

## OUTLOOK

Optimism is the key word at Eastern Connecticut State College this Spring, with the diamond Warriors of Bill Holowaty coming off their most successful season in the history of the college last year, and having lost only three players from that outstanding club through graduation.

To add to this optimistic outlook, the ECSC diamondmen have added an outstanding crop of first-year men that include a few of the top players in high school baseball last year.

Twelve veteran lettermen lead a squad of outstanding offensive players that showed a team batting average of .328, placing them third in the nation in the NCAA small-college ranks.

Leading this powerful onslaught is two-time junior MVP Gary Kinel, who in 1970 led the team in batting (.423), hits (33), and runs-batted-in (25), not to mention his outstanding pitching record. Gary's average ranked him among the nation's top 25 hitters.

Among his outstanding credits on the hill was an ERA of 1.25 that led the mound staff and placed him in the top 25 performers in the nation. He led the staff in appearances with 13, and established an 8-1 record. He allowed just nine earned runs, walked only 15 and fanned 58. He was credited with three saves to make 11 of his 13 appearances significant ones. Gary is rarely out of the lineup. When not hurling he is the starting third baseman. Kinel is a tri-captain this season.

Another of this year's tri-captains, senior Bob Wojick, is another reason for the Warriors' awesome offensive credentials. Bob was the leading slugger on the team with six home runs. His .701 slugging average put him in the number nine spot in the nation. He had the second highest batting average behind Kinel, with a .343 mark, and was tied for second in stolen bases with nine.

The third tri-captain, Pete Bonin, is the only fourth-year man on the team. In his playing at Eastern, Pete has compiled a three-year batting average of .319, and is considered by Coach Holowaty as an excellent team ballplayer.

Ten players finished the season last year batting better than .300. Two other regulars hit .296 and .286. Of the ten, seven returned and five are pegged as starters along with two vets who just missed the coveted mark.

It will be a battle for all the veterans with the crop of first-year men that will be hitting, fielding and pitching for number one spots in the lineup.

Such outstanding high school players as John Caneira, Roger Swiderski and Tom Somers, all from last year's state championship team at Naugatuck High School, should compliment the core of vets. In addition, other excellent prospects include Wayne Gagnon, Mickey Keemon, Jack Rogers, Barry Stanzione, Joe Zarcaro and Tenner Sterling. Also, Pete Denz, who has just become eligible after missing his freshman year, and Kent Smith, a junior transfer student, are among the top prospects. The Naugatuck High frosh trio had excellent Fall campaigns and are in top contention for frontline spots.

Caneira was an outstanding pitcher and posted an 18-1 mark. Swiderski is a strong gloveman around second base, hits very well and is quick on the bases. Somers battles for a job in the outfield where he is considered to be at his best with the ability to cover much ground and rifle the baseball where it belongs. Keemon is a top prospect for duties behind the plate. He was a strong performer on the championship Griswold High School team last year. Denz was an outstanding pitcher at Cromwell High School years ago where he posted five no-hitters in his senior year. He is looked to for excellent help behind Kinel and veterans Bruce Cox, Tom Auclair, and Jerry Monahan, as well as Caneira.

Many say that ECSC is loaded again and just added potential greatness to an already outstanding and well-balanced ball club.

Bill Holowaty can't help but feel confident, and he remains optimistic, but a significant change in scheduling has added quite a few difficult opponents this season. He says that "if the team continues their hitting from last year and their defense and pitching improves, the Eastern fans could be in for an exciting Spring."

### ROSTER

NAME	Pos.	B	T	Cl.	Age
*Auclair, Tom	P	R	L	Sr.	24
+*Bonin, Pete	1B	L	R	Sr.	22
*Bruton, John	1B, OF	L	L	So.	19
Caneira, John	P	R	R	Fr.	18
Clark, Dan	P	R	R	Jr.	21
*Cox, Bruce	P, OF	R	R	Sr.	22
*Cruse, Vic	OF	R	R	Sr.	21
Denz, Pete	P, OF	R	R	So.	20
Dinucci, Tony	IF	R	R	Fr.	18
Gagnon, Wayne	P, OF	R	R	Fr.	19
*Haberern, Al	IF	R	R	So.	19
Johnson, Gary	OF	L	L	Jr.	20
Kaczorowski, Mike	IF	R	R	Fr.	18
Keemon, Mickey	C	R	R	Fr.	19
+*Kinel, Gary	P, IF	R	R	Jr.	21
*LaVecchia, Rich	3B	R	R	So.	19
*Lusby, Carl	C	R	R	Sr.	21
*Monahan, Jerry	P	R	R	So.	20
*Racicot, Ron	2B	R	R	So.	19
Richmond, Don	IF	R	R	Fr.	19
Rogers, Jack	P	L	L	Fr.	19
Smith, Kent	OF	R	R	So.	19
Somers, Tom	OF	R	R	Fr.	18
Stanzione, Barry	OF	L	L	Fr.	17
Sterling, Tenner	OF	L	R	Fr.	18
Swiderski, Roger	IF	R	R	Fr.	18
Tarnowski, Tony	C, IF	R	R	So.	19
+*Wojick, Bob	OF	R	R	Sr.	23
Zarcaro, Joe	1B	L	L	Fr.	20

\*Lettermen

+Tri-Captain

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Ht.	Wt.	High School	Hometown
5'11"	173	Putnam	Putnam, Connecticut
6'2"	184	Putnam	Putnam, Connecticut
5'11"	160	Clarkstown	New City, New York
6'3"	205	Naugatuck	Naugatuck, Connecticut
6'0"	160	Windham	Columbia, Connecticut
6'1"	185	Stonington	Pawcatuck, Connecticut
6'2"	190	Northwest Catholic	Hartford, Connecticut
6'1"	180	Cromwell	Cromwell, Connecticut
5'10"	160	Wethersfield	Wethersfield, Connecticut
5'10"	192	Bolton	Bolton, Connecticut
6'0"	175	East Hartford	East Hartford, Connecticut
6'0"	170	Plainfield	Plainfield, Connecticut
6'2"	180	Penney	East Hartford, Connecticut
5'11"	180	Griswold	Jewett City, Connecticut
6'1"	180	East Catholic	Manchester, Connecticut
6'0"	160	Windham	Willimantic, Connecticut
6'0"	185	Putnam	Putnam, Connecticut
6'1"	177	Montville	Uncasville, Connecticut
5'8"	140	E. O. Smith	Storrs, Connecticut
5'9"	148	Waterford	Waterford, Connecticut
5'10"	160	Middletown	Middletown, Rhode Island
5'10"	165	Manchester	Manchester, Connecticut
5'5"	175	Naugatuck	Naugatuck, Connecticut
5'5"	149	Windham	Willimantic, Connecticut
5'9"	180	Wilton	Wilton, Connecticut
5'6"	145	Naugatuck	Naugatuck, Connecticut
5'7"	180	Bacon Academy	Colchester, Connecticut
5'9"	170	Windham	Willimantic, Connecticut
5'11"	204	Endfield	Endfield, Connecticut