

Thursday, April 7, 2011

## **TEAM EFFORT LEADS EASTERN BASEBALL PAST SALVE**

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MANSFIELD, Conn. – Senior **Chris Wojick (Uncasville)** pitched the first five innings for his fourth win in as many decisions and senior first baseman **Tyler Turgeon (Norwich)** extended his hitting streak to 17 with two hits and two RBI to power the No. 7 nationally-ranked Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 6-2 non-conference victory over Salve Regina University Thursday afternoon at the Eastern Baseball Stadium.

Eastern (16-3) pulled away from a one-run lead by scoring twice in the seventh inning on a leadoff home run by senior leftfielder **Rob Perry (Manchester)** and RBI single by Turgeon, and added an insurance run in the eighth on an RBI single by senior centerfielder **Shane Kingsley (Beacon Falls)**.

Wojick (4-0), who ranks third all-time at Eastern with 68 pitching appearances, allowed seven hits and two runs over the first five innings. He fanned four without a walk and hit two batters.

With four hits, Kingsley recorded his fourth game this year of at least three hits to raise his batting average to .356. Kingsley led off the Eastern first with a single and scored the first run of the game on senior DH **Jim Schult's (Wappingers Falls, NY)** sacrifice fly, doubled with two out in the second and in the fourth and stroked his RBI single in the eighth. Kingsley had his four hits against three different pitchers.

The first of Turgeon's two RBI singles in the first extended his hitting streak to 17. Perry and senior catcher **Chris Cannata (Southington)** also had two hits each in Eastern's 12-hit attack. In addition to his first-inning sacrifice fly, Schult reached safely three times, scored twice and stole three bases to make him 11-for-11 this season. Schult doubled to lead off the third and scored, walked leading off the fifth, and walked and scored in the seventh. His double was the 199<sup>th</sup> hit of his four-year career.

Trailing 3-0, Salve scored both of its runs after there were two out and none on in the fifth to trim the Eastern lead to one on consecutive hits by the top three hitters in the order: senior shortstop Alexander Melcher, sophomore rightfielder Devin Flynn, and senior third baseman Tom Glynn before Wojick got a ground ball to freshman shortstop **Danny O'Connell (Braintree, MA)** to strand the tying run at second.

Eastern fielded without an error for the seventh time this season and upped its season total to 20 double plays with four. In the first, sophomore third baseman **Joe Balowski (Berlin)** fielded a ground ball to begin an around-the-horn double play, and Kingsley caught a fly ball and doubled off a runner at second in the fourth before pitchers **Andrew Merritt (Norwalk)** and **Evan Chamberlain (Amston)** induced comebackers to initiate 1-6-3 twin killings in the seventh and eighth innings, respectively.

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Salve utilized seven pitchers, none of whom worked more than two innings. Senior righty Brandon Bursie sustained his third loss in four decisions by giving up Eastern's first two runs on five hits over the first two innings.

The meeting was the first regular-season one ever between the programs. In the only other contest, Eastern downed Salve (9-12) in the opening round of the 2001 NCAA New England Regional Tournament at Harwich, Mass.

Eastern hosts the University of Southern Maine Saturday in a noon doubleheader in Little East Conference play.

Saturday, April 9, 2011

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Monday, April 11, 2011

## **MERRITT PITCHES EASTERN TO 5-4 VICTORY OVER BABSON**

*Sophomore surrenders one earned run in seven innings; Turgeon hits in 20<sup>th</sup> straight*

MANSFIELD, Conn. - Sophomore righty **Andrew Merritt (Norwalk)** allowed only one earned run over seven innings and senior **Robert Perry (Manchester)** and sophomore **Drew Accomando (Monroe)** each drove in two runs in a four-run fourth inning that lifted the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 5-4 win over Babson College Monday afternoon at the Eastern Baseball Stadium.

The win is the seventh straight for Eastern (19-3), ranked No. 1 in New England. The game was the eighth of eighth of nine straight home games for the Warriors. Babson (20-9), in the midst of a stretch of eight games in seven days, is ranked No. 3 in New England.

Making his second career start, Merritt (2-0) allowed eight hits while fanning seven and walking two in a career-high seven innings before departing on the winning end of a 5-4 lead. After junior righty **Evan Chamberlain (Amston)** pitched a scoreless eighth, first-year sophomore transfer **Mike Riemer (Ellington)** stranded the tying and go-ahead runs in scoring position by striking out freshman Chris Warren to end the game to earn his second save. After retiring the first two batters of the ninth, Riemer hit cleanup hitter Chris Kucher, who then advanced to third on a single by sophomore Conor Kortmann. Pinch runner Joe Nixon then took second on defensive indifference before Riemer struck out Warren on a game-ending 1-2 pitch.

Merritt, a first-year transfer, loaded the bases in the first without an out but worked out of the jam by striking out two batters and ending the inning on a ground ball to short. Leading 1-0, Merritt gave up a game-tying solo home run in the fourth to Kortmann before Eastern touched complete-game loser Trevor MacNeill (Hanover, MA) for four runs in the fourth after there were two out on four this and two walks. Batting ninth, Accomando plated the first two runs with an opposite-field single to right, and Perry drove in two more with a two-run single to left-center to make it 5-1.

Babson cut the deficit to one run with three unearned runs in the sixth and seventh on a total of three hits (two infield hits), a walk and infield and outfield errors. Sophomore Trevor Boyce's infield single plated the first run and two scored on a dropped outfield fly ball.

Perry, Accomando, senior **Tyler Turgeon (Norwich)** and junior **Steve Cammuso (Rutland, MA)** each collected two hits off MacNeill (3-2), who allowed only one other hit in the game. A junior lefty, MacNeill fanned two and walked two in his first complete-game effort of the season. Turgeon extended his hitting streak to 20 games with a leadoff single in the second.

No. 3 hitter Billy Miller had three of Babson's ten hits, with senior Dave Ahern, Kortmann and Boyce each adding two. Kucher scored twice.

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

Thursday, April 14, 2011

### **EASTERN BASEBALL TRIMS WESTERN; STILL PERFECT IN LEC**

*Four pitchers combine on seven-hitter in 3-1 win; Turgeon hits safely in 21<sup>st</sup> straight game*

MANSFIELD, Conn. – Senior righty **Chris Wojick (Uncasville)** pitched five scoreless innings for his fifth win without a loss and senior first baseman **Tyler Turgeon (Norwich)** extended his hitting streak to 21 with a second-inning single as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team won its eighth straight game, 3-1, Thursday afternoon in a Little East Conference game against Western Connecticut State University at the Eastern Baseball Stadium.

Ranked No. 1 in New England and No. 7 nationally, Eastern (20-3/5-0 Little East) finishes 8-1 in a stretch of nine straight home games before playing its next seven game on the road. Western (10-10/2-3 Little East) had a four-game winning streak ended in dropping its 67<sup>th</sup> decision to the Warriors in 73 games in this series.

Wojick fanned five and walked three and escaped in the second after loading the bases on two hits and a walk with two strikeouts and a foul fly. Facing the tying run in the ninth, sophomore righty **Mike Riemer (Ellington)** recorded his third save with a game-ending strikeout.

Since going 0-for-6 in the first two games of the year, Turgeon has had at least one hit in 21 straight games – ten shy of the program record. Against Western, he had one hit for the tenth time in the streak.

Leading 1-0 after sophomore third baseman **Joe Balowski (Berlin)** drove in Turgeon with a second-inning single, Eastern added an insurance run in the fifth when senior centerfielder **Shane Kingsley (Beacon Falls)** was hit by pitch with one out, stole second, and rode home on a two-out double down the left field line by **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)**. Schult's sacrifice fly plated senior pinch runner **Joe Cousineau (Newington)** to push Eastern into a 3-0 lead in the seventh.

Western had runners aboard in every inning before finally breaking through in the eighth on a leadoff walk from David Simone (Danbury) off junior reliever **Evan Chamberlain (Amston)** and a two-out RBI single by Conor Bierfeldt (Torrington). Facing the tying run, Chamberlain struck out Chris Smith (Monroe) to end the threat. Trailing 2-0, Western ran itself out of the inning when Mike Yates (Guilford) was called out for missing second base on an apparent triple with two outs. Bierfeldt had three of Western's seven hits and Yates two. Simone reached twice on walks, as did Bill Eannotti (Shelton).

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After allowing ten earned runs in 3 2/3 innings against Eastern last spring, Western senior righty Michael Baccaro (Berlin) pitched an eight-inning complete game Thursday. Having pitched only 13 prior innings this season, Baccaro (1-2) gave up only six hits and two walks but hit four batters – three in the seventh that set up Schult's sacrifice fly. He fanned one – the final batter he faced.

Eastern senior leftfielder Rob Perry (Manchester) reached safely three times with a single, walk and hit-by-pitch. His first-inning single was the 99<sup>th</sup> hit of his three-year Eastern career. In 10 2/3 innings over nine relief appearances this year, Riemer has three saves and a 2-0 record.

The four combined runs represent the least number of runs in a game between the teams since Eastern's 2-0 victory at the Eastern Baseball Stadium on April 7, 2002 – a stretch of 22 games.

Eastern visits Bridgewater State University Friday in a 3:30 p.m. makeup game.

Saturday, April 2, 2011

## **EASTERN'S SCHULT MASTERFUL IN LEC BASEBALL VICTORY**

*Senior pitcher retires final 19 batters in order as Warriors complete sweep of Plymouth State*

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Thursday, March 31, 2011

**EASTERN BASEBALL CATCHES ROGER WILLIAMS, 6-5**  
*Cannata caps comeback with game-ending RBI double in bottom of ninth*

MANSFIELD, Conn. – Batting ninth in the lineup, senior catcher **Chris Cannata (Southington)** doubled his season RBI total with a game-ending double that scored senior centerfielder **Joe Cousineau (Newington)** from first base with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning and propelled the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 6-5 non-conference win over Roger Williams University Thursday afternoon at the Eastern Baseball Stadium.

Cannata's second RBI of the season capped a come-from-behind win for Eastern (13-3), which scored single runs in the final three innings to overcome a two-run deficit and defeat Roger Williams (9-11) for the seventh time in this eight-game series. Eastern is ranked No. 1 in New England No. 7 nationally in Division III.

In a tie game, Cousineau was hit on the first pitch from losing pitcher Chris Anderson (Westerly, RI) with one out in the ninth, and Cannata drove the first pitch he saw on one hop to the fence in left. The relay from leftfielder Zach Porter (Middleboro, MA) to shortstop Mike Thomas (Plainville) was dropped in shallow left field as Cousineau crossed the plate standing up.

Trailing 5-3 after the visitors scored four runs in the seventh on a walk and five consecutive hits, Eastern got one back in the seventh in driving freshman starting pitcher Chris Fumasoli (Rye, NY) from the box on sophomore third baseman **Joe Balowski's (Berlin)** RBI single to right. The Warriors left the bases loaded in the inning but were able to tie the game in the eighth on junior rightfielder **Steve Cammuso's (Rutland, MA)** two-out RBI single to left that sent home senior leftfielder Robert Perry (Manchester) from second.

Roger Williams wiped out a 3-1 deficit with four runs in the seventh on Porter's two-run, game-tying single and back-to-back doubles from cleanup hitter Tony Trafecanty (Franklin, MA) and Thomas.

Of Eastern's runs, three scored by batters who walked and another by a batter who was hit by pitch. Two Roger Williams pitchers threw six wild pitches, walked seven and hit three batters and the Hawks also committed three errors and that led to an unearned run.

Cannata reached base four times in the game. He was hit by a pitch twice and singled in the fourth before sending home Cousineau with the winning run in the ninth.

A catcher by trade, Cammuso made his first career start in right field and senior **Shane Kingsley (Beacon Falls)** started his first career game at second base. Cammuso had two hits and his relay to Kingsley cut down a runner at the plate during the Hawks' four-run seventh inning. Kingsley handled six chances in the field without an error.

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Balowski joined Cammuso and Cannata with two hits each while Perry reached safely three times with two walks and an infield hit and scored two runs.

The top seven starters in the Roger Williams order hit safely, with leadoff hitter Mike Pascarella (Milford) singling in each of his final three at-bats, Porter driving in two runs and Trafecanty and DH Trevor Sybertz (Chestnut Hill, MA) also recording two hits each.

First-year sophomore transfer **Mike Riemer (Ellington)** won his second game in as many decisions by keeping the game scoreless in the top of the ninth. Pascarella singled to open the ninth, but Riemer got two ground balls and a foul out to end the inning. Freshman **Greg Porter (Mystic)** pitched 4 2/3 innings for the second time in two career starts but did not figure in the decision. Porter allowed only one run on five hits while fanning four and walking two. He was lifted with two out and a runner on third base and Eastern leading 2-1 in the fifth.

Senior first baseman **Tyler Turgeon (Norwich)** extended his hitting streak to 14 with third-inning infield single, and Balowski hit safely in his 12<sup>th</sup> straight.

Eastern opens Little East Conference play Saturday at noon when it hosts Plymouth State University in a doubleheader.

Thursday, March 31, 2011

By: Nick Wilcox

## Eastern rallies in the late innings to win a thriller

*Eastern scores three runs in the last three innings to catch Williams*

MANSFIELD, Conn. Eastern Connecticut State University (13-3) took on Roger Williams College (9-11) in a non-conference showdown Thursday afternoon at the Mansfield Complex. Eastern counters Roger Williams remarkable four run seventh inning with three in the last three innings as Eastern wins a close one 6-5.

Senior catcher **Chris Cannata (Southington)** hits a double in the ninth inning with one out to score **Joe Cousinacu (Newington)** from first base as it caps off Eastern exciting three runs in the last three innings.

In the bottom half of the first inning Roger Williams had a couple of wild pitches thrown allowing Eastern to jump out to a 2-0 early lead. It was a good show of defense for both teams until the top half of the fourth inning where Roger Williams gets on the score board off a fielder's choice RBI. In the bottom half of the fifth inning Eastern's **Tyler Turgeon (St.Benard)** gets walked to advance to first base and then steals second. On **Joe Balowski's (Berlin)** groundout Turgeon advances to third and an error by Williams third baseman Matt Swensen Turgeon scores to give Eastern a 3-1 lead heading into the top of the seventh. In the top of the seventh Roger Williams gets hot at the plate starting a rally to give Roger Williams a 5-3 lead off four runs and five consecutive hits but leave one man left on base.

With a two run deficit the Warriors started to make their move. In the bottom of the seventh after Turgeon's fly ball out, **Steve Cammuso (Rutland,MA)** doubles to left center and after Balowski's single RBI scores Cammuso as Eastern cuts the deficit in half to 5-4. After good defense Eastern gets back to the plate. In the bottom of the eight **Robert Perry (Manchester)** draws a walk to get on base then steals second. After a groundout by **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** and a strikeout by Turgeon, Cammuso singled to left field to score Perry from second base to tie the ball game at 5-5.

**Greg Porter (Fitch)** started for Eastern as he pitched for four and two-thirds innings. He allowed five hits, one run and struck out four batters, but the winning pitcher was **Mike Riemer (Ellington)** as he pitched for one inning and allowed only one hit with no strikeouts to improve to 2-0 on the season. The losing pitcher for Williams was Chris Anderson he falls to 0-1 on the season.

Eastern opens up Little East Conference play Saturday Afternoon as they host the Panthers of Plymouth State in a doubleheader starting at 12pm at the Mansfield Complex.

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

**EASTERN BASEBALL DROPS HOME-OPENER TO VALIANTS, 12-9**  
*Ranked No. 7 nationally, Warriors commit four errors that lead to six unearned runs*

MANSFIELD, Conn. – On the day the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team was rewarded with a No. 7 national ranking on the heels of an eight-game winning streak, the Warriors gift-wrapped a 12-9 victory to Manhattanville College Tuesday afternoon in the home-opener at the Eastern Baseball Stadium.

Having fielded at nearly .970 through the first 14 games, Eastern (12-3) committed four errors that led to six unearned runs as the Warriors kicked away a 7-2 lead in losing to Manhattanville (10-4) for the first time in five games in this series.

The loss comes two days after Eastern had posted a perfect 8-0 record in Arizona that lifted it into the No. 1 ranking in the first New England poll and No. 7 rating in the first ABCA national poll, and vaulted it from 24<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> in the fifth weekly D3baseball.com national rankings.

Trailing 7-2, the Valiants stunned Eastern with a six-run fifth inning. A leadoff error got things going for the visitors, and junior first baseman Chris Nardoizzi applied the key blow with a bases-clearing double that cut the Warriors lead to 7-6. Nardoizzi later scored the tying run on an RBI single by sophomore catcher Johnny LoVetere and a ground ball plated senior second baseman Alex Braverman with the go-ahead run.

Eastern answered by tying the game with a run in the bottom of the inning on senior rightfielder **Shane Kingsley's (Beacon Falls)** two-out RBI double, but the Valiants snapped an 8-all tie by scoring four times in the ninth on five hits and Eastern's fourth error of the game. Four consecutive singles followed the first out of the inning.

Batting eighth, freshman shortstop **Danny O'Connell (Braintree, MA)** drove in four runs for Eastern with a two-run triple in Eastern's five-run second and two more in the third with a single that upped the Warriors' lead to 7-2. Senior DH **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** led Eastern with three hits to improve his average to .458, with Kingsley, senior first baseman **Tyler Turgeon (Norwich)**, sophomore third baseman **Joe Balowski (Berlin)** and O'Connell all had two in Eastern's 13-hit attack.

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After raking Manhattanville starter A.J. Marini for seven runs on eight hits through three innings, the Warriors were limited to five hits and two runs over six innings by relievers Donny Pitasi and Alex Mason. Mason was recipient of his team's four-run ninth inning and gained his third win without a loss by tossing the final two innings.

Every hitter in the Manhattanville lineup contributed to the 13-hit Valiants' attack, with eight batters scoring a run.

Eastern hosts Roger Williams University Thursday at 4 p.m.



Monday, March 28, 2011

**EASTERN BASEBALL OPPORTUNISTIC IN WIN OVER SUFFOLK**  
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Eastern opens its home schedule Tuesday at 4 p.m. against Manhattanville College.

## Baseball: No. 1 Warriors Extend Streak

By Bob Molta on March 28, 2011 9:33 PM

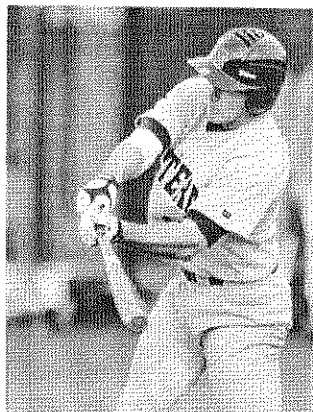
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New England Poll No. 1.pdf

*After a year's absence, the Warriors returned to the top spot in the weekly New England Division III baseball poll, released Monday. Based on an 11-2 start and a perfect 6-0 record in Arizona, Eastern earned the top billing in the first weekly NEIBA poll. The Warriors received five of six first-place votes and were one of three Little East Conference clubs in the ranking.*

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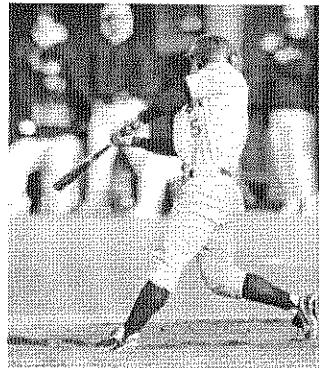
By Bob Molta on March 25, 2011 4:39 PM

*Behind Schult, they complete perfect spring trip with 11-3 win over BVU*

TUCSON, Ariz. -- The hits just keep on comin' for the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team, which completed a perfect spring trip with an 11-3 rout of Buena Vista University in a matchup of 2010 NCAA tournament qualifiers Friday morning at the Kino Sports Complex.

*At right: Jim Schult*

Ranked No. 24 in Division III, Eastern (11-2) won all eight of its games in Arizona for the second time in three years, scoring an average of 14 runs in each game and totalling ten or more in all but one.



Senior DH **Jim Schult** (Wappingers Falls, NY) had his third four-hit game in the last four in leading the 19-hit attack. Schult was 4-for-6 with two RBI, senior centerfielder **Joe Cousineau** (Newington) 3-for-5 with two RBI and senior rightfielder **Tyler Turgeon** (Norwich) 2-for-5 with two RBI.

Trailing 2-1, Eastern batted around in the fifth inning, scoring five times on five hits. Turgeon drove in two runs with a single and Schult and junior catcher **Steve Cammuso** (Rutland, MA) contributing RBI singles.

In a battle of unbeaten pitchers, first-year junior righty **Jim Dimon** (Seymour) outdueled senior Luke Probasco (3-1). Dimon (3-0) allowed only one earned run over the first five innings on five hits. He fanned two and walked three. Probasco, who lost by a score of 2-1 to eventual national champion Illinois Wesleyan University in the first round of last year's regional tournament, was knocked out in the sixth inning after Schult's two-out RBI single gave Eastern a 7-2 lead.

On the trip, every batter with at least ten at-bats batted at least .300 for the Warriors, who batted .408 as a team and averaged 13.5 runs and 17.4 hits. Schult, freshman shortstop **Danny O'Connell** (Braintree, MA), Turgeon and Cousineau all batted over .400, with sophomore third baseman **Joe Balowski** (Berlin) at .394. Schult and O'Connell both batted .500, with Turgeon at .471 and Cousineau at .409. Schult batted .591 in the last four games while Turgeon hit safely and had RBI in all eight games. He had more than one hit six times.

Eastern visits Suffolk University Monday at 3:30 p.m.

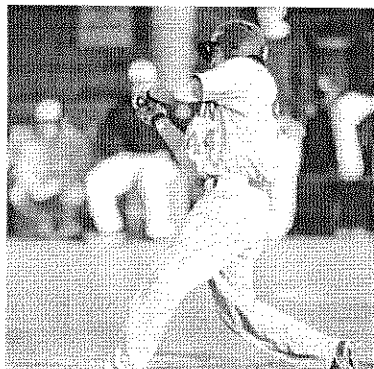
## Baseball: Warriors Outslug Superior

By Bob Molta on March 24, 2011 8:01 PM

**Sac flies by Vaccarelli and Cammuso in 8th keep them unbeaten on trip**

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TUCSON - Freshman Mike Vaccarelli (Wolcott) and junior Steve Cammuso (Rutland, MA) hit sacrifice flies in the bottom of the eighth inning to help carry the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team back from an early five-run deficit in a 13-12 victory over the University of Wisconsin-Superior Thursday afternoon at the Kino Sports Complex.



*At right, Steve Cammuso*

Ranked No. 24 nationally, Eastern (10-2) remains unbeaten in seven games in Arizona, with one game remaining Friday vs. Buena Vista University at 1p.m. EDT at Tucson.

Down by a run entering the bottom of the eighth, the Warriors scored twice to extend their winning streak to seven and defeat Superior (2-5) for the second time in four days. Senior Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, MA) was hit by a pitch to get the inning going and pinch runner Joe Cousineau (Newington) was sent to third on a single by sophomore Joe Balowski (Berlin). Vaccarelli's fly ball to center plated Cousineau with the tying run, and after a single by freshman Danny O'Connell (Braintree, MA) advanced the runners, Cammuso followed with another fly ball to center that sent in Balowski with what proved to be the winning run.

Senior righty Chris Wojick (Uncasville) was credited with his second victory in as many decisions this year. Wojick was summoned while the Yellowjackets were scoring three runs in the eighth to take a 12-11 lead.

One day after pitching 4 1/3 innings for his first win, first-year sophomore righty Andrew Merritt (Norwalk) earned his first save by completing a scoreless ninth inning. Merritt was called with the tying run aboard and none out in the inning. After a sacrifice bunt and single put runners on the corners, Merritt put out the fire by inducing Tom Fairbanks to hit into a double play begun by O'Connell at short.

Eastern collected double-digit runs for the fifth straight game and sixth time in seven Arizona games. Both teams had 14 hits but also combined for five errors.

Senior Shane Kingsley (Beacons Falls) rapped three hits for the Warriors, with Dewing and Cammuso knocking out two each and combining for five RBI. Senior Tyler Turgeon (Norwich) recorded his second home run of the year - a two-run shot.

## Baseball: Warriors Overpower Hamline

By Bob Molta on March 23, 2011 10:38 PM

*In debut, Merritt pitches 4+ innings of relief for first victory at Eastern*



*At left: Andrew Merritt*

TUCSON -Led by senior **Jim Schult** (**Wappingers Falls, NY**), six Eastern Connecticut State University batters had multiple hits in Wednesday's 13-4 win over Hamline University at Kino Sports Complex.

Schult had four hits - including a triple -- for the second straight game, drove in two runs and scored two, while senior **Joe Cousineau** (**Newington**), junior **Steve Cammuso** (**Rutland, MA**) and sophomore **Joe Balowski** (**Berlin**) contributed three each. Balowski, Cousineau and Cammuso all had three hits and two runs scored, with Cousineau and Cammuso each knocking in a run.

Senior **Robert Perry** (**Manchester**) and senior **Tyler Turgeon** (**Norwich**) picked up two hits and two RBI each, with Perry tripling.

Ranked No. 24 nationally, Eastern (9-2) won its seventh straight game on its spring trip, collecting 21 hits. Hamline (1-4) dropped a 13-7 decision to the Warriors Tuesday.

First-year right-handed sophomore transfer **Andrew Merritt** (**Norwalk**) was credited with his first win in his first outing. As the second of five Eastern pitchers, Merritt pitched 4 1/3 innings without allowing a run and only one hit. He fanned five and walked two.

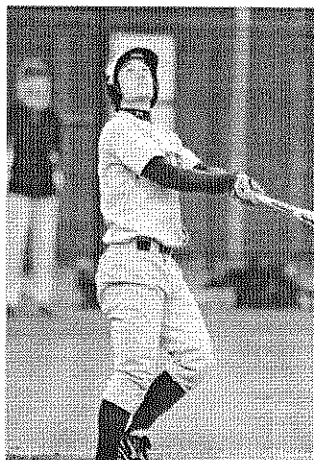
As they have all week long, the Warriors continued to score late runs. Leading 8-2, Eastern tacked on five runs in the top of the ninth to pull away.

Eastern faces U. of Wisconsin-Superior Thursday at Tucson.

## Baseball: Eastern Rocks Hamline, 13-7

By Bob Molta on March 22, 2011 6:28 PM

*Middle of order inflicts most of damage; team still unbeaten in AZ*



TUCSON, Ariz. - The heart of the Eastern Connecticut State University order reached safely ten times with eight hits and two walks in leading the Warriors to a 13-7 baseball win over Hamlin University Tuesday afternoon at the Kino Sports Complex.

Ranked No. 24 nationally, Eastern (8-2) remained undefeated in five games this week in Arizona. In those games, the Warriors are batting .405 and averaging 14.2 runs and 17 hits.

*At left, Jim Schult*

For the second straight game, Eastern recorded 18 hits, Tuesday's total coming against five Hamline (1-3) pitchers. Hamline opened its season this week after losing its first 13 scheduled games in a three-week period because of the

collapse of the Metrodome roof.

Batting 2-3-4 in the order, seniors **Rob Perry** (Manchester), **Jim Schult** (Wappingers Falls, NY) and **Tyler Turgeon** (Norwich) combined for eight hits and two walks, drove in seven runs and scored four. Schult reached safely all five times with a triple, home run, two singles and a walk, while Perry had two hits and two RBI and scored a run and Turgeon two hits and scored once.

Schult sparked a three-run first inning with a two-run triple, drove in one of the team's two runs in the second, singled in the fourth, hit his first home run (18th of his career) of 2011 leading off the seventh off new pitcher Rannon Arch, and walked in the seventh.

Perry has now hit safely in all nine games in which he has appeared this year, while Turgeon extended his current streak to eight. Perry has had at least two hits in five of his last six games.

The Warriors scored runs in seven of nine innings.

Junior righty **Mitch Furber** (Oakdale) pitched the first six innings to gain the win. Furber (1-1) allowed six hits and three runs while fanning four and walking one. He hit four batters, one shy of the record set seven years ago. In his debut as the third of four Eastern pitchers, righty **Pat Barnett** (Windsor), a 6-foot-6 inch freshman, retired all four batters he faced, fanning two of them. Hamline scored four of its runs in the ninth inning when Perry was inserted in order to preserve the pitching staff.

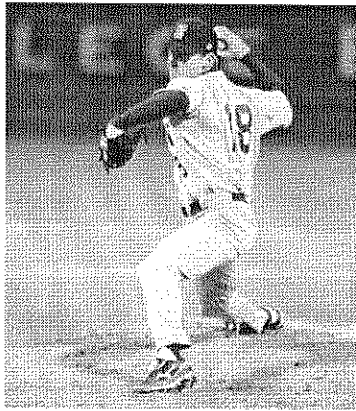
Eastern and Hamline meet Wednesday at 1 p.m. EDT at Tucson.

## Baseball: Warriors Blast Williams, 15-3

By Bob Molta on March 21, 2011 2:24 AM

*Wojick pitches seven innings; Warriors blow game open in ninth*

CHANDLER, Ariz. -- In his second career start.



senior righty **Chris Wojick** (Uncasville) scattered six hits over seven innings and the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team scored nine runs in the ninth in a 15-3 victory over Williams College Sunday afternoon at Snedigar Park.

*At right: Chris Wojick*

Ranked third all-time with 65 career appearances, Wojick (1-0) fanned three and walked two and allowed two runs in his fourth appearance of the season.

In the ninth, Eastern broke from a 6-2 lead by sending 13 batters to the plate, collecting four hits, four hit batters and two walks. Senior DH **Jim Schult** (Wappingers Falls, NY) led off the inning with a triple and senior first baseman **Andrew Dewing** (Swampscott, MA) later contributed an RBI triple.

Schult was 3-for-4 with two stolen bases and Dewing drove in three runs and scored three with his triple and a double. Senior rightfielder **Tyler Turgeon** (Norwich) also drove in three runs with two hits. Sophomore third baseman **Joe Balowski** (Berlin) hit his first career home run -- a solo shot in the fourth.

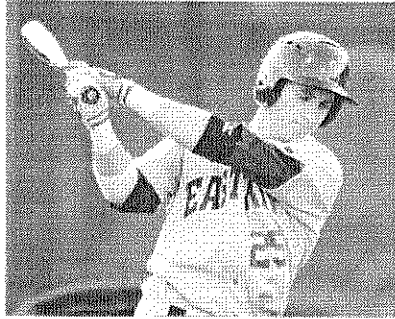
The Warriors staked Wojick to a 3-0 lead before he took the mound by clipping sophomore Jimmy Ray (0-1) for four hits. Senior leftfielder **Robert Perry** (Manchester) doubled in the first run of the game, Dewing plate two more with a double, and Turgeon's run-scoring single upped the lead to 4-0.

Eastern faces UW-Superior Monday at 4 p.m. EDT at the Kino Sports Complex in Tucson.

## Baseball: Eighth Inning Lifts Warriors

By Bob Molta on March 21, 2011 9:41 PM

**Warriors score nine in eighth after two are out to overcome UW-Superior**



TUCSON -- Senior **Robert Perry (Manchester)** fueled a nine-run eighth-inning with an inside-the-park home run to power the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 17-8 win over the University of Wisconsin-Superior Monday afternoon at Kino Sports Complex.

At left: Robert Perry

Trailing 4-3, Eastern

(7-2) scored nine runs after there were two out and one runner on in the eighth on eight hits. Senior **Joe Cousineau (Newington)** tied the game with an RBI single and Perry put the Warriors ahead for good with his inside-the-park home run.

First-year sophomore **Mike Riemer (Ellington)**, son of 1978 Eastern first-team All-America Mark Riemer, gained his first win at Eastern in relief in his pitching debut. Freshman righty **Greg Porter (Mystic)** started in his first collegiate appearance, pitching into the fifth inning before giving way to sophomore lefty **Dave Cloutier (Chicopee, MA)** with two runners aboard in a tie game. Porter retired the first two batters of the fifth was surrendered two walks and a game-tying RBI single. Cloutier walked the bases loaded, but junior righty **Andrew Petrucci (Branford)** left the sacks full with a strikeout of Joe Ahrens.

Eighteen of the game's runs came over the final three innings, with the Warriors getting the better end by scoring 14 of those runs. After its nine-run eighth-inning uprising, Eastern tacked on five more in the ninth on five hits and a Yellowjacket error.

Porter scattered seven hits, and one one of the three runs charged to him were earned. He walked one and struck out one. Riemer, a Division I transfer, was touched for only one hit in two innings while fanning one and walking one.

Eastern collected 18 hits in the game. Senior **Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, MA)** and sophomore **Joe Balowski (Berlin)** both had three hits. Balowski had a double, eighth-inning triple and drove in three runs and Dewing plated two runs. Junior **Steve Cammuso (Rutland, MA)** and Perry each had two hits. Cammuso drove in four runs, Perry two.

The first six hitters in the Eastern order reached safely 19 times with 12 hits and seven walks. They also scored 13 runs and drove in nine.

In its four Arizona wins this week, Eastern is batting .392 as a team, fielding at .974 with a 4.00 staff ERA. Senior **Tyler Turgeon (Norwich)** tops six batters with .350 averages, batting a team-leading .600, with freshman **Danny O'Connell (Braintree, MA)** at .583, Dewing at .474, Perry at .389, sophomore **Drew Accomando (Monroe)** at .375, and Balowski at .353. Turgeon has accounted for 15 total bases, Dewing and Perry 13 each and Balowski 12.

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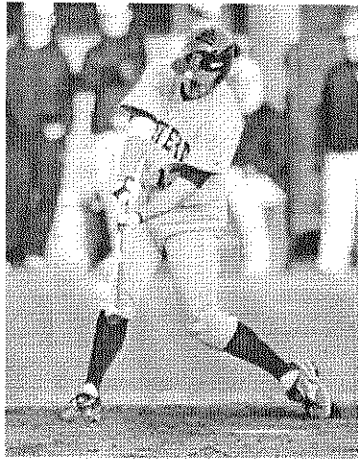
## Baseball: Warriors Pound Springfield

By Bob Molta on March 18, 2011 11:21 PM

*In opening game in Arizona, Warriors unleash 24-hit attack in 22-4 victory*

MESA, Ariz. - Senior rightfielder **Tyler Turgeon (Norwich)** became the seventh player in Eastern Connecticut State University baseball history to hit for the cycle in pacing a 24-hit attack as the Warriors opened an eight-game Arizona trip with a 22-4 victory over Springfield College Friday evening at Gene Audry Park.

*At right: Tyler Turgeon*



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Eastern faces No. 7 Johns Hopkins University Saturday at 12:30 p.m. ET at Snedigar Park in Chandler.

Friday, March 18, 2011

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Sunday, March 13, 2011

## **EASTERN BASEBALL'S RALLY FALLS SHORT IN 4-3 SETBACK**

*Against Farmingdale, Warriors scrap back from early deficit to put tying run aboard in ninth*

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. – The Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team rallied for two runs in the top of the ninth but couldn't push across the tying run in a 4-3 non-conference loss to Farmingdale State ~~University~~ Sunday afternoon.

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Trailing 4-1, Eastern (3-2) scored twice in the ninth on two walks, a wild pitch and RBIs from sophomore third baseman **Joe Balowski (Berlin)** and freshman shortstop **Danny O'Connell (Braintree, MA)** but couldn't push across the tying run. O'Connell was thrown out stealing after driving in freshman first baseman **Mike Vaccarelli (Wolcott)** with a two-out single to end the game.

Senior righty **Jim Schult (Wappingers, Falls, NY)**, junior righty **Michael Hepple (Newington)** and sophomore righty **Matt Purnell (Stafford Springs)** combined on a four-hitter in 6 2/3 innings of relief but the Warriors couldn't bounce back from a 4-0 deficit after three innings. Making his first start of the year, junior righty **Mitch Furber (Oakdale)** was lifted with one out in the second inning after walking three and allowing four hits and two runs. Schult got a strikeout and fly ball to leave two runners aboard in the inning Eastern's four pitchers walked ten and hit a batter. Two of those runners eventually scored.

Eastern was limited to eight hits (seven singles) by junior righty C.J. Bula and senior lefty J.R. Lott, who did walk seven batters. Lott took over for Bula with two out in the eighth and two runners aboard and got a fly ball to center to end the threat and keep Farmingdale's (6-6) three-run lead intact.

Balowski and O'Connell each had two hits and drove in a run while senior catcher **Chris Cannata (Southington)** doubled and singled and scored a run. The multiple-hit game was the third straight for O'Connell, now batting a team-leading .467. Schult is 6-for-11 in the last three games after starting the season 0-for-6. The hits were the first of the season. Senior outfielder **Shane Kingsley (Beacon Falls)** walked twice in the leadoff position but was stranded at second both times. Vaccarelli's run in the ninth was the first of his career.

The win is only Farmingdale's second in seven games this year against New England opponents. The Rams are e 2-3 against Little East Conference teams after splitting with Eastern (the Warriors won 8-3 Saturday) and losing twice to the University of Southern Maine by lopsided scores this weekend and defeating Keene State College, 5-1, eight days ago.

Eastern faces Springfield College Friday at Gene Autry Park at 6 p.m. ET in Mesa, AZ in the first of eight games in nine days in Arizona.

# Baseball: Dimon, Schult Pace Warriors

By Bob Molta on March 12, 2011 7:20 PM

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. -- First-year junior transfer **Jim Dimon (Seymour)** won his second decision in as many starts and the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team tied the program record with three triples in a decisive four-run sixth inning in an 8-3 win over Farmingdale State College Saturday afternoon. *At left: Jim Dimon*

Dimon (2-0), who pitched the last two seasons at Community College of Rhode Island, pitched 6 1/3 innings and allowing only three hits and two runs Saturday.. He walked eight and fanned two and left with a 6-2 lead. Dimon outdueled Farminigdale junior righty Chris Phelan (2-1), who entered the game unbeaten with a 1.06 ERA and 13 strikeout in 17 innings.

Eastern (3-1) never trailed in the game and scored four times in the sixth to snap a 2-2 tie. Eastern tied the program record with three triples in the inning from senior DH **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)**, senior first baseman **Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, MA)** and sophomore second baseman **Drew Accomando (Monroe)**. Schult and Dewing opened the inning with back-to-back triples to right-center and with one out, junior catcher **Steve Cammuso (Rutland, MA)** singled in Dewing to make it 4-2. Accomando then tripled down the right field line to plate Cammuso and freshman shortstop **Danny O'Connell (Braintree, MA)** successfully sent home Accomando with a suicide squeeze to make it 6-2.

Junior righty **Evan Chamberlain (Amston)** pitched 1 2/3 hitless innings in relief of Dimon, fanning two and walking one.

Schult was 3-for-4 with a double, triple, stolen bases, two runs scored and an RBI. Senior leftfielder Robert Perry (Manchester) and O'Connell each had two hits.

Phelan gave up nine of Eastern's 12 hits over the first six innings. He fanned six and walked one and was charged with six runs.

It is the third straight season that the Warriors have collected three triples in an inning. In a 7-1 win over Marian College last year in Mesa, AZ, Schult and Dewing had back-to-back triples and John Parke later added the third triple of a five-run sixth inning. Dewing had two triples in that game.

Eastern faces Farmingdale Sunday at 3 p.m. Junior righty **Mitch Furber (Oakdale)** is expected to make his first start of the season.

Sunday, March 6, 2011

**EASTERN BASEBALL WALKS PAST OLD WESTBURY, 10-2**  
*Five Panther pitchers issue 13 walks; Dewing draws five to tie program game record*

YAPHANK, N.Y. — Senior righty **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** won his tenth career game in 11 decisions and drove in two runs and scored two with two hits to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 10-2 victory over Old Westbury Sunday morning at Baseball Heaven.

In his second start of the year, Schult (1-0) allowed only five hits and one run in six innings while fanning four and walking two. Batting third in the order, Schult walked and scored in a two-run first inning, singled in a run in a four-run second inning and had an RBI triple and scored a run in a three-run fourth inning.

Eastern (2-1) managed only five hits but was issued 13 walks by five Old Westbury (1-2) pitchers. Six of the batters who walked eventually scored, including three in the second inning.

Senior leftfielder **Robert Perry (Manchester)** reached safely three times with a double and two walks and scored three runs, while senior **rightfielder Shane Kingsley (Beacon Falls)** walked and singled, scored two runs and drove in one. Senior first baseman **Andrew Dewing (Swampscott, MA)** became the first player in 14 years to walk five times in a game, tying a record.

Old Westbury (1-2) scored its only run off Schult in the fourth on a single, walk and two-out RBI double by No. 8 hitter Ryan Blanco.

Eastern visits Farmingdale State College for single games beginning at noon Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday, March 5, 2011

**NEWCOMERS SHINE FOR EASTERN BASEBALL AGAINST MSVC**

*Transfer Dimon excels on the mound, freshman O'Connell at the plate in 7-1 victory*

YAPHANK, N.Y. -- First-year junior righty **Jim Dimon (Seymour)** pitched a four-hitter over the first six innings in his first start and freshman shortstop **Danny O'Connell (Braintree, MA)** had three hits and two RBI in his first appearance when the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team topped Mount Saint Vincent College, 7-1, Saturday afternoon at the Baseball Heaven.

Leading 1-0, Eastern (1-0) scored four times in the third on two-run singles by senior **leftfielder Robert Perry (Manchester)** and O'Connell, who were batting 8-9 in the order. O'Connell had missed the team's opener against Kean University during the week due to an injury.

A community college transfer, Dimon struck out six and walked only one and allowed only one run before departing with a 6-1 lead after six. Three subsequent pitchers combined to pitch the final three scoreless innings, giving up only one hit and fanning two.

All 11 of Eastern's hits off three Mount Saint Vincen (1-3) pitchers were singles.

Senior leadoff hitter **Shane Kingsley (Beacon Falls)**, had three hits and senior third baseman **Tyler Turgeon (Norwich)** matched Perry and O'Connell with two RBI. Turgeon drove in both of his runs with ground balls.

Eastern faces SUNY Old Westbury Sunday at 10 a.m. at Baseball Heaven.

Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011

## **EASTERN BASEBALL DROPS SEASON-OPENER TO NO. 4 KEAN**

*Bottom of Eastern order accounts for six of team's seven hits against Cougars*

UNION, N.J. -- Eastern Connecticut State University senior centerfielder **Joe Cousineau (Newington)** scored the team's first run and drove in the go-ahead run in the top of the fourth but the Warriors were limited to seven hits in dropping their season-opening baseball game to Kean University, 5-3, Sunday afternoon at Jim Hynes Stadium.

Ranked N. 4 nationally in the pre-season, Kean (4-0) won its fourth game this season in five days, defeating No. 26 Eastern (0-1) for the third straight time and fourth time in five contests in this series. Eastern is a four-time national champion, Kean the 2007 national titlist.

Kean sophomore righty Kevin Herget (1-0) pitched his first career complete game in his ninth career start, striking out ten and walking only one in his first start of 2011. As a freshman, Herget was 7-1 with a 4.38 ERA a year ago for the 39-12 Cougars, seeded second in the 2010 NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament.

After singling and later scoring Eastern's first run on an error in the top of the third inning, Cousineau put the Warriors up 3-2 in the fourth with an RBI single. With Eastern trailing 2-1 entering the inning, junior catcher **Steve Cammuso (Rutland, MA)** tripled with one out and scored on a wild pitch. Sophomore shortstop **Drew Accomando (Monroe)** and first-year junior transfer second baseman **Angelo Buscemi (Marlboro, NY)** followed with singles ahead of Cousineau's RBI single. The hit was the first in the Eastern career of Buscemi, who had two hits in two years at the Division I level in 2009 and 2010.

Kean led 2-0 on two doubles and an Eastern throwing error before Eastern senior righty **Jim Schult (Wappingers Falls, NY)** retired a batter in the bottom of the first. After the Warriors tied the game in the top of the fourth, Kean scored the tying and go-ahead runs in the bottom of the inning against junior righty **Michael Hepple (Newington)**, who sustained the loss despite retiring only one batter. Both runs were driven in on a single by Kean sophomore shortstop Nick Ramagli before junior righty **Evan Chamberlain (Amston)** was summoned to get an inning-ending ground ball double play.

Denied his tenth career win, Schult was the first of six pitchers used by Eastern. Sophomore righty **Matt Purnell (Stafford Springs)** and first-year junior righty transfer **Jim Dimon (Seymour)** made their Eastern varsity debuts without allowing a run. Purnell walked one without allowing a hit and Dimon gave up two hits and two walks with one strikeout.

Cammuso, Accomando, Buscemi and Cousineau – the bottom four hitters in the order – combined for six hits and an RBI and scored all three of the team's runs.

Eastern faces the College of Mount Saint Vincent Saturday at 1 p.m. at Baseball Heaven in Yaphank, NY.