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Monday, May 20, 2002

**ECSU BASEBALL DEFEATS WHEATON TWICE TO WIN NE REGIONAL**  
*Warriors win three games over final two days to claim eighth NCAA regional crown*

HARWICH, Mass. —Three Eastern Connecticut State University pitchers walked only two batters and limited top-seeded Wheaton College to 13 hits in sweeping the Lyons 3-2 in ten innings and 4-2 Monday to win its eighth NCAA Division III New England championship.

Second-seeded Eastern (35-10-1) advances to the eight-team, double-elimination national tournament, which opens Friday at Fox Cities Stadium in Appleton, WI. The Warriors are scheduled to meet West Region champion Concordia University-Austin. Seeded fourth in the four-team West Regional at Georgetown, TX, the Tornados won the regional title in their first season in the NCAA Division III tournament, defeating top-seeded Pomona-Pitzer Colleges in the opening round en route to three straight wins.

Knocked into the losers' bracket following a 7-4 loss to Wheaton (37-9-1) Sunday, Eastern bounced back to eliminate third-seeded Tufts University 19-2 late Sunday, then downed the Lyons twice Monday behind the pitching of tournament MVP **Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON)**, **Matt Fortin (TOLLAND)** and **Thomas Spirito (CANTON)**. Junior second baseman **Morgan Thompson (NORWALK)** — the team's leadoff hitter — scored the winning run in both games after opening with walks. The pitching staff gave up runs to Wheaton in only two of 19 innings, when the Lyons tied the first game with two runs in the sixth and when they tied the second game with two in the seventh.

After pitching a complete-game five-hitter in Eastern's 9-1 opening win over Suffolk Thursday, Serfass returned to pitch all ten innings in the 3-2 win over the Lyons in the first game of the championship series. Serfass gave up only seven hits while fanning five and walking one and earned his ninth win in ten decisions when sophomore shortstop **Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA)** drove in Thompson with one out and the bases loaded in the bottom of the tenth.

In the championship game, Fortin returned on two days' rest — after pitching a complete-game eight-hitter over Tufts University Friday — to team with Spirito on the win. Senior first baseman Damon Whalen of Wheaton tied the game 2-2 with his 14<sup>th</sup> home run of the year off Fortin — a two-run, opposite-field shot to left — but the Warriors went ahead for good with a run in the top of the eighth and added an insurance run in the ninth. Thompson was sacrificed to second after opening the eighth with a walk, moved to third on sophomore centerfielder **Dwight Wildman's (SEYMOUR)** sharp single to right and scored when senior first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** grounded a 2-2 pitch up the middle. The ball was fielded by Wheaton second baseman Tim Ziakas but was dropped by shortstop Will Bissonnette after forcing Wildman, spoiling the attempted double play.

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Thompson, Wildman and Julien joined Serfass on the all-tournament team. Serfass was 2-0 with two complete games. He allowed only three (earned) runs in a tournament-high 19 innings while fanning 15 and walking only two. Thompson batted .450 (9-for-20) and scored seven runs and handled 26 chances with just one error. Wildman, who had three hits in each of the team's first two wins, batted .417 (10-for-24) with three runs and four RBI. Julien, who spent most of the tournament at DH, batted .438 (7-for-16) with four runs scored.

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### **EASTERN ADVANCES TO REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND**

*Warriors rout Tufts 19-2 in elimination finals, need two wins over Wheaton Monday*

HARWICH, Mass. — Eight Eastern Connecticut State University starters contributed a hit and RBI in an 18-hit onslaught that vaulted the Warriors past Tufts University 19-2 Sunday night and into the championship round of the NCAA Division III New England Regional Tournament at Whitehouse Field.

Second-seeded Eastern (33-10-1) needs two wins over top-seeded Wheaton College (37-7-1) to advance to the national tournament, which gets underway Friday at Appleton, WI. The Lyons dumped Eastern 7-4 earlier Sunday to advance to the finals of the double-elimination tournament and as the lone unbeaten team and move to within a win of their first regional title. The teams are scheduled to meet at noon. If needed, the second game will begin 50 minutes following the completion of the first.

Tufts, which remained alive Sunday with a 7-1 win over fifth-seeded Suffolk University, used six different pitchers against Eastern, with starter Brian Shapiro allowing the first six runs on four hits over the initial two innings. Four of the runs allowed by Shapiro were unearned and came in the first inning, when the Warriors had only one hit and were aided by two throwing errors, a walk, hit batter and two wild pitches.

Leading 6-1, Eastern pulled away by batting around in the fourth and scoring three runs on three hits and adding three more in the fifth on just one hit – a two-run triple by senior rightfielder Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA) – and exploding for seven more on seven hits in the sixth.

Sophomore lefty Jeremy Hall (NORTHFIELD, VT) stymied the Jumbos on just two hits and an unearned run over the first seven innings in his fourth start of the year. Hall, who fanned five and walking three in equaling his longest career outing got all of his strikeouts in the first two innings. The only hits he allowed came on a one-out single in the third and a one-out infield single in the seventh. He picked off Dan Callahan to end the third, however, induced an inning-ending double play in the seventh.

Holowaty and freshman shortstop Tom Koch (WARWICK, RI) each had three hits and three RBI while senior third baseman Inaki Ormaechea (NEW BRITAIN) reached safely four times with two hits and two walks and scored four runs. Senior leftfielder John Hedde (STONINGTON) extended his hitting streak to 14 games when he had a two-out RBI single and scored the final run of the first inning. Senior first baseman John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY) had a hit and sacrifice fly, walked, scored three runs and drove in two.

It marks the 18<sup>th</sup> straight time that Eastern has advanced to the championship round of the New England tournament. Eastern lost in last year's final 11-7 after winning the 1998 crown and going on to capture its third national championship.

Sophomore righty Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON) is a candidate to open Monday's noon game on the mound. Serfass (8-1), unbeaten as a starter this year, pitched a complete-game five-hitter in Thursday's opening 9-1 win over Suffolk.

Tufts (27-10-1), which dropped a 5-3 decision to Eastern Friday in a winners' bracket game, ends its winningest season in program history.

Eastern Conn. 19, Tufts University 2

Tufts U. (27-10-1)	010	000	001	--	2	6	4
Eastern Conn. (33-10-1)	420	337	00x	--	19	18	1

Brian Shapiro (2-1), Dave Frew (3), Mike Byron (4), Jeff Volinski (6), Jeremy Davis (6), Jon Lee (7) and Greg Hickey. Jeremy Hall (3-0), David Meeker (8), Thomas Spirito (9) and Jeff Funaro, Troy Timney (7). 2B-Inaki Ormaechea, Timney (E); 3B-Jared Holowaty (E).

Sunday, May 19, 2002

**EASTERN BASEBALL FALLS INTO LOSERS' BRACKET IN NCAA**  
*Top-seeded Wheaton advances to championship round with 7-4 victory over Warriors*

HARWICH, Mass. — Scott Beattie drove in three runs with four hits and scored twice to lead the top-seeded Wheaton College baseball team to a 7-4 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Sunday, dropping the Warriors into the losers' bracket in the NCAA Division III New England Regional Tournament at Whitehouse Field.

The Lyons erased an early 2-0 Eastern lead by scoring three times in the third and chasing Eastern starter Adam Czerwinski (SOMERS) with two runs on two hits, three walks, a stolen base and wild pitch in the fourth.

Beattie had a two-run opposite-field triple down the right field line in the third and Chris Denorfia followed with an RBI double down the left field line to give Wheaton the 3-2 lead in the third. An outfield throwing error made it 4-2 in the fourth and Beattie pushed the lead to 5-2 with an RBI single to left. That hit chased Czerwinski in favor of sophomore lefty Matt Schumey (ROCKVILLE), who walked a batter to load the bases but prevented further damage by fanning No. 4 batter Damon Whalen on a 3-2 pitch.

Schumey allowed only four hits and two runs over the final 4 and one-third innings but Eastern was held in check by winning pitcher Matt Parlato and reliever Mike Spavento. Parlato won his second tournament game by pitching into the eighth and Spavento recorded his nation-leading 19<sup>th</sup> save by getting the final five outs.

Senior first baseman John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY) was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded and senior rightfielder Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA) had a sacrifice fly in the third to give Eastern an early lead for the third straight tournament game but the Warriors managed more than one hit in only one of the final six innings. Eastern stranded two runners after scoring twice in the third and two more after No. 9 hitter Jeff Funaro's (MILFORD) sacrifice fly made it 6-4 in the eighth. Down 6-3 in the seventh, Eastern put two runners aboard without an out but Parlato retired sophomore centerfielder Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR) on a deep fly ball to left for the first out. After Kubachka ground into a fielder's choice for the second out, Wheaton second baseman Tim Ziakas made a standout over-the-shoulder catch of Holowaty's bloop into shallow right field.

Junior second baseman Morgan Thompson (NORWALK), batting leadoff, had two hits, walked twice and had a sacrifice bunt in five plate appearances. Sophomore DH Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA), senior third baseman Inaki Ormaechea (NEW BRITAIN) and senior leftfielder John Hedde (STONINGTON) all had two hits. Kubachka was 0-for-4, leaving him with one hit in 11 tournament at-bats.

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**FORTIN'S COMPLETE GAME LIFTS ECSU BASEBALL OVER TUFTS**  
*Junior fans season-high 11 in second round of NCAA tournament*

HARWICH, Mass. — Junior righty **Matt Fortin (TOLLAND)** pitched a complete-game eight-hitter following a three-week layoff to spark the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 5-2 win over Tufts University Friday night in the second round of the 2002 NCAA Division III New England Regional Tournament at Whitehouse Field.

With its second win in the double-elimination tournament, second-seeded Eastern (32-9-1) advances in winners' bracket play against top-seeded Wheaton College (36-7-1), which won its second tournament game in as many tries by eliminating fourth-seeded Brandeis University 7-2 earlier Friday. Fifth-seeded Suffolk University avoided elimination by outlasting sixth-seeded Roger Williams University 13-12 in 11 innings in Friday's first game.

Eastern meets Wheaton at noon, with the winner advancing to Sunday's championship round at noon, needing just one win to clinch the regional title. Suffolk faces Tufts in a 3:30 p.m. elimination game Friday, with that winner facing the Eastern-Wheaton loser at 7 p.m.

Fortin (6-2), who had been sidelined for three weeks with a sore shoulder, fanned a season-high 11 batters in pitching his first complete game of the season. Five of Tufts's hits came in succession in the fourth inning when the Jumbos (26-9-1) cut a 3-0 deficit to one by scoring two runs.

The Warriors left eight runners stranded after taking a 3-0 lead in the first inning — two coming on senior **Inaki Ormaechea's (NEW BRITAIN)** two-out, two-run double — but were able to provide Fortin with a cushion by scoring once in the fifth and once in the seventh.

Fortin picked up steam as the game wore on, retiring 13 straight before surrendering a two-out single in the ninth. He did not walk or hit a batter in the game, fanning four straight late in the game and getting seven of his final 13 outs via strikeout.

Senior rightfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** had two hits and scored two runs and prevented Tufts from tying the game in the fourth when he nailed Brian Shapiro trying to score from second on Greg Hickey's single. The out at home was the first out of the inning and Fortin induced an inning-ending double play by getting Adam Kaczmburas to ground the first pitch to junior second baseman **Morgan Thompson (NORWALK)**.

Sophomore centerfielder **Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR)** registered three hits for the second straight tournament game — picking up his 100<sup>th</sup> career hit with a two-out single in the sixth — while senior first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** collected career hit No. 200 with a first-inning single and senior leftfielder **John Hedde (STONINGTON)** extended his hitting streak to 12 with a run-scoring single in the seventh.

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**ECSU BASEBALL DOWNS SUFFOLK IN REGIONAL OPENER**  
*Second-seeded Warriors get pitching, defense and offense in 9-1 win*

HARWICH, Mass. – Sophomore right-hander **Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON)** pitched a complete-game five-hitter and was backed by a perfect defense and a 16-hit offense as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team posted a 9-1 win over Suffolk University Thursday in the opening round of the 2002 NCAA Division III New England Regional Tournament at Whitehouse Field.

Second-seeded Eastern (31-9-1), which won its regional opener for the third straight time, advances in winner's bracket play Friday against the winner of a late Thursday game between fourth-seeded Brandeis University and third-seeded Tufts University. Fifth-seeded Suffolk (26-13-1) faces Roger Williams in an elimination game Friday at noon. Roger Williams was beaten 8-6 by top-seeded Wheaton College in Thursday's first game.

Serfass (8-1) scattered five hits and his defense played errorless after committing 20 errors in its previous six games, including eight in two consecutive losses in last weekend's Little East Conference Tournament. In pitching his fourth complete game in eight starts this year, Serfass fanned a season-high ten batters, walked one and hit one. He threw 100 pitches in the game, 67 for strikes. Serfass has walked only six batters in 73.3 inning this year.

Every Eastern batter contributed at least one hit or one RBI as the Warriors pounded Suffolk sophomore righty Anthony Del Prete (5-5), the complete-game loser. The 16 hits are the most in 13 games for Eastern – since the Warriors had 17 in a 17-1 win over Suffolk April 15. Del Prete had limited Eastern to just six hits through seven innings when the Rams downed the Warriors last April 16.

The top three hitters in the lineup – junior second baseman **Morgan Thompson (NORWALK)**, sophomore DH **Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA)** and sophomore centerfielder **Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR)** – reached base safely ten times with seven hits and three walks, drove in three runs, scored five and stole three bases. Thompson had two singles and two walks and a sacrifice bunt in five plate appearances, stole a base, scored twice and drove in a run; Julien had two singles and a walk, scored a run and stole a base; and Wildman had two singles and a double, drove in two runs, scored two and stole a base. Eastern stole five of six bases in the game, getting caught only on a pick-off play.

Junior catcher **Jeff Funaro (MILFORD)**, the No. 9 batter in the order, was 2-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI and also was hit by a pitch.

Eastern broke quickly against Del Prete by scoring three times in the first inning on two hits, two walks, a hit batter, sacrifice fly, stolen base and wild pitch. Wildman drove in the first run with a bloop single to center, senior rightfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** made it 2-0 with a bases loaded sacrifice fly and freshman shortstop **Tom Koch (WARWICK, RI)** drove in the third run by chopping a two-out RBI single over the head of Suffolk first baseman Tim Fraser. Julien's double play ground ball and Wildman's infield single to deep short accounted for two runs in the fourth that made it 5-0

before the Rams reached Serfass for their only run on back-to-back two-out doubles by leadoff hitter Mike Maguire and Kevin Kelley in the sixth.

Eastern got that run back on senior first baseman **John Kubachka's (GLASTONBURY)** sacrifice fly in the bottom of the sixth and added three runs over their final two at-bats on RBI singles by Thompson and Funaro and a throwing error that plated Wildman on a steal of third base.

Defensively, the Warriors turned three double plays, the first two ending the first and fourth innings. Two of the double plays were begun at short by Koch, the team's starting third baseman most of the season. Koch had six assists in the game.

#### **Eastern Conn. 9, Suffolk U. 1**

Suffolk (26-13-1)	000	001	000	--	1	5	2
Eastern Conn. (31-9-1)	300	201	21x	--	9	16	0

Anthony Del Prete (5-5) and Adam Pellerin. Joey Serfass (8-1) and Jeff Funaro. 2B-Mike Maguire, Kevin Kelley (S), Dwight Wildman (E).

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##### **Friday, May 17**

**Game 4:** Roger Williams U vs. Suffolk U., noon; **Game 5:** Wheaton College vs. Game 3 loser, 3:30 p.m.; **Game 6:** Eastern Conn. vs. Game 3 winner, 7 p.m.

##### **Saturday, May 18**

**Game 7:** Noon; **Game 8:** 3:30 p.m.; **Game 9:** 7 p.m.

##### **Sunday, May 19**

**Game 10:** Noon; **Game 11** (if necessary): 3:30 p.m.

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Saturday, May 4, 2002

### ECSU BASEBALL CLINCHES FIFTH LEC REGULAR-SEASON TITLE

*As No.1 seed, Warriors will host double-elimination tournament Thurs.-Sat.*

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. -- Senior leftfielder **John Hedde (STONINGTON)** and sophomore shortstop **Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA)** slammed two-run home runs to spark a ninth-inning rally and give the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team a 6-5 Little East Conference win over the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Saturday en route to a doubleheader sweep.

The Warriors (30-7-1, 12-2) clinched their fifth conference regular-season title in six years with a 6-3 win in the nightcap. Eastern, ranked seventh nationally, earned the No. 1 seed in the upcoming conference tournament by finishing 12-2 in regular-season play for the fifth straight year. Eastern will host the double-elimination portion of the four-team conference tournament Thursday-Saturday at the ECSU Baseball Stadium.

Trailing 5-2 in the ninth inning of the opener, Eastern scored four times on two-run home runs by Hedde and Julien and sophomore righty **Thomas Spirito (CANTON)** came on the in the bottom of the ninth inning to record the final two outs and register his conference-leading seventh save in 13 appearances. Hedde's home run followed an inning-opening error and was his second of the game. His solo home run with two out in the second was his second this year -- first after a 34-game drought. Hedde shared last year's home run lead with eight but his only one this year until Saturday had come nearly two months ago. The home run was the first this year for Julien -- whose two-out, two-run blast provided Eastern with the game-winning hit. Julien had gone 46 games between home runs, last homering a year ago Sunday in a 20-4 home win over UMass Dartmouth.

Sophomore righty **Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON)** won his seventh decision without a loss in the opener. Spirito spelled Serfass with one out and a runner on the ninth and got an infield fly ball and ground ball to third to end the game. Serfass allowed four earned runs while fanning five without a walk. He has walked five in 61.3 innings this year.

In the second game, junior righty **Adam Czerwinski (SOMERS)** and sophomore lefty **Matt Schumey (ROCKVILLE)** combined on an eight-hitter and Eastern collected 13 hits off two UMass Dartmouth (19-18, 7-7) pitchers. Czerwinski allowed six hits while fanning two and walking one through seven innings before Schumey got the final six outs.

In the second game, senior first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** and freshman third baseman **Tom Koch (WARWICK, RI)** drove in runs to give Eastern a 3-0 lead and Eastern made it 5-1 in the seventh on an RBI single by senior DH **Justin Waz (DEEP RIVER)** and a run-scoring ground ball by senior rightfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)**. Holowaty scored once in each game to set a program career record of 201. Kubachka had three hits in the second game after going

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0-for-4 with a walk in the opener. In addition to his two-run home run, Julien singled and doubled in the opener and doubled and scored a seventh-inning run in the nightcap.

Eastern, which has won 30 or more games in 19 of the last 30 seasons, has won three regular-season conference titles outright and shared two others. Southern Maine, the No. 2 seed in this year's conference tournament, won last year's regular-season crown. The Huskies secured a first-round bye Saturday by sweeping visiting Keene State College 8-7 in ten innings and 3-2 to gain the No. 2 seed.

**First Game**  
**Eastern Conn. 6, UMass Dartmouth 5**

Eastern Conn. (29-7-1, 11-2)	110	000	004	--	6	11	5
UMass Dartmouth (19-17, 7-6)	000	400	010	--	5	9	2

Joey Serfass (7-0), Thomas Spirito (9) and Jeff Funaro, Troy Timney (9); Pat Reedy (4-5) and Mike Rahme. Save: Spirito (7); 2B-Eugene Julien (E), Jason Orlando (MD); HR-John Hedde 2 (3), Julien (1) (E).

*3B-Thompson (A)*

**Second Game**  
**Eastern Conn. 6, UMass Dartmouth 3**

Eastern Conn. (30-7-1, 12-2)	120	000	210	--	6	13	1
UMass Dartmouth (19-18, 7-7)	001	000	101	--	3	8	2

Adam Czerwinski (7-2), Matt Schumey (8) and Jeff Funaro. Jason Devincent (2-4), Kyle Darrow (7) and Jon Merrill. 2B-Eugene Julien, John Kubachka (E), Brian Pereira (MD); 3B-Brett Simarrian (MD).

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Thursday, May 2, 2002

**HALL PITCHES EASTERN BASEBALL PAST ALBERTUS MAGNUS 9-1**  
*Lefty fans eight in seven innings as Warriors improve to 19-4 up north*

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Sophomore left-handed pitcher **Jeremy Hall (NORTHFIELD, VT)** fanned a career-high eight batters in a career-high seven innings to help lift the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 9-1 win over Albertus Magnus College Thursday night at the ECSU Baseball Stadium. The game was stopped one pitch into the eighth inning due to lightning.

The win is the 19th up north against four losses for Eastern (28-7-1), ranked first in New England and seventh nationally. Albertus, which qualified for ECAC tournament play last year, is 23-15-1.

Hall (2-0) won his second career decision in as many career starts, allowing only a leadoff home run in the fifth by losing pitcher Vin Caruso (5-3) that tied the game 1-1. Hall didn't allow a hit the rest of the way. He gave up only three hits and walked three before giving way to junior righty **David Meeker (WAKEFIELD, RI)** after seven innings. The game was stopped after Meeker threw one pitch to Albertus leadoff hitter Joe Tomasi in the top of the eighth.

Senior leftfielder **John Hedde (STONINGTON)** drove in three runs with three hits while No. 9 hitter **Jeff Funaro (MILFORD)** drove in two runs with a suicide squeeze bunt and an RBI single. Junior rightfielder **Dan Silva (BERLIN)**, making his sixth start of the year, had two hits, drove in a run with a single and scored two runs.

Eastern snapped a 1-1 tie with a run in the fifth on senior first baseman **John Kubachka's (GLASTONBURY)** infield ground ball and made it 5-1 with three runs in the sixth before adding four more in the seventh. Hedde drove in the first run of the sixth with a single and after a wild pitch scored the second, Funaro's suicide squeeze plated Hedde with the third run.

Eastern closes out the regular season Saturday with a Little East Conference doubleheader at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. A sweep guarantees Eastern of clinching its second outright conference regular-season title in five years and allows Eastern to host the conference double-elimination portion of the tournament next Thursday-Saturday. The Warriors enter the final day of the regular season with a 10-2 conference record while Keene State is currently 9-3 and Southern Maine 7-3-1. Southern Maine is scheduled to play a makeup game at Massachusetts Boston Friday before hosting Keene State College Saturday in a doubleheader. By tying Eastern for the regular-season title, Keene would host the tournament based on its two wins over Eastern. Eastern would be awarded the No. 1 seed if it finishes in a tie with Southern Maine, which it sweep last weekend.

**Eastern Conn. 9, Albertus Magnus College 1, 7 inn., lightning**

Albertus Magnus (23-15-1)	000	010	00	--	1	3	3
Eastern Conn. (28-7-1)	000	113	4	--	9	9	0

Vin Caruso (5-3) and Aaron Johnson. Jeremy Hall (2-0), David Meeker (8) and Jeff Funaro. 2B-Johnson (A), John Hedde (E); HR-Caruso (A)

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Saturday, April 27, 2002

**ECSU BASEBALL SWEEPS SOUTHERN MAINE TO RE-GAIN LEC LEAD**  
*Serfass, Schumey turn in strong pitching performances in 7-2, 6-4 wins*

GORHAM, Maine -- Eastern Connecticut State University used timely hitting to post a pair of come-from-behind wins over the University of Southern Maine in a Little East Conference baseball doubleheader Saturday at Towers Field.

The Warriors came back from a 2-0 deficit to win 7-2 in the opener behind the complete-game effort of sophomore righty **Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON)**, who won his sixth straight decision and lowered his team-leading ERA to 1.87. Serfass had been beaten 11-7 by Southern Maine in last year's NCAA Division III New England Regional Tournament championship game, lasting only one inning.

In the nightcap, Eastern (27-7-1, 10-2) used a four-run fifth inning rally to erase a three-run deficit on the way to a 6-4 win. Sophomore lefty **Matt Schumey (ROCKVILLE)** went an ECSU-best 5.6 innings in relief of injured starter **Matt Fortin (TOLLAND)** to record his third win in four decisions in his most impressive outing of the year. Sophomore righty **Tom Spirito (CANTON)** recorded his conference-leading sixth save. Spirito got a strikeout to leave the bases loaded after being summoned in the eighth and allowed only one baserunner (who reached on an error) in the ninth.

The doubleheader sweep -- Eastern's first over Southern Maine at Gorham since April 9, 1988 -- vaults the Warriors over the Huskies into first place in the conference with one week remaining in the regular season. Southern Maine (21-13-1, 7-3-1), the defending conference regular-season champion, is ranked fourth in New England and had won seven of its previous eight. Eastern, 18-4 up north, is ranked first in New England, seventh nationally. Eastern has beaten Southern Maine four of the last five times the teams have met.

Serfass allowed only a leadoff homer to sophomore third baseman Brian Marshall and an unearned run in the second inning before shutting down the Huskies' offense on three singles over the last seven innings. Serfass allowed just six hits and three walks while fanning seven in outdueling Southern Maine senior ace Ryan Adams (5-2), who pitched into the ninth inning, allowing 11 hits and seven runs, only three of which were earned. Adams (0.38) and Serfass entered the week ranked 1-2 in the conference in ERA.

Trailing 2-0 in the opener, the Warriors picked up single runs in the fourth and sixth innings on a pair of RBI singles by senior outfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** to tie the game at 2-2. Sophomore shortstop **Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA)** gave the Warriors the lead with an RBI single in the seventh inning. Eastern added four insurance runs in its final two at-bats.

Trailing 3-0 in the second game, the Warriors used three straight two-out hits to score four runs in the fifth. Julien struck a two-run double to put Eastern on the board. Senior first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** tied the game with an RBI double -- setting an Eastern career record

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for RBI (174) and tying the season record for doubles (20) -- and sophomore centerfielder **Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR.)** followed with an RBI single to give Eastern a 4-3 lead. Senior DH **Justin Waz (DEEP RIVER)** drove in the final two runs for the Warriors with a bases loaded walk in the seventh and a double in the ninth. In the first game, Waz doubled, tripled and walked, scored two runs and drove in one

Schumey replaced Fortin four batters into the third inning after Fortin was hit on the pitching hand by a batted ball. Schumey gave up only four hits, three walks and one (earned ) run while fanning four before giving way to Spirito, who left the bags full in the eighth by striking out Adam Lemieux to end the inning. Southern Maine did not have an extra-base hit in the game.

Eastern could clinch its first outright conference regular-season title since 1998 by sweeping the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Saturday at North Dartmouth, MA in a doubleheader which ends the regular season.

The Warriors host Wheaton College Monday at 7 p.m. in a re-match of a 2001 NCAA Division III New England Regional Tournament game, won by Eastern 10-1.

**First Game**  
**Eastern Conn. 7, Southern Maine 2**

Eastern Conn. (26-7-1, 9-2 little east)	000	101	122	--	7	11	2
Southern Maine (21-12-1, 7-2-1 little east)	020	000	000	--	2	6	3

Joey Serfass (6-0) and Jeff Funaro. Ryan Adams (5-2), Jason thibodeau (9) and Peter L'Italien. 2B-Dwight Wildman, Justin Waz, Funaro (E); Colin Loveless (S); 3B-Waz (E); HR-Brian Marshall (3).E).

**Second Game**  
**Eastern Conn. 6, Southern Maine 4**

Eastern Conn. (27-7-1, 10-2 little east)	000	040	101	--	6	9	6
Southern Maine (21-13-1, 7-3-1 little east)	003	000	100	--	4	7	2

Matt Fortin, Matt Schumey (3-1) (3), Tom Spirito (8) and Jeff Funaro. Pat Liddy, Erik Carlson (7), Jason Thibodeau (7) and Peter L'Italien. WP-Schumey (3-1); LP-Liddy (3-3); Save-Spirito (6). 2B-Eugene Julien, John Kubachka, Justin Waz, Jeff Funaro (E).

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Thursday, April 25, 2002

**KUBACHKA TIES CAREER RBI MARK IN ECSU BASEBALL VICTORY**

*Three players combine for 11 RBI in 16-2 win over Framingham State*

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Senior first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** drove in three runs to tie the Eastern Connecticut State University career record for RBI in the Warriors' 16-2 win over Framingham State College Thursday at the ECSU Baseball Stadium. The game was stopped after eight innings due to rain.

Ranked seventh nationally and first in New England, Eastern (25-7-1) had two home runs, a double and triple to back the six-hit pitching of junior righty **David Meeker (WAKEFIELD, RI)** and win its 16th game in 20 northern decisions. Meeker (3-0) pitched the first six innings, allowing one unearned run while fanning six without a walk.

Kubachka tied Nick Tempesta's career record of 173 RBI with a bases-clearing double in the fourth inning -- moving him to within one of tying the program season record of 20 doubles -- while senior rightfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** scored a first-inning run to move to within one of Tempesta's program record of 200 runs scored. Sophomore shortstop **Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA)** collected his 100th career hit in his 82nd game with a three-run triple to left in the sixth -- his team-leading third of the year. Julien reached safely in all five of his plate appearances, also walking three times and reaching on a hit-by-pitch.

Sophomore centerfielder **Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR)** scored three runs and drove in five with a single in the first, a solo home run in the third and a three-run blast -- his fifth of the season -- in the sixth. Junior second baseman and leadoff hitter **Morgan Thompson (NORWALK)** reached safely three times with two walks and a single and scored three runs.

Framingham (11-21-1), which had a five-game winning streak snapped, took a 1-0 lead in the first on Chris Donovan's RBI double to left and scored its second run in the seventh on James Wadsworth's RBI single.

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

**Eastern Conn. 16, Framingham State College 2, 8 inn., rain**

Eastern Conn. (25-7-1)	401	407	00	--	16	11	1
Framingham State (11-21-1)	100	000	10	--	2	7	3

David Meeker (3-0), Steve Libera (7), Michael Maruska (8) and Troy Timney, Adam Hevenor (7), Lee Diamantopoulos (0-3), Jon Anderson (5) and Tom Jupin. 2B-Chris Donovan (F), John Kubachka (E); 3B-Eugene Julien (E); HR-Dwight Wildman (5) (E).

**NOTE:** Framingham was the "home" team because the game was originally scheduled to be played at Framingham, MA.

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Wednesday, April 24, 2002

### CZERWINSKI FANS 12 AS EASTERN BASEBALL DOWNS BRIDGEWATER

*Warriors score four unearned runs in second on four hits in 5-1 victory*

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Junior righty **Adam Czerwinski (SOMERS)** pitched a complete-game five-hitter and struck out a career-high 12 as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team downed Bridgewater State College 5-1 Wednesday night at the ECSU Baseball Stadium.

Eastern (24-7-1), which scored all of its runs in the game after there were two out, scored four unearned runs on two errors and four consecutive hits in the second inning and Czerwinski (6-2) limited the Bears (16-14) to four singles and Dan Webber's one-out solo home run in the seventh inning. Czerwinski, who was knocked out the box in the first inning four days ago, never gave up more than one hit in an inning against Bridgewater. He walked two in pitching his second career complete game -- both coming this season.

In the second inning, a one-out error put an Eastern runner aboard and with two outs, senior **John Hedde (STONINGTON)**, freshman **Tom Koch (WARWICK, RI)** and juniors **Jeff Funaro (MILFORD)** and **Morgan Thompson (NORWALK)** collected hits off complete-game loser Tim Hart (3-4) to give Eastern a 4-0 lead. Hedde drove in the first run with a single, and after Koch singled, No. 9 hitter Funaro made it 3-0 with a two-run double to right. Thompson followed with an RBI double. Senior **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** made it 5-0 in the third with a two-out RBI double which plated senior DH **Justin Waz (DEEP RIVER)**, who had singled and stolen second after there were two out.

Czerwinski fanned four straight batters in the first two innings and fanned four over the final two innings. He did not allow a hit until Mike Foster's single to right with two out in the fourth. A leadoff single by Paul Hasenfus in the sixth and a one-out infield error put two Bridgewater runners on base in the sixth but Czerwinski got a foul out to third and a ground ball to first to end the threat. It was the only inning that Bridgewater managed more than one baserunner.

Thompson and Hedde each had two hits for Eastern, which snapped a two-game losing streak with its 12th home win in 14 games. The Warriors are ranked first in New England, seventh in Division III. The last time these two teams met here in 2000, Bridgewater capitalized on a two-out error to tie the game with a two-run home run in the top of the ninth, then won the game 6-2 with four runs in the 12th.

Eastern hosts Framingham State College Thursday at 3 p.m. The game was originally scheduled to be played at Framingham, MA.

#### Eastern Conn. 5, Bridgewater State 1

Bridgewater State (16-14)	000	000	100	--	1	5	2
Eastern Conn. (24-7-1)	041	000	00x	--	5	9	1

Tim Hart (3-4) and Anthony Taormina. Adam Czerwinski (6-2) and Jeff Funaro. 2B-Morgan Thompson, Jared Holowaty, Funaro (E); HR-Dan Webber (B) (2).

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Saturday, April 20, 2002

**ECSU BASEBALL SWEPT IN LITTLE EAST BY KEENE STATE 5-4, 10-7**  
*Warriors swept at home in regular season for first time in eight years*

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- The Keene State College baseball team built big early leads in both games and held on to post a 5-4, 10-7 Little East Conference sweep of Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday at the ECSU Baseball Stadium.

The wins were the first for Keene (17-13, 6-3) over Eastern (23-7, 8-2) after nine losses in conference play, knocked the Warriors from the unbeaten ranks in the conference, handed them their first home losses after 11 wins and marked the first time ECSU has been swept at home since losing 5-4, 6-3 decisions to William Paterson University April 30, 1994.

The Owls surged to a 5-0 lead in the first game and held on as Eastern got one back in the sixth and three in the seventh. In the nightcap, Keene chased ECSU junior righty **Adam Czerwinski (SOMERS)** in the first inning on the way to six runs on five hits. The Owls made it 8-0 with two more in the fourth. ECSU countered with seven runs over a five-inning span to cut the deficit to one when pinch hitter **John Hedde (STONINGTON)** made it 8-7 with a two-run double. Keene left the tying run at third in the inning, then scored twice in the top of the ninth.

Junior righty Ben Tyer saved both games for Keene. He got a strikeout and fly ball to center in the seventh inning of the first game after Eastern had scored three times to pull to within 5-4 and recorded his third save of the year in the nightcap. In the second game, Tyer was greeted by Hedde's two-run double but ended the threat when junior first baseman Eric Kilburn snagged a hard line drive by sophomore shortstop **Eugene Julien's (BROCKTON, MA)** for the third out.

Keene had 22 hits in the doubleheader and two home runs in each game. In the first game, junior first baseman Justin Hickman was 3-for-5 with a double and RBI while junior centerfielder John Trubiano drove in two runs with a pair of sacrifice flies. In the second game, Kilburn, Trubiano and No. 9 hitter Mark Duncan each had two hits. Trubiano drove in two runs with a first-inning double and ninth-inning RBI single and scored three runs; Kilburn plated two runs with a two-run home run in the first inning.

Freshman righty James Slack pitched into the seventh inning to record his fourth win against a loss in the opener, allowing seven hits while fanning five and walking four; Junior righty Buzzy Francis gave up nine hits while fanning two and walking three before giving way to Tyer with two outs and two aboard in the eighth in the second game.

ECSU senior first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** doubled in each game -- moving him to within two of the season record of 20 -- and hit his team-leading 13 home of the year with one out and no one on in the sixth inning of the second game.

Eastern hosts Albertus Magnus College Monday at 7 p.m.

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Saturday, April 20, 2002

**College Baseball  
at Mansfield, Conn.**

**First Game**

**Keene State 5, Eastern Conn. 4**

Keene State (16-13, 5-3 little east)	101	012	000	--	5	12	3
Eastern Conn. (23-6-1, 8-11 little east)	000	001	300	--	4	7	2

James Slack (4-1), Ben Tyer (7) and Doug Morse. Matt Fortin (5-2), Matt Schumey (6), Joey Serfass (8) and Jeff Funaro. Save-Tyer (2). 2B-Justin Hickman, Eric Kilburn, Marc Duncan (K), Eugene Julien, John Kubachka (E); HR-Travis Muckle (1), Morse (2).

**Second Game**

**Keene State 10, Eastern Conn. 7**

Keene State (17-13, 6-3 little east)	600	200	002	--	10	10	3
Eastern Conn. (23-7-1, 8-2 little east)	000	202	030	--	7	10	2

Buzzy Francis (5-3), Ben Tyer (8) and Doug Morse. Adam Czerwinski (5-2), Jeremy Hall (1), Tim Fagan (4), Steve Libera (8), Thomas Spirito (9), Matt Schumey (9) and Jeff Funaro, Troy Timney (5), Adam Hevenor (9). Save-Tyler (3). 2B-John Trubiano, Morse (K), John Kubachka, Justin Waz, Morgan Thompson, Inaki Ormaechea, John Hedde (E); HR-Justin Hickman (3), Eric Kilburn (2) (K), John Kubachka (E) (13).

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Tuesday, April 16, 2002

### ECSU BASEBALL SCORES LATE IN 9-1 WIN OVER TRINITY

#### *Serfass pitches complete-game four-hitter in Warriors' win*

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Sophomore righty **Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON)** pitched a complete-game four-hitter and the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team scored all of its runs in its final two at-bats in a 9-1 win over Trinity College Tuesday at the ECSU Baseball Stadium. Eastern is ranked first in New England, Trinity fifth.

Trailing 1-0, Eastern (23-5-1) scored three runs after there were two out in the seventh inning on an RBI single by No. 9 hitter **Jeff Funaro (MILFORD)** and a two-run single by sophomore shortstop **Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA)** and broke the game open with six runs on three hits, two hit-by-pitch, an error and a sacrifice fly in the eighth.

Serfass (5-0) recorded his tenth win at Eastern against two losses with his second complete game in the last three starts. He allowed only an unearned run in the seventh when the Bantams (18-6) broke a scoreless tie on cleanup batter Kurt Piantek's two-out RBI single to center. An outfield error had allowed Andy Freimuth to move into scoring position after a one-out single.

In the seventh, senior DH **Justin Waz (DEEP RIVER)** and senior third baseman **Inaki Ormaechea (NEW BRITAIN)** singled with one out and Funaro tied the game with a single to center before Julien stroked an 0-1 pitch into center to send home pinch runner **Tom Koch (WARWICK, RI)** and Funaro to make it 3-1. In the eighth, Funaro drove in two more runs with a bases-loaded single, senior rightfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** tripled in two and Koch (single) and Julien (sacrifice fly) also plated one each.

Serfass, who set a season record by walking only 1.07 batters per nine inning last year, did not walk a batter while fanning a career-high eight. He has walked only two in 42 innings this year and lowered his ERA to 2.14 (best among starters). Trinity stranded only one runner in the game as Serfass faced only two batters over the minimum 27. Eastern

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which plated sophomore shortstop **Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA)** from third and Wildman made it 4-1 with a two-out, two-run single with the bases loaded that chased in junior catcher **Jeff Funaro (MILFORD)** and Thompson. Wildman had given Eastern a 1-0 lead with an RBI single in the first.

Whalen, who had pitched only 4.3 innings prior to this game, gave up seven hits. He fanned two and walked ~~three~~ <sup>four</sup>.

Eastern opens its Little East Conference season Saturday with a noon doubleheader against Massachusetts Boston at the ECSU Baseball Stadium. Eastern remains at home for 4 p.m. single games Monday against Springfield College, Tuesday against Westfield State and Wednesday against Brandeis University.

**Eastern Conn. 4, Wesleyan U. 1**

Wesleyan U. (6-5)	000	100	000	--	1	3	2
Eastern Conn. (10-3-1)	100	000	30x	--	4	7	0

Nate Whalen (1-1) and Drew Nannini, Angus Fredenburg (8). Adam Czerwinski (3-1) and Jeff Funaro.

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Tuesday, March 26, 2002

**ECSU BASEBALL DEFEATS CHAPMAN FOR FIRST TIME 4-3**  
*Warriors complete California trip with seven wins in eight decisions*

ORANGE, Calif. – An infield throwing error allowed Eastern Connecticut State University senior **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** to score the go-ahead run from second base with one out in the top of the ninth inning as the Warriors trimmed Chapman University 4-3 in college baseball Tuesday night.

In a battle of nationally-ranked teams, No. 11 Eastern (9-3-1) defeated No. 15 Chapman (17-7) for the first time after seven losses in this series, which dates back to 1984. The Panthers have won three West Regional titles – including the last two – in the last five years since joining the Division III ranks.

**The win is the 997<sup>th</sup> for ECSU 34<sup>th</sup>-year head coach Bill Holowaty, who moves to within three victories of becoming the fourth Division III head coach to record 1000 coaching wins.**

With one out in the top of the ninth inning and the score tied 3-3, Holowaty and pinch hitter **Justin Waz (DEEP RIVER)** singled off Chapman reliever Ryan France (2-1). Junior second baseman **Morgan Thompson (NORWALK)** then ground the ball to first base, where the throw to second for an attempted force play and sailed into left field, allowing Holowaty to score the go-ahead run.

With Chapman's Alex Taylor on first and no one out in the bottom of the ninth, Eastern turned a double play on a sacrifice bunt. First baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** fielded senior catcher **Troy Timney's (BRATTLEBORO, VT)** throw for the first out, then threw across the diamond to sophomore shortstop **Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA)** covering third to erase Taylor. A ground ball to freshman **Tom Koch (WARWICK)** at third ended the game.

A winner of nine its last ten after an 0-2-1 start, Eastern scored three runs in the fifth to wipe out a 2-0 deficit before the Panthers tied the game in the bottom of the inning with an RBI single in chasing junior right-handed starter **David Meeker (WAKEFIELD, RI)**. Thompson and sophomore centerfielder **Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR)** drove in runs for Eastern in the three-run fifth with hits and senior leftfielder **John Hedde (STONINGTON)** put the Warriors ahead 3-2 with an infield ground ball.

Sophomore righty **Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON)** gained his third win without a loss as Eastern's third pitcher. Serfass replaced sophomore lefty **Matt Schumey (ROCKVILLE)** with two runners in scoring position in the sixth inning of a 3-3 tie but induced an inning-ending double play with the bases loaded, started by Julien at short.

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Thompson, Holowaty and junior catcher **Jeff Funaro (MILFORD)** all had two hits for Eastern, Holowaty scoring two runs. First-team All-America junior righty Andrew Tisdale opened on the mound for Chapman and took a 2-0 lead into the fifth before Eastern reached him for three runs.

Eastern opens its northern season hosting Wesleyan University Thursday at 4 p.m. at the ECSU Baseball Stadium in the first of six scheduled home games over seven days.

**Eastern Conn. 4, Chapman U. 3**

Eastern Conn. (9-3-1)	000	030	001	--	4	9	1
Chapman (17-7)	101	010	000	--	3	12	2

David Meeker, Matt Schumey (5), Joey Serfass (6) and Jeff Funaro, Troy Timney (9); Andrew Tisdale, Mike Miller (6), Ryan France (9) and Tony Serna. WP-Serfass (3-0); LP-France (2-1); 2B-Morgan Thompson, John Kubachka (E), Serna (C); 3B-Serna (C).

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Monday, March 25, 2002

**ECSU BASEBALL BACKS FORTIN WITH 15-HIT ATTACK IN 12-2 WIN**

**Four players collect three hits; Fortin stops Pacific Lutheran on six hits**

CLAREMONT, CA -- Eastern Connecticut State University junior **Morgan Thompson (NORWALK)** highlighted a 15-hit attack with three hits and three RBI and junior righty **Matt Fortin (TOLLAND)** stopped Pacific Lutheran University on six hits in the Warriors' 12-2 win Monday at Arce Field on the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges campus.

The win is the sixth in seven California games for Eastern (8-3-1), which has won eight of nine since a 0-2-1 start. The victory is also the 996th for 34th-year head coach Bill Holowaty, who needs four wins to become the fourth Division III coach with 1,000 career coaching victories.

Thompson, seniors **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** and **Nick Scheets (MILFORD)** and junior **Jeff Funaro (MILFORD)** all had three hits for Eastern, ranked first in New England in the first weekly coaches poll, released today. Thompson hit his first career home run -- a two-run inside-the-park shot -- and also had an RBI single. Kubachka had two doubles to give him nine this season and raised his team-leading batting average to .577. Senior **John Hedde (STONINGTON)** recorded his 100th career hit at Eastern with an RBI double in the seventh.

Fortin pitched the first eight innings to register 11th career win. He fanned nine, walked one and hit a batter.

Eastern closes out its California trip Tuesday against host Chapman University at 10 p.m. ET and opens its northern season Thursday at home against Wesleyan University at 4 p.m. at the ECSU Baseball Stadium.

**Eastern Conn. 12, Pacific Lutheran U. 2**

Eastern Conn. (8-3-1)	002	120	403	--	12	15	0
Pacific Lutheran U. (8-10)	001	010	000	--	2	6	3

Matt Fortin (2-1), Steve Libera (9) and Jeff Funaro, Adam Hevenor (9). Jason Andrew (1-2), Jacson Bevens (7) and Adam Epperson. 2B-John Kubachka 2, John Hedde, Funaro (E), Jason Anglin, Tyler Stevenson (P); HR-Morgan Thompson (E).

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Saturday, March 23, 2002

### **ECSU BASEBALL POUNDS CLAREMONT WITH 18-HIT ATTACK**

*Fagan limits Stags to six hits over six innings in first start at Eastern in 16-6 win*

CLAREMONT, Calif. – Three Eastern Connecticut State University hitters combined for nine hits, eight RBI and seven runs as the Warriors pounded Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges 16-6 Saturday at Arce Field to salvage a split of two games at the California Invitational.

First-year junior righty **Tim Fagan (DANBURY)** limited the Stags (8-18) to six hits and three runs over the first six innings to earn a win in his first start at Eastern (7-3-1) and the Warriors had 18 hits and scored in each of their six innings in a game stopped after seven innings due to the ten-run rule. Eastern won three of four games in the tournament.

Earlier in the day, Eastern scored three runs in its final two at-bats but Menlo College (5-21) held on for a 4-3 win in a game played at Arce Field.

Against Claremont, senior first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)**, senior DH **Nick Scheets (MILFORD)** and freshman infielder **Tom Koch (WARWICK, RI)** each went 3-for-4. Scheets drove in four runs and scored two with a home run and double; Kubachka had a home run, drove in three runs and scored three and Koch had an RBI and two runs scored. Eight of nine starters contributed at least one hit.

Kubachka delivered his fourth home run of the season to give ECSU a 2-0 lead in the first inning and Scheets' first home run of the year was a three-run shot to highlight a five-run fourth and push the Eastern lead to 11-0. This year, Kubachka is batting .574 (27-for-47) with 24 RBI, a .979 slugging percentage and .640 on-base percentage.

Senior leftfielder **John Hedde (STONINGTON)** had two hits, giving him 99 in his three-year Eastern career.

The win was the 995<sup>th</sup> career one for 34<sup>th</sup>-year ECSU head coach Bill Holowaty.

Menlo broke through for three runs in the fourth inning in the first game of the day against first-year junior lefty **Matt Schumey (ROCKVILLE)**, who allowed four runs on four hits in 5 2/3 innings in his first start at Eastern. Casey Smith's two-run home run snapped a scoreless tie and Bryce Vargas

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made it 3-0 with an RBI single later in the inning. Junior infielder **Morgan Thompson (NORWALK)** had two hits for Eastern, held to just six hits by junior righty Jeff Bowman, who won his first game after four losses.

Eastern faces Pacific Lutheran University Monday at 3 p.m. ET at Arce Field.

**Menlo College 4, Eastern Conn. 3**

Eastern Conn. (6-3-1)	000	000	012	--	3	6	0
Menlo (5-21)		000	301	00x	--	4	5 2

Matt Schumey (0-1), Thomas Spirito (6) and Troy Timney. Jeff Bowman (1-4) and Jimmy Goethals. HR-Casey Smith (M).

**Eastern Conn. 16, Claremont-Mudd 6 (7 inn., 10-run rule)**

Claremont-Mudd (8-18)		000	012	3	--	6	8	1
Eastern Conn. (7-3-1)	213	514	x	--	16	18	0	

Joe Miklich (1-3), Scott Fisher (4) and Chad Sakumoto; Tim Fagan (1-0), Matthew Talone (7), Michael Maruska (7), Mike Cunningham (7) and Jeff Funaro, Adam Hevenor (7). 2B-Nick Scheets, Funaro, Justin Waz (E); HR-Chris Williams (C), John Kubachka, Scheets (E).

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Thursday, March 21, 2002

**MEEKER PITCHES ECSU BASEBALL PAST REDLANDS 9-4**

*Junior pitches six-hitter over career-high 7 innings in Warriors' 4th straight win*

REDLANDS, Calif. -- Junior righty **David Meeker (WAKEFIELD, RI)** allowed one run on six hits over a career-high seven innings as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team won its fourth straight game, 9-4 over the University of Redlands Thursday at The Yard.

The win is the fourth straight for Eastern (4-2-1) after a 0-2-1 start and second in as many days on its eight-game California trip.

Making his second start of the year, Meeker pitched six scoreless innings and led 9-0 before Redlands (5-14) broke through for a run in the seventh. Meeker fanned seven and walked three as the first of three Eastern pitchers. Sophomore righty **Brandon Adams (MILFORD)** was touched for a two-run home run in the ninth in pitching one inning in his varsity debut.

Senior third baseman **Inaki Ormaechea (NEW BRITAIN)** had three hits, drove in a run and scored one for Eastern, which got a hit from eight of nine starting position players. Senior leftfielder **John Hedde (STONINGTON)** added two hits while junior **Morgan Thompson (NORWALK)** drove in two runs with a single in a four-run first inning.

Sophomore **Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON)** hit his second career home run -- a pinch leadoff home run in the seventh.

Eastern opens play in the California Invitational Friday at Whittier, CA, facing host Whittier at 11:30 a.m. ET and CSU-Hayward at 2:30 p.m. ET. Serfass (1-0) and junior righty **Adam Czerwinski (SOMERS)** are expected to open on the mound. Czerwinski is 1-1.

**Eastern Conn. 9, U. of Redlands 4**

Eastern Conn. (4-2-1)	410	003	100	--	9	11	1
Redlands (5-14)	000	000	112	--	4	10	1

David Meeker (1-0), David Olson (8), Brandon Adams (9) and Troy Timney. Marshall Boyer (0-3), Devin Bryant (2), Matt Cowan (5), Matt Raichart (8) and Ricky Van Ginkle, Jeff Grant (8). 2B-Jared Holowaty, John Hedde (E), Ryan Beglin, Ted Ducey (R); 3B-Beglin (R); HR-Joey Serfass (E), Chris Grant (R).

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Wednesday, March 20, 2002

**ECSU BASEBALL JUMPS OUT QUICKLY IN 16-9 WIN OVER PT. LOMA**  
*Warriors take ten-run lead after three innings en route to third straight win*

SAN DIEGO -- Senior All-America first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** drove in four runs and junior righty **Matt Fortin (TOLLAND)** gained his tenth career pitching win as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team posted a 16-9 win over Pt. Loma Nazarene University Wednesday.

The win is the third straight this year for Eastern -- opening an eight-game California trip -- and 991st against 377 losses and five ties for 34th-year head coach **Bill Holowaty**.

Eastern scored 13 of its runs over the first three innings -- highlighted by a nine-run third inning -- to make a winner of Fortin (1-1), who allowed five hits and three runs over the first six innings. Fortin fanned four and walked two in winning his tenth career game against four losses.

Kubachka, batting .625 (15-for-24) with 15 RBI in six games this year, drove in four runs with two hits and scored three runs. One of his hits was a double. He also reached safely twice on hit-by-pitch and now has a .670 on-base percentage.

Eastern sophomore second baseman **Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA)** was 3-for-5, including a double. He drove in a run, scored two and stole two bases. Senior leftfielder **John Hedde (STONINGTON)** had two hits and three RBI. Senior DH **Nick Scheets (MILFORD)** collected the 100th hit of his four-year career with a double in a two-run fifth inning.

Freshman Ryan Hoover of Pt. Loma (17-14) hit a grand slam to highlight a six-run eighth inning.

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

**Eastern Conn. 16, Pt. Loma Nazarene U. 9**

Eastern Conn. (3-2-1)	229	020	001	--	16	13	3
Pt. Loma Nazarene (17-14)	300	000	060	--	9	10	4

Matt Fortin, (1-1), Matt Schumey (7), Michael Maruska (8), Thomas Spirito (8), Steve Libera (9) and Jeff Funaro, Adam Hevenor (8), Funaro (9). Courtney Hemmerick (0-2), Mike Holloway (3), Matt Tuttle (3), Justin James (5), Jason Sweet (8) and Richard Killen, Rick Knight (7). 2B-Nick Scheets, John Kubachka (E), Adam McGrew, Mike Carvalho (P); HR-Ryan Hoover (P).

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Saturday, March 16, 2002

### **KUBACHKA POWERS ECSU BASEBALL TO DOUBLEHEADER SWEEP**

*Senior All-America is 8-for-9 as Warriors defeat Wilmington (DE) for first wins*

NEW CASTLE, DE -- Senior All-America first baseman **John Kubachka** (GLASTONBURY) reached base safely in nine of ten plate appearances with eight hits -- including the 24th home run of his career -- and a walk in powering the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to its first wins of the year in a 13-4, 8-3 sweep of Wilmington College Saturday.

Eastern (2-2-1) collected 28 hits and got strong starting pitching from sophomore right-hander **Joey Serfass** (NEWINGTON) and junior righty **Adam Czerwinski** (SOMERS) in defeating NAIA-affiliate Wilmington (2-13) in the first meetings between the programs.

Kubachka was 4-for-4 with a walk in the opener and 4-for-5 in the nightcap, his only out of the day a drive to the left field wall in the second game. Kubachka hit his 24th career home run in the first game -- the 22nd of his three-year Eastern career -- and had two doubles in the nightcap. On the day, he scored four runs and drove in four and also stole two bases. In five games this year, he is batting .650 (13-for-20) with three home runs, four doubles and ten RBI.

Senior leftfielder **John Hedde** (STONINGTON) and sophomore second baseman **Eugene Julien** (BROCKTON, MA) each added two hits in the first game in support of Serfass (1-0), who allowed two earned runs on six hits, four strikeouts and no walks over the first six innings. Hedde drove in three runs while Julien had two RBI and two runs scored. Czerwinski (~~4-0~~) pitched the first five innings of the second game to earn his first win in nearly a year. Czerwinski, limited to four starts last year due to elbow problems, gave up six hits and two runs in the nightcap, fanning five and walking one. Junior **Morgan Thompson** (NORWALK), starting in center field, drove in two runs with a hit in the nightcap while Serfass, the designated hitter, was 2-for-4 with a walk and RBI.

Eastern opens its eight-game California trip Wednesday against Point Loma Nazarene at 5:30 p.m. ET in San Diego.

Linescores, next page.

**First Game**  
**Eastern Conn. 13, Wilimington (DE) College 4**

Eastern Conn. (1-2-1)	211	000	180	--	13	15	2
Wilimington (2-12)	030	000	001	--	4	9	2

Joey Serfass (1-0), Matt Fortin (7) and Troy Timney, Adam Hevenor (9). Brett Urban (0-3), Bob Loughheed (8), Scott Reynolds (8) and Gary Wright. Save-Fortin (1). 2B-Adam Brown, Kevin Murphy (W); HR-John Kubachka (3) (E), Nate Rust (4) (W).

**Second Game**  
**Eastern Conn. 8, Wilmington (DE) College 3**

Eastern Conn. (2-2-1)	121	300	100	--	8	13	1
Wilmington (2-13)	100	010	100	--	3	9	1

Adam Czerwinski (1-1), Matt Schumey (6), David Meeker (7), Steve Libera (8), Jeremy Hall (9) and Jeff Funaro. Alex Brown (0-2), Jim Dempsey (5), Sean Fillingame (9) and Dave Stephens. 2B-John Kubachka 2, Joey Serfass (E), Nate Rust, Josh Nelson (W).

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Saturday, March 16, 2002

at New Castle, DE

**First Game**  
**Eastern Conn. 13, Wilimington (DE) College**

Eastern Conn. (1-2-1)	211	000	180	--	13	15	2
Wilimington (2-12)	030	000	001	--	4	9	2

Joey Serfass (1-0), Matt Fortin (7) and Troy Timney, Adam Hevenor (9). Brett Urban (0-3), Bob Loughheed (8), Scott Reynolds (8) and Gary Wright. Save-Fortin (1). 2B-Adam Brown, Kevin Murphy (W); HR-John Kubachka (3) (E), Nate Rust (4) (W).

**Second Game**  
**Eastern Conn. 8, Wilimington (DE) College 3**

Eastern Conn. (2-2-1)	121	300	100	--	8	13	1
Wilimington (2-13)	100	010	100	--	3	9	1

Adam Czerwinski (1-1), Matt Schumey (6), David Meeker (7), Steve Libera (8), Jeremy Hall (9) and Jeff Funaro. Alex Brown (0-2), Jim Dempsey (5), Sean Fillingame (9) and Dave Stephens. 2B-John Kubachka 2, Joey Serfass (E), Nate Rust, Josh Nelson (W).

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Sunday, March 10, 2002

**SALISBURY'S KRIGER STOPS ECSU BASEBALL ON SIX HITS**  
*Warriors manage only two hits through first six innings in 9-3 loss*

SALISBURY, MD -- Junior lefty Star Kriger allowed only two hits through six innings and seven Eastern Connecticut State University pitchers allowed 11 hits and seven walks in a 9-3 loss to Salisbury University Sunday.

Trailing 4-0, Eastern (0-2-1) scored two unearned runs in the seventh but the Sea Gulls (11-1-1) countered with three in the bottom of the inning on two hits, three walks and a sacrifice bunt to move out to a 7-2 lead.

Kriger (4-0) lowered his staff-leading ERA to 1.46 with his first complete-game effort this year in his fifth start. Kriger surrendered only six hits while fanning five and walking four.

Eastern junior righty **Adam Czerwinski (SOMERS)**, making his first start in nearly a year because of ligament problems in his right elbow, gave up four (earned) runs on seven hits over the first five innings and left on the short end of a 4-0 count.

Junior first baseman Aaron Ennis touched Czerwinski for a leadoff home run in the fourth -- Salisbury's tenth home run in three games against Eastern pitching. Ennis also drove in a run in his team's three-run seventh inning with a fielder's choice while junior pinch hitter Tom Myers stroked a two-run double in the eighth to give Salisbury a seven-run cushion.

Freshman shortstop **Tom Koch (WARWICK, RI)** drove in his first collegiate run in his first start with a two-out single in the seventh. Sophomore catcher **Adam Hevenor (NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI)** drove in a run in his first collegiate at-bat with a ground ball in the seventh.

Eastern concluded its three-game weekend series against Salisbury with a tie and two losses, allowing 33 runs to the Sea Gulls, last year's NCAA Division III South Region champion. Salisbury is 6-0-1 against Eastern in the last seven meetings. The Sea Gulls are ranked fifth nationally in the pre-season, Eastern eighth.

Eastern visits Wilimington College (DE) Saturday for an 11 a.m. doubleheader.

**Salisbury U. 9, Eastern Conn. 3**

Eastern Conn. (0-2-1)	000	000	201	--	3	6	1
Salisbury U. (11-1-1)	002	200	32x	--	9	11	3

Adam Czerwinski (0-1), Tim Fagan (6), Jeremy Hall (7), Matthew Talone (7), David Olson (8), Brandon Adams (8), Thomas Spirito (8) and Jeff Funaro, Adam Hevenor (7). Star Kriger (4-0) and Andy Colanero, Andy Eisenhart (9). 2B-Joey Serfass (E), Galen Morris, Tom Myers, Jason Ewing (S); HR-Aaron Ennis (2) (S).

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Saturday, March 9, 2002

### ECSU BASEBALL ALLOWS 9 HOME RUNS IN OPENING PAIR

*Warriors lose one, tie one at Salisbury University in 2002 debut*

SALISBURY, MD -- The Salisbury University baseball team hit three three-run home runs in an opening 12-9 win over Eastern Connecticut State University and rallied to tie the second game with four runs in the eighth to gain a 12-12 tie in a second game stopped after nine innings due to darkness.

Seven ECSU (0-1-1) pitchers allowed a total of nine home runs in the doubleheader. Three of Salisbury's (10-1-1) four home runs in the first game were three-run home runs. The Sea Gulls hit five home runs in the nightcap, a two-run blast by Pete Davidovich capping a four-run, two-out rally that tied the game 12-12 in the eighth inning.

B.J. Jarrett, Galen Morres and Jason Ewing each hit a home run in each game for Salisbury, ranked fifth nationally in the pre-season after winning its first NCAA Division III South Regional tournament last spring.

Senior first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** hit a home run in each game for Eastern, ranked eighth nationally. The home runs were the 22nd and 23rd in the collegiate career of Kubachka, who had three RBI in each game. He was 4-for-5 with a home run and two doubles in the opener, his two-run blast highlighting a six-run fifth inning after ECSU trailed 9-0. In the second game, he hit a three-run home run in the fourth inning to give the Warriors a 7-4 lead.

Junior second baseman **Morgan Thompson (NORWALK)** also had five hits in the doubleheader for Eastern. Eastern senior leftfielder **John Hedde (STONINGTON)** hit his 13th career home run -- a solo shot -- in the second inning of the nightcap.

The two teams meet again Sunday at 11 a.m.

**Linescores, next page.**



Saturday, March 9, 2002

**College Baseball  
at Salisbury, MD**

**First Game  
Salisbury U. 12, Eastern Conn. 9**

Eastern Conn. (0-1)	000	061	110	--	9	15	2
Salisbury U. (10-1)	030	603	00x	--	12	11	3

Matt Fortin (0-1), Jeremy Hall (4), Joey Serfass (6) and Jeff Funaro. Matt Roath, Steve Fredrick (5), Mack Mollet (7), Jace Carletti (8), Corey Willey (9) and Andy Colarno. WP-Fredrick (3-0). 2B-John Kubachka 2, Morgan Thompson, Jared Holowaty, John Hedde, Dwight Wildman (E), Rob Kassekert (S); HR-Kubachka (1) (E), B.J. Jarrett, Colarno, Galen Morres, Jason Ewing (S). *Save - Willey (3)*

**Second Game  
Eastern Conn 12, Salisbury U. 12, tie**

Eastern Conn. (0-1-1)	120	404	100	--	12	13	0
Salisbury U. (10-1-1)	013	210	140	--	12	17	1

David Meeker, Matt Schumey (4), Steve Libera (8), Michael Maruska (9) and Troy Timney. Scott Byers, Darron Jones (4), Brian Hammond (6), Mike Deavers (7), Corey Willey (9) and Andy Colarno. 2B-Timney, Justin Waz, Morgan Thompson (E), Jason Ewing (S); HR-John Kubachka (2), John Hedde (1) (E), Galen Morres, Kevin Davis, B.J. Jarrett, Pete Davidovich, Ewing (S).