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**COLLEGE SOFTBALL—LITTLE EAST TOURNAMENT/QUARTERFINALS
 KEENE STATE DEFEATS EASTERN CONN. 6-1**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Eastern Conn. (15-20)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	1
Keene State (21-13)	2	0	1	0	0	3	X	6	8	0

Battery: KS: Melissa Zimmerman. and Liane Blad) EC: Erin Bundy and Morgan Parson;
 WP-Zimmerman (9-2), LP- Bundy (6-3); HRS; KS; Nicole Castor (1);

KEENE, N.H. 5/2/00 — Melissa Zimmerman (Leyden, Mass.) tossed a complete game four hitter and Nicole Castor (Keene, N.H.) hit a two run home run to lead Keene State College to a 6-1 victory over Eastern Connecticut in a quarterfinal Little East Conference softball tournament game played Tuesday in Keene.

Seeded fourth in the Tournament, Keene State (21-13) moves on to face top-seed and host Western Connecticut on Friday (2 p.m.) in Danbury. Fifth-seed Eastern Conn, which has now lost its last nine games, falls to 15-20.

KSC jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning when Kristy Symonds(Keene, N.H.), who opened the game with a double, came around to score on a throwing error by Warrior leftfielder Alicia Ross (Harwinton, Conn.). Erin Akerman (Rochester, N.H.) followed with an RBI single.

Akerman extended KSC's lead to 3-0 with a run-producing hit in the third inning.

The Owls added three more runs in the sixth on back-to-back doubles by Kerry Marsh (Plainfield, N.H.) and Melissa Provost (Ludlow, Mass.) and Castor's two-run home run, her first of the season.

Sarah Arrigoni (Middlefield, Conn.), who singled, scored ECSU's lone run when she scored on a wild pitch in the seventh inning.

Symonds, Akerman and Castor had two hits each for KSC. Stacey Schofield (Woodstock Conn.) had two of ECSU's four hits.

Zimmerman, who notched her eighth complete game, struck out four and didn't give up a walk to improve to 9-2. Erin Bundy (Mansfield, Conn.) (6-3) struckout four and walked two for the Warriors.

Keene State and Eastern Conn. had split an earlier doubleheader in Keene. ECSU won the opener 1-0 and KSC won the second game 5-3.

The Owls are the defending LEC Tournament Champions.

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SOUTHERN MAINE SOFTBALL SWEEPS ECSU IN LITTLE EAST

As the No. 5 seed, Eastern opens conference tournament Tuesday at Keene

GORHAM, Maine -- The University of Southern Maine softball team scored an unearned run to take the lead for good in the third inning of the first game and scored eight runs in its final three at-bats in the nightcap in a Little East Conference sweep of Eastern Connecticut State University Sunday.

The 3-1, 10-5 losses extend ECSU's (15-19, 7-7) losing streak to eight games and force the Warriors to play a road game in the opening round of the conference tournament, which gets underway Tuesday.

Eastern is seeded fifth in the six-team tournament and travels to meet defending tournament champion and fourth-seeded Keene State College Tuesday at a time not yet announced.

As the second seed, Southern Maine (23-9-1, 10-4) joins regular-season champion and top-seeded Western Connecticut State University as teams receiving first-round byes. Western will host the four-team, double-elimination portion of the tournament this Friday and Saturday. In the other first-round game Tuesday, third-seeded Rhode Island College hosts sixth-seeded Plymouth State College.

Eastern concluded the regular season by playing ten games in six days.

On Sunday, Southern Maine broke a 1-1 tie when it pushed across an unearned run in the third inning on a two-out infield error and added an insurance run in the sixth. Junior pitcher **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** limited the hosts to just five hits while walking only one. The walk was a leadoff one in the second and accounted for Southern Maine's first run.

In the nightcap, Eastern trailed 4-1 but came up with the tying runs in the fifth on two infield hits and two Southern Maine errors. However, the hosts reached ECSU freshman **Sarah Arrigoni (MIDDLEFIELD)** for two runs on three hits in the fifth and chased her with four runs on five hits in the sixth.

In the second game, five Southern Maine players each had two hits in the 12-hit attack, led by freshman shortstop Sarah McLean, who had two doubles, two runs scored and an RBI.

In the doubleheader, sophomore centerfielder **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)** had four hits, scored three runs and stole three bases. She stands two stolen bases shy of the career record of 65. Sophomore DH **Andrea Rizzuto (TAFTVILLE)** added three hits and freshman shortstop **Jessica Sharp (OLD SAYBROOK)** two.

ECSU senior **Erin Bundy (MANSFIELD)** is expected to open on the mound Tuesday against Keene State. In the first game of a doubleheader at Keene State two weeks ago, Bundy shut out the Owls on four hits while fanning a career-high 12 and walking just one.

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Softball at Gorham, ME
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U. of Southern Maine 3, Eastern Conn. 1

Eastern Conn. (15-18)	100	000	0	--	1	5	1
Southern Maine (22-9-1)	011	001	x	--	3	5	1

Karen Kaczynski (4-9) and Morgan Parsons. Erica Gagnon (11-5) and Beth Fulton. 2B-Stacey Schofield (E), June LaVallee, Michelle Cloutier (S).

U. of Southern Maine 10, Eastern Conn. 5

Eastern Conn. (15-19)	010	300	1	--	5	8	2
Southern Maine (23-9-1)	002	224	x	--	10	12	2

Sarah Arrigoni (2-5), Wendy Urso (6) and Morgan Parsons. Jessie Becher (12-4) and Beth Fulton, Rebecca Kimball (6). 2B-Arrigoni (E), Sara McLean 2, Julie Plant, Kimball (S); 3B-Becky Manson (S).



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College Softball

Huskies Sweep Warriors, Clinch LEC Tournament Bye

GORHAM, Maine -- The University of Southern Maine Huskies swept the Eastern Connecticut State University Warriors, 3-1 and 10-5, in a Little East Conference softball doubleheader Sunday afternoon at Towers Field, and in the process clinched a first round bye in the upcoming conference tournament that starts Tuesday.

Southern Maine improved to 23-9-1 on the season overall, and finished the conference regular season 10-4. The Huskies and Little East regular season champion Western Connecticut await the winners of Tuesday's two first-round, single-elimination games for the double-elimination, final four tournament at Danbury, Conn., next Friday and Saturday.

Eastern Connecticut, which has dropped its last eight games, fell to 15-19 overall and 7-7 in the Little East. The Warriors, the fifth seed for the upcoming tournament, travel to fourth-seeded Keene State College for a first round game on Tuesday.

Rhode Island College, the third seed, will host sixth-seeded Plymouth State College in the other first round game.

In the opening game, USM junior right-hander **Erica Gagnon** (Oakland, Maine) scattered six singles and did not walk a batter in a complete game effort for her 11th win of the season. The only run she allowed came in the first inning when EC sophomore **Julia Neilson** (Salisbury, Conn.) led off with a single, stole second, advanced to third on a sacrifice and scored on freshman **Stacey Schofield's** (Woodstock, Conn.) single.

The Huskies tied the game in the second on junior **Melissa Buccieri's** (Lebanon, Maine) RBI single, and took the lead for good in the third when senior **June LaVallee** (Sidney, Maine) scored on a two-out infield error. USM picked up an insurance run in the sixth on senior **Michelle Cloutier's** (Whitefield, Maine) RBI double.

In the nightcap, the Warriors took a 1-0 in the second inning on an RBI bunt single by freshman **Alicia Ross** (Harwinton, Conn.).

USM came back to build a 4-1 lead with a pair of runs in both the third and fourth innings. Senior **Stacy Dube's** (Milton Mills, N.H.) RBI single was misplayed allowing the second run to score in the third. Freshman **Sarah McLean** (Portsmouth, R.I.) had an RBI double, and scored on Buccieri's RBI single in the fourth.

In the fifth, Eastern Conn. got two runs on an infield throwing error and tied the game on a double steal.

USM scored the decisive runs in the bottom of the fifth on an RBI single by senior **Julle Plant** and an infield error. The Huskies added four insurance runs in the sixth.

Freshman left-hander **Jessie Becher** (South Paris, Maine) went the distance for her 12th win of the season. Freshman **Sarah Arrigoni** (Middlefield, Conn.) worked the first five innings and took the loss.

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Game One	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Eastern Connecticut	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	1
Southern Maine	0	1	1	0	0	1	x	3	5	0

EC - Karen Kaczynski (L 4-9) and Morgan Parsons. SM - Eric Gagnon (W 11-5) and Beth Fulton.
 2B: SM - LaVallee, Cloutier 3B: none HR: none
 RBI: EC - Schofield SM - Cloutier, Buccieri Repeat Hitters: none

Game Two	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Eastern Connecticut (15-19; 7-7)	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	5	9	1
Southern Maine (23-9-1; 10-4)	0	0	2	2	2	4	x	10	12	1

EC - Sarah Arrigoni (L 2-5), Wendy Urso (6) and Morgan Parsons. SM - Jessie Becher (W 12-4) and Beth Fulton, Becky Kimball (6).
 2B: EC - Arrigoni SM - McLean 2, Plant, Kimball 3B: SM - Mason HR: none
 RBI: EC - Ross, Rizzuto SM - Dube, Manson, McLean, Buccieri, Becher, Kimball
 Repeat Hitters: EC - Neilson 3, Rizzuto SM - Dube, Manson, Plant, McLean, Buccieri

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Saturday, April 29, 2000

R.I. COLLEGE SOFTBALL RALLIES PAST ECSU 4-3, 3-2

Anchorwomen score go-ahead runs in sixth inning of both Little East wins

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Rhode Island College women's softball team rallied for the go-ahead runs in the sixth inning of both games in a 4-3, 3-2 Little East Conference doubleheader sweep of Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday.

By sweeping, Rhode Island (20-14, 8-4) moves into a two-way tie for second place in the conference while Eastern (15-17, 7-5) drops a game back into a two-way tie for fourth in the Little East Conference. ECSU has lost six games in the past three days.

Trailing 3-0 after one inning of the opener, the Anchorwomen got one back in the fifth and scored three unearned runs in the sixth when ECSU committed two infield errors and walked three batters. The visitors did not have a hit in the inning.

In the nightcap, ECSU took a 2-0 lead after three innings but the Anchorwomen again rallied, scoring once in the fourth and adding the tying and go-ahead runs in the sixth when they collected four of their game's eight hits. In the inning, No. 9 batter Hollie Benevides, a freshman leftfielder, had a two-out, two-run single through the right side of the infield.

Lea Wiggins pitched a complete- game six-hitter to win the opener and returned to retire the final six batters in order to gain her first save in the nightcap. ECSU junior **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** was saddled with both losses. She replaced senior **Erin Bundy (MANSFIELD)** with two runners aboard in the sixth inning of the opener and pitched a complete-game eight-hitter in a losing effort in the nightcap.

Jennifer Cook and Kelly McCaskill each had three hits in the doubleheader for Rhode Island. ECSU sophomore DP **Andrea Rizzuto (TAFTVILLE)** had a two-run triple and also doubled in the first game while freshman first baseman **Michelle Ross (HARWINTON)** was 2-for-3 with an RBI in the nightcap. Freshman third baseman **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** hit her first home run in the second game for Eastern.

Eastern looks to secure one of the top four Little East Conference tournament seeds Sunday when it closes out the regular season at the University of Southern Maine with a 1 p.m. doubleheader. Southern Maine shares second place in the conference with Rhode Island.

Western Connecticut clinched the regular season title and tournament's top seed with a sweep of UMass Dartmouth Saturday. The top two seeds gain first-round tournament byes while the No. 3 seed hosts the No. 6 seed and No. 4 seed hosts the No. 5 seed in first-round games Tuesday. Western will host the four-team, double-elimination tournament Friday and Saturday, with that winner moving on to the NCAA Division III tournament.

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Rhode Island College 4, Eastern Conn. 3

R.I. College (19-14)	000	013	0	--	4	5	2
Eastern Conn. (15-16)	300	000	0	--	3	6	4

Lea Wiggins (11-9) and Jennifer Sabatelli. Erin Bund, Karen Kaczynski (6) and Morgan Parsons. LP-Kaczynski (4-7). 2B-Jennifer Cook (R), Andrea Rizzuto (E); 3B-Rizzuto (E).

Rhode Island College 3, Eastern Conn. 2

R.I. College (20-14)	000	102	0	--	3	8	1
Eastern Conn. (15-17)	011	000	0	--	2	5	4

Beth Covill (9-5), Lea Wiggins (6) and Jennifer Sabatelli. Karen Kaczynski (4-8) and Morgan Parsons. Save-Wiggins (1). HR-Stacey Schofield (1) (E).

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Friday, April 28, 2000

LYNCH LEADS WESTERN CONN. SOFTBALL PAST EASTERN CONN.

Junior catcher drives in winning runs in both games of Little East sweep

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Junior catcher Kim Lynch broke a tie with a ninth-inning double in the first game and hit a solo home run in the sixth inning of the nightcap as the Western Connecticut State University softball team swept Eastern Connecticut State University 5-3 in nine innings and 3-0 Friday in Little East Conference action.

With the sweep, Western (23-5, 9-1) takes over sole possession of first place in the conference with Eastern (15-15, 7-3) dropping into a two-way tie for second with the University of Southern Maine, both teams one game ahead of Rhode Island College. Western, ranked third in the Northeast Region, improved to 17-1 up north with its eighth and ninth straight wins.

A sixth-inning RBI double by Sarah Negra tied the first game 3-3 for Western and Lynch's first hit of the game -- an RBI double -- gave the Colonials the lead 4-3 in the top of the ninth inning.

In the second game, Lynch broke up a pitching dual between Stacey Mieke and ECSU junior **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** with her tenth home run of the year -- a one-out solo home run to left-center in the sixth inning.

ECSU sophomore DP **Andrea Rizzuto (TAFVILLE)** reached base six times in seven plate appearances in the doubleheader. She had her second home run of the season, a double and single and three walks, drove in two runs and scored one.

Eastern hosts Rhode Island College Saturday at 1 p.m. in a Little East Conference doubleheader and winds up its LEC regular season Sunday with a 1 p.m. makeup doubleheader at Southern Maine. Southern Maine visits Keene State College Saturday in a 1 p.m. conference doubleheader before hosting the Warriors Sunday. The top two finishers in the conference regular season standings receive first-round byes in next week's LEC tournament. The No. 3 seed hosts the No. 6 seed and the No. 4 seed hosts the No. 5 seed in first-round games Tuesday. Those first-round winners join the top two seeds in a double elimination tournament next Friday and Saturday at the site of the No. 1 seed. The tournament winner receives a bye in the NCAA Division III tournament.

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Western Conn. (22-5)	110	001	002	--	5	11	1
Eastern Conn. (15-14)	200	100	000	--	3	5	1

Kate Manning (12-2) and Kim Lynch. Erin Bundy (6-2) and Morgan Parsons. 2B-Ki. Lynch, Joelle DellaVolpe, Sarah Negra (W), Andrea Rizzuto, Sarah Arrigoni (E); HR-Rizzuto (2) (E).

Western Conn. 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Western Conn. (23-5)	000	001	2	--	3	7	3
Eastern Conn. (15-15)	000	000	0	--	0	5	2

Stacey Mieke (10-3) and Kim Lynch. Karen Kaczynski (4-6) and Morgan Parsons. 2B-Shannon Zyla (W); HR-Ki. Lynch (10) (W).

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Thursday, April 27, 2000

ECSU SOFTBALL SWEEP BY TUFTS UNIVERSITY 4-2, 11-5 *Jumbos score seven times in first inning of nightcap en route to sweep*

MEDFORD, Mass. -- The Tufts University softball team scored seven times in the first inning of the nightcap on the way to an 11-5 win and a sweep of Thursday's doubleheader against Eastern Connecticut State University.

In the first game, Eastern (15-13) managed only three hits off Tufts sophomore Jodie Moreau in a 4-2 loss.

In the opener, ECSU freshman pitcher **Sarah Arrigoni (MIDDLEFIELD)** allowed only seven hits in her first start since April 11 but the Warriors were stymied by Moreau ((8-6), who didn't allow a hit -- allowing her only walk of the game -- through the first four innings. Moreau, who struck out five, was reached for a one-out single in the fifth by ECSU freshman third baseman **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)**.

In the second game, the Jumbos (18-10) scored seven runs on five hits and four walks in the first inning. ECSU freshman pitcher **Wendy Urso (SOUTHINGTON)**, making her first start since April 2, was replaced in the second inning as all four ECSU pitchers saw action in the game.

Tufts, which has won ten of its last 11, got second-game home runs from Tiffany Trahan and Lis Drake. As a team, the Jumbos have hit 16 home runs this season.

Sophomore leftfielder **Lisa Clinton (NEWTON, MA)** had three of ECSU's nine hits in the game and scored three of its runs.

Eastern hosts Western Connecticut State University Friday at 4:30 p.m. in a Little East Conference doubleheader. The teams are tied for first place in the conference, each with 7-1 records.

Tufts U. 4, Eastern Conn. 2

Eastern Conn. (15-12)	000	011	0	--	2	3	2
Tufts U. (17-10)	011	110	x	--	4	7	0

Sarah Arrigoni (2-4) and Morgan Parsons. Jodie Moreau (8-6) and Lis Drake. 2B-Jen Mackey (T); 3B-Randee McArdle (T).

Tufts U. 11, Eastern Conn. 5

Eastern Conn. (15-13)	120	101	0	--	5	9	1
Tufts U. (18-10)	704	000	x	--	11	11	2

Wendy Urso (3-3), Karen Kaczynski (2), Erin Bundy (5), Sarah Arrigoni (6) and Nadine Davis. Rachel Brecher (10-4) and Lis Drake, Randee McArdle (4). 2B-Michelle Ross (E), Jenica Spogen 2, Drak, Emily Ferrazza (T); HR-Tiffany Trahan (4), Lis Drake (5) (T).

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Tuesday, April 25, 2000

ECSU SOFTBALL SWEEPS UMASS DARTMOUTH 3-0, 5-0 Bundy, Kaczynski throw shutouts; Arrigoni collects five hits

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior **Erin Bundy (MANSFIELD)** and junior **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** each threw complete-game shutouts and freshman **Sarah Arrigoni (MIDDLEFIELD)** had five hits as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team swept the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth 3-0, 5-0 Tuesday in Little East Conference action.

With the sweep, Eastern (15-11, 7-1) maintains a share of first place in the conference with Western Connecticut State University, which swept Rhode Island College 7-1 (9 innings) and 6-0 Tuesday.

Bundy (6-1) remained unbeaten in six decisions up north by pitching a six-hitter in the first game. She fanned eight and walked three and lowered her season's earned run average to 1.44. Kaczynski (4-5) allowed only four singles in the nightcap while fanning five and walking one.

Arrigoni, the starting rightfielder, raised her batting average 42 points to .342 by going 5-for-6. Two of her three hits in the second game were doubles. She drove in two runs and scored one. Sophomore centerfielder **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)** had three hits and scored two runs and stole her 31st base in 33 tries while freshman catcher **Morgan Parsons (CLINTON)** had two hits, including a triple, and drove in two runs. Freshman third baseman **Michelle Ross (HARWINTON)** had three hits in the first game.

The Corsairs (6-23, 2-8) have lost seven straight.

Eastern hosts Western Connecticut Wednesday in a 5 p.m. conference doubleheader.

Eastern Conn. 3, UMass Dartmouth 0

UMass Dartmouth (6-22)	000	000	0	--	0	6	3
Eastern Conn. (14-11)	011	001	x	--	3	9	1

Mindy Perruzzi (3-10) and Heather Blaisdell. Erin Bundy (6-1) and Morgan Parsons. 2B-Amy Mogardo (MD).

Eastern Conn. 5, UMass Dartmouth 0

UMass Dartmouth (6-23)	000	000	0	--	0	4	2
Eastern Conn. (15-11)	103	001	x	--	5	7	0

Mindy Perruzzi, Erika Roderiques (5) and Lauren Johnson. Karen Kaczynski (4-5) and Morgan Parsons. 2B-Sarah Arrigoni 2 (E); 3B-Parsons (E).

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Saturday, April 15, 2000

WARRIORS SPLIT SOFTBALL DOUBLEHEADER AT KEENE STATE COLLEGE

Erin Bundy shuts out defending conference champions on four hits in opener

KEENE, NH -- Senior **Erin Bundy (MANSFIELD)** pitched a complete-game four-hit shutout and sophomore centerfielder **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)** scored the only run of the first game in the first inning as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team split a Little East Conference doubleheader with Keene State College Saturday.

In the opener, Bundy (5-1) remained unbeaten in five northern decisions and lowered her season's earned-run average to 1.62 by shutting down the 1999 conference champion Owls (11-12, 2-4) on four hits in the 1-0 victory. Bundy fanned a career-high 12, getting every batter at least once on strikes and registering at least one strikeout in every inning. She walked only one.

Eastern (13-11, 5-1) led 1-0 in the second game before the hosts scored twice in the fourth on a two-run double by freshman Shauna Mullen and added three more in chasing ECSU junior **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** in the fifth on the way to a 5-3 victory.

In the first game, Bundy got all the support she would need when Neilson led off the game with a walk, stole her program-record 30th base of the season (in 32 tries) and raced home on freshman shortstop **Jessica Sharp's (OLD SAYBROOK)** ground ball to short.

The Warriors managed only three hits off complete-game loser Melissa Zimmerman (5-2) in the nightcap but committed only one error -- on a dropped foul ball -- behind Bundy. No outfield putouts were recorded against Bundy, who never allowed more than one hit in an inning. Her only walk came to the first batter she faced. Keene's best opportunity to score came in the seventh inning but Bundy left the tying run stranded at third by getting No. 5 hitter Erin Akerman on strikes for the third time and ending the game by grabbing an infield fly.

In the second game, freshman catcher **Morgan Parsons (CLINTON)** drove in two runs with a sixth-inning double but the Owls combined six of their hits to score all five of their runs in the fourth and fifth innings. Sharp had two hits and scored twice for ECSU while freshman rightfielder **Sarah Arrigoni (MIDDLEFIELD)** added two hits and a stolen base.

Eastern hosts conference leader Western Connecticut State University Tuesday in a 5 p.m. doubleheader.

Eastern Conn. 1, Keene State 0

Eastern Conn. (13-10)	100	000	0	--	1	3	1
Keene State (10-12)	000	000	0	--	0	4	0

Keene State 5, Eastern Conn. 3

Eastern Conn. (13-11)	000	102	0	--	3	8	1
Keene State (11-12)	000	230	x	--	5	9	1

Karen Kaczynski (3-5), Erin Bundy (5) and Morgan Parsons. Katie Thompson (3-7), Nicole Rees (6) and Liane Blad. 2B-Shauna Mullen, Jan Rissacher, Kerry Marsh (K).

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BUNDY PITCHES ECSU SOFTBALL PAST WESLEYAN 6-1

Senior captain remains unbeaten up north with four-hitter for Warriors

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior **Erin Bundy (MANSFIELD)** pitched a complete-game four-hitter for her fourth straight win up north as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team downed Wesleyan University 6-1 Thursday.

Eastern (12-10) scored three times in the first inning on three hits and an error and Bundy (4-1) made it stand up by allowing only a single run in the second. She fanned two and did not walk a batter. Bundy has allowed only three earned runs in her last four outings (25 innings).

ECSU freshman catcher **Morgan Parsons (CLINTON)** was 3-for-3 with a triple, two RBI, a run scored and stolen base. Freshman leftfielder **Alicia Ross (HARWINTON)** added two hits, an RBI and run scored.

Sophomore centerfielder **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)** tied the ECSU season record with her 29th stolen base in the first, when she singled and came around to score the first run of the game. Neilson has been caught stealing only twice this season. She has 57 stolen bases in 62 tries in her two-year career.

Wesleyan (4-16) was held hitless with just one baserunner over the final three innings.

Eastern visits 1999 Little East Conference champion Keene State College Saturday at 1 p.m. in a doubleheader.

Eastern Conn. 6, Wesleyan U. 1

Wesleyan U. (4-16)	0	1	0	--	1	4	4
Eastern Conn. (12-10)	3	0	x	--	6	8	2

Lindsay Wasserman (4-11) and Emma Arons. Erin Bundy (4-1) and Morgan Parsons, Nadine Davis (7). 2B-Wasserman (W); 3B-Parsons (E).

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COLLEGE SOFTBALL KEENE STATE SPLITS WITH EASTERN CONN. BEACH GETS 300TH CAREER COACHING WIN

at Keene, N.H.

Game #1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Eastern Conn. (13-10, 5-0)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
Keene State (10-12, 1-4)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0

Battery: KSC: Melissa Zimmerman and Liane Blad; EC: Erin Bundy and Morgan Parsons; WP- Bundy (5-1); LP- Zimmerman (5-2)

Game #2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Eastern Conn. (13-11, 5-1)	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	6	1
Keene State (11-12, 2-4)	0	0	0	2	3	0	X	5	10	2

Battery: KS: Katie Thompson, Nicole Rees (6), and Blad; EC: Karen Kaczynski, Bundy (6) and Parsons; WP- Thompson (3-7); LP- Kaczynski (3-5); Save: Rees (1);

KEENE, N.H. 4/15/00 — Freshman Shauna Mullen (Hooksett, N.H.) delivered a key two run double in the fourth inning helping Keene State College defeat Eastern Connecticut 5-3 and enabling the Owls to split a Little East Conference softball doubleheader in Keene on Saturday. The win also gave KSC's Charlie Beach his 300th career coaching victory.

Julie Nielson (Salisbury, Conn.) scored from second base on an infield out in the first inning and Erin Bundy (Mansfield, Conn.) struck out 12 batters as ECSU hung on to edge KSC 1-0 in the opener.

Keene State goes to 11-12 (2-4 LEC) while ECSU is now 13-11 and 5-1 in the conference.

Trailing 1-0 in the second game, KSC took the lead for good on Mullen's two-run double in the fourth inning. The Owls added three more runs in the fifth on RBI hits by Liane Blad (Keene, N.H.), Beth Ponte (Bristol, Conn.) and a sacrifice fly by Erin Akerman (Rochester, N.H.).

The Warriors got two runs back in the sixth inning on a two run single by Morgan Parsons (Clinton, Conn.).

Blad, Mullen and Bonny Young (Wakefield, NH) had two hits each for KSC.

Katie Thompson (3-7) (Stratham, N.H.) pitched into the sixth inning to get the win. Nicole Rees (Franklin, Vt.) came in to notch her first save of the season.

Starter Karen Kaczynski (3-5) (Harwinton, Conn.) took the loss for ECSU.

Neilson's run in the first inning and the pitching of Bundy was the difference in the first game.

KSC's best opportunities to score came in the fourth and seventh innings. In the fourth, Ponte led off with a drive over the head of centerfielder Neilson. But Ponte was thrown out going into third base. In the seventh, Ponte led off with a double. After she was sacrificed to third, Ponte was left stranded when Akerman struck out and Melissa Provost popped out.

Bundy improves her record to 5-1. Melissa Zimmerman (Leyden, Mass.) took the loss (5-2) for KSC.

Beach, in his 15th season at KSC, played down his coaching milestone. "I'm very happy about getting my 300th win, but the most important thing for the team was getting this huge victory."

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Tuesday, April 11, 2000

TRINITY SNAPS ECSU SOFTBALL THREE-GAME WINNING STREAK
Bantams wipe out two-run deficit with four-run fourth inning in 8-3 victory

HARTFORD -- Leadoff hitter Kelly Kempner broke a 2-2 tie with a two-run double in a four-run fourth inning that carried the Trinity College softball team to an 8-3 victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday.

Trinity's (6-15) first win over ECSU in six tries snaps a three-game winning streak for the Warriors (11-10).

Freshman **Sarah Arrigoni (MIDDLEFIELD)**, making her first start in nine days, carried a 2-0 lead into the fourth inning but was knocked out of the box when Trinity broke through for four runs on three hits, a wild pitch and an infield throwing error. Leading 4-2, the Bantam added three more in a fifth inning on three hits and another ECSU infield error. The inning was highlighted by an RBI double by Laura Heath and run-scoring single by Sue Kelly.

Freshman Kristi McDermott (4-6) stopped ECSU on seven hits in the route-going performance. She fanned four and did not walk a batter.

The Warriors scored a pair of unearned runs in the first. Sophomore centerfielder **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)** scored the first run from second on a sacrifice bunt by freshman shortstop **Jessica Sharp (OLD SAYBROOK)** and sophomore DH **Andrea Rizzuto (TAFVILLE)** hit a solo home run with two outs. Freshman catcher **Morgan Parsons (CLINTON)** drove in ECSU's third run with a two-out single in the sixth.

Rizzuto and Parsons both had two hits for Eastern, which hosts Wesleyan University Thursday at 4 p.m. in a single game.

Trinity College 8, Eastern Conn. 3

Eastern Conn. (11-10)	200	001	0	--	3	7	3
Trinity (6-15)	000	431	x	--	8	10	3

Sarah Arrigoni (2-3), Karen Kaczynski (4) and Morgan Parsons. Kristi McDermott (4-6) and Caitlin Luz. 2B-Kelly Kempner, Tricia Mase, Laura Heath (T); HR-Andrea Rizzuto (1) (E).

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Saturday, April 8, 2000

ECSU SOFTBALL SWEEPS LITTLE EAST DOUBLEHEADER 11-6, 18-6
Schofield reaches safely in all eight plate appearances against UMass Boston

BOSTON -- Freshman third baseball **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** went 6-for-7 with seven runs scored to spark the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team to an 11-6, 18-6 Little East Conference doubleheader sweep of the University of Massachusetts Boston Saturday. The outcome of the first game was determined in the eighth inning while the second game was stopped after five innings.

In the sweep, Eastern (11-9, 4-0) had 26 hits, ten of them for extra bases, and capitalized upon 13 UMass (5-8, 0-2) errors to score 17 unearned runs.

Schofield reached safely in all eight of her plate appearances. She was 6-for-7 with a walk and also reached on an error. She scored seven runs and drove in two and stole two bases. Two of her hits were doubles.

In the first game, UMass scored two unearned runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to tie the game but the Warriors answered with five runs on four hits and an infield error in the top of the eighth to snap a 6-6 tie. Freshman catcher **Morgan Parsons (CLINTON)** broke the tie with an RBI triple, which scored Schofield with one out. Schofield had led off the inning with a single and stole second. Freshman leftfielder **Lisa Clinton (NEWTON, MA)** made it 8-6 when she plated Parsons with a single. Three more runs scored with two out after a costly error at first base, with sophomore centerfielder **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)** plating two with a single.

Leading 2-0 in the second game, the Warriors sent 15 batters to the plate in the top of the third and scored 12 times on seven hits and four errors. Six players reached safely twice in the inning and four scored twice each. Sophomore DH **Andrea Rizzuto (TAFTVILLE)** drove in four runs in the inning with a double and triple.

On the afternoon, Rizzuto had four hits -- including two doubles and a triple -- while driving in five runs and scoring three. Parsons had three hits, scored three runs and drove in three while freshman leftfielder **Alicia Ross (HARWINTON)** had two hits, three runs and three RBI and walked twice. Freshman rightfielder **Sarah Arrigoni (MIDDLEFIELD)** had three hits -- two of the doubles -- while scoring three runs and driving in two and walking once.

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Senior **Erin Bundy (MANSFIELD)** fanned a career-high ten batters and allowed only two earned runs in winning the first game on the mound. Junior **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)**, who picked up a save in the opener after getting the final three outs with the bases loaded, pitched a complete-game five-hitter in the nightcap.

Eastern visits Trinity College Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 11, Massachusetts Boston 6, 8 inn.

Eastern Conn. (10-9)	104	100	05	--	11	15	6
Umass Boston (5-7)	031	002	00	--	6	10	5

Erin Bundy (3-1), Karen Kaczynski (8) and Morgan Parsons. Trisha Cole (5-4) and Christine Allen. Save-Kaczynski (2). 2B-Stacey Schofield 2, Andrea Rizzuto, Lisa Clinton, Michelle Ross (E); 3B-Morgan Parsons (E), Nick Stock (MB).

Eastern Conn. 18, Massachusetts Boston 6, 5 inn.

Eastern Conn. (11-9)	20(12)	31	--	18	11	3
Umass Boston (5-8)	00 4	20	--	6	5	8

Karen Kaczynski (3-4) and Morgan Parsons, Nadine Davis (4). Andrea Spinale (0-3), Trisha Cole (3), Spinale (4) and Christine Allen. 2B-Sarah Arrigoni 2, Andrea Rizzuto (E), Allen (MB); 3B-Rizzuto (E).

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Monday, April 3, 2000

ECSU BASEBALL NO. 1 RANKED TEAM IN ABCA/DIVISION III POLL

Warriors move up one spot to overtake Marietta College for top ranking

ALLENTOWN, PA -- Less than one year after failing to qualify for post-season play, the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team has gained the No. 1 ranking in the nation.

On the strength of a one of their best starts under 32nd-year head coach Bill Holowaty, the Warriors have been selected as the top-ranked team in the second bi-weekly ABCA/Collegiate Baseball Division III poll, released Monday.

Following a 5-0 start, Eastern was ranked second by six points only behind Marietta College (OH) in the first regular-season poll, released March 20. Since that time, the Warriors (15-2) have won ten of 12. Despite being given just one of eight first-place votes, Eastern overtook the Pioneers this week, earning three more points than Marietta.

It is ECSU's first No. 1 ranking since the final poll of 1998, released after the Warriors won their third NCAA Division III national title.

Eastern also repeated as the No. 1 team in the weekly New England Coaches' Poll, released Monday.

The Warriors look for their ninth straight win Tuesday when they host Westfield State College at 3 p.m. and is scheduled to play its seventh straight home game Wednesday at 3 p.m. against 1999 New England Regional champion Brandeis University.

KUBACHKA, STONOHAN HONORED BY LITTLE EAST

Sophomore first baseball **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** and senior right-handed pitcher **Stephen Stonoha (DERBY)** were honored by the Little East Conference Monday as its first Player-of-the-Week and Pitcher-of-the-Week, respectively.

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Kubachka, a first-year transfer from Wake Forest, leads the conference in batting (.533), RBI per game (1.65), RBI (28), doubles per game (0.59) and doubles (10). He has hit safely in all 17 games this year, nine times collecting more than one hit. Kubachka has 51 total bases this season and a slugging average of .850. He is also fielding at .993 on 138 chances.

Stonoha (4-0-1, 2.18) has two wins and a save in five games since the Warriors returned from California. In Sunday's 5-2 conference win over Western Connecticut, Stonoha pitched a career-high 5.3 innings and equalled his career-high with four strikeouts in gaining the win. He is ranked first in the conference in wins and fourth in ERA. In his career, he has won all seven of decisions with four saves.

ALTMAN HONORED BY NEWLA

Junior attack **Stephanie Altman (VOLUNTOWN)** has been honored as the first weekly New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance (NEWLA) Offensive Player-of-the-Week, released Monday.

Altman (18-1-19) leads the alliance in goals per match (6.00) and points per match (6.33) and is second in total goals and tied for third in points. Altman equalled her career-high of five goals in this year's season-opener March 23 at Wheaton (MA), broke that with six goals last Monday at Salve Regina and set another personal best with seven goals and an assist in Sunday's 17-7 win at Castleton State. Altman has scored half of the team's goals this year and also leads the club with 17 draw controls and 12 ground ball controls.

Eastern opens its home season Tuesday at 3:30 against 1999 NEWLA playoff champion Bridgewater State College.

NEILSON LEC SOFTBALL STATISTICAL LEADER

Sophomore centerfielder **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)** leads the Little East Conference in stolen bases (24), stolen bases per game (1.50), runs (21), runs per game (1.31) and hits (27) in the first weekly report, released Monday.

Neilson, last year's LEC Rookie-of-the-Year and stolen base champion, has been caught only twice this year and has a total of 52 stolen bases in 57 attempts in 57 career games. The ECSU steal records are 29 in a season and 65 in a career.

Neilson is also ranked third in hits per game (1.69) and fourth in batting (.466). Also listed among the leaders for ECSU are freshman third baseman **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)**, who is fifth in batting (.449) and hits per game (1.38).

Eastern (8-8) visits the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Tuesday for a 3 p.m. doubleheader.

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BUNDY PITCHES ECSU SOFTBALL OVER BRIDGEWATER STATE

Strikes out career-high nine batters in second-game victory over Bears

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior **Erin Bundy (MANSFIELD)** shut down the nationally-ranked Bridgewater State College softball team on three singles in the second game to lift Eastern Connecticut State University to a 4-1 victory Thursday.

In the first game, Bridgewater (15-7) pounded out 17 hits en route to an 8-0 victory. The Bears, last year's NCAA Division III New England champions, are ranked 22nd nationally, fourth in New England.

Eastern (9-9) led 2-0 after scoring single runs in the second on a wild pitch and in the fifth on a bases loaded walk before Bridgewater cut the margin in half when its scored an unearned run in the sixth on two hits and an infield throwing error. The Warriors, however, added two insurance runs in the sixth on a two-out, two-run double to right by No. 9 hitter **Michelle Ross (HARWINTON)**.

Bundy struck out a career-high nine batters, six coming over the final three innings. She walked only two.

In the first game, Kelly Rund doubled and tripled and drove in two runs and scored one as Bridgewater defeated Eastern for the sixth consecutive time. Rund gave her team a 2-0 lead in the third with a two-out, two-run triple. Winning pitcher Amanda Sanson, who suffered the second-game loss, was 3-for-4 with an RBI and run scored while catcher Carrie Kuprycz had two doubles, walked once, scored one and drove in a run.

Eastern returns to Little East Conference play Saturday at Massachusetts Boston (2) at 1 p.m.

Bridgewater State 8, Eastern Conn. 0

Bridgewater State (15-6)	002	122	1	--	8	17	0
Eastern Conn. (8-9)	000	000	0	--	0	3	1

Amanda Sanson (8-2), Nicole Cuoto (6) and Carrie Kuprycz. Karen Kaczynski (2-4) and Morgan Parsons. 2B-Kuprycz 2, Kristen Jackson, Kelly Rund, Cuoto (B); 3B-Rund (B).

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Eastern Conn. 4, Bridgewater State 1

Bridgewater State (15-7)	000	001	0	--	1	3	2
Eastern Conn. (9-9)	010	012	x	--	4	3	1

Amanda Sanson (8-3) and Carrie Kuprycz. Erin Bundy (2-1) and Morgan Parsons. 2B-Michelle Ross (E).

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Sunday, April 2, 2000

ECSU SOFTBALL SWEEP BY NEW JERSEY 6-1, 5-1

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Audrey Bowen and Vickie Prevete combined on a three-hitter to lead the College of New Jersey to a 5-1 women's softball win over Eastern Connecticut State University Sunday in the second game and a sweep of a doubleheader.

In the first game, the Lions (19-3) scored in each of the first four innings en route to a 6-1 victory which handed the Warriors (8-8) their first northern loss after four wins.

In the doubleheader, Kristen Coyne was 5-for-8, scored three runs and drove in two for New Jersey. In the nightcap, Krissy Medina was 4-for-4 with a run and RBI.

Prevete (4-3) pitched a complete-game eight-hitter and ECSU committed five errors in the opener and Prevete came back in the nightcap to gain a save. In that game, she helped winning pitcher Bowen (4-0) by getting two outs with the bases loaded in the sixth.

Sophomore centerfielder **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)** had three hits and two stolen bases in the doubleheader. She has 24 stolen bases this year, five behind the season record. Freshman shortstop **Jessica Sharp (OLD SAYBROOK)** was 2-for-2 with a run scored and walk in the second game while freshman third baseman **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** walked three times in the nightcap.

ECSU freshmen **Sarah Arrigoni (MIDDLEFIELD)** and **Wendy Urso (SOUTHINGTON)** started on the mound for the Warriors in the doubleheader against the six-time NCAA champion Lions. Each was lifted in the fourth inning of their respective games.

Eastern visits U.S. Coast Guard Academy Tuesday in a 3 p.m. doubleheader.

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College of New Jersey 6, Eastern Conn. 1

New Jersey (18-3)	111	300	0	--	6	9	3
Eastern Conn. (8-7)	010	000	0	--	1	8	5

Vickie Prevete (4-3) and Joane Tsai. Sarah Arrigoni (2-2), Karen Kaczynski (4) and Morgan Parsons. 2B-Kristen Coyne (NJ), Parsons, Michelle Ross (E); 3B-Krissy Medino, Lauren Straube (NJ).

College of New Jersey 5, Eastern Conn. 1

New Jersey (19-3)	201	200	0	--	5	11	1
Eastern Conn. (8-8)	100	000	0	--	1	3	1

Audrey Bowen (4-0), Vickie Prevete (6) and Jennifer Kichula. Wendy Urso (3-2), Erin Bundy (4) and Morgan Parsons. Save-Prevete (1). 2B-Krissy Medino, Kichula (NJ).

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ECSU SOFTBALL SWEEPS MASSCHUSETTS COLLEGE IN NORTH DEBUT

Neilson has five hits, four runs and four stolen bases in home victories

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Sophomore centerfielder **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)** was 5-for-7 with four runs scored and four stolen bases as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team swept Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts 7-1, 2-1 (8 inn.) Thursday in its northern openers.

In the second-game win, Neilson threw out the potential go-ahead run in the sixth, then singled, stole second and later scored the winning run with one out in the eighth inning on a single by freshman third baseman **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)**.

Neilson reached safely four times in the second game with three singles and a walk, scored twice and stole two bases. In the first game, she was 2-for-4 with two runs scored and two stolen bases.

Senior **Erin Bundy (MANSFIELD)** and junior **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** each picked up their first wins on the mound in complete-game performances. Kaczynski (1-3) allowed only one hit through five innings of the nightcap before the Mohawks (4-8) tied the game in the sixth on two hits and two walks. Neilson threw out a runner at the plate to keep the score tied, however, and Kaczynski knocked down a hard comebacker and got the out at first with the bases loaded to end the inning.

Schofield had two hits in each game for Eastern (6-6) while sophomore DH **Andrea Rizzuto (TAFTVILLE)** was 3-for-4 with three RBI in the opener. Freshman shortstop **Jessica Sharp (OLD SAYBROOK)** was 2-for-3 with two RBI in the opener. She also walked once.

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

Eastern Conn. 7, Massachusetts College 1

Mass College (4-7)	000	001	0	--	1	5	1
Eastern Conn. (5-6)	321	100	x	--	7	12	1

Jodie Eldridge (1-3) and Jenn Roberts. Erin Bundy (1-1) and Morgan Parsons. 2B- Michelle Littlefield (M), Stacey Schofield, Andrea Rizzuto, Sarah Arrigoni, Michelle Ross (E).

Eastern Conn. 2, Massachusetts College 1, 8 inn.

Mass College (4-8)	000	001	00	--	1	4	1
Eastern Conn. (6-6)	100	000	01	--	2	7	2

Jenn Golden (3-2) and Sue Plankey. Karen Kaczynski (1-3) and Morgan Parsons. 2B- Parsons (E).

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Friday, March 24, 2000

ECSU SOFTBALL SPLITS FINAL TWO GAMES AT REBEL SPRING GAMES

Warriors score four unearned runs in first inning in 10-4 win over Hartwick

ORLANDO, FL -- The Eastern Connecticut State University softball team had ten hits and capitalized on five errors and three wild pitches in a 10-4 win over Hartwick College Friday in its final games at the Rebel Spring Games.

Earlier in the day, the Warriors (4-6) had nine hits and Ramapo College (1-6) committed six errors but the Road Runners came away with an 8-4 victory. Leading by one, Ramapo scored three insurance runs in the top of the seventh, two on a double by senior catcher Mary Beth Milius.

Against Hartwick, freshman **Sarah Arrigoni (MIDDLEFIELD)** recorded her first collegiate complete game and the team's first complete-game win this year. Arrigoni (2-1) allowed eight hits while fanning six, walking one and hitting a batter. She shut out the Hawks (1-9) on three hits through the first four innings and led 7-0 before giving up three runs in the fifth on four hits.

The Warriors jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first on one hit, two errors, a hit batter and three wild pitches. They totalled ten hits in the game.

In two games, sophomore centerfielder **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)** had four hits and scored four runs while freshman third baseman **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** had three hits, an RBI and a run scored. In the loss, senior outfielder **Erin Bundy (MANSFIELD)** had two hits, including a three-run home run in the sixth inning while freshman shortstop **Jessica Sharp (OLD SAYBROOK)** had two hits and scored a run.

In three starts on the trip, Arrigoni pitched 16.3 innings with a 2.57 ERA while freshman **Wendy Urso (SOUTHINGTON)** was 2-1 with a 4.20 ERA in 16.6 innings over four appearances (two starts). Junior **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** had an 0-3 record with one save and a 3.74 ERA. She appeared in five games (four starts) and pitched a team-high 24.3 innings. Bundy was 0-1 with a 5.25 ERA in 10.6 innings over five appearances (one start). In four relief outings (6.0 innings), she had a 2.33 ERA.

Offensively, Neilson batted a team-high .441 (15-for-34), with Schofield at .438 (14-for-32) and Arrigoni at .324 (11-for-34). Arrigoni brought a .407 average into play Friday but was hitless in seven at-bats.

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**College Softball
at Orlando, FL
Ramapo College 8, Eastern Conn. 4**

Ramapo (1-6)	201	020	3	--	8	13	6
Eastern Conn. (3-6)	001	003	x	--	4	9	0

Jeanne Reynolds (1-3) and Mary Beth Milius. Karen Kaczynski (0-3), Wendy Urso (4) and Morgan Parsons. 2B-Melissa Roth, Milius (R); HR-Erin Bundy (1) (E).

Eastern Conn. 10, Hartwick College 4

Eastern Conn. (4-6)	410	200	3	--	10	10	0
Hartwick (1-9)	000	031	0	--	4	8	5

Sarah Arrigoni (2-1) and Morgan Parsons, Nadine Davis (5). Danette Berry (1-7) and Aileen Gerhardt. 2B-Stacey Schofield, Stephanie Baffaro (E), Amanda Klump (H); 3B-Camille McKenna (H).

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ECSU SOFTBALL BEATEN TWICE IN FLORIDA, FALLS TO 3-5 ON TRIP
Warriors give up tying runs in seventh in 7-4 loss to regionally-ranked Hope

ORLANDO, FL -- Hope College rallied to tie the game with two runs in the seventh inning and scored four times in the eighth in handing the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team a 7-4 loss Thursday at the Rebel Spring Games.

Earlier, the University of St. Thomas (MN) broke open a scoreless game by scoring four runs in the fifth inning after there were two out in a 4-1 triumph.

Against Hope (4-6), ranked fifth in the Central Region, Eastern carried a 3-1 lead into the seventh but the Dutch tied the game with two runs. The first run scored on a ground out to second by Tara Blacquiere and the tying run came home on an RBI single off ECSU senior reliever **Erin Bundy (MANSFIELD)** by Heather Roy. All four runs charged to Bundy in the inning were unearned.

In the eighth, Blacquiere cleared the bases with a two-out single down the right field line to highlight the four-run inning.

Eastern (3-5) erased a 1-0 deficit by scoring three times in the fourth on a two-run single by senior righthfielder **Christie Silva (ENFIELD)** and a double steal which allowed pinch runner **Lisa Clinton (NEWTON, MA)** to score.

For St. Thomas (9-2), freshman lefty Stacy Tamble recorded her first collegiate win by shutting down ECSU on five hits, fanning six and walking only one. Down 4-1, ECSU scored its only run of the game on an RBI double by sophomore DP **Andrea Rizzuto (TAFVILLE)**.

Freshman third baseman **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** had two hits and scored a run in each game for Eastern.

Eastern closes out its trip Friday with single games against Ramapo at 9 a.m. and Hartwick at 11.

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U. of St. Thomas (MN) 4, Eastern Conn. 1

Eastern Conn. (3-4)	000	001	0	--	1	5	1
St. Thomas (9-2)	000	040	x	--	4	8	0

Wendy Urso (2-1), Erin Bundy (5) and Morgan Parsons. Stacey Tamble (1-0) and Melissa Rheume, Gina Utecht (5). 2B-Andrea Rizzuto (E), Emily Bauman (ST).

Hope College 7, Eastern Conn. 4, 8 inn.

Hope (4-6)	001	000	24	--	7	12	1
Eastern Conn. (3-5)	000	300	01	--	4	8	3

Andrea Adams, Kim Grotenhuis (5) and Carrie Scott. Karen Kaczynski, Erin Bundy (7) and Nadine Davis, Morgan Parsons (8). WP-Grotenhuis (3-2). LP-Bundy (0-1). 2B-Kathi Grotenhuis 2 (H).

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Tuesday, March 21, 2000

FRESHMEN LEAD ECSU SOFTBALL TO TWO WINS IN FLORIDA

Arrigoni, Urso, Parsons, Schofield play key roles in Warriors' victories

ORLANDO, FL -- Freshmen Sarah Arrigoni (MIDDLEFIELD), Wendy Urso (SOUTHINGTON), Morgan Parsons (CLINTON) and Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK) played key roles as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team evened its record with wins Tuesday at the Rebel Spring Games.

A winner of three straight, Eastern (3-3) got pitching wins from Arrigoni in a starting role and Urso in relief. Arrigoni (1-1) won her first collegiate decision in her second appearance with relief help from junior Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON) in the team's 4-3 win over Luther College.

Urso (2-0) took over for senior starter Erin Bundy (MANSFIELD) with ECSU trailing 6-5 against Manchester College in the fifth inning and gained the win when the Warriors rallied for four runs in the top of the seventh inning for a 9-6 win. Schofield tied the game with an RBI single and Parsons put ECSU ahead with a two-run single.

Urso did not allow a hit after replacing Bundy with one out in the fifth. She walked one. ECSU sophomore Julia Neilson (SALISBURY) had three hits against Manchester and drove in the final run of the game. Sophomore Andrea Rizzuto (TAFTVILLE), Parsons, Arrigoni and Schofield each added two hits in the 12-hit attack.

Against Luther, Eastern scored three runs in the third to take a 3-2 lead, Arrigoni plating the first one with a double and Rizzuto tying the game with a single. A wild pitch put ECSU ahead. Kaczynski took over for Arrigoni with ECSU leading 4-2 in the sixth and got out of a bases loaded jam by getting a fly ball to left and a line drive to shortstop. Arrigoni, who helped her own cause with two hits, allowed only one earned run on five hits while fanning four. She did not walk a batter.

On Thursday, Eastern faces the University of St. Thomas (MN) at 12:45 and Hope College at 2:30 p.m.

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Eastern Conn. 4, Luther College 3

Luther (2-4)	011	000	1	--	3	9	1
Eastern Conn. (2-3)	003	100	x	--	4	6	5

Jennifer Hohrmann (1-2) and Jenny Moffitt, Tracie Knapp (3). Sarah Arrigoni (1-1), Karen Kaczynski (6) and Morgan Parsons. Save-Kaczynski (1). 2B-Kindel McLaughlin, Sarah Edwards (L), Arrigoni (E).

Eastern Conn. 9, Manchester College 6

Eastern Conn. (3-3)	011	030	4	--	9	12	2
Manchester (2-5)	001	140	0	--	6	8	2

Erin Bundy, Wendy Urso (5) and Morgan Parsons. Tasha Elliott, Kelly Haughs (4) and Tiffany Ozbun. WP-Urso (2-0). LP-Haughs (1-1). 2B-Stacey Schofield (E), Nicolette Gasior 2 (M); 3B-Cathy Bounds (M).

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Monday, March 20, 2000

URSO PITCHES ECSU SOFTBALL PAST MT VERNON NAZARENE

Warriors support freshman with 12 hits in first victory of season

ORLANDO, FL -- Freshman **Wendy Urso (SOUTHINGTON)** allowed only two runs over the first six innings in her collegiate debut and the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team collected 12 hits in an 8-2 win over Mount Vernon Nazarene College Monday at the Rebel Spring Games. Eight of ten starters in the game for Eastern were freshmen.

Earlier in the day, Eastern (1-3) dropped a 6-3 decision to Millikin University.

Against Mount Vernon, Eastern broke open a close game by scoring five times in the fourth on seven hits and two wild pitches to move out to a 7-1 lead en route to its first win of the year. Sophomore **Andrea Rizzuto (TAFTVILLE)** drove in a run in the inning with a pinch single while freshmen **Jessica Sharp (OLD SAYBROOK)** and **Alicia Ross (HARWINTON)** plated their first collegiate runs with singles.

Urso gave up nine hits but was staked to a 2-0 lead after the first inning. The Cougars (2-2) broke through in the fourth when they scored on back-to-back doubles to pull to within 2-1 but ECSU answered with five runs in the bottom of the inning. Urso fanned three and walked only one before giving way to senior **Erin Bundy (MANSFIELD)**, who pitched a scoreless seventh.

Sophomore centerfielder **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)** and freshman third baseman **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** each had three hits for Eastern with Neilson and sophomore second baseman **Sarah Rivers (THOMPSON)** each scoring twice.

Millikin 6, Eastern Conn. 3

Millikin (4-0) broke open a close game with four runs in the fifth inning to take a 6-0 lead. The Big Blue had three hits in that inning and the Warriors committed three errors.

The Warriors got two back in the sixth on two hits, a Millikin error and an RBI ground ball by freshman DP **Sarah Arrigoni (MIDDLEFIELD)** and cut the deficit to three with a run in the seventh when freshman first baseman **Michelle Ross (HARWINTON)** drove in twin sister Alicia with a sacrifice fly.

Millikin freshman lefty Alexis Pakalka didn't allow ECSU an earned run. She gave up seven hits while fanning four and walking two. ECSU junior **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** gave up only five hits while fanning one and walking three but four ECSU errors proved costly.

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Schofield and Neilson both reached safely twice with a hit and walk and both scored a run.

Eastern continues play Tuesday at the Rebel Spring Games with single games against Luther College at 4:30 p.m. and Manchester College at 6:15 p.m.

Millikin U. 6, Eastern Conn. 3

Eastern Conn. (0-3)	000	002	1	--	3	7	4
Millikin U. (4-0)	110	040	x	--	6	5	4

Karen Kaczynski (0-2) and Morgan Parsons. Alexis Pakalka (1-0) and Mandi Mills.

Eastern Conn. 8, Mount Vernon Nazarene 2

Mount Vernon (2-2)	000	101	0	--	2	9	0
Eastern Conn. (1-3)	200	501	x	--	8	12	1

Tara Hines (0-2), Natalie Wallace (4) and Pam Poff. Wendy Urso (1-0), Erin Bundy (7) and Morgan Parsons. 2B-Shelly Aldrich, Shelly Claxon (M).

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ECSU SOFTBALL LOSES TWO IN 2000 SEASON-OPENERS

Warriors start six freshmen in each game, drop 2-0, 5-2 decisions

ORLANDO, FL -- Freshman **Sarah Arrigoni (MIDDLEFIELD)** had four hits and allowed only one earned run in four innings on the mound but the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team opened its 2000 season with two losses at the Rebel Spring Games Sunday.

Eastern managed only two hits in dropping a 2-0 decision to Buena Vista University (1-0) in the first game, then committed two errors in a four-run Allegheny College (1-0) third inning and left eight runners aboard in a 5-2 loss to the Gators.

Arrigoni, a four-time all-stater out of Coginchaug Regional, walked and double in her first collegiate game against Buena Vista. Against Allegheny, she allowed only one earned run on six hits through the first four innings on the mound. At the plate, she had three of the team's ten hits and drove in both runs with singles in the first and third innings.

Eastern led 2-0 against Allegheny behind Arrigoni's two RBIs but the Gators scored four times in the third on three hits, two ECSU infield errors and a wild pitch. Both of the errors came with two outs and produced Allegheny's last three runs of the inning.

Eastern, which started six freshmen in each game, also got two hits against Allegheny from freshman second baseman **Erin Fitzpatrick (LEOMINSTER, MA)**. On the afternoon, ten of the team's 12 hits came from freshmen.

Junior pitcher **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** was saddled with the first-game loss. She gave up seven hits while fanning two without walking anyone. The Warriors were struck out eight times in the game and were unable to score a run despite moving three baserunners into scoring position in the game.

In the two games, freshman catcher **Morgan Parsons (CLINTON)** threw out all three runners who attempted stolen bases.

On Monday, Eastern is scheduled to face Millikin University at 12:45 p.m. and Mt. Vernon Nazarene at 4:30.

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Buena Vista U. 2, Eastern Conn. 0

Buena Vista (1-0)	100	010	0	--	2	7	0
Eastern Conn. (0-1)	000	000	0	--	0	2	1

Erin Quass (1-0) and Heather Hoogestraat. Karen Kaczynski (0-1) and Morgan Parsons. 2B-Courtney Anderson (B), Sarah Arrigoni (E).

Allegheny College 5, Eastern Conn. 2

Eastern Conn. (0-2)	101	000	0	--	2	10	2
Allegheny (1-0)	004	010	x	--	5	8	2

Sarah Arrigoni (0-1), Erin Bundy (5) and Morgan Parsons. Janelle Bissell (1-0) and Jill Fuduric. HR-Jennifer Rowe (A).