

Saturday, May 12, 2001

**ECSU BASEBALL WINS LITTLE EAST CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT**

***Fortin, Gouin pitch Warriors past Southern Maine 7-4, 9-1 on final day***

**GORHAM, ME --** Sophomore Matt Fortin (**TOLLAND**) and senior Brian Gouin (**SPRAGUE**) each pitched complete games and tournament Most Outstanding Player Nick Tempesta (**BROCKTON, MA**) had five hits, scored five runs and drove in two to lift the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to 7-4, 9-1 wins over the University of Southern Maine Saturday to win the 2001 Little East Conference tournament championship at Towers Field on the USM campus.

By winning the tournament, Eastern (35-11) gains an automatic berth in the 42-team NCAA Division III tournament which gets underway Thursday. Southern Maine (32-11), ranked third nationally is a candidate to receive one of **five** at-large tournament berths. The Warriors have won 13 of their last 15 while Southern Maine had won 16 of 18 entering Saturday's championship round.

Saturday's two wins capped a climb out of the losers' bracket for second-seeded Eastern, which moved into the championship round needing two wins over tournament unbeaten (2-0) Southern Maine. Eastern, ranked ninth nationally, had remained alive Friday with a 16-1 elimination-round win over Plymouth State College - the first of three straight wins. ECSU had opened the tournament with a 4-3 win over 2000 tournament champion Massachusetts Dartmouth Thursday but was knocked into the losers' bracket after losing 6-3 to Southern Maine Friday morning.

In the two wins over Southern Maine Saturday, Fortin (8-0) and Gouin (5-0) combined to allow only 13 hits while strikeout out 13 and walking four. against the Huskies, who entered play Saturday with a .353 team batting average. In pitching his fifth

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complete game in nine starts this year, Fortin gave up seven hits, fanned nine and walked two. In making his first career start, Gouin scattered six hits, fanned four and walked two. In two games, ten Southern Maine pitchers allowed 26 hits -- seven for extra bases -- while walking five and fanning nine. Seven of the runs they allowed were unearned, thanks to six errors.

The Warriors took command in the first-game win by scoring two runs in the fifth to move out to a 6-2 lead. Junior first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** had an RBI single to plate the first run and senior pinch hitter **Matt Hebert's (BURLINGTON)** sacrifice fly drove in the second run. In that game, 3-4-5 hitters Tempesta, Kubachka and junior leftfielder **John Hedde (STONINGTON)** each had two hits and combined to score four runs and drive in three.

The Warriors snapped a scoreless tie in the sixth inning of the final game on doubles by Tempesta, Hedde and freshman centerfielder **Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR)**. A one-out infield error got the inning going and freshman shortstop **Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA)** barely beat the outfield throw to third on Tempesta's double to left. With runners on second and third, Hedde laced his two-run double to the fence, and after an intentional walk, Wildman doubled home Hedde. ECSU added four more in the seventh -- run-scoring hits coming from Julien (triple), Kubachka (infield error) and Hebert (single).

In the title win, six Southern Maine pitchers gave up 16 hits, give good for extra bases. Julien, Tempesta and Kubachka combined for seven hits, scored six runs and three RBI.

Prior to Saturday's play, Tempesta, an All-America shortstop and second baseman Julien switched positions, due to a Tempesta's sore shoulder. The move paid dividends. Defensively in Saturday's two games, Tempesta had four putouts and ten assists and one error, Julien contributing 11 assists without an error and coming up with several outstanding plays.

In the tournament, Tempesta was 10-for-19 (.526) with ten runs scored and five RBI. He had a double, triple and home run. Fellow Brockton native, middle infielder and all-tournament selection Julien was 6-for-21 (.286) with six runs scored, an RBI, double, triple, three walks, two stolen bases and handled 22 defensive chances (19 assists) without an error.

Joining Tempesta and Julien on the all-tournament team were Fortin, Gouin, Wildman and sophomore catcher **Jeff Funaro (MILFORD)**. Both Fortin and Gouin had seen relief action prior to Saturday's starts. Fortin had saved the first-round 4-3 win over UMass Dartmouth with three scoreless innings in relief of freshman winner **Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON)**. He gave up three hits while fanning two and walking one. In

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addition to making his staff-leading 24th appearance and first career start Saturday, Gouin had pitched the final 3.2 innings in Friday's winners' bracket loss to Southern Maine. In that game, he allowed four hits and two runs (one earned) while fanning three and walking one.

In the tournament, Wildman was 8-for-18 (.444) with three runs, two RBI, four stolen bases, a walk and hit-by-pitch. In the final game, he was 4-for-5 with an RBI. Funaro, a part-time starter this year, caught all but two innings in the tournament. He committed only one error on 34 chances while batting .375 (6-for-16) with three runs scored, an RBI and walk.

In 44.0 tournament innings, the ECSU staff of seniors **Bryan DePaulo (WATERBURY)** and Gouin, sophomore Fortin and freshmen **Ty Bongiovanni (MERIDEN)** and Serfass combined on a tournament-leading 2.05 ERA. The staff limited opposing batters to a .232 average and fanned 33 with just eight walks and didn't allow a home run. DePaulo had gotten the Warriors untracked and allowed the staff needed rest Friday with his complete-game six-hitter Friday in the 16-1 elimination-game win over Plymouth State. In his career, DePaulo pitched three complete-game wins over Plymouth, allowing only ten hits. He fanned nine and walked two Friday.

Defensively, ECSU fielded at .947 -- just under its season's mark of .956. The conference leader in batting (.356) and fielding (.964), the Huskies had a .241 average in four tournament games and fielded at .943.

The tournament wins for Eastern were the first after three tournament losses in as many tries the past five years to Southern Maine. This year, the teams had split their regular-season doubleheader before the Huskies had dropped the Warriors into the losers' bracket with their win Friday. Southern Maine had survived the regular-season loss to Eastern to claim the regular-season title with a 13-1 record. ECSU was second at 12-2. In addition to losing to Southern Maine in the regular season, Eastern had lost to Plymouth in the conference opener for both teams back on March 31.

#### **Eastern Conn. 7, U. of Southern Maine 4**

Southern Maine (32-10)	210	120	100	--	7	10	2
Eastern Conn. (34-11)	000	110	11x	--	4	7	2

Todd Southwick (5-2), Mark Gunning (4), Colin Loveless (5), Adam Lemieux (7) and Peter L'Italien. Matt Fortin (8-0) and Jeff Funaro. 2B-Pat Toomey, Andy Lang (SM), John Kubachka (E); 3B-Craig Gureckis (S); HR-Nick Tempesta (6) (E).

#### **Eastern Conn. 9, U. of Southern Maine 1**

Southern Maine (32-11)	000	000	100	--	1	6	4
Eastern Conn. (35-11)	000	003	42x	--	9	16	2

Pat Liddy, Erik Carlson (4), Colin Loveless (6), Alden Pelletier (6), Mark Gunning (7), Mark Russell (8) and Peter L'Italien, Pat McDonough (7). Brian Gouin (5-0) and Jeff Funaro. LP-Carlson (2-1). 2B-Shaun Richardson, Andy Lang, Adam Lemieux (S), Nick Tempesta, John Kubachka, John Hedde, Justin Waz (E); 3B-Eugene Julien (E).



Friday, May 11, 2001

## **ECSU BASEBALL BEATEN BY SOUTHERN MAINE AT LEC**

*Warriors stay alive with elimination-round win over Plymouth State*

GORHAM, ME -- Senior right-handed pitcher **Bryan DePaulo** (**WATERBURY**) defeated Plymouth State College for the third time in his two-year career and the Warriors parlayed 18 hits and nine Panther errors into a 16-1 victory in an elimination game of the 2001 Little East Conference tournament Friday at Towers Field on the University of Southern Maine campus.

Second-seeded Eastern (33-11) advances to the tournament's championship round Saturday at noon against top-seeded University of Southern Maine (32-9), needing two victories over the Huskies to win the tournament and gain the automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament. The teams will be meeting in the championship round of the tournament for the first time.

Southern Maine, last year's NCAA Division III New England Regional champion, dropped the Warriors into the losers' bracket Friday morning with a 6-3 victory in a winners' bracket game.

### **DePaulo wins third over Plymouth State**

The complete-game for DePaulo over Plymouth was his third in as many starts against the Panthers in his two-year ECSU career. DePaulo (7-3) had allowed only two hits in each of his two previous nine-inning wins prior to this game. In this game, he gave up only six hits while fanning nine and walking two. It was his third complete game this year in ten starts.

Plymouth junior righty Nate Provencher's only win of the year had come April 31 against Eastern when he pitched into the ninth inning of his team's 6-5 victory. In this game, he was knocked out in the fifth inning when the Warriors scored two runs to improve their lead to 8-1.

In all, Eastern had 18 hits -- five for extra bases -- off six Plymouth State pitchers. Freshman middle infielder **Eugene Julien** (**BROCKTON, MA**) had three hits and scored three runs while junior rightfielder **Jared Holowaty** (**COLUMBIA**), junior leftfielder **John Hedde** (**STONINGTON**), junior leftfielder **Justin Waz** (**DEEP RIVER**) and junior pinch hitter **Troy Timney** (**BRATTLEBORO, VT**) each drove in two runs. Senior shortstop **Nick Tempesta** (**BROCKTON, MA**) had two hits, scored two runs and drove in one.

### **Southern Maine drops ECSU into losers' bracket**

Southern Maine senior first baseman Jody Curcuru singled home two runs to break a fifth-inning tie and the Huskies went on to defeat Eastern for the third time in as many tries in Little East tournament play.



The Panthers remained alive by eliminating 2000 conference tournament champion University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (23-16) 11-3 Friday afternoon.

Curcru, whose throwing error had allowed ECSU to tie the game with an unearned run in the top of the fifth, stroked a two-run single in the bottom of the inning to give the Huskies a 4-2 lead. Southern Maine added another run in the bottom of the sixth on a hit, an infield error and wild pitch before the teams traded runs in the eighth.

Eastern, which is 0-3 against Southern Maine in conference tournament games, threatened in the ninth on an opening single by junior pinch hitter **Morgan Thompson (NORWALK)** and an infield error but the Huskies turned their third infield double play of the game to end the game.

Southern Maine junior righty Ryan Adams (3-0), who saw limited action this season due to an elbow injury, allowed only six hits until departing after giving up an RBI single to ECSU junior pinch hitter Waz with one out in the eighth. At that point, junior reliever Alden Pelletier got an innning-ending ground ball on his second pitch to ECSU junior pinch hitter **Nick Scheets (MILFORD)** with two runners and went on to earn his third save of the year.

Freshman lefty **Ty Bongiovanni (MERIDEN)** gave way to ECSU senior righty **Brian Gouin (SPRAGUE)** when Southern Maine broke the tie with two runs in the fifth. A one-out infield error opened the door in that inning for Southern Maine, which got three straight hits from sophomore leftfielder Tyler Delorme, freshman third baseman Brian Marshall and Curcru.

Trailing 2-1, Eastern tied the game with a run in the fifth when junior first baseman and cleanup hitter **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** was walked with the bases loaded, but Adams escaped further damage by getting ECSU leftfielder Hedde on a deep fly ball to right. In that inning, Tempesta was walked intentionally to load the bases for Kubachka and move paid dividends as Southern Maine got out of the jam by allowing just one run.

#### Eastern Conn. 16, Plymouth State 1

Eastern Conn. (33-11)	301	221	205	--	16	18	1
Plymouth State (17-21)	000	100	000	--	1	6	9

Bryan DePaulo (7-3) and Jeff Funaro, Matt Hebert (8). Nate Provencher (1-5), Brad Wilby (5), Brian Neff (6), Jason Egan (7), Owen Burke (8), Brandon Stocker (9) and Sy Tebbets. 2B-Eugene Julien, David Olson, Troy Timney, Dan Silva (E), Matt Salokangas (P); 3B-Salokangas (P); HR-Nick Scheets (4) (E).

#### Southern Maine 6, Eastern Conn. 3

Eastern Conn. (32-11)	010	010	010	--	3	7	3
Southern Maine (32-9)	020	021	01x	--	6	11	3

Ty Bongiovanni (6-3), Brian Gouin (5) and Jeff Funaro. Ryan Adams (3-0), Alden Pelletier (8) and Peter L'Italien. Save-Pelletier (3). 2B-Jason Dority, Pat Toomey, Shaun Richardson, Adam Lemieux (S).



Thursday, May 10, 2001

### **ECSU BASEBALL ADVANCES IN LITTLE EAST TOURNEY**

*Warriors play catchup to hand UMass Dartmouth 4-3 opening loss*

GORHAM, ME -- Freshman righty **Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON)** pitched six strong innings and the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team erased a two-run deficit in downing the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth 4-3 Thursday in an opening game of the 2001 Little East Conference Baseball Championship at Towers Field on the University of Southern Maine campus.

Second-seeded Eastern (32-10), a winner of five straight and 12 of 13, advances in the winners' bracket of the four-team, three-day double-elimination tournament to meet top-seeded and host University of Southern Maine (30-9) Friday at 9:30 a.m. At noon, Plymouth meets Massachusetts Dartmouth in an elimination game, with the winner of that game facing the loser of the Eastern-Southern Maine game Friday at 3:30 p.m.

Southern Maine defeated fifth-seeded Plymouth State College (16-20) 7-3 Thursday in the other first-round game to advance to Friday's winners' bracket game.

The Eastern-Southern Maine winner advances to Saturday's championship round and must be beaten twice. The tournament winner gains an automatic bid to the 48-team NCAA Division III tournament, which gets underway Thursday. The New England Regional Tournament is scheduled to be played at Whitehouse Field in Harwich, MA.

Trailing 3-1, Eastern got one run back in the third inning on a sacrifice fly to right by senior shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)**, tied the game in the fourth on sophomore catcher **Jeff Funaro's (MILFORD)** two-out RBI single to center and went ahead for good in the fifth on junior first baseman **John Kubachka's (GLASTONBURY)** sacrifice fly line drive to center.

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Serfass (5-1) allowed eight hits and all three runs, but only one of the runs was earned. Serfass fanned two and did not walk a batter. Sophomore righty **Matt Fortin (TOLLAND)** gained his first save of the year (third career) by holding UMass Dartmouth (23-15) off the board over the final three innings. Fortin, making only his third relief appearance of the year, gave up one hit in each inning he pitched while fanning two and walking one. Fortin got a ground ball to end the seventh to leave the tying run at second, got a strikeout out to leave two runners on in the eighth and ended the game with a fly ball to right after allowing a two-out single.

In the ninth, freshman second baseman **Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA)** threw out UMass leadoff hitter Mike Dougan on a high chopper up the middle for the first out, Fortin induced a fly ball to left for the second out after falling behind 3-0 on Tim Dwyer, and after giving up a single to No. 3 hitter Brian Ronayne, Fortin got a fly ball to junior rightfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** to end the game.

This year, Serfass has now defeated 2001 NCAA tournament qualifiers Old Westbury and Bridgewater State and has also beaten former NCAA national champion University of La Verne and 1999 New England regional champion Brandeis University. UMass also qualified for NCAA play last spring.

Third-seeded and 2000 conference tournament champion UMass Dartmouth (23-15) took a 3-1 lead off Serfass by scoring twice in the first on three hits -- the runs scoring on an opposite-field single to left by Eric Taylor and outfield error -- and another run in the third on an RBI single by Ronayne which plated Dougan from third. An error on a pickoff attempt had moved Dougan into scoring position.

Tempesta's RBI single drove in Julien with ECSU's first run in the first. Julien had drawn a one-out walk, moved to second on a balk and stole third. Eastern's second run of the game in the third was set up when the Corsairs committed a throwing error on a possible inning-ending double play. Funaro's game-tying RBI single in the fourth capped a rally which began with two outs. Freshman centerfielder **Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR)** singled and stole second and came home on Funaro's hard line drive to center. The go-ahead rally in the fifth began when UMass Dartmouth centerfielder Jason Orlando lost Tempesta's leadoff fly ball in the sun. Tempesta ended up on third with a triple and scored easily on Kubachka's hard line drive to center.

Senior lefty Tim Troup (3-5) went the distance on the mound for the Corsairs. He gave up six hits and three earned runs while fanning six and walking three. The loss was the second for Troup at the hands of Eastern this year. Saturday, he was knocked out in the sixth inning of his team's 10-7 loss when the Warriors posted a key doubleheader sweep at the ECSU Baseball Stadium.

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Tempesta had two hits, drove in two and score a run while Funaro was 2-for-3, scored a run and drove in a run. Ronayne, last year's conference tournament MVP, was 4-for-5 with two doubles, an RBI and run scored.

Eastern has now beaten UMass seven times in ten conference meetings since 1997 but it is only the Warriors' second win against the Corsairs in five conference tournament games.

Freshman left-handed pitcher **Ty Bongiovanni (MERIDEN)** may open on the mound Friday for Eastern. Bongiovanni is 6-2 with a 2.60 ERA.

**Eastern Conn. 4, UMass Dartmouth 3**

<b>UMass Dartmouth (23-15)</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Eastern Conn. (32-10)</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>00x</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>

Tim Troup (3-5) and Mike Rahme. Joey Serfass (5-1), Matt Fortin (7) and Jeff Funaro. Save-Fortin (1); 2B-Brian Ronayne 2 (MD); 3B-Nick Tempesta (E).



Saturday, May 5, 2001

**ECSU BASEBALL GAINS LEC TOURNAMENT BYE WITH SWEEP**  
*Warriors will advance to weekend double-elimination tourney*

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team collected 32 hits and got strong starting pitching from freshman **Ty Bongiovanni (MERIDEN)** and senior **Bryan DePaulo (WATERBURY)** in sweeping the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth 10-7, 20-4 in a Little East Conference doubleheader at the ECSU Baseball Stadium.

With the first-game win, Eastern (31-10, 12-2) won 30 games in a season for the 18th time under 33-year head coach Bill Holowaty and guaranteed itself as the No. 2 seed and has earned a first-round playoff bye in next week's Little East Conference tournament. Eastern has finished 12-2 the last four years in regular-season conference play.

The University of Southern Maine clinched its first outright title since the eliminated divisional play after the 1997 season by sweeping Keene State College 4-0, 15-0 Saturday at Keene, NH. Southern Maine finishes one game ahead of Eastern and will host next weekend's four-team, double-elimination tournament at Towers Field on the University's campus. UMass Dartmouth (22-14, 8-6), last year's conference tournament champion, will host a first-round, single-elimination tournament game Tuesday.

Bongiovanni (6-2) improved to 5-0 up north by winning the first game. He allowed five runs on six hits -- four of the runs coming on Eric Taylor's seventh-inning grand slam -- until giving way to senior righty **Brian Gouin (SPRAGUE)** with one out and one on in the eighth. Leading 3-1, Eastern scored six runs on five hits in the bottom of the sixth to give Bongiovanni a 9-1 cushion.

In the second game, Eastern collected 21 hits -- eight good for extra bases -- off five UMass pitchers, getting home runs from junior DH **Inaki Ormaechea (NEW BRITAIN)**, freshman second baseman **Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA)** and junior third baseman **Justin Waz (DEEP RIVER)**.

Freshman centerfielder **Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR)** tied an ECSU record with two triples in the second game after hitting his third home run of the year in the opener. Senior catcher **Matt Hebert (BURLINGTON)** singled as a pinch hitter in the fifth inning of the second game to record his 100th career hit in an ECSU uniform.

In the doubleheader, Julien had five hits and five RBI and junior rightfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** four hits and five RBI. Wildman, sophomore catcher **Jeff Funaro (MILFORD)** and junior first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)**



had four hits and three RBI on the day. Ormaechea drove in four runs with two hits on the day.

DePaulo (6-3) won his fifth game in six northern decisions in the second game. He equalled his season high with 13 strikeouts through eight innings. He allowed five hits and walked one while giving up three runs.

Taylor led UMass in the doubleheader by going 4-for-7 with three runs and four RBI. In addition to his grand slam, he doubled.

#### **Eastern Conn. 10, UMass Dartmouth 7**

UMass Dartmouth (22-13, 8-5)	000	100	402	--	7	10	2
Eastern Conn. (30-10, 11-2)	200	016	10x	--	10	11	1

Tim Troup (3-4), Jason Hinchliffe (6) and Mike Rahme. Ty Bongiovanni (6-2), Brian Gouin (8) and Jeff Funaro. 2B-Rahme (MD), John Kubachka, Eugene Julien (E); HR-Eric Taylor (3) (MD), Dwight Wildman (3) (E).

#### **Eastern Conn. 20, UMass Dartmouth 4**

UMass Dartmouth (22-14, 8-6)	000	030	001	--	4	7	2
Eastern Conn. (31-10, 12-2)	044	290	10x	--	20	21	1

Jason DeVincent (4-3), Mike Gikis (3), Jason Daley (5), Mike Fernandes (5), Chris Nault (5) and Jon Merrill. Bryan DePaulo (6-3), Dave Meeker (9) and Jeff Funaro, Troy Timney (8), Adam Hevenor (9). 2B-Eric Taylor (MD), Nick Tempesta, Nick Scheets, Joey Serfass (E); 3B-Dwight Wildman 2 (E); HR-Doug Kelsch (4) (MD), Inaki Ormaechea (2), Eugene Julien (2), Justin Waz (2) (E).



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### FORTIN FANS 12 IN LEADING ECSU BASEBALL PAST WCSU 7-2 *Tempesta sets New England Division III hit record with second-inning double*

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Sophomore right-hander **Matt Fortin (TOLLAND)** struck out a career-high 12 batters in pitching his fourth complete game of the year and senior shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)** became New England Division III's all-time leading hitter as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team downed Western Connecticut State University 7-2 Tuesday in Little East Conference action at the ECSU Baseball Stadium.

Fortin (7-0) allowed only five hits without a walk and shut out the Colonials until senior Charlie Putnam's two-out, two-run double in the top of the ninth inning.

Tempesta broke the nine-year old New England Division III record of 253 hits with a two-run, two-out double to left-center field in a three-run second inning. The hit was his 56th this year and broke the New England career record set by former University of Southern Maine outfielder Bob Prince between 1989 and 1992. Tempesta also doubled leading off the sixth for his final hit of the game and upped his ECSU career record to 61 doubles. He finished with three RBI.

Junior rightfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** also had two hits for Eastern while sophomore catcher **Jeff Funaro (MILFORD)** contributed a two-run single and scored twice.

Eastern (29-10, 10-2), ranked second in New England, improved to 21-4 up north with its 48th win over Western (9-19-1, 2-10) in 50 tries since 1969.

Eastern closes out its regular season Saturday with a noon conference doubleheader against visiting University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

#### Eastern Conn. 7, Western Conn. 2

Western Conn. (9-19-1, 2-10)	000	000	002	--	2	5	1
Eastern Conn. (29-10, 10-2)	034	000	00x	--	7	8	0

John Parise (1-5), Greg Palanzo (3), Brad Percival (8) and Robert Nardi. Matt Fortin (7-0) and Jeff Funaro. 2B-Charlie Putnam (W), Nick Tempesta 2 (E).

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**SERFASS, WILDMAN POWER ECSU BASEBALL PAST TUFTS 11-2**  
*Nick Tempesta ties New England Division III career hit record of 253*

MEDFORD, Mass. -- Freshmen **Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON)** and **Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR)** played key roles that lifted the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to an 11-2 win over Tufts University Tuesday.

Serfass (4-1) allowed only two runs on eight hits over the first seven innings to gain the win while Wildman's grand slam highlighted a five-run fourth inning that staked the Warriors to a 5-0 lead. Senior shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON)** singled in his final at-bat -- driving in two runs -- to tie the New England career record of 253 hits. He shares the record with University of Southern Maine's Bob Prince (1989-92).

Eastern is ranked second in New England, Tufts tied for eight.

Five errors allowed Eastern (28-10) to win its 20th northern game against four losses and snap a three-game losing streak at the hands of Tufts (17-11-1). Wildman's two-out grand slam came two batters after an infield error allowed junior DH Inaki Ormaechea (NEW BRITAIN) to plate Tempesta from third and prolong the inning.

In a three-run ECSU sixth, junior leftfielder **John Hedde (STONINGTON)** was forced home when sophomore third baseman **Ricky Fritsch (MERIDEN)** was walked with the bases loaded and two unearned runs scored when sophomore catcher **Jeff Funaro's (MILFORD)** infield ground ball was misplayed. Two of the team's three runs in the ninth were also unearned thanks to two Tufts errors.

Serfass, who has now beaten three regional contenders, allowed more than two hits in an inning only once -- when the Jumbos scored both of their runs on three inning-opening hits and a ground ball in the fourth. Serfass fanned five and did not walk a batter.

Hedde had two hits, scored two runs and drove in one. The home run was the second of the year for Wildman, who also walked and scored in the sixth. Ormaechea singled and scored twice.

Defensively, Eastern was errorless for the fifth time up north and turned two double plays.

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

**Eastern Conn. 11, Tufts U. 2**

Eastern Conn. (28-10)	000	503	003	--	11	8	0
Tufts U. (17-11-1)	000	200	000	--	2	9	5

Joey Serfass (4-1), Brian Gouin (8) and Jeff Funaro, Matt Hebert (9). Jon Lee, Dave Martin (4), Steve Lapham (5), Chris Lovejoy (7), Brian Shapiro (9) and Joe Surprenant. LP-Martin (4-2). 2B-Evan Zupancic, Tim Ayres (T); HR-Dwight Wildman (2) (E).

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Saturday, April 28, 2001

**ECSU, SOUTHERN MAINE SPLIT LITTLE EAST BASEBALL DOUBLEHEADER**  
*Huskies maintain conference lead by taking nightcap 15-8 after 5-4 opening loss*

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- The University of Southern Maine broke open a close second game by scoring seven runs on five hits and three errors in the ninth inning to post a 15-8 Little East Conference baseball win over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday at the ECSU Baseball Stadium.

Eastern (27-10, 9-2) had handed the Huskies (25-8, 9-1) their first loss and moved ahead of them by a half-game in the conference standings by scoring an eighth inning run in a 5-4 first-game win. The first-game win snapped a four-game losing streak for Eastern to Southern Maine. Eastern is ranked second in New England, 16th nationally, Southern Maine first in New England and fifth nationally. Southern Maine's loss snapped an eight-game winning streak and Eastern's loss stopped a seven-game winning streak.

In the first game, two Southern Maine errors and a single by junior pinch-hitter **Nick Scheets (MILFORD)** allowed the Warriors to break a 4-4 tie in the eighth inning. Eastern had taken a 4-2 lead with four runs in the bottom of the seventh on doubles by junior DH **Inaki Ormaechea (NEW BRITAIN)** and sophomore catcher **Jeff Funaro (MILFORD)** and a single by freshman centerfielder **Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR)** but Southern Maine tied the game in the eighth on a two-out, two-run double by freshman third baseman Brian Marshall.

Freshman lefty **Ty Bongiovanni (MERIDEN)** worked the first seven innings of the opener for Eastern on the mound, allowing only two runs (one earned) on six hits while fanning five and walking three. Senior righty **Brian Gouin (SPRAGUE)** surrendered the tying runs in the eighth but gained his fourth win without a loss when the Warriors scored the go-ahead run in the bottom of the eighth.

Southern Maine, which entered play with a .351 team batting average, collected 16 hits against four Eastern pitchers in the second game. After ECSU cut a five-run deficit to two with runs in the seventh and eighth, Southern Maine struck for seven runs in the top of the ninth. With two runners aboard and one out, eight straight Southern Maine batters reached safely with four hits, two errors and a hit-by-pitch.

Eastern visits Tufts University Tuesday at 3 p.m.

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### **Eastern Conn. 5, U. of Southern Maine 4**

Southern Maine (24-8, 8-1)	000	001	120	--	4	7	4
Eastern Conn. (27-9, 9-1)	000	000	41x	--	5	7	1

Mark Russell (3-2), Colin Loveless (7), Alden Pelletier (7) and Peter L'Italien. Ty Bongiovanni, Brian Gouin (8) and Jeff Funaro, Matt Hebert (7). WP-Gouin (4-0); LP-Pelletier (4-3); 2B-Shaun Richardson, Brian Marshall (S), Inaki Ormaechea, Hebert (E).

### **U. of Southern Maine 15, Eastern Conn. 8**

Southern Maine (25-8, 9-1)	003	104	007	--	15	16	2
Eastern Conn. (27-10, 9-2)	002	100	212	--	8	12	4

Ryan Adams, Erik Carlson (4), Mark Gunning (7), Alden Pelletier (8) and Peter L'Italien. Bryan DePaulo (5-3), Matt Fortin (4), Brian Gouin (7), Jeremy Hall (9) and Jeff Funaro, Matt Hebert (8). WP-Carlson (2-0). 2B-Jody Curcuru, Tyler Delorme (S), John Kubachka, Dwight Wildman, Ricky Fritsch (E). HR-Kubachka (7) (E), Adam Lemieux (2) (S).



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## Southern Maine at Eastern Connecticut - 4/28

### Batting/Fielding

	Pcs	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	PO	A	Eastern Connecticut	Pos	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	PO	A
Southern Maine																			
*Shaun Richardson	CF	4	1	2	0	2	1	1	0	*Jared Holowaty	RF	4	0	1	1	1	0	3	0
*Brian Marshall	SS	2	3	1	1	1	0	1	1	*Eugene Julien	2B	3	1	1	0	0	2	2	
*Tyler Delorme	LF	6	3	1	3	0	1	3	1	Morgan Thompson	PH-2B	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	
*Jody Curcuro	1B	5	3	3	2	1	0	1	0	*Nick Tempesta	SS	4	2	0	0	0	2	2	
*Andy Lang	2B	6	2	5	3	0	1	1	3	*John Kubachka	1B	5	1	4	4	0	1	8	0
*Jason Dority	3B	6	0	1	1	0	1	3	4	*John Hedde	LF	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
*Craig Gureckis	PR-DH	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	Nick Scheets	PH-LF	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Drew Palmer	C	4	1	0	0	1	1	7	0	*Inaki Ormaechea	DH	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Peter L'Italian	RF	6	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	Troy Timney	DH	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
*Adam Lemieux	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*Dwight Wildman	CF	5	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
*Ryan Adams	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*Rickey Fritsch	3B	3	1	1	1	2	1	2	1
Erik Carlson	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*Jeff Funaro	C	2	0	0	0	0	1	7	1
Mark Gunning	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Matt Hebert	PH-C	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Alden Pelletier	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*Bryan Depaulo	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
										Matt Fortin	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
										Brian Gouin	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
										Jeremy Hall	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Southern Maine		44	15	16	11	6	7	27	11	Eastern Connecticut		38	8	10	8	4	7	27	13

E:	Southern Maine 3 -- Jason Dority 2, Brian Marshall 1; Eastern Connecticut 3 --
DP:	John Kubachka 3
LOB:	Southern Maine 1 -- Jody Curcuro 1, Andy Lang 1, Jason Dority 1; Eastern Connecticut 0
2B:	Southern Maine 12; Eastern Connecticut 9
	Southern Maine 2 -- Tyler Delorme 1, Jody Curcuro 1; Eastern Connecticut 3 --
HR:	John Kubachka 1, Dwight Wildman 1, Rickey Fritsch 1
SB:	Southern Maine 1 -- Adam Lemieux 1; Eastern Connecticut 1 -- John Kubachka 1
CS:	Southern Maine 2 -- Andy Lang 2; Eastern Connecticut 0
SH:	Southern Maine 1 -- Jason Dority 1; Eastern Connecticut 0
SF:	Southern Maine 1 -- Peter L'Italian 1; Eastern Connecticut 0
HBP:	Southern Maine 0; Eastern Connecticut 1 -- Nick Scheets 1
	Southern Maine 3 -- Brian Marshall 3; Eastern Connecticut 1 -- Nick Tempesta 1

### Pitching

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	Eastern Connecticut	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Southern Maine													
*Ryan Adams	3.1	3	3	3	2	2	*Bryan Depaulo	L	3.2	4	4	4	4
Erik Carlson	W 3.1	2	2	0	1	4	Matt Fortin		2.1	5	4	4	1
Mark Gunning	0.2	2	1	1	0	1	Brian Gouin		2.1	5	5	0	3
Alden Pelletier	S 1.2	3	2	1	0	0	Jeremy Hall		0.2	2	2	0	1
Southern Maine		9.0	10	8	5	4	Eastern Connecticut		9.0	16	15	13	6
WP:													
							Southern Maine 2 -- Ryan Adams 1, Erik Carlson 1; Eastern Connecticut 3 --						
							Bryan Depaulo 2, Matt Fortin 1						



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### little east conference

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

#### JOEY SERFASS PITCHES ECSU BASEBALL PAST BRANDEIS 12-2 *Redshirt freshman unhittable through six innings, Warriors post season-high hit total*

WALTHAM, Mass. -- Redshirt freshman right-handed pitcher **Joey Serfass** (NEWINGTON) stopped Brandeis University on three hits through eight innings and the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team collected a season-high 19 hits in a 12-2 win Wednesday in a contest pitting regionally-ranked teams.

The win is the fifth straight for Eastern (14-7) and sixth in seven northern outings. Brandeis (11-8) lost for the sixth straight time after opening with an 11-2 record. Eastern is ranked fourth in New England, Brandeis is ranked sixth this week after holding down the No. 1 spot in the first poll of the year the previous week.

Serfass (2-0) won his second decision in as many starts. After holding the University of La Verne to one hit over five innings March 18 in his first career start and win, Serfass gave up only one (earned) run over eight innings against Brandeis. Serfass carried a no-hitter through six innings before Dave Graham led off the seventh by singling on an 0-1 pitch. Graham was only the third batter to reach base. Leadoff batter Jim Freethey reached on an error to open the first and Serfass hit Jeremy Taro leading off the fifth.

In eight innings, Serfass did not walk a batter and hit two while fanning three.

Freshman second baseman **Eugene Julien** (BROCKTON, MA) had multiple hits for the seventh time. He had a career-high four hits (including a triple) and scored three runs as the No. 9 hitter. Junior leftfielder **John Hedde** (STONINGTON) and senior shortstop **Nick Tempesta** (BROCKTON, MA) each had three hits. Hedde drove in a career-high five runs, three coming on his third home run of the year in a four-run sixth inning. Junior rightfielder **Jared Holowaty** (COLUMBIA) drove in three runs with his fourth home run of the year that gave ECSU a 5-0 lead in the second. Holowaty also walked three times and scored twice. Junior first baseman **John Kubachka** (GLASTONBURY) reached four times with two hits and two walks. Senior catcher **Matt Hebert** (BURLINGTON) doubled twice and scored twice.

Eastern faces Massachusetts Boston Saturday in a Little East Conference doubleheader. The location of the game has not yet been decided.

#### Eastern Conn. 12, Brandeis U. 2

Eastern Conn. (14-7)	230	004	003	--	12	19	2
Brandeis U. (11-8)	000	000	011	--	2	4	1

Joey Serfass (2-0), Brian Gouin (9) and Matt Hebert, Jeff Funaro (9). Bryan Lambert (2-2), Chris Pickford (6), Tom McShane (7), Paul Ramsdell (8) and Jeremy Taro, Sean Ewers (6). 2B-Matt Hebert 2, Nick Tempesta (E); 3B-Eugene Julien (E); HR-Jared Holowaty (4), John Hedde (3) (E), Cliff Smith (1) (B).

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Tuesday, April 3, 2001

### ECSU BASEBALL SURVIVES WESTFIELD STATE RALLY IN 11-7 WIN

*Dave Meeker pitches five no-hit innings to gain first victory*

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team built an early eight-run lead and held off Westfield State College 11-7 Tuesday.

The win is the fifth in six northern games and fourth in as many years over Westfield (1-10) for Eastern (12-7), ranked fourth in New England.

First-year sophomore righty **Dave Meeker (WAKEFIELD, RI)** did not allow a hit over the first five innings in earning his first win after two losses. Meeker allowed only three baserunners over the first five innings while fanning six but was roughed up and driven from the mound in the sixth, when the Owls struck for six runs on six hits and three walks.

Five Eastern hitters had two hits each and seven different players drove in runs. Junior DH **Inaki Ormaechea (NEW BRITAIN)** plated two runs with a two-run double in the first. Senior **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)**, who broke the ECSU career hit record in Monday's 12-4 win over Springfield, had two hits, scored two runs and rove in a run. Adding two hits and an RBI each were junior first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)**, junior third baseman **Justin Waz (DEEP RIVER)** and freshman centerfielder **Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR)**. Freshman second baseman **Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA)** had two hits, including a triple, and scored two runs as the No. 9 batter.

Senior righty **Brian Gouin (SPRAGUE)** did not allow a hit over the final two innings to earn his third save. Gouin also has two wins in ten appearances.

In Westfield's six-run sixth inning, senior third baseman Dan Wenzel drove in the first two runs of the frame with a single and a two-out bases-led walk to sophomore rightfielder Corey Scafidi. Waz ended the threat when he dove to his left to field a ground ball by sophomore shortstop Mike Carney and forced Scafidi at second.

Eastern visits Brandeis University Wednesday at 3 p.m. The Judges are ranked sixth in New England.

### Eastern Conn. 11, Westfield State 7

Eastern Conn. (13-7)	201	023	102	--	11	12	1
Westfield State (1-10)	000	006	100	--	7	8	2

Dave Meeker (1-2), Paul Smith (6), Steve Libera (7), Brian Gouin (8) and Jeff Funaro, Troy Timney (5), Matt Hebert (8). Marc Kelly (0-3), Nate Hall (7) and Mike McCleary. Save-Gouin (3). 2B-Inaki Ormaechea, John Kubachka, John Hedde (E), Tim Cadman (W); 3B-Dwight Wildman, Eugene Julien (E).

*Note: This game was originally scheduled to be played at Westfield State. Thus, Westfield State is listed as the home team in the linescore.*



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Sunday, April 1, 2001

**HEDDE, TEMPESTA POWER ECSU BASEBALL PAST WCSU, 20-3**  
*Tempesta ties career assist record, now within two of breaking hit record*

MANSFIELD, Conn.-- Junior leftfielder **John Hedde (STONINGTON)** and senior All-America shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)** combined for seven hits, six runs scored and two RBI as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team defeated Western Connecticut State University 20-3 Sunday in a Little East Conference game at the ECSU Baseball Stadium.

Four Western (1-7-1, 0-1) pitchers surrendered 17 hits, walked nine batters and hit three and the Warriors (11-7, 2-1) were also aided by nine Colonial errors. It is the 14th straight win for Eastern over Western and 47th in 49 meetings since 1969.

Hedde had four hits in an ECSU record-tying seven at-bats, drove in two runs with a double in the first and single in the seventh and scored twice. Tempesta had three hits, scored four runs, walked and stole two bases and reached base five times. With his three hits, Tempesta **moved to within two of setting an ECSU career record**. The current record of 223 hits was set 20 years ago by former ECSU All-America outfielder Jim Silva (1978-81). Tempesta singled and scored in the first, walked, stole second and scored in the second, singled, stole second and scored in the fourth, singled in the fifth and reached on an infield error and scored in the seventh.

Tempesta also **tied the career assist record of 421** when he threw out Western's T.J. Tarantino at first base on a ground ball with one out in the fourth inning for his only assist of the afternoon. Tempesta, who was removed from the game after batting in the seventh inning, shares the record with former ECSU All-America second baseman Dennis Glynn (1979-82).

Other top offensive performers for Eastern were junior rightfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)**, who reached four times on a single, triple and two walks, scored twice, drove in three runs and stole a base. All-America junior first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** reached three times, scored three runs, had two RBI and a sacrifice fly. Kubachka had a single, reached on an error and was hit by a pitch. In this weekend's three conference games, Kubachka reached safely 11 times by going 5-for-9 with three walks, a hit-by-pitch and reaching on two errors. He scored six runs, drove in six, stole three bases and had a sacrifice fly.

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Freshman left-handed pitcher **Ty Bongiovanni** (MERIDEN) evened his record at 2-2 by pitching a shutout over the first six innings. He allowed only one third-inning single, fanned six, walked three and hit three. Freshman righty **Steve Libera** (CROMWELL) allowed four hits and three runs over the final three innings to earn his first save.

Eastern hosts Springfield College Monday at 4 p.m at the ECSU Baseball Stadium. It is the makeup from March 27 which was originally scheduled to be played at Springfield, MA.

**Eastern Conn. 20, Western Conn. 3**

Eastern Conn. (11-7, 2-1)	421	410	206	--	20	17	0
Western Conn. (1-7-1, 0-1)	000	000	300	--	3	5	9

Ty Bongiovanni (2-2), Steve Libera (7) and Jeff Funaro, Troy Timney (7). Carl Rivers (0-3), Brad Percival (4), John Parise (8), Steve Proteau (9) and Robert Nardi. Save-Libera (1). 2B-Nick Scheets, John Hedde (E); 3B-Jared Holowaty (E).

*Note: This game was originally scheduled to be played at Western Conn. Thus, Western Conn. is listed as the home team in the linescore.*



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Saturday, March 31, 2001

**DePAULO FANS CAREER-HIGH 13 AS ECSU BASEBALL SPLITS PAIR**  
*Warriors gain split of home-opening doubleheader with Plymouth State*

**MANSFIELD, Conn.** -- Senior right-handed pitcher **Bryan DePaulo (WATERBURY)** tossed a complete-game two-hitter against Plymouth State College for the second straight season as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team gained a split of a Little East Conference doubleheader Saturday at the ECSU Baseball Stadium. Plymouth won the opener 6-5, Eastern the nightcap 11-2.

DePaulo (2-2) fanned a career-high 13 while giving up only two singles in the Warriors' 13-hit victory. He blanked the Panthers (2-9, 1-1) after allowing two first-inning runs on a hit, three walks and a hit batsman. He did not surrender a hit after Rob Burr singled with one out and one on in the third. The only batters to reach base after Burr's single came on four walks and a hit batsman. Last April 8, DePaulo stopped Plymouth on two hits in a complete-game nine-inning 9-1 win at Plymouth, NH.

The first-game loss represented ECSU's first home-opening loss since 1983, a span of 17 straight wins. It was only the third home-opener loss for Eastern (10-7, 1-1) in 33 years under head coach Bill Holowaty. Eastern led 4-0 in that game but Plymouth tied the game by the fifth and went ahead for good when No. 9 hitter Matt Salokangas doubled in Jay Zinis from second base with two out. Zinis had singled with one out and moved to second on an infield ground out.

Junior righties Nate Provencher and Kevin Locke combined to limit ECSU to five singles. Provencher gained his first win after two losses. He carried a 6-4 lead into the ninth but put the tying runs aboard with two out. ECSU All-America junior first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** made it 6-5 with an RBI single off Locke that plated freshman second baseman **Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA)** from third but pinch hitter **Inaki Ormaechea (NEW BRITAIN)** fanned on three pitches to end the game.

Dakota Smith led Plymouth with three hits (two doubles), driving in two runs with a fourth-inning double while Zinis, Sy Tebbetts and Brandon Stocker each had two hits. With Plymouth down 4-0 in the fourth, Matt Price doubled in Plymouth's first run and Burr made it 4-2 with a sacrifice fly. Smith's two-run double tied the game in the fifth.

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Kubachka was 2-for-4 with three RBI for Eastern in the loss.

In the win, Eastern's **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** had three hits while Kubachka, junior DH **Nick Scheets (MILFORD)** and junior leftfielder **John Hedde (STONINGTON)** had two each. Hedde drove in three runs with a single in the seventh and two-run double in the eighth while Scheets drove in two runs with a sacrifice fly and his second home run of the season. He also scored three times, as did Kubachka. In the doubleheader, Kubachka reached base seven times with four hits and three walks, drove in four runs, scored three and stole three bases. Smith of Plymouth reached safely six times on the day on three hits, two walks and a hit-by-pitch.

Senior All-America shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)** moved to within five hits and two assists of establishing ECSU career records. Tempesta, who had one hit and five assists in the doubleheader, has 219 career hits and 420 career assists. Tempesta reached ~~five~~ times in the doubleheader with two walks and two hit-by-pitch, upping his ECSU record in the latter department to 32. He also drove in a run with a sacrifice fly.

Eastern continues conference play Sunday, hosting Western Connecticut State University in a noon single game.

#### **Plymouth State College 6, Eastern Conn. 5**

Plymouth State (2-8, 1-0)	000	221	010	--	6	12	1
Eastern Conn. (9-7, 0-1)	130	000	001	--	5	5	1

Nate Provencher (1-2), Kevin Locke (9) and Sy Tebbetts. Adam Czerwinski (1-1), Dave Meeker (7), Brian Gouin (8) and Matt Hebert. Save-Locke (1). 2B-Dakota Smith 2, Matt Price, Matt Salokangas (P).

#### **Eastern Conn. 11, Plymouth State 2**

Plymouth State (2-9, 1-1)	200	000	000	--	2	2	2
Eastern Conn. (10-7, 1-1)	013	001	24x	--	11	13	1

Jeff Morgan (1-2), Brad Wilby (7) and Sy Tebbetts. Bryan DePaulo (2-2) and Jeff Funaro. 2B-Jared Holowaty, John Hedde (E); HR-Nick Scheets (2) (E).



Wednesday, March 28, 2001  
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### ECSU BASEBALL EDGES WESLEYAN IN NORTHERN OPENER *Four-run seventh inning sparks Warrior to seventh straight win over Cardinals*

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. -- Junior third baseman **Justin Waz (DEEP RIVER)** keyed a four-run seventh inning rally with a run-scoring single to help lift the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 6-5 victory over Wesleyan University in the northern opener for both teams Wednesday.

In a battle featuring two teams ranked among the New England leaders, Eastern (9-6) rallied from two runs down in the seventh by collecting five hits and getting help from two infield throwing errors. After the first error plated the first run from second base, junior leftfielder **John Hedde (STONINGTON)** tied the game on the fourth offering from relief pitcher Mike Martinez with an RBI single to left and Waz put the Warriors ahead for good 5-4 with another RBI single to left. Junior DH **Nick Scheets (MILFORD)** added an insurance run with a two-out double to right -- his third hit and second RBI double of the game.

The win is the seventh straight for Eastern over Wesleyan (7-3-1), third straight by one run. ECSU is ranked fifth in the ABCA New England Region poll, Wesleyan third.

Sophomore righty **Matt Fortin (TOLLAND)** pitched the first six innings for Eastern and senior righty **Brian Gouin (SPRAGUE)** allowed one run over the final three innings for his second save. Fortin departed with ECSU trailing 4-2 but gained his third win in as many decisions when the team rallied in the seventh. In the ninth, Wesleyan loaded the bases with two out on two walks and a hit batter but Gouin escaped when No. 9 hitter Miles Gerson lined to sophomore centerfielder **Dan Silva (BERLIN)** to end the game.

Wesleyan junior righty Will James gave up his first earned runs of the season and lost his first game after an opening win. James carried a 4-2 lead into the seventh before freshman second baseman **Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA)** and senior All-America shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)** opened with singles. An infield throwing error on a ground ball by All-America first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** plated Julien to make it 4-3 and Tempesta tied the game when he scored on Hedde's single.

Tempesta, Julien and Hedde followed Scheets with two hits each for Eastern, with Hedde reaching four times on two hits, a walk and hit-by-pitch. Tempesta moved to within seven of establishing an ECSU career record for hits. Tempesta has 217 in his four-year career, six behind Jim Silva '81. Only two of the four runs charged to Fortin were earned. He gave up six hits while fanning eight and walking five.

Eastern opens its Little East Conference and home seasons Saturday with a noon doubleheader against Plymouth State College at the ECSU Baseball Stadium.

#### Eastern Conn. 6, Wesleyan U. 5

Eastern Conn. (9-6)	100	100	400	--	6	13	2
Wesleyan (7-3-1)	102	010	100	--	5	9	4

Matt Fortin (3-0), Brian Gouin (7) and Matt Hebert. Will James (1-1), Mike Martinez (7) and Dan Diamond. Save-Gouin (2). 2B-Nick Scheets 2, John Hedde (E), Jim Barletto, Matt Johnson (W).

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Thursday, March 22, 2001

**HEDDE, GOUIN LEAD ECSU BASEBALL TO 10-7 VICTORY**  
*Hedde's two-out double sparks three-run ninth; Gouin gains win in relief*

CLAREMONT, Calif. -- Junior leftfielder **John Hedde (STONINGTON)** broke a ninth inning tie with a two-out, two-run double as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team posted a 10-7 come-from-behind win over North Central College (IL) Thursday.

Trailing 7-3, Eastern (8-5) tied the game in the sixth with four runs. With two runners aboard and two out in the top of the ninth, Hedde doubled to left-center, scoring junior rightfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** and senior catcher **Matt Hebert (BURLINGTON)**. Pinch-hitter **Nick Scheets (MILFORD)** then plated Hedde with a single to add an insurance run.

Senior righty **Brian Gouin (SPRAGUE)** gained his second win on the mound in relief of junior righty **Adam Czerwinski (SOMERS)**. Czerwinski was lifted with one out in the fifth inning and ECSU trailing the Cardinals (2-9) 6-3. Gouin allowed an inherited runner to score on an RBI single but gave up only one hit the rest of the way. He fanned four and walked two.

Holowaty and Hedde each had three hits, Hedde driving in the first of his three runs with a home run in ECSU's four-run sixth inning. Junior third baseman **Inaki Ormaechea (NEW BRITAIN)** also had two hits in Eastern's 11-hit attack.

The teams combined to commit nine errors, two of ECSU's coming in the first inning when North Central took a 4-0 lead against Czerwinski. Only three of the runs charged to Czerwinski were earned.

Senior shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)** missed his second straight game with a pulled hamstring.

Eastern concludes its ten-game California trip Friday against Chapman University, ranked sixth in Division III in the pre-season. Senior righty **Bryan DePaulo (WATERBURY)** is expected to open on the mound. His pitching record is 1-1.

**Eastern Conn. 10, North Central College (IL) 7**

Eastern Conn. (8-5)	001	024	003	--	10	11	4
North Central (2-9)	400	030	000	--	7	9	5

Adam Czerwinski, Brian Gouin (5) and Matt Hebert. Joe Pickarz, Trevor Wohlgenuth (8), Derrick Elftman (9) and Travis Kerber. WP-Gouin (2-0). LP-Wohlgenuth (0-2). 2B-John Hedde (E), Frank DeAngelis (NC); HR-Hedde (2) (E).



Wednesday, March 21, 2001

**REDLANDS OUTSLUGS ECSU BASEBALL 18-12**  
*Bulldogs score twice in sixth for come-from-behind victory*

REDLANDS, Calif. -- Steve Cates and Tom Simonek combined for four doubles, a triple and home run, seven RBI and four runs scored to power the University of Redlands baseball team to an 18-12 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Wednesday.

The Bulldogs (8-16), beaten 14-3 by Eastern (7-5) five days earlier, scored twice in the sixth inning on two hits, an error and walk to take a 9-8 lead and added three more in the seventh. The lead changed hands four times until the Bulldogs went ahead for good.

Simonek drove in four runs with three doubles and a triple while Cates plated three runs with two hits -- a double and home run.

Trailing 6-5, Eastern scored three runs in the fifth on three hits -- including an RBI single by junior righfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** -- to take an 8-6 lead. Redlands got one back on No. 9 hitter Jake Bernhard's sacrifice fly and took the lead for good in the sixth on Bernard's RBI single.

ECSU junior lefty **David Olson (WATERFORD)** made his first start of the season after missing most of the pre-season with a fractured thumb but was driven from the mound in the second inning after allowing four hits and walking two and giving up four runs. Four relievers followed, three of them pitching briefly and ineffectively.

Craig Cartmill gained the win in relief for Redlands. He gave up only two hits after replacing starter Matt Cowan with two runners aboard and three runs in in the fifth. Cartmill got a fly ball to end the inning and alloed only two runners as far as second base the rest of the way.

Eastern faces North Central College Thursday at 10 a.m. ET at Claremont, CA.

**U. of Redlands 12, Eastern Conn. 8**

Eastern Conn. (7-5)	203	030	000	--	8	12	4
Redlands (8-16)	310	210	230	--	12	15	1

David Olson, Ty Bongiovanni (2), Paul Smith (6), Jeremy Hall (7), Dave Meeker (7) and Jeff Funaro, Troy Timney (5). Matt Cowan, Craig Cartmill (5) and Steve Cates. WP-Cartmill (2-0); LP-Bongiovanni (1-2). 2B-John Kubachka, John Hedde (E), Tom Simonek 3, Cates, Casey Dumont (R); 3B-Jared Holowaty (E), Simonek (R); HR-Cates (R).



Tuesday, March 20, 2001

**ECSU'S FORTIN PITCHES NINE-INNING COMPLETE GAME IN WIN**  
*Waz sparks 18-hit attack with four hits in Warriors' 9-5 win*

CLAREMONT, Calif. -- Sophomore righty **Matt Fortin (TOLLAND)** pitched his second complete game in four days and junior third baseman **Justin Waz (DEEP RIVER)** drove in three runs with four hits as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team defeated Claremont-Mudd-Scripps College 9-5 Tuesday at Arce Field.

Fortin, who had thrown a seven-inning complete game in his first career start last Friday in a 14-3 win over the University of Redlands, allowed seven hits in recording his first nine-inning complete game. Five of the seven hits were good for extra bases -- including a pair of home runs by Claremont (8-10) cleanup hitter Zak Freer -- but only one came with a runner on base. Fortin fanned a career-high nine batters while walking four.

The Warriors (7-4) tied the game with two runs in the third and moved out to a 6-2 lead after five innings. ECSU finished with 18 hits, five of them coming in the three-run fifth.

Waz recorded his first four-hit game with four singles. His RBI single in the fourth gave ECSU a 3-2 lead and he also had an RBI single in the three-run fifth and an RBI single in a two-run ninth. Senior catcher **Matt Hebert (BURLINGTON)** reached four times with three singles and a walk while five additional players added two hits each. First-team All-America junior first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** doubled and homered and drove in two runs. His home run came with one out in the seventh and was his third of the season and 14th of his career. He also scored three runs.

Adding two hits each were junior rightfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)**, freshman second baseman **Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA)**, All-America senior shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)** and junior leftfielder **John Hedde (STONINGTON)**. Holowaty doubled and also reached with a walk.

Tempesta extended his hitting streak over two years to 19 games but left the game with a pulled hamstring after legging out a bunt single leading off the seventh. His two hits moved him to within nine of breaking the ECSU career hit record of 223, set by Jim Silva (1978-81). Tempesta is batting .520 (13-for-25) in seven games in California and .425 (17-for-40) overall this year.

The teams combined for five double plays. Eastern's three were started by three different infielders.

Eastern visits University of Redlands Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. ET.

**Eastern Conn. 9, Claremont-Mudd 5**

Eastern Conn. (7-4)	002	130	102	--	9	18	3
Claremont-Mudd (8-10)	020	001	011	--	5	7	3

Matt Fortin (2-0) and Matt Hebert. Adam Miller (2-2), Erik Yamamoto (5), Mike Henderson (9) and Chad Sakumoto. 2B-Jared Holowaty, John Kubachka (E), Keith Mendes, Sakumoto, Jesse Rebello (C); HR-Kubachka (3) (E), Zak Freer 2 (5) (C).



**ECSU BASEBALL SPLITS ONE-RUN DECISIONS AT CAL INVITE**  
*Serfass combines on one-hit shutout in first collegiate start*

La VERNE, Calif. -- Freshman righty **Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON)** combined on a one-hit shutout in his first collegiate start and junior third baseman **Justin Waz (DEEP RIVER)** drove in the only run of the game with a second-inning double as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team blanked the University of La Verne 1-0 Sunday at the California Invitational.

In the first game of the day, Eastern (6-4) scored twice in the seventh inning but left the tying run at second base in a 6-5 loss to Linfield College (10-4) at the University of LaVerne.

Eastern concludes the tournament with a record of 4-2 record.

Against La Verne, Serfass allowed only a third-inning leadoff single to Todd Farrel in gaining the win in his first collegiate start (second appearance). Serfass pitched the first five innings, fanning six and walking one and hitting two batters. Senior righty **Brian Gouin (SPRAGUE)** gained his first collegiate save, pitching the final two hitless innings with one strikeout and one hit batter.

Against Gouin in the seventh, the Leopards put runners on first and third with one out on a hit batter, sacrifice bunt and error but Gouin got pinch hitter Scott Iavarone on a fly ball to sophomore **Dan Silva (BERLIN)** in center, then induced a game-ending comebacker.

Eastern scored the only run of the game in the second when freshman first baseman **Justin McCulloch (WATERBURY)** and Waz doubled around a walk to junior leftfielder **Nick Scheets (MILFORD)**.

Linfield chased ECSU sophomore righty **Dave Meeker (WAKEFIELD, RI)** in the third to take a 5-0 lead before ECSU later rallied to within a run. Down 6-3 entering the seventh, Eastern got two back on a sacrifice fly by sophomore pinch hitter **Morgan Thompson (NORWALK)** and an infield throwing error with two out but a ground ball to short ended the game.

Eastern senior shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)** began a triple play with runners on first and second in the fourth, spearing a line drive, stepping on second and firing to Scheets at first.

Eastern returns to action Tuesday at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges at 5:30 p.m. ET.



### **Linfield College 6, Eastern Conn. 5**

Eastern Conn. (5-4)	000	030	2	--	5	7	2
Linfield (10-4)	041	010	x	-	6	7	1

Dave Mecker (0-2), Steve Libera (3), Brian Gouin (5) and Matt Hebert. Luke Buchheit (1-1), Doug Wirkkala (5), Evan Swanson (7) and Greg Roberts. Save-Swanson. 2B-Chris Lindsey (L); HR-Jared Holowaty (E) (3).

### **Eastern Conn. 1, U. of La Verne 0**

Eastern Conn. (6-4)	010	000	0	--	1	4	1
La Verne (6-5)	000	000	0	--	0	1	1

Joey Serfass (1-0), Brian Gouin (6) and Jeff Funaro. Scott Lindeen and Todd Farell. 2B-Justin McCulloch, Justin Waz (2B). Save-Gouin (1).



Saturday, March 25, 2000

**OLSON PITCHES ECSU BASEBALL PAST U. OF REDLANDS 9-0**  
*Warriors complete most successful California trip ever with 8-2 record*

REDLANDS, CA -- Sophomore lefty **David Olson (WATERFORD)** allowed five hits in eight innings and sophomore leftfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** was 5-for-5 as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team closed out its most successful California trip with a 9-0 win over the Univeristy of Redlands Saturday.

Eastern (10-2) finishes its eight-day trip with an 8-2 record and a three-game winning streak. The win is the second over Redlands (9-14-1) in seven days, the Warriors nipping the Bulldogs 7-6 last Sunday in the third round of the California Invitational.

Ranked second nationally in Division III, Eastern scored three runs in the first inning Saturday on four hits and Olson maintained that lead until the Warriors tacked on two more in the seventh and four in the ninth. Olson (2-0), who has won seven of eight decisions in his career, limited Redlands to five singles while fanning five and walking three until sophomore righty **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** closed out the shutout with a scoreless ninth.

Batting leadoff, Holowaty recorded the first five-hit game of his career. He scored the first of his three runs when he led off the game with his third career triple and came home on a sacrifice fly by sophomore third baseman **Kevin Rival (NEW BRITAIN)**.

Others with multiple hits in the team's 15-hit attack were first baseman Kubachka, sophomore leftfielder **John Hedde (STONINGTON)** and sophomore DH **Nick Scheets (MILFORD)**, with two hits each. Hedde and Kubachka each had two doubles. Hedde drove in three runs with an RBI double in the first and two-run double in the ninth and also scored twice. Rival had two sacrifice flies. Kubachka was 2-for-5 and closed out the trip with a .581 batting average (25-for-43).

Eastern hosts Wesleyan University Wednesday at 3 p.m.

**Eastern Conn. 9, U. of Redlands 0**

Eastern Conn. (10-2)	300	000	204	--	9	15	1
Redlands (9-14-1)	000	000	000	--	0	5	2

David Olson (2-0), John Kubachka (9) and Matt Hebert, Coakley Jopling (9). Brett May (0-2), Chris Fresca (8), Mike Karg (9) and Matt Keck. 2B-John Kubachka 2, John Hedde 2 (E); 3B-Jared Holowaty (E).



Friday, March 16, 2001

**ORMAECHEA, KUBACHKA LEAD ECSU BASEBALL 14-3**  
*Fortin hurls complete-game eight-hitter in first career start, vs.Redlands*

REDLANDS, CA -- Juniors **Inaki Ormaechea (NEW BRITAIN)** and **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** combined for six hits, six RBI and two runs scored as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team opened play in the California Invitational Saturday with a 14-3, 7 inning win over the University of Redlands (7-11).

Ormaechea matched his career best with four hits (in four at-bats) to lead a 15-hit attack as the Warriors (3-2) opened a ten-game, nine-day trip in California. Eastern has beaten Redlands the last five times the teams have met.

Sophomore righty **Matt Fortin (TOLLAND)** tossed a complete-game eight-hitter in his first collegiate start (18th appearance). Fortin fanned four and walked two in his second appearance of the season.

Kubachka drove in four runs with his first home run of the season -- the 12th of his 42-game career -- and a two-run single in an eight-run third. In the third, the first ten batters reached safely -- the first on hits and the next two on walks. Senior shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)** and junior rightfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** had two hits each. Tempesta tripled, scored twice and drove in two runs. Holowaty, who also walked, scored twice. Ormaechea scored twice and drove in two runs.

**ECSU beaten by Willamette in late game, 8-4**

In the second tournament game of the day, junior leftfielder and leadoff hitter Ryan Hughes went 5-for-5 with a double, two stolen bases and two RBI to lead Willamette University to an 8-4, 7 inning win.

Freshman lefty **Ty Bongiovanni (MERIDEN)** was knocked out of the game with one out in the fourth inning in his second start. Bongiovanni was charged with seven runs on ten hits while walking four and fanning four.

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The loss in the first meeting ever between the teams snapped a string of six straight wins over three years for Eastern (3-3) in this tournament.

Senior catcher Jason Searle, junior third baseman Adam Svenson and junior centerfielder Drew Ecklund each had two hits for the Bearcats (4-5). Senior lefty Nik Lubisich (1-2) stopped Eastern on seven hits, two by **Tempesta who moved into sole possession of sixth place all-time at Eastern with 206 hits**. Both of the hits were doubles for Tempesta, who **became the program's all-time leader in that category**. He entered play sharing the record of 50 with Joe Funaro '95.

Eastern continues play in the tournament Saturday, facing CSU-Hayward at noon ET and Occidental College at 6 p.m. ET.

#### **Eastern Conn. 14, U. of Redlands 3**

Eastern Conn. (3-2)	018	000	5	--	14	15	0
Redlands (7-11)	002	010	0	--	3	8	2

Matt Fortin (1-0) and Matt Hebert, Troy Timney (7). Nick Cavanaugh, Craig Cartmill (3) and Steve Cates. 2B-Jared Holowaty, Inaki Ormaechea (E); Tyler Lute, Ryan Ebmeyer (R); 3B-Nick Tempesta (E); HR-John Kubachka (1) (E).

#### **Willamette U. 8, Eastern Conn. 4**

Willamette (4-5)	122	210	0	--	8	13	2
Eastern Conn. (3-3)	000	010	3	--	4	7	2

Nik Lubisich (1-2) and Jason Searle. Ty Bongiovanni (1-1), Steve Libera (4), Brian Gouin (7) and Jeff Funaro. 2B-Ryan Hughes, Searle (W), Nick Tempesta 2, Matt Hebert, John Hedde (E); 3B-Andy Ecklund (W).



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Saturday, March 24, 2001

### ECSU BASEBALL DROPS FINALE IN CALIFORNIA 8-4 *Warriors beaten by Chapman in battle of nationally top-ranked teams*

ORANGE, Calif. -- Tony Serna drove in two runs in a three-run fifth inning that helped carry the Chapman University baseball team to an 8-4 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday in a battle of top-ranked NCAA Division III teams.

Sixth-ranked Chapman (17-5) jumped out to a 7-1 lead after five innings and withstood a mild ECSU (8-6) rally in defeating the Warriors for the seventh time without a loss. Eastern, ranked ninth in Division III, concludes its ten-game California trip with a 6-4 record.

Mike Boardman and Serna -- the No. 8 and 9 hitters in the Chapman order -- combined to drive in five runs and scored two with four hits. Serna had an RBI single in a three-run Chapman second and delivered a two-run single in a three-run fifth that gave his team a 7-1 lead. Boardman drove in a run with a single in the second and added a sacrifice fly in the seventh while Jude Chavez had three doubles and an RBI.

Junior third baseman **Inaki Ormaechea (NEW BRITAIN)** had three hits for Eastern while freshman second baseman **Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA)** and junior first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** each had two hits. Kubachka drove in three runs, two coming on his team-leading fourth home run of the season (15th of his career) with a runner on in the seventh.

Senior shorstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)** returned to the lineup after missing two games with a pulled hamstring but had a 19-game hitting streak snapped by going 0-for-3. Tempesta had hit safely in the last nine games of 2000 and the first ten games in which he had at least one at-bat this season. Against Chapman, he hit into a double play in the first, walked in the third, struck out in the fifth and lined out to center in the seventh. This season, Tempesta is batting .405 (17-for-42) with a home run, 15 RBI and 12 runs scored. He is tied for second all-time at Eastern with 215 career hits, eight behind all-time ECSU leader Jim Silva (1978-81) and 38 behind New England leader Bob Prince (1989-92) of the University of Southern Maine.

Eastern is scheduled to open its northern season Tuesday against Springfield College. The site and time of that game are undecided.

#### Chapman U. 8, Eastern Conn. 4

Eastern Conn. (8-6)	001	001	200	--	4	10	3
Chapman (17-5)	031	030	10x	--	8	12	1

Bryan DePaulo (1-2), Steve Libera (6), Brian Gouin (7) and Troy Timney. Andrew Tisdale (2-1), Gary Van Mater (7), Eric Hayden (8) and Tony Serna. 2B-Eugene Julien, Inaki Ormaechea (E), Jude Chavez 3 (C); HR-John Kubachka 4 (E).

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Thursday, March 22, 2001

### **HEDDE, GOUIN LEAD ECSU BASEBALL TO 10-7 VICTORY**

*Hedde's two-out double sparks three-run ninth; Gouin gains win in relief*

CLAREMONT, Calif. -- Junior leftfielder **John Hedde** (STONINGTON) broke a ninth inning tie with a two-out, two-run double as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team posted a 10-7 come-from-behind win over North Central College (IL) Thursday.

Trailing 7-3, Eastern (8-5) tied the game in the sixth with four runs. With two runners aboard and two out in the top of the ninth, Hedde doubled to left-center, scoring junior rightfielder **Jared Holowaty** (COLUMBIA) and senior catcher **Matt Hebert** (BURLINGTON). Pinch-hitter **Nick Scheets** (MILFORD) then plated Hedde with a single to add an insurance run.

Senior righty **Brian Gouin** (SPRAGUE) gained his second win on the mound in relief of junior righty **Adam Czerwinski** (SOMERS). Czerwinski was lifted with one out in the fifth inning and ECSU trailing the Cardinals (2-9) 6-3. Gouin allowed an inherited runner to score on an RBI single but gave up only one hit the rest of the way. He fanned four and walked two.

Holowaty and Hedde each had three hits, Hedde driving in the first of his three runs with a home run in ECSU's four-run sixth inning. Junior third baseman **Inaki Ormaechea** (NEW BRITAIN) also had two hits in Eastern's 11-hit attack.

The teams combined to commit nine errors, two of ECSU's coming in the first inning when North Central took a 4-0 lead against Czerwinski. Only three of the runs charged to Czerwinski were earned.

Senior shortstop **Nick Tempesta** (BROCKTON, MA) missed his second straight game with a pulled hamstring.

Eastern concludes its ten-game California trip Friday against Chapman University, ranked sixth in Division III in the pre-season. Senior righty **Bryan DePaulo** (WATERBURY) is expected to open on the mound. His pitching record is 1-1.

#### **Eastern Conn. 10, North Central College (IL) 7**

Eastern Conn. (8-5)	001	024	003	--	10	11	4
North Central (2-9)	400	030	000	--	7	9	5

Adam Czerwinski, Brian Gouin (5) and Matt Hebert. Joe Pickarz, Trevor Wohlgemuth (8), Derrick Elftman (9) and Travis Kerber. WP-Gouin (2-0). LP-Wohlgemuth (0-2). 2B-John Hedde (E), Frank DeAngelis (NC); HR-Hedde (2) (E).

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Friday, March 16, 2001

### **ORMAECHEA, KUBACHKA LEAD ECSU BASEBALL 14-3** *Fortin hurls complete-game eight-hitter in first career start, vs.Redlands*

REDLANDS, CA -- Juniors **Inaki Ormaechea (NEW BRITAIN)** and **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** combined for six hits, six RBI and two runs scored as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team opened play in the California Invitational Saturday with a 14-3, 7 inning win over the University of Redlands (7-11).

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Sophomore righty **Matt Fortin (TOLLAND)** tossed a complete-game eight-hitter in his first collegiate start (18th appearance). Fortin fanned four and walked two in his second appearance of the season.

Kubachka drove in four runs with his first home run of the season -- the 12th of his 42-game career -- and a two-run single in an eight-run third. In the third, the first ten batters reached safely -- the first on hits and the next two on walks. Senior shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)** and junior rightfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** had two hits each. Tempesta tripled, scored twice and drove in two runs. Holowaty, who also walked, scored twice. Ormaechea scored twice and drove in two runs.

### **ECSU beaten by Willamette in late game, 8-4**

In the second tournament game of the day, junior leftfielder and leadoff hitter Ryan Hughes went 5-for-5 with a double, two stolen bases and two RBI to lead Willamette University to an 8-4, 7 inning win.

Freshman lefty **Ty Bongiovanni (MERIDEN)** was knocked out of the game with one out in the fourth inning in his second start. Bongiovanni was charged with seven runs on ten hits while walking four and fanning four.

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The loss in the first meeting ever between the teams snapped a string of six straight wins over three years for Eastern (3-3) in this tournament.

Senior catcher Jason Searle, junior third baseman Adam Svenson and junior centerfielder Drew Ecklund each had two hits for the Bearcats (4-5). Senior lefty Nik Lubisich (1-2) stopped Eastern on seven hits, two by **Tempesta who moved into sole possession of sixth place all-time at Eastern with 206 hits**. Both of the hits were doubles for Tempesta, who **became the program's all-time leader in that category**. He entered play sharing the record of 50 with Joe Funaro '95.

Eastern continues play in the tournament Saturday, facing CSU-Hayward at noon ET and Occidental College at 6 p.m. ET.

#### Eastern Conn. 14, U. of Redlands 3

Eastern Conn. (3-2)	018	000	5	--	14	15	0
Redlands (7-11)	002	010	0	--	3	8	2

Matt Fortin (1-0) and Matt Hebert, Troy Timney (7). Nick Cavanaugh, Craig Cartmill (3) and Steve Cates. 2B-Jared Holowaty, Inaki Ormacchea (E); Tyler Lute, Ryan Ebmeyer (R); 3B-Nick Tempesta (E); HR-John Kubachka (1) (E).

#### Willamette U. 8, Eastern Conn. 4

Willamette (4-5)	122	210	0	--	8	13	2
Eastern Conn. (3-3)	000	010	3	--	4	7	2

Nik Lubisich (1-2) and Jason Searle. Ty Bongiovanni (1-1), Steve Libera (4), Brian Gouin (7) and Jeff Funaro. 2B-Ryan Hughes, Searle (W), Nick Tempesta 2, Matt Hebert, John Hedde (E); 3B-Andy Ecklund (W).



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Saturday, March 10, 2001

### **ECSU BASEBALL SPLITS TWO GAMES AT SALISBURY** *Warriors open with 19-2 win over Old Westbury, shut out by Salisbury*

SALISBURY, MD -- Junior righty **Adam Czerwinski (SOMERS)** spaced three hits over four innings and junior first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** had three hits as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team routed College at Old Westbury 19-2 in six innings in its 2001 season-opener Saturday at the Salisbury State University Invitational.

Later, senior righty Bobby Hamel stopped the Warriors with a complete-game four-hitter in No. 15 nationally-ranked Salisbury State University's 8-0 win. Hamel (2-0) lowered his ERA this year to 0.90 in 20 innings in overmatching Eastern (1-1) for the second time in as many career starts. Two years ago, Hamel allowed only three hits over 7.3 innings in the Sea Gulls' 9-0 win. Salisbury (5-1-1), an NCAA Division III tournament South Region finalist last year, has beaten ECSU the last three times the teams have met.

Ranked ninth nationally, Eastern pounded four Old Westbury (0-1) pitchers for 12 hits and the Panthers handed Eastern seven unearned runs by committing ten errors. Old Westbury qualified for NCAA tournament play last year after winning the Skyline Conference and gaining an automatic berth. ECSU is 8-0 all-time against the Panthers.

Czerwinski scattered three hits over the first four innings, allowing both runs while fanning four and walking five. Redshirt freshman righty **Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON)** gave up one hit while fanning two and walking three in his debut.

A first-team all-America last year, Kubachka had three hits and scored two runs in the win while senior catcher **Matt Hebert (BURLINGTON)** had two hits and two RBI and senior centerfielder **Brian Gouin (SPRAGUE)** two hits and three RBI. Junior rightfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)**, sophomore catcher **Jeff Fumaro (MILFORD)** and junior DH Nick Scheets (MILFORD) also had two RBI each.

Against Old Westbury, senior shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)** tied the ECSU career record with his 50th double and his ninth-inning single against Salisbury was the 200th hit of his career

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and tied him for seventh place all-time. Gouin had two of ECSU's hits against Salisbury.

Leading 1-0, Salisbury scored four times in the third on two hits, three walks, a hit batter, sacrifice fly, error and stolen base in chasing ECSU senior righty **Bryan DePaulo (WATERBURY)**. DePaulo (0-1) allowed only three hits but walked four and hit a batter. Sophomore righty **Matt Fortin (TOLLAND)** limited the Sea Gulls to two hits and one unearned run in pitching 4.3 innings. Freshman lefty **Jeremy Hall (NORTHFIELD, VT)** allowed one hit in working the final (eighth) inning in his collegiate debut. In the game, Salisbury had only six hits (all singles) but was 7-for-7 in stolen bases and was given eight walks.

On Sunday, Eastern is scheduled to play Old Westbury at 9 a.m. and Salisbury State at noon. Freshman lefty **Ty Bongiovanni (MERIDEN)** and first-year sophomore righty **Dave Meeker (WAKEFIELD, RI)** are expected to open on the mound for Eastern.

**at Salisbury, MD**

**Eastern Conn. 19, Old Westbury 2 (6 inn., time limit)**

Old Westbury (0-1)	000	200	--	2	4	10
Eastern Conn. (1-0)	114	706	--	19	12	2

Adam Gomez (0-1), Nick Perez (4), Owen Drummond (5), Fraicor Perrero (6) and Pete Vega. Adam Czerwinski (1-0), Joey Serfass (5) and Matt Hebert, Jeff Funaro (6). 2B-Vega (OW), Nick Tempesta, John Kubachka, Funaro, Nick Scheets (E).

**Salisbury State U. 8, Eastern Conn. 0**

Eastern Conn. (1-1)	000	000	000	--	0	4	3
Salisbury State (5-1-1)	104	000	12x	--	8	6	0

Bryan DePaulo (0-1), Matt Fortin (3), Jeremy Hall (8) and Troy Timney, Jeff Funaro (8). Bobby Hamel (2-0) and Kevin Hurney.



Sunday, March 11, 2001

**TY BONGIOVANNI PITCHES ECSU TO WIN IN DEBUT**  
*Warriors pound Old Westbury 13-4, get pounded by Salisbury State 15-1*

SALISBURY, MD -- Freshman lefty **Ty Bongiovanni (MERIDEN)** allowed six hits over five innings in his collegiate debut and junior first baseman **Nick Scheets (MILFORD)** doubled twice and homered in Eastern Connecticut State University's 13-4 baseball win over the College at Old Westbury Sunday at the Salisbury State University Invitational.

After beating Old Westbury (0-3) easily for the second time in two days, Eastern (2-2) was routed by host Salisbury State (7-1-1) for the second time in two days, 15-1. And for the second time in two days, a senior righty went the distance in convincing fashion to carry the No. 15 nationally-ranked Sea Gulls past the No. 9-ranked Warriors. Chad Swiderski (1-1), one of 11 seniors on the Salisbury roster, allowed only a fourth-inning single and fifth-inning double in a route-going effort. He fanned eight, walked none and hit a batter.

Due to a time limit, neither game went nine innings, the Old Westbury contest being stopped after seven and the Salisbury game being halted after eight.

Bongiovanni (1-0), an all-stater last year at Maloney High School in Meriden, shut down the Panthers on six hits before giving way to freshman righty **Steve Libera (CROMWELL)**, an all-state pitcher at Cromwell High School last year also making his pitching debut. Bongiovanni did not walk a batter while fanning four. One of the three runs he allowed was unearned. Libera gave up two hits and an earned run while fanning three and walking two.

Defensively, Eastern committed only one error and turned three double plays, all started by senior shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)**.

Against Old Westbury, seven of Eastern's 14 hits were good for extra bases. In addition to Scheets, junior rightfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** doubled and homered while Tempesta tripled and redshirt freshman **Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON)** posted his first collegiate hit with a

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double. Holowaty finished with three hits, three runs and three RBI while Scheets drove in a career-high four runs with three hits. Tempesta scored three times and drove in two runs. He had a hit and two walks. Junior DH **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** was 2-for-2 with two runs scored.

Salisbury, which advanced to the NCAA South Region tournament finals last year, defeated ECSU for the fourth straight time. The Sea Gulls chased first-year ECSU sophomore righty **Dave Meeker (WAKEFIELD, RI)** in the second inning of his collegiate debut, scoring six runs over the first two innings. Senior second baseman Nathan Israel had two hits, four RBI and three runs for the winners while senior rightfielder Larry Williams reached five times with two hits -- a home run and a triple -- two hit-by-pitch and a fielder's choice.

Three ECSU pitchers combined to hit a record six batters. Swiderski also hit one ECSU batter, setting another record for hit batters by both teams in a game.

Eastern is idle until Friday, when it opens a ten-game schedule in California against the University of Redlands at noon ET in the California Invitational.

### **Eastern Conn. 13, Old Westbury 4, 7 inn., time limit**

Eastern Conn. (2-1)	263	020	0	--	13	14	1
Old Westbury (0-3)	000	121	0	--	4	9	0

Ty Bongiovanni (1-0), Steve Libera (6) and Jeff Funaro, Joshua Asplund (6). Pedro Lazado, Jamel Milligan (4), Nick Perez (5) and Pete Vega. 2B-Nick Scheets 2, Jared Holowaty, Joey Serfass (E), Luis Quionnes, Vega (OW); 3B-Nick Tempesta (E); HR-Holowaty (1), Scheets (1).

### **Salisbury State 15, Eastern Conn. 1, 8 inn., time limit**

Salisbury State (7-1-1)	331	601	01	--	15	11	0
Eastern Conn. (2-2)	000	010	00	--	1	2	3

Chad Swiderski (1-1) and Kevin Hurney. Dave Meeker, Paul Smith (2), Jeremy Hall (3), Brian Gouin (4), John Kubachka (8) and Matt Hebert. 2B-Nathan Israel, Brian Loy (S), Inaki Ormaechea (E); 3B-Larry Williams (S); HR-Williams, Mike Harbaugh (S).



