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Friday, April 16, 2004

SPRINGFIELD HANDS EASTERN BASEBALL FIRST NORTH LOSS Pride scores five runs in first inning and holds on for 8-7 victory

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Junior shortstop Matt Basteri highlighted a five-run first inning with a three-run home run as the Springfield College baseball team snapped a six-game losing streak at the hands of Eastern Connecticut State University with an 8-7 win Friday afternoon at the ECSU Baseball Stadium.

Springfield (5-8) never trailed in the game but weathered a four-run Eastern (18-6) third inning and hung on as the Warriors whittled a four-run deficit to one with two runs in the sixth and another in the seventh.

Ranked No. 4 nationally in Division III, Eastern lost for the first time following ten northern wins and for the first time after six home victories. The Pride defeated Eastern for the first time since 1996.

After Eastern junior DH Leon Galemba (FAIRFIELD) hit a grand slam in the third to pull the Warriors to within one, 5-4, Springfield built a four-run lead by scoring three runs on sacrifice flies by junior DH Michael Judge and sophomore catcher Adam Tarquini and a throwing error on a botched pickoff attempt at second base.

Trailing 8-4, Eastern got two back in the sixth on a leadoff home run by sophomore third baseman Marc Garofalo (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI) and a sacrifice fly by junior shortstop Tom Koch (WARWICK, RI). Eastern cut the gap to 8-7 with one out in the seventh when Garofalo drove in senior rightfielder Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR) but left the tying and go-ahead runs in scoring position when successive batters grounded back to the box.

Springfield took a 5-0 lead in the first on junior first baseman John Beattie's two-run single and Basteri's three-run home run to right before Eastern got four back in the third on four hits, highlighted by Galemba's grand slam over the left field fence.

Junior centerfielder Anthony Gorneault of Springfield reached safely four times with three hits and walk and scored two runs. Groneault singled and scored in the first and fifth innings.

Five Eastern players had at least two hits in a 13-hit attack. Wildman extended his hitting streak to 26 games (all 24 this year) by going 2-for-5 with two runs scored. Sophomore leftfielder **Greg Sullivan (NEEDHAM, MA)** was 3-for-5 and scored a run while senior second baseball **Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA)** was also 2-for-5 with a run scored and sophomore first baseman **Chris DeSanţis (SHREWSBURY, MA)** 2-for-4 with a run scored and extended his hitting streak to ten.

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Eastern visits Massachusetts Dartmouth Saturday at noon in a Little East Conference doubleheader.

Springfield College 8, Eastern Conn. 7

Springfield College (5-8)	500	012	000		8	11	1
Eastern Conn. (18-6)	004	002	100	1878 1977	7	13	2

Jon Davis (1-3), Matt Rodovick (7), Gregg Waite (7), Scott Samolewicz (9) and Adam Tarquini. Michael Maruska (1-1), Alex Narus (1), Brian Wendell (6), Ty Bongiovanni (6) and Matt Cooney. Save: Samolewicz (1). 2B-Tarquini, Matt Basteri (S), Greg Sullivan, Dwight Wildman (E); HR-Basteri (2) (S), Leon Galemba (1), Marc Garofalo (3) (E).



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WILDMAN LEADS EASTERN BASEBALL TO TENTH STRAIGHT Senior hits 25th career HR, extends hitting streak to 25 in 9-2 win over Albertus

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Senior rightfielder **Dwight Wildman** (**SEYMOUR**) hit his 25th career home run and extended his overall hitting streak to 25 games to spark the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to its tenth straight win, 9-2 over Albertus Magnus College Thursday afternoon at the ECSU Baseball Stadium.

Ranked No. 4 nationally, Eastern (18-5) has won all ten of its games since returning from California and is 6-0 at home. Albertus is 10-10.

Wildman hit his eighth home run of the year and 25th in his four-year career with a two-run shot in the fifth inning which gave the Warriors a 5-2 lead. Wildman, who is batting a team-leading .430 with 42 RBI and 76 total bases, had given Eastern a 1-0 lead with a two-out RBI single in the first inning.

The homer moves Wildman into sole possession of sixth place all-time, three behind Eastern Hall of Famer Kevin Beaudoin ('85) for fifth place.

Wildman has hit safely in all 23 games this season after hitting safely in the final two games in last year's NCAA Division III national tournament. The Eastern record for consecutive hits in a season is 31.

Freshman righty **Sam Iverson** (**NEW MILFORD**) allowed three hits and two runs over the first five innings to gain his third win without a loss. Iverson took a 3-0 lead into the fourth before giving up both runs on two hits and two walks -- but he stranded the tying run on second with his third strikeout of the inning. Iverson fanned six and walked six before giving way to junior righty **Ben O'Brien** (**MONTVILLE**).

After Wildman's home run pushed Eastern's lead to 5-2, the Warriors added four runs in the seventh on four hits, a walk and a hit batsman to put the game away. Junior DH Leon Galemba (FAIRFIELD), sophomore third baseman Marc Garofalo (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI), junior shortstop Tom Koch (WARWICK, RI) and junior leftfielder Jason Pekrul (BERLIN) all delivered run-scoring hits in the inning.

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Galemba led a 13-hit attack with three hits, two RBI and a run scored whic Wildman also scored two runs. Garofalo and Koch each finished with two hits and a run scored.

Albertus, which qualified for NCAA play last year, got two hits and a walk from junior third baseman Anthony Accomando and two hits and a run from freshman DH A.J. Miconi. Each also drove in a run.

Eastern hosts Springfield College Friday at 4 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 9, Albertus Magnus College 2

Albertus Magnus (10-10)	000	200	000	-	2	6	1
Eastern Conn. (18-5)	210	020	40x	-	9	13	0

Jeff Komaromi (2-3), Spencer Brown (7) and Vin Rispoli. Sam Iverson (3-0), Ben O'Brien (6), Jeremy Hall (9) and Adam Hevenor. 2B-Alex Cardona, Anthony Accomando (A), Eugene Julien, Leon Galemba (E); HR-Dwight Wildman (8) (E).

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Saturday, April 10, 2004

EASTERN BASEBALL SWEEPS, STILL UNBEATEN UP NORTH Serfass, DiPietro and Wildman all extend personal streaks in 12-3, 10-1 victories

PLYMOUTH, NH --Right-hander Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON) and lefty Ryan DiPietro (BERLIN) extended personal winning streaks on the mound and Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR) pushed his hitting streak to 22 this season as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team swept a Little East Conference doubleheader from Plymouth State University, 12-3, 10-1 Saturday afternoon at Panther Park.

The No. 6 nationally-ranked Warriors (17-5, 5-0 little east) remains unbeaten in nine games since returning from California. Plymouth is 1-17, 0-5 in the conference.

By winning the first game, Serfass captured his 16th straight decision dating back to 2002 and improved his career record to 28-3, moving into a tie for third all-time in careeer wins. A returning senior All-America, Serfass allowed three runs on seven hits over the first seven innings, fanning six and walking two.

DiPietro extended his personal winning streak to 12 by fanning 13 batters over seven shutout innings of the nightcap. A winner of 14 of 15 decisions in his two-year career, DiPietro gave up only three hits and a walk in lowering his ERA to 1.00. In 45.0 innings, DiPietro has fanned 63 (and walked only nine) for an average of 14.2 per nine innings.

Wildman, who already holds the program record of 30 straight stolen bases, has hit safely in all 22 games this year (nine shy of the season record) and in his last 24, dating back to the final two games of the 2003 NCAA Division III national tournament. Wildman extended the streak in the second game with one hit — a one-out RBI single in the seventh inning. In the doubleheader, he was 3-for-8 with a double and three runs scored. This year, he is batting a team-leading .432 (41-for-95) with 39 RBI, 26 runs, seven home runs and a .747 slugging percentage.

Eleven of Eastern's 30 hits on the day went for extra bases. Sophomore first baseman **Chris DeSantis** (**SHREWSBURY**, **MA**) maintained his .400 batting average by going 4-for-10 in the doubleheader with a double and his second home run of the year -- a two-out solo home run in the ninth inning of the opener. Senior second baseman **Eugene Julien** (**BROCKTON**, **MA**) was 6-for-9 with a triple, three runs scored and three RBI. Junior leftfielder **Jason Pekrul**

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(BERLIN) had two of the team's six doubles in the second game after singling twice in the first game. Sophomore designed hitter Greg Sullivan (NEEDHAM, MA) and sophomore third baseman Zach Mehrbach (LYME, NH) each had three hits in the first game, then came off the bench with pinch hits in the second game. Sullivan had three RBI on the day. Junior shortstop Tom Koch (WARWICK, RI), batting ninth in the order, reached base safely five times with three hits and two walks. He scored five runs and drove in one.

Last year's conference regular-season and tournament champion, Eastern has won eight straight against Plymouth and 50 of 56 against the Panthrs under 36th-year head coach **Bill Holowaty**.

Eastern hosts Trinity College Tuesday at 4 p.m. The Warriors are ranked first in the NCAA Division III New England Region, Trinity second in the region and No. 14 nationally.

First Game Eastern Conn. 12, Plymouth State U. 3

Eastern Conn. (16-5, 4-0 little east)	000	142	221	 12	16	2
Plymouth State (1-16, 0-4 little east)	000	021	000	 3	8	3

Joey Serfass (4-0), Ben O'Brien (8), Joe Riley (9) and Adam Hevenor, Matt Cooney (8). Mike Bradbury (0-3), Tim Conway (7), Kalen Kangas (7) and Jay Morgan. 2B-Greg Sullivan, Dwight Wildman (E); HR-Chris DeSantis (2) (E), Derek Guimond (1) (P).

Second Game Eastern Conn. 10, Plymouth State U. 1

Eastern Conn. (17-5, 5-0 little east)	111	021	220	 10	14	()
Plymouth State (1-17, 0-5 little east)	000	000	001	 1	4	1

Ryan DiPietro (4-0), Thomas Spirito (8), Rob Slater (9) and Adam Hevenor, Matt Cooney (8). Josh Forest (0-5), John Perkins (7), Steve Libera (9) and Michael Campo. 2B-Jason Pekrul 2, Leon Galemba, Chris DeSantis, Zach Mehrbach, Hevenor (E); 3B-Eugene Julien, Tom Koch (E).



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Thursday, April 8, 2004

EASTERN BASEBALL WINS SEVENTH STRAIGHT UP NORTH

Wildman, Hayward lead 17-hit attack; Iverson fans 11 in five innings

FRAMINGHAM, Mass. -- Senior rightfielder **Dwight Wildman** (**SEYMOUR**) and junior centerfielder **Scott Hayward** (**MERIDEN**) led a 17-hit attack and freshman righty **Sam Iverson** (**NEW MILFORD**) struck out 11 batters in five innings as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team defeated Framingham State College 12-5 Thursday afternoon.

Eastern (15-5), ranked sixth nationally, remains unbeaten up north with its seventh straight win. Framingham (6-8) has lost four straight, 12 in as many games all-time against Eastern.

Wildman drove in five runs with his second career grand slam in a five-run sixth inning and a single in a three-run seventh. The homer was the team-leading seventh of the year for Wildman, who moved into a tie for sixth place all-time with 24. Hayward was 4-for-5 with an RBI. The No. 3-4 hitters in the lineup, Hayward and Wildman each scored three runs.

In his second start, freshman righty **Sam Iverson** (**NEW MILFORD**) fanned 11 over the first five innings to earn his second win -- first as a starter -- in his last two appearances. Iverson scattered two hits and allowed only one run through the first five innings before being lifted in favor of senior lefty **Ty Bongiovanni** (**MERIDEN**) after giving up a two-run home run and a single in a four-run Framingham sixth.

Iverson, who walked two batters, got eight of his first nine outs via strikeouts. He fanned the side in the first and third, getting leadoff batter Phil McGeowan on strikes three times over the first five innings.

In addition to Wildman and Hayward, other top hitters included sophomore leftfielder **Greg Sulfivan** (NEEDHAM, MA), sophomore first baseman **Chris DeSantis** (SHREWSBURY, MA) and junior DH **Leon Galemba** (FAIRFIELD). Each had two hits, with Sullivan and Galemba doubling and DeSantis stealing two bases.

After stealing nine bases in as many tries in Wednesday's 5-2 win over Amherst, the Warriors stole five more bases in five attempts against Framingam.

Eastern visits Plymouth State University Saturday in a Little East Conference noon doubleheader.

Eastern Conn. 12, Framingham State 5

Eastern Conn. (15-5)	002	015	310	 12	17	1
Framingham State (6-8)	000	104	000	 5	6	4

Sam Iverson (2-0), Ty Bongiovanni (6), Jeremy Hall (9) and Matt Cooney. Brad Kittle, Marcus Buzanoski (6), Gavin Flanagan (7) and Matt Vaccaro. 2B-Greg Sullivan, Scott Hayward, Leon Galemba, Zach Mehrbach (E); HR-Dwight Wildman (7), Marc Garofalo (2) (E), James Wadsworth (4) (F).

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Wednesday, April 7, 2004

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MARUSKA, O'BRIEN PITCH EASTERN BASEBALL PAST AMHERST

Pair combines on seven-hitter, Julien steals five of Warriors' nine baess in 5-2 victory

AMHERST, Mass. -- Senior lefty Michael Maruska (NARRAGANSETT, RI) and junior righty Ben O'Brien (MONTVILLE) combined on a seven-hitter and senior second baseman Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA) had two hits and stole five bases as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team remained unbeaten up north with a 5-2 win over Amherst College Wednesday afternoon.

Making his second career start, Maruska (1-0) pitched a career-high 6 2/3 innings, allowing seven hits and both runs before O'Brien gained his first collegiate save with 2 1/3 hitless innings. The pair didn't walk a batter, fanning eight.

Eastern, ranked No. 6 nationally, staked Maruska to a 5-0 lead after four innings. Sophomore third baseman Marc Garofalo (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI) scored the team's first run on a second-inning wild pitch and Eastern made it 3-0 by scoring twice in the third on four hits. Senior rightfielder Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR) and Garofalo each had RBI singles in the inning. In a two-run fourth, two runs scored on a single by Julien which was misplayed in the outfield.

Trailing 5-0, the Lord Jeffs (7-8) got two back in the bottom of the fifth after there were two out and no one on base but Maruska got a ground ball to third to strand a runner at second.

Julien stole five of the team's nine bases, with junior centerfielder **Scott Hayward (MERIDEN)** also swiping two. After getting hit by a pitch in the first inning, Julien stole second and third base. After plating two runs in the fourth, he stole second and in the ninth, singled and stole second and third.

Sophomore first baseman Chris DeSantis (SHREWSBURY, MA), the team's hottest hitter, matched Julien with two hits while Wildman drove in and scored a run and junior shortstop Tom Koch (WARWICK, RI) had a hit and scored a run.

Eastern visits Framingham State College Thursday at 3 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 5, Amherst College 2

Eastern Conn. (14-5)	012	200	000	 5	9]
Amherst College (7-8)	000	020	000	 2	7	2

Michael Maruska (1-0), Ben O'Brien (7) and Adam Hevenor. Andy Kerns (1-3), Joe Vladeck (5), Ed Imperatore (9) and Tom Sullivan. Save-O'Brien (1). 2B-Jared Banner 2, Paul Whiting (A).

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Sunday, April 4, 2004

EASTERN BASEBALL SURVIVES WESTERN CONN. RALLY 7-6 Colonials tie game with five-run nitnth inning before Warriors win in bottom of inning

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Sophomore first baseman **Chris DeSantis** (**SHREWSBURY**, **MA**) drew a bases-loaded walk to force in the winning run with none out in the bottom of the ninth inning and give the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team a 7-6 Little East Conference victory over Western Connecticut State University Sunday afternoon at the ECSU Baseball Stadium.

The win is the fifth straight for Eastern (13-5, 3-0 little east), which needed the game-winning run in the bottom of the ninth after Western (6-8, 0-1 little east) rallied for five runs to tie the game in the top of the ninth inning against three Eastern relief pitchers.

The win is the 20th straight for Eastern over Western and 53rd in 55 meetings for the Warriors under 36th-year head coach **Bill Holowaty**.

In the bottom of the ninth, an opening single by senior second baseman Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA) and a throwing error on junior centerfielder Scott Hayward's (MERIDEN) sacrifice bunt put runners on second and third. Senior rightfielder Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR) was then intentionally walked to load the bases before reliever Jim Dunn was summoned to face DeSantis.

In search of his 14th career win against one loss, Eastern sophomore lefty Ryan DiPietro (BERLIN) pitched the first eight innings but did not figure in the decision after the Colonials tied the game 6-6 in the ninth. They parlayed five hits and two walks against three relief pitchers to score five runs — four coming after there were two out. The Warriors were able to escape with a tie game after junior righfielder Josh Coleman was thrown out at home attempting to score from second one senior first baseman Anthony Puccio's game-tying two-run double to center. The throw from the outfield got past third base but freshman pitcher Sam Iverson (NEW MILFORD) retrieved the loose ball and nailed Coleman on a throw to senior catch Adam Hevenor (NORTH KINGSTOWN, Rl). Iverson faced only Puccio and was credited with his first collegiate win,

Leadoff hitter Greg Sullivan (NEEDHAM, MA) and No. 2 hitter Julien combined for four hits, three runs and two RBI in the game, with junior shortstop Tom Koch (WARWICK, RI) adding two hits and two runs.

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DiPietro fanned a career-high 16 batters over the first eight innings, allowing only three hits and a run. He walked four.

Junior leftfielder Justin McCulloch had three hits -- including his fourth home run of the year -- and scored two runs for Western while Puccio had two hits and two RBI. Dunn hit his second home run of the season with one out and the bases empty to begin the ninth-inning rally.

Eastern visits Amherst College Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 7, Western Conn. 6

Western Conn. (6-8, 0-1 little east)	000	001	005	BA 445	6	8	Į
Eastern Conn. (13-5, 3-0 little east)	002	022	001		7	13	į

None out when winning run scored.

Ryan DiPietro, Joe Riley (9), Matt Schumey (9), Sam Iverson (9) and Adam Hevenor. Lou Parise, Jay Marturano (6), Jim Dunn (9) and Adam Kaplan. WP-Iverson (1-0). LP-Marturano (1-2). 2B-Anthony Puccio (W); 3B-Eugene Julien (E); HR-Justin McCulloch (4), Dunn (2) (W).

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SERFASS, HALL PITCH EASTERN BASEBALL PAST UMASS BOSTON Serfass fans career-high 13, Hall improves to 14-1 lifetime, Wildman sets career SB record

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Senior starting pitchers Jocy Serfass (NEWINGTON) and Jeremy Hall (NORTHFIELD, VT) did not allow an earned run and only seven hits and senior rightfielder Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR) set a career record for stolen bases as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team opened its Little East Conference season with 6-0, 15-2 wins over the University of Massachusetts Boston Saturday afternoon at the ECSU Baseball Stadium.

In the opener, Serfass (3-0) pitched his 11th career complete game and fourth shutout in 30 career starts, fanning a career-high 13 without a walk and scattering five singles. With his 27th career win against three losses, Serfass moved into sole possession of fourth place all-time behind Steve Thomas (40 wins), John Caneira (37) and Jeff Brewer (28).

In the nightcap, Hall won his staff-leading fifth game of the year without a loss and improved to 14-1 lifetime. Hall faced the minimum 15 batters over the first five innings and carried a no-hitter until Chris King laced a one-out double to left-center with one out in the sixth. Hall, who is undefeated in his career in the regular seaosn, allowed two hits while fanning five and walking one over the first seven innings. Both of the runs he allowed were unearned.

Eastern (12-5, 2-0 little east conference) entered play ranked first in the NCAA Division III New England Region and sixth nationally, while UMass Boston (10-7, 0-2) was rated fourth in the region. Eastern is 16-0 all-time against the Béacons.

In the first inning of the first game, Wildman became Eastern's all-time leader when he stole his 75th career stolen base in 86 tries. Wildman had an RBI double in a two-run first inning and stole third base with Marc Garofalo (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI) batting to break a tie with Jon Krot ('98) for career stolen bases. Krot played two seasons at Eastern.

In the doubleheader, sophomore first baseman Chris DeSantis (SHREWSBURY, MA) hit for the cycle. He was 5-for-8 with five runs scored and two RBI on the afternoon, boosting his season average over .400 to .405. DeSantis collected a single, double and home run in the first game and tripled in a five-run sixth inning in the nightcap. DeSantis hit his first career home run with one out in the eighth inning of the first game. Wildman was 3-for-9 with five RBI and two runs scored on the day. Wildman, who had three doubles on the day drove in three runs with two doubles in the second game and finished with four total RBI in the nightcap.

Behind DeSantis, senior second baseman Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA) and junior leftfielder Jason Pekrul (BERLIN) each had two hits in the first game while junior centerfielder Scott Hayward (MERIDEN), Wildman, DeSantis, junior DH Leon Galemba (FAIRFIELD), freshman catcher Matt Cooney (ARLINGTON, MA) and junior shortstop Tom Koch (WARWICK, RI) all had two hits in the team's 15-hit attack in the nightcap. Behind Wildman's four RBI, Hayward, Galemba and Koch all had two RBI in the second game.

Eastern hosts Western Connecticut State University Sunday at 1 p.m. in a conference game.

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College Baseball little east conference at Mansfield, Conn.

Game 1 Eastern Conn. 6, Massachusetts Boston 0

UMass Boston (10-6, 0-1)	000	000	000	 0	5	4
Eastern Conn. (11-5, 1-0)	201	101	01x	 6	10	1

Evan Tardungo (0-1) and Troy Larocque, Joey Serfass (3-0) and Adam Hevenor. 2B-Dwight Wildman, Chris DeSantis, Marc Garofalo (E); HR-DeSantis (1) (E).

Game 2 Eastern Conn. 15, Massachusetts Boston 2

UMass Boston (10-7, 0-2)	000	002	000	 2	2	3
Eastern Conn. (12-5, 2-0)						

Pat Donovan (0-1), Jeff Morgan (4), Anthony Forbes (6), Ryan Barrack (8) and Jeran Mondalto. Jeremy Hall (5-0), Ty Bongiovanni (8) and Matt Cooney, Hector Colon (9). 2B-Chris King (M), Dwight Wildman 2, Leon Galemba 2.(E).

College Softball little east conference at Boston, MA

Game 1 Eastern Conn. 9, Massachusetts Boston 4

Eastern Conn. (7=6, 1-0)	101	240	1	 9	12	7
Umass Boston (1-9, 0-1)	102	010	0	 4	6	į

Lindsay Savelle (6-1) and Kelly Rowan. Stephanie Poulos (0-7) and Chris Allen. 2B-Stephanie Poulos, Jenn Murray (M).

Game 2 Eastern Conn. 9, Massachusetts Boston 2

UMass Boston (1-10, 0-2)	000	200	0		2	9	1
Eastern Conn. (8-6, 2-0)	400	005	X	~ ~	9	11	3

Siobhan Lynch (1-2) and Catie O'Reilly. Brooke Nici, Nikki Vachon (4) and Kelly Rowan. WP-Vachon (2-5). 2B-Carla Collins (M); 3B-Jenn Murray (M), Katen Taber (E); HR-Taber (1) (E).

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EASTERN BASEBALL RALLIES FOR 3-2 WIN OVER WESTERN NE Warriors erase 2-0 deficit, win game on Greg Sullivan's bases-loaded single in ninth

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Sophomore leftfielder **Greg Sullivan's (NEEDHAM, MA)** third hit of the game drove in pinch runner **Matt Pindar (BERLIN)** from third base with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 3-2 win over Western New England College Friday at the ECSU Baseball Stadium.

The win is the 30th straight and 33rd in 34th meetings all-time for No. 6 nationally-ranked Eastern (10-5) over Western New England (7-5). Up north, the Warriors are 2-0, the Golden Bears 2-2.

Western New England sophomore righty Jason Connelly (2-2) carried a 2-0 lead into the seventh inning before the Warriors struck for single runs in each of their final three at-bats. Sophomore first baseman **Chris DeSantis** (SHREWSBURY, MA) got Eastern on the board and made it 2-1 with a two-out RBI single in the seventh and junior centerfielder **Scott Hayward** (MERIDEN) drove in Sullivan (triple) from third with a one-out double to right-center in the eighth to tie the game 2-2. With one out in the ninth, senior catcher **Adam Hevenor** (NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI) singled to left-center and moved to second on an errant pickoff attempt. DeSantis then advanced pinch-runner Pindar to third with an opposite-field single to left and after No. 9 hitter **Tom Koch** (WARWICK, RI) was intentially walked to load the bases, the left-handed-hitting Sullivan stroked a two-strike single into right-center to end the game -- his fourth RBI of the year.

Making his first career start, senior lefty Michael Maruska (NARRAGANSETT, RI) fanned seven in four innings but was lifted in favor of junior righty Bert O'Brien (MONTVILLE) with Eastern trailing 2-0. O'Brien (1-1) shut down the Golden Bears on three singles and didn't allow a runner into scoring position until there were two out in the top of the ninth. O'Brien fanned five and walked one.

Maruska fanned the side in the second but not until Western New England took a 1-0 lead on a leadoff double by junior first baseman Mike Kramer, who came around to score on a throwing error. No. 9 hitter Kyle Hackney's two-out RBI triple to the left-center field fence made it 2-0 in the fourth.

Sullivan and DeSantis each had three of Eastern's nine hits while freshman third baseman Tom Horgan had three of the Golden Bears' eight hits. Horgan, batting eighth, reached on two infield singles and also led off the seventh with a single to right before being picked off first when Hevenor received a pitch-out and threw to senior second baseman Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA).

Eastern opens its Little East Conference season Saturday, hosting Massachusetts Boston in a noon doubleheader.

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One out when winning run scored.

Jason Connelly (2-2) and Matt Hackney. Michael Maruska, Ben O'Brien (5) and Adam Hevenor. WP-O'Brien (1-1). 2B-Mike Kramer (W), Scott Hayward (E); 3B-Kyle Hackney (W), Greg Sullivan (E).

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Tuesday, March 30, 2004

EASTERN BASEBALL ROUTS WESTFIELD STATE IN HOME-OPENER Wildman homers, drives in five runs and ties career stolen base record

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Senior rightfielder **Dwight Wildman** (**SEYMOUR**) drove in five runs with his 23rd career home run and two doubles and tied the program career record with his 74th stolen base in pacing the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 16-0 win over Westfield State College in its 2004 home-opener at the ECSU Baseball Stadium Tuesday afternoon.

The home-opening win is the 20th in the last 21 years for Eastern (9-5), ranked sixth in Division III and No. 1 in the NCAA Division III New England Region. Westfield (3-9) has lost the last seven times against Eastern.

Wildman and senior second baseman Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA) each reached in all five plate appearances and combined for six hits and six RBI and five runs scored. Wildman walked with one out in the first inning and tied the Eastern career stolen base record when he stole his 74th base while Westfield starting pitcher Joe DelSoldato was facing Eastern junior DH Leon Galemba (FAIRFIELD). Wildman shares the stolen base record with Jon Krot (*98), who played just two seasons at Eastern.

Julien, a second baseman and No. 2 hitter in the order, had three hits and two walks. He scored four runs, drove in one and stole two bases. Wildman, the team's cleanup hitter, had three hits and a walk and his record-tying stolen base. Wildman hit his sixth home run of the year and 23rd of his career — a solo shot — to give Eastern a 4-0 lead in the third and doubled in two runs in a four-run fourth and both of the team's runs in the fifth. In 14 games this year, Wildman is batting .508 and slugging .848 and has five stolen bases, 24 RBI and 19 runs scored. He is tied for seventh all-time in home runs.

Sophomore lefty Ryan DiPietro (BERLIN) combined on a three-hit shutout with junior righty Joe Riley (EAST HARTFORD) and senior lefty Matt Schumey (ROCKVILLE). DiPietro (3-0) improved his career record to 13-1 by pitching the first six innings. DiPietro recorded 12 of 18 outs by strikeout and allowed only two hits with one walk. He fanned the side in the first and fifth. DiPietro's only career loss came last year to 2003 national champion Chapman University.

First-year junior centerfielder **Scott Hayward** (**MERIDEN**) hit his sixth home run of the season to give Eastern a 2-0 lead in the first inning. Junior shortstop **Tom Koch** (**WARWICK**, **RI**), the No. 9 hitter in the lineup, had three hits and an RBI and scored three runs.

Eastern hosts Western New England College Thursday at 4 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 16, Westfield State College 0

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Joe DelSoldato (1-1), Ryan Salvador (4), Nate Hall (5), Jared Seltzer (7), Brian Thomas (8) and Chris Hebert. Ryan DiPietro (3-0), Joe Riley (7), Matt Schumey (9) and Adam Hevenor, Matt Cooney (8): 2B-Hebert, Pat Ryan (W), Dwight Wildman 2, Zach Mehrbach, Tom Koch, Greg Sullivan (E); HR-Scott Hayward (6), Dwight Wildman (6) (E).

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Pitching, Hitting Come Together As Warriors Breeze in California

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six runs to back the 12-strikeout performance of former high school Pitzer Colleges 11-0 in its California spring trip opener Friday. CLAREMONT, Calif. -- Junior leftfielder Jason Pekrul (BERLIN) drove in teammate Ryan DiPietro (BERLIN) as the Warriors shut out Pomona-

Warriors (5-2) routed Menlo College 15-3 for their fourth straight win. 25th career game against just three losses in the second game as the Senior All-America right-hander Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON) won his

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seven innings due to a time limitation Eastern's opponents committed 11 errors. Both games were stopped after

with the victory, one behind Norm Worthington (90). Serfass allowed all three runs on five hits. He fanned recorded 12 of 18 outs via strikeouts. Serfass took over fifth place all-time on three hits over six innings. He recorded double-figure strikeouts for the his ninth straight decision (11-1 lifetime) by stopping the Sagehens (9-14) starts. DiPietro, last year's Little East Conference Rookie-of-the-Year, won DiPietro and Serfass earned their first decisions of the season in their third fifth time in his career, finishing three behind his career-high as he

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Joey Serfass... 25th career win (Ken Sayers photo)

with a double, two singles and a walk and drove in a career-high six runs. Pekrul, who had 11 career RBI entering play, had a two-run double in the second, walked in the fourth and contributed two-run singles in Pekrul, a high school and American Legion teammate of DiPietro, reached safely in four plate appearances the fifth and seventh

second all-time with 73 stolen bases -- one behind all-time leader Jon Krot recorded his 18th career home run (first of the year) with a solo shot in a four-run fifth. Wildman is ranked Against Pomona-Pitzer, senior rightfielder Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR) was 3-for-4 wth two RBI. He

Eastern collected 14 hits and was issued ten walks by six Menlo (8-10-1) pitchers and broke the game

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open with eight runs in the sixth inning. First-year junior centerfielder Scott Hayward (MERIDEN) and sophomore third baseman Marc Garofalo (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI) each had two hits, including a runs with a second-inning single. double, and drove in a run while senior second baseman Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA) drove in two

Eastern had lost to both of these opponents in their most recent meetings, the Sagehens having beaten Eastern two straight.

a.m. and the University of Redlands at 2:30 p.m. Both games will be played at Redlands, CA. Eastern winds up play at the California Invitational Saturday with games against Wis.-Lacrosse at 11:30

Eastern Conn. 11, Pomona-Pitzer College 0 (7 inn.)

Ryan DiPietro (1-0), Matt Schumey (7) and Adam Hevenor. Adam Gardner (2-5), Kyle Buika (6) and Felipe Aguilar. 2B-Hevenor, Jason Pekrul (E), Sam Whitehead (P); HR-Dwight Wildman (1) (E).

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Kyle Cantrell (2-3), Ben Hicks (5), Casey Smith (5), Jerame Nelson (6), Kyle Jaquez (6), Paul Strain (6) and Gary Mullins. Joey Serfass (1-0), Joe Riley (6) and Matt Cooney, Adam Hevenor (6). 2B-Leon Galemba, Scott Hayward, Craig Vincelette (E); HR-Anthony Prestigiacomo (M).

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Hayward (3 HRs, 9 RBI) Explodes as Warriors Win 9-1, Lose 13-8, at

March 20, 2004 8:19 PM

Saturday, March 20, 2004

REDLANDS, CA -- First-year junior centerfielder Scott Hayward (MERIDEN) drove in nine runs with three home runs and senior lefty Jeremy Hall (NORTHFIELD, VT) won his fourth game in as many decisions this year as the Warriors split two games at the California Invitational Saturday.

Hayward drove in five runs with two home runs and Hall (4-0) scattered four hits over six innings in a 9-1 win over the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse (3-7). The University of Redlands (9-9) then snapped Eastern's (6-2) five-game winning streak when it roughed up six pitchers for 16 hits and was aided by five Eastern errors in a 13-8 win. Hayward hit a grand slam and also doubled in the loss. The game was stopped after eight innings due to a time limitation of two hours and 45 minutes.

Eastern, ranked No. 1 in Division III, finished the tournament with a 3-1 record.

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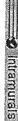
SCOTT HAYWARD

six-run Eastern third inning, then belted a three-run home run in the fifth inning with none out. All of the from Avery Point -- hit his first two home runs in an Eastern uniform. He had a two-out, two-run blast in a team's runs came in those two innings. In Eastern's third win over LaCrosse in two years, Hayward -- a transfer

allowed only four singles and an earned run. He fanned five and walked one and hit a batter en route to his Making his first start of the season after winning Eastern's first three games of the year in relief, Hall one earned run and six hits in 12 innings this year, with eight strikeouts and three walks 12th win in 13 career decisions. Hall, who is undefeated in his career in regular-season play, has allowed

Bonglovanni (MERIDEN) before going ahead for good by scoring seven runs against four Eastern pitchers Redlands wiped out an early 3-0 deficit, scoring twice in the fourth and chasing senior lefty Ty in the fifth. First-year sophomore righty Alex Narus (PROSPECT) got Bongiovanni out of a jam in the

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fourth when he stranded two runners in the fourth but was lifted after giving up two hits and a walk to the first three batters in the fifth.

grand slam by an Eastern player since May 1, 2001. first win over Eastern after two losses with a run in the sixth and three more in the seventh. It was the first Hayward cracked a grand slam to pull Eastern to within 9-7 in the fifth but the Bulldogs nailed down their

Hevenor (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI) had two hits, including a double, in the second game Hayward was 5-for-8 with a walk on the afternoon while sophomore first baseman Greg Sullivan (BROCKTON, MA) had two hits, including a double and RBI, in the opener and senior catcher Adam (NEEDHAM, MA) was 7-for-8 with a double and RBI. Senior second baseman Eugene Julien

Eastern faces Pacific Lutheran University Monday at 2 p.m. ET at Claremont, CA

Eastern Conn. 9, Wis.-Lacrosse 1 California Invitational

Jeremy Hall (4-0), Ben O⊡Brien (7), Rob Slater (9) and Adam Hevenor, Hector Colon (9), B.J. Klement (0-2), Brandon McKittrick (5), Jake Beitlich (7), Chad Tindall (9) and Ben Fraser, 2B-Hevenor (E), HR-Scott Hayward 2 (2) (€).

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Nick Cavanagh (3-2), Matt Devine (8) and Pat Jones. Ty Bongiovanni, Alex Narus (4), Matt Schumey (5), Brian Wendell (5), Thomas Spirito (6), Matt Cremins (8) and Adam Hevenor, LP-Narus (0-1), 2B-Jesse Scheele 2, Luke Wetmore 2 (R), Hevenor, Eugene Julien, Scott Hayward, Greg Sullivan (E); HR-Chris Grant (R), Hayward (3) (E).

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Pacific Lutheran U. Monday March 22, 2004

SIX-RUN FIFTH INNING VAULTS PACIFIC LUTHERAN PAST WARRIO Hayward, Wildman each hit two home runs but baseball blows early

CLAREMONT Calif. -- Pacific Lutheran University wiped out an early six-run deficit, the fifth inning in a 17-14 victory over the Eastern Connecticut State University base afternoon.

The Lutes (11-8) survived in a game which featured 33 hits -- 11 of them good for es defeat the Warriors for the first time after two losses. Pacific Lutheran scored six runs 6-0 deficit, then wiped out a 10-7 deficit by scoring six runs on six hits and two walks sending 12 batters to the plate against three Eastern (6-4) pitchers to take the lead 1 sending 12 batters to the plate against three Eastern (6-4) pitchers to take the lead 1

Junior centerfielder **Scott Hayward (MERIDEN)** and senior rightfielder **Dwight Wild** each hit two home runs, sophomore third baseman **Marc Garofalo (SOUTH KINGS)** three hits and senior catcher **Adam Hevenor (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI)** doubled a fastem, ranked No 1 in Division III. Hayward continued his tortid hitting on the Calif collecting four hits in five at-bats and hitting his fourth and fifth home runs in the last home runs in a three-run first inning. Hayward and Wildman hit back-to-back home runs in a three-run first inning. Hayward mome runn in the fourth and Wildman drove in three runs to highlight a four-run sever hit two-run, three-run and grand slam home runs and drivin in nine runs Saturday it Wis-Lacrosse and the University of Redlands.

Eastern freshman righty Sam Iverson (NEW MILFORD) couldn't hold a six-run leac senior lefty Michael Maruska (NARRAGANSETT, RI) when the Lutes tied the gam-the third inning.

Freshman DH Tyler Ochaner drove in six runs for Pacific Lutheran with four hits whi Chris Ullom had four hits and scored three runs.

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

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Justin Whitehall, Brandon Bowker (3), Logan Andrews (4), Aaron Roetcisoender (8) Sam Iverson, Michael Maruska (3), Joe Riley (5), Ben O'Brien (5), Jeremy Hall (8), I Adam Hevenor. WP-Andrews (1-0). LP-O'Brien (0-1). 2B-Jared Simon 2, Tyler Ochs (P), Jason Pekrul, Adam Hevenor (E); 3B-Hevenor (E); HR-Scott Hayward 2 (5) (E).

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Induces Game-Ending Double Play Seven-Run 7th Inning Sparks 8-7 Win over Redlands as Bongiovanni

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March 23, 2004 10:57 PM

Tuesday, March 23, 2004

REDLANDS, Calif. -- Sophomore third baseman Marc Garofalo (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI) highlighted a seven-run seventh inning with a two-run triple and junior lefty Ty Bongiovanni (MERIDEN) quelled a bases-loaded threat with a a game-ending double play that sparked the Warriors to an 8-7 victory over the University of Redlands Tuesday afternoon at The Yard.

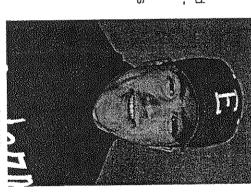
The win snaps a two-game losing streak for Eastern (7-4) -- now 4-2 on its eight-game California swing -- and snaps a five-game Rediands (10-10) winning streak. The Bulldogs had ended Eastern's five-game winning streak Saturday with a 13-8 win in the California Invitational.

Ranked No. 1 in Division III, Eastern erased a 1-0 deficit by exploding for seven runs in the top of the seventh inning before the Bulldogs battled back to score four runs in the bottom of the eighth. Trailing 8-6 in the bottom of the ninth, Redlands scored one run and loaded the bases with one out against senior righty **Thomas Spirito (CANTON)**. At that point, Bongiovanni was summoned and induced a game-ending ground ball double play, which began with sophomore first baseman **Chris DeSantis**

was the first career save for Bongiovanni, who has served primarily as a starter in his career. KINGSTOWN, RI).. Hevenor's return throw to DeSantis at first completed the play and ended the game. It (SHREWSBURY,MA). fielding the ball and throwing home to senior catcher Adam Hevenor (NORTH

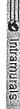
an RBI doubles to spark the rally. walk and an error. Garofalo stroked a two-run triple and senior righfielder Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR) batters to the plate in the seventh againt five Redlands pitchers, however, scoring their runs on six hits, a Chapman University, left the game after six innings on the short end of a 1-0 score. The Warriors sent 12 DiPietro (2-0), whose only loss in 13 career decisions is to 2003 NCAA Division III national champion Sophomore lefty Ryan DiPietro (BERLIN) was the recipient of Eastern's seven-run seventh inning

DiPietro allowed one (earned) run on five hits and fanning three without a walk. Freshman lefty Rob



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Cremins (STOUGHTON, MA) and freshman righty Rob Slater (WALLINGFORD) followed DiPietro, with Slater giving way to Spirito when Redlands was scoring four times in the eighth to pull to within 7-6.

Garofalo and DeSantis each had two hits in Eastern's 10-hit attack.

Eastern visits No. 4 nationally-ranked Chapman University (17-6) Wednesday at 10 p.m. ET. Senior righty **Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON)**, who defeated the Panthers in relief 4-3 two years ago, may open on the mound for Eastern.

Eastern Conn. 8, U. of Redlands 7

Velez (7), Pat Whalen (7), Matt Duffe (9) and Patrick Jones, Ryan Garcia (7), LP-Gallatin (1-1), 2B-Dwight Wildman, Chris DeSantis, Marc Garofalo (E), James Cordes, Jesse Scheele, Jake Black, Jones (R); 3B-Ryan DiPietro (2-0), Matt Cremins (7), Rob Slater (8), Thomas Spirito (8), Ty Bongiovanni (9) and Adam Hevenor, Kyle Gardner, Steve Gormley (3), Matt Kinshella (5), Tom Gallatin (7), David Morrill (7), Blake Garofalo (E); HR-Black (R).

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Serfass's Six-Hitter, Wildman's 20th Career HR Silence Defending National Champion Chapman 7-2

March 25, 2004 1:40 AM

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

ORANGE, CA -- Senior All-America righty Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON) pitched his tenth career complete game and senior rightfielder Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR) hit his 20th career home run as the Warriors stopped defending national champion Chapman University 7-2 Wednesday night at Hart Park.

In a battle of the No.1 ranked (Eastern) and No. 4 ranked teams in Division III, the Warriors (8-4) staked Serfass (2-0) to an early 5-0 lead and the 2003 second-team All-America shut down the Panthers (17-7) on four singles, a double and triple to record his 26th career win in 29 decisions. The win is the second in three years over Chapman for Serfass who gained the win in relief in Eastern's 4-3 win two years ago at Orange, CA.

Wildman became the 13th player in program history with 20 home runs when he knocked his third homer of the season off Chapman junior righty Jeff Green with two out in the first inning to give the Warriors an early 2-0 lead. Eastern made it 5-0 in the second on RBI singles by senior catcher



JOEY SERFASS

champion, chased Green when it scored two more runs to build a 7-0 lead in the fourth. Wildman drove in his third run of the game in that fourth inning with a single. sophomore third baseman Marc Garofalo (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI). Eastern, the 2002 national Adam Hevenor (NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI), junior centerfielder Scott Hayward (MERIDEN) and

Trailing 7-0, Chapman reached Serfass for single runs in the sixth (sacrifice fly) and seventh (two singles and a walk) but the 2003 Little East Conference Pitcher-of-the-Year retired the hosts without further damage over the final two innings

Sullivan (NEEDHAM, MA) all had two hits Wildman, senior second baseman Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA) and sophomore first baseman Greg

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A winner of five of seven games in California, Eastern closes out its West Coast trip Saturday when it faces Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges at 4 p.m. ET.

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Joey Serfass (2-0) and Adam Hevenor. Jeff Green (5-3), Bill Sulentor (4), Kyle Johnson (9) and Matt Graves. 2B-Max Graber (C); 3B-Jason Mooneyham (C); HR-Dwight Wildman (3) (E).

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Sixteen Hits Not Enough As Warriors Drop Final Game in California to Claremont 8-7

March 27, 2004 8:31 PM

Saturday, March 27, 2004

Colleges Saturday in their final game in California. ORANGE, Calif. - Five relievers couldn't preserve a three-run lead as the Warriors dropped an 8-7 baseball decision to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps

Stags (16-11). Claremont has won seven six straight. eight games in California after losing for the second straight year to the The No. 1 ranked team in Division III, Eastern (8-5) finishes with five wins in

times before the Stags went ahead for good in the eighth. scored the go-ahead run in the eighth. The teams exchanged the lead four Claremont tied the game 7-7 with a run in the bottom of the seventh and

run by senior rightfielder Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR), an RBI single by fly by junior centerfielder Scott Hayward (MERIDEN). senior catcher Adam Hevenor (NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI) and a sacrifice The Warriors led 5-2 after scoring four runs in the fourth on a two-run home

was driven from the mound in the fifth when Claremont scored four runs on the sixth but three subsequent pitchers could not hold that lead five singles and a costly infield error to take a 6-5 lead. The Warriors re-gained the lead 7-6 with two runs in Senior lefty Jeremy Hall (NORTHFIELD, VT) -- the first of six pitchers --

Eastern had 16 hits in the game but also committed four errors

baseman Chris DeSantis (SHREWSBURY, MA) had three hits and sophomore leftfielder Greg Sullivan career. It moved him into sole possession of 11th place all-time in that department. Sophomore first Among Wildman's four hits was his team-leading fourth home run of the year -- the 21st of his four-year (NEEDHAM, MA) two.

Claremont sophomore centerfielder Blake Lloyd had three hits and senior first baseman Ryan Waggoner



Dwight Wildman... four-hit day (Ken Sayers photo)

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two hits, including a two-run single in his team⊡s four-run fifth inning.

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Eastern opens its home season Tuesday against Westfield State College at 4 p.m.

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Jeremy Hall, Ben O'Brien (5), Michael Maruska (5), Sam Iverson (6), Ty Bongiovanni (7), Joe Riley (8) and Adam Hevenor. Vicente Lopez, Matthew Oda (6) and Chad Sakumoto. WP-Oda (3-0). LP-Bongiovanni (0-1). 2B-Dwight Wildman, Greg Sullivan (E), Blake Lloyd, Sakumoto (C); HR-Wildman (4) (E).

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Saturday, March 27, 2004

BULLPEN FALTERS AS EASTERN BASEBALL FALLS BY 8-7 SCORE

Warriors conclude California trip with 5-3 record after losing to Claremont-Mudd

ORANGE, Calif. -- Five Eastern Connecticut State University relievers couldn't preserve a threerun lead as the Warriors dropped an 8-7 baseball decision to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges Saturday in their final game in California.

The No. 1 ranked team in Division III, Eastern (8-5) finishes with five wins in eight games in California after losing for the second straight year to the Stags (16-11). Claremont has won seven straight.

Claremont tied the game 7-7 with a run in the bottom of the seventh and scored the go-ahead run in the eighth. The teams exchanged the lead four times before the Stags went ahead for good in the eighth.

The Warriors took a 5-2 lead by scoring four runs in the fourth on a two-run home run by senior rightfielder **Dwight Wildman** (SEYMOUR), an RBI single by senior catcher **Adam Hevenor** (NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI) and a sacrifice fly by junior centerfielder **Scott Hayward** (MERIDEN).

Senior lefty **Jeremy Hall (NORTHFIELD, VT)** — the first of six pitchers — was driven from the mound in the fifth when Claremont scored four runs on five singles and a costly infield error to take a 6-5 lead. The Warriors re-gained the lead 7-6 with two runs in the sixth but three subsequent pitchers could not hold the lead.

Eastern had 16 hits in the game but also committed four errors.

Among Wildman's four hits was his team-leading fourth home run of the year -- the 21st of his four-year career. It moved him into sole possession of 11th place all-time in that department. Sophomore first baseman Chris DeSantis (SHREWSBURY, MA) had three hits and sophomore leftfielder Greg Sullivan (NEEDHAM, MA) two.

Claremont sophomore centerfielder Blake Lloyd had three hits and senior first baseman Ryan Waggoner two hits, including a two-run single in his team's four-run fifth inning.

Eastern opens its home season Tuesday against Westfield State College at 4 p.m.

Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 8, Eastern Conn. 7

Eastern Conn. (8-5)	001	402	000	 7	16	4
Claremont-Mudd (16-11)	002	040	11x	 8	15	2

Jeremy Hall, Ben O'Brien (5), Michael Maruska (5), Sam Iverson (6), Ty Bongiovanni (7), Joe Riley (8) and Adam Hevenor. Vicente Lopez, Matthew Oda (6) and Chad Sakumoto. WP_Oda (3-0). LP-Bongiovanni (0-1).-2B-Dwight Wildman, Greg Sullivan (E), Blake Lloyd, Sakumoto (C); HR-Wildman (4) (E).

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Serfass's Six-Hitter, Wildman's 20th Career HR Silence Defending National Champion Chapman 7-2

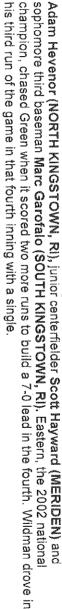
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Wednesday, March 24, 2004

ORANGE, CA -- Senior All-America righty Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON) pitched his tenth career complete game and senior rightfielder Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR) hit his 20th career home run as the Warriors stopped defending national champion Chapman University 7-2 Wednesday night at Hart Park.

In a battle of the No.1 ranked (Eastern) and No. 4 ranked teams in Division III, the Warriors (8-4) staked Serfass (2-0) to an early 5-0 lead and the 2003 second-team All-America shut down the Panthers (17-7) on four singles, a double and triple to record his 26th career win in 29 decisions. The win is the second in three years over Chapman for Serfass who gained the win in relief in Eastern's 4-3 win two years ago at Orange, CA.

Wildman became the 13th player in program history with 20 home runs when he knocked his third homer of the season off Chapman junior righty Jeff Green with two out in the first inning to give the Warriors an early 2-0 lead. Eastern made it 5-0 in the second on RBI singles by senior catcher lead. Eastern made it 5-0 in the second on RBI singles by senior catcher lead.



damage over the final two innings. and a walk) but the 2003 Little East Conference Pitcher-of-the-Year retired the hosts without further Trailing 7-0, Chapman reached Serfass for single runs in the sixth (sacrifice fly) and seventh (two singles

Sullivan (NEEDHAM, MA) all had two hits Wildman, senior second baseman Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA) and sophomore first baseman Greg



JOEY SERFASS

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A winner of five of seven games in California, Eastern closes out its West Coast trip Saturday when it faces Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges at 4 p.m. ET.

Eastern Conn. 7, Chapman U. 2

Joey Serfass (2-0) and Adam Hevenor. Jeff Green (5-3), Bill Sulentor (4), Kyle Johnson (9) and Matt Graves. 2B-Max Graber (C); 3B-Jason Mooneyham (C); 4R-Dwight Wildman (3) (E).

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Saturday, March 20, 2004

HAYWARD (3 HRs, 9 RBI) LEADS EASTERN BASEBALL IN SPLIT Warriors down Wis.-Lacrosse 9-1 for fifth straight win, fall to Redlands 13-8

REDLANDS, CA -- First-year junior centerfielder Scott Hayward (MERIDEN) drove in nine runs with three home runs and senior lefty Jeremy Hall (NORTHFIELD, VT) won his fourth game in as many decisions this year as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team split two games at the California Invitational Saturday.

Hayward drove in five runs with two home runs and Hall (4-0) scattered four hits over six innings in a 9-1 win over the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse (3-7). The University of Redlands (9-9) then snapped Eastern's (6-2) five-game winning streak when it roughed up six pitchers for 16 hits and was aided by five Eastern errors. Hayward hit a grand slam and also doubled in the loss. The game was stopped after eight innings due to a time limitation of two hours and 45 minutes.

Eastern, ranked No. 1 in Division III, finished the tournament with a 3-1 record.

In Eastern's third win over LaCrosse in two years, Hayward -- a transfer from Avery Point -- hit his first two home runs in an Eastern uniform. He had a two-out, two-run blast in a six-run Eastern third inning, then belted a three-run home run in the fifth inning with none out. All of the team's runs came in those two innings.

Making his first start of the season after winning Eastern's first three games of the year in relief, Hall allowed only four singles and an earned run. He fanned five and walked one and hit a batter en route to his 12th win in 13 career decisions. Hall, who is undefeated in his career in regular-season play, has allowed one earned run and six hits in 12 innings this year, with eight strikeouts and three walks.

Redlands wiped out an early 3-0 deficit, scoring twice in the fourth and chasing senior lefty **Ty Bongiovanni** (**MERIDEN**) before going ahead for good by scoring seven runs against four Eastern pitchers in the fifth. First-year sophomore righty **Alex Narus** (**PROSPECT**) got Bongiovanni out of a jam in the fourth when he stranded two runners in the fourth but was lifted after giving up two hits and a walk to the first three batters in the fifth.

Hayward cracked a grand slam to pull Eastern to within 9-7 in the fifth but the Bulldogs nailed down their first win over Eastern after two losses with a run in the sixth and three more in the seventh.

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Hayward was 5-for-8 with a walk on the afternoon while sophomore first baseman **Greg Sullivan** (**NEEDHAM**, **MA**) was 7-for-8 with an RBI. Senior second baseman **Eugene Julien**(**BROCKTON**, **MA**) had two hits, including a double and RBI, in the opener and senior catcher **Adam Hevenor** (**SOUTH KINGSTOWN**, **RI**) had two hits, including a double, in the second game.

Eastern faces Pacific Lutheran University Monday at 2 p.m. ET at Claremont, CA.

California Invitational Eastern Conn. 9, Wis.-Lacrosse 1

Eastern Conn. (6-2)	006	030	000	 9	15	2
WisLaCrosse (3-7)	001	000	000	 l	5	0

Jeremy Hall (4-0), Ben O'Brien (7), Rob Slater (9) and Adam Hevenor, Hector Colon (9). B.J. Klement (0-2), Brandon McKittrick (5), Jake Beitlich (7), Chad Tindall (9) and Ben Fraser. 2B-Hevenor (E); HR-Scott Hayward 2 (2) (E).

U. of Redlands 13, Eastern Conn. 8 (8 inn.)

Redlands (9-9)	000	271	30	 13	16	1
Eastern Conn. (6-3)	021	040	10	 8	10	5

Nick Cavanagh (3-2), Matt Devine (8) and Pat Jones. Ty Bongiovanni, Alex Narus (4), Matt Schumey (5), Brian Wendell (5), Thomas Spirito (6), Matt Cremins (8) and Adam Hevenor. LP-Narus (0-1). 2B-Jesse Scheele 2, Luke Wetmore 2 (R), Hevenor, Eugene Julien, Scott Hayward, Greg Sullivan (E); HR-Chris Grant (R), Hayward (3) (E).



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EASTERN BASEBALL ROUTS TWO FOES IN CALIFORNIA OPENERS

Pekrul drives in six runs in opener; DiPietro, Serfass gain pitching wins

CLAREMONT, Calif. -- Junior leftfielder Jason Pekrul (BERLIN) drove in six runs to back the 12-strikeout performance of former high school teammate Ryan DiPietro (BERLIN) as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team shut out Pomona-Pitzer Colleges 11-0 in its California spring trip opener Friday.

Senior All-America right-hander **Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON)** won his 25th career game against just three losses in the second game as the Warriors (5-2) routed Menlo College 15-3 for their fourth straight win.

Both games were stopped after seven innings due to a time limitation. Eastern's opponents committed 11 errors.

DiPietro and Serfass earned their first decisions of the season in their third starts. DiPietro, last year's Little East Conference Rookie-of-the-Year, won his ninth straight decision (11-1 lifetime) by stopping the Sagehens (9-14) on three hits over six innings. He recorded double-figure strikeouts for the fifth time in his career, fanning 12 (three behind his career-high). Serfass took over fifth place all-time with the victory, one behind Norm Worthington ('90). Serfass allowed all three runs on five hits. He fanned four and walked one.

Pekrul, a high school and American Legion teammate of DiPietro, reached safely in four plate appearances with a double, two singles and a walk and drove in a career-high six runs. Pekrul, who had 11 career RBI entering play, had a two-run double in the second, walked in the fourth and contributed two-run singles in the fifth and seventh.

Against Pomona-Pitzer, senior rightfielder **Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR)** was 3-for-4 wth two RBI. He recorded his 18th career home run (first of the year) with a solo shot in a four-run fifth. Wildman is ranked second all-time with 73 stolen bases -- one behind all-time leader Jon Krot.

Eastern collected 14 hits and was issued ten walks by six Menlo (8-10-1) pitchers and broke the game open with eight runs in the sixth inning. First-year junior centerfielder Scott Hayward (MERIDEN) and sophomore third baseman Marc Garofalo (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI) each had two hits, including a double, and drove in a run while senior second baseman Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA) drove in two runs with a second-inning single.

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Eastern winds up play at the California Invitational Saturday with games against Wis.-Lacrosse at 11:30 a.m. and the University of Redlands at 2:30 p.m. Both games will be played at Redlands, CA.

Eastern Conn. 11, Pomona-Pitzer College 0 (7 inn.)

Eastern Conn. (4-2)	121	040	3	 11	15	1
Pomona-Pitzer (9-14)	000	000	()	 0	4	5

Ryan DiPietro (1-0), Matt Schumey (7) and Adam Hevenor. Adam Gardner (2-5), Kyle Buika (6) and Felipe Aguilar. 2B-Hevenor, Jason Pekrul (E), Sam Whitehead (P); HR-Dwight Wildman (1) (E).

Eastern Conn. 15, Menlo College 3 (7 inn.)

Menlo (8-10-1)		100	200	0		3	5	6
Eastern Conn. (5-2)	130	038	X		15	14	2	

Kyle Cantrell (2-3), Ben Hicks (5), Casey Smith (5), Jerame Nelson (6), Kyle Jaquez (6), Paul Strain (6) and Gary Mullins. Joey Serfass (1-0), Joe Riley (6) and Matt Cooney, Adam Hevenor (6). 2B-Leon Galemba, Scott Hayward, Craig Vincelette (E); HR-Anthony Prestigiacomo (M).



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Saturday, March 13, 2004

GAROFALO, WILDMAN PRODUCE IN NINTH TO PROPEL WARRIORS Each delivers two-out, RBI doubles; Hall credited with both relief wins

NEW CASTLE, DE -- Junior left-handed pitcher **Jeremy Hall (NORTHFIELD, VT)** earned two wins in relief and senior rightfielder **Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR)** tied the second game with a two-out, two-run double in the ninth inning as the No. 1 nationally-ranked Eastern Connecticut State University basebal team swept Wilmington College 6-4 and 14-8 in ten innings Saturday.

Hall (3-0) pitched the final two innings of both games and earned his tenth and 11th career win against one loss. He won the opener when the Warriors snapped a tie with a two-run ninth inning and the nightcap when Eastern snapped a tie with six runs in the top of the tenth. Hall has won all three of Eastern's games in relief this year.

Wildman tied the second game with a two-out, two-run double in the top of the ninth inning after sophomore third baseman Marc Garofalo (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI) had won the first game with a two-out, two-run double in the top of the ninth inning.

Hall gained the second-game win when Eastern (3-2) scored six runs in the top of the tenth inning by parlaying four hits, three Wilmington (6-10) errors and a walk. First-year junior centerfielder Scott Hayward (MERIDEN) had two hits in the inning,m with senior DH Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON) and Wildman adding one each. Wildman, senior catcher Adam Hevenor (NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI) and senior second baseman Eugene Julien (BROCKTON, MA) each drove in runs in the inning.

In the first game, All-America Serfass failed in his second start to win his 25th career game (against three losses). Serfass worked the first six innings and left with a 4-1 lead but Wilmington tied the game with three runs in the bottom of the eighth inning. Hall was summoned during Wilmington's gametying rally and was credited with the win when Garofalo stroked the game-winning double.

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Julien led a 14-hit attack in the first game with three hits and two RBI, junior shortstop **Tom Koch (WARWICK, RI)**, junior DH **Leon Galemba (FAIRFIELD)** and freshman first baseman **Craig Vincelette (PLAINVILLE)** adding two hits each. The hits were the first in the career of Vincelette, who was making his first start. Hevenor and Wildman also drove in runs in the game.

Eastern opens its week-long California trip Friday in the California Invitational against Pomona-Pitzer Colleges and Menlo College at Claremont.

First Game Eastern Conn. 6, Wilmington College 4

Eastern Conn. (2-2) 000 040 002 -- 6 14 5 Wilmington (6-9) 000 001 030 -- 4 5 4

Joey Serfass, Ty Bongiovanni (7), Jeremy Hall (8) and Adam Hevenor. Chris Cannatelli and Gary Wright. WP-Hall (2-0). LP-Cannatelli (2-2). 2B-Hevenor, Marc Garofalo (E), Pete Henyan (W).

Second Game Eastern Conn. 14, Wilmington College 8 (10 inn.)

Eastern Conn. (3-2) 000 202 013 6 -- 14 12 5 Wilmington (6-10) 100 100 600 0 -- 8 6 5

Ryan DiPietro, Sam Iverson (6), Brian Wendell (7), Michael Maruska (7), Joe Riley (7), Thomas Spirito (8), Jeremy Hall (9) and Matt Cooney, , Adam Hevenor (8). Pete Henyan, Jeff Smith (8), Matt Johnson (9), Scott Reynolds (9), Kevin Tully (10) and Bryan Fulcher, Gary Wright (7). WP-Hall (3-0). LP-Tully (0-2). 2B-Dwight Wildman (E), Henyan 2, Tom Gallagher (W).

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EASTERN BASEBALL SHUTS DOWN MONTCLAIR FOR FIRST WIN Warriors drop 18-10 decision to Salisbury University for second straight day

SALISBURY, Md. -- Three pitchers combined on a six-hitter and sophomore Marc Garofalo (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI) keyed a four-run seventh inning with a solo home run as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team defeated Montclair State University Sunday morning for its first win of the 2004 season.

The Warriors (1-2) closed out their weekend trip later Sunday by losing to Salisbury University (7-2) 18-10 for the second time in two days.

Eastern and Montclair (0-1) completed their game Sunday morning after rain suspended play Saturday. Play was stopped with Eastern leading 3-1 with two runners aboard in the bottom of the seventh inning. Trailing 1-0, Eastern scored four runs in the seventh and added another in the eighth to make a winner of senior lefty Jeremy Hall (NORTHFIELD, VT). Garofalo tied the game with a solo home run in the seventh and junior Jason Pekrul (BERLIN) drove in freshman Randy Re (DANBURY) to put Eastern ahead for good. Freshman Matt Cooney's (ARLINGTON, MA) RBI single made it 3-1 and junior Tom Koch (WARWICK, RI) capped the rally when his suicide bunt plated pinch runner Matt Pindar (BERLIN) from third. Sophomore Greg Sullivan (NEEDHAM, MA) added an RBI single in the eighth.

Hall earned his ninth career win in ten decisions with two innings of relief for Eastern, the No. 1-ranked team in Division III. He replaced senior All-America righty Joey Serfass (NEWINGTON), who left after five innings on the short end of a 1-0 score. Serfass allowed only four hits and fanned four. He extended his program record for consecutive innings without allowing an earned run to 52 2/3 before the Red Hawks broke through with an earned run with on eout in the second. Senior lefty Michael Maruska (NARRAGANSETT, RI) retired the final six batters to record his first collegiate save.

Salisbury completed the weekend sweep of Eastern, collecting 20 hits (16 singles) and eight walks off eight pitchers. The Sea Gulls, an NCAA tournament qualifier and 30-game winner a year ago, scored six first-inning runs off three Eastern pitchers. Leading 9-3, Salisbury broke the game open with four runs in the bottom of the fifth.

Twenty three players saw action against Salisbury for Eastern, which had 12 hits off four Salisbury pitchers. Freshman **Pedro Flores (HARTFORD)** doubled and drove in three runs in his debut while senior rightfielder **Dwight Wildman (SEYMOUR)** had three hits and an RBI and scored two runs. Sophomore **Zach Mehrbach (LYME, NH)** had two hits.

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Wildman had three stolen on the weekend to give him 72 in his four-year career and move him to within three of an Eastern career record.

Sophomore Jason Lievely and senior Rob Kassekert -- batting 2-3 in the Salisbury order -- combined for seven hits and six runs while cleanup hitter, sophomore Nick Pegelow drove in three runs and scored twice without a hit.

Eastern committed only one error Sunday after committing three in Saturday's 4-3 loss to Salisbury.

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

College Baseball Sunday's Results at Salisbury, MD

Eastern Conn. 5, Montclair State U. 1 (completion of Saturday's game)

Montclair State (0-1) Eastern Conn. (1-1)	+010 000		1	_	_
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Jeff Gogal (0-1), Justin Lorentzen (7); Shawn Ellerson (7) and Ethan Boyd. Joey Serfass, Jeremy Hall (6), Michael Maruska (8) and Matt Cooncy, Adam Hevenor (8). WP-Hall (1-0). 2B-Tim Worth, P.J. Baccarella, Rob Blackburn (M); 3B-Jason Pekrul (E); HR-Marc Garofalo (1) (E).

Salisbury U. 18, Eastern Conn. 10

Eastern Conn. (1-2)	000	205	 10	12.	1
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Joe Riley (0-1), Ben O'Brien (1), Alex Narus (1), Brian Wendell (2), Matt Schumey (5), Thomas Spirito (5), Ty Bongiovanni (7), Jason Pekrul (8) and Adam Hevenor, Matt Cooney (7). Tom Howell, Mike Williams (5), David Sutton (7), Paul Kellner (9) and Matt Johnson, Matt Foster (7). WP-Howell (1-0). 2B-Pedro Flores, Chris DeSantis (E), Rob Kassekert 2 Jason Lively (S).

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Saturday March 6, 2004

EASTERN BASEBALL DROPS SEASON-OPENER TO SALISBURY U. Leading 3-1 against Montclair State, game suspended due to rain until Sunday

SALISBURY, MD -- Four Salisbury University pitchers combined on a three-hitter and the Sea Gulls snapped a tie with the go-ahead runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to hand the No. 1-ranked Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team a 4-3 loss in the Warriors' 2004 season-opener Saturday at Sea Gull Field.

Eastern's game later in the day against Montclair State University was suspended due of rain in the bottom of the seventh inning and will resume Sunday at 9 a.m. The Warriors led 3-1 and had runners on first and third with none out.

Ranked No. 1 in the pre-season by both *Collegiate Baseball* and *Baseball America* magazines, Eastern was held hitless through five innings by Salisbury (6-2) junior righty Brian Shipe. Trailing 2-0, Eastern tied the game in the sixth when first-year junior **Scott Hayward** (**MERIDEN**) had an RBI single, moved to second on a walk, moved to third on a double steal and scored on an infield error.

Salisbury, an NCAA qualifier and 30-game winner last year, broke the 2-2 tie when it chased Eastern senior lefty Matt Schumey (ROCKVILLE) with the go-ahead runs in the sixth on leadoff home runs by sophomore Nick Pegelow and freshman Alex Vitale. Trailing 4-2, in the ninth, Eastern scored once on an RBI single by senior Adam Hevenor (NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI) but sophomore righty Nick Dunk stranded the tying run on third by inducing a fly out to center after replacing freshman righty Tom Howell.

In the game, three of Salisbury's runs came on solo home runs and four of its eight hits went for extra bases.

Against Montclair, senior All-America righty **Joey Serfass** (**NEWINGTON**) was lifted with Eastern trailing 1-0 in the fifth before the Warriors rallied to take a 3-1 lead. Serfass was in search of his 25th career win.

Following the completion of its game with Montclair, Eastern faces Salisbury Sunday.

Salisbury U. 4, Eastern Conn. 3

Eastern Conn. (0-1)				_	***	_	
Salisbury U. (6-2)	000	112	00x		4	8	1

Ryan DiPietro, Matt Schumey (5), Ty Bongiovanni (6), Thomas Spirito (8) and Adam Hévenor. Brian Shipe, Eric Bush (6), Tom Howell (9), Nick Dunk (9) and B.J. Kittle. WP-Bush (1-0). LP-Schumey (0-1). Save: Dunk (1). 2B-Jason Lively (S); HR-Rob Kassekert (1), Nick Pegelow (1), Alex Vitale (1) (S).

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