

Baseball: Warriors Eliminated in NCAA

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After eliminating Clarkson, they are bounced by Brockport, 6-3

AUBURN, N.Y. -- After starting the day at 9 a.m. by completing a game suspended late Thursday night, fifth-seeded Eastern Connecticut State University (34-13) ended its season at 2:21 a.m. Saturday morning with a 6-3 loss to fourth-seeded College at Brockport at the 2011 NCAA Division III Auburn, NY Regional tournament at Falcon Park..

The Warriors led once in the game, 2-1, but Brockport (30-13) tied the game in the fourth and took the lead for good, 5-2, with four runs on five hits and an infield error in the fifth.

Trailing 6-2, Eastern got one back in the seventh on a leadoff double by junior catcher **Steve Cammuso (Rutland, MA)** and an infield error and brought the tying run to bat in both the eighth and ninth innings.

Brockport, beaten 2-0 by Eastern Wednesday, had stayed alive earlier Friday by eliminating Farmingdale State College, 6-2. The Warriors become the fifth team eliminated in the original field of eight in the double-elimination tournament. .

Brockport was scheduled to meet top-seeded SUNY Cortland Saturday at 1 p.m. That winner will need to defeat third-seeded Keystone College, the only undefeated team remaining. Keystone routed Cortland, 13-0, in the final of the winners' bracket Friday afternoon

Eastern 6, Clarkson 1

After losing the completion of a suspended game Friday morning to SUNY Cortland, 7-6, the fifth-seeded Warriors stayed alive in with a 6-1 elimination game win over seventh-seeded Clarkson University (20-19).

Against Clarkson, senior righty **Chris Wojick (Uncasville)** did not allow a run for 5 1/3 innings en route to his sixth win against a loss, and junior righty **Evan Chamberlain (Amston)** gave up only one unearned run on two hits the rest of the way to earn his fourth save.

Senior leftfielder **Rob Perry (Manchester)** had a single, double and triple and drove in three runs for Eastern and senior outfielder **Shane Kingsley (Beacon Falls)** hit in his eighth straight game with a single and double. He scored two runs and also walked and had a sacrifice bunt.

Eastern broke a scoreless game open with four runs on three hits and two walks in the fifth. Perry knocked in two runs with a triple in the inning. and senior DH **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** and freshman shortstop **Danny O'Connell (Braintree, MA)** also had RBI singles.

Baseball: Warriors Fall Short in NCAA

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They leave tying run at third in ninth inning of completed game

Bill Holowaty Discusses Clarkson.mp3

Interview courtesy of Wayne Norman, WILI Radio

AUBURN, N.Y. -- The fifth-seeded Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team left the tying run on third base in the bottom of the ninth inning Friday morning in the completion of Thursday's **suspended game in dropping a 7-6 decision to top-seeded SUNY Cortland in a winners' bracket game at Falcon Park.**

Eastern (33-12) is scheduled to play seventh-seeded Clarkson University (19-18) Friday at 1:15 p.m. in an elimination game. That winner advances in the tournament, possibly playing Friday's late game. The loser is eliminated.

Thursday night's game was suspended due to rain with the Warriors trailing, 7-6, in the top of the eighth inning. The game was suspended at 10:45 after a 47 minute delay with Cortland batting with one out and a runner on first base. Eastern junior righty pitcher **Mike Hepple (Newington)** had just relieved senior lefty **Bill Roveto (South Windsor)** with a 2-0 count on No. 3 hitter John Adornetto. Hepple continued his effectiveness of late by stranding Adornetto at second with a strikeout and outfield fly ball.

After going out in order in the bottom of the eighth, the Warriors showed life after Cortland senior lefty reliever Michael Mahay got strikeouts for the first two outs. A starter with a 7-0 record making only his second relief appearance, Mahay then surrendered a single to Eastern No. 9 hitter **Chris Cannata (Southington)**. Senior outfielder **Shane Kingsley (Beacon Falls)** followed with his fourth hit of the day with a single to left that sent Cammuso to third before Mahay retired No. 2 hitter **Robert Perry (Manchester)** on a hard line drive to right.

Eastern reached four Cortland pitchers for 13 hits but stranded 14 runners -- eight in scoring position as the Red Dragons evened the all-time NCAA tournament series with Eastern at three wins apiece..

The Warriors were battling back from a 7-3 deficit after 4 1/2 innings when the rains came Thursday. They scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth to cut the Red Dragon lead to 7-6. The Warriors chased Cortland junior ace Aaron Schuldt in the fifth, scoring their three runs on three hits, two walks, a sacrifice fly and infield error. Senior rightfielder **Tyler Turgeon (Norwich)** and senior first baseman **Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, MA)** had hits to open the inning and both later scored on freshman shortstop **Danny O'Connell's (Braintree, MA)** sacrifice fly and a wild pitch, respectively. Sophomore pinch hitter **Drew Accomando (Berlin)** later walked and scored on a throwing error for the final run of the inning.

In search of his first win in a month, Eastern junior righty starter **Jim Dimon (Seymour)** started on the mound but was lifted with two out in the fourth while Cortland was scoring four times to take a 5-2 lead.

Five Eastern seniors batting 1-through-5 in the order combined for 11 of the team's 13 hits and also reached on two walks. Kingsley has four hits -- including the 50th of the season -- while seniors Perry, DH **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** and Dewing have two each. Schult moved into fifth place all-time in career hits with a third-inning RBI single that gave him 237 in his four-year career. Schult also contributed his fourth outfield assist of the season when he threw out a runner at home for the second out of the sixth inning.

Hepple allowed only one hit in getting the final six outs. As the fourth of five pitchers, Roveto struck out three without a walk and gave up two hits in two innings.

Eastern is ranked 21st nationally and Cortland sixth. The Red Dragons lost in last year's national championship game and dropped two of three to champion Eastern in the 2006 regional at Auburn.

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

SCHULT, KINGSLEY LIFT EASTERN BASEBALL IN NCAA
Seniors leads Warriors to 2-0 win over Brockport in Auburn Regional opener

at AUBURN, N.Y. – Senior right-hander **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** tossed his first career shutout and senior outfielder **Shane Kingsley (Beacon Falls)** drove in the only two runs of the game with an eighth-inning single as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team defeated the College of Brockport Wednesday morning in the opening round of the 2011 NCAA Division III Auburn, NY Regional at Falcon Park.

Fifth-seeded Eastern (33-11) advances to play Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in the winners' bracket of the eight-team, double-elimination tournament against top-seeded host SUNY Cortland (34-8), which trimmed eighth-seeded Mitchell College (23-10-1), 3-1, later Wednesday. Brockport (27-13) faces Mitchell in an elimination game Thursday at 10 a.m.

Schult (10-1), the 2011 New England Player-of-the-Year and Little East Conference Pitcher-of-the-Year, recorded the first shutout and sixth complete game in 30 career starts. He walked four and hit a batter over the first four innings but carried a no-hitter into the fifth inning. All five hits that he allowed in the game were singles. He struck out 12 and walked five and hit a batter en route to his eighth straight victory.

Undefeated as a starter this season, Schult left seven runners in scoring position in recording his 19th career win against two losses. With the game scoreless, a strikeout left Brockport runners on second and third in the bottom of the first, outfield fly balls stranded the bases loaded in the third and two on base in the sixth, and a strikeout kept the go-ahead run 90 feet away in the seventh.

Unable to get the ball out of the infield in his first three at-bats, Kingsley dumped a two-out single to center with the bases loaded in the eighth for the only runs that Schult needed.

After senior first baseman **Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, MA)** singled to open that eighth inning, sophomore second baseman **Joe Balowski (Berlin)** reached on a sacrifice bunt when Dewing beat Eagle first baseman Max Zimmerman's throw to second hoping for a forceout. Freshman shortstop **Danny O'Connell (Braintree, MA)** then successfully executed only his second sacrifice bunt of the season to move both runners into scoring position and a two-out walk to No. 9 hitter **Mitch Plourde (Ellington)** loaded the bases. Kingsley then drove in his 19th and 20th runs of the game with his single to center.

Facing an Eastern team which features a team .325 batting average, Brockport senior right-handed ace Kyle Smith (8-2) cruised through the first seven innings. He gave up only one hit without a walk in facing the minimum 18 batters over the first six innings. Both of Eastern's hits through seven innings were infield hits.

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Smith pitched a four-hitter with six strikeouts and a walk through eight innings before giving way to freshman righty Justin McCarthy.

Against Cortland in NCAA play, the Warriors have won three of five meetings. In the 2006 Auburn regional, Eastern rebounded from a 9-0 second-round loss to the Red Dragons to win the regional with 9-5, 10-7 triumphs over Cortland in the championship round.

First-year junior righty **Jim Dimon (Seymour)** is a candidate to start Thursday's game. Dimon is 5-1 with a 4.17 ERA. Dimon did not figure in the decision in his last start against Rhode Island College in the Little East Conference opener a week ago. The Anchormen reached him for 12 hits and four runs (three) while fanning two and walking two in Eastern's eventual 6-4 loss. His last win came in his only complete game in 11 starts this season, a three-hitter against Rhode Island in the team's 3-2 regular-season victory nearly a month ago.

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2011 NCAA DIVISION III BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP Auburn (NY) Regional – Wednesday, May 18, 2011

Game one: #5 Eastern Connecticut State University 2, #4 The College at Brockport 0

AUBURN, NY – Senior outfielder Shane Kingsley (Beacon Falls, CT/Woodland Regional) provided the lone runs of the game with a bases loaded two-run bloop single to centerfield as fifth-seeded Eastern Connecticut State came away with a 2-0 victory over fourth-seeded The College at Brockport in the opening game of the 2011 NCAA Division III Baseball Championship Auburn (NY) Regional at Falcon Park, co-hosted by SUNY Cortland and the Auburn Doubledays.

The Warriors (33-11), making their 32nd NCAA tournament appearance, will face the winner of today's second game between top-seeded SUNY Cortland and eighth-seeded Mitchell College (CT) on Thursday, May 19th at 4:30 p.m. The Golden Eagles, appearing in their third NCAA tournament, will face the loser of the Cortland-Mitchell contest in Thursday's opening game at 10:00 a.m. Both teams made the tournament field earning "Pool C" at-large berths.

The entire game was a pitcher's dual between a pair of senior right-handers –Eastern Connecticut's Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls/John Jay Senior) and Kyle Smith of Brockport (Sanborn/Niagara Wheatfield). Schult (10-1) went the distance with a five-hit shutout, giving up five hits and five walks while striking out 12 batters. Smith (8-2) picked up the hard-luck loss, tossing eight innings in yielding four hits, both Eastern Connecticut State runs and a walk while striking out six.

Smith entered the eighth inning with a two-hit shutout before the Warriors went on their game-winning rally. Senior first baseman Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, MA) opened the inning with a single to left field before sophomore third baseman Joe Balowski (Berlin, CT) reached on a fielder's choice sacrifice bunt, advancing Dewing to second base when the throw to put him out was late. Eastern Connecticut State followed with a pair of ground outs (the first coming on a sac bunt to move the runners to second and third), before Kingsley's go-ahead hit.

Brockport stranded ten runners on base, with its best scoring opportunities coming in the opening inning with runners on second and third with two outs (strikeout) and in the third with the bases loaded with one out (strikeout, fly out). Senior first baseman Max Zimmerman (East Amherst/Williamsville North) was the lone player for either team with multiple hits, going 2-for-4

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Saturday, May 7, 2011

EASTERN BASEBALL CLOSES REGULAR SEASON WITH LOSS
Amherst College snaps eight-game winless streak against Warriors with 11-4 victory

MANSFIELD, Conn. – Amherst College senior righty Max McKenna (Lexington, MA) stopped the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team on five hits through seven innings and freshman first baseman Taiki Kasuga (New York, NY) drove in four runs with a triple and single to carry the Lord Jeffs to an 11-4 victory Saturday afternoon at the Eastern Baseball Stadium.

The loss in the regular-season finale for Eastern (29-9) is its fifth in its final nine games and evens its record against teams who are in this week's NCAA New England rankings to 3-3. Amherst (23-7), which had lost seven and tied one against Eastern in the last eight meetings between the programs, has won 17 of its last 20 since a 6-4 start.

Eastern opens play as the No. 1 seed and host in the Little East Conference Tournament against sixth-seeded Rhode Island College Wednesday at noon. Amherst visits the University of Southern Maine of the Little East Sunday for a noon single game and faces Bates College later that day in Portland, Maine before hosting Bowdoin College in its New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) Tournament opener Friday at 3 p.m.

With the exception of junior righty starting righty **Mitch Furber (Oakdale)**, none of Eastern's seven other pitchers Saturday threw more than one inning. In his third start of the season, Furber (1-2) couldn't protect an early 2-0 lead, giving up three runs in the third after there were two out and none on. Furber was lifted while Amherst was collecting four hits in the inning – the big blow delivered by Kasuga with his two-run triple.

The Lord Jeffs moved out to a 6-2 lead with three more runs in the fourth – Kasuga driving in two with a single – and tacked on two more in the fifth and another in the sixth to make it 9-3.

Six Amherst hitters picked up two or more hits, with junior catcher Mike Samela (Westport) driving in two runs with singles in the third and eighth.

Eastern hit three home runs but they were all sole homers and constituted 60 percent of the team's offense.

McKenna (5-1), who now shares the Amherst staff lead in wins, fanned six and walked only one. After giving up single runs in the first and second on senior leftfielder **Robert Perry's (Manchester)** fifth home run of the year and sophomore third baseman Joe Balowski's (Berlin) solo shot leading off the second, McKenna settled down to limit Eastern to three hits over the final five innings of his stint.

Balowski hit his second home run of the game with two out and none on in the fourth – his second and third of the season. Perry's home run extended his current hitting streak to 22.

Friday, May 6, 2011

EASTERN BASEBALL WINS EIGHTH OUTRIGHT LEC REGULAR-SEASON TITLE
Warriors sweep Keene State, 12-6, 8-6; will host conference tournament beginning Wednesday

KEENE, N.H. -- Sophomore third baseman **Joe Balowski (Berlin)** knocked in a career-high four runs with three hits and senior rightfielder **Tyler Turgeon (Norwich)** had three hits -- including the 100th of his two-year career -- as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team clinched its eighth outright Little East Conference regular-season championship in 15 years Friday afternoon with a 12-6 victory over Keene State College in the first game of a doubleheader at the Owls Athletic Complex.

Ranked second in New England, Eastern (29-8, 11-3 little east) rallied from three runs back to complete the sweep of fourth-rated Keene (27-12, 7-7 little east) with an 8-6 victory in Game 2. The Owls entered play needing a sweep to finish with a share of the regular-season title.

By winning the regular-season title, Eastern will serve as host institution for the 15th Annual LEC Baseball Tournament for the tenth time beginning Wednesday at the Eastern Baseball Stadium. The top six finishers in the regular-season standings qualify for the four-day, double-elimination tournament.

Against Keene in the first game Friday, the Warriors pounded out 17 hits against five Keene pitchers, with Balowski, Turgeon, senior first baseman **Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, MA)** and freshman shortstop **Danny O'Connell (Braintree, MA)** each collecting three and senior leftfielder **Robert Perry (Manchester)** and junior catcher **Steve Cammuso (Rutland, MA)** two each. Balowski drove in his four runs with a double in the third, single in the fourth and two-run single in the fifth.

The Warriors scored at least two runs in four consecutive innings of the first game beginning with the second to amass an 11-3 lead. Senior righty **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** won his sixth straight pitching decision by pitching the first six innings and junior righty **Evan Chamberlain (Amston)** earned his second save by working the final three innings.

In the second game, the Warriors scored five runs in the eighth inning on four hits, two walks and a hit batsmen to crease a three-run deficit and defeat Keene for the 15th time in the last 19 meetings. Turgeon drove in two runs in the inning with a double and No. 9 hitter **Drew Accomando (Monroe)** added a two-run single with two out. Turgeon had four hits in the game to give him 11 hits in his last 23 at-bats (.478) and drove in three runs and score two, while Perry had three hits, two runs and two RBI three hits. Both also unloaded solo home runs.

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Keene starter Jeff Pelkey kept his perfect (6-0) pitching record intact because he did not figure in the second-game decision. He left the game in possession of a 4-3 lead, allowing only five hits over the first five innings. Junior righty **Mike Hepple (Newington)** gained the win as the third of three Eastern pitchers. Hepple (3-1) entered the game with two out in the seventh, a runner on third and Eastern trailing 6-3. Hepple got a swinging strikeout to end the frame and allowed three hits and walked a batter in the final two innings.

In the doubleheader, Turgeon was 7-for-10 with two doubles and a home run, a walk, five runs scored and three RBI. Perry and O'Connell had five hits each. O'Connell also walked and scored four runs with a double and triple and drove in two and Perry had four RBI and two runs scored. In 14 Little East games this year, Perry batted .431 with 36 total bases and 12 RBI, Cammuso .423 with 16 RBI and five walks, and Turgeon .414 with 33 total bases and 16 RBI.

In addition to eight outright titles, the Warriors have shared three additional regular-season championships. Eastern shared the regular-season title with Keene State last year. In six years between 2002 and 2007, Eastern won the regular-season title outright five times. Before this year, the Warriors had last captured the outright crown in 2007, when they went on to the sixth of their present total of seven LEC tournament titles.

Eastern closes out the regular season Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in a home makeup, non-conference doubleheader against Amherst College, ranked No. 6 in New England.

Monday, May 2, 2011

IZZO (8 RBI) CARRIES TUFTS PAST EASTERN BASEBALL, 13-9
Batting No. 9 in the order, freshman hits two home runs to lead Jumbos past Warriors

MANSFIELD, Conn. – Tufts University No. 9 batter Nate Izzo (Saunderstown, RI) drove in eight runs with two home runs and a sacrifice fly to power the Jumbos to a 13-9 non-conference victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Monday evening in a meeting of regionally-ranked teams at the Eastern Baseball Stadium.

In a re-match of an NCAA regional game won by Tufts, 3-0, at the Eastern Baseball Stadium, Tufts (23-6-1) scored 13 straight runs to carry a 13-3 lead into the seventh before Eastern (27-8) responded with six runs in its final three at-bats on ten hits. Tufts senior righty Edward Bernstein (Foxborough, MA) got a strikeout with the tying run on deck to nail down the win.

Eastern, ranked No. 2 in New England, has dropped four of its last six while Tufts has won 20 of its last 22.

A freshman rightfielder, Izzo entered the game batting .222 with four RBI and no home runs in 36 at-bats, but smacked a three-run home run to tie the game in the third inning, then highlighted an eight-run, six-hit third inning with a grand slam to make it 11-3. Izzo plated his eighth run with a sacrifice fly in a two-run fourth inning that ballooned the lead to 13-3.

Tufts senior righty Pat O'Donnell (Worcester, MA) scattered five singles through six innings after allowing Eastern senior rightfielder **Jim Schult's (Wappingers Falls, NY)** three-run home run in the first that gave the Warriors the early lead.

Trailing 13-3, Eastern got two back in the seventh on a two-run double by Schult and added another on senior catcher **Chris Cannata's (Southington)** sacrifice fly in the eighth to make it 13-6. With O'Donnell (4-0) done for the night, the Warriors rallied for three more runs in the ninth against two Tufts relievers on a two-run single by senior first baseman **Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, MA)** and a run-scoring single freshman second baseman **Mitch Plourde (Ellington)**. Bernstein, who has not allowed an earned run in 22 1/3 innnigs this season, sandwiched two strikeouts around Plourde's RBI single to end the game.

Led by Izzo, seven Tufts batters had two hits, with senior DH Chase Rose (Paradise Valley, AZ) scoring three runs. Senior centerfielder **Shane Kingsley (Beacon Falls)** and Schult had four hits each and junior DH **Steve Cammuso (Rutland, MA)** had three. Schult socked his ninth home run and his 15th double and drove in his team-leading 50th run.

Eastern hosts Amherst College Wednesday at 6 p.m. The Lord Jeffs are rated No. 6 in New England.

Saturday, April 30, 2011

EASTERN BASEBALL EARNS SHARE OF LEC REGULAR-SEASON TITLE

Warriors split doubleheader, winning 9-2 and losing 7-5 in ten innings to UMass Dartmouth

MANSFIELD, Conn. — Senior DH **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** and senior utility player **Tyler Turgeno (Norwich)** each drove in two runs in a five-run sixth inning of the opener, but the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team stranded 16 runners in the nightcap in splitting a Little East Conference doubleheader with the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Saturday at the Eastern Baseball Stadium. Eastern won the opener, 9-2, and dropped the nightcap, 7-5 in ten innings.

With the split, Eastern (27-7, 9-3 little east) clinches no worse than a piece of its tenth conference regular-season title in the 15-year history of the sport. With the split, UMass Dartmouth (13-19, 7-5 little east) retains a chance of finishing with a share of the LEC crown for the first time.

The top four teams in the conference all split doubleheaders Saturday, leaving UMass Dartmouth, defending LEC tournament champion UMass Boston and Keene State still sharing second place, two games behind Eastern.

On the final day of the regular season this coming Friday, Eastern visits Keene State College -- needing one win to claim the outright title and earn the No. 1 LEC tournament seed -- UMass Dartmouth travels to the University of Southern Maine, and UMass Boston hosts Western Connecticut.

Schult (7-1) won his fifth straight decision in the opener. He allowed nine hits and both UMass runs with five strikeouts and no walks before junior righty **Evan Chamberlain (Amston)** and junior **Andrew Petrucci (Branford)** closed out the win with a scoreless inning each.

In the first game, the Warriors broke a tie with two runs in the fourth with the help of consecutive triples by freshmen No. 8 and No. 9 batters **Danny O'Connell (Braintree, MA)** and **Mitch Plourde (Ellington)**, then broke it open with five runs in the sixth, scoring all of the runs with two out and senior first baseman **Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, MA)** on third. Schult had a two-run single and Turgeon a two-run triple in an inning where the Warriors sent ten batters to the plate.

Trailing 5-3 in the second game, Eastern scored single runs in the seventh and eighth on RBI singles by Dewing and senior outfielder **Shane Kingsley (Beacon Falls)**, but UMass scored twice in the tenth on two hits, two walks and an infield error. Senior shortstop Ryan McDermott (Pembroke, MA) drove in the first run of the tenth inning with a ground ball and scored the second run on a single by freshman second baseman Bedward Ortiz (Worcester, MA) and an infield error.

In the nightcap, Eastern stranded a season-high 16 runners aboard, leaving the bags full in the eighth and tenth. Down by two runs in the tenth, the Warriors loaded the bases with one out on singles by senior outfielder **Robert Perry (Manchester)** and Turgeon and an infield error, but winning pitcher Pat Lavey (Cranston, RI), a junior righty, got a called strikeout and game-ending infield pop. Lavey (5-1) gave up eight hits in 3 1/3 relief innings but only one run while fanning four.

Perry had six hits (two doubles) and two RBI in Eastern's 29-hit attack in the doubleheader, with Plourde, O'Connell and Turgeon all collecting four each. Plourde doubled twice and tripled. Turgeon, who has 97 hits in his two-year Eastern career, also reached two additional times with walks.

UMass senior catcher Matt Ryan (Uxbridge, MA) led the Corsair's 22-hit barrage with four hits and three RBI, with sophomore rightfielder Matt Worden (New Bedford, MA) and McDermott both collecting three.

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

SCHULT (7 RBI) POWERS EASTERN BASEBALL PAST WESLEYAN
Senior hits 24th and 25th career HRs; Hepple gains first win in starting role this season

MANSFIELD, Conn. — Senior DH **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** hit two home runs in a game for the first time in his career and drove in a career-high seven runs to power the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to an 11-7 non-conference victory over Wesleyan University Wednesday night at the Eastern Baseball Stadium.

Ranked No. 1 in New England and No. 5 in Division III, Eastern (26-6) won for the first time in three games and for the 16th consecutive time over Wesleyan (15-16), which has lost three straight.

Schult moved into ninth place all-time with his 24th and 25th career home runs (fourth and fifth in his last six games) and took over the team lead with 43 RBI. The seven runs batted in constituted a personal game high for Schult, besting a six-RBI showing March 24, 2009 against the University of Chicago when he also had six hits and six runs scored.

A pre-season Division III All-America, Schult hit a two-run home run in the first, drove in a run with a double in the second, and smacked a grand slam well over the left field fence in a six-run third inning. All of the runs in the third were unearned, as were seven of the ten runs charged to Wesleyan (15-16) freshman right-handed starter Chris Law (0-1), making his second collegiate start. In the six-run third inning that gave Eastern a 10-3 lead, there were three hits, two Wesleyan errors, a walk and sacrifice fly.

Junior righty **Mike Hepple (Southington)** won his first game this year as a starter and second overall in three decisions in 2011 by allowing three runs over the first five innings. Junior righty **Evan Chamberlain (Hebron)** did not allow a hit while striking out two over the final three innings to earn his first career save.

Junior rightfielder **Steve Cammuso (Rutland, MA)** had two hits -- including a triple -- and scored twice and senior leftfielder **Robert Perry (Manchester)** reached four times with three walks and a triple and scored three times. In Eastern's six-run third, Perry's high infield pop with two out fell between two Wesleyan infielders, and Schult made the error pay by following with his grand slam.

Justin Freres and Julian Sonnenfeld homered for Wesleyan, which scored three runs in the seventh on two hits and two walks before Chamberlain slammed the door. Chamberlain retired nine straight after entering the game with two runners aboard and two runs in.

Sonnenfeld's two-run home run in the third accounted for Wesleyan's first two runs and Freres followed with a solo shot that cut Eastern's 4-0 lead to one.

Perry has now hit in 16 straight games while Schult hit safely in his tenth in a row against Wesleyan.

Eastern visits Wheaton College Thursday at 3:30 p.m. The Lyons are ranked No. 2 in New England, No. 22 nationally.

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

FAST START FUELS WNEC'S BASEBALL WIN OVER EASTERN, 9-4
No. 1 Warriors can't dig out of early hole in dropping non-conference game to No. 5 opponent

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- The Western New England College baseball team recorded the first nine hits and first seven runs of the game and held off Eastern Connecticut State University, 9-4, Tuesday night in a non-conference game between highly-ranked New England teams.

Ranked No. 1 in New England, Eastern (25-6) lost for the fourth straight to Western New England (29-8) after capturing 33 of the first 34 games in this series. Ranked No. 5 in New England, the Golden Bears have won six straight and even their record against Little East Conference opponents at 2-2 this year.

Western New England chased Eastern freshman starter **Greg Porter (Mystic)** in a six-run fourth inning – collecting the first nine hits of the game -- that pushed its lead to 7-0, and senior starter Matt Rogers (Portsmouth, RI) kept the Warriors without a hit through four innings. Eastern scored its first two runs on junior catcher **Steve Cammuso's (Rutland, MA)** second home run of the year in the fifth, then added single runs in the sixth and seventh on four hits in chasing Rogers and cutting the gap to three, 7-4.

The visitors were unable to solve Eastern junior reliever **Mitch Furber (Oakdale)** – the righty pitching 4+ middle innings of one-hit scoreless relief – until senior cleanup hitter Tony Trubia (Tolland) slammed his second home run of the season with a runner aboard in the ninth to provide his team with two insurance runs.

A two-out solo home run by No. 8 hitter Kyle McKelvey (Schenectady, NY) gave WNEC the early lead in the second and the visitors exploded for six runs in batting around in the fourth on four hits – three doubles – and two walks. No. 9 hitter Andrew Fatse (Hampden, MA) drove in the first two runs with a bases-loaded double and senior catcher Jason Leclerc (Chicopee, MA) added a bases-clearing triple with two out.

Rogers gave up only six hits while fanning four and walking one, and junior relief ace Mike Lawlor (Windsor) recorded the final four outs to wrap up the win. Three WNEC pitchers walked only one batter.

Having pitched only nine innings all year, Furber gave up only three hits in 4 1/3 innings as the third of four Eastern pitchers.

Sophomore second baseman Mike Rubino (Northford) and Fatse each had three of WNEC's 12 hits. Rubino scored two and Fatse drove in two runs with his fourth-inning double.

Sophomore third baseman **Joe Balowski (Berlin)** was Eastern's only hitter with more than one. He had two and scored a run. Senior first baseman **Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, MA)** was hit by a pitch for the sixth time this season and established a program record of 40.

Eastern hosts Wesleyan University Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Monday, April 25, 2011

WESTERN COMES FROM FIVE RUNS BACK TO EDGE EASTERN

In Little East baseball, Colonials score final six runs of game to top conference leaders, 10-9

DANBURY, Conn. -- Reserve first baseman Tim Nelson's single drove in the game-ending run with no one out in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift the Western Connecticut State University baseball team to a come-from-behind 10-9 Little East Conference victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Monday afternoon at Westside Field in the makeup of an April 19 game.

Looking to move out to a three-game lead in the conference standings with four games remaining, Eastern (25-5, 8-2 little east) used a five-run fourth inning to take a 9-4 lead before Western (15-14, 4-6 little east) bounced back to score the final six runs of the game. Trailing 9-8 entering the ninth against sophomore righty **Mike Riemer (Ellington)**, Western tied the game when starting pitcher Conor Bierfeldt tripled in David Simone (leadoff walk). After two intentional walks loaded the bases, Nelson singled in Bierfeldt to end the game. Nelson had entered the game in the seventh inning as a replacement for starting first baseman Chris Smith.

Eastern and Western have split the regular-season series between the teams each of the last two years. The Warriors had won easily the previous four times the teams had met at Westside Field.

Making his first start of the season in left field, Eastern senior utility player **Tyler Turgeon (Norwich)** had a 27-game hitting streak halted – four shy of the record. After walking and scoring the team's first run in the second, Turgeon grounded out to the infield three times and lined out to left.

Western scored four times in the first to take a 4-0 lead before the Warriors responded with three in the second and the tying run in the third on junior rightfielder **Steve Cammuso (Rutland, MA)** first home run of the season. In the fourth, the Warriors batted around and scored five runs, with senior DH **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** and freshman second baseman **Mitch Plourde (Ellington)** belting two-run home runs and freshman shortstop **Danny O'Connell (Braintree, MA)** driving in one with a single. Batting eighth, Plourde drove in the first two runs of the inning with his first career round-tripper, and Schult's team-leading sixth home run (23rd of his career) chased Bierfeldt.

While Western relievers Zack Philippas and Bill Armstrong were shutting out Eastern on three hits, Western reached three Eastern relievers for four runs on four hits and four walks (two intentional) to climb back into the game.

Aiming for his fourth win without a loss, first-year Eastern sophomore tarting righty **Andrew Merritt (Norwalk)** allowed only three earned runs in 5 1/3 innings but an outfield error (along with three hits, two walks and a sacrifice fly) helped Western score its four first-inning runs, and

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an infield error and two hits helped account for the Colonials' two runs in the fourth that cut Eastern's lead to three, 9-6.

Plourde had three hits and three RBI and senior first baseman **Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, MA)** three singles and two runs scored. Senior leadoff hitter **Shane Kingsley (Beacon Falls)**, O'Connell (named the LEC Rookie-of-the-Week today for the third time), and Cammuso each had two hits, with Cammuso scoring twice. Cammuso entered the game with exactly 100 career hits.

Eastern hit three home runs in a game Monday for the first time this season.

Shooting for its 11th LEC regular-season title in 15 years (second straight), Eastern plays two more LEC noon doubleheaders in the regular season. The Warriors host UMass Dartmouth Saturday and visit Keene State College May 6. Beginning Tuesday with a 6 p.m. non-conference home game against No. 5 Western New England College, Eastern plays six of its final nine regular-season games against ranked opponents. Selected as the unanimous No. 1 pick in New England today for the fourth straight week, Eastern visits No. 2 Wheaton College Thursday, No. 3 (tied) Tufts University May 2, No. 7 Amherst College May 4, and closes out the regular season at No. 3 (tied) Keene State.

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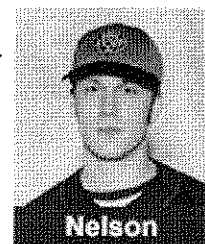
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Tim Nelson drives in game-winner in bottom of the ninth to lift WestConn over seventh ranked Eastern Connecticut

Box Score

DANBURY, CT (Apr. 25) - **Conor Biefeldt (Torrington, CT)** belted one of the longest home runs ever hit at Westside Field then drilled a triple to straight-away center field to drive home the tying run in the bottom of the ninth. He later trotted in with the game-winning run following **Tim Nelson's (Manchester, CT)** single, giving Western Connecticut State University a 10-9 victory over arch rival Eastern Connecticut at Westside Field on Monday night.

Biefeldt's solo round tripper, his fifth of the season, nearly cleared the light stanchion in left field and cut the Colonials' deficit to 9-7. His triple in the final frame chased defensive replacement Joe Cousineau (Newington, CT) to the fence. Cousineau had a beat on on the shot, but could not control it after the long run and **David Simone (Danbury, CT)**, who led off the inning with a walk, came all the way around to score from first base.



Eastern's closer Mike Riemer (Ellington, CT), who came on to start the ninth, looking for his team-leading fourth save, was then instructed to intentionally walk **Bill Eannotti (Shelton, CT)** and **Zach Dandrea (Wanaque, NJ)** to set up a force at any base.

Nelson, who had entered the game in the top of the seventh, had other ideas as he laced a single over the head of Joe Balowski (Berlin, CT) and the celebration began around the dish.

Senior lefty **Billy Armstrong (Moodus, CT)** earned the victory and is now 5-1 on the season after closing the door in the ninth inning. He finished his 11th appearance with his team-leading 44th strike out. Armstrong came on after middle reliever **Zack Philippas (Seymour, CT)** issue a lead-off walk to Jim Schuit (Wappingers Falls, NY).

Philippas was impressive after going 4-2/3 innings of relief. He held the Warriors scoreless on three hits while striking out two and walking a pair after Biefeldt allowed nine runs on 10 hits over the first 3-1/3 innings.

Biefeldt, who stayed on as the designated hitter after surrendering the bump, finished the day by going 3-for-5 with four runs batted in and three runs scored.

The Colonials pounded out a dozen hits with **Anthony Ruffo (Norwich, CT)** going 3-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored. **Mike Yates (Guilford, CT)** went 2-for-5 and scored a run for the winners.

WestConn, 15-14 overall and 4-6 in the Little East Conference, raced out to a 4-0 lead in the bottom of the first innings off starter Andrew Merritt (Norwalk, CT).

Merritt settled down and went 5-1/3 innings and left the game on the high side of a 9-6 advantage. He allowed six runs, only three of them were earned, on eight hits, struck out five, including the side in the fifth inning, and walked three.

After holds from Evan Chamberlain (Amstron, CT), Chris Wojick (Uncasville, CT) and Bill Roveto (South Windsor, CT), everything came down to Biefeldt's and Nelson's heroics in the ninth.

Eastern Connecticut, 25-5 and ranked fifth in the College Baseball Newspaper Division III national poll, still hold a convincing 67-7 advantage between the intra-state rivals, but the Colonials and Warriors have now split their regular-season meeting the last two years.

The Warriors collected 13 hits on the day, including three hits from their seventh and eighth hitters, Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, MA) and Mitch Plourde (Ellington, CT), respectively. Plourde hit a two-run homer and Schult belted his team-leading sixth home run, a two-run shot, in Eastern's four-run fourth.

ECSU's Tyler Turgeon (Norwich, CT) had his 27-game hit streak stopped on Monday, four games shy of the program record.

WestConn plays host to 2009 national champions Trinity College on Tuesday, April 26. First pitch is slated for 5 pm with the Bantams.

Western Connecticut 10, Eastern Connecticut 9 (Apr 25, 2011 at Danbury, Conn.)

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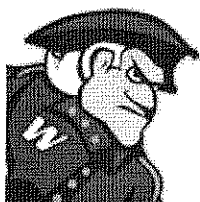
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Friday, April 22, 2011

SCHULT, DIMON'S COMPLETE GAMES LIFT EASTERN BASEBALL ***Warriors sweep Rhode Island College to improve lead in Little East Conference to 2 ½ games***

PROVIDENCE, R.I. -- Senior **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** and junior **Jim Dimon (Seymour)** became the first Eastern Connecticut State University pitchers to throw complete games in a doubleheader in eight years as the Warriors swept a Little East conference baseball doubleheader from Rhode Island College, 8-2, 3-2, Friday afternoon at Anchormen Field.

Schult (6-1) and Dimon (5-1) each pitched three-hitters as Eastern (25-4, 8-1 little east) added a half-game to its conference lead over Keene State College and the University of Massachusetts Boston. With five regular-season LEC games left, Eastern leads by 2 ½ games. Ranked No. 1 in New England and No. 7 nationally, Eastern has won 21 of its last 23 while Rhode Island (12-15, 3-6 little east) has lost its last four.

Senior outfielder/first baseman **Tyler Turgeon (Norwich)** had one hit in each game to extend his hitting streak to 27 – four shy of the program record shared by Joe Funaro in 1995 and Dwight Wildman in 2003 and 2004. Turgeon has kept the streak alive 14 times with just one hit in a game.

A winner of his last four starts, Schult fanned eight and walked three and gave up only one earned run to post his second complete game in eight starts this year.. Leading 8-0, Schult lost no-hit and shutout bids when the Anchormen scored twice in the eighth on two doubles and in infield error.

A first-year transfer from the Community College of Rhode Island, Dimon struck out five and walked two. Dimon carried a 3-0 lead into the seventh when the hosts broke through for a run on a hit, walk and sacrifice fly, and cut the gap to one run with a run in the eighth on a walk, stolen base and two-out single. Dimon stranded the tying run on first in the eighth, then sealed the win with a 1-2-3 ninth, getting the first two batters on strikeouts.

In the first game, Schult hit a two-run home run in the first to make it 1-0, freshman shortstop **Danny O'Connell (Braintree, MA)** and junior catcher **Steve Cammuso (Rutland, MA)** had consecutive leadoff doubles and senior centerfielder **Shane Kingsley (Beacon Falls)** a single in a two-run second. The Warriors moved out to an 8-0 lead with four runs in the fourth on four hits, with Schult plating one with a double and Turgeon stroking a two-run single.

Schult also gave Eastern a lead in the first inning of the second game with a single, O'Connell drove in Cammuso with the fourth of the team's four straight singles in the fourth, and the Warriors made it 3-0 in the seventh on a sacrifice fly by Kingsley.

In the doubleheader, O'Connell, Cammuso and senior leftfielder **Robert Perry (Manchester)** all had four hits in the Warriors 22-hit attack off five RIC pitchers. Schult had three hits and an RBI and scored two runs. Cammuso's final hit of the day – a one-out single in the eighth inning of the second game – was th 100th of his three-year career.

Until Friday, Adam Czerwinski and Joey Serfass were the last Eastern pitchers to toss complete games in a doubleheader in a conference split with visiting University of Southern Maine in 2003. Czerwinski lost the first game, 1-0, and Serfass shut out the Huskies in the nightcap, 6-0.

Eastern hosts Western New England College Tuesday at 6 p.m. The Golden Bears are ranked fifth in New England.

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SCHULT & DIMON HURL COMPLETE GAMES IN SWEEP OF ANCHORMEN

Providence, RI-Senior Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY) and junior Jim Dimon (Seymour, CT) each hurled complete game victories as Eastern Connecticut swept a doubleheader from Rhode Island College in Little East Conference baseball action played at Anchorman Field on Friday afternoon.

Schult took a no-hitter into the eighth inning of game one as the Warriors came out on top with an 8-2 decision. Schult allowed just three hits and struck out eight to pick up his sixth win (6-1). Dimon (5-1) allowed just two runs on three hits as Eastern held off a late rally by the Anchormen (12-15, 3-6 LEC) to record a 3-2 victory in the nightcap.

Schult also did the job from the plate, going 3-for-8 with two runs scored, a double, one home run (5), four RBI and a stolen base. Freshman shortstop Danny O'Connell (Braintree, MA) went 4-for-7 with a one run scored, a double and one RBI. Junior catcher/outfielder Steve Cammuso (Rutland, MA) went 4-for-8 with two runs scored, a double and an RBI. Senior right fielder Rob Perry (Manchester, CT) went 4-for-9 with two runs scored.

Eastern Connecticut (25-4, 8-1 LEC) jumped out a 2-0 lead in the top of the first to start game one. With one down, Perry singled to right field and came home on Schult's blast over the left field fence.

The Warriors tacked on two more runs an inning later as O'Connell led off with a double down the left field line. Cammuso brought him home with a double of his own to almost the same identical spot. Senior center fielder Shane Kingsley (Beacon Falls, CT), who played outstanding defense on the day, singled in Cammuso to make it 4-0 in the visitor's advantage.

The Warriors broke the game open with a four-run fourth inning, led by an RBI double by Schult and senior right fielder Tyler Turgeon's (Norwich, CT) two-run single.

Schult was cruising as a no-hitter seemed within reach as he took the mound in the bottom of the eighth. RIC junior third baseman J.P. Stone (Narragansett, RI) led off the inning with a double that bounced off the base of the left field wall. With two down and Stone standing on third, junior left fielder Kyle Dumont (Pawtucket, RI) doubled to right center to spoil Schult's shutout bid. Dumont eventually scored on a Warrior error.

Senior Gary Levesque (East Providence, RI) took the loss (3-4), allowing seven earned runs on 10 hits, to go along with six strikeouts. Junior Eric Blanchard (Warwick, RI) turned in an

excellent performance out of the bullpen, holding the vaunted Warrior offense to just two hits in four innings of shutout relief.

Game two was a much tighter affair as RIC freshman lefty C.J. Tsoumakas (Hope, RI) kept the home team within striking distance all afternoon. Eastern drew first blood in its first at-bat as Kingsley reached on an error. He stole second and came home on Schult's one-out RBI single.

The Warriors added a run in the fourth as Cammuso and sophomore third baseman Joe Balowski (Berlin, CT) notched back-to-back singles. O'Connell brought in Cammuso with the visitor's third consecutive hit to make it 2-0.

Eastern made it a 3-0 game in the seventh as Kingsley plated a run with a sacrifice fly.

The Anchormen began a comeback bid in the home half of the inning. Senior catcher Justin Corso (Cranston, RI) walked and Levesque singled to put runners on first and third with one away. Junior left fielder Brent Hopkins (Cranston, RI) cut the deficit to two runs with an RBI sacrifice fly.

In the eighth, Stone walked, stole second and moved over to third on a ground out. Allaire brought in Stone with a two-out infield single. Dimon set down the next four batters he faced to earn the win.

Tsoumakas took the loss (3-2), allowing three runs, two of which were earned, on eight hits in seven innings of work. Sophomore David Hoey (Lincoln, RI) closed out the final two frames, allowing just two Warrior hits.

Both games were completed in less than two hours due to Schult's and Dimon's impressive pitching performances.

It was a tough afternoon for RIC hitters, who went a combined 6-for-59 on the day. Stone scored two of the Anchormen's runs.

In upcoming action, Rhode Island College will continue Little East Conference action with a single game at UMass Dartmouth on Monday, April 25 (3:30 p.m.).

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Wednesday, April 20, 2011

SIXTEEN-HIT ATTACK CARRIES EASTERN BASEBALL TO 11-6 WIN

Against Trinity, Tyler Turgeon hits in his 25th consecutive game; Merritt improves to 3-0

HARTFORD, Conn. – Batting consecutively in the order, seniors **Robert Perry (Manchester)**, **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** and **Tyler Turgeon (Norwich)** combined for eight hits, seven runs and four RBI to help lift the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to an 11-6 non-conference victory over Trinity College Wednesday afternoon.

The win is the 20th in the last 22 outings for Eastern (23-4), ranked No. 1 in New England and No. 7 nationally in Division III. Trinity (13-13) dropped its eighth straight and is 4-10 since winning nine of its first 12 contests.

First-year sophomore transfer **Andrew Merritt (Norwalk)** won his third game in as many decisions, pitching into the sixth inning and departing with a 6-3 lead. Merritt allowed seven hits while striking out three and walking one.

After scoring single runs in the first two innings against Trinity sophomore righty Ben Goldberg (0-2), Eastern maintained the lead by answering with at least two runs in its next at-bat after Trinity scored a run. The Warriors had hits and scored runs against all six Trinity pitchers that they faced.

Batting cleanup, Turgeon had two doubles to push his consecutive-game hitting streak to 25, while No. 2 hitter Perry and No. hitter Schult each had three hits and two runs scored. Schult had an RBI double in the seventh and launched his 21st career home run with one out in the ninth.

In a two-run sixth inning that gave the Warriors a 6-1 lead, Turgeon stroked an RBI double after Schult opened the inning by reaching safely on an outfield error, and freshman **Danny O'Connell (Braintree, MA)** plated Turgeon with a single.

O'Connell added three hits and two runs to the 16-hit attack as one of six players in the lineup with two or more hits. Sophomore **Joe Balowski (Berlin)** and freshman **Mitch Plourde (Ellington)** also contributed two hits each. Plourde reached safely four times with two singles and two walks and knocked in two runs as the No. 9 batter with a two-out single in the third that gave Eastern a 4-1 lead. At second base, Plourde was making his first career start.

Michael Rueger came off the bench for Trinity to drive in three runs with a double when the Bantams scored three times in the eighth after there were two out on four hits and a walk.

Eastern visits Rhode Island College Saturday for a Little East Conference noon doubleheader.

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Trinity Baseball Falls to No. 5 Eastern Connecticut State

Hartford, Conn. – Senior Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, N.Y.) had three hits, including a homerun and a double, to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University Warriors to an 11-6 win over the Trinity College Bantams this afternoon. Eastern Conn. improves to 23-4 on the season overall, while Trinity drops to 13-13.

Four of the first five batters reached for the Warriors, who opened the game with a 1-0 lead. Eastern added another run in the top of the second before Trinity sophomore Marc Crowley (Andover, Mass.) answered in the bottom half of the inning with a solo shot to keep the score close at 2-1. Eastern freshman Mitch Plourde (Ellington, Conn.) struck a two-out two-RBI single in the top of the third, and the bats took a break until the sixth, when Eastern and Trinity would trade two runs apiece, bringing the score to 6-3 in favor of the Warriors. Eastern tacked on two more runs in the top of the seventh, highlighted by an RBI double by Schult, before increasing their lead to 9-3 with another run in the top of the eighth. In the bottom half of the inning the Bantams made things interesting, scoring three runs on four hits, highlighted by a two-RBI double by sophomore Michael Rueger (Teaneck, N.J.), who came around to score on the hit after a fielding error by the Warriors. Trinity stranded two runners to end the inning, with the score at 9-6.

Eastern widened their lead in the ninth with a solo shot by Schult and an RBI single by sophomore Joe Balowski (Berlin, Conn.), and Trinity again stranded two runners to end the game.

Sophomore Andrew Merritt (Norwalk, Conn.) improves to 3-0 on the hill for the Warriors, while Trinity sophomore Ben Goldberg (Plainville, N.Y.) slips to 0-2 on the season. Trinity senior co-captain Mark Young (Chester, N.J.) picked up three hits in the leadoff position for the Bantams. Six Eastern batters accounted for 15 of their 16 hits on the afternoon.

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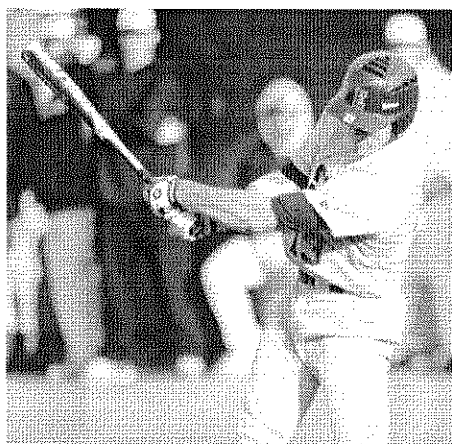
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Baseball: Eastern Gains LEC Split

By Bob Motta on April 16, 2011 10:06 PM

In Game 2, Schult shuts down UMB; Turgeon hits in 24th straight

WALTHAM, Mass. - Senior **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** limited the University of Massachusetts Boston to four singles and one run in eight innings and senior **Tyler Turgeon (Norwich)** hit safely in his 24th consecutive game as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team earned a split of Saturday's Little East Conference doubleheader with an 8-1 victory at Yetton Field.



Above: Tyler Turgeon

In the opener, UMass junior lefty James Dalton stopped No. 7 nationally-ranked Eastern on eight hits through 7 1/3 innings as UMass Boston (9-14, 4-3 Little East) stopped Eastern's nine-game winning streak, 8-3.

In the second game, Eastern (22-4, 6-1 Little East) scored seven times in its final three at-bats to break from a 1-1 tie. Turgeon had two hits, scored twice and drove in two runs to extend his hitting streak to 24 -- seven shy of the program record.

Eastern began the day as the only unbeaten team in the conference. The 2011 pre-season conference favorite, UMass won last year's LEC tournament while Eastern was the regular-season conference champion.

Schult (5-1) struck out ten and walked two before sophomore Mike Riemer (Ellington) closed out the win with a scoreless ninth. The top four hitters in the lineup -- all seniors -- all had two hits: **Shane Kingsley (Beacon Falls)**, **Robert Perry (Manchester)**, Schult and Turgeon. They combined to drive in four runs and score five.

Eastern junior starter **Jim Dimon (Seymour)** lost his first game after four wins in the first game. He was knocked from the game in the fourth inning when the Beacons scored three timesw to move out to a 6-0 lead.

Kingsley, Robert Perry, and sophomore **Joe Balowski (Berlin)** all had two hits for Eastern and Turgeon had one hit to extend his hitting streak to 23.

Junior centerfielder Mark McCormack collected three hits and scored two runs in support of Dalton (4-2) in UMass' first-game win. The Beacons got on the board early with a run in the first on a sacrifice fly by senior first baseman Connor Reinfurt, plating McCormack who was on-base via a single to right. Senior second baseman Ryan Walsh added to the lead with a two-RBI single up the middle in the third inning to drive in McCormack and junior third baseman Mike Mattei to make it 3-0.

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In the fourth inning of the first game, sophomore shortstop Matt Consiglio belted a two-RBI single to make it 5-0 in favor of the Beacons and eventually came around to score to make it a 6-0 game. UMass Boston added another run on an RBI single by junior designated hitter Wilberto Sanjuro to push its lead to 7-0. Meanwhile, Dalton held the Warriors bats at bay, surrendering only five singles over the first six innings.

The Warriors got on the board in the seventh, plating an unearned run on an RBI single by Perry to make it 7-1 but the Beacons would get it right back when freshman catcher Taylor Kapulka came across to score the eighth UMass Boston run and make it 8-1.

Eastern knocked Dalton out of the game in the seventh after plating two runs to cut the Beacons lead to 8-3. Junior **Steve Cammuso (Rutland, MA)** led off the frame with a walk and came around to score on an RBI double by Balowski. Balowski advanced to third on the throw to the plate and score the third Warrior run on an RBI groundout by freshman **Danny O'Connell (Braintree, MA)**, ending Dalton's outing. Sophomore right-hander Daniel Heffer came on in relief to record the final five outs of the game to preserve the 8-3 UMass Boston victory.

Dalton has now won his last four decisions. The southpaw allowed three runs (two earned) while scattering eight hits to go along with seven strikeouts. Dimon surrendered six earned runs on eight hits.

Game two was a close contest until the Warriors broke it open with three runs in both the eighth and ninth innings to pull away from the 8-1 win.

With the game knotted at 1-1 in the seventh, senior **Chris Cannata (Southington)** led off the frame with a walk and eventually came around to score the go-ahead run for the Warriors on an RBI single to centerfield by Kingsley. The run would prove to be the game-winner as Schult and company were able to hold the Beacons scoreless over the final three frames.

Eastern added on to its lead with three runs in the eighth inning, two coming as a result of UMass Boston miscues as both O'Connell and Canata notched RBI's in the frame. The Warriors added insurance in the ninth with three more runs to help them take a commanding 8-1 lead. Turgeon connected on a two-RBI double to left and came around to score on an RBI triple by Balowski to cap the game's scoring.

The Warriors got on the board first with a run in the third inning on an RBI double by Schult to drive home Perry before UMass Boston tied the game at 1-1 in the fourth on an RBI single up the middle by Kapulka, plating Walsh who reached via a walk.

For UMass Boston, sophomore Tom Cole (2-3) tossed seven innings while allowing two runs on six hits while striking out six in the second-game loss.

Eastern visits Western Connecticut State University Tuesday in a 4 p.m. Little East Conference game.

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EASTERN BASEBALL PULLS AWAY FOR NINTH STRAIGHT WIN

Two pitchers combine on four-hitter against BSU for Warriors, ranked No. 1 in NE

BRIDGEWATER, Mass. – Freshman righty **Greg Porter (Mystic)** and junior righty **Michael Hepple (Newington)** combined on a four-hitter and senior DH **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** and senior first baseman **Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, MA)** drove in two runs each late in the game as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team pulled away from Bridgewater State University, 9-1, Friday afternoon at Alumni Field.

The win is the ninth straight for Eastern (21-3), ranked first in New England and No. 7 nationally. Bridgewater (10-11) has lost five of its last six.

With the score tied at 1-1, Eastern scored eight runs in its final three at-bats to defeat the Bears for the tenth time in the last 12 meetings in the series. Schult knocked in two runs with a single in a three-run seventh and Dewing drove in two in a three-run ninth.

In his first northern road start, Porter allowed just one run on three hits while fanning five and walking three. Hepple (1-1) gained the victory with 3 2/3 innings of one-hit relief. He struck out three without a walk. Porter brought a 1-0 lead into sixth but left after surrendering Ian Williams' game-tying opposite-field RBI triple to right. Hepple ended the frame with a pair of ground balls and went on to mow down ten straight before Tyler Dennis' two-out triple in the ninth.

In the seventh, senior leftfielder **Robert Perry (Manchester)** stroked his 100th career hit with a single and senior third **baseman Tyler Turgeon (Norwich)** hit safely in his 22nd straight game with a single.

Freshman shortstop **Danny O'Connell (Braintree, MA)** had two doubles and scored twice for Eastern.

Eastern visits Massachusetts Boston Saturday in a Little East Conference noon doubleheader at Yetton Field in Waltham, Mass. Eastern won last year's LEC regular season title and the Beacons their first LEC tournament title.

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BRIDGEWATER, Mass. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team plated eight runs over the final three innings as the visiting Warriors downed Bridgewater State University, 9-1, on Friday afternoon at Alumni Park.

The Warriors, who are ranked seventh in the latest American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) Division III poll, improve to 21-3 with the win. Bridgewater slips to 10-11.

Michael Hepple (Newington, Conn.) picked up the win in relief for the visitors as he hurled 3 2/3 innings of shutout baseball retiring 11 of the 12 batters he faced while striking out three. Hepple (1-1) entered the game with the score tied at 1-1 in the sixth with the potential go ahead run on at third base with just one out. He induced a pair of infield ground outs to put an end to the threat.

Eastern had taken a 1-0 lead off of BSU starter Tyler Hughes (Middleboro, Mass.) in the third. Chris Cannata (Southington, Conn.) was hit by a pitch to lead off the frame and moved to second on a walk to Joe Cousineau (Newington, Conn.). After a wild pitch advanced the runners to second and third, Cannata would trot home on a sacrifice fly off the bat of Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, N.Y.).

Despite walking four batters and hitting four over the first six innings, Hughes was able to keep it a one-run game. In the bottom of the sixth David Pierce (East Bridgewater, Mass.) singled to lead things off and moved to second on a Joshua Ferreira (Fall River, Mass.) sacrifice bunt. Ian Williams (Taunton, Mass.) then tied the game and chased Eastern starter Greg Porter (Mystic, Conn.) with a long triple to right field.

Porter gave up just the one run on three hits over 5 1/3 innings of work. He walked three and struck out five.

The Warriors were finally able to crack the scoreboard again in the seventh as they plated three runs. Schult broke the 1-1 tie with a two-run single which also signaled the end of the afternoon for Hughes. Steve Cammuso (Rutland, Mass.) added a sacrifice fly later in the frame. Eastern was aided by a BSU error in the inning which led to two of the runs being unearned.

ECSU made it 5-1 in the eighth. Danny O'Connell (Braintree, Mass.) doubled with one out and came around to score on Shane Kingsley's (Beacon Falls, Conn.) RBI single. Kingsley then stole second and third and scored on a Cousineau sacrifice fly.

Eastern put the game out reach with three more runs in the ninth as Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, Mass.) doubled in two runs and later scored on an infield throwing error.

O'Connell paced the Warriors' seven-hit attack as he went 2-for-5 with two runs scored. In addition to their seven hits, the Eastern batsmen also reached on five walks and were hit by a pitch five times.

Hughes (1-1) worked the first 6 1/3 innings giving up four runs, only two of which were earned. He also struck out six. Tyler Dennis (Stoughton, Mass.) as the only Bears with multiple hits as he finished 2-for-4 with a pair of singles.