

Sunday, May 5, 1996

### ECSU SOLIDIFIES TOURNAMENT CHANCES WITH SWEEP

*Three senior pitchers stop Plymouth State baseball 5-1, 10-4*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior righty Kevin Gieras (WEST HARTFORD) pitched his team-leading third complete game of the season in the opener and sophomore DH Anthony Formato (BRIDGEPORT) drove in four runs with three hits in the nightcap to pace the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a critical 5-1, 10-4 sweep of Plymouth State College Sunday.

The sweep snaps an eight-game winning streak for Plymouth (22-13), which had entered play with 12 wins in its last 14 outings and in contention for a post-season tournament berth. Eastern improves to 25-12 overall, 14-8 up north and 14-6 against New England Division III opponents.

Gieras (5-2), who had shut out UMass Dartmouth last Saturday with a complete-game seven-hitter, pitched his third complete game of the year in the seven-inning opener, allowing only five hits while fanning a season-high 11. The strikeout total was just one below the all-time best for Gieras, who got his last seven outs in that fashion.

In the nightcap, senior righties Heath Mercier (STERLING) and Bob Aronson (MILFORD) combined on an eight-hitter, Mercier gaining his fifth win and Aronson his second save.

In the second game, ECSU led 6-0 before the Panthers knocked Mercier out of the box in a four-run sixth inning. Aronson came on to end the sixth without further damage and the Warriors erupted for four insurance runs in the bottom of the inning.

Eastern trailed 1-0 in the first game but scored all five of its runs over the final three innings. Freshman rightfielder Derek Karcich (CLINTON) knocked in the tying run in the fourth with a double and freshman shortstop Scott Chiasson (NORWICH) put ECSU ahead with a sacrifice fly to center. Karcich had two of ECSU's eight hits in the game.

In the second game, Formato had an RBI double in the first inning, an RBI single in the second inning and a two-run single in the four-run sixth inning. He also scored two runs. Sophomore second baseman Chris D'Amato (BRISTOL) and Chiasson each added two hits, D'Amato driving in two runs with singles in the first and third innings.

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Josh Norse was the only Plymouth player with more than one hit in either game. Norse had two singles in the nightcap for the Panthers, who have lost the last ten times to Eastern and 33 of 36 since the advent of the rivalry in 1974.

Eastern closes out the regular season Tuesday, hosting Montclair State University at 7 p.m.

Bids to the NCAA Division III tournament will be extended next Monday. Eastern is currently ranked third in the New England Division III coaches' poll.

**First Game**  
**Eastern Conn. 5, Plymouth State 1**

Plymouth State (22-12)	001	000	0	--	1	5	1
Eastern Conn. (24-12)	000	221	x	--	5	8	3

Jason Lewis (6-4) and George Gauthier, Mark Thompson (6). Kevin Gieras (5-2) and Vin Paquette. 2B-Josh Norse, Lewis (P), Derek Karcich (E).

**Second Game**  
**Eastern Conn. 10, Plymouth State 4**

Plymouth State (22-13)	000	004	0	--	4	8	3
Eastern Conn. (25-12)	221	014	x	--	10	11	1

Aaron Dostie (5-2), Scott McGonigle (6), Mike Bence (6) and Mark Thompson. Heath Mercier (5-2), Bob Aronson (6) and Vin Paquette. Save-Aronson (2); 2B-Bill Allen (P), Anthony Formato, Mike Kopczuk, Glenn Lungarini (E).

Thursday, May 2, 1996

### STAUFFER'S FIVE-HITTER STOPS ECSU BASEBALL 7-2

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior righthander Eric Stauffer pitched his fifth complete game in six starts in sparking the Springfield College baseball team to 7-2 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Thursday.

The loss is the sixth in the last ten outings for Eastern (23-12) while Springfield improves to 13-14-1. Eastern has lost two straight at home after winning ten of its first 11 at Alumni Field.

Stauffer (4-2) allowed only five hits -- four of them singles -- and one earned run while fanning nine and walking five. He allowed only two hits over the final five innings.

Tom Righi tripled and homered, scored two runs and drove in one for the Pride while Jack Champagne was 3-for-5, including a double, with two RBI.

Senior rightfielder Heath Mercier (STERLING) reached safely in all four of his at-bats for Eastern. He was 2-for-3, walked and reached on an error. Redshirt freshman righty Scott Czerwinski (SOMERS) lost his first game in five decisions. Czerwinski was lifted with one out in the fifth after allowing Righi's solo home run and a double by Jim Coughlin.

Eastern travels to UMass Dartmouth Saturday at 1 p.m.

### Springfield College 7, Eastern Conn. 2

Springfield (13-14-1)	200	220	100	--	7	10	2
Eastern Conn. (23-12)	000	100	100	--	2	5	0

Eric Stauffer (4-2) and Andrew Dyjak. Scott Czerwinski (4-1), Trevor Brown (5), Chris Segalla (7), Bobby McKee (8) and Kevin Spagone, Vin Paquette (6). 2B-Brian Hood, Jim Coughlin, Jack Champagne (S); 3B-Tom Righi (S), Jon Gersz (E); HR-Righi (2) (S).

Wednesday, May 1, 1996

### KOPCZUK HR LIFTS ECSU BASEBALL OVER WESTERN CONN. 12-11

DANBURY, Conn. -- Senior third baseman Mike Kopczuk (MONROE, NY) came off the bench to break a tie with a leadoff home run in the top of the ninth inning and lift the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 12-11 win over Western Connecticut State University Wednesday.

The victory gives ECSU (23-11) a sweep of the two-game home-and-home series with Western (9-17-1), the Warriors winning 13-5 two weeks ago at Alumni Field.

Trailing 11-7, Eastern tied the game by scoring four unearned runs on just two hits in the seventh inning off relief pitcher Chris Jones. Two walks, a hit batsman and an inning-opening error aided the ECSU cause in the inning.

Kopczuk, who had driven in the first run of the seventh inning with a sacrifice fly as a pinch hitter, opened the ninth inning with his second home run of the year for what proved to be the winning run.

ECSU senior righty Bob Aronson (MILFORD) pitched the final four innings and withstood a Western threat in the ninth inning to gain his third win in five decisions. The Colonials, who have lost seven straight, put their first two runners aboard in the ninth and had the bases loaded with one out before Aronson got Pete Ackerman to ground into a game-ending double play, begun by freshman shortstop Scott Chiasson (NORWICH). Ackerman had three hits, including a double and home run, three RBI and scored two runs in the game.

The teams combined for 27 hits, 18 walks, 18 strikeouts and three hit batsmen, the Warriors totalling its runs on just nine hits.

Sophomore leftfielder Jon Gersz (WALLINGFORD) drove in four runs for ECSU, twice being walked with the bases loaded before plating two of the four runs in the seventh inning with a single. Sophomore DH Anthony Formato (BRIDGEPORT) reached base in all six of his plate appearances, scored twice and drove in three runs. Formato had a single, was walked twice, hit by pitched balls twice and belted a three-run home run to give ECSU a 3-1 lead in the third. Junior Eric Senft (GREENWICH), the third of three ECSU first basemen utilized in the game, drove in two runs while sophomore third baseman Chris D'Amato (BRISTOL) and freshman second baseman Lance Podlesney (MARLBORO, MA) each had two hits and scored two runs.

Eastern hosts Springfield College (12-14-1) Thursday at 7 p.m.

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**Eastern Conn. 12, Western Conn. 11**

Eastern Conn. (23-11)	003	022	401	--	12	9	4
Western Conn. (9-17-1)	012	053	000	--	11	15	4

Scott Chesmer, Bobby McKee (5), Bob Aronson (6) and Kevin Spagone. Pat Welch, Jason Plourde (4), Chris Jones (7) and Chris Mortara. WP-Aronson (3-2). LP-Jones (5-4). 2B-Daron Balducci, Pete Ackerman, Ken Hamm (W); HR-Mike Kopczuk (2), Anthony Formato (3) (E), Ackerman (4) (W).

Tuesday, April 30, 1996

### **TAGLIENTI FOUR-HITS ECSU BASEBALL IN TUFTS' 11-4 VICTORY**

**Brian Symmons drives in five runs with five hits in Jumbos' win**

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- All-New England right-hander Jeff Taglienti pitched a complete-game four-hitter and Brian Symmons went 5-for-5 with five RBI and four runs scored to pace the Tufts University baseball team to an 11-4 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday in a battle of 1995 NCAA Division III New England Regional participants.

Taglienti (5-2) didn't allow a hit through the first five innings before senior first baseman Steve Wojtusik (NEWINGTON) broke up the no-hit bid when he legged out a ground ball over the second base bag. Sophomore centerfielder Steve Rembisz (VERNON) spoiled Taglienti's shutout try when he hit a grand slam with two out in the eighth -- his first home run of the year.

Symmons finished with two singles, two doubles and his third home run of the year to pace an 11-hit Tufts attack. He drove in five runs and scored four. Symmons gave Tufts a quick 3-0 lead when he hit a three-run home run off ECSU senior righty Heath Mercier (STERLING) as the third batter in the game. He also singled in the third, doubled and scored in the sixth, had a two-run single and later scored to highlight a six-run seventh and doubled and scored in the ninth.

Leading 4-0, Tufts put the game away by scoring six times on three hits, two walks and three ECSU errors in chasing Mercier in the seventh. The Warriors committed six errors in losing only their second home game in 12 outings this year.

Wojtusik reached base three time with the infield single and two walks and scored once.

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Eastern (22-11), which has lost five of its last eight, travels to face Western Connecticut State University Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

#### **Tufts University 11, Eastern Conn. 4**

Tufts (16-12)	300	001	601	--	11	11	1
Eastern Conn. (22-11)	000	000	040	--	4	4	6

Jeff Taglienti (6-2) and Jamie Wing. Heath Mercier (4-2), Chris Segalla (7) and Vin Paquette. 2B-Brian Symmons 2, Steve Lee (T); HR-Symmons (3) (T), Steve Rembisz (1) (E).

Saturday, April 27, 1996

**ECSU'S GIERAS SHUTS OUT UMASS DARTMOUTH 1-0**  
**D'Amato drives in only run with second-inning sac fly**

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior righthander Kevin Gieras (WEST HARTFORD) threw his first shutout in two years to spark the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 1-0 victory over the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Saturday.

Gieras (4-2) outdueled UMass sophomore lefty Steve Pereira (4-1), who was lifted with one out an one runner on in the eighth. Gieras allowed seven hits, with his only walk coming leading off the ninth inning. He fanned seven.

Sophomore leftfielder Jon Gersz (WALLINGFORD) led off the second inning with an infield hit, stole second and moved to third on a wild pitch. Sophomore second baseman Chris D'Amato (BRISTOL) drove him in with a sacrifice fly to right.

UMass (15-14), which had a six-game winning streak snapped, was retired in order just twice. The Corsairs had a runner as far as third base in three consecutive innings, beginning in the second, but couldn't push across a run. In the third, UMass had the tying run cut down at the plate when Gersz threw out Ed Morais trying to score from second on a single by John Connole.

Derek Handler led off the ninth with Gieras' only walk but Gieras got Eli Munkholm on a called strike and Pereira hit into a game-ending double play, began by ECSU freshman shortstop Scott Chiasson. Eric Alberto led off the fourth with a double but Gieras got three ground balls to leave him stranded at third.

Pereira, who lost for the first time in five decisions, stopped ECSU (22-10) on five hits while fanning four and walking two. Alberto and Handler each had two hits for UMass, which was shut out for the first time this year.

Senior rightfielder Heath Mercier (STERLING) had two hits for Eastern to extend his hitting streak to seven games.

Eastern travels to Tufts University Monday at 3 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 1, UMass Dartmouth 0

UMass Dartmouth (15-14)	000	000	000	--	0	7	0
Eastern Conn. (22-10)	010	000	00x	--	1	5	1

M-Steve Pereira (4-1), Alex Tikonoff (8) and Eli Munkholm. E-Kevin Gieras (4-2) and Vin Paquette. 2B-Eric Alberto (M), Chris D'Amato (E).

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### MERCIER PITCHES, HITS ECSU BASEBALL PAST TRINITY 17-9 *Warriors collect 18 hits in defeating Bantams for seventh straight year*

HARTFORD, Conn. -- Senior Heath Mercier (STERLING) won his fourth pitching decision and scored four runs to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 17-9 victory over Trinity College Wednesday.

The win is the 21st in 30 outings and tenth in 15 northern games for Eastern, which won on the road after losing four straight, dating back to April 6. Trinity is 11-13 after losing to Eastern for the seventh straight year.

Mercier (4-1) allowed eight hits and five runs over the first six innings, leaving with a 13-5 lead. Mercier fanned four and walked four and freshman righty Bobby McKee (SOUTHINGTON) picked up his team-leading third save -- first up north -- by pitching the final three innings.

Offensively, Mercier reached base five times with two hits, two walks and once by error. He scored four runs, stole a base and drove in a run. Senior third baseman Mike Kopczuk (MONROE, NY) and freshman shortstop Scott Chiasson (NORWICH) each contributed three hits to the 18-hit attack while sophomore leftfielder Jon Gersz (WALLINGFORD) reached base four times with two hits -- including his second triple in as many games -- and two walks. Gersz scored twice as the team's leadoff hitter, stole two of the team's eight bases and drove in a run.

Sophomore Chris D'Amato (BRISTOL) and freshman Lance Podlesney (MARLBORO, MA) shared time at second base, combining for four hits, three runs scored and an RBI in the No.-2 slot in the order.

Mike Ranier had three of Trinity's 13 hits, Christian Sheehan, Kirk Chisholm and Gregg Smith adding two each. Sheehan drove in three runs -- one coming on his third home run of the year leading off the third inning -- and scored twice from his leadoff position.

A total of 32 different players were used in the game, nine of them pitchers. The teams combined for 31 hits, 17 walks, 17 strikeouts, nine errors and 28 stranded baserunners. ECSU left 15 on base, six in scoring position over the final four innings.

ECSU travels to Keene State College Friday at 4 p.m.

### **Eastern Conn. 17, Trinity College 9**

Eastern Conn. (21-9)	401	440	103	--	17	18	3
Trinity (11-13)	101	021	400	--	9	13	6

E-Heath Mercier (4-1), Trevor Brown (7), Bobby McKee (7) and Vin Paquette, Anthony Formato (7). T-Garth Ballantyne (1-4), Adrian Softic (4), Mark Popeleski (5), David Henry (7), Seth Schwartz (8), Christian Sheehan (9) and Paolo Sorio, Christian Burchfield (6). 2B-Lance Podlesney, Mike Kopczuk, Joel Padin, Steve Wojtusik (E), Mike Ranieri (T); 3B-Jon Gersz (E); HR-Christian Sheehan (T) (3).

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### ECSU BASEBALL RALLIES PAST WENTWORTH INSTITUTE 8-3

*Warriors score six runs in sixth to snap three-game losing streak*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Three runs scored on senior first baseman Steve Wojtusik's (NEWINGTON) bases-clearing double in the sixth inning as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team rallied past Wentworth Institute of Technology 8-3 Tuesday.

The win -- ECSU's ninth in ten home games this year -- snaps a three-game losing streak as the Warriors improve to 20-9. The Leopards, semifinalists in last year's ECAC New England tournament, fall to 14-11.

Trailing 3-2, Eastern scored six runs in the sixth inning of the seven inning game on six hits, a walk and Wentworth's only two errors of the game. An infield error with the bases loaded allowed ECSU to tie the game 3-3 and three more runs scored when Wojtusik drilled a pitch through the gap in right-center. Senior rightfielder Joel Padin (PAWTUCKET, RI) scored from first and Wojtusik raced to third when the outfield relay was dropped by second baseman Scott LaFlamme.

Senior righty Bob Aronson (MILFORD) was credited with the win after cutting short a Wentworth rally in the sixth. With ECSU trailing 3-2, Aronson was summoned with runners on second and third and one out. Aronson hit the first batter he faced to load the bases but got strikeouts to end the threat. Aronson also fanned two in a 1-2-3 seventh inning.

Sophomore leftfielder Jon Gersz (WALLINGFORD) and senior DH Heath Mercier (STERLING) each had a triple among their two hits. Gersz scored two runs, including a first-inning one which gave ECSU a 1-0 lead. Padin stroked his fourth home run of the season -- his first since March 28 -- leading off the second to make it 2-0 but Wentworth scored three times off ECSU freshman starter Scott Czerwinski (SOMERS) on three hits and an outfield error in the third.

Wentworth starter Zach Vallentine (1-3) shut ECSU down after Padin's home run, allowing only Gersz' infield single with two out in the fifth until ECSU rallied in the sixth.

ECSU travels to face Trinity College Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

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**Eastern Conn. 8, Wentworth Institute of Technology 3**

Wentworth (14-11)	003	000	0	--	3	4	2
Eastern Conn. (20-9)	110	006	x	--	8	9	2

W-Zach Vallentine (1-3) and Tim Greenwood. E-Scott Czerwinski, Bob Aronson (6) and Vin Paquette. WP-Aronson (2-2). 2B-Steve Wojtusik (E); 3B-Jon Gersz, Heath Mercier (E); HR-Joel Padin (4) (E).

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### SOUTHERN MAINE SWEEPS ECSU BASEBALL 12-9, 17-4

*Twelve of 30 hits good for extra bases for Huskies*

**GORHAM, Maine** -- Ritchie White belted three home runs and drove in eight runs and Ken Reed had three doubles among his six hits as the University of Southern Maine baseball team swept Eastern Connecticut State University 12-9, 17-4 Sunday in a battle of last year's New England regional finalists.

Eastern (19-9), ranked first in New England, has lost three straight and falls to 8-5 up north, 0-4 on the road since returning north. Southern Maine (18-7-1), ranked fourth in New England, improves to 11-3 up north with its sixth and seventh straight wins.

Southern Maine collected 30 hits -- 12 of them good for extra bases -- in driving ECSU senior aces Kevin Gieras (WEST HARTFORD) and Scott Chesmer (FRANKLIN) from the mound early. Gieras left in the third inning of the opener during a seven-run Southern Maine uprising while Chesmer, who defeated the Huskies in last year's regional title game, was lifted as Southern Maine was scoring eight runs in the third inning of the nightcap. Southern Maine scored all of its runs on the day in five innings, totalling 12 of its runs in the first three innings of each game.

Freshman righty Joe Roach, who relieved freshman righty Travis Bashaw during a four-run ECSU second inning in the nightcap, shut down the Warriors on two hits the rest of the way. Roach fanned four and walked just one.

White cracked a two-run home run in the third inning of the opener and added a pair of three-run shots in the nightcap, finishing with six RBI. White and Greg Michaud each launched a three-run home run in Southern Maine's eight-run third inning in the second game.

Reed was 4-for-4 with two doubles and two RBI in the opener and was 2-for-3 with a double and RBI in the nightcap. White was 4-for-8 on the day.

Seniors Mike Kopczuk (MONROE, NY) and Heath Mercier (STERLING) and junior Eric Senft (GREENWICH) each had two hits in the opener for Eastern while sophomore George Davis (PROCTOR, VT) and Kopczuk had two each in the nightcap. Kopczuk had two RBI in each game while Mercier had a double and his third home run of the year in the opener, driving in four runs.

On Saturday, fourth-ranked Amherst College (16-5) wiped out a 5-2 deficit by scoring six runs in the bottom of the seventh inning and went on to a 9-5 win over Eastern. The Warriors had snapped a 2-2 tie with three runs in the top of the seventh before the Lord Jeffs answered with six of their own, then added one on the eighth. Mercier (3-1) was dealt his first loss in relief of senior lefty starter Chris Segalla (CANAAN).

Eastern hosts Wentworth Institute of Technology Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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**First Game**  
**Southern Maine 12, Eastern Conn. 9**

Eastern Conn. (19-8)	003	600	0	--	9	8	1
Southern Maine (17-7-1)	507	000	x	--	12	13	2

E-Kevin Gieras (3-2), Bobby McKee (3), Trevor Brown (6) and Vin Paquette. S-Jason Jensen (5-1), Kyle Kennison (7) and Ken Reed. Save-Kennison (3). 2B-Heath Mercier, Joel Padin, Mike Kopczuk (E), Reed 2, Jason Crepeau, Bill O'Brien (S); HR-Mercier (E), Ritchie White (S).

**Second Game**  
**Southern Maine 17, Eastern Conn. 4**

Eastern Conn. (19-9)	040	000	0	--	4	5	3
Southern Maine (18-7-1)	408	005	x	--	17	17	2

E-Scott Chesmer (2-3), Kevin Gieras (3), Bob Aronson (6) and Kevin Spagone. Travis Bashaw, Joe Roach (2) and Ken Reed. WP-Roach (2-0). 2B-Mike Kopczuk (E), Reed, Bill O'Brien, Jeff Keaveney, Greg Michaud (S); HR-Ritchie White 2, Michaud (S).

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Eastern Conn. 13, Western Conn. 5

Western Conn. (6-9-1)	100	000	031	--	5	7	5
Eastern Conn. (19-6)	223	300	03x	--	13	10	1

W-Jason Plourde (1-2), Patrick Welsh (4) and Chris Mortara. E-Scott Czerwinski (4-0), Trevor Brown (7), Bob Aronson (9) and Vin Paquette, Kevin Spagone (7). 2B-Tom Ross (W), Jon Gersz (E); HR-Pete Ackerman (3) (W).

### ECSU BASEBALL DEFEATS WCSU 13-5

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman righty Scott Czerwinski (SOMERS) allowed only four hits over the first six innings and the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team capitalized on five Western Connecticut State University errors and 11 walks in posting a 13-5 victory Wednesday.

The win is the fourth straight for Eastern (19-6), ranked first in New England, and eighth in nine home games this year. Western falls to 6-9-1.

The Warriors raced to a 10-1 lead after four innings in winning their eighth northern game in ten decisions. Eastern scored two runs in the first inning on three walks and an error, added two more in the second on three hits -- sophomore leftfielder Jon Gersz (WALLINGFORD) diving in both with a two-out double -- made it 7-1 by scoring three times on two hits and two errors in the third and pushed the lead to 10-1 with three runs on one hit and four walks in the fourth.

Sophomore second baseman Chris D'Amato (BRISTOL) was the only ECSU player with more than one hit. D'Amato reached three times on two singles and a hit-by-pitch, drove in two runs in the third and scored twice.

Czerwinski, a redshirted freshman, fanned seven and walked only one through six innings in winning his first career game at home. The ECSU staff lowered its ERA to 2.46 by allowing the one earned run.

Daron Balducci and Tom Ross each had two hits for Western, Ross opening the game with a double and scoring on a Balducci's infield ground ball.

Eastern travels to face Amherst College Saturday at 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 13, 1996

**ECSU BASEBALL SHUTS OUT RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE TWICE 14-0, 7-0**  
*Three pitchers limit Anchormen to three singles in doubleheader sweep*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior right-hander Scott Chesmer (FRANKLIN) pitched a complete-game two-hitter in the opener and senior lefty Chris Segalla (CANAAN) allowed only one single over the first six innings of the nightcap as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team swept Rhode Island College 14-0, 7-0 Saturday.

Eastern, ranked first in New England, improves to 18-6 overall, 7-2 up north with its first doubleheader shutout since 11-0, 3-0 victories over Western Connecticut State University March 25, 1992 at Boca Raton, FL. RIC is 4-13.

The Warriors collected 12 hits in each game, scoring in all but two of 12 innings, and put together back-to-back errorless games for only the second time this year. The pitching staff, ranked among the national leaders in ERA, lowered its ERA from 2.70 to 2.52.

Freshman second baseman Lance Podlesney (MARLBORO, MA) had five hits and five runs scored with two RBI in the doubleheader while freshman shortstop Scott Chiasson (NORWICH) had four hits, two runs scored and two RBI. Sophomore centerfielder Steven Rembisz (VERNON) had three hits (two doubles) and three RBI with two walks and three runs scored while sophomore leftfielder Jon Gersz (WALLINGFORD) had three hits, a walk and an RBI and scored three runs. Sophomore DH Anthony Formato (BRIDGEPORT) had two doubles, a home run and a walk, scored three runs and drove in four.

Chesmer (2-2) picked up his second complete-game shutout in six starts in the opener, allowing only a single leading off the game and a two-out single in the fourth. He walked two and struck out eight.

Segalls (4-1) won his fourth straight decision in the nightcap, surrendering only a two-out single in the first before giving way to senior righty Bob Aronson (MILFORD), who pitched a scoreless seventh. Segalla struck out five and walked three.

Eastern hosts UMass Dartmouth Sunday at 1 p.m.

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**College Baseball  
Saturday's Results  
at Willimantic, Conn.**

**First Game  
Eastern Conn. 14, Rhode Island College 0**

R.I. College (4-12)	000	000	0	--	0	2	4
Eastern Conn. (17-6)	222	314	x	--	14	12	0

Mike Lonergan (0-3) and David Maynard. Scott Chesmer (2-2) and Vin Paquette. 2B-Anthony Formato 2, Steven Rembisz, Scott Chiasson (E); 3B-Derek Karcich (E).

**Second Game  
Eastern Conn. 7, Rhode Island College 0**

R.I. College (4-13)	000	000	0	--	0	1	1
Eastern Conn. (18-6)	201	202	x	--	7	12	0

Michael Leger (1-4), Kris Collins (6) and Josh Arieta. Chris Segalla (4-1), Bob Aronson (7) and Kevin Spagone. 2B-Lance Podlesney 2, Steven Rembisz (E); HR-Anthony Formato (2) (E).

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### ECSU BASEBALL DEFEATS WESLEYAN IN BATTLE OF RANKED TEAMS *D'Amato, Mercier each drive in three runs in 13-8 victory over Cardinals*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior designated hitter Heath Mercier (STERLING) stroked a two-run home run to open an eight-run ~~fourth~~ <sup>third</sup> inning and senior catcher Vin Paquette (FALL RIVER, MA) hit a two-run homer to cap the frame and the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team went on to a 13-8 victory over Wesleyan University Friday in a battle of ranked New England teams.

The game was the makeup of Wednesday's contest wiped out because of snow.

Eastern (16-6), the top-ranked team in New England Division III, improves to 5-2 up north with its second win in as many years over Wesleyan (9-8-1), ranked fifth in New England. The loss was the Cardinals' first up north after five wins and a tie.

Leading 4-1, Eastern sent 11 batters to the plate in the ~~fourth~~ <sup>third</sup> inning, scoring eight runs on five hits and an error. Paquette opened the inning by reaching on an outfield error and Mercier followed by blasting his second home run of the season to right-center to make it 6-1. Sophomore second baseman Chris D'Amato (BRISTOL) made it 7-1 with an RBI single, chasing Wesleyan starter Matt Carey (2-3). Senior third baseman Mike Kopczuk (MONROE, NY) ripped reliever Scott Hevesy's fourth offering into right to drive in two more runs and Paquette blasted his third home run of the year to right-center to drive in the final runs of the inning, making it 12-1.

Every ECSU player but one who came to bat had at least one hit. Half of ECSU's 14 hits were good for extra bases.

Sophomore leftfielder Jon Gersz (WALLINGFORD), making his first start since March 20, was 3-for-5 with two runs scored for Eastern while D'Amato and Mercier each drove in three runs with two hits. Paquette reached base four times with two hits -- a double and home run -- and a walk while scoring three runs and driving in two.

(WEST HARTFORD)  
ECSU senior righty Kevin Gieras (3-1) pitched the first seven innings to gain his third straight win. Four of the eight runs allowed by Gieras were unearned. Gieras fanned two and walked two. Freshman righty Bobby McKee (SOUTHINGTON) struck out two and walked one over the final two innings, giving him 18 innings this year without an earned run.

Jesse Carpenter and Jon Churchill each had three hits in Wesleyan's nine-hit attack.

Eastern hosts Rhode Island College today in a noon doubleheader. The doubleheader was originally scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

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**Baseball  
Friday's Result  
at Willimantic, Conn.**

**Eastern Conn. 13, Wesleyan U. 8**

Wesleyan (9-8-1)	001	003	400	--	8	9	2
Eastern Conn. (16-6)	040	<del>010</del>	00x	--	13	14	3
	8	10					

Matt Carey (2-3), Scott Hevesy (3) and Lee LeBlanc, Charles Kaplan (8). Kevin Gieras (3-1), Bobby McKee (8) and Vin Paquette. 2B-Jed Hoyer, Jon Churchill (W), Mike Kopczuk, Paquette, Heath Mercier, Jon Gersz, Scott Chiasson (E); HR-Mercier (2), Paquette (3) (E).

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Saturday, April 6, 1996

### **BRANDEIS BASEBALL UPENDS ECSU 4-2 IN BATTLE OF TOP NE TEAMS**

**Fifth-ranked Judges hand top-ranked Warriors first New England loss**

WALTHAM, Mass. -- Brandeis University rode the bat of Brad Rego and the arm of Craig McCarthy to a 4-2 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday in a battle of two of New England's top-ranked Division III baseball teams.

Eastern, ranked No.-1 in New England, was stymied by McCarthy (3-2), who allowed two unearned runs on five hits in completing his second game in five starts. The sophomore righty fanned nine while walking only one and hitting one.

Rego led the ten-hit Brandeis offense by reaching base all five times with four hits and a walk. The team's No.-3 hitter gave Brandeis (13-6) a 1-0 lead with an RBI single in the first and made it 3-1 by driving in the first run in a two-run fifth inning with a single. The Judges scored their two runs in the inning on Rego's hit, three walks and an error.

Ken Ringdahl and Ian Podbelski also had two hits for Brandeis, ranked fifth in New England and a winner of five straight.

The Warriors were led offensively by sophomore designated hitter Anthony Formato (BRIDGEPORT) and sophomore second baseman Chris D'Amato (BRISTOL). Formato contributed two hits, including the game's only extra-base hit, a seventh inning lead-off double. D'Amato also collected two hits and drove in one of ECSU's two runs.

The loss snaps a three-game ECSU winning streak and is its first to a New England team in five outings. The Warriors are 4-2 up north, Brandeis 8-3.

Eastern travels to face AIC Monday at 3 p.m.

#### **Brandeis U. 4, Eastern Conn. 2**

Eastern Conn. (15-6)	001	000	010	--	2	5	3
Brandeis (13-6)	100	120	00x	--	4	10	0

Scott Chesmer (1-2), Heath Mercier (5) and Kevin Spagone. Craig McCarthy (3-2) and Dan Robinson. 2B- Anthony Formato.

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### ECSU BASEBALL EDGES BRIDGEWATER STATE IN 12 INNINGS 5-4

*Mercier's pinch single gives Warriors victory over Bears*

**WILLIMANTIC, Conn.** -- Senior Heath Mercier's (STERLING) pinch single with one out in the bottom of the 12th inning drove in senior Joel Padin (PAWTUCKET, RI) from third base to give the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team a 5-4 victory over Bridgewater State College in a battle of regionally-ranked teams Wednesday.

The win is the third straight for Eastern (15-5) and fourth in five northern outings while the loss snaps a three-game winning streak for Bridgewater (9-3). Eastern is ranked first in New England, Bridgewater third.

Padin led off the bottom of the 12th with his first hit of the game -- a double to right-center field. Senior catcher Kevin Spagone (HOPATCONG, NJ) moved him to third with a ground ball to second and Mercier, pinch-hitting for sophomore Jon Gersz (WALLINGFORD), drove a 1-1 pitch through through the gap in right-center to plate Padin.

Freshman righty Bobby McKee (SOUTHINGTON) was credited with the win in his first collegiate decision (he has two saves). McKee allowed only two baserunners (one hit) over the final three innings with two strikeouts in place of starter Kevin Gieras (WEST HARTFORD). Gieras allowed eight singles while striking out seven and walking four over the first nine innings.

Bridgewater scored four unearned runs off Gieras to take a 4-1 lead in the fourth. ECSU got two back in the bottom of the fourth on three hits, two errors and a wild pitch and tied the game on No.-9 hitter Scott Chiasson's (NORWICH) two-out RBI single which scored sophomore second baseman Chris D'Amato (BRISTOL) from second.

Jason Newhall, who threw a complete-game four-hitter against ECSU in Bridgewater's 6-3 win last year, allowed eight hits and ECSU's first four runs.

Sophomore centerfielder Steven Rembisz (VERNON), sophomore DH Anthony Formato (BRIDGEPORT) and Chiasson each had two hits in the ten-hit attack. Chiasson drove in two runs, D'Amato and freshman leftfielder Derek Karcich (CLINTON) one each.

ECSU travels to face Brandeis University Saturday.

### Eastern Conn. 5, Bridgewater State 4, 12 inn.

Bridgewater State (9-3)	000	400	000	000	--	4	9	5
Eastern Conn. (15-5)	001	201	000	001	--	5	12	2

One out when winning run scored.

Jason Newhall, Fred Martin (8) and Chris Quirk. Kevin Gieras, Bobby McKee (10) and Vin Paquette, Kevin Spagone (8). WP-McKee (1-0). LP-Martin (3-1). 2B-Derek Karcich, Steven Rembisz, Joel Padin (E).

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### ECSU BASEBALL BLANKS ALBERTUS MAGNUS COLLEGE 9-0

*Pitching staff lowers ERA to 2.84 with fourth shutout*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior lefty Chris Segalla (CANAAAN) struck out ten batters in seven innings and senior third baseman Mike Kopczuk (MONROE, NY) raised his average in three northern games to .500 as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team blanked Albertus Magnus College 9-0 Sunday.

In winning his third straight decision, Segalla (3-1) allowed only two fourth-inning singles while equalling his season-high of ten strikeouts. Neither Segalla nor junior righty Trevor Brown (CLINTON) walked a batter as the staff lowered its ERA to 2.84 (0.93 in three northern games) with its fourth shutout. Brown didn't allow a hit over the final two innings, fanning three and hitting a batter.

Segalla retired the first nine batters in order -- striking out the first five -- before allowing back-to-back singles leading off the fourth. The singles were the only balls to reach the outfield, with senior catcher Kevin Spagone (HOPATCONG, NJ) and junior first baseman Eric Senft (GREENWICH) combining to record 24 of 27 putouts. Segalla has struck out a team-leading 31 batters -- one behind his season high -- while walking only seven in 25.7 innings.

Kopczuk led a 12-hit ECSU (13-5) attack by going 2-for-2 with an RBI and run scored, raising his batting average in three northern games to .500 (6-for-12). Freshman outfielder Derek Karcich (CLINTON) and senior outfielder Joel Padin (PAWTUCKET, RI) were each 2-for-4 with two runs scored. Padin drove in two runs and Karcich one. In all, 2-3-4 hitters Karcich, Kopczuk and Padin were 6-for-10 with a double, triple, four RBI, five runs scored, and two stolen bases.

Freshman Chris Arden of Albertus (0-1) and Segalla battled through the first five innings before ECSU scored three times to take a 5-0 lead. Arden allowed only a single through the first three innings before giving up back-to-back singles when the Warriors broke through to take a 1-0 lead in the fourth.

With the game scoreless in the top of the fourth, the Falcons threatened with runners on first and third and no one out but Spagone threw out Matt Wallick trying to steal second and Segalla got a strikeout and ground ball to strand Andrew Ciccarella at third.

Eastern hosts Westfield State College Tuesday at 3 p.m.

### Eastern Conn. 9, Albertus Magnus College 0

Albertus Magnus (0-1)	000	000	000	--	0	2	4
Eastern Conn. (13-5)	000	113	40x	--	9	12	0

Chris Arden (0-1), David Leite (7), Mike Raymond (8) and Pat Herrmann. Chris Segalla (3-1), Trevor Brown (8) and Kevin Spagone. 2B-Bunty Ray, Joel Padin, Chris D'Amato, Jon Gersz (EC); 3B-Mike Kopczuk (EC).

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### WILLIAM PATERSON BASEBALL EDGES ECSU IN 11 INNINGS 7-5

*Warriors commit six errors in losing to nation's No.-6 ranked team*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Brian Lindner doubled home Mark DeMenna in the top of the eleventh inning to break a 5-5 tie and give William Paterson College a 7-5 baseball win over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday.

The win is the fifth straight for the Pioneers (11-3) over Eastern (12-5) in a battle of nationally-ranked teams coming off participation in last year's NCAA Division III national tournament. Paterson is ranked sixth nationally, first in the Mid-Atlantic Region, Eastern 11th nationally and first in New England.

With one out in the 11th, DeMenna reached first on Eastern's sixth error of the day and scored the go-ahead run when Lindner followed with a double -- his third hit of the day. After moving to third base on a passed ball, Lindner scored on Paul Bumbaco's sacrifice fly to make it 7-5.

With one out in the bottom half of the eleventh, junior first baseman Eric Senft (GREENWICH) walked and senior outfielder Heath Mercier (STERLING) singled. Mercier, however, was caught stealing after being picked off first base and a fly ball to right ended the game.

The Pioneers jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the second without a hit, scoring on two hit-batsmen, a walk and an error. A two-run single by sophomore second baseman Chris D'Amato (BRISTOL) and an RBI single by freshman shortstop Scott Chiasson (NORWICH) in the bottom of the inning gave ECSU a 3-2 lead before the Pioneers re-took the lead in the top of the third on a two-run inside-the-park home run by Brian Kelly. The Warriors opened the second with five straight hits but an inning-ending double play helped starting pitcher Rob Slomkowski escape further damage.

Lindner reached by five times with three hits and two walks and scored three runs and drove in one. Lindner had half of his team's six hits.

Eastern collected 13 hits off two Paterson pitchers -- the 11th time this year it has had at least ten -- but had a runner picked off, one caught stealing. The team's six errors accounted for four unearned runs. Brian Appelman (4-0) won the game in his first relief outing of the ~~game~~ year. Appelman pitched the final six innings, allowing five hits while fanning four and walking two.

ECSU senior third baseman Mike Kopczuk (MONROE, NY) was 3-for-5, including the 100th hit of his three-year ECSU career coming on a one-out double in the first. Senft was 2-for-3 with two runs, Mercier 2-for-3 off-the-bench, D'Amato 2-for-4 with his two second-inning RBI and Chiasson 2-for-4 with his RBI and a run scored.

Eastern host Albertus Magnus College Sunday at 1 p.m.

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**College Baseball  
Saturday's Result  
at Willimantic, Conn.**

**William Paterson 7, Eastern Conn. 5, 11 inn.**

William Paterson (11-3)	022	000	100	02	--	7	6	0
Eastern Conn. (12-5)	030	001	100	00	--	5	13	6

Rob Slomkowski, Brian Appelman (6) and Dan Egbert. Scott Chesmer, Bobby McKee (8), Bob Aronson (11) and Vin Paquette. WP-Appelman (4-0); LP-Aronson (1-2). 2B-Brian Lindner (WP), Mike Kopczuk (EC); HR-Brian Kelly (1) (WP).

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Thursday, March 28, 1996

### ECSU BASEBALL WINS 13TH STRAIGHT HOME-OPENER

#### **Padin drives in five runs with four hits in 9-0 win over Framingham State**

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior centerfielder Joel Padin (PAWTUCKET, RI) drove in five runs with four hits -- including a seventh-inning grand slam -- and three pitchers combined on a shutout as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team won its 13th straight home-opener 9-0 over Framingham State College Thursday.

The win in its northern debut is the third straight for Eastern (12-4), ranked 11th nationally and first in New England. Framingham, which has been the victim of ECSU's home-opening triumphs three of the past six years, falls to 6-4, 1-2 up north.

Padin, a second-year player, raised his team-leading slugging percentage to .800 and his season's average to .378 (17-for-45) with his third career game of at least four hits and fourth game of at least four RBI. Padin (4-for-5) highlighted a 14-hit ECSU attack by singling and scoring the team's first run in the second, doubling in a run in the third, singling in the fourth and drilling his team-leading third home run of the season to center field with the bases loaded in the seventh.

Sophomore designated hitter Anthony Formato (BRIDGEPORT) was 2-for-3 with two runs scored and his first career home run in the fourth, junior first baseman Eric Senft (GREENWICH) 2-for-4, a double, two RBI and a run scored, and freshman shortstop Scott Chiasson (NORWICH) 2-for-5 from the No.-9 slot in the order.

Senior third baseman Mike Kopczuk (MONROE, NY) pulled to within one of his 100th hit in his three-year ECSU career with a single in the seventh while senior catcher Vin Paquette (FALL RIVER, MA) extended his hitting streak to six with a leadoff single in the third.

Senior righty Kevin Gieras (WEST HARTFORD) combined on the team's second shutout with freshman righty Bobby McKee (SOUTHINGTON) and senior righty Bob Aronson (MILFORD). Gieras (2-1) allowed five hits while fanning five, walking two and hitting a batter through the first seven innings. The shutout lowered the team ERA to 3.05.

ECSU hosts William Paterson College, ranked sixth in the NCAA Division III, Saturday at 1 p.m.

#### **Eastern Conn. 9, Framingham State 0**

Framingham State (6-4)	000	000	000	--	0	6	2
Eastern Conn. (12-4)	021	200	40x	--	9	14	1

Jim Holt (0-2), Scott Spencer (5) and Shawn Sprague. Kevin Gieras (2-1), Bobby McKee (8), Bob Aronson (9) and Vin Paquette, Kevin Spagone (9). 2B-Ozzie Azzarello (F); Joel Padin, Eric Senft (E); HR-Anthony Formato (1), Joel Padin (3) (E).

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Sunday, March 3, 1996

**ECSU BASEBALL COLLECTS 32 HITS IN SWEEP OF NEB. WESLEYAN**  
**Head coach Bill Holowaty posts 800th coaching victory in first-game win**

GEORGETOWN, Texas -- Sophomore George Davis (PROCTOR, VT) had eight hits and senior Joel Padin (PAWTUCKET, RI) had three triples and a home run among his six hits as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team swept a doubleheader from Nebraska Wesleyan University 9-2, 13-0 Sunday at the Buc Ball Tournament.

The first-game win marked the 800th coaching win for 28th-year head coach Bill Holowaty, who now has a record of 801-301-4 at Eastern. Holowaty, the winningest coach in New England Division III baseball history, entered the season rated third among active Division III coaches behind Marietta College's Don Schaly (1103-253 in 32 years) and Southwestern University's (TX) Jim Mallon (870-490 in 25 years).

The Warriors (4-2) collected 32 hits in the sweep while six pitchers limited the Plainsmen (2-4) to seven singles.

Junior right-hander Trevor Brown (CLINTON) pitched the first five-and-two-thirds innings to gain the win first-game win in his first outing of the year while freshman righty Bobby McKee (SOUTHINGTON) was credited with his first career save by pitching hitless ball the rest of the way. Brown struck out five and walked three while allowing three hits and two runs (one earned). McKee struck out four without a walk.

Red-shirted freshman righty Scott Czerwinski (SOMERS) allowed only one hit over the first five innings to earn his first varsity victory in his first appearance of the season. He fanned five and walked three. Three relievers combined to allow just one hit to complete the seven-inning shutout.

Nine of ECSU's second-game runs came in the second inning. Junior Eric Senft (GREENWICH) had a triple and his first home run in the game.

In the doubleheader, Davis, a transfer from Castleton State, was 8-for-9 with two doubles, a triple and an RBI. Padin was 6-for-10 with three triples, his second home run of the year and six RBI and senior Heath Mercier (STERLING) was 5-for-9 with his first home run of the year, two doubles and five RBI.

Eastern is idle until competing in the California Invitational March 16-17 at La Verne, CA.

**First Game**  
**Eastern Conn. 9, Nebraska Wesleyan 2**

Nebraska Wesleyan (2-3)	010	010	000	--	2	5	1
Eastern Conn. (3-2)	140	100	03x	--	9	15	4

Gregg Vanier (0-1) and Craig Volzke. Trevor Brown (1-0), Bobby McKee (6) and Anthony Formato. Save-McKee (1). 2B-George Davis, Scott Chiasson, Heath Mercier (EC); 3B-Joel Padin 2 (EC); HR-Mercier (1) (EC).

**Second Game**  
**Eastern Conn. 13, Nebraska Wesleyan 0**

Eastern Conn. (4-2)	190	001	2	--	13	17	0
Nebraska Wesleyan (2-4)	000	000	0	--	0	2	3

Scott Czerwinski (1-0), Tom Vincent (6), Adam Murphy (6), Bob Aronson (7) and Kevin Spagone. Jeff Fagler (0-1), Justin Wilkins (2) and Craig Volzke. 2B-George Davis (EC); 3B-Bunty Ray, Davis, Joel Padin, Eric Senft (EC); HR-Padin (2), Senft (1) (EC).



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Saturday, March 2, 1996

ECSU BASEBALL SWEPT BY SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY 7-5, 10-1

GEORGETOWN, Texas -- All-America leftfielder Amiel Gross drove in five runs in the second game -- four coming on a fifth inning grand slam -- <sup>host</sup> as Southwestern University completed a baseball sweep of Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday 10-1 at the Buc Ball Invitational.

In the first game, the Pirates snapped a 3-3 tie by scoring three unearned runs in the top of the sixth inning en route to a 7-5 victory.

Southwestern improves to 10-1 with the sweep while ECSU falls to 2-2.

The Warriors, ranked 11th nationally in the pre-season Division III Collegiate Baseball poll, committed nine errors in the doubleheader and were out-hit 13-4 in the second game.

Eastern staked senior lefty Chris Segalla (0-1) to a 1-0 lead in the second inning of the nightcap but the Pirates broke through for five runs in the bottom of the fifth -- four coming on Gross' <sup>one-out</sup> grand slam. Gross was 2-for-5 with five RBI in the game.

Senior righty Kevin Gieras (0-1) allowed all nine Southwestern hits in the first game, but three of the six runs charged to him were unearned. The Pirates scored their three sixth-inning runs to snap a 3-3 tie after there were two out and one runner on base. A dropped infield fly accounted for the second and third runs of the inning.

Sophomore outfielder Steven Rembisz was 3-for-5 with two doubles for ECSU in the game, sophomore second baseman Chris D'Amato and freshman outfielder Derek Karcich each collecting two hits, Karcich driving in two runs. D'Amato and senior outfielder Joel Padin each had three hits on the afternoon, as did Rembisz.

ECSU head ~~coach~~ coach Bill Holowaty chases his 800th career ~~#####~~ coaching victory Sunday when the club wraps up tournament play with a 1 p.m. doubleheader against Nebraska Wesleyan University. Holowaty, in his 28th year, has an overall record of 799-301-4.

College Baseball  
Saturday's Results  
at Georgetown, Texas

First Game  
Southwestern University 7, Eastern Conn. 5

Southwestern (9-1)	010	203	001	--	7	9	3
Eastern Conn. (2-1)	001	200	020	--	5	9	5

Brandon Behrens (1-0), Brian Ratliff (8), Brendan Wood (8) and Brian Lopez.  
Kevin Gieras (0-1), Bobby McKee (7) and Vin Paquette, Anthony Formato (4). Save-Wood.  
2B-Jim Stanton, Jason Henley (S), Steve Rembisz 2, Chris D'Amato, Derek Karcich (E).

Second Game  
Southwestern University 10, Eastern Conn. 1

Eastern Conn. (2-2)	010	000	000	--	1	4	4
Southwestern (10-1)	000	050	32x	--	10	13	3

Chris Segalla (0-1), Ken Voller (7) and Kevin Spagone. Keith McLemore (1-0),  
Scott Atkins (7), Wood (9) and Lopez. 2B-Joel Padin (E), Amiel Gross (S); HR-  
Gross (S).

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### ECSU BASEBALL OPENS SEASON WITH SWEEP OF CENTRAL, IA

*Scott Chesmer throws program's ninth no-hitter in opener*

GEORGETOWN, Texas -- Senior right-handed pitcher Scott Chesmer (FRANKLIN) threw the ninth no-hitter in Eastern Connecticut State University baseball history in the opener and senior righty Heath Mercier (STERLING) won his first career start in the nightcap as the Warriors swept Central College (IA) 5-0, 8-4 in their season-openers in the Buc Ball Tournament Friday.

Chesmer, who won the New England Regional Tournament title game last May, allowed only three baserunners in the seven-inning game in notching his first no-hitter, first shutout and second complete game in his ninth career start. He walked one batter, hit a batter with another reaching on an infield throwing error. Chesmer struck out six.

Senior third baseman Mike Kopczuk (MONROE, NY) and senior catcher Vin Paquette (FALL RIVER, MA) combined for four of ECSU's five hits in the first game, with Kopczuk driving in two runs. Paquette, who also caught the previous ECSU no-hitter last April 25 (Chris Segalla vs. Wentworth at Willimantic), hit his fourth career home run leading off the fourth and doubled in the fifth.

Mercier, making his first career start in his 25th appearance, combined on a six-hitter with freshman righty Ken Voller (NORTH PROVIDENCE, RI) and senior righty Bob Aronson (MILFORD), the latter pitching the final two innings to gain his eighth career save. Mercier didn't allow a hit through the first three innings. In all, he pitched the first five innings, giving up four hits while fanning five and walking three. Two of the runs came on a home run with two outs and ECSU leading 6-2 in the fifth.

Senior outfielder Joel Padin (PAWTUCKET, RI), freshman first baseman Glenn Lungarini (OXFORD) and senior catcher Kevin Spagone (HOPATCONG, NJ) each had two hits for Eastern in the second game, with Padin scoring three times and Spagone driving in two runs. Freshman outfielder Buntly Ray (BRISTOL) hit his first career home run leading off the game and Padin added his sixth career home run leading off the fifth. Padin also doubled.

The wins give 28th-year ECSU head coach Bill Holowaty 799 in his coaching career (against 299 losses and four ties). Central is 0-9.

Eastern faces host Southwestern University in a noon doubleheader today.

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**College Baseball  
Buc Ball Tournament  
at Georgetown, TX**

**First Game  
Eastern Conn. 5, Central College, IA 0**

Central (0-8)	000	000	0	--	0	0	2
Eastern Conn. (1-0)	100	130	x	--	5	5	1

Josh Allison (0-2) and Chad Myers. Scott Chesmer (1-0) and Vin Paquette. 2B-Mike Kopczuk, Paquette (EC); HR-Paquette (EC).

**Second Game  
Eastern Conn. 8, Central College, IA 4**

Eastern Conn. (2-0)	113	010	2	--	8	10	3
Central (0-9)	010	030	0	--	4	6	3

Heath Mercier (1-0), Ken Voller (6), Bob Aronson (6) and Kevin Spagone, Anthony Formato (7). Wade Van Vark (0-1) and Tom Whitson. Save-Aronson (1). 2B-Joel Padin (EC), Tim Crannell (C); HR-Bunty Ray, Padin (EC), Josh Allison (C).

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### **FIFTEEN-HIT ATTACK LEADS ECSU BASEBALL OVER CLAREMONT 8-4**

*Freshman Czerwinski improves to 3-0 on season with pitching victory*

CLAREMONT, Calif. -- Senior catcher Vin Paquette (FALL RIVER, MA) sparked a 15-hit attack with three hits -- including a three-run home run in the third inning -- as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team wrapped up its California trip with an 8-4 win over Claremont-Mudd Colleges Saturday.

The win was the second on the trip over Claremont-Mudd (20-7) for Eastern (11-4), which won seven of nine contests against the top NCAA Division III schools in California, while also winning the California Invitational for the second straight year.

Paquette improved his average on the trip to .368 (7-for-19) with three hits in five at-bats. Among the hits were his second home run of the year and a double.

The top five hitters in the starting lineup combined for 11 of the Warriors' 15 hits, seven runs scored and six RBI. Sophomore centerfielder Steven Rembisz (VERNON), senior third baseman Mike Kopczuk (MONROE, NY), sophomore DH Anthony Formato (BRIDGEPORT) and junior first baseman Eric Senft (GREENWICH) each had two hits, with Rembisz and Kopczuk -- the top two hitters in the order -- each scoring twice. Senft reached base four times and Rembisz doubled twice.

Redshirt freshman righty Scott Czerwinski (SOMERS) won his third game of the season in as many decisions. Czerwinski, who has a 1.76 ERA in 15.3 innings, allowed eight hits over the first seven innings with four strikeouts and two walks. One of the runs he allowed was unearned.

Senior righty Heath Mercier (STERLING) pitched the final two scoreless innings to gain his first save of the season (ninth career).

Ranked 11th nationally, Eastern is scheduled to play the first of five straight home games Thursday when it hosts Framingham State College at 4 p.m.

#### **Eastern Conn. 8, Claremont-Mudd 4**

Eastern Conn. (11-4)	103	100	111	--	8	15	1
Claremont-Mudd (20-7)	002	110	000	--	4	8	1

Scott Czerwinski (3-0), Heath Mercier (8) and Vin Paquette. Joe Whitlach (0-1), Sean Smith (5), Brian Gray (9) and Mike Nutting. 2B-Steven Rembisz 2, Mike Kopczuk, Paquette (E), Mike Cook (C); HR-Paquette (E), Tyler Laughery (C).

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# ECSU BASEBALL HAS SEVEN-GAME WINNING STREAK SNAPPED

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. -- Rik Work, Eric Buben and Matt Moore each drove in two runs and junior lefty Richard Bell allowed only three singles as the California Lutheran University baseball team defeated Eastern Connecticut State University 7-1 Wednesday.

The loss snaps a seven-game winning streak for Eastern (9-3), ranked 11th nationally in Division III, and is its first after five straight wins in California. Cal Lutheran, ranked 14th nationally, improves to 18-4-1.

The Kingsmen wiped out a 1-0 deficit with two runs in the third on back-to-back RBI singles from Work and Buben and added three more in the fifth and two in the sixth.

Bell, who won for the sixth time in as many decisions, fanned ten and walked two. He had a no-hitter through five innings until freshman shortstop Scott Chiasson (NORWICH) opened the sixth with a hit.

Senior righty Scott Chesmer (FRANKLIN) had a personal five-game winning streak snapped with his first loss after a season-opening win. Chesmer allowed 11 hits through six innings.

Work was 3-for-4 for Cal Lutheran.

Eastern travels to face the University of La Verne Thursday. The Warriors defeated the defending NCAA Division III national champions and current top-ranked team 4-2 Saturday at the California Invitational.

## Wednesday's Result at Thousand Oaks, CA

California Lutheran University 7, Eastern Conn. 1

Eastern Conn. (9-3)	010	000	000	--	1	3	4
Cal Lutheran (18-4-1)	002	032	00x	--	7	13	1

Scott Chesmer (1-1), Ken Voller (7) and Anthony Formato. Richard Bell (6-0) and Rik Work.

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SPAGONE HIGHLIGHTS 19-HIT ECSU BASEBALL ATTACK  
12 players contribute hits in 15-6 win over Redlands

REDLANDS, Calif. -- Senior catcher Kevin Spagone (HOPATCONG, NJ) was 4-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored, highlighting a 19-hit attack as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team defeated the University of Redlands 15-6 Tuesday.

The win is the seventh straight for Eastern (9-2), which has won all five games in California thus far. The Bulldogs fall to 9-14-1.

Twelve players had at least one hit and ten scored at least one run in support of senior right-handed pitcher Heath Mercier (STERLING). Mercier (2-0), who pitched a career-high eight innings in his second career start, allowed 11 hits while fanning four and walking two. Freshman righty Adam Murphy (LEBANON) gave up a ninth-inning run in his second appearance of the season.

Contributing two hits to the attack were senior first baseman Steve Wojtusik (NEWINGTON), sophomore first baseman Glenn Lungarini (OXFORD), freshman shortstop Lance Podlesney (MARLBORO, MA) and sophomore outfielder Steven Rembisz (VERNON).

Podlesney knocked in three runs -- two coming on a fifth-inning double when ECSU wiped out a one-run deficit with five runs -- while Lungarini and junior first baseman Eric Senft (GREENWICH) matched Spagone with two RBI. Spagone did not start the game but spelled starting catcher Vin Paquette in the fourth inning.

Sophomore designated hitter George Davis (PROCTOR, VT) hit his first home run, a solo shot with two out in the sixth.

A total of six pitchers worked for Redlands (9-14-1), which had handed ECSU its first loss of last year after six straight wins.

Eastern, ranked 11th nationally, travels to face 14th-ranked California Lutheran University Wednesday at Thousand Oaks.

at Redlands, CA

Eastern Conn. 15, University of Redlands 6

Eastern Conn. (9-2)	030	051	123	--	15	19	4
Redlands (9-14-1)	013	010	001	--	6	12	4

Heath Mercier (2-0), Adam Murphy (9) and Vin Paquette, Kevin Spagone (4), Jason Morrow (1-4), Brendan Moyer (5), Josh Quick (7), Jeff Ludovico (8), Mike Davis (8), Pat Cappasula (9) and Ryan Boggs. 2B-Paquette, Joel Padin, Lance Podlesney, Eric Senft (E), Rohn Battle, Boggs (R); 3B-Bunt Ray (E); HR-George Davis (1) (E).