

Saturday, April 29, 1995

ECSU SOFTBALL SWEPT BY TRENTON STATE SATURDAY

TRENTON, NJ -- Trenton State College collected 24 hits -- 11 of them bunt singles -- in sweeping the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team 7-0, 7-2 Saturday.

The losses to Trenton (37-3), ranked No.-1 nationally in Division III, drop ECSU to 15-12 with only this weekend's game in the Anderson Memorial Invitational remaining in the regular season. Eastern is currently ranked sixth in the NCAA Northeast Region and could be overlooked for an NCAA tournament bid for the first time ever when bids are announced next Monday.

Rachel Hudak had five hits, Robin Selbst and Alicia Sanchez four each in the doubleheader for Trenton, last year's national champion. The Lions had four bunt singles in the first game and seven in the second game.

ECSU senior righty Michelle Silva (12-11) pitched two complete games, striking out one and walking eight (two intentionally). Kim Stefanowicz (22-1) pitched a five-hitter for Trenton in the first game while Barb Fralinger won her 12th without a loss despite allowing 11 ECSU hits in the nightcap.

Trenton scored all of its runs in the first game in the first two innings, six coming in the second inning on seven hits, two walks and an ECSU error. Trenton broke a 2-2 tie in the second game with a run in the fourth and three in the fifth.

Senior outfielder Lori Franchina was 5-for-7 for Eastern, sophomore infielder Stephanie Sorak 3-for-7.

First Game Trenton State 7, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (15-11)	000	000	0	--	0	5	4
Trenton State (36-3)	160	000	x	--	7	11	1

Michelle Silva (12-10) and Donna Mello. Kim Stefanowicz (22-1) and Chris Owens.

Second Game Trenton State 7, Easter Conn. 2

Eastern Conn. (15-12)	000	200	0	--	2	11	1
Trenton State (37-3)	110	131	x	--	7	13	2

Michelle Silva (12-11) and Donna Mello. Barb Fralinger (12-0) and Sunny Montas, Chris Owens (4). 2B-Lori Franchina (EC), Gretchen Herudek (T); 3B-Mello (EC), Michelle Carlson (T).

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ECSU SOFTBALL ENDS NORTH ADAMS' 19-GAME WIN STREAK

Silva fires five-hitter as Warriors win second game of doubleheader

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior right-handed pitcher Michelle Silva of Swansea, MA held North Adams State College hitless through four innings of the nightcap as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team defeated the Mohawks 4-1 to gain a split of Thursday's doubleheader.

In the opener, North Adams (23-4) won its 19th straight game up north behind Melissa Welliver's complete-game five-hitter 5-1.

North Adams entered the game ranked first in the NCAA Division III Northeast Region, sixth nationally. Eastern (15-10) was rated sixth in the region, 23rd nationally. The Mohawks had not lost up north entering play, the first-game triumph giving them 19 straight.

Welliver (13-2), who had a personal 11-game winning streak snapped in the nightcap, allowed only an unearned run in the first game, striking out three and walking two. Eastern scored single runs in the first two innings of the nightcap and made it 4-1 by scoring two runs in the fifth on three hits and an error after Welliver had retired the first two batters.

Silva retired the first 12 batters in order in the second game before North Adams broke through for a leadoff hit and a run in the fifth. Trailing 4-1, North Adams loaded the bases with two out in the seventh but Silva retired No.-9 hitter Kate Kelley on a hard ground ball to second to end the game.

Silva (12-9), who has pitched 13 straight complete games, struck out five batters in each game and issued only one second-game walk on the day. Only two of the runs she allowed were earned. The Warriors committed five first-game errors, six on the day.

No North Adams player had more than one hit in either game but cleanup hitter Melissa Norman drove in two runs in the first game with an RBI single and sacrifice fly. The Mohawks entered play with a .405 team batting average.

Donna Mello had two hits for Eastern in the nightcap. Only two of ECSU's runs in the doubleheader were earned, thanks to six North Adams errors.

Eastern travels to face Trenton State College Saturday in a 1 p.m. doubleheader.

**College Softball
Thursday's Results
at Willimantic, Conn.**

**First Game
North Adams State 5, Eastern Conn. State 1**

North Adams (23-3)	000	300	2	--	5	8	3
Eastern Conn. (14-10)	000	100	0	--	1	5	5

Melissa Welliver (13-1) and Melissa Norman. Michelle Silva (11-9) and Donna Mello. 2B-Jill Trance (N).

**Second Game
Eastern Conn. State 4, North Adams State 1**

North Adams (23-4)	000	010	0	--	1	5	3
Eastern Conn. (15-10)	110	020	x	--	4	6	1

Melissa Welliver (13-2) and Melissa Norman. Michelle Silva (12-9) and Donna Mello. 2B-Collene Gregory (EC); 3B-Lori Franchina (EC).

Wednesday, April 26, 1995

TODAY
ECSU SOFTBALL HOSTS NORTH ADAMS STATE THURSDAY

The two top-ranked softball teams in the NCAA Division III Northeast Region meet today in a 4 p.m. doubleheader today when second-ranked Eastern Connecticut State University hosts top-ranked North Adams State College at Spector Field.

Eastern, at 14-9, returns to Spector Field for the first time since April 12 for only its third home date of the year. North Adams has won 22 and lost 3 and brings an 18-game winning streak into action, all of those wins coming up north.

North Adams can gain an automatic bid to its first Northeast Regional tournament in two weeks by winning the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference. Eastern is among several teams vying for a berth in the regional. The Warriors have never missed an NCAA tournament, qualifying for all 13. Other top contenders for the remaining two or three spots are Ithaca College, UMass Dartmouth, Tufts and Wheaton.

North Adams is ranked sixth nationally, Eastern 23rd.

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ECSU SOFTBALL SWEEPS SUNDAY AT SAINT JOSEPH'S INVITATIONAL

Senior pitcher Michelle Silva doesn't allow an earned run in two wins

STANDISH, Maine -- Senior right-hander Michelle Silva didn't allow an earned run and senior outfielder Lori Franchina sparked a 17-hit attack in the second game as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team won two games at the Saint Joseph's College Invitational Sunday.

The Warriors (14-9), ranked in a tie for second in the NCAA Division III Northeast Region, shut out the University of Maine-Farmington 4-0 before later crushing the University of New England 15-2 in six innings. Eastern won three of four games in the two-day, four-team, round-robin tournament, losing only to champion and host Saint Joseph's 1-0 Saturday. Saint Joseph's won all four of its games while New England was 1-3 and Maine-Farmington 0-4.

Silva (11-8), who has pitched 11 straight complete games for Eastern, allowed only six hits and two unearned runs in 13 innings. She struck out eight and walked two.

Leading 1-0, Eastern scored three times in the bottom of the sixth inning to pull away from Maine-Farmington (7-8).

Eight different players contributed a hit and run and seven drove in at least one against New England. Franchina reached four times with four hits and a hit-by-pitch while senior Danielle Barck and sophomore Stephanie Sorak each had three hits. Senior Donna Mello had two hits, three RBI and two runs scored while Franchina drove in two runs and scored three and Barck drove in two and scored two.

Eastern hosts North Adams State College, the No.-1 ranked team in the Northeast Region, Thursday in a 4 p.m. doubleheader.

Eastern Conn. 4, University of Maine-Farmington 0

Maine-Farmington (7-8)	000	000	0	--	0	2	1
Eastern Conn. (13-9)	100	003	x	--	4	2	2

Karen Cooper (0-2) and Nicole Searles. Michelle Silva (10-8) and Donna Mello. 2B-Mello.

Eastern Conn. 15, University of New England 2, 6 inn.

Eastern Conn. (14-9)	015	216	--	15	17	2
New England (10-6)	002	000	--	2	4	3

Michelle Silva (11-8) and Donna Mello. Kelly Hendrickson (5-4) and Wendy Atwood. 2B-Mello, Danielle Barck, Stephanie Sorak (EC); 3B-Lori Franchina (EC).

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ECSU SOFTBALL SPLITS AT SAINT JOSEPH'S INVITE

Warriors beaten on tie-breaker, defeat U. of New England

STANDISH, Maine -- The Eastern Connecticut State University softball team scored three times in the second inning to defeat the University of New England 5-2 and gain a split of two games Saturday at the Saint Joseph's College Invitational.

In the opener, Jen Hart's two-out bases loaded single in the bottom of the eighth inning gave host Saint Joseph's (20-5) a 1-0 win.

Eastern (12-9) scored three runs on two hits, a sacrifice fly and two Lady Knight errors in the second inning to take a 3-0 lead en route to the win over the University of New England (9-5).

Monique Bethea, who had three of the team's five hits against Saint Joseph's, had two hits against UNE while Collene Gregory drove in two runs with a single in the second and fielder's choice in the third. Rhonda Dray had one hit and plated a run with a sacrifice fly in the second.

Eastern lost to Saint Joseph's after the international tie-breaker rule was invoked after seven scoreless innings. Heather Viti was placed on second base to start the Monks' eighth and was advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt. After a pair of intentional walks loaded the bases, ECSU senior righty Michelle Silva (9-8) got a strikeout for the second out before Hart ripped the first pitch into right field to score Viti with the winning run.

Silva pitched her eighth and nine consecutive complete games, allowing five hits while striking out six in each. She walked three against Saint Joseph's, two of which were intentional, and two against New England.

Kellee Murphy (5-0) allowed five hits and struck out three without walking a batter for Saint Joseph's.

Eastern concludes play in the four-team round-robin tournament today, facing Maine-Farmington at 10 a.m. and the University of New England at noon.

Saint Joseph's College 1, Eastern Conn. 0, 8 inn.

Eastern Conn. (11-9)	000	000	00	--	0	5	0
Saint Joseph's (20-5)	000	000	01	--	1	5	1

Two outs when winning run scored.

Michelle Silva (8-8) and Donna Mello. Kellee Murphy (5-0) and Dani Bernier.

Eastern Conn. 5, University of New England 2

New England (9-5)	000	010	1	--	2	5	4
Eastern Conn. (12-9)	031	010	x	--	5	7	2

Heather Fiske (4-2) and Wendy Atwood. Michelle Silva (9-8) and Donna Mello.

Saturday, April 15, 1995

ITHACA COLLEGE SOFTBALL SWEEPS EASTERN CONN. 5-0, 5-3

ITHACA, NY -- Sophomore righty Nicki Swan shut out the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team 5-0 in the opener and picked up her second save in a 5-3 win in the nightcap as Ithaca College swept the Warriors Saturday in a key regional doubleheader.

Ithaca improves to 9-10 with its sixth win in the last nine decisions. Eastern, ranked in a tie for second in the NCAA Division III Northeast Region, falls to 11-8 after having a three-game winning streak snapped. Ithaca, which eliminated ECSU from last year's regional tournament, is unranked in the most recent regional poll.

Swan (4-7) allowed five singles in the opener while striking out one and walking four. Senior righty Susan Reid (2-2) allowed six singles and one run through the first six innings of the second game as Ithaca built a 5-0 lead. The Warriors got two runs back in the seventh but Swan got the final three outs while allowing one hit.

Senior righty Michelle Silva (8-7) went the distance for ECSU in both games -- her sixth and seventh straight complete games.

Sophomore shortstop Stephanie Sorak had two hits in the first game for Eastern while senior catcher Donna Mello and ~~freshman third baseman Nina Polano~~ had two hits in the nightcap.

Eastern competes in the Saint Joseph's College Invitational next weekend at Standish, ME.

**College Softball
at Ithaca, NY**

First Game

Ithaca College 5, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (11-7)	000	000	0	--	0	5	2
Ithaca (8-10)	103	010	x	--	5	9	2

Nicki Swan (4-7) and Chris Pettograsso. Michelle Silva (8-6) and Donna Mello. 2B-Amy McMordie, Jen Blum, Meg Steere (I); 3B-Marie Kelly (I).

Second Game

Ithaca College 5, Eastern Conn. 3

Eastern Conn. (11-8)	010	000	2	--	3	7	2
Ithaca (9-10)	012	200	x	--	5	10	1

Susan Reid (2-2), Swan (7) and Pettograsso. Silva (8-6) and Mello. Save-Swan. 2B-Pettograsso (I).

Wednesday, April 12, 1995

ECSU SOFTBALL SWEEPS DEFENDING REGIONAL CHAMP BRIDGEWATER
Mello gives Warriors second-game win with seventh-inning single

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Donna Mello's two-run single in the bottom of the seventh inning capped a three-run rally and lifted the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team to a 3-2 win over Bridgewater State College Wednesday and a sweep of a doubleheader.

Eastern (11-6), ranked 19th nationally, scored eight unearned runs in the fourth inning en route to a 12-3 five-inning win in the opener. Bridgewater (7-12), last year's NCAA Division III Northeast Regional champion and national runner-up, has lost nine straight.

After collecting ten hits in the opener off Bridgewater's Sharon Martin (4-9) and reliever Melanie Merryman, Eastern was held to just four by Martin and trailed 2-0 entering the seventh inning of the nightcap.

With one out, Michelle Silva and Lori Franchina reached on infield errors and Rhonda Dray walked to load the bases. The first run of the inning was forced in when Martin hit Nina Polando with a pitch. Mello, the team's cleanup hitter who was hitless on the day, then stroked an 0-1 pitch into left field, scoring Franchina and Dray with the tying and go-ahead runs.

Bridgewater had taken a 2-0 lead in the first inning of the second game on two hits and an error.

Silva (8-5) pitched both ends of the doubleheader for the second straight day, allowing only five hits and one earned run in each game. She struck out four and walked six (one intentional) over 12 innings.

Five Bridgewater errors in the first game accounted for nine unearned runs. Four of the errors came in the fourth inning, when ECSU broke from a 4-3 lead with eight runs. Monique Bethea, Karen Sweet and Dray each had two hits in the opener. Bethea and Dray each scored twice and Sweet three times.

Lysa Stortz had four of her team's ten hits and added an RBI on the day. Jen Goodwin had two hits and drove in a run in the opener for the Bears, who committed nine errors in the doubleheader.

Eastern travels to upstate New York this weekend for doubleheaders against Cortland State (Friday) and Ithaca College (Saturday).

First Game
Eastern Conn. 12, Bridgewater State 3, 5 inn.

Bridgewater State (7-11)	100	20	--	3	5	5
Eastern Conn. (10-6)	211	8x	--	12	10	3

Sharon Martin (4-8), Melanie Merryman (4) and Dee Walsh. Michelle Silva (7-5) and Donna Mello. 2B-Jen Goodwin (B), Rhonda Dray (EC).

Second Game
Eastern Conn. 3, Bridgewater State 2

Bridgewater State (7-12)	200	000	0	--	2	5	4
Eastern Conn. (11-6)	000	000	3	--	3	5	1

One out when winning run scored.

Sharon Martin (4-9) and Dee Walsh. Michelle Silva (8-5) and Donna Mello. 2B-Tricia Larivee (B).

Tuesday, April 11, 1995

**ECSU SOFTBAL SPLITS DOUBLEHEADER AT SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE
Warriors win nightcap with just one hit**

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. -- Freshman Nina Polando's first-inning double - the team's only hit of the game -- sparked a two-run rally as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team edged Springfield College 3-2 to gain a split of a doubleheader.

The Maroons (9-12) scored twice in the first inning of the opener and went on to a 3-1 victory -- snapping a string of 15 straight losses to Eastern.

Senior right-handed pitcher Michelle Silva (6-5) went the distance for Eastern in both games. Silva allowed 11 hits in 13 innings and just one earned run. She struck out three and walked two.

The Warriors (9-6) had their only hit of the second game in the first inning. Senior Rhonda Dray walked two one out and scored on a double by Polando. An outfield error allowed Polando to reach third and senior Donna Mello's sacrifice fly made it 2-0. A bunt by senior Monique Bethea turned into a four-base throwing error as ECSU added another run in the third.

The Maroons bunched four of their seven first-game hits in the first inning after there were two out. Second-game losing pitcher Kathy Georgina had two hits and an RBI in the opener to pace the Springfield win. Senior Lori Franchina had two of ECSU's three hits and drove in the lone run.

Eastern hosts defending Northeast Regional champion Bridgewater State College today in a 4 p.m. doubleheader.

**First Game
Springfield College 3, Eastern Conn. 1**

Eastern Conn. (8-6)	000	100	0	--	1	3	2
Springfield (9-11)	200	010	x	--	3	7	2

Michelle Silva (5-5) and Donna Mello. Deb Munger (6-5) and Missy Bilodeau. 2B-Sue Robbins, Carol D'Antuono (SC).

**Second Game
Eastern Conn. 3, Springfield College 2**

Eastern Conn. (9-6)	201	000	0	--	3	1	2
Springfield (9-12)	100	001	0	--	2	4	2

Silva (6-5) and Mello. Kathy Georgina (3-7) and Julie Snider. 2B-Nina Polando (EC), Georgina (SC); 3B-Munger (SC).

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ECSU SOFTBALL TEAM ELIMINATED FROM MONTCLAIR-KEAN CLASSIC

UPPER MONTCLAIR, NJ -- All-America pitcher Laurie Machuga scattered five hits as Allegheny College eliminated the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team from the Montclair State-Kean College Classic with a 5-2 win Friday.

Eastern (6-5) had split a pair of games in pool ¹ play earlier Friday, losing to Montclair State 13-1 before blanking Cortland State College 3-0 behind senior right-hander Michelle Silva's three-hitter.

The 12-team tournament, which continues Saturday, features six teams ranked nationally in Division III, among them Eastern (ninth), Montclair (seventh) and Allegheny (second).

The Warriors, playing their first games since winning five of eight at Cocoa Beach, Florida, managed just ten hits in yesterday's three games. Senior catcher Donna Mello had three and senior rightfielder Monique Bethea two, while five others managed one each.

The Warriors, who reached the tournament finals a year ago, trailed 5-0 to Allegheny ⁽¹⁰⁻³⁾ before getting one back in the fifth on Bethea's RBI infield single and another in the sixth on Mello's RBI single. Eastern loaded the bases with two out in the seventh but Machuga got No.-3 hitter Sarah Marchetti on a fly ball to leftfielder Lisa Klingensmith. Machuga (6-2) retired the first 12 ECSU batters before Mello opened the fifth with a bunt single.

Silva (4-4) collected her seventh career shutout against Cortland ⁽³⁻⁹⁾ limiting the Red Dragons to three singles while striking out four and walking two. Eastern scored the only run it would need in the second. Mello led off with her 100th career hit -- a triple down the right field line -- and junior second baseman Collene Gregory plated her with a fly ball to center.

Montclair (13-2) reached ^{11 hits} senior righty Rhonda Dray (2-1) for ~~11 hits~~ over four innings, with four ECSU errors accounting for five unearned runs.

Montclair State-Kean College Classic
at Upper Montclair, NJ
Friday's Results

Pool Play

Montclair State U. 13, Eastern Conn. 1, 4 inn.

Eastern Conn. (5-4)	010	0	--	1	2	4
Montclair State (13-2)	417	1	--	13	11	1

Rhonda Dray (2-1) and Nina Polando. Robyn Baron (7-1) and Jerrilyn Acevedo.
2B-Ro Guzzi 2, Amy Edinger (M); 3B-Jennifer Flinn (M).

Eastern Conn. 3, Cortland State 0

Cortland State (3-9)	000	000	0	--	0	3	1
Eastern Conn. (6-4)	010	110	x	--	3	3	2

Marla McGinnis (2-4) and Tonya Yerdon. Michelle Silva (4-3) and Donna Mello.

Elimination Round

Allegheny College 5, Eastern Conn. 2

Eastern Conn. (6-5)	000	011	0	--	2	5	2
Allegheny (10-3)	300	200	x	--	5	9	0

Michelle Silva (4-4) and Donna Mello. Laurie Machuga (6-2) and Jen Jacobs.
2B-Collene Gregory (E), Laura Fromm (A); 3B-Fromm (A).

*BASEBALL AT Framingham State -
makeup from Thursday - Cancelled*

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ECSU SOFTBALL SPLITS PAIR IN FINAL FLORIDA GAMES

Warriors lose for third time in opponents' final at-bat

COCOA, Fla. -- Amy Prudhomme scored Crissy Giles from third base with a one-out single in the bottom of the eighth inning to lift Mankato State University to a 4-3 women's softball win over Eastern Connecticut State University Thursday in the Warriors' final game in Florida.

In the Warriors' first game, senior Monique Bethea led a 14-hit ECSU attack with three hits as the Warriors defeated Elmhurst College 8-1 for the third time in five days.

Eastern closes out its five-day stay in Florida with a 5-3 record, all losses coming by a run to Division II opponents in the latter's final at-bat.

Against Mankato (6-3), Eastern sent the game into extra innings by scoring an unearned run in the top of the seventh on freshman Nina Polando's one-out RBI single, scoring Bethea from third.

The Lady Mavs won the game in the bottom of the eighth with an unearned run off senior righty Michelle Silva (3-3). Prudhomme's bases-loaded single scored Giles, who had reached on an outfield error with one out and moved up on a single and walk.

Silva allowed nine hits while walking two. She had no strikeouts.

In its first game Thursday, Eastern crushed Elmhurst (0-5) for the second time in 18 hours, scoring four times in the sixth to put the game away.

Seniors Lori Franchina, Rhonda Dray, and Denise Marchese and Polando followed Bethea with two hits each. Bethea and senior Donna Mello each scored twice while Mello and Dray drove in two runs each. Mello capped the four-run sixth inning with a two-run home run.

Dray (2-0) allowed five singles while fanning seven and walking two.

Eastern, ranked seventh nationally, meets eighth-ranked Montclair State University in the opening round of the Montclair-Kean Classic Friday in its northern opener at Upper Montclair, NJ.

Eastern Conn. 8, Elmhurst College 1

Eastern Conn. (5-2)	110	024	0	--	8	14	1
Elmhurst (0-5)	100	000	0	--	1	5	4

Rhonda Dray (2-0) and Nina Polando. Jenni McCutcheon^N(0-1) and Mary Beth Wise. 2B-Polando (EC); HR-Mello (EC).

Mankato State University 4, Eastern Conn. 3, 8 inn.

Eastern Conn. (5-3)	000	020	10	--	3	9	3
Mankato State (6-3)	001	020	01	--	4	9	3

One out when winning run scored.

Michelle Silva (3-3) and Donna Mello. Pam Stierlen, Jenni Vass (7) and Heather Hillstrom. WP-Vass (3-1). 2B-Amber Smith (M).

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Wednesday, March 22, 1995

ECSU SOFTBALL DEFEATS ELMHURST COLLEGE 8-2

COCOA, Fla. -- Senior right-hander Michelle Silva pitched a complete-game five-hitter to lift the Eastern Connecticut State University women's fastpitch softball team to an 8-2 win over Elmhurst College Wednesday.

Eastern improves to 4-2 with the win while Elmhurst falls to 0-3.

Juniors Sarah Marchetti and Collene Gregory and sophomore Stephanie Sorak all had two hits in a ten-hit ECSU attack. Both of Marchetti's hits were doubles while Gregory, who scored two runs, had a triple. Senior Lori Franchina reached safely four times with a hit and three walks and scored two runs.

Silva (3-2) allowed only one earned run. She struck out four and walked one while hitting a batter.

Eastern closes out its Florida trip Thursday with games against Elmhurst (noon) and Mankato State (2:30 p.m.).

Eastern Conn. 8, Elmhurst College 2

Eastern Conn. (4-2)	101	201	3	--	8	10	2
Elmhurst (0-3)	001	000	1	--	2	5	2

Michelle Silva (3-2) and Donna Mello. Mandy Bjekich (0-2) and Mary Beth Wise.
2B-Sarah Marchetti 2 (EC), Bjekich 2 (EI); 3B-Collene Gregory (EC).

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Tuesday, March 21, 1995

NEBRASKA-OMAHA CATCHES ECSU SOFTBALL TEAM
Lady Mavs score four in final two innings in 4-3 win

COCOA, Fla. -- Tracey Carey pitched a complete game and drove in three runs with three hits as the University of Nebraska-Omaha rallied to edge Eastern Connecticut State University in women's fastpitch softball Tuesday.

Carey won the game for the Lady Mavs (8-8) -- ranked second nationally in Division II -- with a two-out single to right-center in the bottom of the seventh. ECSU is 3-2.

Toni Novak had opened the Nebraska seventh with a triple off ECSU senior righty Michelle Silva (2-2). A pair of intentional walks loaded the bases but Eastern was within an out of escaping when rightfielder Monique Bethea gunned down Novak at the plate to complete a double play after catching a fly ball. Carey, however, followed by drilling a 1-1 pitch through the gap in right-center, just beyond the dive of Bethea.

Carey (4-4) allowed ten ECSU hits while striking out three and walking one.

Junior Sarah Marchetti led ECSU with four hits, with six additional players also collecting one. Senior Donna Mello drove in senior Lori Franchina twice with a fielder's choice in the first and single in the fifth. Junior Collene Gregory also drove in Marchetti in the first when the Warriors moved out to a 2-0 lead.

The Lady Mavs tied the game with three runs in the sixth on Carey's two-run triple and an RBI single by Theresa Tramp.

Silva allowed eight hits while walking four. She did not strike a batter out.

Marchetti leads ECSU in five games with a .650 average (13-for-20).

The Warriors meet Millersville tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Cocoa. The teams split a Monday doubleheader, Millersville winning the second game on a one-out passed ball in the bottom of the ninth.

Nebraska-Omaha 4, Eastern Conn. 3

Eastern Conn (3-2)	200	010	0	--	3	10	2
Nebraska-Omaha (8-8)	000	003	1	--	4	8	2

Two outs when winning run scored.

Michelle Silva (2-2) and Donna Mello. Tracy Carey (4-4) and Jess Barrineau. 2B-Rhonda Dray (E); 3B-Toni Novak, Jenni Upenieks, Carey (N).

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Sunday, March 19, 1995

ECSU SOFTBALL SWEEPS OPENING PAIR
Silva no-hits Kalamazoo in first game

COCOA, Fla. -- Senior right-hander Michelle Silva tossed a no-hitter in the opener and got the final two outs in gaining a save in the nightcap as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team won a pair of season-opening games.

Eastern rallied with four runs in the top of the ^{7th} ninth to defeat Kalamazoo College (3-1) 5-2 in the first game and held off Elmhurst College (0-1) 7-6 in the second game.

Silva fanned three, walked two and hit three batters in her complege-game no-hitter and junior Sarah Marchetti and Donna Mello each had three hits

Senior righty Rhonda Dray took a 7-4 lead into seventh inning of the second game but needed help from Silva, who allowed a sacrifice fly, then got a comebacker to end the game.

Senior centerfielder Lori Franchina led ECSU in the second game with three hits, Mello and senior Denise Marchese adding two. Mello and Marchese each had two RBI.

Eastern Conn. 5, Kalamazoo College 2

Eastern Conn. (1-0)	100	000	4	--	5	10	4
Kalamazoo (3-1)	001	010	0	--	2	0	3

Michelle Silva (1-0) and Donna Mello. Megan Readler (2-1) and Sara Foster.

Eastern Conn. 7, Elmhurst College 6

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