bantams end Warriors' five-game winning streak, 30-26, 32-30, 30-23

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – The Trinity College women's volleyball team rallied from an 11-point deficit in Game 3 to sweep Eastern Connecticut State University by scores of 30-26, 32-30, 30-23 Tuesday evening at Francis E. Geissler Gymnasium.

The loss snaps a five-match winning streak for Eastern (9-4) as Trinity (5-3) ties the ten-match all-time series at five wins each.

Trinity broke from a 21-all tie on the way to the first-game win. Eastern trailed 28-26 in Game 2 but rallied to tie the score on successive kills by junior **Jessica Keogh (MONROE)**. Twice after that, Eastern survived game point and tied the game 30-all on a kill by sophomore **Emma Sousa (COVENTRY)**. Sophomore Erika Heineken (Larkspur, CA) gave the Bantams the win, however, with a kill and a service ace. Looking to avoid elimination, the Warriors jumped to a 16-5 lead in Game 3 before Trinity stormed back to score 15 of the game's next 18 points and take the lead for good, 20-19.

Eastern attacked at a season-low .008 in the match, committing 23 errors as compared to 34 kills. Sousa led the Warriors with 13 kills, senior **Chrissie Siranko (DANBURY)** adding nine kills and four blocks. Junior **Marianna Capomolla (STAMFORD)** collected 20 digs and committed only one error on 25 serve receptions. Keough had 13 digs and committed only one error on 21 serve receptions while freshman **Sandra Jaques (MILFORD)** dug up 11 balls in two games. Sophomores **Priscilla Dougherty (ISLAND PARK, NY)** and **Meghan Doyle (HEWLETT, NY)** combined for 24 assists.

Heineken led Trinity with ten kills, sophomore Vanessa Forero (Bedford, NY) and Lindsey Eichler (Glenview, IL) adding eight each. Sophomore Kathleen Lenz (Cheshire) had a team-high 12 digs, senior Lucy Hollis (Mount Kisco, NY) contributing eight. Forero and freshman Nicole Cahill (Quincy, MA) each had three block solos. Sophomore Emily Moore (Winfield, IL) picked up 28 assists.

Eastern visits Stevens Institute of Technology Friday at 7 p.m.

Trinity College, CT 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Trinity College (5-3)	30	32	30
Eastern Conn. (9-4)	26	30	23

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Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005

EASTERN SWEEPS ON FIRST WEEKEND OF LITTLE EAST PLAY

Three opening conference wins have Warriors sharing top spot in conference

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Junior **Jessica Keogh (MONROE)**, senior **Chrissie Siranko (DANBURY)** and sophomore **Emma Sousa (COVENTRY)** combined for 37 kills and junior **Marianna Capomolla (STAMFORD)** and freshman **Sandra Jaques (MILFORD)** combined for 56 digs to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team to a four-game win over host Rhode Island College Saturday afternoon and a sweep of three matches on the opening weekend of Little East Conference play at The Murray Center.

After sweeping the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (30-23, 30-23, 30-26) Friday night for its 28th straight win over the Corsairs, Eastern (9-3, 3-0 little east) took three straight from the University of Massachusetts Boston (30-22, 30-16, 30-26) Saturday morning, then went four games to down Rhode Island College (30-26, 25-30, 30-24, 30-28) Saturday afternoon. It was the first meeting between Eastern and Rhode Island since the Warriors took a five-game decision from the top-seeded Anchorwomen in the semifinals of last year's conference tournament.

On the strength of three opening wins, the Warriors share the top spot in the conference with defending conference tournament champion Plymouth State. The Panthers, who swept Eastern in last year's conference final, defeated Western Connecticut, Southern Maine and Keene State over the weekend. Keene State and Rhode Island both won two of three this weekend while former five-time champion Western and UMass Dartmouth won one of three. UMass Boston and the University of Southern Maine both lost all three of their matches.

A winner of five straight, Eastern (9-3) is off to its best start after a dozen matches since 1998, when it posted its last 30-win season (34-8) and qualified for the last of a New England Division III-record 13 NCAA tournaments.

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Against Rhode Island, Keogh had 15 kills and Siranko and Sousa 11 each. As a team, the Warriors committed only 11 attack errors on 185 attempts. Capomolla led the way defensively with 29 digs and converted 95.1 per cent of her 41 reception attempts. Jaques followed with 27 digs and had a 95.7 success rate on 23 reception attempts. Sophomore **Courtney Fromm (WINGDALE, NY)** collected 32 of the team's 57 set assists.

In Eastern's tenth straight win over UMass Boston without a loss, the Warriors attacked at a season-high .362. Senior **Nicole Tassone (EAST PATCHOGUE, NY)** had a team-high 11 kills with a .600 attack percentage; sophomore **Angela Loomis (MERIDEN)** had ten kills and attacked at .500 and Siranko had nine kills and attacked at .450. Defensively, Capomolla had 13 digs, Loomis 11 and Tassone nine. Sophomore **Meghan Doyle (HEWLETT, NY)** handed out 22 assists, first-year sophomore **Jen Braswell (WILTON)** 15.

On the weekend, Siranko attacked at .378, collecting 30 kills with just two errors on 74 attempts. This year, she leads the team with a .275 attack percentage.

Eastern hosts Trinity College Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Friday's Result

Eastern Conn. 3, Massachusetts Dartmouth 0

Eastern Conn. (7-3, 1-0 little east)	30	30	30
UMass Dartmouth (2-5, 0-1 little east)	23	23	26

Saturday's Results

Eastern Conn. 3, Massachusetts Boston 0

UMass Boston (1-2, 0-2 little east)	22	16	26
Eastern Conn. (8-3, 2-0 little east)	30	30	30

Eastern Conn. 3, Rhode Island College 1

Eastern Conn. (9-3, 3-0 little east)	30	25	30	30
Rhode Island College (7-5, 2-1 little east)	26	3-	24	28

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Thursday, Sept. 15, 2005

EASTERN W-VOLLEYBALL WINS SIXTH STRAIGHT OVER ENC

Warriors erase early deficit in Game 1 to sweep Crusaders, 30-25, 30-24, 30-26

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – Junior **Marianna Capomolla (STAMFORD)** keyed a first-game comeback with four service aces that sparked the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team to a 30-25, 30-24, 30-26 sweep of Eastern Nazarene College Thursday night in its 2005 home-opener at Francis E. Geissler Gymnasium.

Behind four services from Capomolla and two from sophomore **Meghan Doyle (HEWLETT, NY)**, Eastern (6-3) erased an early 10-2 deficit in Game 1 by scoring 13 straight points to move out to a 15-10 lead and defeat Eastern Nazarene (3-4) for the sixth straight time. The Warriors scored five straight points to break from a 4-4 tie in Game 2 and pulled away from a 15-15 tie to capture the final game.

Senior **Chrissie Siranko (DANBURY)** led the Warriors in kills (16) and attack percentage (.448), with sophomore **Emma Sousa (COVENTRY)** adding nine kills, a .412 attack percentage and six blocks. Junior **Jessica Keogh (MONROE)** led Eastern with 12 digs and contributed two of the team's 15 blocks. Freshman **Juliet Barber (MINEOLA, NY)** followed Keogh with 11 digs and also successfully handled 26 serve receptions without an error. Freshman **Sandra Jaques (MILFORD)** added nine digs and sophomore setter **Courtney Fromm (WINGDALE, NY)** collected 14 assists.

Eastern opens Little East Conference play Friday in Providence, RI against Massachusetts Dartmouth at 7 p.m. Saturday, the Warriors face Massachusetts Boston at 10 a.m. and Rhode Island College at noon. Eastern shared last year's conference regular-season title and later advanced to the conference championship match.

Eastern Conn. 3, Eastern Nazarene College 0

Eastern Nazarene (3-4)	25	24	26
Eastern Conn. (6-3)	30	30	30

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Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005

EASTERN VOLLEYBALL THIRD AT BUTTERMAKER INVITATIONAL

Warriors win three of four matches, down Dickinson to place third among 12 teams

ALLENTOWN, Pa. – Senior **Chrissie Siranko (DANBURY)** and junior **Jessica Keogh (MONROE)** both had 14 kills and attacked at .333 in helping the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team subdue Dickinson College and finish third in a 12-team field Saturday afternoon at the Eighth Annual Buttermaker Tournament, hosted by Muhlenberg College.

Eastern (5-3) advanced to the four-team Championship Bracket after winning its pool with two victories Friday night, but lost a five-game decision to Penn State-Altoona in the semifinals Saturday. The Warriors salvaged third place by dropping Dickinson in four games later Saturday. Host Muhlenberg won its tournament for the fifth time – first in four years. The Mules swept Penn State 3-0 in the championship match.

In addition to Siranko and Keough, other top performers against Dickinson (3-4) were senior **Nicole Tassone (EAST PATCHOGUE, NY)**, junior **Marianna Capomolla (STAMFORD)**, sophomores **Priscilla Dougherty (ISLAND PARK, NY)** and **Emma Sousa (COVENTRY)** and freshman **Sandra Jaques (MILFORD)**. Tassone had ten kills and attacked at .318 while Capomolla had 25 digs; Dougherty and Jaques each had 16 digs, with Dougherty adding four service aces and 29 set assists. Sousa had 12 digs and sophomore **Courtney Fromm (WINGDALE, NY)** five service aces.

Eastern lost the first two games against Penn State-Altoona (6-3) but rallied to even the series with two, two-point victories. The Warriors surrendered the first five points of Game 5 and trailed throughout before knotting the game at 14-14 by scoring twice on Penn State attack errors. An Eastern service error gave the Lions a one-point lead and an Eastern attack error followed to give Penn State the match win.

Against Penn State, the Warriors posted season-highs of 129 digs and 18 blocks. Siranko led the Warriors with 15 kills and a .263 attack percentage, junior **Lesley Mumford (YARTMOUTH, MA)** collecting 12 kills and sophomore Sousa 11. Dougherty had 29 assists, 22 digs and three service aces, Capomolla 32 digs and Jaques 29 and Tassone five blocks.

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Keogh represented Eastern on the six-person all-tournament team, earning the honor for the first time in her career. She started all four tournament matches and appeared in all 17 games. She was second on the team with 49 kills and had a .986 serve percentage on 70 attempts with six aces and was third on the team with 51 digs.

Other top Eastern performers in the tournament:

Capomolla: 94 digs, 135 receptions, .926 reception percentage

Dougherty: 11 service aces, .980 serve percentage, 44 digs, 103 set assists

Fromm: 8 service aces, 26 set assists

Jaques: 66 digs, 101 receptions, .921 reception percentage

Mumford: 38 kills, 8 blocks

Siranko: 53 kills, .307 attack percentage, 8 blocks

Sousa: 41 kills, 32 digs, 9 blocks

Tassone: 27 kills, 7 service aces, 13 blocks

Friday's Results

Eastern Conn. 3, Cedar Crest 1 (30-15, 30-24, 21-30, 30-15)

Eastern Conn. 3, King's College 1 (30-27, 27-30, 30-23, 30-22)

**Saturday's Results
Championship Bracket**

Penn State-Altoona 3, Eastern Conn. 2 (30-26, 31-29, 28-30, 30-32, 16-14)

Third place

Eastern Conn. 3, Dickinson College 1 (30-14, 34-32, 25-30, 30-24)

Friday, Sept. 9, 2005

EASTERN VOLLEYBALL QUALIFIES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

Warriors win two on first day of Muhlenberg College Buttermaker Tournament

ALLENTOWN, Pa. – Junior **Jessica Keogh (MONROE)** had 31 kills and 28 digs to help the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team advance to the championship bracket of the Muhlenberg College Buttermaker Tournament with two wins Friday night at Memorial Hall.

A winner of three straight, Eastern (4-2) defeated Cedar Crest College (1-5) and previously unbeaten King's College (6-1) to finish in first place in its three-team pool. The Warriors face PSU-Altoona (5-2) Saturday at noon in the semifinals of the championship bracket. A win will move Eastern into the tournament final in the original 12-team field Saturday at 4 p.m.. If they lose, the Warriors will play in the third-place match at 2 p.m.

Eastern defeated Cedar Crest, 30-15, 30-24, 21-30, 30-15 and King's 30-27, 27-30, 30-23, 30-22.

Against Cedar Crest, Keogh had 16 kills and attacked at .314 and added eight digs; against King's, she had 15 kills and attacked at .200 and contributed 20 digs and three block assists. She sparked the decisive Game 4 win against Cedar Crest with six straight kills, then opened against King's with three more in a row.

In two matches, junior **Marianna Capomolla (STAMFORD)** handled 55 service receptions with just three errors for a .945 percentage and had 37 digs. Twenty-six of the digs came in the win over King's. On the night, junior **Lesley Mumford (YARMOUTH, MA)** had 21 kills and attacked at .500 and added four blocks and senior **Chrissie Siranko (DANBURY)** had 24 kills and attacked at .322; and freshman **Sandra Jaques (MILFORD)** had 21 digs. Sophomore setters **Priscilla Dougherty (ISLAND PARK, NY)** and **Meghan Doyle (HEWLETT, NY)** combined for 84 assists on the night. Dougherty totaled 45, with 31 coming against King's.

As a team, the Warriors had 22 service aces and only nine service errors on 220 attempts. Against Cedar Crest, the team served 62 balls before committing its first error.

Eastern Conn. 3, Cedar Crest College 1

Cedar Crest (1-5)	15	24	30	15
Eastern Conn. (3-2)	30	30	21	30

Eastern Conn. 3, King's College 1

King's (6-1)	27	30	23	22
Eastern Conn. (4-2)	30	27	30	30

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EASTERN VOLLEYBALL RE-GAINS FORM AGAINST ROGER WILLIAMS

For third time this year, Warriors extended to five games in victory over Hawks

BRISTOL, R.I. – The Eastern Connecticut State University women’s volleyball team shook off a 14-point loss in Game 4 to down Roger Williams University, 3-2, Wednesday night at the Campus Recreation Center.

Leading 2-games-to-1, Eastern (2-2) was beaten by a score of 30-16 in Game 4, but bounced back for a 15-12 win in the deciding game which gave the Warriors their 15th win over Roger Williams (2-3) in the 16-match series.

The Warriors scored the first four points of the deciding game and moved out to a 13-7 lead before the Hawks rallied to within a point, 13-12. A kill by Eastern senior middle blocker **Chrissie Siranko (DANBURY)** snapped Roger Williams run of points and sophomore setter **Courtney Fromm (WINGDALE, NY)** followed with her fourth service ace of the match to end the match. Eastern won its three games by a total of seven points.

It marks the third time in four matches this year that Eastern has played the full five-game limit. The Warriors defeated Gordon College in five in last weekend’s opener and later lost to Albion College in five.

Seven different players contributed a kill in the deciding game, with junior libero **Marianna Capomolla (STAMFORD)**, sophomore setter **Meghan Doyle (HEWLETT, NY)** and freshman outside hitter **Sandra Jaques (MILFORD)** combining for 11 digs.

In the match, Capomolla handled 58 serve receptions with just three errors and led all players with 18 digs. Jaques added 24 digs and Doyle 15. Freshman middle blocker **Tessa Mozdzer (MILFORD)** led Eastern with 13 kills, Siranko contributing nine and Jaques seven. Doyle (18) and Fromm (16) combined to collect 34 of the team’s 46 set assists.

The Warriors compete at the Muhlenberg College Invitational Friday and Saturday, opening play Friday at 6 p.m. against Cedar Crest College.

Eastern Conn. 3, Roger Williams U. 2

Eastern Conn. (2-2)	30	23	30	16	15
Roger Williams (2-3)	28	30	28	30	12

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Saturday, Sept. 3, 2005

EASTERN VOLLEYBALL FOURTH AT GORDON INVITATIONAL
Warriors extended to five games in two of three matches in first outing of year

WENHAM, Mass. – Albion College rallied from a two-game deficit to grab third place from the Eastern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team Saturday in the season-opening Gordon College Invitational at the Bennett Athletic and Recreation Center.

In a battle of teams which had split two matches in pool play, Eastern (1-2) couldn't hold a two-game lead as the Britons (2-1) from Albion, Mich. rallied for a five-game win. The Warriors won the first two games by score of 30-28, 30-25 before Albion rebounded for 30-20, 30-14, 15-7 wins to capture third place. Eastern finished fourth in the six-team field.

Eastern never led in the decisive game, tying the match for the final time at 5-5 on a kill by sophomore middle blocker **Emma Sousa (COVENTRY)**. The Britons scored the final six points in breaking from a 9-7 lead, however.

Eastern finished second in its three-team bracket by splitting its two matches in pool play. The Warriors went five games to dump host Gordon College (23-30, 30-24, 30-21, 28-30, 15-8) in their season-opener prior to being swept by MIT (22-30, 16-30, 24-30), last year's ECAC New England Division III champion. The Engineers swept Endicott College later Saturday to win the tournament title with a 3-0 record.

Junior libero **Marianna Capomolla (STAMFORD)** represented Eastern on the all-tournament team. Appearing in all 13 games, starting all three matches, Capomolla handled a team-high 118 passes with a .915 reception percentage and also led the team with 79 digs, averaging 6.08 per game. On 44 serves, Capomolla made just one error for a team-high .977 percentage.

In the deciding game against Gordon, the Warriors scored the first five points behind the serving of sophomore setter **Meghan Doyle (HEWLETT, NY)** and later broke from four-point lead by scoring four straight points – the first two on kills by freshman outside hitter **Sandra Jaques (MILFORD)** and freshman middle blocker **Tessa Mozdzer (MILFORD)** and the last two on service aces from sophomore setter **Priscilla Dougherty (ISLAND PARK, NY)**.

In the win over Gordon, Sousa had 11 kills and 11 digs, three block assists and two service aces and handled 26 passes with just one error; senior middle blocker **Nicole Tassone (EAST PATCHOGUE, NY)** added nine kills and a .200 attack percentage, four digs and four service aces and two block assists; Mozdzer eight kills and three blocks; Jaques seven kills, 15 digs and

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two service aces and was successful on 28 of 30 passes; Capomolla 37 digs and four service aces and handled 39 of 42 passes successfully; junior middle blocker **Lesley Mumford (YARMOUTH, MA)** nine kills; and Dougherty 23 set assists, nine digs and three service aces.

In the tournament, Sousa led all Eastern players with 26 kills, Tassone adding 19 and Mumford 16; Dougherty and sophomore **Courtney Fromm (WINGDALE, NY)** combined for 73 of the team's 111 assists, Dougherty collecting 40 and Fromm 33. Dougherty also led all players with six service aces, Capomolla adding four; Jaques was second to Capomolla by attempting 63 passes and led all players with a .921 percentage and also followed Capomolla with 38 digs; Mozdzer (5), Sousa (4) and Tassone (4) led the Warriors in blocks.

Eastern visits Roger Williams University Wednesday at 7 p.m.