

1993 NCAA DIVISION III
NATIONAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
at Battle Creek, MI

May 28-June 1

(double elimination)

Friday, May 28

Game 1: Wis.-Oshkosh 8, Eastern Conn. 4; Game 2: Ithaca, NY 7,
Cal Lutheran 6; Game 3: Montclair State, NJ 5, Carthage, WI 1;
Game 4: Anderson, IN 7, N.C. Wesleyan 4

Saturday, May 29

Game 5: Eastern Conn. 1, Cal Lutheran 0 (Cal Lutheran
eliminated); Game 6: Carthage, WI 8, N.C. Wesleyan 4 (N.C.
Wesleyan eliminated); Game 7: Wis.-Oshkosh 3, Ithaca, NY 2; Game
8: Montclair State, NJ 5, Anderson, IN 1.

Sunday, May 30

Game 9: Carthage, WI 8, Ithaca, NY 7, 10 inn. (Ithaca
eliminated); Game 10: Eastern Conn. 9, Anderson, IN 7 (Anderson
eliminated).

Monday, May 31

Game 11: Montclair State, NJ 6, Wis.-Oshkosh 2, completion of
suspended game; Game 12: Wis.-Oshkosh 5, Carthage, WI 2 (Carthage
eliminated); Game 13: Montclair State, NJ 5, Eastern Conn. 0 (Eastern
Conn. eliminated).

Tuesday, June 1 - Final

Game 14: Montclair State, NJ (36-11) vs. Wis.-Oshkosh (28-14),
3:30 p.m. Game 15: If needed, 7:30 p.m.

ECSU ELIMINATED FROM NCAA NATIONAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
Montclair State advances to finals with 5-0 triumph

BATTLE CREEK, MI -- Freshman lefty T.J. Costello and senior righty Frank Dippold combined to hand Eastern Connecticut State University its first post-season shutout since 1975 as Montclair State College advanced to the NCAA Division III National Baseball Tournament final with a 5-0 victory Monday.

Montclair (36-11) is the lone remaining unbeaten club in the original field of eight and needs one win Tuesday over Wis.-Oshkosh (28-14) to win its second national title. Oshkosh has one loss and needs a pair of wins Tuesday to win its second national title.

Eastern (29-11-2), managed 11 hits off Montclair pitching but stranded 13 runners and hit into three double plays in finishing in a tie for third in its seventh national tournament showing. The Warriors won national titles in 1982 and 1990.

Junior righty Keith MacDonald (2-2), making his first post-season appearance this year for Eastern, allowed only five hits before being chased in the sixth but walked five, hit a batter and threw a wild pitch. Three of the four runs scored off MacDonald were scored by runners who were walked.

Montclair, which has beaten ECSU four times in five post-season meetings with Eastern, scored twice in the first on RBI hits by Mike Micucci (double) and Ralph Yezza (infield single) and made it 4-0 in the sixth by scoring two runs after there were two out and no one on base. MacDonald alked two batters and gave up an RBI single to Butch VanDunk before giving way to freshman righty Bob Aronson.

Costello (4-3) allowed eight singles while fanning three and walking five before being replaced by Dippold, who recorded the final four outs to gain his tenth save of the year, sixth in post-season play.

Senior catcher Lou Lanni had three hits for Eastern, sophomore shortstop Joe Funaro adding two hits and a walk and senior second baseman Jose Soler two hits. Junior centerfielder Rob Hausmann had a hit and walked twice.

Montclair State 5, Eastern Conn. 0

Montclair State (36-11)	200	002	001	- 5	7	3
Eastern Conn. (29-11-2)	000	000	000	- 0	11	0

T.J. Costello (4-3), Frank Dippold (8) and Mike Micucci. Keith MacDonald (2-2), Bob Aronson (6) and Lou Lanni. 2B-Tippy Martinez, Mike Micucci (M).

ECSU STAYS ALIVE IN NCAA NATIONAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
Warriors defeat Anderson 9-7; One of four teams still alive

BATTLE CREEK, MI -- Senior righthander Matt Sosnowski of Meriden limited Anderson University to four runs in his longest career outing to help lift Eastern Connecticut State University to a 9-7 victory in an elimination game of the NCAA Division III National Baseball Tournament Sunday.

The win is the second in as many days after an opening loss in this double-elimination tournament for Eastern (29-10-2), one of four teams still alive in the original field of eight. Anderson, making its first national tournament appearance in its first year affiliated with the NCAA, finishes at 31-15.

The Warriors face Montclair State College Monday, regardless of the outcome of the Red Hawks' Sunday night winners' bracket game against Wisconsin-Oshkosh. The starting time of the Eastern-Montclair game is dependent upon the outcome of that game, however.

Against Anderson, Eastern scored four times in the fifth inning to take a 7-1 lead but had to hold on as the Ravens closed a 9-1 gap with three in the eighth and three in the ninth.

Sosnowski (3-1) gave way to junior righty John Gieras with a 7-3 lead with two outs and a runner on in the eighth. Gieras got a ground ball to end the eighth but gave up three runs in the ninth -- two coming on all-America Chris Hoepfner's two-run home run -- before fanning Neal Harper with a runner on first.

Sosnowski, who had never pitched more than six-and-one-third innings in his two-year Eastern career, allowed only one run on six hits through seven innings before tiring in the eighth. He fanning three and walked two.

Eastern scored a pair of unearned runs in the second on John Giudice's leadoff double, two errors and a walk and made it 9-1 with four runs in the fifth, one in the sixth and ~~another~~ ^{two} in the seventh.

Giudice keyed the four-run fifth with a two-run home run -- his seventh of the year -- while sophomore Joe Funaro and senior Mike Susi also contributed RBI singles.

Giudice finished with two hits, two RBI and three runs scored while Funaro had his first two hits of the tournament and two RBI. Susi scored two runs.

Anderson, the Mideast Region champion, committed six errors which led to only two unearned runs, thanks to three double plays. It left nine runners on base.

Junior righty Keith MacDonald (2-1, 3.69) is expected to make his first post-season appearance as the starting pitcher against Montclair State. The Red Hawks defeated Eastern 7-4 May 1 at Willimantic.

Eastern Conn. 9, Anderson, IN 7

Anderson (31-15)	000	100	033	--	7	12	6
Eastern Conn. (29-10-2)	020	041	20x	--	9	9	2

Matt Sosnowski (3-1), John Gieras (8) and Lou Lanni. Chad Hartness, Chris Conkling (5), Matt Simerly (7), Dave Ginder (7) and Brian Cruz. 2B-Randy Lewandowski (A), John Giudice (EC); HR-Chris Hoeppner (9) (A), Giudice (7) (E).

May 29, 1993

SUSI SHUTS OUT CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN 1-0 IN BASEBALL NATIONALS
Soler single in ninth plates only run as Warriors stay alive

BATTLE CREEK, MI -- Senior right-hander Mike Susi of Waterford handed California Lutheran University its first shutout in 164 games Saturday in lifting Eastern Connecticut State University to a 1-0 win in an elimination game at the NCAA Division III national baseball tournament.

Eastern (28-10-2) remains alive in the eight-team, double elimination tournament and will face the loser of Saturday's winners' bracket game between Montclair State College and Anderson University (7:30 p.m. start) Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

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Anderson 1

at Lutherans (32-9), the nation's No.-1 ranked team throughout the regular season, is eliminated after losing two games in a row for the first time in 148 games. The Kingsmen had beaten ECSU 13-3 March 25th at the UC-San Diego Invitational^{at} and La Jolla, CA. ECSU avoided losing its first two games in seven national tournament appearances.

Susi stranded nine Kingsmen in scoring position (11 in all) and relied upon numerous standout defensive plays -- including two by leftfielder James Core in the ninth -- to post his third straight complete game victory in the team's last eight games.

Senior second baseman Jose Soler, batting .200 in post-season play, stroked a two-strike RBI single to left in the top of the ninth inning to break the deadlock. Soler, the No.-9 hitter, drove in senior catcher Lou Lanni from second base with his first hit of the game, off Lutheran reliever Louis Birdt.

Eastern, which left the go-ahead run on third base with one out in the eighth, chased starter Mike Winslow in the ninth, eventually handing the senior all-America righty his first loss in nine decisions.

Lanni walked to open the ninth and moved to second on a wild pitch with one out. Junior first baseman Mike Guillet walked on four pitches, the final pitch coming from Birdt. Birdt got two quick strikes on Soler before giving up a line single to left which easily scored Lanni.

"I knew if I got a run, I wasn't going to give one up," said Susi.

The shutout by Susi was the program's first nine-inning one since Rusty Greene blanked Aurora 4-0 in the third round of the 1990 national tournament on May 27 of that year.

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Susi equalled his career-high with 11 strikeouts while walking seven, two intentionally. He allowed only six hits, four of which were doubles. He gave up back-to-back hits only once, those coming in the fourth on singles.

A bruise on his right wrist suffered in last week's New England Regional tournament had made Susi questionable for pitching duty Saturday.

"The wrist bothered me (Saturday) morning but it wasn't really that bad once I got on the mound," said Susi, who lowered his ERA to 1.47 in six northern appearances and to 2.19 in seven games overall. "I just gutted it out. I wasn't going to let it bother me," added Susi, who threw 162 pitches. "As the innings went by, I knew they couldn't touch me."

Susi, who allowed hits to only two of the final ²¹~~22~~ batters, got a pair of diving catches from Core in left in the ninth to preserve the win, the first coming at the base of the fence to rob leadoff batter Carlos Cardenas for the second out.

Lutheran, which featured eight seniors in its starting lineup and a .337 team batting average, was foiled time and again by an ECSU defense which has made eight double plays in five post-season games.

In the second, Lanni gunned down Scott Sebbo attempting to steal second after scooping the ball backhanded out of the dirt; in the third, Susi picked Cardenas off second base following the latter's leadoff double and prior to an ensuing double; in the fourth, Susi got Eddie Lample to hit into an inning-ending double play, started by sophomore shortstop Joe Funaro; in the fifth, senior third baseman Richie Clegg's diving stab of a line drive off the bat of Rawley Jacobson stranded the go-ahead run on second; in the sixth, Funaro stranded the go-ahead run on second when he came up with a bad-hop ground ball off the bat of Lample and fired to Guillet.

"The defense did it again," noted Susi, "but the play Richie Clegg made was the most spectacular, unbelievable play I've ever seen. We knew they (Lutheran) could hit the ball -- they're a great team. The balls they made outs on were hit hard."

Seven players had one hit each for Eastern. Every player except Lanni and Guillet struck out, as Winslow and Birdt combined for 12 strikeouts.

Senior righty Matt Sosnowski (2-1, 2.40), who started and won the New England Regional title game against Southern Maine 5-3 last Saturday, is expected to open on the mound Sunday.

Eastern Conn. 1, California Lutheran 0

Eastern Conn. (28-10-2)	000	000	001	--	1	7	1
Cal Lutheran (32-9)	000	000	000	--	0	6	2

Mike Susi (6-1) and Lou Lanni. Mike Winslow (8-1), Louis Birdt (9) and Eddie Lample. 2B-Susi (EC), Carlos Cardenas, Gabe Diaz, Eric Johnson, Scott Sebbo (CL).

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Sunday, May 30

Game 9: Carthage, WI (29-13) vs. Ithaca, NY (32-9), noon; Game
10: Eastern Conn. (28-10-2) vs. Anderson, IN (31-14), 3:30 p.m.;
Game 11: Wis.-Oshkosh (27-13) vs. Montclair State, NJ (34-11),
7:30 p.m.

ECSU BEATEN 8-4 IN OPENING ROUND OF NATIONAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
Oshkosh wipes out four-run deficit, scores six in seventh

BATTLE CREEK, MI -- The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh wiped out an early four-run deficit, scoring sixth runs in the seventh inning, to defeat Eastern Connecticut State University 8-4 Friday in the opening round of the NCAA Division III National Baseball Tournament.

The loss drops Eastern (27-10-2), the New England regional champion, into a losers' bracket game of the eight-team, double-elimination tournament Saturday against ~~the loser of the Ithaca-California Lutheran game. That game was scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday.~~

Junior righty Dave Chiasson allowed only four hits through five innings and took a 4-0 lead into the sixth. In the sixth, Tim Jorgensen hit a two-run home run to cut the Oshkosh deficit in half and the Titans (26-13) took control with six runs in the seventh on six hits and a pair of ECSU outfield errors.

Junior righty Chad Kopitzke (7-2) overcame a shaky start to post his eighth complete game in as many starts for the Midwest Regional titlists. Kopitzke, who had surrendered only three earned runs and 17 hits in 51 innings up north (0.53 ERA), allowed only one of the final 13 batters he faced to reach, and that runner was erased on a double play in the seventh. Kopitzke allowed nine hits while fanning six. He did not walk a batter while hitting one.

Joe Funaro and John Giudice drove in runs with ground balls to stake Chiasson to a 2-0 lead and Mike Guillet's sacrifice fly plated Richie Clegg (leadoff double) to make it 3-0 in the fourth. The Warriors upped the lead to 4-0 in the fifth on Giudice's RBI double.

Jorgensen, whose play was limited this year due to off-season shoulder surgery, hit his second home run of the season to right with one out to make it 4-2 in the sixth. Brian Bott reached safely to open the inning when his bad-hop ground ball to second hit Jose Soler in the face.

Jorgensen finished with three of his team's 12 hits, complementing his home run with a key RBI single in the seventh.

The Titans chased Chiasson in the seventh. Chad Kubiak singled to open the inning and advanced to second when leftfielder James Core misplayed the ball. Chiasson was lifted in favor of junior righty Sean Robertson (3-0) after Brent Pattridge moved Kubiak to third with a sacrifice bunt.

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Making his first pitching appearance in two weeks, Robertson gave up an RBI single to No.-9 batter Kevin Ulwelling to make it 4-3, then gave way to freshman relief ace Bob Aronson after giving up another single and a walk to load the bases.

Jorgensen greeted Aronson with a single to right, two runs scoring when the throw to the plate got past senior catcher Lou Lanni. Leading 5-4, the Titans added three more on Aaron Richartz' two-run double over the bag at first and a bouncing RBI single up the middle by Craig Liedler.

Liedler and Kubiak each had two hits for Oshkosh, which did not commit an error.

The loss was ECSU's first to Oshkosh in three decisions in national tournament play. The Warriors had defeated the Titans 7-4 in the second round en route to the 1990 national title here.

The six runs matched the most allowed by ECSU in one inning this year.

Wisconsin-Oshkosh 8, Eastern Conn. 4

Oshkosh (26-13)	000	002	600	--	8	12	0
Eastern Conn. (27-10-2)	002	110	000	--	4	9	3

Chad Kopitzke (7-2) and Kevin Ulwelling, Jay Krcmar (7). Dave Chiasson, Sean Robertson (7), Bob Aronson (7) and Lou Lanni. LP-Robertson (3-1). 2B-Aaron Richartz (W), John Giudice, Richie Clegg (EC); HR-Tim Jorgensen (2) (W).

May 26, 1993

ECSU SENIOR MIKE SUSI NAMED BASEBALL ALL-AMERICA
Waterford resident named second team utility

BATTLE CREEK, MI -- Eastern Connecticut State University senior Mike Susi of Waterford was named the 33rd baseball all-America in the program's history when he was selected to the NCAA Division III second team by the American Baseball Coaches' Association (ABCA) Wednesday.

Susi, a two-time first-team all-New England choice, was named at the utility position. He has played outfield, designated hitter and served as a right-handed pitcher this year.

In 38 games this year, Susi is batting a team-leading .390 with six home runs, 35 RBI and a team-leading 93 total bases. On the mound, Susi has won five of six decisions with a 2.72 ERA -- second among starters. Up north, Susi is 5-0 with a 1.85 ERA in 34.0 innings.

Last weekend, Susi was named Most Outstanding Player at the NCAA Division III New England Regional Tournament. In three ECSU wins, he had three hits, four RBI, a double and home run and threw a complete-game two-hitter in a 4-1 second-round win over UMass/Dartmouth.

Susi becomes the program's 28th NCAA Division III all-America since 1976. Last year, the program did not have an all-America choice for only the fourth time since 1976.

In his 76-game, two-year ECSU career, Susi is batting .385 with 15 home runs and 75 RBI. His average is the third-highest career one in the program's history. On the mound, he has won nine of 11 decisions with a 3.54 ERA in 81.3 innings.

The Warriors, 27-9-2, open play here Thursday in the double elimination NCAA Division III National Baseball Tournament Thursday at 1:30 p.m. against Midwest Region champion Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

May 11, 1993

SUSI HITS, PITCHES ECSU PAST UMASS/DARTMOUTH

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. - Senior Mike Susi of Waterford drove in three runs with three hits -- including the 100th of his career -- and tossed a complete-game four-hitter as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team defeated the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth 7-2 Tuesday.

The win is the seventh straight for Eastern (23-8-2) and second in four days over the Corsairs (25-9), ranked first in New England Division III. ECSU is ranked fourth.

Susi (3-1) pitched the first complete game of his two-year ECSU career and doubled home two runs to spark a four-run first inning. Susi's 100th career hit was a fifth-inning RBI single. He also was hit by a pitch in four plate appearances.

Susi allowed only two singles over the final six innings. He fanned a career-high 11 and walked four. *3 1 17BP*

Sophomore Joe Funaro also had three hits for Eastern, a winner of 12 of 14 home games this year. Funaro doubled ahead of Susi in the first and had an RBI single in the seventh. Sophomore Gregg Martello had a double, single and RBI and scored a run. Junior leadoff hitter Rob Hausmann walked twice, scoring both times.

Sophomore Dennis Spreyer (3-1) suffered his first loss for the Corsairs. The first four batters in the first reached safely and scored against Spreyer, who gave way to senior Kurt Dreher in the seventh.

Eastern closes out its regular season Friday when it hosts the University of Southern Maine in a doubleheader.

Eastern Conn. 7, UMass/Dartmouth 2

UMass/Dartmouth (25-9)	002	000	000	-	2	4	4
Eastern Conn. (23-8-2)	400	010	11x	-	7	8	3

Dennis Spreyer (3-1), Kurt Dreher (7) and Jeff Coppeta. Mike Susi (~~4~~-1) and Lou Lanni. 2B-Obed Core (MD), Joe Funaro, Susi, Gregg Martello (EC).

May 10, 1993

College Baseball
Monday's Result
at Springfield, MA

Eastern Conn. 8, Springfield College 6, 12 inn.

Eastern Conn. (22-8-2)	200	200	200	002	--	8	10	2
Springfield (24-13)	001	000	140	000	--	6	13	4

Matt Sosnowski, Bob Douglas (7), Bob Leighton (8), Bob Aronson (8) and Jim Foley. Brian Levesque and Matt Ludy, Tim Leahy (8), Tom Doneghy (9). WP-Aronson (2-1). LP-Levesque (3-4). 2B-Joe Funaro (E), Doneghy, Steve Lunardini (S). HR-John Giudice (6) (E).

GIUDICE HOME RUN LIFTS ECSU PAST SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

SPRINGFIELD, MA -- John Giudice hit a two-run home run with one out in the 12th inning to lift the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to an 8-6 win over Division II Springfield College Monday.

The win over Springfield (24-13), which has already qualified for NCAA play, is the sixth straight for Eastern (22-8-2). The Warriors are ranked fourth in New England Division III.

Freshman righty Bob Aronson (2-1) allowed only one hit after taking over with one out and a runner on second in the eighth and the score tied 6-6. Aronson fanned three and didn't walk a batter.

Springfield rallied to tie the game with four runs in the eighth, with Tom Doneghy and Steve Lunardini hitting back-to-back two-run doubles.

In the 12th, Giudice launched his sixth home run with a runner aboard off complete-game loser Brian Levesque (3-4). Levesque allowed ten hits and seven earned runs while fanning five and walking four.

Giudice, who has hit safely in his last ten games, had two hits, as did Jose Soler. Lou Lanni drove in two runs.

Eastern hosts UMass/Dartmouth Tuesday at 7 p.m.

ECSU BASEBALL WINS FIFTH STRAIGHT 8-4 OVER BENTLEY

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Six hitters had two hits each and James Core drove in three runs to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to an 8-4 win over Bentley College Sunday.

The win is the fifth straight for Eastern (21-8-2), ranked fourth in New England. Bentley falls to 13-24.

John Giudice, Lou Lanni, Mike Guillet, Jose Soler, Gregg Martello and Core all had two hits each in the 15-hit attack, with Guillet and Joe Funaro driving in two runs each.

Junior John Gieras (4-1) won his fourth straight northern decision. Gieras gave way to junior Sean Roberston to start the seventh. Robertson earned his second save.

The Warriors built a 7-0 lead before the Falcons got three back in the sixth and one in the seventh. Trailing by three, Bentley had the bases loaded in the eighth with one out but Rob Ross hit into a double play, begun by Soler at second base, to end the threat.

. Eastern travels to Springfield College Monday at 3 p.m.

ECSU BASEBALL DEFEATS UMASS/DARTMOUTH IN KEY REGIONAL GAME

NORTH DARTMOUTH, MA -- Junior righty Dave Chiasson tossed a complete-game five-hitter and senior Mike Susi's three-run double keyed a seven-run eighth inning in the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team's 11-1 win over the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth Saturday.

The win over New England's top-ranked team was the 20th triumph this year for Eastern, with has lost eight and tied two. The Corsairs fell to 23-8.

Chiasson (5-2) threw the first nine-inning complete game since April 17, 1991. Four of the hits were singles. Chiasson fanned a career-high nine and walked three.

Leading 4-1, Eastern chased UMass ace Kurt Dreher (6-2) with seven runs on seven hits in the eighth. Sophomore Gregg Martello drove in the first two runs with a single, Rob Hausmann followed with an RBI single and Susi cleared the bases with his team-leading 14 double of the year.

Susi finished with three hits, John Giudice two hits and two RBI and Lou Lanni and Mike Guillet two hits and an RBI. Eastern had five bunt singles and four stolen bases and did not commit an error.

Obed Core was 3-for-3 for UMass/Dartmouth.

Eastern Conn. 11, UMass/Dartmouth 1

Eastern Conn. (20-8-2)	000	103	070	--	11	15	0
UMass/Dartmouth (23-8)	000	000	100	--	1	5	1

Dave Chiasson (5-2) and Lou Lanni. Kurt Dreher (6-2), Derrick Hass (8) and Jeff Coppeta. 2B-Rob Hausmann, Mike Susi, John Giudice (E), Chris Gibson (MD).

May 5, 1993

First Game
Eastern Conn. 3, Plymouth State 2

Eastern Conn. (18-8-2)	201	000	0	-	3	6	1
Plymouth State (9-17)	000	101	0	-	2	2	3

Mike Susi (3-1), Scott Spaulding (5), Bob Aronson (6) and Lou Lanni. Gabe Cameron (1-3) and Kevin McCullough. Save-Aronson (5). HR-John Giudice (EC) (5).

Second Game
Eastern Conn. 12, Plymouth State 4

Eastern Conn. (19-8-2)	100	245	0	-	12	12	0
Plymouth State (9-18)	000	301	0	-	4	5	2

Keith MacDonald (2-1) and Lou Lanni, Jim Foley (7). Scott Anderson (0-2), Greg Mangers (5), Jeff Kelly (6) and Greg Fillion. 2B-Mike Susi, Giudice, Richie Clegg (EC), Mike Frates (PS); 3B-Clegg (EC), Cameron, Tony Pasquarosa (PS). HR-Joe Funaro (~~EC~~), Clegg (3).
2 (EC)

ECSU BASEBALL SWEEPS PLYMOUTH STATE 3-2, 12-4

PLYMOUTH, NH -- Richie Clegg and John Giudice each drove in four runs and Keith MacDonald registered his first career complete game in the nightcap as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team swept Plymouth State College 3-2 and 12-4 Wednesday.

Eastern (19-8-2), ranked 16th nationally, improves to ~~16-5~~ 17-5 up north with six games remaining in the regular season. Plymouth is 9-18.

Giudice drove in two runs in the first game with a sacrifice fly in the first and his fifth home run of the year in the third and added a pair of RBI in the nightcap. Clegg improved his team-leading RBI total to 31 with four in the second game on his third home run of the season in the fourth, an RBI double in the fifth and a two-run triple in the sixth. He also scored three runs. Joe Funaro hit his second home run in the second game. Six of ECSU's 12 hits in the second game were for extra bases.

MacDonald (2-1) allowed five hits, fanned ten and walked five in gaining his first win since April 15.

Mike Susi (3-1) allowed just one hit and one run in winning the first game. Susi fanned four and walked four before giving way to Scott Spaulding with one out in the fifth and ECSU leading 3-1. Bob Aronson, credited with his fifth save, fanned three of the final four batters. Plymouth was limited to two hits.

Eastern travels to face UMass/Dartmouth Saturday at 1 p.m. The Corsairs are the No.-1 ranked team in New England. ECSU is rated fourth.

ECSU SOFTBALL RAINED OUT

Wednesday

The first game of a scheduled softball doubleheader between Eastern Connecticut State University and North Adams State College was stopped by rain with ECSU batting in the fourth inning. The doubleheader was cancelled.

Carrie Loring was batting for Eastern with two outs and a runner on second base and the Warriors trailing ~~3-2~~ in the bottom of the fourth inning when the rains came. 4-3

Eastern (19-8) hosts the ECSU Invitational Friday-Sunday in the final regular-season games of the season. Bids to the NCAA Division III tournament will be announced Monday.

DOUGLAS FANS 12 AS ECSU BASEBALL WHIPS NICHOLS 11-0

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior righthander Bob Douglas of South Windsor fanned 12 batters in six innings in the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team's 11-0 win over Nichols College Monday night.

The win snaps a two-game losing streak for Eastern (17-8-2), ranked fourth in New England and 16th nationally in Division III. Nichols is 5-20-1.

Douglas allowed only a fourth-inning infield single in winning his second decision in as many starts this year. He walked three. The 12 strikeouts give him 23 in 14.3 innings this year. Last Tuesday, he fanned nine in seven innings in a 15-1 win over Worcester State in his first collegiate start.

Four ECSU pitchers struck out 16 batters and walked five and limited the Bison to three hits (two infield).

Mike Susi drove in two runs with a single and sacrifice fly while Richie Clegg had two of ECSU's eight hits and scored two runs. Rob Hausmann walked three times, stole two bases and scored twice. James Core had a hit, walked twice, stole three bases, drove in a run and scored two.

Eastern travels to Plymouth State Wednesday for a 2 p.m. doubleheader.

Eastern Conn. 11, Nichols College 0

Nichols (5-20-1)	000	000	000	--	0	3	4
Eastern Conn. (17-8-2)	113	320	10x	--	11	8	1

Eric Hulland (2-5), Tom Hanley (5) and Jose Diaz. Bob Douglas (2-0), Bob Leighton (7), Sean Robertson (8), Bob Aronson (9) and Lou Lanni, Jim Foley (6). 2B-James Core, Richie Clegg.

College Baseball
Saturday's Result
at Willimantic, Conn.

Montclair State (24-6)	014	000	020	--	7	10	1
Eastern Conn. (16-8-2)	020	001	001	--	4	9	3

Todd Sak (3-2), Frank Dippold (8), Andrew Maira (9), Jason Scavalla (9) and Mike Micucci. Matt Sosnowski (1-1), Sean Robertson (7), Keith MacDonald (8) and Lou Lanni. Save-Scavalla (1). 2B-Ralph Yezza (MS), Lanni, Joe Funaro (EC); HR-Micucci (3), Chris Roof (2) (MS).

MONTCLAIR STATE DEFEATS ECSU BASEBALL 7-4

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman righty Todd Sac won his third straight game and Mike Micucci and Chris Roof hit two-run home runs to lead the Monclair State College baseball team to a 7-4 win over Eastern Conneticut State University Saturday in a battle of nationally-ranked Division III teams.

Montclair (24-6), ranked ninth nationally, wiped out a 2-1 deficit with a four-run third inning which included Micucci's third home run of the season. Roof homered in the eighth -- his second in two games -- to widen the lead to 7-3. Roof had three hits and scored a run while Micucci had two hits, drove in three runs, walked once and scored one. Seven of nine starters contributed at last one hit.

Sac allowed eight hits and three runs while fanning two and walking three. Sac was removed with a 7-3 lead after the first two ECSU batters reached in the bottom of the eighth.

Senior righty Matt Sosnowski (1-1) lost his first collegiate game in six decisions. Sosnowski pitched the first six innings, allowing five runs on eight hits. He walked one and didn't fan anyone. Three of the runs were unearned and came in the Red Hawks' four-run third.

Jason Scavalla recorded the final out to register his first save in his first outing of the year.

Junior John Giudice had two of ECSU's ten hits. Senior Richie Clegg drove in two runs with a two-run single in the second. Eastern (16-8-2), which has lost two home games in as many days after winning its first nine, hosts Nichols College Monday at 7 p.m.

Montclair has won eight of its last nine and has beaten ECSU the past six times the teams have met.

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College Baseball
Friday's Result
at Willimantic, Conn.

Brandeis University 8, Eastern Conn. 7, 11 inn.

Brandeis U. (20-12)	300	000	111	02	- 8	14	3
Eastern Conn. (17-6-2)	020	012	001	01	- 7	12	2

16-7-2

Jamie Fernandes, Tony Anderlioni (9) and Chris Hall, Chris Schneider (10). Dave Chiasson, John Gieras (1), Bob Aronson (7), Scott Spaulding (10) and Lou Lanni. WP-Anderlioni (3-1). LP-Spaulding (0-1) 2B-Kirk Curley, Jason Moreau (B), Joe Funaro (EC); 3B-Mike Susi (EC); HR-Tim Graham (7) (B).

BRANDEIS BASEBALL EDGES ECSU IN 11TH INNING 8-7

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Jason Moreau snapped a tie with a two-run double with two outs in the top of the 11th inning to lift the Brandeis University baseball team to an 8-7, 11-inning win over Eastern Connecticut State University Friday.

Brandeis (20-12), ranked second in New England, snapped a four-game losing streak in handing third-ranked ECSU (16-7-2) its first home loss in ten outings.

Trailing 6-5, Eastern tied the game in the bottom of the ninth on Richie Clegg's ~~ex~~ infield single which scored Joe Funaro (double) from third.

With two outs and runners on first and second in the 11th, Moreau drilled the first pitch from Scott Spaulding through the gap in right-center field for a two-run double. Eastern got one back in the bottom of the 11th but Tony Anderlioni (3-1) retired Lou Lanni on a fly ball to center to end the game.

Kirk Curley had three hits and an RBI and Steve Grenham two hits and an RBI to lead Brandeis. Tim Graham hit a three-run home run in the top of the first for the Judges -- his seventh home run of the year.

Mike Susi had three hits for Eastern, including a leadoff triple in the 11th. *ROB HAUSSMAN* had two hits and two RBI.

Eastern hosts Montclair State College Saturday at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, April 28, 1993

ECSU BASEBALL REMAINS UNBEATEN AT HOME WITH 12-3 WIN OVER TRINITY

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Mike Susi pitched a four-hitter through six innings and had three hits and scored two runs in leading the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 12-3 win over Trinity College Wednesday.

The win is the 14th in 17 northern outings for Eastern (16-6-2), which is unbeaten at home (9-0). Trinity is 8-8.

Susi (2-1) won his second start in as many tries up north, allowing one unearned run on four hits while fanning and walking five. Susi never allowed more than a hit in any inning.

Eastern, ranked 15th nationally and third in New England, broke a scoreless tie with three runs in the third, the first two coming on an opposite-field triple by John Giudice.

Susi doubled twice, giving him 12 this year, while Rob Hausmann, Lou Lanni and Mike Guillet each added two hits to the 14-hit attack. Gregg Martello had three RBI. All-New England shortstop Joe Funaro missed his fourth straight start with a rotator cuff injury to his right (throwing) shoulder.

Eastern hosts Brandeis University, ranked second in New England, Friday at 3 p.m. The game was rescheduled following an April 10 rainout.

Eastern Conn. 12, Trinity College 3

Trinity (8-8)	000	010	011	--	3	8	1
Eastern Conn. (16-6-2)	003	234	00x	--	12	14	2

Jeff Owens (1-2), Dave Henry (5), Courtney Little (7), Rob Dowling (8) and Keith Rafaniello, Tim Rooney (8). Mike Susi (2-1), Sean Robertson (7), Scott Spaulding (9) and Lou Lanni, Jim Foley (7). 2B-Susi 2, Gregg Martello, Rob Hausmann, Lanni (EC), Chris Sheehan (T). 3B-John Giudice (EC).

April 27, 1993

College Baseball
Tuesday's Result
at Willimantic, Conn.

Eastern Conn. 15, Worcester State 1

Worcester State (5-20)	000	001	000	--	1	2	6
Eastern Conn. (15-6-2)	020	931	00x	--	15	16	1

Dan Lyons (0-4) and Garrett Crawford. Bob Douglas (1-0), Bob Leighton (8), Scott Spaulding (9) and Lou Lanni, Jim Foley (6). 2B-Rob Hausmann 2, Mike Susi, Dave Caruso, Gregg Martello.

ECSU BASEBALL WHIPS WORCESTER STATE 15-1 TUESDAY

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior right-hander Bob Douglas of South Windsor won his first collegiate game in his first start as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team whipped Worcester State College 15-1 Tuesday.

Douglas allowed only one hit -- a first inning single -- and one run while fanning nine and walking four in seven innings.

Rob Hausmann led Eastern with three hits, including two doubles, while Mike Susi, John Giudice, Mike Guillet and Gregg Martello had two each. Martello drove in three runs while Jose Soler scored three runs.

April 25, 1993

ECSU BASEBALL SPLITS WITH RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

PROVIDENCE, RI -- Joe Funaro's pinch single snapped a tie in the seventh inning and lifted the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 2-1 win over Rhode Island College and a split of Sunday's doubleheader.

In the first game, the Anchormen scored three unearned runs in the first inning and stranded nine ECSU baserunners in a 5-2 victory -- their first over the Warriors in the last 11 decisions.

Eastern pitchers limited the Anchormen to seven hits in the doubleheader, with righty John Gieras (3-1) gaining his first complete-game win in the nightcap. Gieras allowed only four singles -- two coming when RIC took a 1-0 lead in the second -- while fanning five and walking four.

The Warriors (14-6-2), ranked 15th nationally, tied the second game with an unearned run in the fourth and won the game in the seventh. Jose Soler walked to open the seventh, was sacrificed to second by pinch hitter Dave Caruso and rode home on Funaro's hard single down the left field line. Funaro did not start either game due to a bruised shoulder. Jim Core had two of ECSU's five hits.

Righties Keith MacDonald (1-1) and Scott Spaulding combined on a three-hitter in the first-game loss but Eastern stranded six runners over the final three innings. Soler had two of Eastern's five hits. and Richie Clegg scored both runs.

Frank Ribezzo drove in four of RIC's (5-7) five runs with two doubles.

Eastern hosts Worcester State Tuesday at 7 p.m.

First Game

Rhode Island College 5, Eastern Conn. 2

Eastern Conn. (13-6-2)	010	100	0	-	2	5	1
R.I. College (5-6)	300	002	x	-	5	3	1

Keith MacDonald (1-1), Scott Spaulding (6) and Lou Lanni. Steve Price (2-0), Rob Lalime (6) and Anthony Ficocelli. 2B-Frank Ribezzo 2 (RIC). Save-Lalime (2).

Second Game

Eastern Conn. (14-6-2)	000	100	1	-	2	5	2
R.I. College (5-7)	010	000	0	-	1	4	3

John Gieras (3-1) and Lanni. Ron Capraro, Lalime (6) and Jerry Coro. LP-Lalime (0-1).

ECSU BASEBALL SPLITS WITH WILLIAM PATERSON COLLEGE
Holowaty coaches 1,000th game in nightcap

WAYNE, NJ -- Joe Funaro and Mike Susi each homered and combined for six RBI as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team stopped the 12-game winning streak of defending national champion William Paterson College 12-2 Saturday in the first game of doubleheader.

In the second game, Shawn Kelly pitched a four-hitter in the Pioneers' 1-0, eight-inning triumph.

The first game was scheduled for nine innings, the second seven.

The second-game loss marked the 1,000th career game for ECSU head coach Bill Holowaty, whose 25-year record stands at 730-266-4.

Funaro's first home run of the season was a three-run blast and staked ECSU to a 4-0 lead in the fifth. Susi's fourth home run of the year plated two runs and came in the eighth.

Dave Chiasson (4-2) allowed only four hits and one run while fanning seven and walking four before giving way to Sean Robertson in the seventh.

John Giudice had three hits in the 12-hit first game for Eastern (13-5-2), Richie Clegg, Susi and Lou Lanni two each. Funaro drove in four runs.

William Paterson, ranked third nationally, is 22-5.

Dan Bartolomeo's RBI double scored leadoff hitter Clayton Trevitt to give Paterson the second-game win. Bob Aronson (1-1), the second of two ECSU pitchers, took the loss.

First Game

Eastern Conn. 12, William Paterson 2

Eastern Conn. (13-4-2)	010	034	040	-	12	12	0
William Paterson (21-5)	000	010	100	-	2	5	0

Dave Chiasson (4-2), Sean Robertson (7), Scott Spaulding (9) and Lou Lanni. Steve Middleman (3-2), Bill Zabotka (6), Sal Imposimato (8) and Brian Detwiler. 2B-Richie Clegg (EC); HR-Mike Susi (4), Joe Funaro (1) (EC).

Second Game

William Paterson 1, Eastern Conn. 0, 8 inn.

Eastern Conn. (13-5-2)	000	000	00	-	0	4	0
William Paterson (22-5)	000	000	01	-	1	6	1

No outs when winning run scored.

Matt Sosnowski, Bob Aronson (6) and Jim Foley, Lanni (8). Shawn Kelly (2-1) and Manny Perez. LP-Aronson (1-1). 2B-Ed Mitchell, Dan Bartolomeo (WP).

ECSU BASEBALL DEFEATS WESTFIELD STATE 15-6
Warriors win tenth in last 11

WESTFIELD, MA -- Joe Funaro and Richie Clegg combined for five hits, seven runs and five RBI and Sean Robertson shut down Westfield State College in middle relief in the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team's 15-6 win Tuesday.

Eastern (11-4-2) wins for the tenth time in its last 11 outings and improves to 9-1 since returning from California. Westfield is 7-8.

The Warriors, who trailed 4-0 after two innings, scored four times in the fifth and three times in the sixth to move out to an 8-4 lead.

Funaro had two hits, two RBI and five runs while Clegg had three hits, two runs and three RBI. Each had a double. Mike Susi homered for the third time in as many games, finishing with two hits and two RBI and stretching his hitting streak to 11 games.

John Giudice, who missed the last three game with a bone bruise in his hand came off the bench to record his third home run of the season. Lou Lanni and Jose Soler also had two hits each.

Robertson (3-0) allowed only two singles while fanning four and walking three in three-and-two-thirds innings of relief.

Eastern hosts Western Connecticut State University tonight at 7 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 15, Westfield State 6

Eastern Conn. (11-4-2)	001	043	016	-	15	15	4
Westfield State (7-8)	130	000	002	-	6	7	5

Bob Leighton, Sean Robertson (4), Scott Spaulding (8) and Jim Foley. Phil Langone (0-1), Kevin Branco (7), Todd Whipple (9) and Erik Nelson. WP-Robertson (3-0). 2B-Joe Funaro, Richie Clegg, Jose Soler (EC); HR-Mike Susi, John Giudice (EC), Doug Houston (WS).

Thursday, April 15, 1993

ECSU PITCHING FOUR-HITS BROWN IN COLLEGE BASEBALL Warriors defeat Division I Bruins for fifth straight time

PROVIDENCE, RI -- Four Eastern Connecticut State University pitchers combined on a four-hitter and three players collected three hits each in the Warriors' 4-2 win over Division I Brown University Thursday.

The win is the sixth in seven northern outings for Eastern (8-4-2), which defeated the Bruins for the fifth straight time. Brown is 3-14.

Junior righty Keith MacDonald (1-0) allowed only two hits before giving way to junior righty Sean Roberston with two outs and two on and ECSU leading 3-1 in the sixth. Freshman righty Bob Aronson retired the final out of the game with a runner on first to record his third save in five appearances. MacDonald, making his first start, fanned four, walked three and did not allow an earned run.

Senior Lou Lanni had three hits and drove in the first two runs of the game with a two-out single in the first for Eastern, ranked third in New England. Senior Mike Susi (two doubles) and junior Rob Hausmann also had three hits each, with Hausmann driving in a run and Susi scoring one. Senior Richie Clegg scored two runs for the Warriors.

Jason Holowaty, son of ECSU head coach Bill Holowaty, walked and had a sacrifice fly in four plate appearances. Holowaty started the game at second base before moving to short in the eighth.

Eastern returns to Providence Saturday for a 1 p.m. doubleheader against Rhode Island College before hosting Amherst College, ranked fourth in New England, Sunday in a 1 p.m. doubleheader.

Eastern Conn. 4, Brown University 2

Eastern Conn. (8-4-2)	200	001	100	--	4	14	1
Brown (3-14)	000	001	100	--	2	4	2

Keith MacDonald (1-0), Sean Robertson (6), Scott Spaulding (9), Bob Aronson (9) and Jim Foley. Jim Stanzler (0-3), Rob Monnes (3), Mike Milewski (5), Mike Kinnon (8), Kevin Eagen (9) and Rich Shearer. Save-Aronson (3). 2B-Mike Susi 2, Jose Soler (EC).

April 18, 1993

ECSU BASEBALL SWEEPS AMHERST IN KEY NEW ENGLAND DOUBLEHEADER Warriors get go-ahead runs in sixth inning of both games

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team scored the go-ahead runs in the sixth inning of each game and got stellar relief pitching in sweeping Amherst College 3-2, 6-5 Sunday.

Eastern (10-4-2) improves to 8-1 up north with the wins while Amherst falls to 10-5 overall, 3-4 up north. The Warriors are ranked third in New England, Amherst fourth.

Eastern trailed in both games, falling behind 5-0 in the second game after Amherst had batted in the third inning.

Senior Mike Susi hit a two-run home run in each game. The first one provided ECSU with the tying and go-ahead runs in the sixth inning. The second one came in the fifth inning of the nightcap and pulled the Warriors to within 5-4.

Eastern won the second game with two runs in the sixth. Pinch hitter Mike Guillet singled to open the inning, moved to second on a balk and to third on junior Dave Caruso's sacrifice bunt. Jose Soler, who came up with a key fielding play at second base in the seventh, tied the game with a sacrifice fly to center. With two out, junior Rob Hausmann reached on a wild pitch while striking out, stole second, and scored on sophomore Joe Funaro's third double of the day.

Junior righty Dave Chiasson (3-2) gained the win in relief. Chiasson allowed two singles while fanning five, walking one and hitting a batter over the final four-and-two-thirds innings.

In the opener, Eastern wiped out a 2-1 deficit with two runs in the sixth and left field replacement James Core preserved the lead by throwing out the potential tying run at the plate to end the game.

Funaro opened the sixth inning with a double before Susi stroked a 1-2 pitch for his first home run of the year.

Freshman righty Bob Aronson won his first collegiate game in his first decision. Aronson allowed only one hit after relieving starter Matt Sosnowski with runners on second and third and one out in the fifth and the score tied 1-1. Aronson allowed the go-ahead run on a fielder's choice but got strikeouts to end the inning. Aronson fanned three and walked three. In the seventh, Aronson walked two batters, then gave up a two-out single to left by Luke Belcastro. Core, who had come on to pinch run in the fifth, nailed John Batt at the plate with a one-hopper to Lou Lanni to wipe out the threat.

Eastern travels to face Westfield State Tuesday at 3 p.m.

College Baseball
Sunday's Results
at Willimantic, Conn.

First Game

Eastern Conn. 3, Amherst College 2

Amherst (10-4)	000	020	0	-	2	3	2
Eastern (9-4-2)	100	002	x	-	3	6	1

Rob Elwood (2-1) and Brian Harrigan. Matt Sosnowski, Bob Aronson (5) and Lou Lanni. WP-Aronson (1-0). 2B-John Batt (A), Mike Susi, Joe Funaro (EC). HR-Susi (1) (EC).

Second Game

Eastern Conn. 6, Amherst 5

Amherst (10-5)	203	000	0	-	5	6	3
Eastern (10-4-2)	002	022	x	-	6	9	2

Mike Levy, Adam Slocum (5) and Harrigan. John Gieras, Dave Chiasson (3) and Lanni. WP-Chiasson (3-2). LP-Slocum (3-2). 2B-David George (A), Funaro 2 (EC). HR-John Batt (1), Luke Belcastro 2 (A); Susi (2) (EC).

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WESLEYAN USES SIX-RUN FOURTH TO DEFEAT ECSU BASEBALL 7-3

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. -- The Wesleyan University baseball team bunched four of its six hits in the fourth inning when it scored six runs to defeat Eastern Connecticut State University 7-3 Tuesday.

The loss is the first for Eastern (7-4-2) in six northern games and snaps a six-game winning streak. Wesleyan's first win over ECSU after three straight losses lifts the Cardinals to 8-4.

The Cardinals, ranked eighth in New England, broke open a scoreless game by scoring six runs on four hits (two doubles) and two walks in the fourth inning. Mike Kammen (single), David Cergol (sacrifice fly) and Chris Stenwall (single)-- the bottom three hitters in the Wesleyan order -- drove in consecutive runs and leadoff hitter Josh Pepe followed with a two-out, two-run double to left to cap the scoring.

Eastern, ranked third in New England, also had six hits and received ten walks from three Cardinal pitchers but stranded ten runners. Joe Funaro (sacrifice fly), Mike Susi (single) and Richie Clegg (single) each drove in a run for the Warriors.

Eastern travels to face Division I Brown Thursday at 3 p.m.

Wesleyan U. 7, Eastern Conn. 3

Eastern (7-4-2)	000	000	201	--	3	6	0
Wesleyan (8-4)	000	600	10x	--	7	6	1

Dave Chiasson (2-2), Bob Aronson (5), Bob Leighton (7) and Lou Lanni. Andy McGrath (2-0), Joe McLaughlin (6), Mike Ashley (7) and Derek Butts. 2B-Josh Pepe, John Churchill (W).

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Note: Framingham was the home team because the game was originally scheduled to be played at Framingham, MA April 1.

College Baseball
Friday's Result
at Willimantic, Conn.

Eastern Conn. 9, Framingham State 5

Eastern Conn. (7-3-2)	007	100	100	--	9	14	1
Framingham State (6-6)	110	200	010	--	5	14	2

John Gieras (2-1), Sean Robertson (6), Scott Spaulding (9) and Jim Foley. Dan Curtin (1-2), Charles Hipp (3) and Tim Doherty. 2B-Rob Hausmann, James Core, Mike Guillet (EC), Jay King, Chris Gray, Adam Margolis, Len LaFlamme (FS).

GUILLET, FUNARO POWER ECSU BASEBALL PAST FRAMINGHAM STATE
Warriors win sixth straight 9-5

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Mike Guillet had four hits -- including two in a seven-run third inning -- as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team defeated Framingham State College 9-5 Friday.

The win is the sixth straight and fifth in as many games up north for Eastern (7-3-2), ranked 12th nationally. Framingham falls to 6-6.

Trailing 2-0, Eastern went ahead for good in the third when it sent 12 batters to the plate and scored seven runs on five hits and four walks. Guillet opened the inning with a single and added an RBI single later in the frame. James Core (two RBI) and Ron Hausmann (one RBI) had doubles in the inning.

Guillet, who had just five hits and was batting .167 entering play, had hits in his first four at-bats, including a fifth-inning double, before grounding into a double play in his final at-bat in the eighth. He also scored twice.

Joe Funaro added three hits and two walks in six plate appearances while also stealing three bases. He scored twice and drove in a run. James Core and Mike Susi added two hits, with Core driving in two runs with a double in the third. John Giudice had two RBI.

John Gieras (2-1) won his second straight decision. Gieras allowed nine hits while fanning three and walking two before giving way to Sean Robertson in the sixth.

Eastern hosts Brandeis University, ranked second in New England, Saturday at 1 p.m.

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ECSU BASEBALL DEFEATS NEW ENGLAND'S TOP TEAM 13-5
Giudice hits two home runs in Warriors' 13-5 win

BRIDGEWATER, MA -- Junior outfielder John Giudice drove in five runs with a pair of home runs and a game-winning seventh-inning single to power the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 13-5 win over Bridgewater State College Wednesday.

The win is the fifth straight for Eastern (6-3-2), which has won four straight northern games in the last four days. Bridgewater, the No.-1 ranked team in New England, falls to 10-4 with its second loss in as many days. ECSU is ranked sixth in New England.

Giudice hit a two-run home run in the third (the first of his career) and a solo shot in the sixth before breaking a 5-5 tie in the seventh with a two-run single. Giudice's game-winning hit scored sophomore shortstop Joe Funaro and senior outfielder Mike Susi (double).

Senior third baseman Richie Clegg added a pinch grand slam to highlight a five-run ninth inning. Giudice and Susi each had three hits, senior second baseman Jose Soler two. Susi hit a two-run double prior to Giudice's two-run home run in a four-run third inning.

Senior righty Matt Sosnowski (1-0) and freshman righty Bob Aronson combined on the mound for Eastern. Aronson allowed only one hit after replacing Sosnowski (1-0) with one out in the seventh and ECSU leading 8-5. The save was his second.

Eastern took a 5-2 lead into the sixth but the Bears tied the game on Joe Florio's three-run double.

College Baseball
Wednesday's Result
at Bridgewater, MA

Eastern Conn. 13, Bridgewater State 5

Eastern Conn. (6-3-2)	004	001	305	--	13	12	2
Bridgewater State (10-4)	011	003	000	--	5	11	2

Matt Sosnowski (1-0), Bob Aronson (7) and Jim Foley. Doug Vadnais, Ed Paull (6), Kevin O'Leary (9) and Mike Troup. LP-Paull (2-1). Save-Aronson (2); 2B-Mike Susi 2, Joe Funaro, Chris Casey, Jose Soler (EC), Kyle Kupiec 2, Mike Lalli, Dave Goodwin, Brad Bustin (BS); HR-John Giudice 2 (2), Richie Clegg (2) (EC).

ECSU SWEEPS ST. JOSEPH'S IN NORTHERN OPENER

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Three Eastern Connecticut State University pitchers allowed only five hits as the Warriors swept winless St. Joseph's, ME 3-2, 11-0 Sunday in the northern debut of both teams.

Dave Chiasson pitched his first complete game in his third career start in the opener, surrendering only four hits while fanning seven. He has not allowed a walk in 15 innings this season. Eastern (4-3-2) broke a 2-2 tie in the fifth when Joe Funaro scored on the front end of a double steal. Mike Susi had two hits in the game for Eastern.

In the second game, John Gieras allowed only a two-out single in the fifth in winning his first game of the season. Bob Douglas pitched a scoreless seventh inning.

Jim Foley gave ECSU a 4-0 lead with a three-run home run in the second -- his first career hit at Eastern. John Giudice had three hits for Eastern and drove in two runs while Susi and Funaro added two hits each to the 13-hit attack. Both of Susi's hits were doubles and he walked once.

St. Joseph's is 0-10.

Eastern hosts Western New England College Monday in a 3 p.m. single game. The game is a makeup of Saturday's washout.

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College Baseball
Monday's Result
at Willimantic, Conn.

Eastern Conn. 12, Western New England 6

Western NE (2-5)	022	001	001	--	6	10	3
Eastern Conn. (5-3-2)	171	110	10x	--	12	17	2

Pat Olearcek (1-1), Drew Shields (2), Chris Miller (5), Bob Bergdoll (7), Tim Sheehan (8) and Tim Tyrrell. Bob Leighton, Sean Robertson (5), Keith MacDonald (7), Scott Spaulding (9) and Lou Lanni, Gregg Martello (3). WP-Robertson (2-0). 2B-Tyrrell, P. Olearcek, Todd Flanagan (W), Richie Clegg, John Giudice (E); HR-Jose Soler (1) (E).

ECSU WINS THIRD STRAIGHT UP NORTH

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior third baseman Richie Clegg highlighted a 17-hit attack with three hits and four RBI to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 12-6 win over Western New England College Monday.

Eastern (5-3-2), ranked 12th nationally, wiped out a 2-1 deficit when it scored seven runs on six hits in the second. Western New England is 2-5.

Clegg had an RBI single and scored in the second, doubled and scored in the fourth, drove in a run with a ground ball in the fifth and added an RBI single in the seventh. Joe Funaro, John Giudice, Lou Lanni, Gregg Marello and Mike Guillet also had two hits for ECSU. Guillet, Giudice and Jose Soler drove in two runs. Soler plated his runs with his first home run of the season, in the second.

Junior righty Sean Robertson (2-0) gained the win with two innings of three-hit relief.

Eastern travels to face Bridgewater State College, the No.-1 ranked team in New England, Wednesday at 3 p.m.

ECSU CONCLUDES CALIFORNIA TRIP WITH 6-4 WIN OVER CAL BAPTIST
Freshman pitcher Aronson impressive in relief

SAN DIEGO -- Senior Richie Clegg's three-run home run -- the first by the team this season -- snapped a sixth-inning tie and lifted Eastern Connecticut State University to a 6-4 win over California Baptist College Saturday in the consolation game of the Third Annual UC-San Diego Baseball Invitational.

The game was the final one for ECSU (2-3-2) in California and the win gave the Warriors third place in the four-team tournament. Eastern, ranked fourth nationally in Division III, had lost all three of its games in round-robin play in the tournament, including a 1-0 setback to Cal Baptist earlier Saturday.

The win also snapped a five-game winless streak for Eastern, which had tied two and lost three after opening the season with a 7-4 win over Claremont-Mudd March 20.

In Saturday's victory over Cal Baptist (10-18), Clegg provided the offensive heroics and three ECSU pitchers limited the Lancers to five hits.

Freshman righty Bob Aronson gained his first collegiate save after allowing only two hits in working the final three-and-two-thirds innings. Junior righty Sean Robertson (1-0) gained the win in relief of starter Matt Sosnowski, a senior righty. Sosnowski limited the Lancers to three hits but departed with the score tied 2-2 after four.

A fielding error by Cal Baptist third baseman Bob Downs set the stage for Clegg's home run. With two outs and no one on in the sixth, junior rightfielder John Giudice singled and senior leftfielder Mike Susi reached on Downs' fielding error. Clegg then drilled the first pitch from starter Pete Boyer (2-5) over the right-center field fence to snap the 2-2 tie.

Sophomore shortstop Joe Funaro pushed the lead to 6-2 in the seventh with a two-out, RBI double and Aronson allowed a two-run double in the sixth before settling down to retire 11 of the final 13 batters.

College Baseball
Saturday's Result
at San Diego, CA

Eastern Conn. 6, California Baptist 4

Eastern Conn. (2-3-2)	002	003	100	--	6	3	0
Cal Baptist (10-18)	100	102	000	--	4	5	2

Matt Sosnowski, Sean Robertson (5), Bob Aronson (6) and Lou Lanni. Peter Boyer (2-6), Kurt Grutzbacher (8) and Aaron Albert. WP-Robertson (1-0). Save-Aronson (1). 2B-Joe Funaro (EC), Dan Anderson (CB); HR-Richie Clegg (EC) (1), Albert (CB) (2).

ECSU BASEBALL BLANKED 1-0 IN UCSD TOURNAMENT

LA JOLLA, CA -- The first batter scored the only run of the game for California Baptist College as the Lancers edged Eastern Connecticut State University 1-0 Saturday in the Third Annual UC-San Diego Baseball Tournament.

The game was the final one for both teams in round-robin play in the four-team tournament. The Warriors were scheduled to meet Cal Baptist in the consolation game at Point Loma College in San Diego at 6 p.m. ET Saturday, with the winner finishing third. ECSU (1-3-2 overall) lost all three of its games in round robin play, batting just .170 in the process. The win was the only one in round-robin play for the Lancers (10-17).

Host UC-San Diego and California Lutheran University, both 2-0, were scheduled to meet Saturday in their final round-robin games. The teams were scheduled to meet again later in the day for the tournament title.

Games scheduled to be played Friday were postponed due to rain, forcing today's doubleheaders.

Eastern managed just five hits against Lancer righty Scott Grant (4-2), who fanned nine and walked only two in the complete-game effort. Grant did not allow a hit after James Core's leadoff single in the first until Jose Soler singled to left with two outs in the sixth.

The loss spoiled an impressive effort by ECSU righty John Gieras (0-1). Gieras limited the Lancers to eight hits while fanning seven and walking none before giving way to right-hander Sean Robertson with two outs in the eighth.

Cal Baptist scored the only run of the game in the top of the first. Rob Martin doubled to left to open the game, was sacrificed to third and came home on Matt Musselman's two-out single to right. Musselman had three hits including a double, and Martin two.

Eastern managed only two runners as far as second base and had one runner thrown out at home following senior Richie Clegg's two-out single in the sixth.

College Baseball
Saturday's Result
at La Jolla, CA

California Baptist 1, Eastern Conn. 0

Cal Baptist (10-17)	100	000	000	--	1	8	1
Eastern Conn. (1-3-2)	000	000	000	--	0	5	3

Scott Grant (4-2) and Aaron Albart. John Gieras (0-1), Sean Robertson (8), Scott Spaulding (9) and Jim Foley. 2B-Rob Martin, Matt Musselman (CB), Rob Hausmann (EC).

Saturday's Schedule
at San Diego, CA

Eastern Conn. vs. Cal Baptist, 6 p.m. ET

ECSU BASEBALL FALLS TO NO.-1 RANKED TEAM IN DIVISION III

LA JOLLA, CA -- Gabe Diaz drove in four runs with three hits and the Eastern Connecticut State University offense was limited to just six hits for the second straight game as California Lutheran University -- the No.-1 ranked team in Division III-- posted a 13-3 win Thursday at the Third Annual UC-San Diego Baseball Invitational.

The loss is the second straight for Eastern (1-2-2) in the four-team, four-day tournament. The Kingsmen (15-4), last year's NCAA Division III national runner-up, improve to 2-0 in the tournament.

Diaz keyed a 14-hit Cal Lutheran attack with an RBI single in the third, two-run single in the fourth and RBI single in the eighth. Cleanup hitter Eric Johnson added two hits, as did No.-9 hitter Eddie Lample, who also drove in two runs.

Leading 4-1, the Kingsmen broke the game open and chased ECSU starter Dave Chiasson (1-1) with four runs on five hits in the fourth. Chiasson, a junior righty, allowed nine hits and eight runs (six earned) while fanning two. He did not walk a batter.

Jeff Berman (6-0) allowed only six hits while fanning eight and walking one before giving way to Jim Barber with one out and two runs in in the eighth.

Senior catcher Lou Lanni and senior second baseman Jose Soler each had two hits for Eastern, hitting just ²⁴⁸ this season.

The Warriors meet California Baptist College Friday at 1 p.m. ET in tournament play.

College Baseball
Thursday's Result
at La Jolla, CA

California Lutheran 13, Eastern Conn. 3

Eastern Conn. (1-2-2)	010	000	020	--	3	6	1
Cal Lutheran (15-4)	031	410	04x	--	13	14	1

Dave Chiasson (1-1), Chris Segalla (4), Keith MacDonald (5), Luciano Franco (7) and Lou Lanni, Jim Foley (6). Jeff Berman, Jim Barber (8) and Eddie Lample, Hector Lopez (8). 2B-Jose Soler, Lou Lanni (EC). David Chapman, Eric Johnson, Lupe Carrillo (CL); 3B-Rob Hausmann (EC); HR-Joe Gordon (1) (CL).

~~SOFTBALL AT ORLANDO, FL~~

~~EASTERN Conn 5, Hope College 4, 5 inn~~
~~EASTERN Conn 6, St Thomas, MN 0~~

ECSU BASEBALL DROPS OPENER IN UCSD TOURNAMENT
Warriors lose to No.-24 UC-San Diego 7-5

LA JOLLA, CA -- Senior righty Mark Hartmann and junior righty Kurt Luhrsen limited the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to six hits and one earned run as host University of California-San Diego defeated the Warriors 7-5 Wednesday in a first-round game at the Third Annual UCSD Baseball Invitational.

The loss is the first for Eastern (1-1-2), ranked fourth in the most recent NCAA Division III national baseball poll. The win over a Top Ten is the second in three days for No.-24 UCSD (5-8-1), which edged No.-10 Montclair State 8-7 Monday.

Hartmann allowed only six hits (five singles) before giving way to Luhrsen after hitting ECSU leadoff hitter Rob Hausmann to open the ninth. Luhrsen gained his first save with three fly ball outs.

Hartmann (2-1), who fanned four and walked three, took a 5-1 lead into the fifth when ECSU struck for three unearned runs. UCSD countered with a pair of unearned runs off junior righty Bobby Leighton in the sixth to pad its lead.

UCSD wiped out a 1-0 deficit with three runs in the bottom of the first, one in the second and another in the third, when it chased ECSU starter Mike Susi (0-1), a senior righty.

Sophomore shortstop Joe Funaro maintained his team-leading .500 batting average (8-of-16) with two hits in four official trips and one RBI. Senior leftfielder James Core had two hits, three runs, a pair of stolen bases and a walk. Core has stolen five of five bases this season.

Sean Darrock, Craig Birk and Dan O'Brien, who bat consecutively in the UCSD lineup, each had two hits and combined for four doubles, three RBI and two runs. Birk's two-out, two-run double snapped a 1-1 tie in the first and gave UCSD the lead for good.

The Warriors meet Cal Lutheran Thursday at 1 p.m. ET in the second game in the four-team, round-robin tournament. Cal Lutheran is the No.-1 ranked team in Division III.

College Baseball
Wednesday's Result
at La Jolla, CA
UC-San Diego 7, Eastern Conn. 5

Eastern Conn. (1-1-2)	100	030	100	--	5	6	4
UC-San Diego (5-8-1)	311	002	00x	--	7	10	3

Mike Susi (0-1), Bobby Leighton (3), Sean Robertson (8) and Lou Lanni. Mark Hartmann (2-1), Kurt Luhrsen (9) and Carl Abramson. Save-Luhrsen (1). 2B-Joe Funaro (EC), Craig Birk 2, Sean Darrock, Dan O'Brien (SD).

*College Softball
Wednesday's Results
At Orlando, FL
BUENA VISTA 4, Eastern Conn. 6 INN.
ST. XAVIER 3, ST. XAVIER 6 INN.*

ECSU, HAWAII-HILO TIE IN BASEBALL 2-2 IN NINE INNINGS

SAN DIEGO -- The University of Hawaii at Hilo wiped out a 2-0 deficit with single runs in the seventh and ninth to tie Eastern Connecticut State University 2-2 Tuesday in a college baseball game played at Point Loma Nazarene College.

The game was halted after Hilo tied the game 2-2 on an inning-ending sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth. A three-hour time restriction was put on the game due to Point Loma's scheduled contest against The Master's College later in the afternoon.

The tie spoiled a brilliant six-inning shutout pitching effort by senior righty Matt Sosnowski of Meriden. Sosnowski limited the Vulcans to three singles while fanning one and hitting three batters. He did not walk a batter.

Sosnowski left the game with ECSU leading 1-0. The Warriors (1-0-2) added another run in the seventh when senior second baseman Jose Soler singled home pinch runner Rob Hausmann from third. Hausmann was running for sophomore catcher Vin Paquette, who opened in the inning with a triple to the center field fence.

Hilo (7-18-1) got one back in the seventh on one hit, two walks and a hit batsman. In the ninth, the Vulcans put runners on first and third with one out against freshman righty Bob Aronson. Sophomore righty Scott Spaulding then replaced Aronson on the mound and gave up a fly ball to Kaue Naho'i which was deep enough to score Pat Avelino from third with the tying run. The throw from rightfielder Mike Susi got past Paquette at the plate but pinch runner Gavin Murphy was tagged out in a rundown between first and second to end the game.

Each team left the bases loaded in two of the final three innings and stranded 12 runners.

The Warriors, ranked fourth nationally in Division III, had taken a 1-0 lead in the third when Paquette doubled down the right field line for his first collegiate hit. A passed ball moved pinch-runner Hausmann to third and senior left fielder James Core plated the run with a suicide squeeze bunt.

Sophomore shortstop Joe Funaro had two of ECSU's eight hits, as did Paquette. The Warriors did not commit an error for the second straight game. Funaro stole two bases, Core three.

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Eric Tanigawa and Avelino each had two hits for Hilo, playing its first game after arriving in San Diego Monday night.

Eastern opens play in the UC-San Diego Invitational Wednesday, meeting the host Tritons at 10 a.m. PST. Cal Lutheran, the No.-1 ranked team in Division III, and Cal Baptiste meet at 2:30 p.m. PST in the second game. The tournament continues through Saturday.

College baseball
Tuesday's Result
at San Diego

Eastern Conn. 2, Hawaii-Hilo 2, *tie*

Eastern Conn. (1-0-2)	001	000	100	--	2	3	0
Hawaii-Hilo (7-18-1)	000	000	101	--	2	7	2

Matt Sosnowski, Bob Douglas (7), Chris Segalla (7), Bob Aronson (7), Scott Spaulding (9) and Vin Paquette. Chris Warren, Chuck Dando (7), Chris Honda (9) and Ray Dangaran. 2B-James Core, Paquette (EC); 3B-Paquette (EC).

ECSU, POINT LOMA TIE IN BASEBALL

SAN DIEGO, CA -- John Giudice's run-scoring double drove in Mike Susi from first base with two outs in the ninth to lift the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 5-5 tie with Point Loma Nazarene College Monday.

The game was called due to darkness in the top of the tenth inning after ECSU had scored two runs and had runners on first and second with one out.

Point Loma (15-9-1) had snapped a 4-4 tie with a run in the bottom of the eighth when No. 9 hitter Jim Escamilla walked on four pitches with the bases loaded and one out.

Susi and Giudice each had two hits for Eastern (1-0-1), with Susi driving in three runs while also walking once and reaching when hit by a pitch.

Eastern faces Hawaii-Hilo Tuesday at 10 a.m. (PST) at Point Loma Nazarene College.

ECSU SOFTBALL SPLITS TWO GAMES AT ORLANDO

ORLANDO, FL -- Senior pitcher Donna Poyant won her second straight game and senior Erin Henry drove in three runs to lift the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team to a 6-2 win over the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Monday.

In the first game, Millikin University collected nine hits off Henry in a 2-1 triumph.

Trailing 2-0 against Whitewater, Eastern scored three times in the fourth and three in the sixth to improve to 2-1. Henry contributed a two-run single in that fourth inning to put ECSU ahead for good.

Sophomore Lori Franchina had two hits in each game for Eastern and drove in two runs in the win over Whitewater.

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Point Loma's first four runs came via home runs -- three on Joaquin Sosa's seventh home run of the season in the third and one on Brock Marsh's blast in the sixth.

Five Eastern pitchers limited the Crusaders to just five hits but issued a total of 12 walks while fanning ten. Segalla and sophomore righty Scott Spaulding were making their collegiate debuts.

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ECSU BASEBALL WINS SEASON-OPENER WITH 7-4 WIN OVER CLAREMONT-MUDD

CLAREMONT, CA -- Sophomore shortstop Joe Funaro collected four hits and scored two runs and junior righty Dave Chiasson picked up his first collegiate win in his first start as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team defeated Claremont-Mudd 7-4 Saturday in its season-opener.

Eastern, ranked fifth in Division III, wiped out a 1-0 deficit with three runs in the fourth and three in the fifth on a total of seven hits in handing the Stags their 14th loss in 17 outings.

Funaro, a first-team all-New England shortstop, had four straight hits after grounding out in the first inning. Funaro singled and scored the team's first fifth-inning run and tripled and scored in the seventh. He scored both of his runs on wild pitches.

Chiasson, making his second collegiate pitching appearance and first since the final game of 1991, allowed two earned runs on six hits while fanning five and walking none over the first five innings. Junior righty Sean Robertson, the third of three ECSU pitchers, gained his first collegiate save. Robertson allowed three singles over the final two innings.

Junior rightfielder John Giudice and senior third baseman Richie Clegg each added two hits to ECSU's 13-hit attack. Giudice scored two runs, with one of his hits an RBI triple in the fifth. Clegg scored a run and had an RBI. Junior first baseman Mike Guillet drove in two runs with a two-out single in the fourth.

Schon Branum had two hits, two RBI and scored a run for Claremont-Mudd. Branum's fourth-inning solo home run cut ECSU's 3-1 lead to one but the Warriors added three in the fifth when the first four batters reached safely on a walk and three hits.

Eastern meets Point Loma Nazarene Monday at 2:30 PST.
College Baseball
Saturday's Result
at Claremont, CA

Eastern Conn. 7, Claremont-Mudd 4

Eastern Conn. (1-0)	000	330	100	--	7	13	2
Claremont-Mudd (3-14)	001	101	100	--	4	12	2

Dave Chiasson (1-0), Bobby Leighton (6), Sean Robertson (8) and Lou Lanni. Robert Skupin (0-2), Jeremy Jagoda (6) and Jay Bado. Save-Robertson (1). 3B-Joe Funaro, John Giudice (EC); HR-Schon Branum (CM) (3).