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Tuesday, April 30, 2002

WARRINGTON POWERS RHODE ISLAND PAST EASTERN IN LEC SOFTBALL 2-1 Sophomore pitches four-hitter, drives in tying run, scores go-ahead in seventh

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Sophomore Kim Warrington pitched a complete-game four-hitter and contributed to both of her team's runs in the seventh inning as the Rhode Island College softball team eliminated Eastern Connecticut State University in the first round of the 2002 Little East Conference tournament with a 2-1 win Tuesday at Howard Spector Field.

Fifth-seeded Rhode Island (23-10), which had lost six of its last eight entering play, meets top-seeded and host Western Connecticut State University Friday in the opening round of the four-team, double-elimination tournament at noon. Fourth-seeded Eastern finishes 19-18.

It marked the second straight year that fifth-seeded Rhode Island has defeated fourth-seeded Eastern at Howard Spector Field by a run in its final at-bat in the first round of the tournament. Last year, a passed ball allowed Rhode Island to score the go-ahead run in the tenth inning of a 5-4 win. Tuesday, Rhode Island scored the go-ahead run when Warrington scored from third on a passed ball with one out in the top of the seventh inning.

Eastern broke a scoreless tie in the fifth when senior centerfielder **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)** plated junior third baseman **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** from third with an RBI single to right. Trailing 1-0, Rhode Island tied the game in its final at-bat. With one out, freshman DP Jennifer Puniello singled and scored on Warrington's RBI double to center. Warrington moved to third on a ground out and raced home on a wild pitch while ECSU freshman pitcher **Jennifer Ross (CANTERBURY)** was walking No. 9 hitter Sue Gaber.

Warrington, roughed up for nine hits when Eastern defeated Rhode Island 7-1 Saturday in the first game of a doubleheader here, allowed only one hit and two baserunners through the first four innings Tuesday before the Warriors broke through in the fifth for an unearned run. Warrington walked only one and fanned six in the game.

After giving up two hits in the first inning, Ross settled down, allowing only two baserunners and one hit until the seventh. She fanned two and walked two before giving way to sophomore **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)**, who got a strikeout to end the seventh.

Rhode Island College 2, Eastern Conn. 1

R.I. College (23-10)	000	000	2	--	2	5	1
Eastern Conn. (19-18)	000	010	0	--	1	4	1

Kim Warrington (12-6) and Rachael Caldwell. Jennifer Ross (9-12), Shari D'Amico (7) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Warrington (R), Valarie Gasparino (E).

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ECSU SOFTBALL SPLITS DOUBLHEADER WITH RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE
Warriors to host Anchorwomen in first round of conference tournament Tuesday

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – Sophomore rightfielder **Marlena Scialla (ENFIELD)** equaled her season total of three RBI with two singles to back the complete-game four-hit pitching of freshman **Jennifer Ross (CANTERBURY)** as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team downed Rhode Island College 7-1 in the first game of a Little East Conference doubleheader at Howard Spector Field.

In the nightcap, Rhode Island (22-10, 7-7) combined four of its six hits in the third inning to score three runs to post a 3-2 victory.

With the split, Eastern (19-17, 8-6) earns the No. 4 seed in the Little East Conference tournament and will host fifth-seeded Rhode Island in a first-round game Tuesday at 7 p.m. The game is a re-match of last year's first-round game, won 5-4 in ten innings by the Anchorwomen at Spector Field.

In the opener, Ross (9-11) didn't allow a run after the first inning, when she gave up two of the four hits which she allowed. After the first, she allowed only a two-out single in the fourth and a two-out single in the fifth. She fanned one and walked two. Scialla gave Eastern a 3-1 lead in the fifth with an RBI single, then knocked in two more runs with a single in a four-run sixth when the Warriors collected four of their nine hits. She entered the game with three RBI in 24 at-bats.

Junior **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** and senior **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)** each had two hits in the opener while junior **Valarie Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)** and freshman **Jess Leifert (WINSTED)** each drove in a run.

In the second game, Rhode Island amassed four of its game total of six hits when it scored three runs in the third to wipe out a 1-0 deficit. Michele Fanelli tied the game with a single and cleanup hitter Rachael Caldwell made it 3-1 with a two-run double – the only extra-base hit of the day. Freshman Casey Soares pitched a complete-game four-hitter in the nightcap for Rhode Island, fanning six and walking only one. She retired the final nine batters in order, fanning four of them (all looking) in that span. Freshman Jennifer Puniello reached safely three times for Rhode Island with two singles and an walk while Fanelli had two hits and scored a run in addition to her RBI.

Sophomore **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** – the second game's losing pitcher – scored the first run of the game in the first when she was driven in by sophomore catcher **Kelly Rowan's (WATERTOWN)** two-out single. Down 3-1, Eastern got a run closer when pinch runner **Carmen Hormaza (GLEN COVE, NY)** scored on a wild pitch. Sophomore second baseman **Monica Cardona (WEST HAVEN)** had singled to open the inning, moved to second on a single by Gasparino and to third on a passed ball.

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Saturday, April 27, 2002
Softball at Willimantic, CT

First Game
Eastern Conn. 7, Rhode Island College 1

R.I. College (21-10, 6-7 little east)	100	000	0	--	1	4	4
Eastern Conn. (19-16, 8-5 little east)	020	014	x	--	7	9	0

Kim Warrington (11-6) and Rachael Caldwell. Jennifer Ross (9-11) and Kelly Rowan.

Second Game
Rhode Island College 3, Eastern Conn. 2

R.I. College (22-10, 7-7 little east)	003	000	0	--	3	6	1
Eastern Conn. (19-17, 8-6 little east)	100	010	0	--	2	4	2

Casey Soares (9-4) and Rachael Caldwell. Shari DiAmico (8-6), Jennifer Soss (5) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Caldwell (R).

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Tuesday, April 23, 2002

ECSU SOFTBALL SWEEPS UMASS DARTMOUTH IN LITTLE EAST
Warriors pound 10 doubles in 7-0, 7-1 victories over Corsairs

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Junior shortstop **Valarie Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)** had four doubles among her five hits and scored four runs to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team to a 7-0, 7-1 Little East Conference sweep of University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Tuesday at Howard Spector Field.

Gasparino had a program-record three doubles in the opener and scored three runs to back the complete-game three-hit pitching of freshman **Jennifer Ross (CANTERBURY)**, who snapped a personal three-game losing streak. Ross (8-11) fanned a career-high seven without a walk.

The Warriors (18-16, 7-5) had 25 hits in the doubleheader -- ten of them doubles. Eastern had four doubles in scoring four runs in the third inning of the opener and scored six times on five hits in the first inning of the nightcap. Sophomore **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** allowed only four hits in the nightcap, three of them in the second inning when UMass Dartmouth (11-17, 3-9) scored its run. D'Amico (8-5) retired 13 straight batters before giving up a leadoff single in the top of the seventh inning. She fanned a career-high seven and walked one.

D'Amico and senior centerfielder **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)** each had four hits in the doubleheader while sophomore second baseman **Monica Cardona (WEST HAVEN)** and junior third baseman **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** had three each. Schofield, who had three doubles in the doubleheader, was 2-for-4 with two runs, two doubles and three RBI in the second game. Her bases-clearing double highlighted the six-run first inning.

Eastern, which did not commit an error in the doubleheader, guaranteed itself a spot in the next week's conference playoffs with the sweep. First-round games are scheduled for Tuesday.

Eastern, which has won 13 straight over the Corsairs, hosts Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Thursday in a 5 p.m. doubleheader.

First Game

Eastern Conn. 7, Massachusetts Dartmouth 0

UMass Dartmouth (11-16)	000	000	0	--	0	3	2
Eastern Conn (17-16)	104	200	x	--	7	14	0

Sara Charbonneau (3-8) and Lauren Johnson. Jennifer Ross (8-11) and Kelly Rowan.
2B-Jennifer McGuinness (MD), Valarie Gasparino 3, Shari D'Amico, Stacey Schofield, Jennifer Ross (E).

Second Game

Eastern Conn. 7, Massachusetts Dartmouth 1

UMass Dartmouth (11-17)	010	000	0	--	1	4	0
Eastern Conn. (18-16)	600	001	x	--	7	11	0

Christine Sullivan (0-2) and Lauren Johnson. Shari D'Amico (8-5) and Kelly Rowan, Jess Leifert (3).
2B-Stacey Schofield 2, Valarie Gasparino, Monica Cardona (E).

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D'AMICO LEADS ECSU SOFTBALL TO LEC SPLIT WITH KEENE STATE
Sophomore pitches four-hitter, drives in tying run in 2-1 second-game win

KEENE, NH -- Sophomore right-handed pitcher **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** pitched a complete-game four-hitter and drove in the tying run to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team to a 2-1 win over Keene State College Sunday in the second game of a Little East Conference doubleheader at Owl Stadium.

In the opener, Keene (16-9-2, 4-5-1) collected four of its six hits in a three-run third inning that included two home runs in winning 5-3 to post its fifth straight win over Eastern.

The doubleheader was the makeup of an April 13 postponement.

D'Amico (7-5), who was beaten twice in relief a year ago by Keene, allowed only two hits over the final five innings in the second game after Keene scored its run in the second inning on a one-out solo home run by Adria Reynolds. The Owls had runners aboard in all but one of the final five innings but could not break through. D'Amico stranded runners at second base in the third and sixth innings and closed out the win with a strikeout of leadoff hitter Jan Rissacher -- who had homered in the first game -- with runners on first and second. D'Amico fanned a career-high six and walked three.

In the second game, Eastern (16-16, 5-5) had four of its game total of five hits when it scored the tying and go-ahead runs in the third inning off complete-game loser Katie Thompson (7-3). D'Amico and freshman first baseman **Jennifer Ross (CANTERBURY)** had back-to-back RBI singles in the inning. D'Amico's single plated junior shortstop **Valarie Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)**, who had singled with out out and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by freshman leftfielder **Anmarie Fillian (CANTON)**.

In the opener, Keene twice wiped out two-run deficits, scoring three runs in the third inning off Ross (7-11) on Rissacher's leadoff homer and a two-run shot by cleanup hitter Caroline Kurkowski to take a 4-3 lead.

Sophomore second baseman **Monica Cardona (WEST HAVEN)** had given Eastern a 2-0 lead in the top of the second inning of the first game with a two-out single which plated freshman third baseman **Lori Brelsford (STRATFORD)** and senior centerfielder **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)** before Melissa Provost got one back for Keene with a one-out, solo home run in the bottom of the second. D'Amico doubled and tripled in the game.

Eastern hosts Massachusetts Dartmouth Tuesday at 5 p.m. in a Little East Conference doubleheader.

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Sunday, April 21, 2002
Softball at Keene, NH

First Game
Keene State College 5, Eastern Conn. 3

Eastern Conn. (15-16, 4-5 little east)	021	000	0	--	3	10	3
Keene State (16-8-2, 4-4-1 little east)	013	001	x	--	5	6	0

Jennifer Ross (7-11) and Kelly Rowan. Missy Zimmerman (5-4) and Jan Rissacher. 2B-Shari D'Amico (E); 3B-D'Amico (E); HR-Rissacher (2), Caroline Kurkowski (3), Melissa Provost (2) (K).

Second Game
Eastern Conn. 2, Keene State College 1

Eastern Conn. (16-16, 5-5 little east)	002	000	0	--	2	5	0
Keene State (16-9-2, 4-5-1 little east)	010	000	0	--	1	4	1

Shari D'Amico (7-5) and Kelly Rowan. Katie Thompson (7-3) and Liz Burdette. 2B-Shauna Mullen, Kerry Marsh (K); HR-Adria Reynolds (2) (K).

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Saturday, April 20, 2002

ECSU SOFTBALL SWEEP BY SO. MAINE 3-1, 6-4 IN LITTLE EAST
Huskies break ties in both games, stretch winning streak to ten

GORHAM, Maine -- The University of Southern Maine softball team scored the go-ahead runs in the fourth inning of the first game and in the fifth inning of the second game on the way to a 3-1, 6-4 Little East Conference sweep of Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday at Towers Field.

Southern Maine (21-11-1, 6-4) has won six conference games in the last eight days and stretched its overall winning streak this year to ten. The Huskies have won 15 straight against the Warriors (15-15, 4-4).

Trailing 1-0 in the first game, Southern Maine tied the game on sophomore leftfielder Sunshine Anders's RBI double in the third inning and broke a 1-1 tie by scoring two runs after there were two out in the fourth inning on No. 9 hitter Angela Cote's two-run double.

In the second game, Eastern tied the game 4-4 in the fifth on sophomore pitcher **Shari D'Amico's (TRUMBULL)** RBI single and an RBI ground out by sophomore catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** but the hosts snapped the deadlock on sophomore right fielder Darci Holland's RBI double and a double steal which scored junior first baseman Jessie Becher from third.

ECSU freshman righty **Jennifer Ross (CANTERBURY)** was tagged with losses in both games. She gave up seven hits with a walk and strikeout in the opener and allowed the go-ahead runs after replacing D'Amico to start the fifth inning of the second game.

Junior shortstop **Valarie Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)** was 4-for-7 in the doubleheader to raise her team-leading average to .439 (47-for-107). D'Amico and Rowan matched Gasparino with two hits in the nightcap.

Freshman righty Melissa Henderson pitched a six-hit complete game with 11 strikeouts to win the opener for Southern Maine and worked the final two innings as the third pitcher to save the win for reliever Jodie Eldridge. In the doubleheader, four Southern Maine pitchers fanned 15 and walked none. Anders and junior shortstop Sarah McLean each had three hits in Southern Maine's 12-hit attack in the second game.

Eastern visits Keene State College Sunday in a noon conference doubleheader.

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Saturday, April 20, 2002

**College Softball
at Gorham, ME
First Game**

U. of Southern Maine 3, Eastern Conn. 1

Eastern Conn. (15-14, 4-3 little east)	001	000	0	--1	6	2
Southern Maine (20-11, 5-4 little east)	001	200	0	--3	7	1

Jennifer Ross (7-9) and Jess Leifert. Melissa Henderson (11-4) and Kristen Tong. 2B-Sunshine Anders, Angela Cote (S).

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

Eastern Conn. (15-15, 4-4 little east)	020	020	0	--4	9	1
Southern Maine (21-11-1, 6-4 little east)	201	120	x	--6	12	0

Kari Vance, Jodi Eldridge (4), Melissa Henderson (6) and Kristen Tong. Shari D'Amico, Jennifer Ross (5) and Kelly Rowan. WP-Eldridge (5-3). LP-ROss (7-10). Save-Henderson (1); 2B-Renee Heath, Sunshine Anders, Darci Holland (S); 3B-Holland (S).

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Sunday, April 18, 2004

BEHIND VACHON'S NO-HITTER, EASTERN SOFTBALL SWEEPS

Freshman faces one over minimum to post program's 28th no-hitter in 1-0 win

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** pitched the 28th no-hitter in Eastern Connecticut State University fastpitch softball history -- facing only one batter over the minimum -- as the Warriors shut out Wesleyan University twice Sunday afternoon at Howard Spector Field.

Eastern (13-13) won the opener 1-0 on senior shortstop **Shari D'Amico's (TRUMBULL)** one-out RBI single in the bottom of the eighth inning and the Warriors backed Vachon's no-hitter by scoring three runs in the third inning of the nightcap in a 3-0 win.

The no-hitter and shutout are the first in the career of Vachon (4-7), who was making her first start in nine days. Only a two-out walk in the fourth inning to No. 3 hitter Vicky Russo stood between the right-hander and a perfect game. Vachon fanned three and allowed only two balls out of the infield -- a line drive to right field with one out in the third and a game-ending fly ball to left.

The no-hitter was the 28th in the program's 28-year history -- first since Karen Kaczynski pitched a five-inning no-hitter in an 11-0 win over Massachusetts Boston April 9, 2001 at Spector Field. The last freshman to pitch a no-hitter was Christia Mohan, who recorded five of them in 1987.

Eastern scored the only runs Vachon would need in the third inning on two hits and two walks and a throwing error on a stolen base attempt.

D'Amico's RBI single chased home freshman rightfielder **Lauren Bedini (SEYMOUR)** from third base with one out in the eighth inning for the only run of the first game. No. 9 hitter Bedini opened the inning on second base in accordance with the international tie-breaker rule and was bunted to third by leadoff hitter **Annmarie Fillian (CANTON)**. Losing pitcher Molly Gaebe got an infield pop to first base for the first out before No. 3 hitter D'Amico drove in her ninth run of the season with a hard single to left. It was the second hit of the game for D'Amico who was stranded on second after a two-out double to the fence in left in the first inning. She also walked and was left stranded in the sixth.

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The Warriors won the opener behind sophomore **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)**, who allowed only three singles in recording her third complete-game shutout. Savelle fanned five and did not walk a batter. Wesleyan's (8-15) hits were recorded by sophomore catcher Lauren Kunzik with one out in the first, No. 4 hitter Sue Frost with two out in the fourth and senior second baseman Kelly Harris with one out in the seventh.

Senior catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** had four hits in the sweep -- including three of the team's seven in the second game -- to move to within three of 100 hits in her four-year career.

Eastern hosts Massachusetts Dartmouth Tuesday in a Little East Conference doubleheader at 3:30 p.m.

First Game
Eastern Conn. 1, Wesleyan U. 0, 8 inn.

Wesleyan U. (8-14)	000	000	00	--	0	3	1
Eastern Conn. (12-13)	000	000	01	--	1	7	1

One out when winning run scored.

Molly Gaebe (6-10) and Lauren Kunzik. Lindsay Savelle (9-5) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Annmarie Fillian, Shari D'Amico (E).

Second Game
Eastern Conn. 3, Wesleyan U. 0

Wesleyan U. (8-15)	000	000	0	--	0	0	1
Eastern Conn. (13-13)	003	000	0	--	3	6	0

Allison Zoromski (2-5), Gaebe (3) and Lauren Kunzik. Nikki Vachon (4-7) and Kelly Rowan.

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Wednesday, April 17, 2002

D'AMICO PITCHES ECSU SOFTBALL TO SPLIT WITH SPRINGFIELD
Sophomore stops Pride on six hits in second game in 2-1 victory

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. -- Sophomore righty **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** pitched a complete-game six-hitter and freshman **Lori Brelsford (STRATFORD)** drove in the go-ahead run in the fifth inning as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team gained a split of a doubleheader with a 2-1 win over Springfield College Wednesday at Potter Field.

In the first game, freshman righty **Jennifer Ross (CANTERBURY)** was victimized by four errors as the Pride scored four unearned runs in a 5-2 win.

In the second game, Eastern (15-13) was limited to just three singles by Springfield (16-17) freshman **Amy Brucker (4-6)** but snapped a four-game losing streak to the Pride by scoring single runs in the fourth and fifth to make a winner of D'Amico (6-5). Ross tied the game in the fourth with a two-out RBI single which plated D'Amico from second and Brelsford plated senior **Julia Neilson (SALSIBURY)** from third with a sacrifice fly in the fifth. Neilson had walked, stolen second and moved to third on a wild pitch.

D'Amico gave up a double and RBI triple with one out in the first inning of the nightcap but allowed only four singles and no runs thereafter. She fanned five and walked two.

Ross (7-8), who had pitched 12 innings in Tuesday's Little East Conference doubleheader against Western Connecticut State University, gave up only five hits in the first game while fanning one and walking two. Springfield scored an unearned run in the first inning, one in the third and two more in the fifth. Down 5-0, Eastern got two back in the top of the seventh off complete-game winner **Brianne Pearson (11-11)** on freshman **Sandra Pariseau's (STRATFORD)** sacrifice bunt and junior **Valarie Gasparino's (WINDSOR LOCKS)** RBI single.

Juniors **Alisson Gerrish** and **Teresa Cavanagh** each drove in two runs in the first game for Springfield, which snapped a five-game losing streak. In each game, Gerrish tripled and Cavanagh doubled.

Gasparino had two of Eastern's six hits in the opener and had one of its three in the nightcap.

Eastern, 12-6 up north this season, visits the University of Southern Maine Saturday in a 1 p.m. Little East Conference doubleheader.

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Wednesday, April 17, 2002
Softball at Springfield, MA

First Game

Springfield College 5, Eastern Conn. 2

Eastern Conn. (14-13)	000	000	2	--	2	6	4
Springfield (16-16)	102	020	x	--	5	5	1

Jennifer Ross (7-8) and Kelly Rowan. Brianne Pearson (11-11) and Missy Edwards. 2B-Teresa Cavanagh (S); 3B-Alisson Gerrish (S).

Second Game

Eastern Conn. 2, Springfield College 1

Eastern Conn. (15-13)	000	110	0	--	2	3	1
Springfield (16-17)	100	000	0	--	1	6	0

Shari D'Amico (6-5) and Kelly Rowan. Amy Brucker (4-6) and Missy Edwards. 2B-Teresa Cavanagh (S); 3B-Alisson Gerrish (S).

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Tuesday, April 16, 2002

ECSU SOFTBALL SPLITS WITH LEC LEADER WESTERN CONN.
Ross limits Western Conn. to three hits in final 5 innings of 10 inn. win

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman **Jennifer Ross (CANTERBURY)** limited Western Connecticut State University to three hits and an unearned run over the final five innings as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team captured a 3-2, 10 inning win Tuesday to earn a split of a Little East Conference doubleheader at Howard Spector Field.

In the first game, sophomore Sarah Zaslav (11-2) pitched a complete-game six-hitter and Western Connecticut (16-5-1, 6-1-1 little east) scored two runs in the top of the seventh inning in a 2-0 victory.

Eastern's (14-12, 3-2 little east) second-game win over Western snapped a streak of four straight shutout losses at the hands of the Colonials, the two-time defending Little East Conference champion. The Warriors tied the second game 2-2 in the bottom of the sixth when senior centerfielder **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)** slapped an infield hit to second, went to third when the ball was thrown past first base, and scored on a wild pitch. In the tenth, sophomore catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** drove in sophomore first baseman **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** from third with a ground ball to ~~third~~ *second* with one out. D'Amico began the inning on second base in accordance with the international tie-breaker rule and was bunted to third by Ross.

Ross (7-7) and Zaslav figured in both decisions. Each pitched a complete game in the opener and the final six innings of the nightcap. Zaslav allowed only one unearned run while Ross allowed three runs, only one of which was earned. Ross entered the second game in the sixth inning after D'Amico had thrown two balls to leadoff hitter Cathleen Knapp, who reached on an infield single, was sacrificed to second and scored on a two-out throwing error.

In the top of the tenth inning of the second game, Eastern junior shortstop **Valarie Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)** prevented Western from breaking through when she threw out Kate Wardlow from the hole on a ground ball that bounced off Eastern third baseman **Lori Brelsford (STRATFORD)**.

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First baseman Melissa Walsh's two-run single to center in the top of the seventh inning drove in the only two of the first game. Zaslaw fanned eight and walked two to outfielder Ross, who walked one and struck out one and allowed only one earned run.

Knapp and Amy Warren each had two hits in the first game for Western while Walsh and Christine Valie each had two in the second game.

Brelsford had two hits in the opener for Eastern while Neilson and Gasparino each had three hits and an RBI in the second game.

Eastern visits Springfield College Wednesday for a 4 p.m. makeup doubleheader.

Western Conn. 2, Eastern Conn. 0

Western Conn. (16-4-1, 6-0-1 little east)	000	000	2	--2	8	0
Eastern Conn. (13-12, 3-2 little east)	000	000	0	--0	6	2

Sarah Zaslaw (11-1) and Christine Valie. Jennifer Ross (6-7) and Kelly Rowan.

Eastern Conn. 3, Western Conn. 2, 10 inn.

Western Conn. (16-5-1, 6-1-1 little east)	100	001	000	0	--2	6	2
Eastern Conn. (14-12, 4-2 little east)	010	001	000	1	--3	10	5

One out when winning run scored.

Kathryn Helbig, Brooke Morris (3), Sarah Zaslaw (6) and Christine Valie.
Shari D'Amico, Jennifer Ross (6) and Kelly Rowan. WP-Ross (7-7). LP-Zaslaw (11-2).
2B-Valie (W), Jess Leifert (E).

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Sunday, April 14, 2002

TUFTS SNAPS ECSU SOFTBALL'S EIGHT-GAME STREAK

Warriors drop two close games to nation's No.-17 ranked team, 2-0, 2-1

MEDFORD, Mass. -- An infield ground ball drove in the winning run from third base with one out in the bottom of the eighth inning as Tufts University defeated Eastern Connecticut State University 2-1 Sunday to complete a doubleheader sweep.

Tufts (16-7), ranked No. 17 nationally in Division III, scored the only run it would need after there were two out in the first inning and rode the 11-strikeout performance of all-New England senior pitcher Jodi Moreau (12-1) to a 2-0 win.

Eastern (13-11) had an eight-game winning streak snapped. Tufts has qualified for NCAA play each of the past five years.

In the second game, Moreau was summoned with runners on the corners with one out in the top of the eighth inning. Moreau got a pop out and a ground out to end the threat and Tufts won the game in the bottom of the inning when Tiffany Trahan's ground out to short plated the winning run from third.

Eastern had tied the second game 1-1 in the fifth when freshman **Jess Leifert (WINSTED)** drove in freshman **Annmarie Fillian (CANTON)** with a single. Fillian had doubled.

Freshman **Jennifer Ross (CANTERBURY)** had a personal four-game winning streak snapped in the first-game loss. She allowed only seven hits while sophomore **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** pitched a complete-game six-hitter and had two singles in the nightcap.

Eastern hosts Western Connecticut State University Tuesday at 5 p.m. in a Little East Conference doubleheader.

First Game
Tufts U. 2, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (13-10)	000	000	0	--	0	5	1
Tufts (15-7)	100	001	x	--	2	7	0

Jennifer Ross (6-6) and Kelly Rowan. Jodie Moreau (11-1) and Lis Drake. 2B-Moreau (T).

Second Game
Tufts U. 2, Eastern Conn. 1, 8 inn.

Eastern Conn. (13-11)	000	010	00	--	1	5	0
Tufts U. (16-7)	010	000	01	--	2	6	0

One out when winning run scored.

Shari D'Amico (5-5) and Kelly Rowan. Caroline Grieco, Jodie Moreau (8) and Lis Drake. WP-Moreau (12-1). 2B-Annmarie Fillian (E), Tiffany Trahan 2 (T).

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Thursday, April 11, 2002

ECSU SOFTBALL EXTENDS WINNING STREAK TO EIGHT
D'Amico drives in six runs with four hits; pitches shutout in second game

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Sophomore **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** drove in six runs in two games and pitched her fourth shutout of the season in the nightcap as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team swept Wesleyan University 4-2, 8-0 Thursday at Howard Spector Field. The eight-run rule halted the second game with two out in the bottom of the fifth.

Eastern (13-9) has won eight straight -- its longest winning streak since April of 1994 -- and improved its north record to 10-2. The Warriors are 13-3 since losing their first six games of the season.

In the second game, D'Amico (5-4) lowered her staff-leading ERA to 1.05 and extended her streak of innings without allowing an earned run to ten with her fourth shutout of the year in 11 starts. She allowed five hits while fanning two and walking one. In the game, she was also 4-for-4 and matched her first-game total of three RBI and one double. She raised her average to .380 and took over the team lead with 20 RBI. D'Amico had a hit and drove in three runs in the first game with a fifth-inning bases-loaded double that gave the Warriors a 4-0 lead.

Freshman **Jennifer Ross (CANTERBURY)** pitched a complete-game six-hitter in the opener, winning her fifth straight decision. She fanned five and walked one, allowing both runs in the seventh on RBI singles by Lindsay Butler and Sue Frost. Ross (6-5), sophomore catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** and freshman third baseman **Lori Brelsford (STRATFORD)** each had two hits in the nine-hit attack.

Brelsford and senior centerfielder **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)** each had two of the team's 12 hits in the second game, Brelsford driving in two runs with a double in the fourth inning.

Eastern visits Keene State College Saturday at 1 p.m. in a Little East Conference doubleheader.

Eastern Conn. 4, Wesleyan U. 2

Wesleyan U. (4-17-1)	000	000	2	--	2	6	3
Eastern Conn. (12-9)	000	130	x	--	4	9	0

Lindsay Wasserman (2-13) and Lindsay Butler. Jennifer Ross (6-5) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Shari D'Amico (E).

Eastern Conn. 8, Wesleyan U. 0, 5 inn., 8-run rule

Wesleyan U. (4-18-1)	000	00	--	0	5	5
Eastern Conn. (13-9)	131	21	--	8	12	1

Two out when game halted.

Jenn Wasserman (2-5) and Lindsay Butler. Shari D'Amico (5-4) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-D'Amico, Lori Brelsford (E).

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Tuesday, April 9, 2002

ECSU SOFTBALL SWEEPS TRINITY COLLEGE 14-0, 9-1
Warriors' current six-game winning streak longest since 1998

HARTFORD, Conn. -- Sophomore third baseman **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** drove in six runs with seven hits -- including three doubles and a home run -- to power the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team to a 14-0, 9-1 sweep of Trinity College Tuesday. Both games were stopped after five innings due to the eight-run rule.

Eastern (11-9) has won six straight --its longest winning streak since April of 1998, when it qualified for its last NCAA Division III tournament -- and is 8-2 since returning from Florida.

The Warriors had 19 hits in the doubleheader -- including ten doubles and a home run -- and pitchers **Jennifer Ross (CANTERBURY)** and **Wendy Urso (SOUTHINGTON)** allowed a total of only seven hits and three walks. Ross (5-5), who has won four straight, retired the first ten batters in order. She walked two without a strikeout. Urso (2-0), who has won twice in the last four days, pitched her first complete game in her fifth career start giving up four hits -- three when the Bantams (3-16) scored their only run of the day in the second inning. ECSU pitchers have allowed only three runs during the six-game winning streak.

Rowan and sophomore first baseman **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** each had two doubles, two runs scored and four RBI in the opener as the Warriors tied the program record with seven doubles. Rowan had three hits in the game, including her second career home run -- a three-run shot to center in an eight-run fourth inning. She also drove in two runs in the nightcap with a fifth-inning double.

In the nightcap, Ross reached safely in all three plate appearances. She had an RBI single in the first, a two-run double in the third and walked and scored in the five-run fifth. Junior shortstop **Valarie Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)** reached safely four times in the doubleheader with two hits and a walk and scored four runs.

Eastern hosts Wesleyan University Thursday in a 5 p.m. doubleheader.

First Game

Eastern Conn. 14, Trinity College 0, 5 inn.

Eastern Conn. (10-9)	104	81	--	14	11	1
Trinity (3-15)	000	00	--	0	3	3

Jennifer Ross (5-5) and Jess Leifert; Kristi McDermott (1-5), Kate Hunter (4), Lauren McDowell (4) and Sarah Hoyle. 2B-Shari D'Amico 2, Kelly Rowan 2, Sandra Pariseau, Leifert, Kristin Therkelsen (E); HR-Rowan (1) (E).

Second Game

Eastern Conn. 9, Trinity College 1, 5 inn.

Eastern Conn. (11-9)	103	050	--	9	8	2
Trinity (3-16)	010	000	--	1	4	2

Wendy Urso (2-0) and Jess Leifert. Lauren McDowell (1-5) and Sarah Hoyle. 2B-Val Gasparino, Jennifer Ross, Kelly Rowan (E).

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Sunday, April 7, 2002

ROSS, D'AMICO POWER ECSU SOFTBALL TO DOUBLEHEADER SWEEP

Ross wins opener and scores both runs in support of D'Amico in Game 2

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman **Jennifer Ross (CANTERBURY)** threw a complete-game six-hitter in the opener and scored both runs in the nightcap in support of sophomore **Shari D'Amico's (TRUMBULL)** one-hitter as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team swept Salve Regina University 2-1 in nine innings and 2-0 Sunday at Howard Spector Field.

Eastern (9-9) scored the winning run with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning in the opener on a bases-loaded pass ball on the first delivery from Salve Regina (11-10-1) pitcher Erin Larrivee (7-5) to D'Amico. In the second game, Ross doubled and scored on freshman **Jess Leifert's (WINSTED)** infield ground ball in the second, then drew a two-out walk and scored on sophomore catcher **Kelly Rowan's (WATERTOWN)** triple in the third.

Eastern tied the first game 1-1 in the fourth on senior centerfielder **Julia Neilson's (SALISBURY)** opposite-field two-strike slash single with the bases loaded that plated freshman third baseman **Lori Brelsford (STRATFORD)**. Junior DP **Kristin Therkelsen (GRANBY)** and Brelsford had singled to open the inning. Brelsford moved to second on a ground ball and to third on junior shortstop **Valarie Gasparino's (WINDSOR LOCKS)** single to left. With one out in the ninth, No. 9 hitter **Monica Cardona (WEST HAVEN)** singled, moved to second on a walk to Gasparino and to third on Neilson's bunt single before the game-winning passed ball.

Ross (4-5) gave up only six singles while fanning two and walking two in the first game. The run she allowed was unearned.

D'Amico (4-4) faced the minimum nine batters over the first three innings of the second game before leadoff batter Bernadette Capra doubled to left-center through a shallow outfield for the Seahawks' only hit. Capra reached third before D'Amico got a comebacker and a fly ball to left to end the threat. D'Amico fanned two and walked one.

Ross had two hits in each game, doubling twice in the nightcap. Gasparino and Neilson each had three hits, all of Neilson's coming in the opener.

Eastern visits Trinity Tuesday at 4 p.m. in a doubleheader.

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First Game
Eastern Conn. 2, Salve Regina U. 1, 9 inn.

Salve Regina (11-9-1)	000	100	000	--	1	6	0
Eastern Conn. (8-9)	000	100	001	--	2	13	2

One out when winning run scored

Erin Larrivee (7-5) and Jennifer Terrill. Jennifer Ross (4-5) and Kelly Rowan.

Second Game
Eastern Conn. 2, Salve Regina U. 0

Salve Regina (11-10-1)	000	000	0	--	0	1	0
Eastern Conn. (9-9)	011	000	x	--	2	7	0

Amanda Michaud (4-5) and Jennifer Terrill. Shari D'Amico (4-4) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Bernadette Capra (S), Jennifer Ross 2 (E); 3B-Rowan (E).

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Saturday, April 6, 2002

ECSU SOFTBALL SWEEPS MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON 7-1, 17-0
Gasparino leads Warriors with five hits, four runs in Little East play

BOSTON -- Junior shortstop **Valarie Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)** had five hits and scored four runs and three pitchers limited the University of Massachusetts Boston to four hits as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team recorded 7-1, 17-0 Little East Conference wins Saturday. The second game was stopped after five innings.

Eastern (7-9, 3-1) had 24 hits in the sweep, with Gasparino going 5-for-9 to raise her team-leading batting average to .518 (29-for-56). She also scored four runs -- three in the first game - and drove in two runs -- both in the second game. She has hit safely in ten of her last 11 games.

In the opener, freshman righty **Jennifer Ross (CANTERBURY)** allowed only a leadoff double in the first and a one-out single in the second to record her third win against five losses. Ross, who fanned a season-high six and did not walk a batter, retired the final 17 batters in order, facing only two batters over the minimum.

In the second game, sophomore righty **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** and junior righty **Wendy Urso (SOUTHINGTON)** combined on a two-hitter. D'Amico retired nine straight batters over the first three innings while Urso (1-0) gave up two hits over the final two innings. D'Amico reached safely four times with two hits and two walks and scored three runs while Ross was 2-for-3 with a walk, three RBI and three runs scored. First-year junior DP **Kristin Therkelsen (GRANBY)** had her first collegiate hits, going 3-for-3 with a walk, three runs scored and three RBI.

In addition to winning the first game, Ross in the doubleheader reached safely six times. She had four hits, a walk and reached on an error and had five RBI and scored four runs.

Eastern hosts Salve Regina University Sunday in a noon doubleheader.

Linescores, next page

Saturday, April 6, 2002
Softball at Boston

First Game
Eastern Conn. 7, Massachusetts Boston 1

Eastern Conn. (6-9, 2-1)	220	300	0	--	7	9	0
Umass Boston (2-12, 0-3)	100	000	0	--	1	2	3

Jennifer Ross (3-5) and Jess Leifert. Andrea Spinale (2-12) and Chris Allen. 2B-Ross (E), Gina Torres (MB).

Second Game
Eastern Conn. 17, Massachusetts Boston 0, 5 inn.

Eastern Conn. (7-9, 3-1)	132	65	--	17	15	2
Umass Boston (2-13, 0-4)	000	00	--	0	2	3

Shari D'Amico, Wendy Urso (4) and Kelly Rowan. Andrea Spinale (2-13) and Chris Allen. WP-Urso (1-0). 2B-Val Gasparino, D'Amico, Rowan (E).

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Tuesday, April 2, 2002

ECSU SOFTBALL SPLITS DOUBLEHEADER AT U.S. COAST GUARD
Warriors collect 11 hits in opener in 5-1 win before falling 4-0 in nightcap

NEW LONDON, Conn. -- Junior shortstop **Val Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)** and sophomore first baseman **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** each had three hits and combined to score three runs as the Eastern Connecticut State University (5-9) softball team defeated the U.S. Coast Guard Academy 5-1 Tuesday in the opening game of a doubleheader.

In the nightcap, Coast Guard (16-4) scored all of its runs on two home runs to post a 4-0 win in a game stopped due to darkness after six innings.

Gasparino (.525), the team's top hitter, and D'Amico (.324) each went 3-for-4 in the opener as the Warriors handed Coast Guard freshman Jen Paulson her first loss after seven wins. Gasparino scored the first two runs of the game. She opened the game with a bunt single and scored on an infield error in the first. In the second inning, she singled with one out and scored the first of three Eastern runs in the inning. Back-to-back doubles by D'Amico and freshman pitcher **Jennifer Ross (CANTERBURY)** produced the first two runs of the inning and a wild pitch brought home Ross with the third. Sophomore catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** was 2-for-4 in the game and drove in a seventh-inning run with a single with two outs. Ross (2-5) allowed eight hits, fanning three and walking three. The Bears stranded runners in every inning, ten in the game, but managed to put their leadoff hitter aboard only once.

In the second game, sophomore Kelly Ponts (9-3) stopped Eastern on two singles, retiring the final ten batters in order. Freshman catcher Heidi Miller gave her team a 1-0 lead with a two-out home run to center in the fourth -- snapping D'Amico's streak of 27 straight innings without an earned run -- and leadoff batter Beth Newton, a freshman second baseman, hit a three-run home run to center in the fifth. Ponts fanned seven without a walk and hit a batter.

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D'Amico (3-4) allowed only four hits -- the two home runs, a double and a leadoff single in the third -- before Ross came on to get the final two outs. D'Amico walked one without a strikeout.

Eastern visits Massachusetts Boston Saturday at 1 p.m. in a Little East Conference doubleheader.

First Game
Eastern Conn. 5, U.S. Coast Guard Academy 1

Eastern Conn. (5-8)	103	000	1	--	5	11	0
U.S. Coast Guard (15-4)	010	000	0	--	1	8	2

Jennifer Ross (2-5) and Kelly Rowan. Jen Paulson (7-1) and Heidi Miller. 2B-Shari D'Amico, Ross (E), Suzie Van der Veer (CG); 3B-Kara Moky (CG).

Second Game
**U.S. Coast Guard Academy 4, Eastern Conn. 0 (6 inn.,
darkness)**

Eastern Conn. (5-9)	000	000	--	0	2	2
U.S. Coast Guard (16-4)	000	13x	--	4	4	1

Shari D'Amico (3-4), Jennifer Ross (5) and Kelly Rowan. Kelly Ponts (9-3) and Heidi Miller. 2B-Krystal Stevens (CG); HR-Beth Newton, Miller (CG).

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Saturday, March 30, 2002

ECSU SOFTBALL SPLITS 1-0 DECISIONS IN LITTLE EAST OPENER
Warriors score fifth-inning run in nightcap in split with Plymouth State College

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman pinch runner **Annmarie Fillion (CANTON)** scored from second base on an infield hit for her first collegiate run in the fifth inning to give the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team a 1-0 win over Plymouth State College Saturday in the second game of a Little East Conference doubleheader at Howard Spector Field.

Plymouth (8-2-2, 1-1) freshman sensation Kim Jeffs fanned 11 without a walk and scattered three singles as the Panthers won their first game at Howard Spector Field in 19 tries with a 1-0 win in the opener. Plymouth scored the only run of the game off complete-game loser **Jennifer Ross (CANTERBURY)** on junior catcher Adriene Harvey's team-leading 16th RBI -- a double to center field with two out in the fourth inning.

In the nightcap, Eastern (4-8, 1-1) reached Jeffs (6-1) for a run in the fifth on three hits -- two of which never left the infield -- to make a winner of sophomore righty **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)**, who tossed a complete-game five-hitter for her fourth shutout in 17 career starts. With Fillion on second base and No. 9 hitter **Monica Cardona (WEST HAVEN)** on first with one out in the fifth, junior shortstop **Valarie Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)** ground the ball up the middle and Fillion came all the way around to score as the Panthers were attempting to force Cardona at second base.

In the top of the seventh, Plymouth put its leadoff batter on but Eastern rightfielder **Marlena Scialla (ENFIELD)** got a force out at second on a ball which dropped in to shallow right-center and D'Amico closed out the win by getting a fly ball to Scialla and snagging a hard line drive at her shoetops for the final out. The Panthers left two runners aboard in the second, third and fourth innings as they were unable to break through against D'Amico, who fanned two and walked one.

Gasparino had four of Eastern's nine hits on the day and also contributed a putout and six assists. Gasparino, the team's leadoff hitter, was 3-for-3 in the nightcap and collected the game-winning RBI. She is batting .525 (21-for-40) in her first season after transferring from Saint Joseph (CT) College.

The first-game win was the fourth shutout in seven starts this year for Jeffs, who lowered her ERA to 0.24. She had 102 strikeouts and two walks in 59.3 innings after the opening win.

Eastern visits the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Tuesday for a 4 p.m. doubleheader.

Linescores, next page.

First Game
Plymouth State College 1, Eastern Conn. 0

Plymouth State (8-1-2, 1-0)	000	100	0	--	1	4	1
Eastern Conn. (3-8, 0-1)	000	000	0	--	0	3	0

Kim Jeffs (6-0) and Adriene Harvey. Jennifer Ross (1-5) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Maria Curran, Harvey (P).

Second Game
Eastern Conn. 1, Plymouth State College 0

Plymouth State (8-2-2, 1-1)	000	000	0	--	0	5	1
Eastern Conn. (4-8, 1-1)	000	010	x	--	1	6	1

Kim Jeffs (6-1) and Adriene Harvey. Shari D'Amico (3-3) and Kelly Rowan. 2B_Harvey (P), Rowan (E).

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Wednesday, March 27, 2002

ECSU SOFTBALL SPLITS FINAL PAIR AT REBEL SPRING GAMES

D'Amico pitches two-hit shutout in 8-0 win over Manchester College

ORLANDO, FL -- Sophomore **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** allowed only two singles in a complete-game shutout and also drove in two runs in a 12-hit Eastern Connecticut State University attack as the Warriors blanked Manchester College 8-0 Wednesday at the Rebel Spring Games.

In its final game in Florida, Eastern (3-7) scored five runs after falling behind early but Clarke (IA) College held on for a 6-5 win in a game which featured five Eastern errors.

Against Manchester (4-9), D'Amico gave up a two-out single in the first and a two-out single in the sixth while fanning two and walking one in recording her second straight win. One batter reached second and one reached third off D'Amico, who registered her third career shutout.

Junior **Val Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)** and sophomore **Monica Cardona (WEST HAVEN)** each had three hits, with Gasparino scoring three runs and Cardona scoring two and driving in two. D'Amico drove in two runs with one hit as did sophomore **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)**.

Against Clarke (4-4), sophomore **Jennifer Ross (CANTERBURY)** was charged with four runs, being lifted in favor of D'Amico with one out in the third. Ross gave up only one hit and one earned run but walked four and was victimized by poor fielding as the Warriors committed five errors in the game.

Trailing 6-0, Eastern scored three runs in the fourth on six hits -- D'Amico and Ross driving in runs with hits -- and added two more in the fifth to cut the gap to 6-5. Eastern managed only one baserunner over the final two innings, however.

Eastern hosts Plymouth State College Saturday at 1 p.m. in a Little East Conference doubleheader in its northern openers.

Linescores, next page.

Eastern Conn. 8, Manchester College 0

Eastern Conn. (3-6)	130	201	1	--	8	12	2
Manchester (4-9)	000	000	0	--	0	2	4

Shari D'Amico (2-3) and Kelly Rowan. Melissa Brown (1-6) and Becky Moening.

Clarke (IA) College 6, Eastern Conn. 5

Clarke (4-4)	031	200	0	--	6	5	1
Eastern Conn. (3-7)	000	320	0	--	5	11	5

Annette Biellema (2-1) and Christine Steins; Jennifer Ross (1-4), Shari D'Amico (3) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Steins (C), D'Amico 2 (EC).

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Tuesday, March 26, 2002

GASPARINO SPARKS ECSU SOFTBALL TO FIRST WINS UNDER DIANA PEPIN

Junior shortstop has six hits, scores winning runs in 4-3, 1-0 triumphs

ORLANDO, FL -- Junior shortstop **Valarie Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)** had six hits and scored the winning run in each game as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team won its first games under first-year head coach **Diana Pepin** Tuesday at the Rebel Spring Games.

Gasparino, a first-year transfer, scored from third on freshman **Jennifer Ross's (CANTERBURY)** sacrifice fly to left to cap a two-run, ninth-inning rally in a 4-3 win over the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

In a 1-0 win over Augsburg College, Gasparino scored from third on a two-out passed ball in the first inning to back Ross's first collegiate complete game and first win. Ross allowed only four singles and did not walk a batter while fanning one.

Eastern (2-6) battled back from a run down three times against River Falls (4-2), finally winning the game with its two-run rally in the bottom of the ninth to make a winner of sophomore righty **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)**. Sophomore catcher **Kelly Rowan's (WATERTOWN)** RBI single had scored sophomore **Marlena Scialla (ENFIELD)** with the tying run before Ross plated Gasparino with the winning run. Eastern tied the game for the second time in the bottom of the eighth inning when Ross scored from third on an infield throwing error with one out to make it 2-2. The Warriors had tied the game 1-1 in the third when Rowan plated Gasparino from third with a single. Gasparino had doubled and moved to third on a sacrifice bunt.

Against River Falls, D'Amico (1-3) allowed seven hits (six of them singles) while fanning five and walking only one. Gasparino was 3-for-5, Rowan 2-for-4 and D'Amico 2-for-3.

Against Augsburg (2-4-1), Ross (1-3) allowed baserunners in three innings, only once allowing a runner as far as third. She had four 1-2-3 innings. Ross stranded the tying run at third in the third inning with a fly out to center and a ground ball to Gasparino at short. Gasparino was 3-for-3, collecting all but one of the team's hits off complete-game loser Rachael Ekholm, who struck out seven without a walk.

Eastern wraps up its spring trip Wednesday, facing Manchester (IN) College at 10:40 a.m. and Clarke (IA) College at 4:10 p.m.

Linescores, next page.

Eastern Conn. 4, UW-River Falls 3 (9 inn.)

UW-River Falls (4-2)	001	000	011	--	3	7	2
Eastern Conn. (1-6)	001	000	012	--	4	10	2

Two out when winning run scored.

Amy Brooke, Leah Vanderploeg (2-1) and Lindsey Becker. Shari D'Amico (1-3) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Emily Vogt (W), Valarie Gasparino (E).

Eastern Conn. 1, Augsburg College 0

Eastern Conn. (2-6)	100	000	0	--	1	4	0
Augsburg (2-4-1)	000	000	0	--	0	4	1

Jennifer Ross (1-3) and Jess Leifert. Rachael Ekholm (2-2) and Melynda Kleewein. 2B-Shari D'Amico (E).

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Monday, March 25, 2002

ECSU SOFTBALL DROPS TWO DECISIONS IN ORLANDO

Warriors beaten 4-3 by Ramapo, 6-3 by Mount Vernon Nazarene

ORLANDO, FL -- Senior Kelly Kernan hit a fourth-inning home run and drove in the go-ahead run when she was hit by a pitch in the eighth inning to lift the Ramapo College softball team to a 4-3 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Monday at the Rebel Spring Games.

Eastern (0-6) remained winless later in the day in a 6-3 loss to Mount Vernon Nazarene (5-1) when the Cougars erased a three-run deficit by scoring six runs in the bottom of the fourth inning on two hits, three walks and three Eastern errors.

Against Ramapo (5-1), Eastern tied the game with three runs in bottom of the seventh but the Road Runners scored the go-ahead run in the top of the eighth. With the bases loaded and no one out in the eighth, Kernan was hit by a 1-2 pitch from Eastern freshman pitcher **Jennifer Ross (CANTERBURY)** to force in the go-ahead run. Eastern left the tying run on third base in the bottom of the eighth when winning pitcher Jamie Anzaldi (5-0) got an infield pop-up and strikeout to end the game. Ross's two-run double and an infield error had allowed the Warriors to tie the game 3-3 in the seventh but Anzaldi stranded the winning run on bases by getting two pop-ups to end the threat.

A sacrifice fly and wild pitch had staked Ramapo to a 2-0 lead in the second and Kernan's solo home run leading off the fourth made it 3-0 and chased ECSU sophomore starting pitcher **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)**.

Eastern took a 3-0 lead against Mount Vernon Nazarene on junior **Stacey Schofield's (WOODSTOCK)** sacrifice fly in the first an infield RBI ground ball and steal of home by junior **Valarie Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)** but the Cougars scored all six of their runs in the fourth on two hits (one was a bunt), three walks and three Eastern errors. Three of the runs scored on an RBI single by freshman Tiffany Simpson which was misplayed in the outfield.

Against Mount Vernon, Gaspariono had three hits and D'Amico two for Eastern, which faces UW-River Falls at 2:20 p.m. and Augsburg College at 4:10 Tuesday at Orlando.

Linescores, next page.

Ramapo College 4, Eastern Conn. 3 (8 inn.)

Ramapo (5-1)	020	100	01	--	4	5	4
Eastern Conn. (0-5)	000	000	30	--	3	4	2

Val Malfi, Jamie Anzaldi (5-0) and Heather Stevenson, Colleen Miller (8). Shari D'Amico, Jennifer Ross (4) and Kelly Rowan. LP-Ross (0-3); 2B-Jackie Morris (R), Ross (E); 3B-Anzaldi (R); HR-Kelly Kernan (R).

Mount Vernon Nazarene 6, Eastern Conn. 3

Eastern Conn. (0-6)	120	000	0	--	3	8	4
Mount Vernon (5-1)	000	600	x	--	6	7	2

Shari D'Amico (0-3), Jennifer Ross (4), Wendy Urso (4) and Kelly Rowan, Jess Leifert (6); Michelle Krone (1-0) and Brittany Stroop. 2B-Becky Yost (M).

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Warriors beaten 4-3 by Ramapo, 6-3 by Mount Vernon Nazarene

ORLANDO, FL -- Senior Kelly Kernan hit a fourth-inning home run and drove in the go-ahead run when she was hit by a pitch in the eighth inning to lift the Ramapo College softball team to a 4-3 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Monday at the Rebel Spring Games.

Eastern (0-6) remained winless later in the day in a 6-3 loss to Mount Vernon Nazarene (5-1) when the Cougars erased a three-run deficit by scoring six runs in the bottom of the fourth inning on two hits, three walks and three Eastern errors.

Against Ramapo (5-1), Eastern tied the game with three runs in bottom of the seventh but the Road Runners scored the go-ahead run in the top of the eighth. With the bases loaded and no one out in the eighth, Kernan was hit by a 1-2 pitch from Eastern freshman pitcher **Jennifer Ross (CANTERBURY)** to force in the go-ahead run. Eastern left the tying run on third base in the bottom of the eighth when winning pitcher Jamie Anzaldi (5-0) got an infield pop-up and strikeout to end the game. Ross's two-run double and an infield error had allowed the Warriors to tie the game 3-3 in the seventh but Anzaldi stranded the winning run on bases by getting two pop-ups to end the threat.

A sacrifice fly and wild pitch had staked Ramapo to a 2-0 lead in the second and Kernan's solo home run leading off the fourth made it 3-0 and chased ECSU sophomore starting pitcher **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)**.

Eastern took a 3-0 lead against Mount Vernon Nazarene on junior **Stacey Schofield's (WOODSTOCK)** sacrifice fly in the first an infield RBI ground ball and steal of home by junior **Valarie Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)** but the Cougars scored all six of their runs in the fourth on two hits (one was a bunt), three walks and three Eastern errors. Three of the runs scored on an RBI single by freshman Tiffany Simpson which was misplayed in the outfield.

Against Mount Vernon, Gaspariono had three hits and D'Amico two for Eastern, which faces UW-River Falls at 2:20 p.m. and Augsburg College at 4:10 Tuesday at Orlando.

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Ramapo College 4, Eastern Conn. 3 (8 inn.)

Ramapo (5-1)	020	100	01	--	4	5	4
Eastern Conn. (0-5)	000	000	30	--	3	4	2

Val Malfi, Jamie Anzaldi (5-0) and Heather Stevenson, Colleen Miller (8). Shari D'Amico, Jennifer Ross (4) and Kelly Rowan. LP-Ross (0-3); 2B-Jackie Morris (R), Ross (E); 3B-Anzaldi (R); HR-Kelly Kernan (R).

Mount Vernon Nazarene 6, Eastern Conn. 3

Eastern Conn. (0-6)	120	000	0	--	3	8	4
Mount Vernon (5-1)	000	600	x	--	6	7	2

Shari D'Amico (0-3), Jennifer Ross (4), Wendy Urso (4) and Kelly Rowan, Jess Leifert (6); Michelle Krone (1-0) and Brittany Stroop. 2B-Becky Yost (M).

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ECSU FASTPITCH SOFTBALL BLANKED TWICE IN LOSSES IN ORLANDO
Warriors leave seven in scoring position in 1-0 loss to University of Chicago

ORLANDO, FL – Three Eastern Connecticut State University pitchers gave up only ten hits but the Warriors were unable capitalize in a pair of shutouts losses Saturday at the Rebel Spring Games.

In a 1-0 loss to the University of Chicago (3-7), Eastern (0-4) left seven baserunners in scoring position and Chicago pushed across the only run of the game when senior catcher Jen DeLopst doubled with one out in the fifth off complete-game loser **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)**.

In a 2-0 loss to Ramapo (3-0), Eastern was limited to one hit by sophomore lefty Jamie Anzaldi and the Roadrunners scored the only run they would need in the fourth inning on a hit batter, sacrifice bunt and two wild pitches. ECSU junior third baseman **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** had the team's only hit – a leadoff double in the third inning. She reached third on a passed ball two two outs but Anzaldi escaped damage when Neilson was called out after stepping on home plate while bunting.

D'Amico surrendered only six hits in the opening loss while fanning one, walking two and hitting a batter. Freshman **Jennifer Ross (CANTERBURY)** and junior **Wendy Urso (SOUTHINGTON)** combined on a four-hitter in the loss to Ramapo, allowing only one earned run.

Against Chicago, junior shortstop **Valarie Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)** was stranded three times at third base and senior centerfielder **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)** three times at second . Each had two hits against Chicago senior right-handed pitcher Kelly Ostler, who fanned 12 batters while walking only two.

Monday in Orlando, Eastern faces Ramapo at 10:40 a.m. and Mount Vernon Nazarene College at 2:20 p.m.

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Softball

U. of Chicago 1, Eastern Conn. 0

Chicago (3-7)	000	010	0	--	1	6	1
Eastern Conn. (0-3)	000	000	0	--	0	6	2

Kelly Ostler (2-3) and Jen DeLopst. Shari D'Amico (0-2) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-DeLopst (C), Valarie Gasparino (E).

Ramapo College 2, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (0-4)	000	000	0	--	0	1	5
Ramapo (3-0)	000	110	x	--	2	4	0

Jennifer Ross (0-2), Wendy Urso (5) and Kelly Rowan. Jamie Anzaldi (3-0) and Colleen Miller. 2B-Stacey Schofield (E).