

Saturday, April 10, 2010

EASTERN BASEBALL ROUTS KEENE TO GAIN LEC SPLIT
Warriors bat around in two innings in nightcap in game stopped after seven innings

MANSFIELD, Conn. – The Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team racked up 14 hits off five Keene State College pitchers to post a 15-4 victory in the second game of a Little East Conference doubleheader stopped after seven innings due to the ten-run rule Saturday afternoon at the Eastern Baseball Stadium.

Eastern (15-6, 3-2 little east) batted around in the second and fifth innings to back the six-inning effort of senior righty **Matt Fontaine (Cranston, RI)** as the Warriors gained a split.

In the first game, Keene (11-10-1, 2-2 little east) overcame a three-run deficit by scoring four times in the top of the fifth off three different Eastern pitchers on the way to an 11-8 win, with junior DH Peter Burgio (Bolton, CT) igniting the outburst with a leadoff home run. The Owls scored three times in the inning after there were two out on a two-run single by No. 3 hitter Bobby Doyon (Keene, NH) and a run-scoring single by senior cleanup hitter Anthony Cipolla (Glastonbury) to snap a five-game losing streak at the hands of the defending LEC playoff champion Warriors.

In the nightcap, every hitter in the Eastern lineup had at least one hit and scored at least one run and eight different players drove in at least one run to back Fontaine (3-0), who allowed five hits and four (earned runs) while fanning six and walking six.

In the eight-run second inning of the second game, junior first baseman **Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, MA)** scored twice with a leadoff home run and a hit-by-pitch. Junior DH **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** singled twice and scored once, sophomore catcher **Steve Cammuso (Rutland, MA)** plated a run with a sacrifice fly and senior second baseman **John Parke (Middlefield)** and junior rightfielder **Tyler Turgeon (Norwich)** each stroked RBI doubles.

In the first game, Doyon and Cipolla combined for six hits and five RBI as seven of the Owls' 12 hits off five Eastern pitchers were good for extra bases. No. 8 hitter Greg Bates (Salem, NH) drove in three runs with a sacrifice fly and a two-run double when the visitors tacked on two key insurance runs. In addition to Burgio, senior leadoff hitter Keith Patnode (Keene, NH) homered, while Parke, Schult and Turgeon all smacked home runs for the Warriors, ranked No. 13 nationally and No. 3 in New England.

On the day, leadoff hitter Parke had five hits, including two doubles and a home run, scored five runs and drove in four. Turgeon also doubled twice and homered among his four hits. He scored four times and had two RBI. Senior outfielder **Chris Thomson (Montville)** added four hits and Schult and senior shortstop **Travis Bass (West Hartford)** both contributed three hits and three RBI.

Eastern visits Western Connecticut State University Sunday at 1 p.m. in a Little East Conference game.

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

EASTERN BASEBALL BOPS SPRINGFIELD BY 28-4 COUNT
Seven players have multiple hits and eight have multiple RBIs in 24-hit assault

MANSFIELD, Conn. – Senior second baseman **John Parke (Middlefield)** and junior first baseman **Tyler Turgeon (Norwich)** combined for seven hits, seven RBI and seven runs scored to spark a 24-hit attack off five pitchers which carried the No. 13 Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 28-4 rout of Springfield College Wednesday afternoon at the Eastern Baseball Stadium.

Ranked third in New England and 13th nationally in Division III, Eastern (14-5) unloaded season-highs for runs, extra-base hits (14) and total bases (49) en route to its sixth win over Springfield (9-12) in as many seasons.

The Warriors sent eight batters to the plate in the first inning and nine in the second in racing to an 8-0 lead. An eight-run sixth inning featured five hits and was highlighted by the first of two home runs in the game by Turgeon and a bases-clearing single by junior leftfielder **Robert Perry (Manchester)** (he was thrown out between first and second after falling and injuring himself while running out a drive into the ga). In a nine-run eighth inning, Eastern sent 13 batters to the plate. Five of its six hits were good for extra bases, with Turgeon belting a two-run home run, freshman third baseman **Joe Balowski (Berlin)** doubling twice, and freshman shortstop **Drew Accomando (Monroe)** tripling.

All-America senior infielder **Melvin Castillo (Danbury)** broke his second career record in a week, setting a new standard for total bases. He tied Dwight Wildman's ('04) record of 447 with a two-run double in the second and set a new mark with a one-out single in the fourth. Castillo, already the career home run and RBI leader, has 448 total bases. Castillo has hit safely in his last two games after having a 16-game hitting streak snapped Monday; It marked his 15th game this year with more than one hit and eighth with more than one RBI.

Parke was 4-for-7 (his second four-hit game this year) with three RBI and five runs scored. He had two triples and a double. Turgeon was 3-for-6 with four RBI and two runs scored. He homered twice. Senior outfielder **Chris Thomson (Montville)** hit his third home run in as many games, giving him five home runs in his two-year Eastern career in only 87 at-bats.

Senior lefty pitcher **Mike Tingley (Rockville)** left the game with a no-hitter in the fifth inning (he walked five and hit a batter) and on the long end of a 8-1 lead, falling two outs shy of his second win of the year (pitchers need to pitch five innings of a nine-inning game in order to be credited with a win). Junior lefty **Bill Roveto (South Windsor)** pitched 2 2/3 middle innings of relief to gain his second win in as many relief appearances this season.

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Roveto is 2-0 in seven career appearances, following his father, Rob, who was 14-0 in his two-year career in the early 1980s which also included a save in the championship game of the 1982 national tournament. Turgeon is the son of Eastern's former shortstop, Mike, who hit 12 home runs in his three-year Eastern career before signing with the Chicago Cubs as their sixth-round draft pick in 1977. Tyler Turgeon played the 2008 and 2009 seasons at Division I Quinnipiac University.

Eastern hosts Keene State College Saturday in a noon Little East Conference doubleheader.

Tuesday, April 6, 2010

CHURCH DOMINATES MONTCLAIR IN FIRST HOME START

Thomson, Dewing drive in five runs in Eastern baseball's 6-2 victory over Red Hawks

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Freshman righty **Benjamin Church (Rochester, MA)** pitched a two-hitter over his seven-inning stint in his first home start and **Chris Thomson (Montville)** and **Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, MA)** combined to drive in five run as the No. 13 nationally-ranked Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team defeated Montclair State University, 6-2, Tuesday afternoon at the Eastern Baseball Stadium.

In his third collegiate start, Church (2-0) pitched four hitless innings after giving up a leadoff infield single in the second and a one-out double in the third. He fanned a career-high nine and walked three in the longest stint of his short career.

Thomson homered for the second time in as many games, boasting Eastern (13-5) into the lead for good, 2-1, with a two-run home run that followed a leadoff walk by **Robert Perry (Manchester)**. Thomson's run-scoring double made it 3-1 in the sixth, Dewing stroked a two-run double to center with two out in the seventh to make it 5-1, and **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** came off the bench to belt his fourth home run -- a solo shot in the eighth -- that pushed the lead to 6-1.

Thomson was the only player with more than one hit, going 3-for-4 to improve his batting average to .400. Dewing now has 32 RBI on 26 hits. Senior All-America **Melvin Castillo (Danbury)** reached base all four times he came to bat with a hit, two walks (one intentional) and a hit-by-pitch. He doubled into the right field corner leading off the sixth and scored on Thomson's double and drew an intentional walk and scored on Dewing's two-out double in the seventh.

Against Church, Montclair (9-7) managed to hit only five balls out of the infield, none over the first three innings. The Red Hawks, scratched out the first run of the game in the second on an infield single by Kevin Bond (Cedar Grove, NJ), walk and infield ground ball. A one-out double in the third by leadoff hitter James Bionde (Pompton Plains, NJ) was the team's only other

hit off Church, who retired 12 straight after that hit until issuing a one-out walk in the seventh to Michael Boggi (Towaco, NJ).

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Senior lefty **Wes Dutton (Waterbury)** fanned three over the final two innings to close out the win. He aided his own cause when Montclair was scoring a run in the ninth by picking off a runner and getting strikeouts for the other two outs of the inning.

Eastern stole five bases in the game – at least one coming in all four innings in which it scored runs. The Warriors were caught only once, that coming in the fourth when Thomson overslid second base after leading off the inning with a single.

Eastern hosts Springfield College Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Monday, April 5, 2010

EASTERN BASEBALL DRUBBED BY WESTERN NEW ENGLAND, 11-6
First-year sophomore pitcher Evan Chamberlain a bright spot for No. 11 Warriors

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team fell behind by nine runs and never fully recovered as Western New England College defeated the Warriors for the third straight season, 11-6, Monday at Trelease Park.

Ranked No. 8 in New England, Western New England (15-4) won for the eighth time in the last nine games while Eastern (12-5) has split four games since returning from Arizona. After losing 36 of the first 38 meetings between the programs, the Golden Bears have knocked off the Warriors the last three times the programs have met.

No. 3 hitter Joe Griglun and lead batter Ryan Dudzinski each reached base four times and each drove in four runs for Western New England, ranked No. 8 in New England. Griglun had two doubles, a single and hit-by-pitch and leadoff hitter Dudzinski had a bases-clearing double in the fourth and also singled, walked and reached on an error.

Senior **Chris Thomson (Montville)** drove in three runs for Eastern -- ranked No. 3 in New England and No. 11 nationally -- with a pinch three-run home run in a six-run sixth inning and junior **Tyler Turgeon (Norwich)** reached safely three times with two hits and a walk and drove in a run. The home run was the first of the season and the third of Thomson's two-year Eastern career.

First-year sophomore **Evan Chamberlain (Hebron)** -- the third of five Eastern pitchers -- pitched 2 2/3 scoreless innings in his debut, giving up only one hit. Chamberlain allowed a single, sacrifice fly and hit a batter after being summoned in the fourth, but didn't surrender a hit and allowed only one baserunner over the next two innings.

Western New England junior righty Zach Cloft shut out Eastern over the first five innings and was eventually charged with two runs on three hits before being lifted while the Warriors were batting around in the sixth and scoring six runs on Turgeon's RBI double and Thomson's home run, three walks and a hit batsman. He fanned five and walked five.

Eastern hosts Montclair State University Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 3, 2010

MANSFIELD, Conn. – **Chris Cannata's (Southington)** fourth hit of the game drove in the tying and winning runs with two out in the bottom of the ninth inning and lifted the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 7-6 Little East Conference victory over the University of Massachusetts Boston Saturday in the first game of a doubleheader and the Warriors went on to sweep the Beacons at the Eastern Baseball Stadium.

Two singles and an error loaded the bases for Eastern (12-4, 2-1 little east) in the bottom of the ninth, and with two out, Cannata drove a 2-2 pitch within two feet of a grand slam, the ball bouncing high off the left-center field wall and plating pinch runner **Drew Accomando (Monroe)** and **John Parke (Middlefield)** with the game-winning runs that kept righty **Will Musson (Wethersfield)** perfect (7-0) in two years of conference competition.

In the second game, **Melvin Castillo (Danbury)**, Parke and **Shane Kingsley (Beacon Falls)** combined for 12 hits, nine RBI and seven runs in a 10-6 victory that was the 1,300th in the career of 42nd-year-head coach **Bill Holowaty** (1,300-478-6).

In the second game, Castillo was 5-for-5 with four runs scored, Parke 4-for-4 with a double, grand slam home run, six RBI and three runs scored, and Kingsley 3-for-4 (he also reached on an error) with three RBI as the trio reached safely in all 13 of its at-bats.

Right-handed starter **Matt Fontaine (Cranston, RI)** improved to 6-1 lifetime against conference opponents by winning the second game. Fontaine (2-0) pitched six innings, allowing two earned runs on four hits.

One day after blowing a five-run ninth-inning lead in a 9-6, ten-inning loss, Eastern made Musson the complete-game winner when it rallied for its two unearned runs in the ninth inning of the opener. With one out, **Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, MA)** and pinch hitter Kingsley singled around an UMass Boston (9-8, 0-2 little east) infield error against reliever Tony Damon (San Bruno, CA). Damon got a strikeout for the second out and was up in the count to Cannata before the No. 9 hitter turned on an inside fastball on a 2-2 count and drove it off the wall for his second double of the game.

Castillo and Parke each had two hits in Eastern's 14-hit attack in support of Musson (2-0), who gave up seven hits and only one walk and fanned seven in recording his second career complete game at Eastern.

Trailing 4-2 in the first game, Boston surged in front by scoring three times in the sixth and tacked on an insurance run in the seventh to make it 6-4. Tim Fontaine (Worcester, MA), who hit two solo home runs in the second game, drove in two runs in the three-run sixth with a two-out single.

In addition to Fontaine's two home runs in game two, Drew Tambling (Sterling, MA) socked a two-run home run and finished with two hits and three RBI.

The winningest coach in any sport at any level in New England intercollegiate athletics, Holowaty is the winningest active coach in Division III baseball. He ranks third all-time nationally among Division III baseball coaches, trailing only Gordie Gillespie and Don Schaly. Gillespie won 1,816 games at four different schools over a span of 51 years through **2009, while** Schaly earned 1,438 wins over 40 seasons at Marietta College through the 2003 season.

Friday, April 2, 2010

EASTERN BASEBALL PLAYS GIVE-AWAY IN TEN-INNING LOSS TO WESTERN
In setback, senior All-America Melvin Castillo becomes program's all-time leader in RBI

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Senior shortstop Scott McNeil's two-out, three-run double in the top of the ninth inning capped a five-run rally for Western Connecticut State University and the Colonials scored three in the tenth on one hit, a walk, two hit batsmen and an Eastern Connecticut State University infield error in a 9-6 win in the Little East Conference opener for both schools Friday afternoon at the Eastern Baseball Stadium.

Ranked No. 14 nationally, Eastern (10-4, 0-1 little east) had an eight-game winning streak snapped in losing to Western (5-7, 1-0 little east) for the sixth time in 71 meetings in its first home game of the season. Eastern was the pre-season favorite to win the conference after claiming last years LEC tournament title, Western being rated sixth.

Western scored eight of its runs in its final two at-bats. Of the eight runs, three scored after being hit by pitch, two after walks and one after getting aboard on an error.

Until the top of the ninth inning, the game was dominated by starting pitchers **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** of Eastern and Josh Murray of Western. Until the last inning, the only runs allowed by either starter were solo home runs by Eastern All-America senior third baseman **Melvin Castillo (Danbury)** on the first pitch he saw in the fourth and a game-tying shot by Western senior first baseman Dan Baccaro in the sixth.

Eastern broke a 1-1 tie by scoring five runs in the bottom of the eighth to take a 6-1 lead, but Western sent ten batters to the plate in the top of the ninth. Eastern pitchers allowed three hits in the inniing, walked two and hit two. Senior centerfielder Dan Amarante and senior pinch hitter John DiGiovanni drove in the first two runs of the inning before McNeil unloaded a long bases-clearing double to dead center to tie the game. In the tenth, sophomore leftfielder Anthony Ruffo was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to give Western a 7-6 lead and late-inning sophomore infield replacement Tim Nelson plated two more with a single.

With his one-out home run to right-center in the fourth, Castillo became the program's all-time leader with 196 RBI. The home run extended his program record to 41. Sophomore catcher **Steve Cammuso (Rutland, MA)** had two doubles among his three hits for Eastern, while Castillo and junior first baseman **Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, MA)** each had two hits. Dewing's RBI single drove in the first run of Eastern five-run eighth inning, and Cammuso added a two-run, bases-loaded single.

Senior righty Steve Bainer stranded the tying run at the plate to gain the save for Western. With two outs and two on, he got left-handed-hitting junior **Tyler Turgeon (Norwich)** on a game-ending foul fly to the catcher after Turgeon had fouled off five pitches with the count full,

Schult left the game in the ninth with a 6-1 lead after hitting the first two batters and getting a ground ball out. He fanned six and walked only one and gave up five hits and did not figure in

the decision. In his first appearance of the season, the 6-foot-5 inch tired in the eighth after pitching seven strong innings. He allowed only four hits with six strikeouts and only one walk before hitting the first batter of the eighth, then surrendering four consecutive singles with one out. after Eastern junior leftfielder **Rob Perry's (Manchester)** bases-loaded RBI single made it 3-1. Senior righty Jeff Gordon of Western hit a batter to force in the third run of the inning, and Cammuso stroked the first pitch he saw into left field for two more runs to make it 6-1.

Eastern hosts the University of Massachusetts Boston Saturday at noon in a conference doubleheader.

Friday, March 27, 2010

Baseball
At Scottsdale, Ariz.

Eastern Conn. 19, Hamline U. 5

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Eastern Conn. (10-3)	300	410	74x	--	19	21	2

Matt Eickman, Rob Miller (4), Kent Hule (6), Casey Benford (8) and Lincoln Hughes. Benjamin Church, Chris Wojick (4), Wes Dutton (8), Travis Bass 99) and Steve Cammuso, Eric Bukowski (9). WP-Wojick (2-1); LP-Miller (0-2). 2B-Tony Rogers, Cory Miller (H), Joe Cousineau, Cammuso (E).

Friday, March 27, 2010

ANOTHER ROUT COMPLETES EASTERN BASEBALL SPRING TRIP

A 19-5 winner, Warriors average 14 runs in winning final eight games in Arizona

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — For the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team, a fast finish overshadowed a slow start.

Saturday, the Warriors closed out their Arizona spring trip on an eight-game winning streak with a 19-5 thumping of Hamline University at Sagauo High School.

After dropping its first two games in Arizona last week, Eastern (10-3) averaged 14 runs a game in rolling to wins in its final eight games on the spring trip. The Warriors scored at least 13 runs in six of those eight triumphs.

Against Hamline (5-11) No. 8 hitter **Joe Cousineau (Newington)** and No. 9 hitter **Steve Cammuso (Rutland, MA)** combined for seven hits, four RBI and four runs scored, **John Parke (Middlefield)** had three hits and four RBI. **Tyler Turgeon (Norwich)** had two hits, two RBI and two runs and **Melvin Castillo (Danbury)** two hits, three RBI, two walks and three runs. **Travis Bass (West Hartford)** had two hits, three runs and an RBI.

Leading 8-5, Eastern scored 11 runs in its final two at-bats on 11 hits to pull away. The Warriors batted around in each of those innings. Turgeon had two RBI singles and scored two runs in those frames; Castillo reached twice on an RBI single and hit-by-pitch and scored twice; Parke and **Andrew Dyer (Topsfield, MA)** each had two-run singles, and Cousineau had a single double and two RBI.

The second of five pitchers, **Chris Wojick (Uncasville)** won his second game in three decisions by pitching four innings, allowing one run and two hits with two strikeouts and two walks.

Ranked No. 14 nationally, Eastern visits Manhattanville College Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

Friday, March 26, 2010

EASTERN BASEBALL PUMMELS CARLETON, 20-1, 18-2

Warriors extend winning streak to seven with sweep

MESA, Ariz. – Fourteen different players collected hits and 13 drove in a run or scored one as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team rolled over Carleton College, 20-1, 18-2, Friday afternoon at Gene Autry Park.

The wins are the sixth and seventh straight for Eastern (9-3), ranked No. 14 nationally. The Warriors have won their last seven in Arizona since dropping their first two.

Sophomore righty Michael Hepple (Newington) went the first five innings to gain his first win of the season in the opener and first-year sophomore transfer Mitch Furber (Montville) pitched the first four innings of the second game to earn his first win at Eastern. Neither allowed an earned run and each gave up four hits. Hepple struck out seven, Furber none.

Senior outfielder Chris Thomson (Montville) had three hits, five RBI and scored three runs; first-year junior transfer Tyler Turgeon (Norwich) had five hits, five RBI and scored four runs; senior infielder Travis Bass (West Hartford) had five hits, scored four runs and drove in three; senior All-America infielder Melvin Castillo (Danbury) had four hits, scored three runs and drove in two; junior first baseman Andrew Dewing (Swamscott, MA) had three hits, scored five runs and drove in four; senior infielder John Parke (Middlefield) had three hits, four RBI and scored three runs; and junior outfielder Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY) had two hits, scored five runs and drove in one. Schult also walked three times and was hit once.

Eastern was helped by 17 walks from nine Carleton (4-13) pitchers.

Eastern closes out its spring trip Saturday at 3 p.m. ET against Hamline University in Scottsdale.

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

EASTERN BASEBALL'S 13-HIT ATTACK OVERWHELMS MIDDLEBURY Schult's pitching and hitting sparks Warriors to 14-3 victory over Panthers

CHANDLER, Ariz. – Junior **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** didn't allow an earned run over the first six innings and sparked a 13-hit attack with two hits and two RBI as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team crushed Middlebury College, 14-3, Wednesday afternoon.

Ranked No. 14 nationally, Eastern (5-3) has won three in a row and pushes its record in Arizona over the .500 mark to 3-2 after two opening losses. Now 3-2, Middlebury was coming off a 10-6 win over the University of Southern Maine in its Arizona opener.

The Panthers scored two unearned runs off Schult (1-1) in the second but the Warriors bounced back to tie the game by the fifth, then batted around in scoring six runs in both the sixth and eighth innings to pull away. Senior All-America third baseman **Melvin Castillo (Danbury)** highlighted the sixth with a three-run double that moved him into a tie for third place all-time with 186 runs batted in. He is nine behind Dwight Wildman's program record.

The two unearned runs were all that Schult would allow over the first six innings before junior righty **Chris Wojick (Unasville)** pitched two scoreless innings and sophomore righty **Andrew Petrucci (Branford)** was touched for an unearned run in the ninth. Schult fanned eight and walked four while Wojick struck out two without a walk as the Warriors improved to 4-0 this year against New England opponents.

Schult had two hits, including a double, and two RBI and senior second baseman **John Parke (Middlebury)** had two hits, both of them doubles, and scored three runs. Castillo, junior first baseman **Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, MA)** and senior rightfielder **Chris Thomson (Monville)** also contributed two hits each.

In addition to serving up 13 hits, seven Middlebury pitchers walked seven, threw three wild pitches and hit two batters. There were also two Middlebury passed balls.

Through eight games, Schult is batting a team-leading .519 with six extra-base hits and 12 RBI; Thomson is at .444, Castillo at .424 with 12 RBI and five extra-base hits and Dewing at .419 with a team-high 20 RBI and seven extra-base hits.

Eastern faces Marian University (WI) Thursday at 5 p.m. ET at Chandler.

Monday, March 22, 2010

EASTERN BASEBALL SCORES IN SEVEN INNINGS IN 13-5 VICTORY
Freshman Ben Church allows only one (unearned) run through first five innings

CHANDLER, Ariz. -- Freshman righty **Benjamin Church (Rochester, MA)** pitched five strong innings for his first collegiate win in his first collegiate start and senior shortstop **Travis Bass (West Hartford)** and **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** combined for seven hits, seven runs and four RBI as the No. 6 Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team routed Williams College, 13-5, Monday afternoon.

Eastern (4-3) evened its record in Arizona at 2-2 in defeating Williams College (1-2) for the third time in two years in Arizona. Williams had split a doubleheader Sunday against No. 11 University of Southern Maine, like Eastern a member of the Little East Conference.

The Warriors collected 15 hits off six Williams pitchers, scoring runs in seven of nine innings. Eastern totaled ten of its runs in its final five at-bats.

Church (1-0) allowed only one unearned run through the first five innings before being lifted after walking and hitting the first two batters he faced in the sixth. Church departed with a 7-1 lead and was ultimately charged with three runs, one of which was unearned. In his third career appearance, the 6-foot-2 inch righty fanned one and walked five.

Schult, now batting .500, contributed to runs in the first five innings when Eastern scored. He hit a two-run home run in the first -- his third of the season and 14th of his career -- singled when Eastern added a run in the third, moved a runner to third with a fly ball when the Warriors scored a run in the fifth, singled and scored in a three-run sixth, and drove in two runs with a double in the seventh. Schult was 4-for-6 with four RBI and two runs scored -- his fourth game with at least two hits this season. Bass, who came on to pitch a scoreless ninth, was 3-for-5 and scored five runs -- one shy of the program game record. He singled and scored ahead of Schult's homer in the first, doubled and scored in the third and fifth, walked and scored in the sixth, and scored in the ninth after striking out and reaching on a pass ball.

Junior first baseman **Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, MA)** -- the Little East Conference Player-of-the-Week last week -- drove in his team-leading 17th and 18th runs of the season with a ground ball in the third, double in the fifth and bases loaded walk in the sixth. He is now batting .407. Senior third baseman **Melvin Castillo (Danbury)** also had two hits and two RBI. He drove in two runs in the sixth that gave Eastern a 7-1 lead.

After Williams chased Church with a four-run sixth inning that sliced Eastern's lead to 7-5, the Warriors responded with four runs of their own in the top of the seven to all but seal the win. Senior leftfielder **Chris Thomson (Montville)**, sophomore catcher **Steve Cammuso (Rutland, MA)** and Schult all drove in runs with doubles -- three of the team's six -- in the frame. Eastern batters drew seven walks over the final four innings, with four of them scoring.

Senior righty Paul Burgdoff (0-1) started for the second straight game against Eastern. Burgdoff did not receive a decision in last year's 6-4 loss to Eastern when he did not allow an earned run in five innings. Monday, he was lifted after allowing three hits in the fifth. He gave up eight hits in all and was charged with four runs, all earned.

Eastern faces Middlebury College Wednesday at noon at Chandler.

Sunday, March 21, 2010

EASTERN PITCHERS SPONSOR SEMINAR IN 8-6 VICTORY

Fontaine and Wojick fan ten without a walk as Warriors win first in Arizona

CHANDLER, Ariz. Senior righties **Matt Fontaine (Cranston, RI)** and **Chris Wojick (Uncasville)** struck out ten without a walk and allowed only three runs over the first eight innings and junior **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** hit a three-run home run to carry the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to an 8-6 victory over MIT Sunday afternoon.

The win in its third game in Arizona snaps a three-game losing for Eastern (3-3), ranked No. 6 in Division III. The game was the first in Arizona for MIT (1-2).

Behind Fontaine and Wojick, the Warriors breezed into the eighth with an 8-1 lead before MIT got one back in the top of the eighth and pushed across three more in the ninth before senior lefty **Wes Dutton (Waterbury)** retired the tying run at the plate by inducing pinch hitter Aric Dama into a game-ending comebacker to record his first save of 2010.

In the ninth, MIT scored its three runs on just one hit but was helped by two walks, a hit batter and two Eastern errors. After a run was walked in, Dutton was summoned. Two errors allowed two more runs to score but Dutton got a strikeout for the second out and the ground ball for the final out.

Making his first appearance of the year after injuring his arm in last year's regional tournament Fontaine (1-0) allowed only two runs on six hits with four strikeouts over the first five innings. Wojick fanned six in three innings while allowing one run on three hits.

The top three hitters in the Eastern lineup -- junior **Shane Kingsley (Beacon Falls)**, senior **Travis Bass (West Hartford)**, and Schult combined for six hits and six runs. Schult drove in three runs with a home run in the sixth that gave Eastern a 7-2 lead. Schult also doubled. Kingsley had three hits and senior **Melvin Castillo (Danbury)** had two hits, including a double, and two RBI and junior **Tyler Turgeon (Norwich)** two hits.

Eastern faces Williams College Monday at 3 p.m. ET.

Saturday, March 20, 2010

FOR EASTERN BASEBALL, PITCHING FALTERS AGAIN IN 20-8 SETBACK
Defense submits perfect performance, but Warriors continue to allow runs in bunches

CHANDLER, Ariz. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team continues to be plagued by poor pitching as the Warriors surrendered 20 runs in just four innings in a 20-8 loss to No. 25 nationally-ranked Johns Hopkins University Saturday morning at the Snedigar Complex

After allowing 13 runs and making six errors in a 13-7 loss to Concordia University (WI) Friday in its Arizona opener, No. 6 nationally-ranked Eastern (2-3) responded with perfect defense against Johns Hopkins (11-3), but the offerings of five hurlers served only as fodder for the Blue Jays' bats. Five of Johns Hopkins 13 hits went for extra bases, and JHU also capitalized on nine walks, a hit batsmen and three wild pitches

By pre-arrangement, the game was stopped at 11 a.m. local time -- after Eastern had completed its at-bats in the top of the fifth inning -- to accommodate Johns Hopkins travel plans as it wound up a 12-game Arizona trip with a 9-3 record. The Blue Jays won their final four games -- all against Little East Conference teams. Only one of the four was closely contested. Johns Hopkins was coming off a 9-1 verdict over No. 11 University of Southern Maine Friday.

Friday, March 19, 2010

DEFENSE, PITCHING STRUGGLE IN EASTERN BASEBALL'S LOSS
Warriors open eight-game Arizona trip with 13-7 setback to Concordia (WI)

CHANDLER, Ariz. – Playing its first games in nine days, the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team out-hit Concordia University (WI) but committed six errors, threw four wild pitches and hit three batters in a 13-7 loss in the opener of an eight-game, nine-day Arizona trip Friday afternoon at Snedigar Complex.

In the first meeting ever between the programs, Eastern (2-2) out-hit Concordia but defense and pitching betrayed the Warriors. Eastern collected 12 hits but seven pitchers surrendered 11, walked five batters, hit three and threw four wild pitches. All of the walks, hit batsmen and wild pitches came over the final three innings, when the Falcons scored 12 of their runs. The game was the final one in Arizona for Concordia, which split ten games.

Eastern trailed by only 1-0 before Concordia scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth on four hits, a sacrifice fly and a hit batsmen to take a 5-0 advantage into the late innings. Trailing 8-1 in the top of the eighth, the Warriors pushed across five runs in chasing senior righty Derrick Pankow (3-0) by collecting half of their game total of hits. Senior shortstop **Travis Bass (West Hartford)** and junior first baseman **Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, MA)** each contributed two-run doubles in the frame, and sophomore catcher **Steve Cammuso (Rutland, MA)** drove in another with a single.

Eastern gave the runs right back in the bottom of the inning, however, when the Falcons answered with five of their own on three hits (all coming consecutively and driving in three runs), two walks, three wild pitches and an infield error.

In the game, the bottom two hitters in the Concordia lineup – freshman shortstop Daniel Mueller and junior centerfielder Matt Mayer -- combined to reach base seven times on four hits, a walk, hit-by-pitch, and error. They drove in four runs and scored two.

In his second start of the season, junior righty **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** surrendered only a single unearned run through five innings. However, he struggled in the sixth and was lifted after the first five batters reached safely. Schult fanned six without a walk and allowed seven hits.

The top six hitters in the Eastern order accounted for ten hits (four doubles), drove in six and scored five. Junior leftfielder **Robert Perry (Manchester)** had three hits, Bass, senior third baseman **Melvin Castillo (Danbury)** and Dewing all recording two. Dewing had two doubles, drove in two runs and scored two while Bass plated two and scored one.

Eastern faces No. 25 Johns Hopkins University – the Division III national runner-up two years ago – Saturday at 11:30 a.m. ET at Chandler. Senior righty **Will Musson (Wethersfield)** is expected to make his second start, looking for his second win.

EASTERN BASEBALL CAN'T CATCH STEVENS TECH IN 10-8 SETBACK
In game featuring six HRs, Ducks build early lead and hold on for first win over Warriors

HOBOKEN, N.J. -- Trailing by five runs late in the game, the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team scored twice in the eighth but eventually left the tying run at the plate in the ninth a 10-8 loss to Stevens Tech Wednesday afternoon at Dobbelaar Field.

Eastern (2-1) scored two runs after there were two out and none on in the eighth and pulled another run closer when junior rightfielder **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** opened the ninth with the team's second home run of the game, but Stevens (4-4) sophomore righty Vincent Vinci left the tying run at the plate when he got an game-ending foul ball to right.

The win is the first for Stevens after four losses against Eastern, ranked No. 3 nationally.

Junior righty **Chris Wojick (Uncasville)** sustained the loss, allowing five runs in the first two innings. Wojick was making his first start after 41 career relief appearances. Freshman righty **Benjamin Church (Rochester, MA)** allowed only two hits and one run on a home run in three innings of relief in his second career appearance, and senior lefty **Wes Dutton (Waterbury)** pitched a 1-2-3 eighth.

Senior second baseman **John Parke (Middlefield)** and Schult each had three hits for Eastern, which out-hit the Ducks 14-11. Junior first baseman **Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, MA)** hit his eighth career home run in the fourth - a three-run blast that pulled the Warriors to within 5-4. Schult and senior All-America third baseman **Melvin Castillo (Danbury)** had singled to open the inning. Parke raised his average to .538 (7-for-13).

Playing its second former national champion and current Top 10 nationally-ranked team, Stevens moved out to a 9-4 lead by scoring four runs in the fourth after there were two out and only one runner on base. After an RBI double plated the first run of the inning, junior rightfielder Russ Grimes swatted a three-run homem run to center to give the hosts a five-run cushion. Grimes finished the game with four RBI and senior centerfielder Mark Rasulo had three hits and scored three runs.

Each team had three home runs in the game. Joining Dewing and Schult for Eastern was first-year Division I junior transfer **Tyler Turgeon (Norwich)**. As a sixth-inning replacement at designated hitter batting eighth in the order, Turgeon ripped a two-out solo home run in the seventh and also singled and scored on a wild pitch in the eighth.

For the second time in three games, the Warriors did not commit a fielding error.

Eastern is scheduled to face Saint Joseph's College of Long Island Saturday at 2 p.m. and Farmingdale State College Sunday at 2 p.m. at Farmingdale, NY.

Sunday, March 7, 2010

EASTERN EASES TO SECOND BASEBALL WIN THIS WEEKEND, 14-1
Musson pitches a one-hitter for five innings in Warriors' win over Old Westbury

YAPHANK, N.Y. – Senior righty **Will Musson (Wethersfield)** won his eighth career regular-season game without a loss and junior **Rob Perry (Manchester)** drove in three runs with three hits as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team completed a sweep of two season-opening weekend games with a 14-1 drubbing of SUNY Old Westbury Sunday afternoon at Baseball Heaven.

Coming off a season-opening 19-4 victory over Albertus Magnus College Saturday, Eastern (2-0) collected 14 hits off six Old Westbury (1-4) pitchers Sunday and five Eastern pitchers limited the Panthers to five singles.

Perry, who was Eastern's top hitter with a .407 average in his first season last year, had a two-run single when the Warriors batted around in a six-run second inning, and also singled in another run in the fourth. He was 3-for-4 and also scored a run. Senior second baseman and leadoff hitter **John Parke (Middlefield)** singled in a run in the second, tripled in a run in the third and singled and scored in the fifth in matching Perry's hit total. Batting behind Parke, senior shortstop **Travis Bass (West Hartford)** reached safely three times with walks, scoring twice. First-year junior transfer **Tyler Turgeon (Norwich)** plated two runs with a bases-loaded walk in the second and a ground ball in the fifth.

Musson (1-0) fanned eight and walked two in a one-hitter over the first five innings. Redshirt freshman **Mike Buckley (Braintree, MA)** and freshman **Benjamin Church (Rochester, MA)** each pitched a scoreless inning in their varsity debut.

In late-inning at-bats, sophomore **Hunter Caron (Houlton, ME)** and freshman **Drew Accomando (Monroe)** recorded their first collegiate hits. Caron singled in the seventh and Accomando singled and scored in the eighth.

In two games this weekend, Eastern outscored its opponent 33-5 and outhit its opponent 39-11. Nine pitchers combined on a 2.50 ERA and fanned 25 with only six walks. Junior first baseman **Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, MA)** had five hits, Perry, Parke and senior **outfielder Chris Thomson (Monville)** four each. Dewing drove in seven runs and Bass, senior All-America third baseman **Melvin Castillo (Danbury)** and junior rightfielder **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** each scored five runs.

Eastern visits Stevens Tech Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 6, 2010

EASTERN BASEBALL WHIPS ALBERTUS IN 2010 SEASON-OPENER, 19-4

Dewing, Tingley shine as Warriors collected 25 hits and strike out 15 batters

YAPHANK, N.Y. – Junior first baseman **Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, MA)** drove in seven runs with two hits and four Eastern Connecticut State University pitchers struck out 15 batters on a combined six-hitter as the Warriors routed Albertus Magnus College, 19-4, in their 2010 season-opener at Baseball Heaven.

Ranked No. 3 nationally in the pre-season, Eastern scored the final 13 runs over the final six innings to pull away from an early 6-4 lead. The contest was the 2,000 game played in the 62-year history of the program.

Sparking a 25-hit attack which featured 19 singles, Dewing drove in two runs with singles in the first and second innings and a double in the fifth and mixed in an RBI single in the fourth. Senior shortstop **Travis Bass (West Hartford)**, senior rightfielder **Chris Thomson (Montville)** and sophomore catcher **Steve Cammuso (Rutland, MA)** all contributed three hits. Two of Bass's hits were doubles. Bass, junior **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** and senior All-America **Melvin Castillo (Danbury)** all scored three runs.

The right-handed Schult gave up four hits and all four Albertus (0-1) runs over the first three innings, but fanned six and walked only one. Junior righty **Chris Wojick (Uncasville)** was credited with his fifth career pitching win by throwing two scoreless innings after taking over for Schult. Senior lefty **Mike Tingley (Rockville)**, battling arm problems the last two years, was dominant in a three-inning hitless stint. Tingley fanned the side after being inserted in the sixth and struck out two more in the seventh and eighth. He did not allow a baserunner.

First-year Division I junior transfer **Travis Turgeon (Norwich)** and freshman **Joe Balowski (Berlin)** recorded their first hits in an Eastern uniform. Balowski singled in two late-game at-bats in place of Castillo at third and Turgeon contributed a two-out double in the ninth after taking over for Dewing at first base in the seventh. Turgeon had walked in his first plate appearance in the seventh.

Senior righty **Will Musson (Wethersfield)** is the expected starting pitcher Sunday against SUNY Old Westbury at Baseball Heaven.