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In Orono Maine Saturday the University of Maine football club improved to 4-0 on the season with a 36-20 victory over the Eastern Connecticut State University Warriors. With the win, Maine clinches a Yankee Collegiate Football Conference playoff spot while eliminating ECSU from playoff contention.

Maine struck first taking it's first possession 61 yards in 5 plays capped off by Shawn Dew's first touchdown as a member of the Black Bears on a 6 yard run. Dustin Snow's extra point was good and Maine had a 7-0 lead. ECSU would respond with an opening drive score of their own on a 6 yard pass from Bryan Trombly to Kyle Lane who would also make the PAT kick to tie the score. Maine would respond on the next drive which would end in a 1 yard TD plunge by Kyle Ross. Snow's kick would be wide right, and Maine would lead 13-7. On the ensuing kickoff, ECSU would be backed up inside their 10 yard line. The Black Bears defense would record it's 3rd safety in 4 games as Lane would kick the high snap out of the endzone leading to a 15-7 Maine lead after the first quarter. Dew would record his second score of the game on a 22 yard run, and Maine QB would find WR Jesse Miller for his 4th TD in as many games on a 21 yard reception. With the successful PATs would result in Maine holding a 29-7 lead at the half.

ECSU would come out of intermission firing and would end the drive with a 1 yard Marco Benito run. Trombly's 2 point conversion attempt would fall incomplete and the score was 29-13. The Black Bears ground game would lead to Davison's second TD pass of the game, a 2 yard score to David Searle and Snow's kick would make the score 36-13. On the ensuing drive, Trombly would be intercepted by Maine CB Dillon Bates. Maine would drive deep into ECSU territory and attempt a Snow field goal, but the attempt was blocked by JJ Santiago and the score would remain 36-13 after 3 quarters of play. On the ensuing drive, Trombly would be sacked by Zack Ronan and would leave the game with a sprained ankle. With it's reserve players in the game, Maine would drive deep into ECSU territory, and after a 7 yard run by former HS soccer standout Ryan Hall on his very first football play, Davison would be intercepted by Mike Pinto at the 5 yard line. ECSU would add to their score with an 85 yard James DiBenditto pass to Kadeem Thompson against the reserve secondary late in the game resulting in the 36-20 final.

Next up for the Black Bears is a meeting between the two remaining undefeated teams in the YCFC as top ranked SW Connecticut (5-0) will close out their regular season schedule in Orono and attempt to go undefeated. Maine hopes to play spoiler and remain perfect on the season themselves as they host the Grizzlies at Morse Field. A Maine victory would secure a home playoff game for the Black Bears. Kickoff of the game will be at 8:00 pm with gates opening at 7:00 pm.

BOX SCORE

	1	2	3	4	F
UM	15	14	7	0	36
ECSU	7	0	6	7	20

1st quarter

M Shawn Dew 6 run (Dustin Snow kick)  
E Kyle Lane 6 pass from Bryan Trombly (Lane kick)  
M Kyle Ross 1 run (snow kick failed)  
M Safety (ball kicked out of endzone by ECSU)

2nd Quarter

M Dew 22 run (Snow kick)  
M Jesse Miller 21 pass from Brett Davison (Snow kick)

3rd Quarter

E Marco Benito 1 run (Trombly pass failed)  
M David Searle 2 pass from Davison (Snow kick)

4th Quarter

E Kadeem Thompson 85 pass from James DiBenditto (Lane kick)