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ECSU SOFTBALL PLACES SECOND AT LITTLE EAST TOURNAMENT

Warriors shut out in first game of championship round 3-0

GORHAM, ME -- Tournament Most Outstanding Player Paula Reed won her third tournament game with a complete-game three-hitter -- driving in the only run her team would need in the final -- as top-seeded University of Southern Maine won the inaugural Little East Conference softball tournament with a 3-0 win over third-seeded Eastern Connecticut State University Sunday.

Southern Maine (28-16) won all four of its tournament games, defeating UMass Boston 13-0 in a first-round elimination game Wednesday before sweeping three games this weekend in the double-elimination tournament. The Huskies, ranked fifth in the Northeast Region, defeated UMass Dartmouth 9-1 and Eastern 3-2 Friday to advance to Sunday's championship round (Saturday's games were postponed due to rain), where Eastern (22-18) needed two victories to capture the championship.

Eastern, seeded third in the tournament, defeated Rhode Island College 2-1 Wednesday in the first round to advance to the four-team double elimination tournament. The Warriors opened with a 3-1 win over Keene State Friday but fell into the losers' bracket with Friday's loss to Southern Maine. ECSU remained alive Sunday morning with a 4-2 win over Keene State before losing for the fourth time this year to Southern Maine.

Southern Maine's Reed (14-8), who allowed only one run and nine hits in 16 tournament innings, limited ECSU to three singles -- a bunt in the first, infield safety in the fourth and bloop to left in the sixth. Reed struck out two and walked one to post her first complete-game shutout.

Freshman righty **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)**, who won all three of ECSU's tournament games, was lifted in the second inning against Southern Maine Sunday when the hosts scored the only run they would need. Kaczynski (10-6) left with one out and the bases loaded and Reed drove in the first run of the game with an RBI single off ECSU sophomore righty **Erin Bundy (MANSFIELD)**.

Michelle Cloutier's RBI single made it 2-0 in the third and a wild pitch brought home the third run of the game in the fourth.

For Eastern, junior DP **Jessie Cosgrove (SABATTUS, ME)** had two of the team's three hits.

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Against Keene State, Eastern defeated the Owls (19-15-1) for the second time in the tournament after losing both regular-season games. Kaczynski allowed five singles while walking three. She did not strike anyone out.

Eastern staked Kaczynski to a 4-0 lead with a run in the first on an RBI single by junior third baseman **Michelle Cunningham (MARSTONS MILLS, MA)** and three more in the fifth on one hit -- a two-run double to left by freshman shortstop **Amy Gray (SPRAGUE)** -- three walks and a hit batsman.

Kaczynski retired the side in order only once but stranded eight baserunners. Keene left a runner in scoring position in the second and two runners aboard in the fourth before scoring unearned runs in the fifth and sixth. With the bases loaded and one out in the fifth, Kaczynski retired the side on consecutive pitches -- giving up the Owls' first run on a sacrifice fly and getting a force out at second on a ground ball to Gray to end the inning.

Cunningham, Kaczynski, Gray and senior catcher **Nina Polando (SWANSEA, MA)** represented ECSU on the all-tournament team. Cunningham batted .500 (6-for-12), Gray .333 (5-for-15) and Polando .250 (3-for-12). Kaczynski fashioned a 0.66 ERA in 21.3 innings, winning three of four decisions while fanning three and walking six.

**Elimination Round Final
Eastern Conn. 4, Keene State College 2**

Eastern Conn. (22-16)	100	030	0	--	4	3	2
Keene State (19-15-1)	000	011	0	--	2	5	1

Karen Kaczynski (10-5) and Nina Polando. Lindsey Blood (2-2), Kara Suhie (5) and Liane Blad. 2B-Jessie Cosgrove, Amy Gray (E), Kristen Bailey (K).

**Championship Round
U. of Southern Maine 3, Eastern Conn. 0**

Eastern Conn. (22-17)	000	000	0	--	0	3	3
Southern Maine (28-16)	011	100	x	--	3	6	2

Karen Kaczynski (10-6), Erin Bundy (2) and Nina Polando. Paula Reed (14-8) and Julie Plant. 2B-Meredith Bradley (S).

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ECSU SOFTBALL ADVANCES IN LITTLE EAST TOURNAMENT

Kaczynski, Bundy combine on four-hitter in win over Rhode Island College

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman righty **Karen Kaczynski** (HARWINTON) and sophomore righty **Erin Bundy** (MANSFIELD) combined on a four-hitter and the Warriors survived a seventh-inning jam to eliminate Rhode Island College in the first round of the Little East Conference softball tournament Wednesday.

Third-seeded ECSU (20-15), a winner of 20 games for the first time since 1994, moves into the double-elimination round of the four-team tournament, which is scheduled for Friday and Saturday at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham, ME. The Warriors are scheduled to face fourth-seeded Keene State College (18-13-1) Friday at 10 a.m. in the first of four first-day games. Top-seeded Southern Maine (25-14-1) meets seventh-seeded UMass Dartmouth (6-24) at noon. The first-round losers meet at 2 p.m., with the first-round winners scheduled to square off at 4 p.m.

Yesterday, Kaczynski (8-5) defeated the Anchorwomen (16-16) for the second time in as many decisions, getting relief help from Bundy, who gained her second save. Kaczynski took a 2-1 lead into the seventh but was lifted in favor of Bundy after leadoff batter Stephanie Marshall reached on an infield error. After Jane Viveiros also reached on an infield error, Bundy got losing pitcher Lea Wiggins (4-6) to line sharply to first base, but then walked No. 9 batter Meaghan Davis to load the bases with one out. Bundy got leadoff hitter Vania Rebollo to ground to third, where pinch runner Alicia Marques was forced at home by junior **Michelle Cunningham** (MARSTONS MILLS, MA), and a ground ball to second ended the game.

Eastern scored the only runs it needed in the second inning on RBIs by junior first baseman **Cindy Baker** (CROMWELL) and senior catcher **Nina Polando** (SWANSEA, MA). Baker's ground ball to second plated freshman shortstop **Amy Gray** (SPRAGUE), who had singled to open the inning, from third and Polando drove in junior DP **Jessie Cosgrove** (SABATTUS, ME) from second with a double to right-center.

The Anchorwomen, who had won six straight entering play, got an unearned run back in the fourth on an inning-opening error and two hits. A key defensive play prevented RIC from scoring additional runs in the inning, however. On the RBI single by Wiggins, the ball was jolted loose at first base but Baker picked it up and fired to Kaczynski covering home to nip a sliding Marshall.

Although ECSU committed five errors, it turned two double plays, the second one coming in the sixth which helped Kaczynski out after an inning-opening single to Shana Willis. After the single, Jennifer Cook grounded to Baker at first, who flipped to junior shortstop **Michelle DePault** (COVENTRY) to get the force at first. DePault then fired to Gray at shortstop, who tagged Willis, who was caught off after rounding second.

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Kaczynski allowed all four hits while fanning one and walking one. Gray had two of ECSU's five hits and also had a stolen base while DePault recorded her 100th career hit with a fifth-inning infield single.

Eastern Conn. 2, Rhode Island College 1

R.I. College (16-16)	000	100	0	--	1	4	1
Eastern Conn. (20-15)	020	000	x	--	2	5	5

Lea Wiggins (4-6) and Jennifer Sabatelli. Karen Kaczynski (8-5), Erin Bundy (7) and Nina Polando. Save-Bundy (2). Polando (E).

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CORTLAND STATE SOFTBALL BLANKS ECSU 5-0

Warriors conclude regular season with three shutout losses

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Leslie Lance pitched a five-hitter and June Maloney was 4-for-4 with two RBI as the Cortland State women's softball team blanked Eastern Connecticut State University 5-0 Sunday.

ECSU's scheduled single game against No. 5 nationally-ranked College of New Jersey later Sunday was cancelled due to rain.

Eastern (19-15) concluded the regular season with three shutout loss to nationally-ranked teams. Saturday, the Warriors were blanked 8-0, 9-0 by No. 7 Ithaca before yesterday's loss to third-ranked Cortland (27-8).

Eastern was limited to just five hits by Lance (21-2) but, with the help of five walks, threatened throughout. The Warriors stranded 11 runners in all, three times leaving two runners aboard and once leaving the bases loaded.

Maloney's RBI double and a sacrifice fly by Kim Killigrew in the first inning was enough for Lance, who fanned five. Maloney also drove in a run in a two-run sixth.

Senior catcher **Nina Polando (SWANSEA, MA)** had two doubles for Eastern, which opens play in the Little East Conference tournament Wednesday by hosting Rhode Island College at 3 p.m.

Cortland State 5, Eastern Conn. 0

Cortland State (27-8)	210	002	0	--	5	11	1
Eastern Conn. (19-15)	000	000	0	--	0	5	1

Leslie Lance (21-2) and Tara Schanbacher. Karen Kaczynski (7-5) and Nina Polando. 2B-Jill Payne, June Maloney (C), Polando 2 (E).

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Saturday, April 25, 1998

ITHACA COLLEGE ROUTS ECSU SOFTBALL 8-0, 9-0

Warriors held to six hits, committed seven errors in losses

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Robin Bimson pitched a complete game one-hitter and Ithaca College scored five runs on six hits in the first two innings in the opener en route to an 8-0, 9-0 softball sweep of Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday.

Both games were stopped after five innings, due to an eight-run rule.

Ranked seventh nationally, Ithaca (26-11) collected 16 hits in the doubleheader off ECSU sophomore pitchers **Tracy Pendergast (WALPOLE, MA)** and **Erin Bundy (MANSFIELD)** and was aided by seven errors.

Ithaca leadoff hitter Vanessa Mantorsi was 2-for-4 with two runs scored in each game while Julie McGraw had three hits and scored five runs. Ithaca has beaten ECSU the last nine times the teams have met.

Junior third baseman **Michelle Cunningham (MARSTONS MILLS, MA)** had two hits for ECSU in the nightcap.

Eastern (19-14) hosts Cortland State Sunday at 10 a.m. and College of New Jersey at 2. Cortland is ranked third nationally, New Jersey fifth.

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College Softball at Willimantic, CT

First Game

Ithaca College 8, Eastern Conn. 0 , 5 inn.

Ithaca (25-11)	320	30	--	8	7	0
Eastern Conn. (19-13)	000	00	--	0	1	4

Robin Bimson (16-8) and Sharon Orchard; Tracy Pendergast (5-4) and Nina Polando. 2B-Julie McGraw, Laura Remia (I), Cindy Baker (E).

Second Game

Ithaca College 9, Eastern Conn. 0 , 5 inn.

Ithaca (26-11)	312	30	--	9	9	0
Eastern Conn. (19-14)	000	00	--	0	5	3

Christie Davis (10-2) and Sharon Orchard. Erin Bundy (6-4) and Polando. 2B-Vanessa Montorsi, Margo McGowan (I).

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Tuesday, April 21, 1998

ECSU SOFTBALL EDGES WESTERN CONN. IN LITTLE EAST Kaczynski, Bundy allow eight hits in 2-1, 2-0 victories

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** and sophomore **Erin Bundy (MANSFIELD)** limited Western Connecticut State University to eight hits and the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team scored the only runs it would need in the first inning of both games as the Warriors swept the Colonials 2-1, 2-0 Tuesday in a Little East Conference doubleheader.

Conference-leading Western (23-11), ranked fifth in the NCAA Division III Northeast Region, closes out its conference regular season at 11-3 while Eastern (19-12) had a streak of four straight conference losses snapped and finishes regular-season conference play at 10-4. A sweep would have given Western the regular-season title outright while a split would have assured it of at least a share of the crown with Souther Maine. Southern Maine stands 8-2 with four conference games remaining.

Yesterday, Kaczynski (7-4) allowed only three hits while fanning six and walking three in the first game and Bundy (6-3) stopped the Colonials on five singles in the nightcap. It is the first win since April 5 for Bundy, who fanned two and walked one in out-dueling Western ace Kate Manning (10-3).

The Warriors entered play with a .925 team fielding average but committed just one error, a third-inning infield error in the first game which did not produce any runs.

In the first game, both teams scored its runs in the first inning. Kim Lynch's RBI double plated Jennifer Butler from first to give the Colonials a 1-0 lead but Eastern answered with two in the bottom of the inning to take the lead for good. Sophomore DP **Bobbie LaPorte (STORRS)** tied the game with a sacrifice fly which plated junior second baseman **Michelle DePault (COVENTRY)** and freshman shortstop Amy Gray (SPRAGUE) drove in junior third baseman **Michelle Cunningham (MARSTONS MILLS, MA)** from second with a double to left. ECSU collected three of their four hits in the game in that inning.

In the second game, junior leftfielder **Kelly Rodman (WALLINGFORD)** opened the ECSU first with a single and drove her in from third with a two-out single to left. ECSU added another run in the sixth on Gray's two-out RBI single.

Eastern visits Tufts University, ranked third in the New England Region, Thursday for a 3:30 p.m. doubleheader.

Tuesday's Results
 College Softball
 at Willimantic Conn

First Game
Eastern Conn. 2, Western Conn. 1

Western Conn. (23-10)	100	000	0	--	1	3	0
Eastern Conn. (18-12)	200	000	x	--	2	4	1

Lia Maniscalco (6-5) and Kim Lynch. Karen Kaczynski (7-4) and Nina Polando.
 2B-Keri Lynch, Kim Lynch (W), Amy Gray (E).

Second Game
Eastern Conn. 2, Western Conn. 0

Western Conn. (23-11)	000	000	0	--	0	5	1
Eastern Conn. (19-12)	100	001	x	--	2	5	0

Erin Bundy (6-3) and Nina Polando. Kate Manning (10-3) and Kim Lynch.

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SALEM STATE COLLEGE WINS ECSU ANDERSON SOFTBALL INVITE *Vikings holds on to defeat Norwich 4-3 in championship game*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Colleen Parker drove in two fourth-inning runs as Salem State College built a three-run lead and held on for a 4-3 victory over the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Saturday to win the 11th Anderson Memorial Invitational Softball Tournament, hosted by Eastern Connecticut State University.

Appearing in the tournament for the fifth time in six years, Salem (14-5) won its first title, scoring three times in the fourth inning to take a 4-1 lead and surviving a Coast Guard (17-11) rally which netted them a run in the sixth and another in the seventh.

Salem wiped out a two-run deficit with five runs in the sixth inning to defeat Norwich University (5-7) in the first round while Coast Guard scored three runs in the final two innings to edge host Eastern Connecticut State University (17-12) 3-2 and advance to the final.

In the title game, Salem scored all three of its fourth-inning runs after there were two out. No. 9 hitter Meagan Curtis broke a 1-1 tie with an RBI single and Parker, the leadoff hitter, followed with the fourth hit of the inning, driving in two more and making it 4-1.

The Bears got one back on Meredith Queen's RBI single in the sixth to make it 4-2 and threatened again in the seventh. Coast Guard had three straight hits and was aided by two errors to score once -- Jen Cook driving in a run with a single --but winning pitcher Chris Gurskis (5-1) left the bases loaded by inducing a game-ending ground ball to Parker at shortstop.

In the first round, Coast Guard scored twice in the sixth on four hits to tie the game and scored the go-ahead run in the seventh on Lauren Felix's two-out single to center to defeat the host Warriors. Consecutive RBI singles by No. 8 and No. 9 hitters Erin Calvert and Jaci Obar accounted for Coast Guard's game-tying runs in the sixth.

Salem advanced with the win over Norwich by collecting seven of its 11 hits and scoring five runs in the sixth to wipe out a 4-2 deficit. Lee Anne Kehoe homered to open the inning and Sara Sullivan, pinch-hitter Pam Lovely and Parker added RBI safeties. Lovely, pinch-hitting for the No. 9 batter, stroked a run-producing triple to give Salem a 5-4 lead.

In the consolation game, Norwich starter Jessica Heglin (2-3) walked the only three batters she faced and ECSU went on to score six runs on three hits and six walks in a game stopped after five innings. For Eastern, Amy Gray was 2-for-2 with two sacrifice bunts and two RBI, Bobbie LaPorte was 2-for-2 with two walks and three runs scored, Stacey Guertin walked three times and drove in two runs and Michelle DePault and Michelle Cunningham each scored three times. Cunningham collected her 100th career hit with a first-inning single in the first-round loss to Coast Guard.

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**Saturday's Results
Anderson Memorial Invitational
Softball Tournament
at Willimantic, CT**

**First Round
U.S. Coast Guard 3, Eastern Conn.2**

Coast Guard (17-10)	000	002	1	--	3	12	1
Eastern Conn. (16-12)	001	100	0	--	2	11	1

Katie Wunderlich (11-7) and Kristi Walker. Karen Kaczynski (6-4) and Nina Polando. 2B-Bobbie LaPorte (E).

**First Round
Salem State 7, Norwich U. 4**

Norwich (5-6)	000	040	0	--	4	5	3
Salem State (13-5)	020	005	x	--	7	11	1

Bonnie Rickert (3-4) and Heather Bevis. Becki Baker (7-3) and Jeannette Gordon. 2B-Jackie Patts (N), Lori Dudevoir (S); 3B-Wendy Weber (N), Sara Sullivan, Pam Lovely (S); HR-Bonnie Harley (1) (N); Lee Anne Kehoe (1) (S).

**Consolation Game
Eastern Conn. 13, Norwich U. 2, 5 inn.**

Norwich U. (5-7)	110	00	--	2	3	3
Eastern Conn. (17-12)	624	1x	--	13	10	1

Jessica Heglin (2-3), Bonnie Rickert (1) and Heather Bevis. Tracy Pendergast (5-3), Erin Bundy (5) and Nina Polando. 2B-Wendy Weber (N), Michelle Cunningham (E).

**Championship Game
Salem State 4, U.S. Coast Guard 3**

Salem State (13-6)	001	300	0	--	4	8	4
Coast Guard (17-11)	100	001	1	--	3	9	1

Chris Gurskis (5-1) and Jeannette Gordon. Katie Wunderlich (11-8) and Kristi Walker. 2B-Lauren Felix (C).

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ECSU SOFTBALL ENDS FIVE-GAME LOSING STREAK

Warriors split pair with Springfield College

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. -- Junior third baseman Michelle Cunningham (MARSTONS MILLS, MA) highlighted a six-run sixth inning with a bases-clearing double in the first game as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team split a doubleheader with Springfield College Thursday.

Freshman righty **Karen Kaczynski** (HARWINTON) pitched a complete-game five-hitter and Cunningham drove in three runs in a six-run sixth inning as the Warriors ended a five-game losing streak with an 8-1 win in the first game.

In the nightcap, Springfield (11-13) wiped out a 5-4 deficit with four runs in the fourth on the way to an 8-5 win.

Junior first baseman **Cindy Baker** (CROMWELL) had four hits in the doubleheader for Eastern (16-11) while junior rightfielder **Christy Pabon** (SOUTHINGTON) had three.

Eastern hosts the Anderson Memorial Invitational Saturday at 10 a.m.

First Game

Eastern Conn. 8, Springfield College 1

Eastern Conn. (16-10)	000	016	1	--	8	8	2
Springfield (10-13)	100	000	0	--	1	5	2

Karen Kaczynski (6-3) and Nina Polando. Nan Duga (6-6), Megan Kummerfeldt (6), Duga (7) and Julie Snider. 2B-Christy Pabon, Michelle Cunningham (E), Duga, Jen Starek, Stephanie Sayball (S).

Second Game

Springfield College 8, Eastern Conn. 5

Eastern Conn. (16-11)	110	300	0	--	5	6	2
Springfield (11-13)	220	400	x	--	8	8	1

Kelly Dehner (1-2), Erin Bundy (1), Tracy Pendergast (4) and Polando. Kerri Dingivan, Duga (4) and Snider. WP-Duga (7-6). 2B-Pabon, Amy Gray, Cindy Baker (E), Sayball 2, Jennifer Carroll (S); 3B-Starek 2 (S).

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BAILEY SPARKS KEENE STATE TO SOFTBALL SWEEP OF ECSU *Owls stretch winning streak to six games with 11-4, 5-4 wins*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Junior centerfielder Kristen Bailey collected five hits on the day and drove in three runs with a triple in the second game to spark the Keene State College softball team to an 11-4, 5-4 Little East Conference doubleheader sweep of Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday.

Keene (12-10-1, 5-3) has won six straight -- the last four coming in conference play -- while Eastern falls to 15-10, 8-4 in the conference. ECSU has lost five straight -- the last four coming in the conference.

In the first game, Keene State banged out 15 hits off a pair of ECSU pitchers -- the top five hitters in the lineup combining for 11 hits, five RBI and seven runs -- and got a complete-game eight-hit pitching effort from junior Kara Suhie (7-3). Junior Carrah Fisk, who gained a save with three innings of pitching in the second game, had two hits, including a double, and three RBI in the opener. Suhie fanned four and walked one while hitting one.

In the nightcap, Bailey stroked a bases-clearing triple to highlight a four-run fourth inning as the Owls wiped out a 3-1 lead. All the runs in the inning were unearned and were scored after freshman pitcher **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** had retired the first two batters of the inning. Kaczynski lost for the third straight time after five opening wins. Bailey had three hits to go along with her three RBI while Suhie was 2-for-4 and sophomore catcher Liane Blad 2-for-3. Both Suhie scored a run and had an RBI.

Junior second baseman **Michelle DePault (COVENTRY)** had two hits in each game and drove in two with a single in a three-run second inning in the nightcap.

Eastern travels to face Springfield College in a 3 p.m. doubleheader Thursday.

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

**First Game
Keene State College 11, Eastern Conn. 4**

Keene State (11-10-1)	320	040	2	--	11	15	5
Eastern Conn. (15-9)	100	100	2	--	4	8	6

Kara Suhie (7-3) and Tiffany Brunelle. Erin Bundy (5-3), Tracy Pendergast (2) and Jessie Cosgrove. 2B-Suhie, Carrah Fisk, Beth Ponte, Kristy Symonds (K), Nina Polando 2, Bobbie LaPorte (E).

**Second Game
Keene State College 5, Eastern Conn. 4**

Keene State (12-10-1)	010	400	0	--	5	10	2
Eastern Conn. (15-10)	030	000	1	--	4	8	2

Lindsey Blood (1-1), Carrah Fisk (5) and Liane Blad. Karen Kaczynski (5-3) and Nina Polando. Save-Fisk (1). 2B-Blad (K), Amy Gray (E); 3B-Kristen Bailey (K).

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ECSU SOFTBALL HAS EIGHT-GAME WINNING STREAK SNAPPED *Bridgewater State erases 5-1 fourth-inning deficit in 17-6 victory*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Three errors and a passed ball allowed Bridgewater State College to erase a 5-1 deficit with a five-run fourth inning as the Bears posted their 11th straight softball victory 17-6 over Eastern Connecticut State University Thursday. The second game was cancelled due to rain.

Bridgewater, ranked second in New England and 11th nationally in Division III improves to 16-6 overall, 11-1 up north. The loss snaps ECSU's eight-game winning streak. The Warriors are 15-6 overall, 9-2 up north.

Eastern scored five runs over the first three innings on seven hits and four Bridgewater errors to take a 5-1 lead but handed the Bears five unearned runs in the fourth as Bridgewater regained the lead for good 6-5. Bridgewater had three hits in the inning and took advantage of two ECSU infield errors and a dropped foul ball, as well as a passed ball. With two out and ECSU leading 5-4, a foul ball was dropped and Angela Vecchione followed with a two-run double to put Bridgewater up by one.

Vecchione and Raven Pina each had three hits in Bridgewater's 17-hit attack as the Bears handed ECSU freshman righty Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON) her first loss. Pina had two doubles and a triple, scored three runs and drove in two. Cleanup hitter Colleen Dolan had two hits, scored twice and drove in three runs with a bases-clearing triple in a seven-run fifth inning. Every Bridgewater starter but one had at least one hit, with six players collecting at least two.

Twelve errors in the game led to 19 unearned runs.

Junior third baseman Michelle Cunningham (MARSTONS MILLS, MA), junior second baseman Michelle DePault (COVENTRY) and junior rightfielder Stacey Guertin (PUTNAM) each had two hits for Eastern while Cunningham scored twice.

Eastern returns to Little East Conference play Saturday with a 1 p.m. doubleheader at the University of Southern Maine. The Warriors are 8-0 with six regular-season conference games remaining.

Bridgewater State 17, Eastern Conn. 6

Bridgewater State (16-6)	100	570	4	--	17	17	7
Eastern Conn. (15-6)	203	010	0	--	6	12	5

Tammy Webber (14-2) and Amy Sasin. Karen Kaczynski (5-1), Erin Bundy (5) and Nina Polando. 2B-Raven Pina 2, Amy Sasin, Angela Vecchione, Carrie Kupricz, Kelly Rund (B); Michelle Cunningham (E); 3B-Pina (B).
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ECSU SOFTBALL REMAINS UNBEATEN IN CONFERENCE

Warriors improve Little East record to 8-0 with sweep

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. -- Freshman right-handed pitcher **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** won her fifth consecutive decision with her first collegiate shutout in the first game and the Eastern Connecticut State University softball went on to a Little East Conference doubleheader sweep of University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Tuesday.

Kaczynski (5-0) allowed only two singles and ECSU banged out 15 hits in the 8-0 first game win and junior **Stacey Guertin (PUTNAM)** came off the bench drove in two runs with a pair of singles and throw out two runners at first base from right field in the 7-4 second-game win.

The Warriors (15-5) remain unbeaten in eight conference games and stretched their winning streak to eight. ECSU stands 9-1 up north. UMass Dartmouth is 1-15, 0-6 in the conference. The winning streak is the longest since 1994 and the start is the best after 20 games since an 18-2 mark in the most recent national championship season in 1990.

In the first game, junior third baseman **Michelle Cunningham (MARSTON MILLS, MA)** and junior second baseman **Michelle DePault (COVENTRY)** each had three hits and freshman centerfielder **Amy Gray (SPRAGUE)** and Guertin each drove in two runs. Cunningham had two doubles and scored two runs while driving in one.

Kaczynski, this past week's conference Pitcher-of-the-Week, allowed only an infield single in the first and an opposite-field single to left in the second. She allowed only three baserunners after the second inning, two coming on final-inning walks. Not since 1990 has a freshman won her first five games, when Donna Poyant finished her first season at 6-0 -- the most wins without a loss in program history. The record for consecutive wins to open the season is 14, set in 1990 by senior Christia Mohan, who went on to win 22 of 23 decisions and capture national Player-of-the-Year honors.

In the nightcap, Eastern scored two runs in each of the first two innings to take a 4-0 lead but the Corsairs battled back with three runs in the second and had chances to tie or go ahead in the fourth, fifth and sixth. Junior catcher **Jessie Cosgrove (SABATTUS, ME)** threw out Amanda Fraser attempting to steal third in the fourth and Guertin threw out two runners at first from her position in right field in the fifth.

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Guertin came off the bench to contribute RBI singles in the fifth and seventh while sophomore DP **Bobbie LaPorte (MANSFIELD)** had three hits and drove in two runs. DePault had two hits and scored twice from her leadoff position.

Sophomore righty **Tracy Pendergast (WALPOLE, MA)** gave up seven hits over the first five innings to gain her fourth win against two losses. Sophomore righty **Erin Bundy (MANSFIELD)** earned the save with two innings of shutout relief.

In the doubleheader, DePault was 5-for-7 with five runs scored; LaPorte, batting .524 (11-for-21) in her last six games, was 4-for-7, Guertin 4-for-6 with four RBI and Cunningham 4-for-8 and Gray 3-for-7 with three runs and two RBI. Since returning north, the Warriors have struck out just nine times in ten games.

Eastern hosts Bridgewater State College in a 3:30 doubleheader Thursday. The Bears are ranked second in New England and 11th nationally.

First Game
Eastern Conn. 8, UMass Dartmouth 0, 6 inn.

Eastern Conn. (14-5)	210	032	--	8	15	1
Umass Dartmouth (1-14)	000	000	--	0	2	2

Karen Kaczynski (5-0) and Stacey Guertin. Jessica Boudreau (1-14) and Judith Menz. 2B-Michelle Cunningham 2, Michelle DePault, Bobbie LaPorte, Christy Pabon (E)

Second Game
Eastern Conn. 7, UMass Dartmouth 4

Eastern Conn. (15-5)	130	010	2	--	7	11	4
Umass Dartmouth (1-15)	030	010	0	--	4	9	2

Tracy Pendergast (4-2), Erin Bundy (6) and Jessie Cosgrove. Jessica Boudreau (1-15) and Judith Menz. Save-Bundy (1). 2B-Meghan Farris (MD).

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ECSU WOMEN'S SOFTBALL IMPROVES TO 6-0 IN LITTLE EAST CONFERENCE
Warriors sweep Plymouth State 7-4, 7-2

PLYMOUTH, NH -- Freshman centerfielder Amy Gray (SPRAGUE) capped a four-run seventh-inning rally with a three-run home run to give the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team a 7-4 Little East Conference win over Plymouth State College and an eventual sweep of Sunday's doubleheader.

In the second game, freshman righty Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON) improved to 4-0 with a complete -game eight-hitter in the Warriors' 7-2 victory.

Eastern (13-5) remains unbeaten in conference play at 6-0 -- all six wins coming in the last four days. The Warriors are 7-1 up north. Plymouth falls to 3-8 overall, 0-4 in the conference.

Trailing 4-2 in the first game, Eastern got one back with an unearned run in the sixth before taking the lead for good with four runs on three hits and one key Plymouth State error. An infield throwing error allowed ECSU to tie the game ^{with one out} in the seventh and Gray drilled a three-run home run to straightaway centerfield one batter later. Sophomore righty Erin Bundy (MANSFIELD) won her third straight decision and improved to 5-2. Bundy allowed seven hits while fanning one and walking two.

In the nightcap, junior catcher Jessie Cosgrove (SABATTUS, ME) doubled in two runs in a five-run second inning to back Kaczynski's second career complete game. Kaczynski struck out four and did not walk a batter.

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On the day, Eastern did not commit an error for the fourth time in five games. In the two games, Gray had five hits, scored four runs and drove in four while also walking once. Junior leftfielder Kelly Rodman (WALLINGFORD) had four hits, including a double with a run and RBI. Sophomore DP Bobbie LaPorte (STORRS) added three hits, two runs and an RBI. Junior third baseman Michelle Cunningham (MARSTON MILLS, MA) reached back six times with two hits and four walks, scored twice and had two putouts and ten assists in the field.

Plymouth, ~~who~~^{which} committed eight errors in the first game (four in the final two innings), got four hits in the doubleheader from Jen Arrajj.

Eastern continues conference play Tuesday with a 3 p.m. doubleheader at UMass Dartmouth.

First Game

Eastern Conn. 7, Plymouth State 4

Eastern Conn. (12-5)	010	101	4	--	7	10	0
Plymouth State (3-7)	102	100	0	--	4	7	8

Erin Bundy (5-2) and Stacey Guertin. Amanda Murphy (2-5) and Jen Arrajj.
 2B-Kelly Rodman (E); 3B-Bobbie LaPorte (E); HR-Amy Gray (1) (E), Sara Wormwood (1) (P).

Second Game

Eastern Conn. 7, Plymouth State 2

Eastern Conn. (13-5)	005	000	2	--	7	13	0
Plymouth State (3-8)	000	010	1	--	2	8	2

Karen Kaczynski (4-0) and Jessie Cosgrove. Heather Gadourney (1-4), Abby Russell (4) and Jen Arrajj. 2B-Cosgrove (E); 3B-Arrajj (P).

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ECSU SOFTBALL SWEEPS LITTLE EAST DOUBLEHEADER

Bundy fires complete-game shutout in opening win over RIC

Sophomore righty **Erin Bundy (MANSFIELD)** allowed only three hits in recording her first collegiate shutout as Eastern Connecticut State University blanked Rhode Island College 3-0 Thursday in the opening game of a doubleheader en route to a Little East Conference softball sweep.

In the second game, freshman righty **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** and sophomore righty **Tracy Pendergast (WALPOLE, MA)** combined on a six-hitter and junior third baseman **Michelle Cunningham (MARSTON MILLS, MA)** snapped a 1-1 tie with a fifth-inning RBI triple in a 3-1 victory.

The conference games were the first of the season for both teams. ECSU stands 9-5 overall, 3-1 up north. The Anchorwomen, who swept ECSU a year ago to snap a 23-game losing streak at the hands of the Warriors, are 8-7-1 overall.

Bundy (4-2) allowed only a two-out single in the third inning and a double in the seventh. She fanned five and walked three while hitting one batter. Junior rightfielder **Christy Pabon (SOUTHINGTON)** doubled with one out and scored on Cunningham's sacrifice fly to give ECSU a 1-0 lead in the third and the Warriors added two more in the seventh when sophomore shortstop **Katie Richard (HARWINTON)** was credited with her first two RBIs of the year on a two-out single.

In the second game, Cunningham's one-out triple plated junior second baseman **Michelle DePault (COVENTRY)** from first to give ECSU a 2-1 lead and Pabon's infield ground ball drove in junior catcher **Stacey Guertin (PUTNAM)** from third with one out in the sixth.

Kaczynski (3-0) stopped the Anchorwomen on four singles in five innings to win the nightcap. Pendergast recorded her first collegiate save when she allowed only two singles over the final two innings.

Stephanie Marshall's sacrifice fly plated Monique Marchand in the fourth inning to pull the Anchorwomen even at 1 before Cunningham answered one inning later with her eighth extra-base hit of the season.

Richard had three hits and two RBI in the doubleheader, Cunningham two hits and two RBI and Guertin two hits and an RBI. Freshman first baseman **Bekah Sadlosky (NEWINGTON)** also added two hits.

Eastern resumes conference play this weekend, travelling for doubleheaders at UMass Boston Saturday and Plymouth State Sunday.

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College Softball Thursday's Results at Willimantic, Conn.

First Game Eastern Conn. 3, R.I. College 0

R.I. College (8-6-1)	000	000	0	--	0	3	2
Eastern Conn. (8-5)	001	002	x	--	3	6	1

Shana Willis (1-3) and Jennifer Sabatelli. Erin Bundy (4-2) and Stacey Guertin.
2B-Bekah Sadlosky, Christy Pabon (EC), Willis (EC).

Second Game Eastern Conn. 3, R.I. College 1

R.I. College (8-7-1)	000	100	0	--	1	6	4
Eastern Conn. (8-6 9-5)	100	011	x	--	3	6	0

Lea Wiggins (2-3) and Jennifer Sabatelli. Karen Kaczynski (3-0), Tracy Pendergast (6) and Stacey Guertin. Save-Pendergast (1). 3B-Michelle Cunningham (EC).

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ECSU SPLITS NORTHERN-OPENING SOFTBALL DOUBLEHEADER Kaczynski , Bundy combine on shutout in opening win

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman righthander **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** and sophomore righty **Erin Bundy (MANSFIELD)** combined on a two-hit shutout in the opener to lift the Eastern Connecticut State University fastpitch softball team to a 7-0 northern-opening victory over Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Tuesday in the first game of a doubleheader.

In the nightcap, the Warriors (7-5) couldn't hold a 5-0 lead as the Mohawks (6-7) moved ahead with a five-run fifth inning en route to a 9-7 victory.

Kaczynski (2-0), who had shut out nationally-ranked UC-San Diego for her first college win last Monday, allowed only two hits over the first six innings in gaining the first-game win. She fanned six and walked two.

The Warriors collected 11 hits in the first game, scoring three times on four hits in the first inning. Junior third baseman **Michelle Cunningham (MARSTON MILLS, MA)** and freshman first baseman **Bekah Sadlosky (NEWINGTON)** each had RBI doubles in that inning while sophomore DH **Bobbie LaPorte (STORRS)** drove in the third run of the frame with a single. Junior second baseman **Michelle DePault (COVENTRY)** had two hits and two RBI in the game while freshman shortstop **Amy Gray (SPRAGUE)** and senior catcher **Nina Polando (SWANSEA, MA)** each also had two hits.

In the second game, the Warriors score twice in the first inning on Cunningham's two-run double and added three more on three hits in the second inning to take a 5-0 lead. The Mohawks bounced back with two runs in the fourth and scored five times in the fifth on four hits, chasing starting sophomore righty **Tracy Pendergast (WALPOLE, MA)** and freshman reliever **Kelly Dehner (MYSTIC)** in the process. A dropped fly ball in right field gave Mass. College its first two runs of the inning to make it 5-4 and the tying and go-ahead runs scored on Stacey O'Rourke's single up the middle.

Paula Ciepiela, who drove in the final run of the fifth inning with a single, had three hits and two RBI for the Mohawks while Kate Wapenski, Kristin Parzych and O'Rourke each added two hits to the 14-hit attack. O'Rourke drove in three runs. Cunningham added two hits, two RBI and two runs for Eastern in the second game.

Eastern opens its Little East Conference season Thursday, hosting Rhode Island College in a 3:30 p.m. doubleheader.

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**Women's Softball
Tuesday's Results
at Willimantic, Conn.**

**First Game
Eastern Conn. 7, Massachusetts College 0**

Mass. College (5-7)	000	000	0	--	0	2	1
Eastern Conn. (7-4)	310	300	x	--	7	11	0

Sue Plankey (3-3) and Stacey O'Rourke. Karen Kaczynski (2-0), Erin Bundy (7) and Nina Polando. 2B-Bekah Sadlosky, Michelle Cunningham (EC); 3B-Lisa Bush (MC), Amy Gray (EC).

**Second Game
Massachusetts College 9, Eastern Conn. 7**

Mass. College (6-7)	000	252	0	--	9	14	1
Eastern Conn. (7-5)	203	000	2	--	7	6	4

Sue Plankey (4-3) and Stacey O'Rourke. Tracy Pendergast, Kelly Dehner (5), Erin Bundy (5) and Jessie Cosgrove, Nina Polando (6). LP-Dehner (0-1). 2B-Bekah Sadlosky, Michelle Cunningham, Kelly Rodman (EC).

Friday, March 27

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ECSU SOFTBALL CONCLUDES FLORIDA TRIP WITH TWO WINS

Pendergast, Bundy allow only one run and eight hits in victories

OCOEE, Fla. -- Sophomore right-handed pitchers **Erin Bundy (MANSFIELD)** and **Tracy Pendergast (WALPOLE, MA)** combined to allow two opponents just one run and eight hits as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team defeated Hartwick College 9-1 and Manchester College 2-0 Friday.

Eastern concludes its Florida trip with six wins against four losses after winning four of its final five. Hartwick is 2-7, Manchester 4-5.

Against Hartwick, Eastern staked Bundy (3-2) to a quick 3-0 lead in its first at-bat, then put the game away with a six-run fifth inning. Bundy limited Hartwick to six hits while fanning two and walking two in a game stopped after five innings due to time limitations.

Freshman **Bekah Sadlosky (NEWINGTON)** drove in four runs with a two-run single in the first and a two-run double in the fifth. Freshman **Amy Gray (SPRAGUE)** and junior **Christy Pabon (SOUTHINGTON)** matched Sadlosky with two hits each in ECSU's 11-hit attack. Junior **Stacey Guertin (PUTNAM)** also contributed a two-run double in the fifth inning.

Against Manchester, Pendergast (2-2) won her second straight decision with her second career shutout. Pendergast, who retired 12 straight at one point, did not allow a hit after the second inning. She limited Manchester to two singles, one in each of the first and second innings while fanning four, walking one and hitting two batters.

Junior **Michelle Cunningham (MARSTON MILLS, MA)** gave ECSU a 1-0 lead with a one-out RBI double in the first and the Warriors added an insurance run in the fifth when junior **Michelle DePault (COVENTRY)** stroked a leadoff double and later scored on an infield error.

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

Eastern Conn. (5-4)	300	06	--	9	11	1
Hartwick (2-7)	100	00	--	1	6	1

Erin Bundy (3-2) and Nina Polando. Angie Reigles (1-4), Tania Meck (5) and Ashley Lucht. 2B-Bekah Sadlosky, Stacey Guertin (EC), Amanda Klump, Jen Givner (H).

Eastern Conn. 2, Manchester College 0

Manchester (4-5)	000	000	0	--	0	2	4
Eastern Conn. (6-4)	100	010	x	--	2	7	2

Jessica Blumenfeld (3-2) and Jamae Kraud. Tracy Pendergast (2-2) and Jessie Cosgrove. 2B-Michelle DePault, Michelle Cunningham (E); 3B-Christy Pabon (E).

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ECSU SOFTBALL DEFEATS GRINNELL, LOSES TO LUTHER IN FLORIDA

OCOEE, Fla. — Freshman righthander **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** and sophomore righty **Tracy Pendergast (WALPOLE, MA)** combined on the mound to lift the Eastern Connecticut State University fastpitch softball team to a 6-5 victory over Grinnell College Thursday.

In the second game of the day, Luther College scored five runs on six hits in the second inning and went on to a 7-1 victory over the Warriors.

The split leaves ECSU at 4-4 while Grinnell is 4-3 and Luther 4-1.

Against Grinnell, Eastern scored five runs in the bottom of the second inning to wipe out a 3-0 deficit and Kaczynski and Pendergast (1-2) combined on an eight-hitter in a game which featured nine errors. All three of Grinnell's runs in the first were unearned thanks to two ECSU errors but Grinnell returned the favor in the ECSU second inning when two errors allowed three of ECSU's runs to score. Freshman **Christie Silva (ENFIELD)** and first-year junior **Jessie Cosgrove (SABATTUS, ME)** drove in a run each in the inning with a single and double, respectively.

Pendergast replaced Kaczynski with one out and one on in the fourth and ECSU leading 5-4. Pendergast allowed two hits in the inning but got out of a bases loaded jam and went on to record her first win of the season.

Against Luther, Eastern was limited to two singles by Jen Lee (3-0) while Sarah Edwards, Holly Wendt and Rachel Nicholas each collected two hits for the Norse. Luther scored once in the bottom of the first inning off ECSU sophomore righty **Erin Bundy (MANSFIELD)** and chased the pitcher with five runs on six hits in the second. Junior **Jen Padegimas's (SOUTH WINDSOR)** steal of home with junior **Kelly Rodman (WALLINGFORD)** on first base produced ECSU's only run in the third inning.

Freshman **Amy Gray (SPRAGUE)** was the only ECSU player with more than one hit on the day. She had two singles.

ECSU winds up its Florida trip Friday with games against Hartwick (9 a.m.) and Manchester (12:30 p.m.).

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College Softball at Ocoee, FL

Eastern Conn. 6, Grinnell 5, 6 inn.

Grinnell (4-3)	301	001	--	5	10	4
Eastern Conn. (4-3)	050	01x	--	6	8	5

Erin Rathjen (0-1) and Sarah Conner. Karen Kaczynski, Tracy Pendergast (4) and Nina Polando. WP--Pendergast (1-2). 2B-Jessie Cosgrove (EC).

Luther College 7, Eastern Conn. 1, 5 inn.

Eastern Conn. (4-4)	001	00	--	1	2	1
Luther (4-1)	150	10	--	7	9	2

Erin Bundy (2-2), Kelly Dehner (3) and Jessie Cosgrove. Jen Lee (3-0) and Kathie Kempf. 2B-Dana Sandstrom (L).

Note: Due to a time limit, the game was stopped with two outs in the fifth inning.

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ECSU SOFTBALL LOSES TO BUENA VISTA, DEFEATS AUGSBURG

Freshman Kelly Dehner saves win over Auggies in collegiate debut

OCOEE, Fla. -- In her collegiate debut, freshman righthander **Kelly Dehner (MYSTIC)** left the tying run on third base by getting the final two outs of the game in Eastern Connecticut State University's 5-4 softball win over Augsburg College Tuesday.

In the day's first game, sophomore righty **Tracy Pendergast (WALPOLE, MA)** was victimized by four unearned runs as the Warriors (3-3) dropped a 5-2 decision to Buena Vista College (7-2) in a battle of former NCAA Division III national champions.

Against Augsburg (1-4), Dehner replaced sophomore starter **Erin Bundy (MANSFIELD)** with the bases loaded and one out in the seventh and the Warriors leading 5-4. After throwing three straight balls, Dehner got the second out of the inning by getting a fly ball to center on a 3-2 count, then recorded the save on a line drive to junior third baseman **Michelle Cunningham (MARSTON MILLS, MA)**.

Cunningham, who went 6-for-7 in the two games, helped ECSU to an early 4-0 lead against Augsburg with a two-run single in the second. The Auggies got three back in the third on two hits and three ECSU errors before junior leftfielder **Kelly Rodman (WALLINGFORD)** tripled with one out in the fourth and scored on an infield ground ball by freshman shortstop **Amy Gray (SPRAGUE)** to make it 5-3.

Rodman was 3-for-4 against Augsburg and scored the first run of the game in the first when she stole home on the front end of a double steal. Cunningham was 2-for-3.

Four errors led to four unearned runs in the loss to Buena Vista, ranked fourth in the Midwest Region. Two of the unearned runs came in the first inning on Andi Royster's two-out, two-run home run.

Cunningham was 4-for-4, scored the team's first run in the third and drove in the second run with a seventh-inning RBI double. Junior second baseman **Michelle DePault (COVENTRY)** was 2-for-4 and scored once.

Thursday, Eastern meets Grinnell College at 9 a.m. and Luther College at 10:45 a.m

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Buena Vista College 5, Eastern Conn. 2

Buena Vista (7-2)	210	100	1	--	5	9	4
Eastern Conn. (2-3)	001	000	1	--	2	10	4

Stephanie Vonnahme (3-1) and Jodi Reeder. Tracy Pendergast (0-2) and Nina Polando. 2B-Mindy Origer, Heather Hoogestraat (BV), Michelle Cunningham (EC); HR-Andi Royster (BV).

Eastern Conn. 5, Augsburg College 4, 6 inn.

Eastern Conn. (3-3)	130	100	--	5	8	4
Augsburg (1-4)	003	001	--	4	8	2

Erin Bundy (2-1), Kelly Dehner (6) and Jessie Cosgrove. Kerri Kangas (1-3) and Kris Winter. Save-Dehner (1). 3B-Rodman (EC).

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ECSU FASTPITCH SOFTBALL SWEEPS TWO GAMES IN FLORIDA

Kaczynski stops nationally-ranked UC-San Diego for first college win

OCOEE, Fla. -- Freshman right-hander **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** scattered six hits in her first collegiate start and the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team collected five doubles in an eight-run second inning in defeating nationally-ranked University of California-San Diego 9-2 Monday in the second of two wins.

In Monday's first game, junior second baseman **Michelle DePault (COVENTRY)** drove in two runs with a single to highlight a three-run third inning as the Warriors won their first game of the season with a 4-1 win over St. Olaf College.

Kaczynski (1-0), with only three collegiate innings in a relief role Sunday, shut down Division III's 11th-ranked and was the recipient of ECSU's 13-hit attack. Kaczynski pitched the complete-game, six-inning decision, allowing only three hits over the final four innings after the Tritons (9-6) scored both of their runs on three hits in the second inning. Kaczynski struck out one and walked one.

Eastern (2-2) staked Kaczynski to an early lead by sending 13 batters to the plate and scoring eight times in the top of the second on eight hits -- five of them doubles. Junior leftfielder **Kelly Rodman (WALLINGFORD)** drove in the first two runs of the inning with a double while senior catcher **Nina Polando (SWANSEA, MA)** also contributed a two-run double to make it 6-0. Others adding RBI doubles in the inning were senior third baseman **Michelle Cunningham (MARSTON MILLS, MA)**, freshman shortstop **Amy Gray (SPRAGUE)** and junior rightfielder **Stacey Guertin (PUTNAM)**.

Guertin was 3-for-3 with two RBI in the game while Polando, Gray and freshman **Bekah Sadlosky (NEWINGTON)** had two hits each.

In the first-game win over St. Olaf (0-2), sophomore righty **Erin Bundy (MANSFIELD)** tossed a complete-game five-hitter and the Warriors scored three times after there were two out and no one on base in the third. DePault broke a 1-1 tie with a two-run single after ECSU had tied the game when Rodman scored on the front end of a double steal. Rodman also drove in an insurance run with a two-out single in the fourth. DePault had two of ECSU's seven hits.

The run allowed was not earned against Bundy (1-1), who struck out two and did not walk a batter. All four of ECSU's runs were also unearned. Each team committed four errors.

Tuesday, Eastern faces Buena Vista College at 10:45 a.m. and Augsburg College at 12:30.

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College Softball at Ocoee, FL

Eastern Conn. 4, St. Olaf College 1

St. Olaf (0-2)	100	000	0	--	1	5	4
Eastern Conn. (1-2)	003	100	x	--	4	7	4

Jana Ferguson (0-1) and Sarah Timm. Erin Bundy (1-1) and Jessie Cosgrove. 2B-Karfalee Holen (SO); 3B-Michelle Cunningham (EC).

Eastern Conn. 9, UC-San Diego 2, 6 inn.

Eastern Conn. (2-2)	080	100	--	9	13	3
UC-San Diego (9-6)	020	000	--	2	6	1

Karen Kaczynski (1-0) and Nina Polando. Erin Flanagan (3-2), Alison Jacobs (2) and Sara Snyder. 2B-Polando, Stacey Guertin, Amy Gray, Jessie Cosgrove, Michelle Cunningham, Kelly Rodman (EC), Kesley Bennett (SD); 3B-Snyder (SD).

ECSU FASTPITCH SOFTBALL DROPS OPENING PAIR IN FLORIDA

OCOEE, Fla. -- Nationally-ranked College of St. Thomas (MN) scored five runs in the second inning and freshman pitcher Casey Curson limited Eastern Connecticut State University to two singles as the Tommies blanked the Warriors 8-0 in college softball Sunday.

The loss was the second of the day for Eastern, which opened its season with a 3-1 loss to Baldwin-Wallace College.

Ranked 15th nationally and third in the Midwest Region in the NCAA Division III pre-season polls, St. Thomas (3-2) scored five times on two hits and two ECSU errors -- a two-out single by freshman rightfielder **Jessie Cosgrove (SABATTUS, ME)** in the first and a sixth-inning leadoff single by junior second baseman **Jennifer Padegimas (SOUTH WINDSOR)**. Stephanie Keating led the winners with two hits and three RBI while Angie Dahl had four of her team's 11 hits.

In the first game, Lora Pate drove in a run with a one-out single to snap a 1-1 tie in the fifth inning to lift Baldwin-Wallace (2-1). Trailing 1-0, the Warriors tied the game in the third when junior leftfielder **Kelly Rodman (WALLINGFORD)** came home from third on a passed ball. Rodman was 4-for-4 and Cosgrove 2-for-4. Sophomore righty **Erin Bundy (MANSFIELD)** allowed five hits in five innings in suffering the loss. Complete-game winner Hope Gardner (1-1) fanned nine and scattered seven singles.

On Monday, Eastern meets St. Olaf College at 10:45 a.m. and nationally-ranked UC-San Diego at 2:15 p.m.

**College Softball
at Ocoee, FL****Baldwin-Wallace College 3, Eastern Conn. 1**

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Casey Curson (2-0) and Robyn Altman. Tracy Pendergast (0-1), Karen Kaczynski (4) and Stacey Guertin. HR-Stephanie Keating (ST).