

Sunday, May 18,2003

ECSU BASEBALL WINS SECOND STRAIGHT REGIONAL TITLE
Warriors rally for six runs in ninth to down Bridgewater 8-3

MANSFIELD,Conn. -- Tournament Most Outstanding Player **Tom Koch (WARWICK, RI)** sparked a six-run ninth-inning rally with a go-ahead two-out, two-run double as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team rallied to defeat Bridgewater State College 8-3 Sunday to win the 2003 NCAA Division III New England Regional Baseball Tournament at the ECSU Baseball Stadium.

The defending national champion and No.1 ranked team in Division III, Eastern (41-7) qualifies for its ninth NCAA Division III national tournament and will open play at Fox Cities Stadium in Grand Chute, WI at 11 a.m. ET Friday against Mid-Atlantic Regional champion DeSales University (Center Valley, PA),which will be making its first tournament appearance. The Bulldogs defeated Otterbein College Sunday in that regional's championship game at Boyertown, PA.

Fourth-seeded Bridgewater (27-12) needed two wins over top-seeded Eastern to win its second New England Regional championship. The Warriors, who set program records for wins and home wins (22) with the victory, captured their second straight regional title for the first time since 1982-83. Eastern has won the regional title the last four times it has served as host, twice going on to win national titles in those years.

Bridgewater had advanced to the championship round with two wins Saturday after losing 6-2 to Wheaton College Friday in a second-round game. Eastern had won its first three tournament games to advance as the only unbeaten team, defeating Wheaton 6-2 Saturday in the winners' bracket final.

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Eastern had managed only six hits and two runs off senior righty **Tim Hart (CARVER, MA)** before breaking through for six runs on six hits in the ninth. Senior rightfielder **Dan Silva (BERLIN, CT)** tied the game 3-3 with a one-out single and Koch put Eastern ahead for good with a two-run double over the third base bag. Junior leftfielder **Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA)** made it 6-3 with a two-out single and junior centerfielder **Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR)** drove in the seventh run of the game with a single to right. He later stole home – his third stolen base of the game and sixth of the tournament -- to make it 8-3. Junior righty **Joey Serfass(NEWINGTON)** who had pitched the first six innings of Friday's 14-0 win over Brandeis, struck out the side in the ninth to end the game. He extended his NCAA Division III record for consecutive scoreless innings to 42.3.

Bridgewater, which had lost 19-3 to Eastern April 23, wiped out a 2-0 Eastern lead in this game with single runs in the third, sixth and seventh against junior lefty **Jeremy Hall (NORTHFIELD, VT)**. Junior centerfielder **Michael Richard (ASSONET, MA)** tied the game 2-2 with his seventh home run of the season – a solo shot to left-center with one out in the sixth – and junior leftfielder **Jim Sullivan's (TEWKSBURY, MA)** RBI single to left plated junior second baseman **Jason Arraiol (TAUNTON, MA)** from second with one out in the seventh with the only unearned run allowed by Eastern in the tournament. Hall (4-0), who has won all seven of his career decisions, got a fly ball to left and stabbed a sharp ground ball and threw to first to record the final out of that inning to strand two baserunners.

Sophomore **Jason Pekrul (BERLIN, CT)** opened the Eastern ninth with a pinch single in his second at-bat of the tournament. Pekrul then stole second and moved to third on senior catcher **Jeff Funaro's (MILFORD, CT)** ground ball to second base. Silva then drove in his first tournament run with a single to center, advanced to second on senior second baseman **Morgan Thompson's (NORWALK, CT)** single to right-center and scored ahead of Thompson on Koch's two-run double down the left field line.

Hart (6-3), who made 283 pitches in four days, cruised through the middle innings after sophomore DH **Leon Galemba (FAIRFIELD, CT)**

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had given Eastern a 2-0 lead with a two-out, two-run single in the first. Hart, an all-New England and all-tournament selection, pitched three straight hitless innings before Silva singled to right with one out in the seventh. Silva's ball dropped safely when senior **Jeremy Winters (NORTON,MA)** was unable to hold after a diving try.

The team's tarring shortstop, Koch batted .500 (8-for-16) in four tournament games with seven runs, four RBI and three stolen bases. He also reached three times with walks and twice on hit-by-pitch for a .619 on-base percentage. He was joined on the all-tournament team by teammates Wildman, Galemba, Julien, Silva and senior right-handed pitcher **Adam Czerwinski (SOMERS, CT)**.

In the tournament, Wildman batted .444 (8-for-18) with a team-high eight runs scored, five RBI, and a walk and was 6-for-6 in stolen bases; Galemba, inserted late in the season as the starting DH, batted .438 (7-for-16) with three walk sand a team-high eight RBI (he had driven in the team's first three runs in Saturday's win over Wheaton); Julien batted .421 (8-for-19) with seven runs, five RBI, three doubles, a walk and three stolen bases; Silva, who took over the team's starting rightfield slot in the second half of the season, matched Koch with a .500 tournament average (8-for-16) with five runs scored. He also made a diving grab in right field to end the seventh inning with a runner aboard and Eastern leading 4-2 in Saturday's win over Wheaton; Czerwinski won his 21st career game against Wheaton, allowing only eight hits in pitching his third complete game in his last four starts.

Last year, Eastern became the first Division III team to win four national championships. Previous titles came in 1982, 1990 and 1998. No team has won consecutive Division III titles since Rowan University in 1978-79. Cal State Stanislaus is the only other team with two straight titles. The Cal Warriors won the first two titles in 1976-77.

EasternConn. 8, Bridgewater State 3

Eastern Conn. (41-7)	200	000	006	--	8	12	3
Bridgewater State (27-12)	001	001	100	--	3	10	1

Jeremy Hall (4-0), Joey Serfass (9) and Jeff Funaro. Tim Hart (6-3), Nate Horsman (9), Josh White (9) and Joe Harkins. 2B-Tom Koch (E), Jim Sullivan (B); HR-Michael Richard (7) (B).

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NCAA DIVISION III

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

at Mansfield, CT (Eastern Conn. State U. host)

double elimination

FIRST OF THREE GAMES ON SECOND DAY

ALBERTUS MAGNUS COLLEGE 5, ENDICOTT COLLEGE 1

Albertus Magnus (22-10)	001	100	003	--	5	10	1
Endicott College (21-15)	100	000	000	--	1	5	3

Al Battista (5-3) and Vin Rispoli. Jamie Turner (5-4), Jon Trowt (9) and Mark Vaughan. 2B-Mark Sampieri (A), Steve Tierinni (E).

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First NCAA appearance and win for Albertus Magnus College, the No. 5 seed; No. 6 seed Endicott completes its second appearance in the NCAA tournament.

After making seven errors in an 11-2 loss to No. 2 Wheaton Thursday, Albertus made only one error today which did not contribute to Endicott's run. Second baseman **Joe Imperio (TRUMBULL, CT)**, shortstop **Jay Wyatt (WEST HAVEN, CT)** and third baseman Anthony Accomando (WEST HAVEN, CT) combined to handle 15 chances without an error.

Sophomore righty **Albert Battista (WEST HAVEN, CT)** lowered his ERA to 2.31 by pitching his fifth complete game in seven starts to gain the win. Battista did not allow a run after the first inning, when he gave up two of his five hits. He struck out the first two batters he faced before senior **Steve Tierinni (EAST HARTFORD, CT)** doubled and later scored on a single by junior **Mike Lucas (WOODBIDGE, CT)**.

Endicott committed three errors in the game which led to two unearned runs. The game-tying run in the top of the third was unearned and scored directly as a result of an error. Sophomore **Joe Tomasi (WEST HAVEN, CT)** and sophomore **Jesse Seto (TRUMBULL, CT)** each singled after there was one out in the inning.

Junior **Vin Rispoli's (BRANFORD, CT)** sacrifice fly in the fourth put Albertus ahead for good. Senior **Vin Caruso (HAMDEN, CT)** had walked to open the inning and went to third on a single by Imperio before scoring on Rispoli's fly ball to center.

Albertus put the game away with three runs in the ninth on three hits, a walk and an infield throwing error. Rispoli singled and scored in the inning and No. 9 hitter junior **Mark Sampieri (FAIRFIELD, CT)** had an RBI double and scored.

After the first, Endicott had runners in scoring position (second base) only twice: with two out in the second and with one out in the fifth.

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FIRST OF THREE GAMES ON FIRST DAY

EASTERN CONN. 8, ENDICOTT COLLEGE 3

Second NCAA tournament appearance for Endicott, 25th for Eastern, the defending NCAA national champion

Seventh straight win for DiPietro (9-1), a freshman lefty. He fanned 11 and walked one and allowed two earned runs. He is the winningest pitcher on the staff and also has a 2.15 ERA with 79 strikeouts and 21 walks in 67.0 IP.

Eastern scored a run in the first after there were two out and no one on. **Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR)** and **Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA)**, double steal, Julien scoring.

Eastern scored two in the second after there were two out and no one on. Freshman **Greg Sullivan (NEEDHAM, MA)** RBI triple (the first of his career), senior **Morgan Thompson (NORWALK)** RBI bunt single scoring Sullivan.

Endicott got one back in the fifth on doubles by sophomore **Patrick Vincent (MANCHESTER NH)** and freshman **Kevin Donahue (READING, MA)**.

Leading 4-1, Eastern broke the game open with four runs in the seventh on two hits and two errors off relief pitcher sophomore **Jon Trowt (BEVERLY, MA)**. Wildman drove in one with a bases loaded walk, sophomore Leon Galemba (FAIRFIELD) drove in two with a single. Freshman **Marc Garofalo (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI)** made it 8-1 with a sacrifice fly to right.

Junior righty **Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON)** is expected to open on the mound for Eastern Friday. Serfass is 7-0 with five saves and a 1.42 ERA in 50.6 innings.

Eastern Conn. 8, Endicott College 3

Endicott (21-14)	000	010	011	--	3	8	3
Eastern Conn. (38-7)	120	001	40x	--	8	10	0

Greg Allain (5-3), Jon Trowt (7), Jack Brancalone (7) and Mark Vaughan. Ryan DiPietro (9-1), Thomas Spirto (9), Michael Maruska (9) and Jeff Funaro, Adam Hevenor (9). 2B- Kevin Donahue 2, Patrick Vincent (En), Eugene Julien 2, Leon Galemba (EC); 3B-Greg Sullivan (EC).

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SECOND OF THREE GAMES ON FIRST DAY

WHEATON COLLEGE (MA) 11, ALBERTUS MAGNUS COLLEGE 2

Albertus Magnus (21-10)	001	100	000	--	2	8	7
Wheaton (26-8-2)	003	010	70x	--	11	6	3

Vin Caruso (4-3), Bobby Jones (7) and Vin Rispoli. Mike Hunsinger (8-1) and Mark Brown. 2B-Kevin Huff (A); HR-Joe Tomasi (1) (A); Scott Beattie (W) (3).

#5 seed Albertus was playing its first NCAA tournament game.

#2 seed Wheaton College is ranked 22nd nationally and placed second in last year's New England tournament. The Lyons have won five straight and eight of nine.

Leading 4-2, Wheaton broke the game open by scoring seven runs on four hits and one error in the bottom of the seventh. Senior **Scott Beattie (SPRINGVALE, ME)** hit a three-run home run off starting pitcher **Vin Caruso (HAMDEN, CT)**, a senior lefty, to drive in the first three runs of the inning after junior **Tim Ziakas (ROXBURY, NJ)** (walk) and sophomore **Rob Cipolla (SOUTH WINDSOR, CT)** (single) had reached to open the inning.

All-New England senior righty **Mike Hunsinger (FALL RIVER, MA)**, who has won eight of his team's 26 games, pitched his fourth complete game in ten starts for Wheaton. After allowing single runs in the third and fourth, he shut out the Falcons on six hits over the final five innings. He fanned nine without a walk in the game.

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Monday, May 26, 2003

ECSU BASEBALL ELIMINATED AT DIVISION III NATIONALS

Christopher Newport scores three times in firstinning en route to 4-2 victory

GRAND CHUTE, Wis. – Matt Turner and Scotty George had hits to ignite a three-run first inning that propelled the Christopher Newport University baseball team to a 4-2 win that eliminated 2002 national champion Eastern Connecticut State University from the 2003 NCAA Division III national tournament Monday at Fox Cities Stadium.

Bidding to become the first repeat champion since 1979, Eastern (43-9) finished 2-2 in the tournament while the Captains (35-7) advance to play Chapman University (37-12) at 2 p.m. ET Tuesday for the national title. Newport is 4-0 in the tournament and has two tries to defeat Chapman for the second time in the tournament and claim its first national crown.

The No. 1 ranked team in Division III, Eastern fell behind early against the Captains. The Warriors were unable to muster more than one hit in an inning against winning pitcher Brandon Haywood (8-2) and reliever Steve Mingee until loading the bases with three hits in the ninth against Newport ace reliever Jason Brown. The game ended when Newport first baseman John Corbin gloved senior All-America Morgan Thompson's (NORWALK) line drive at his shoetops and doubled Eastern sophomore pinch runner Jason Pekrul (BERLIN) off first base.

The first five batters of the game reached safely in the top of the first inning against Eastern junior lefty Jeremy Hall (NORTHFIELD, VT) when Newport scored three times on a double by first team All-America Turner, a two-run single by George, an infield single by leadoff hitter Jeremy Elliott, a walk and a throwing error.

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The Warriors got two back with single runs in the second and third. Freshman third baseman **Marc Garofalo** (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI) stroked his second home run of the season down the left field line to make it 3-1 and Eastern sliced the lead to 3-2 on Thompson's sacrifice fly in the third. The Captains, winners of ten straight, added a key insurance run in the fourth on singles by Jayson Bosanes and Elliott, a walk and Ricky Medina's RBI ground ball to the right side.

Haywood escaped jams in the fifth and seventh and Brown recorded his eighth save of the season when Thompson stroked his 1-1 pitch to Corbin at first, who ended the game by grabbing the hot shot and stepping on first. Sophomore first baseman **Justin McCulloch** (WATERBURY) walked and No. 9 hitter **Dan Silva** (BERLIN) singled with one out in the fifth but Haywood got a fly ball and ground ball to end the threat. In the seventh, Funaro was hit by a pitch and Silva singled with one out but Haywood ended the inning with two outfield fly balls.

Silva reached base all four times with three singles and a walk while Garofalo and McCulloch had two hits each. The top five hitters in the Eastern lineup combined for one hit in 20 at-bats. Led by senior All-America leadoff hitter Jeremy Elliott (3-for-5), the top five Christopher Newport batters combined for ten hits, three RBI and three runs scored. They also walked twice.

Hall (4-1) lost for the first time in nine career decisions. He gave up ten hits while fanning four and walking three.

Eastern had split its first two tournament games, defeating DeSales University 6-3 Friday and losing to Anderson University 3-2 Saturday. The Warriors used a 21-hit attack to eliminate host University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh 12-2 Sunday before being eliminated by Christopher Newport. After losing to Anderson, Eastern needed four wins to win its fifth national championship.

The No. 9 hitter in the lineup, Silva led Eastern in the tournament with a .533 average (8-for-15), collecting seven hits in the final two games. Junior leftfielder **Eugene Julien** (BROCKTON, MA) batted .412 (7-for-17) and Garofalo finished at .375 (6-for-16). Sophomore DH **Leon Galemba** (FAIRFIELD) drove in a team-high five runs and sophomore shortstop **Tom Koch** (WARWICK, RI) scored a team-high four.

Eastern was the No.1 ranked team in the country over the last six weeks and the top-ranked team in New England throughout the season, and had

amassed a school-record 23-game winning streak on the way to its record win total. While the team was 35-0 when leading in the late innings, it managed only two wins in ten tries when trailing after the seventh.

Christopher Newport U. 4, Eastern Conn. 2

Christopher Newport (35-7)	300	100	000	--	4	11	1
Eastern Conn. (43-9)	011	000	000	--	2	8	2

Brandon Haywood (8-2), Steve Mingee (8), Jason Brown (9) and Scotty George. Jeremy Hall (4-1), David Meeker (8) and Jeff Funaro. Save-Brown (8). 2B-Matt Turner (CN).

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**2003 NCAA DIVISION III
NATIONAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
(double elimination)
at Fox Cities Stadium, Grand Chute, WI
Friday, May 23 - Tuesday, May 27**

All times listed are Eastern time

Friday, May 23

Game 1: **EASTERN CONN.** 6, DeSales U. 3
Game 2: Anderson U., IN 3, Emory U. 1
Game 3: Christopher Newport U. 7, Trinity College, CT 3
Game 4: Chapman U. 6, Wis.-Oshkosh 1

Saturday, May 24

Game 5: Emory U. 7, DeSales U. 0 (*DeSales U. eliminated*)
Game 6: Wis.-Oshkosh 5, Trinity College, CT 4 (*Trinity College eliminated*)
Game 7: Anderson U., IN 3, **EASTERN CONN.** 2
Game 8: Christopher Newport U. 6, Chapman U. 4

Sunday, May 25

Game 9: **EASTERN CONN.** 12, Wis.-Oshkosh 2 (*Wis.-Oshkosh eliminated*)
Game 10: Chapman U. 6, Emory U. 5 (*Emory U. eliminated*)
Game 11: Christopher Newport U. 2, Anderson U. 1, 12 inn.

Monday, May 26

Game 12: Chapman U. 6, Anderson U. 2 (*Anderson eliminated*)
Game 13: Christopher Newport U. 4, **EASTERN CONN.** 2 (*Eastern Conn. eliminated*)

Tuesday, May 27

Game 14: Chapman U. (37-12) vs. Christopher Newport U. (35-7), 2 p.m.
Game 15: 5:30 p.m.

NCAA Division III Baseball Championship
Christopher Newport vs E. Connecticut St.
May 26, 2003 at Grand Chute, Wis. (Fox Cities Stadium)

Game 13

Christopher Newport 4 (35-7)

E. Connecticut St. 2 (43-9)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Jeremy Elliot cf.....	5	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
Ricky Medina 2b.....	5	1	2	1	0	0	1	3
Matt Turner rf.....	4	1	1	0	1	0	5	1
Chris Phaup 3b.....	4	1	2	0	1	0	2	1
Scotty George c.....	5	0	2	2	0	1	2	0
John Corbin 1b.....	3	0	0	0	1	1	8	0
Jayson Basanes dh.....	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Jason Moody lf.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	4	0
Matt Lewellen ss.....	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
Brandon Haywood p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steven Mingee p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jason Brown p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	37	4	11	3	4	4	27	8

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Morgan Thompson 2b.....	4	0	0	1	0	0	2	4
Tom Koch ss.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	3	3
Eugene Julien lf.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Dwight Wildman cf.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Leon Galemba dh.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Marc Garofalo 3b.....	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	3
Jeff Funaro c.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	1
Justin McCulloch 1b.....	3	1	2	0	1	0	12	0
Ryan DiPietro pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dan Silva rf.....	3	0	3	0	1	0	2	0
Jason Pekrul pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jeremy Hall p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
David Meeker p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals.....	33	2	8	2	2	2	27	13

Score by innings:					R	H	E
Christopher Newport	300	100	000	-	4	11	1
E. Connecticut St.	011	000	000	-	2	8	2

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DP - CNU 2; ECSU 1. LOB - CNU 10; ECSU 8.
2B - M. Turner(11).
HR - M. Garofalo(2).
SB - C. Phaup(3); D. Wildman 2(40). CS - J. Moody.
SF - M. Thompson.

Christopher Newport	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Brandon Haywood.....	7.0	5	2	2	2	2	25	29
Steven Mingee... ⁽⁸⁾	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Jason Brown... ⁽⁹⁾	1.0	3	0	0	0	0	5	5

E. Connecticut St.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Jeremy Hall.....	7.0	10	4	3	3	4	30	33
David Meeker... ⁽⁸⁾	2.0	1	0	0	1	0	7	8

Win - B. Haywood 8-2. Loss - J. Hall 4-1. Save - J. Brown (8).
PB - S. George.
HBP - by B. Haywood (J. Funaro).
Umpires - Home: Gary Gilman 1st: Rick Lindquist 2nd: George Drouches 3rd: Dennis Varwig
Start: 3:28 pm Time: 2:22 Attendance: 1656

Game Notes:

Game #13...CNU (4-0) to play Chapman (3-1) for national championship May 27
at 1:00 pm...ECSU, the defending national champion, eliminated from ninth
NCAA III Tournament championship appearance...CNU's George hits two-run
single in first...ECSU loads bases with one out in ninth, but hits into DP.

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Sunday, May 25, 2003

TWENTY-ONE HIT ATTACK LEADS ECSU BASEBALL IN NATIONALS

Warriors pound Wisconsin-Oshkosh to remain alive in double-elimination tourney

GRAND CHUTE, Wis. – The Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team collected 21 hits off six University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh pitchers to remain alive in the 2003 NCAA Division III national tournament with a 12-2 victory Sunday before a crowd of 2,259 at Fox Cities Stadium.

Ranked first in Division III, the defending national champion Warriors (43-8) advance to play Christopher Newport University Monday at a time to be determined following the completion of Sunday's third game between Newport and Anderson University. Eastern was coming off its first tournament loss Saturday, 3-2 to Anderson University and avoided its second two-game losing streak of the year by beating Oshkosh for the third time in four NCAA national tournament meets. It was the worst loss in 62 national tournament games for host Oshkosh, which completes its season at 37-8.

Eastern scored at least one run in the each of the first four innings and in six of nine innings in all in support of freshman lefty **Ryan DiPietro (BERLIN)**. DiPietro won his tenth game in 11 decisions and lowered his ERA to 2.04 by allowing only one earned run. He gave up four four singles, struck out six, walked two and hit two batters over the first eight innings.

One day after being held to its lowest hit total (two) this year, Eastern responded by equalling its highest total of the year today, with every starter contributing at least one hit. Three players had four hits each: junior leftfielder **Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA)**, sophomore DH **Leon Galemba (FAIRFIELD)** and senior rightfielder **Dan Silva (BERLIN)**. Julien and Galemba each drove in three runs, with Galemba also scoring

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twice. Julien had a bunt single and scored in the first, an RBI single in the fourth and a two-run single in the eighth and also reached when hit by a pitch in the fifth. Galemba had a two-run single in the first, singled and scored in the third, had an RBI single in the fourth and tripled and scored in the sixth; Silva, the No. 9 hitter in the lineup, singled in the second (RBI), fifth, sixth and eighth (RBI). He also scored in the eighth.

The Warriors scored three times in the first on four hits and a sacrifice fly in chasing Oshkosh freshman starter Jim Ziegler (2-2). Junior centerfielder **Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR)** plated the first run with his team-leading tenth sacrifice fly of the year and Galemba drove in his 12th and 13 runs in seven NCAA tournament games with a one-out single to right. Silva made it 4-0 with an RBI single in the second and after Oshkosh scored an unearned run in the second, the Warriors added another in the third on senior catcher **Jeff Funaro's (MILFORD)** two-out single and two more in the fourth on RBI singles by Julien and Galemba. Sixteen of the team's hits were singles.

Sophomore shortstop **Tom Koch (WARWICK, RI)** became the fifth active player to record 100 career hits with an infield single in the first. He reached three times with two hits and a walk and scored once.

"We played aggressive baseball today," noted 35th-year head coach **Bill Holowaty**, "and getting good pitching certainly helps. Even though we had a lot of long innings (offensively), Ryan was able to get into a good rhythm." DiPietro, whose ten wins rank second all-time at Eastern among freshmen pitchers, recorded all six of his strikeouts over the first five innings. Of the four hits he allowed two did not leave the infield and one took a bad hop over the shoulder of junior first baseman **Jason McCulloch (WATERBURY)** and accounted for the only earned run by Oshkosh. Oshkosh entered the week ranked first in the nation in scoring (10.9 runs per game) and ninth in batting (.355). It was the most hits allowed by the Titans this year and it was the second-most runs scored by Eastern in 34 NCAA national tournament games since 1982. The most runs came in a 16-1 win over Montclair State University in the 1998 national title game.

Julien leads Eastern with a .469 batting average in seven NCAA games and a .538 mark in three national tournament games; Silva and Koch are both batting .464 in the NCAAs and .417 in the nationals while Wildman is

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at.400 in the NCAA and .333 in the nationals and Galembo .393 in the NCAAs and.333 in the nationals. Galembo has driven in a team-high 13 runs and Koch has scored a team-high 11 in NCAA play.

DiPietro is 2-0 with a 1.69 ERA in 16 NCAA tournament innings. He opened the regional tournament with an eight-inning win over Endicott College May 15, allowing five hits and two(earned runs) with a season-high 11 strikeouts and one walk. He has struck out17, walked three and hit two batters.

Senior righty **David Meeker(WAKEFIELD, RI)** is expected to open on the mound for Eastern against Christopher Newport. Meeker (2-1, 4.15 ERA) will be making his 2003 NCAA tournament debut. Meeker started last year in the nationals against the Captains and did not figure in the decision, won 6-5 by Christopher Newport. Despite the loss, Eastern qualified for the final and defeated Marietta College8-0 for its fourth NCAA title.

EasternConn. 12, Wisconsin-Oshkosh 2

Eastern Conn. (43-8)	311	201	040	--	12	21	1
Wis.-Oshkosh (37-8)	010	010	000	--	2	4	3

Jim Ziegler (2-2), Andy Kraus(1), Jeremiah Govey (3), Ryan Hermus (3), Jason Kral (4), Brian Gerl (8) and Korey Feiner, Eric Holdorf (9). Ryan DiPietro (10-1), Michael Maruska (9) and Jeff Funaro, Adam Hevenor (9). 2B-Tom Koch, Eugene Julien, Dwight Wildman, Marc Garofalo (E); 3B-
Leop Galembo (E).

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- Saturday, May 24, 2003
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ECSU BASEBALL BEATEN IN SECOND ROUND OF NATIONALS

Warriors manage only two hits in falling to Anderson for first loss

GRAND CHUTE, Wis. - Two Anderson University pitchers limited the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a season-low two hits as the Warriors were beaten by the Ravens 3-2 in the second round of the NCAA Division III national tournament Saturday at Fox Cities Stadium.

The No. 1 ranked team in Division III and the defending national champion, Eastern (42-8) faces host University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (37-7) Sunday at 1 p.m. in an elimination game. Both teams are 1-1 in the tournament. The Titans avoided elimination with a come-from-behind 5-4 win over Trinity College, CT earlier Saturday. After play Saturday, two teams will be undefeated and four will have one loss. The tournament continues through Monday, with the championship round getting underway Tuesday at 2 p.m. ET.

Sophomore righty Kevin Nichols (6-3) and freshman righty Clint Williams combined on the two-hitter for the Ravens (35-14) and junior first baseman Travis Davis drove in all three of the team's runs. Davis gave Anderson a 1-0 lead in the first with a sacrifice fly, a 2-1 lead with a ground ball in the third and gave his team the lead for good with a two-out, RBI double in the seventh. With its second tournament win, Anderson advances to an 8 p.m. ET winners' bracket game Sunday against either Christopher Newport U. or Chapman U.

Nichols walked eight batters but surrendered only two hits: senior rightfielder **Dan Silva (BERLIN)** had an infield single in the second when the Warriors scored an unearned run and freshman third baseman **Marc Garofalo (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI)** singled to center with one out in

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infield error put runners on first and third for Davis, who drove in the go-ahead run with his double to right. Hall prevented further damage by getting a strikeout to end the inning. Julien threw out Behr to end the eighth and Hall stranded two runners in the top of the ninth to keep the deficit at one run but Williams had little difficulty closing out the win for Nichols.

Holowaty considered lifting Czerwinski in the seventh in favor of the lefty Hall to face the lefty-swinging Davis, but instead stayed with his tri-captain and four-year letterwinner. The move backfired when the Raven's cleanup hitter drove in his 48th run of the season when he drove Czerwinski's 3-1 offering on a line between Silva and the right field foul line. . "I goofed," stated Holowaty. "I didn't pull the trigger. I coached with my heart and not my mind. I thought that our bats would do it, but we didn't. It was a helluva ballgame, but we stunk today."

Czerwinski tied the program career record with his 44th career start. Wildman was thrown out attempting to steal in the third, stopping his Eastern record of 30 straight successful attempt, but his fifth-inning sacrifice fly did extend his program season record to nine.

Freshman lefty **Ryan DiPietro (BERLIN)** is expected to open on the mound against Oshkosh. DiPietro is 9-1 with a 2.15 ERA and a team-leading 79 strikeouts. He has not lost since March 25, when the Warriors were shut out by Chapman University 4-0 at Orange, CA. Eastern has beaten Oshkosh twice in three meetings in NCAA national tournament play. The Warriors won 9-3 in the opening round en route to the 1998 national title at Salem, VA and 7-4 in the second round on the way to the 1990 championship at Battle Creek, MI. The Titans won 8-4 in the 1993 opener at Battle Creek.

Anderson U. 3, Eastern Conn. 2

Anderson U. (35-14) 101 000 100 -- 3 10 1
 Eastern Conn. (42-8) 010 010 000 -- 2 2 3

Kevin Nichols (6-3), Clint Williams (7) and Kyle Rayl. Adam Czerwinski (7-4), Jeremy Hall (7) and Jeff Funaro. Save-Williams (8); 2B-John Buckner, Travis Davis (A).

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Friday, May 23, 2003

ECSU BASEBALL OPENS NATIONAL TITLE DEFENSE WITH 6-3 WIN

Serfass wins ninth straight game with four-hitter; Warriors collect 14 hits

GRAND CHUTE, Wis. - Junior All-America right-hander **Joey Serfass** (NEWINGTON) pitched a complete-game four-hitter and was supported by a 14-hit attack as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team opened defense of its national championship with a 6-3 win over DeSales University Friday in the opening round of the NCAA Division III national tournament at Fox Cities Stadium.

The No. 1 ranked team in Division III, Eastern (42-7) advances in the winners' bracket in the eight-team, double elimination tournament Saturday at 5:30 p.m. ET against Anderson University, IN (34-14), which won its opener 3-1 over Emory University, GA Friday. DeSales (30-13), which lost in its national tournament debut, meets Emory (36-14) Saturday at 11 a.m. ET. The tournament continues through Tuesday, with the championship round getting underway at 2 p.m. ET.

Serfass (9-0) won for the 19th time in his last 20 decisions and for the 24th time (tied for fifth all-time) in 27 career decision and pitched his third complete game in seven starts this year. He allowed three singles and a double and no earned runs while fanning four and walking and hitting a batter. He threw 95 pitches, 63 for strikes and faced the minimum nine batters over the final three innings.

Although he had his NCAA-record streak of consecutive scoreless innings stopped at 47 and 2/3, he extended his Eastern record of innings without allowing an earned run to 51 and 1/3 over a span of seven games. Ranked fifth nationally in ERA entering the tournament, he lowered his team-leading ERA to 1.08. 6

Eastern amassed double-figures in hits for the eighth straight game, collecting 14 off-foot-6 inch freshman starter Matt Reppert (9-3) and left-handed reliever Jon Pallone. The top four hitters in the Eastern lineup combined for 11 hits (four doubles) and three stolen bases and scored five runs. Senior All-America second baseball **Morgan Thompson**

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(NORWALK) was 2-for-4 with a double and a run scored; sophomore shortstop **Tom Koch (WARWICK, RI)** reached safely four times with three hits in four official at-bats with a double and walk and scored two runs; junior leftfielder **Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA)** was 3-for-5 with a stolen base and two runs scored and junior centerfielder **Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR)** was 3-for-5 with two doubles, two stolen bases, a run scored and an RBI. Wildman helped Eastern tie the program season record of 150 stolen bases, stretching his program record streak to 30 in a row and upping his team-leading total to 39 - two shy of the season record. He needs one home run to become the first player with ten homers and 30 stolen bases in a season.

Eastern raced to a 6-0 lead by scoring twice in the first, once in the the second and three times in the fifth before the Bulldogs broke through with three unearned runs in the sixth on three hits, a hit batter and two infield errors. In the first, Koch and Eugene singled with one out, Wildman drove in Koch with a double to left and sophomore DH **Leon Galemba (FAIRFIELD)** plated Julien with a fly ball to left. In the second, senior catcher **Jeff Funaro (MILFORD)** and No. 9 hitter first baseman **Greg Sullivan (NEEDHAM, MA)** legged out infield hits and Thompson stroke an opposite-field double down the left field line to drive in Sullivan and make it 3-0. Koch (double), Julien (bunt single) and Wildman (RBI single) opened the fifth with hits and Galemba's ground ball and a passed ball allowed Eastern to score three more and push the lead to 6-0.

"We used a 'small ball' attack," said Eastern head coach **Bill Holowaty** of the team's five infield or bunt hits (a sixth bunt was ruled an error) and four stolen bases. "Tom Koch needs to play a small man's game, and he did a helluva job."

DeSales cut the lead in half in the sixth with the help of an inning-opening error, a double by No. 9 hitter Nolan Neimann, leadoff batter Lew Campanaro's sacrifice fly and a second infield error. Senior rightfielder **Dan Silva (BERLIN)** bailed the Warriors out of further damage when he threw out Ian Hauze attempting to score from second on Kyle Hoffman's two-out single, Funaro tagging out the sliding runner with a one-handed tag after grabbing the throw which came in on a line.

"You can't let (errors) bother you," noted Serfass, who won last year's national title game with a complete-game five-hitter against Marietta at this stadium. "I have total confidence in my defense", which turned a 6-4-3 double play after Serfass's only walk leading off the seventh. "I like to work quick and I try to throw strikes." Serfass was the starting pitcher in last year's tournament-opener against Concordia-Austin but did not figure in the ten-inning decision won by Eastern.

Senior righty **Adam Czerwinski (SOMERS)** or freshman lefty **Ryan DiPietro (BERLIN)** are expected to open on the mound Saturday. Czerwinski is 7-3 with a 1.98 ERA, DiPietro 9-1 with a 2.15 ERA. Czerwinski pitched into the eighth inning when Eastern defeated Marietta College in the third round of last year's national tournament. He has pitched at least eight innings in his last six starts. DiPietro pitched eight innings in Eastern's 8-3 win over Endicott in the opening round of the regional tournament last Thursday. Eastern defeated Anderson 9-7 in the third round of the 1993 national tournament at Battle Creek, MI.

Eastern Conn. 6, DeSales U. 3

Eastern Conn. (42-7) 210 030 000 -- 6 14 2

DeSales U. (30-13) 000 003 000 -- 3 4 1

Joey Serfass (9-0) and Jeff Funaro. Matt Reppert (9-3), Jon Pallone (9) and Chris Peters.
2B-Dwight Wildman 2, Morgan Thompson, Tom Koch (E), Nolan Neimann (D).

**2003 NCAA DIVISION III
NATIONAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT**
(double elimination)
at Fox Cities Stadium, Grand Chute, WI
Friday, May 23 - Tuesday, May 27

All times listed are Eastern time

Friday, May 23

Game 1: **EASTERN CONN.** 6, DeSales U. 3

Game 2: Anderson U., IN 3, Emory U. 1

Game 3: Trinity College, CT (27-10) vs. Christopher Newport U. (31-7), 5:30 p.m.

Game 4: Wis.-Oshkosh (36-6) vs. Chapman U. (34-11), 8:45 p.m.

Saturday, May 24

Game 5: DeSales U. (30-13) vs. Emory U. (36-14), 11 a.m.

Game 6: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 2:15 p.m.

Game 7: **EASTERN CONN.** (42-7) vs. Anderson U., IN (34-14), 5:30 p.m.

Game 8: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 8:45 p.m.

Sunday, May 25

Game 9: 1 p.m.

Game 10: 4:30 p.m.

Game 11: 8 p.m.

Monday, May 26

Game 12: 1 p.m.

Game 13: 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 27

Game 14: 2 p.m.

Game 15: 5:30 p.m.

NCAA Division III World Series
E. Connecticut St. vs DeSales Univ.
May 23, 2003 at Grand Chute, Wis. (Fox Cities Stadium)

Game 1

E. Connecticut St. 6 (42-7)

DeSales Univ. 3 (30-13)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Morgan Thompson 2b.....	5	0	2	1	0	0	2	5
Tom Koch ss.....	4	2	3	0	1	0	0	4
Eugene Julien lf.....	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
Dwight Wildman cf.....	5	1	3	2	0	0	3	0
Leon Galemba dh.....	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Marc Garofalo 3b.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
Jeff Funaro c.....	4	0	2	0	0	0	6	0
Dan Silva rf.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Greg Sullivan 1b.....	3	1	1	0	0	0	12	0
Joey Serfass p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2

Totals..... 38 6 14 5 1 2 27 15

Score by innings: R H E

E. Connecticut St. 210 030 000 - 6 14 2
DeSales Univ. 000 003 000 - 3 4 1

E - M. Thompson; G. Sullivan; D. Fratanter.
DP - ECSU 1; DU 1. LOB - ECSU 8; DU 3.
2B - M. Thompson(13); T. Koch(13); D. Wildman 2(15); N. Neiman(6).
SB - E. Julien(28); D. Wildman 2(38); G. Sullivan(10). CS - J. Funaro.
SH - G. Sullivan. SF - L. Galemba; L. Campanaro.*

E. Connecticut St.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Joey Serfass.....	9.0	4	3	0	1	4	30	33

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Lew Campanaro cf.....	3	0	0	1	0	0	8	0
Brett Vargo rf.....	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Dan Fratanter 3b.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Ian Hauze ss.....	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	3
Kevin Coyle dh.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kyle Hoffman 1b.....	4	0	2	0	0	0	7	1
Mike Cohan lf.....	2	0	0	0	1	1	3	0
Chris Peters c.....	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	2
Nolan Neiman 2b.....	3	1	1	0	0	1	2	2
Matt Reppert p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Jon Pallone p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Totals..... 30 3 4 2 1 4 27 10

DeSales Univ.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Matt Reppert.....	8.0	11	6	5	1	2	33	36
Jon Pallone.....	1.0	3	0	0	0	0	5	5

Win - J. Serfass 9-0. Loss - M. Reppert 9-3. Save - None.

PB - C. Peters.

HBP - by J. Serfass (B. Vargo).

Umpires - Home:George Drouches 1st:Rick Lindquist 2nd:Eric Pavlovich 3rd:Bill Ryan

Start: 10:05 am Time: 2:06 Attendance: 1535

Game Notes:

Game #1...ECSU to play May 24 at 4:30 pm...DU to play May 24 at 10:00 am...

ECSU's Wildman has RBI double in first and RBI single in fifth...ECSU's

Morgan has two-out RBI double in second...ECSU's Serfass throws third

complete game of season...DU's Hauze has two-out RBI single in sixth.



2003 NCAA DIVISION III BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

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DAY 4 RECAP

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Saturday, May 24

- Game 5 Emory University 7, DeSales University 0 (DeSales eliminated)
- Game 6 University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh 5, Trinity College 4 (Trinity eliminated)
- Game 7 Anderson University 3, Eastern Connecticut State University 2
- Game 8 Christopher Newport University 6, Chapman University 4

Sunday, May 25

- Game 9 Eastern Connecticut State Univ. 12, Univ. of Wisconsin-Oshkosh 2 (Oshkosh eliminated)
- Game 10 Chapman University 6, Emory University 5 (Emory eliminated)
- Game 11 Christopher Newport University 2, Anderson University 1, 12 innings

Monday, May 26

- Game 12 Chapman University 6, Anderson University 2 (Anderson eliminated)
- Game 13 Christopher Newport University 4, Eastern Connecticut St. University 2 (ECSU eliminated)

Tuesday, May 27

- Game 14 1:00 p.m. Chapman University (37-12) vs. Christopher Newport University (35-7)
- Game 15 4:30 p.m. If necessary, same teams as Game 14

Dramatic finishes have been in abundance at the NCAA Division III Baseball Championship Series at Fox Cities Stadium, and Monday's action added another chapter to this thrilling story.

Defending champion Eastern Connecticut State University was eliminated when a bases-loaded line drive was snared in the bottom of the ninth and turned into a double play by Christopher Newport University to preserve a 4-2 victory.

Christopher Newport (35-7) remains unbeaten heading into Tuesday's championship game with Chapman University (37-12). A victory by the Captains in the 1 p.m. contest will give Christopher Newport its first NCAA baseball title. Chapman must beat the Captains twice on Tuesday to claim its first crown. The teams met Saturday, with Christopher Newport beating Chapman 6-4.

Eastern Connecticut's loss marks the 23rd consecutive season without a repeat champion in Division III baseball – the longest streak of any NCAA championship. Rowan was the last back-to-back champion in 1978-79.

This is the second Championship Series appearance for Christopher Newport, and third-year head coach John Harvell has the Captains in the title game for the first time. Chapman head coach Tom Tereschuk is attempting to win the title in his first season as the Panthers' head coach. Chapman, making its fourth appearance in the Championship Series, is also in the title game for the first time.

The Captains jumped on Eastern Connecticut in the top of the first inning. Christopher Newport scored three times on three hits, with the big blow being Scotty George's two-run single. The Captains added the other run with the help of a throwing error by catcher Jeff Funaro.

Eastern Connecticut chipped away, adding single runs in the second and third innings. Marc Garofalo homered for the Warriors in the second, and Morgan Thompson drove in the run in the third with a sacrifice fly.

Christopher Newport got one back in the fourth on Ricky Medina's RBI groundout with the bases loaded to take a 4-2 lead.

It was all zeroes the rest of the way, but Eastern Connecticut nearly pulled off a tremendous comeback in the bottom of the ninth. Garofalo led off with an infield single, and with one out, Justin McCulloch and David Silva followed with singles to load the bases. Thompson then hit a line drive at first baseman John Corbin, who grabbed it off his shoetops for the second out and then tagged first for the game's final out.

Brandon Haywood went seven innings, allowing five hits, striking out two and walking two, to earn the victory. Jason Brown pitched the ninth to pick up his third save of the tournament.

Jairo Ochoa turned in a stellar pitching performance to lead Chapman to a 6-2 victory over Anderson University (35-16) in an elimination game on Monday.

Ochoa, who pitched five innings on Sunday, went the distance for the Panthers, allowing five hits while striking out four and walking none.

Ochoa, who improved his record to 9-1, got all the support he would need when Chapman scored four times in the top of the sixth inning to break a scoreless tie. The Panthers loaded the bases with one out when Alex Taylor stroked a two-run single to right field. Brian Sanders later came up with a two-out, two-run single to stake Chapman to the 4-0 advantage.

Sanders picked up another run-scoring single as part of a two-run eighth inning that put Chapman up 6-0. Anderson did manage a pair of runs off Ochoa in the bottom of the ninth.

Christopher Newport started its 4-0 tournament run with a 7-3 win over Trinity College on Friday. The Captains then defeated Chapman 6-4 on Saturday, and defeated Anderson University 2-1 in 12 innings on Sunday. The Captains failed to win both the regular-season Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title and the conference tournament, taking second in both and earning an at-large berth to the regional tournament.

Chapman opened with a 6-1 win over the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh before a record crowd of 3,868 on Friday. After losing to Christopher Newport on Saturday, the Panthers rallied for a dramatic 6-5 victory over Emory University on Sunday. Chapman, which is an independent, also received an at-large bid to the regional tournament.

Monday's crowds pushed the Championship Series attendance to 28,059, building on the record set on Sunday. The previous mark was 19,575, set at Fox Cities Stadium in 2002.

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Sunday, May 25

- Game 9 Eastern Connecticut State Univ. 12, Univ. of Wisconsin-Oshkosh 2 (Oshkosh eliminated)
- Game 10 Chapman University 6, Emory University 5 (Emory eliminated)
- Game 11 Christopher Newport University 2, Anderson University 1, 12 innings

Monday, May 26

- Game 12 Noon Anderson Univ. (35-15) vs. Chapman Univ. (36-12)
- Game 13 3:30 p.m. Christopher Newport Univ. (34-7) vs. Eastern Connecticut St. Univ. (43-8)

It turned out to be a long night Sunday at Fox Cities Stadium, but for the fans in the stands, it was worth the wait.

Christopher Newport University defeated Anderson University 2-1 in a 12-inning gem at the NCAA Division III Baseball Championships Series. The victory in the winners' bracket game assures Christopher Newport (34-7) of a spot in Tuesday's championship game. The Captains still have to play Eastern Connecticut State University, which faces elimination with a loss, at 3:30 p.m. on Monday. Anderson (35-15) now takes on Chapman University in an elimination game Monday at noon.

The 12-inning game was the longest contest since the championship series moved to Fox Cities Stadium in 2000. The longest game previous was only 10 innings.

With the score tied at 1-1 in the bottom of the 11th inning, Anderson designated hitter Troy Loyd doubled off the top of the wall in left field. His blast was inches from being a homer that would have given the Ravens the victory. An intentional walk and bunt single loaded the bases, but Captains starter Eben Brower got short fly-ball out, a strikeout, and a ground-ball out to end the inning.

Christopher Newport then won it in the 12th. Scotty George led off with a double, but was then called out trying to scramble back to second base on John Corbin's bunt. After a lineout to left field, Jason Moody tripled to right-center field to score Corbin and put the Captains up 2-1.

Anderson got a walk and a single off relief pitcher Jason Brown, but John Buckner struck out and Loyd then grounded into a double play to end the game.

Another attendance record fell on Sunday when the series record of 19,575 set in 2002 at Fox Cities Stadium was shattered. With two days remaining in the tournament, the attendance now stands at a record count of 24,810. A single-game attendance record of 3,868 was set on Friday when the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and Chapman University played.

In another thrilling game Sunday, Chapman (36-12) rallied for four runs in the bottom of the ninth to beat Emory University (37-15) 6-5 in the second elimination game of the day.

The key hit in the game-winning rally was Matt Graves' two-out, three-run double that scored the winning run and set off a wild celebration by the Panthers at home plate.

The inning started innocently enough with Jeff Levering's flyout, but Max Gruber then reached on a fielding error by the shortstop. C.J. Castillo followed with a high-hopper over the head of the third baseman, and Justin Hallenbeck singled to load the bases.

Emory then brought in closer John Illius, and he promptly struck out Shaun Donahoe for the second out. Alex Taylor followed with a soft single to center field to score Gruber and cut the lead to 5-3. Graves then belted a 1-2 fastball from Illius to left-center field, and centerfielder Aaron Rosdal made a diving attempt. Rosdal narrowly missed making the spectacular catch, and the ball rolled behind Rosdal, which cleared the bases and gave Chapman the victory.

The hometown favorite was knocked out of the tournament in the first elimination game of the day. Defending champion Eastern Connecticut State University (43-8) defeated the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh 12-2 before a crowd of 2,259.

Eastern Connecticut pounded out 21 hits against six Titan pitchers, while at the same time, Ryan DiPietro was limiting the UW-Oshkosh hitters to only four hits through eight innings. DiPietro struck out six and walked two.

The Warriors jumped on UW-Oshkosh starter Jim Ziegler for three runs in the top of the first. Ziegler recorded only one out before being lifted. Eastern Connecticut scored in each of the first four innings to grab a 7-1 lead, and the Warriors took away any doubt with four runs in the eighth inning for the final margin.

Designated hitter Leon Galemba led the hit parade by going 4-for-5 with three RBI and two runs scored.

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Sunday, May 25

- Game 9 12:00 p.m. Univ. of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (37-7) vs. Eastern Connecticut St. Univ. (42-8)
Game 10 3:30 p.m. Emory University (36-14) vs. Chapman University (35-12)
Game 11 7:00 p.m. Anderson University (35-14) vs. Christopher Newport University (33-7)

Anderson University and Christopher Newport University remain the lone unbeaten teams through the first two days of the NCAA Division III Baseball Championship Series at Fox Cities Stadium.

Anderson (35-14) knocked off defending national champion Eastern Connecticut State University 3-2 Saturday in a winners' bracket game. In the other winners' bracket game, Christopher Newport (33-7) scored five times in the first inning and held on for a 6-4 victory over Chapman University (35-12).

Anderson and Christopher Newport face off in a winners' bracket game Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Connecticut drops into the elimination bracket and will play the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh at noon on Sunday. Chapman now takes on Emory University in Sunday's other elimination game at 3:30 p.m.

Anderson pitchers Kevin Nichols and Clint Williams combined to limit Eastern Connecticut (42-8) to two hits. Nichols went 6 ²/₃ innings, gave up two hits, struck out three and walked eight. Williams pitched a perfect 2 ¹/₃ innings, striking out four in the process, to get the save.

Anderson broke a 2-2 tie in the top of the seventh. With two outs, John Buckner singled and went to second on a wild pitch. Travis Davis then came up with possibly the biggest hit of his college career. He belted a 3-1 fastball down the right field line, and Buckner scored to put the Ravens up for good at 3-2.

Christopher Newport jumped on Chapman starter Jeff Green for five runs in the bottom of the first. The Captains had five hits in the frame, including a run-scoring double from Jayson Basanes, to go up 5-0. The Panthers battled back with a pair of runs in the second, but Chapman missed several opportunities to make it a tight game in the late innings.

With Christopher Newport up 6-2 in the seventh, Captains starter Cary Bruner struck out Brian Sanders with the bases loaded to end the threat. Chapman did strike for two runs in the eighth, but reliever Jason Brown got Matt Graves to fly out with the bases loaded to stop any further damage. Brown then worked a 1-2-3 ninth for the save.

UW-Oshkosh (37-7) kept its championship hopes alive with a 5-4 victory over Trinity College (27-12) in the second elimination game of the day.

The Titans trailed 4-1 heading into the top of the fifth. Lucas Lechnir belted a run-scoring double and Evan Peterson added a RBI single to cut the lead to 4-3. Oshkosh tied the game in the seventh when Mike Mau singled to score David Young. With runners at first and third, Mau then got caught in a

rundown, and a throwing error by the first baseman allowed Brian Foley to score from third to give Oshkosh a 5-4 lead.

Phil Glinski worked the final 6 2/3 innings to earn the victory for the Titans. Matthew Krant took the loss in relief for Trinity.

In the first elimination game of the day, Emory (37-14) pitching combined on a 12-hit shutout in a 7-0 victory over DeSales University (30-14).

Emory starter Reed Harvey went seven innings, allowing 11 hits but no runs while striking out four and walking one. He worked out of several jams to keep DeSales off the board. DeSales, which stranded 14 runners in the contest, stranded at least two runners in five of the seven innings in which Harvey worked.

Emory effectively put the game away with a four-run fourth inning to grab a 5-0 lead. Andrew Pinckney went 4-for-4 and Justin Gordon was 3-for-4 to pace the Emory attack.

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Saturday, May 10, 2003

ECSU BASEBALL WINS THIRD LITTLE EAST TOURNEY CROWN
Ten-run second inning vaults Warriors past UMass Dartmouth 15-0 in final

MANSFIELD, Conn. – **Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR)**, **Jeff Funaro (MILFORD)** and **Marc Garofalo (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI)** each had two hits in a ten-run second inning that propelled the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 15-0 win over the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and to its third Little East Conference tournament championship Saturday at the ECSU Baseball Stadium.

Defending national champion Eastern (37-7), the No. 1 ranked team in Division III, qualifies automatically for its 25th NCAA tournament in 28 years. Regional tournaments are scheduled for this coming Thursday through Sunday at sites not yet announced.

The top-seeded Warriors won their final three games in the six-team, double elimination tournament and four of five in all. After losing a second-round game to third-seeded UMass Dartmouth 6-2 Thursday, Eastern rebounded to eliminate fourth-seeded Keene State College 10-6 and shut out second-seeded University of Southern Maine 10-0 Friday before whipping the Corsairs (20-19-1) with 21 hits (five doubles) in Saturday's winner-take-all final. UMass had advanced to the final by eliminating Southern Maine 6-5 earlier Saturday by snapping a tie with a seventh-inning run.

After going out in order in the first inning against UMass sophomore righty Dan DeCosta, Eastern settled matters quickly in the second, scoring ten runs on eight hits and one costly UMass error. Fourteen batters came to the plate in the inning, with the first seven scoring. Wildman and Garofalo each had two hits and scored two runs in the inning while Funaro drove in three runs with two hits and scored a run. Freshman first baseman **Greg Sullivan (NEEDHAM, MA)** drove in two runs in the inning with a single and scored a run while sophomore DH **Leon Galemba (FAIRFIELD)** reached twice with a two-run single and by error and scored twice.

Junior lefty **Jeremy Hall (NORTHFIELD, VT)** won his seventh career decision without a loss (3-0 this year) by pitching the first five shutout innings. Hall, who lowered his ERA to a team-leading 1.38 ERA, allowed two singles while fanning seven and walking two.

Twelve players had at least one hit as Eastern became the first team to win as many as three conference tournament titles. The Warriors won their first title in 1998 on the way to their third national championship and captured the 2001 title at Gorham, ME. Eastern, 18-2 at home this year, becomes the first team to win the tournament on its home field since it won the '98 championship. The conference tournament began in 1997.

Wildman, Garofalo and Sullivan were all 3-for-3 in the game while Funaro was 3-for-4. Funaro and Sullivan each drove in three runs -- as did junior left fielder **Eugene**

Julien (BROCKTON, MA) -- while Wildman and Garofalo each scored three times. Wildman and Funaro both doubled twice.

Eastern's hit total matched its highest mark this year, since defeating Plymouth State by an identical 15-0 score March 29 at home.

Junior right-hander **Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON)** was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player after pitching a complete-game three-hit shutout over Southern Maine Friday. Serfass, 7-0 this year and 22-3 lifetime, fanned five without walking a batter in shutting out the Huskies for the second time in seven days.

Sullivan (.500/8-for-16) led all Eastern players in batting in the tournament, with Wildman at .474 (9-for-19), Julien at .471 (8-for-17) and Galemba at .364 (4-for-11). Julien drove in eight runs and sophomore shortstop **Tom Koch (WARWICK, RI)** scored six.

In the tournament, Eastern batted .348, outscoring its opponents 43-14 and fielding at .953. The team stole 12 of 14 bases, with Wildman setting a program game record with five against Rhode Island College in Wednesday's opening win. Twelve pitchers combined for a 2.05 ERA, with senior righty **Adam Czerwinski (SOMERS)** becoming the tenth member of the 20-win club when he pitched eight innings to beat Keene State Friday afternoon.

Eastern Conn. 15, Massachusetts Dartmouth 0

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Eastern Conn. (37-7)	0(10)0	000	00x	--	15	21	0

Dan DeCosta (1-1), Eric Griswold (2), Parker Harrington (2), Mike Gikis (4) and John Macone, Mike Noce (8). Jeremy Hall (3-0), David Meeker (6), Ty Bongiovanni (8), Tim Fagan (9) and Jeff Funaro, Adam Hevenor (7). 2B-Dwight Wildman 2, Funaro 2, Tom Koch (E).

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Saturday, May 9, 2003

ECSU BASEBALL WINS TWO TO ADVANCE TO LEC TOURNAMENT FINAL

Warriors use strong pitching, 27 hits to move into championship game Saturday at 4 p.m.

MANSFIELD, Conn. – Starting outfielders **Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA)**, **Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR)** and **Dan Silva (BERLIN)** combined for 12 hits and 12 RBI and junior right-handed pitcher **Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON)** recorded his third shutout in his last six starts as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team advanced to the finals of the 2003 Little East Conference Tournament with 10-6, 10-0 wins over Keene State College and the University of Southern Maine, respectively, Friday at the ECSU Baseball Stadium.

The nation's No. 1 ranked team, Eastern (36-7) needs one win Saturday to claim its second conference tournament title in three years and gain an automatic bid to its 25th NCAA tournament in 28 years. Second-seeded Southern Maine (28-15) faces third-seeded Massachusetts Dartmouth (19-18-1) Saturday at noon. The winner advances to face Eastern for the title at 4 p.m. Southern Maine and UMass Dartmouth are both 2-1 in the tournament, Eastern 3-1.

After an opening 6-2 win over sixth-seeded Rhode Island College Wednesday, Eastern fell into the losers' bracket of the six-team, double-elimination tournament with a 6-2 loss to UMass Dartmouth.

In Friday's two wins, leftfielder Julien was 6-for-8 with five RBI and five runs scored; rightfielder Silva was 3-for-7 with three RBI and two runs scored and centerfielder Wildman 3-for-9 with four RBI. Sophomore shortstop **Tom Koch (WARWICK, RI)** was 4-for-8 with six runs scored and two RBI. Koch, Julien and Wildman bat 2-3-4 in the order. The team had ten doubles among their 27 hits.

Serfass (7-0) continued to dominate in his three-year career, winning his tenth straight decision and his 22nd game in 25 career decisions with a three-hit shutout of Southern Maine. He fanned five and hit a batter without a walk in lowering his team-leading ERA to 1.42. Serfass has won 17 of his last 18 decision and has gone the distance to beat Southern Maine on 15 hits, 12 strikeouts and six walks the last three times he has started against the Huskies. Southern Maine's only two losses in its last ten games have been by shutout to Serfass, who has beaten Southern Maine each time since lasting only one inning against the Huskies in the 2001 NCAA Division III New England Regional championship game. In his his last six starts, he has shut out Marietta in last year's national title game and Southern Maine twice this year. In 12 outings this year, Serfass is 7-0 with five saves.

Against Southern Maine Saturday, Serfass gave up only a double to leadoff batter Adam Lemieux in the bottom of the first, a single to No. 9 hitter Drew Palmer with one

out in the sixth and a two-out single to Brian Marshall in the seventh. Eastern turned double plays in the fifth and sixth.

Senior righty **Adam Czerwinski (SOMERS)** became the program's tenth 20-game winner when he allowed six hits and three runs (one earned) in eight innings against Keene State. Czerwinski, who joins brother Scott ('99) as the only brother combination in the 20-win club, fanned seven and walked four and was supported by a 13-hit attack. Czerwinski (6-3) had a personal five-game winning streak snapped last Saturday in a 1-0 loss to Southern Maine. Wildman drove in four runs with single, double and triple in the game. The top three hitters in the lineup – senior second baseman **Morgan Thompson (NORWALK)**, Koch and Julien, combined to score eight of the team's runs.

Keene State and Southern Maine had each beaten Eastern by a run to eliminate the Warriors from last year's tournament before the Warriors went on to win their fourth NCAA Division III national title.

Eastern Conn. 10, Keene State 6

Keene State (12-23)	000	210	003	--	6	8	0
Eastern Conn. (35-6)	005	023	00x	--	10	13	3

Ryan Kohler (3-5), Corey Hartson (5) and Tim Kendrick. Adam Czerwinski (6-3), Michael Maruska (9), Thomas Spirito (9) and Adam Hevenor. 2B-Tom Koch, Dwight Wildman, Jeff Funaro, Dan Silva (E); 3B-Wildman (E).

Eastern Conn. 10, Southern Maine 0

Eastern Conn. (36-7)	002	220	004	--	10	14	1
Southern Maine (28-15)	000	000	000	--	0	3	2

Joey Serfass (7-0) and Jeff Funaro. Erik Kent (4-1), Jason Thibodeau (4), Ryan Johnston (5), Sam Handy (7), Tip Fairchild (8) and Pat McDonough. 2B-Leon Galemba 2, Morgan Thompson, Tom Koch, Eugene Julien, Dan Silva.

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

BEHIND DiPIETRO, ECSU BASEBALL WINS LEC OPENER
Freshman lefty fans collegiate-high 15 in 6-2 win over Rhode Island College

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Freshman lefty **Ryan DiPietro (BERLIN)** struck out 15 batters in seven innings to carry the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 6-2 win over Rhode Island College Wednesday in the opening round of the 2003 Little East Conference Baseball Tournament at the ECSU Baseball Stadium.

The top-seeded Warriors (34-6), ranked first in Division III, are scheduled to face third-seeded Massachusetts Dartmouth (17-18-1) Thursday at 3:30 p.m. The Corsairs were beaten by fourth-seeded Keene State College 1-0 Wednesday night and need a win to remain alive in the six-team, double-elimination tournament. The finals are scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

DiPietro (8-1) won his sixth straight decision, allowing one hit through the first six innings. He have up both Rhode Island (20-18-1) runs in the seventh on three hits and an Eastern error. One of the runs charged to DiPietro was earned. DiPietro has a team-leading 68 strikeouts in 59 innings, second-best in the conference. Twice earlier this year, he fanned ten batters in a game.

Senior second baseman and leadoff hitter **Morgan Thompson (NORWALK)** drove in four of the team's six runs with a two-out, bases-clearing double in the second and an RBI single in a sixth. Senior catcher **Jeff Funaro (MILFORD)** had opened the sixth with his third home run of the year, an opposite-field shot to right-center. Junior centerfielder **Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR)** became the first player in program history to steal as many as three bases. In the second inning, he stole second and third base after a leadoff single and scored the first run of the game, stole second after walking in the third and stole second and third after singling to lead off the fifth. Funaro, senior rightfielder **Dan Silva (BERLIN)** and freshman first baseman **Greg Sullivan (NEEDHAM, MA)** -- the bottom three hitters in the lineup -- each had two hits and combined to score five of the team's six runs.

DiPietro, whose only loss this year was by shutout to nationally-ranked Chapman University March 25, fanned the side in both the third and sixth innings and got two outs via strikeout in the first, second, fifth and seventh. At one point, he retired five straight batters on strikes.

It was Eastern's 19th straight win over Rhode Island, which faces fifth-seeded and defending conference champion Western Connecticut State University in an elimination game Thursday at noon.

Four different teams have won the last four conference tournament titles.

Eastern Conn. 6, Rhode Island College 2

Rhode Island (20-18-1)	000	000	200	--	2	5	2
Eastern Conn. (34-6)	040	200	00x	--	6	10	1

Matt Brannon (5-3) and Chris Smaldone. Ryan DiPietro (8-1), Jeremy Hall (8) and Jeff Funaro. 2B-Brian Peer, Mike Naylor (R), Morgan Thompson, Dan Silva (E); HR-Funaro (3) (E).