

little east conference
Thursday, May 3, 2001

SPRINGFIELD SWEEPS ECSU SOFTBALL 2-1, 9-0 *Warriors close out season with final record of 18-22*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior pitcher Nan Duga won her 30th and 31st games of the season and senior catcher Carey Fleck drove in three runs in the second game as the Springfield College softball team swept Eastern Connecticut State University 2-1 and 9-0 Thursday in the regular-season finale for both teams at Howard Spector Field.

Springfield (37-10), ranked 23rd in Division III, won the first game by scoring two runs in the top of the eighth inning and survived ECSU's threat in the bottom of the eighth when the Warriors scored once and had the tying and winning runs in scoring position. The second game was stopped after five innings due to the eight-run rule.

Duga pitched a complete-game three-hitter with 11 strikeouts and one walk in winning her 30th game of the season in the opener, pitching a perfect game until surrendering an infield single to ECSU (18-22) junior centerfielder **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)** with two outs in the sixth. In the second game, the Pride banged out 12 hits in support of Duga's complete-game two-hitter. Duga struck out four and walked two in the nightcap. All of the hits she allowed on the day were singles.

In the first game, an error on Duga's eighth-inning ground ball allowed the first run of the game to score and Duga made it 2-0 when she scored from third on Ali Gerrish's RBI single. The Warriors put the tying and winning runs in scoring position in the bottom of the eighth inning but Duga began a game-ending double play on a comebacker.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, Duga threw out the potential winning run at home on a ball hit back to the box after Eastern had put runners on first and third with one out, then got a strikeout to strand the go-ahead run at second.

Gerrish had three hits and an RBI in each game for Springfield while Erin Cooke, Sarah Warhaftig and Fleck each had two hits in the nightcap. Fleck drove in three runs in the second game with a bases-clearing double in a five-run third inning.

ECSU senior leftfielder **Kelly Rodman (WALLINGFORD)** had a hit in each game for Eastern.

Springfield College 2, Eastern Conn. 1 (8 inn.)

Springfield College (36-10)	000	000	02	--	2	7	1
Eastern Conn. (18-21)	000	000	01	--	1	3	3

Nan Duga (30-8) and Carey Fleck. Karen Kaczynski (12-14) and Kelly Rowan.

Springfield College 9, Eastern Conn. 0 (5 inn.)

Springfield College (37-10)	005	31	--		9	12	1
Eastern Conn. (18-22)	000	00	--		0	2	4

Nan Duga (31-8) and Carey Fleck. Karen Kaczynski (12-15), Shari D'Amico (3) and Morgan Parsons. 2B-Carey Fleck (S); 3B-Jill Roach (S).

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ECSU MEN'S LACROSSE ADVANCES IN LITTLE EAST 18-3
Warriors down Plymouth State College to reach conference final Saturday

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University men's lacrosse team scored the first nine goals on the way to an 18-3 win over Plymouth State College Thursday in the semifinal round of the 2001 Little East Conference playoffs.

Top-seeded Eastern (14-1) advances to host second-seeded University of Massachusetts Boston (12-3) in the first-ever conference championship match Saturday at 2 p.m. The Beacons advanced by eliminating third-seeded Massachusetts Dartmouth 12-10 Thursday.

The win for Eastern was the 24th straight on its home field and seventh straight in conference competition. The Warriors won all six of their regular-season matches in the conference, including a 17-6 decision here April 14.

Against Plymouth, 11 different players contributed a goal or assist, led by senior midfielder **Jeff Reinhart (LONDONDERRY, NH)**, who had three goals and three assists to break the program's season record of 71 points. Reinhart now has 76 points (42 goals, 34 assists) this year and 118 goals and 68 assists in his career.

First-year junior attack **Travis Monroe (NORWALK)** tied his game-high with four goals and finished with a career-high five points.

As a team, Eastern was successful on 38 of 48 clears while limiting fourth-seeded Plymouth (7-7) to 22 of 46. Junior **Christopher Strycharz (WESTFIELD, MA)** won 16 of 26 faceoffs for the Warriors.

Plymouth State senior attack **Jim Martocchio (SIMSBURY)**, ranked 12th nationally in goals, scored all three of his team's goal to finish with 54 goals this year and 250 in his four-year career.

Eastern Conn. 18, Plymouth State 3

Plymouth State (7-7)	0	1	2	0	--	3
Eastern Conn. (14-1)	7	4	5	2	--	18

Goals: P-Jim Martocchio 3; E-Travis Monroe 4, Jeff Reinhart 3, Loic Williamson 3, Michael Grabski 2, Kristopher McQuarrie, Marc DiGiovanni, Anthony Coletti, Brendan Marra, Kyler Brown, Bill Morgan.

Assists: P-Jason Biedrzycki 2, J.P. Sallèse; E-Reinhart 3, Christopher Strycharz 3, DiGiovanni 2, McQuarrie, Monroe, Grabski, Williamson.

Shots: P-25, E-61; Saves: P-Jon Clark 17, E-Mark Hayes 8 (45 minutes, 3 goals allowed), Bruce Frady 6 (12 minutes, 0 goals allowed); Brian Zimowski 0 (3 minutes, 0 goals allowed).

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Tuesday, May 2, 2001

ECSU WOMEN'S SOFTBALL SWEEPS WESLEYAN 3-1, 9-6

Kaczynski sets season record for starts; Rizzuto drives in two runs in opener

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. -- Senior pitcher **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** broke the Eastern Connecticut State University season softball record for starts and junior DH **Andrea Rizzuto (TAFTVILLE)** drove in two runs in the opener as the Warriors swept Wesleyan University 3-1, 9-6 Wednesday.

Kaczynski (12-13) started both games -- gaining credit for the complete-game first win. Kaczynski equalled the program's season record of 27 starts in the first game and broke the record with her second-game start. She allowed only one run in the opener and none in the second game before leaving with one out in the fourth inning and two runners aboard and Eastern leading 6-0. She gave up 14 hits in 10.1 innings in the doubleheader while fanning four and walking one.

Rizzuto had RBI singles in the first and third innings of the opener to help the Warriors (18-20) to a 3-0 lead. In the second game, senior leftfielder **Kelly Rodman (WALLINGFORD)** reached base safely five times with four hits and a walk to spark a 17-hit attack. Freshman **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** had two hits in the second game and was credited with the pitching win in relief of Kaczynski. Rizzuto added two more hits in the nightcap and drove in her third run of the doubleheader. Freshman righthfielder **Monica Cardona (WEST HAVEN)** had three hits as the No. 9 hitter in the lineup and scored a run and drove in one. Sophomores **Michelle Ross (HARWINTON)** and **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** each had two hits.

Wesleyan (10-17) collected 11 hits off Kaczynski in the opener but stranded 10 runners.

Eastern closes out its season Thursday by hosting No. 23 nationally-ranked Springfield College in a 5:30 p.m doubleheader.

Eastern Conn. 3, Wesleyan U. 1

Eastern Conn. (17-20)	102	000	0	--	3	6	1
Wesleyan U. (10-16)	001	000	0	--	1	11	3

Karen Kaczynski (11-13) and Morgan Parsons. Lindsay Wasserman (10-15) and Rebecca DeWeerd, Lindsay Butler (2). 2B-Shari D'Amico (E), Rose Ferrari, Debra Ellen Glickstein, Butler, Wasserman (W).

Eastern Conn. 9, Wesleyan U. 6

Eastern Conn. (18-20)	103	203	0	--	9	17	4
Wesleyan U. (10-17)	000	042	0	--	6	7	4

Karen Kaczynski, Shari D'Amico (4) and Kelly Rowan. Lindsay Wasserman (10-16), Rebecca DeWeerd and Lindsay Butler. 2B-Melissa Klar, Andrea Rizzuto (E), Wasserman, Butler (W); 3B-Debra Ellen Glickstein (W).

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Tuesday, May 1, 2001

ECSU SOFTBALL ELIMINATED IN LITTLE EAST TOURNAMENT
Rhode Island College advances by winning in tenth inning 5-4

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman pitcher Kim Warrington tied the game with a run-scoring double in the sixth inning and a tenth-inning passed ball gave the Rhode Island College softball team a 5-4 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday in a play-in game of the 2001 Little East Conference tournament at Howard Spector Field.

Fifth-seeded Rhode Island (22-17) advances to the four-team double-elimination round of the tournament this weekend and will meet top-seeded Western Connecticut State University Friday at 2 p.m.. Fourth-seeded Eastern (16-20) was eliminated in the play-in round after defeating Rhode Island in both 1998 and 1999 to advance. ECSU's 10-2, 1-0 sweep of Rhode Island Saturday had provided ECSU with the fourth seed and home game.

Starting the tenth inning with a runner on second base in accordance with the international tie-breaker rule, the Anchorwomen broke the tie 4-4 tie. Two bunts loaded the bases and after a fly ball out, Kate Ferreira scored the go-ahead run from third on a passed ball while ECSU senior pitcher **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** was walking No. 3 hitter Michelle Fanelli.

Rhode Island, which advances to the double elimination tournament for the second straight year, had tied the game 4-4 in the sixth inning when Warrington's RBI double plated Fanelli, who had opened the inning with a single.

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Rhode Island College 5, Eastern Conn. 4

Rhode Island (22-17)	010	201	000	1	--	5	9	1
Eastern Conn. (16-20)	030	100	000	0	--	4	9	3

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Saturday, April 28, 2001

ECSU SOFTBALL CLINCHES FIRST-ROUND LEC HOME GAME

Warriors sweep Rhode Island College 10-2, 1-0; D'Amico throws second-game shutout

PROVIDENCE, RI -- The Eastern Connecticut State University softball team won its final four Little East Conference games -- defeating Rhode Island College 10-2, 1-0 Saturday -- to earn a first-round tournament home game.

In the opener, senior **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** pitched a complete-game six-hitter for Eastern (16-19, 8-6) and was backed by 11 hits; in the nightcap, **freshman Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** pitched her second straight conference complete-game shutout -- a four-hitter. Junior **Andrea Rizzuto (TAFTVILLE)** plated junior **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)** with the only run of the first game with a single. Neilson led off the game with a double -- the first extra-base hit of her three-year career -- and Rizzuto plated her from third with a single.

Rhode Island (21-17, 7-7) committed five errors in the first inning of the opener to help the Warriors take a 5-0 lead. D'Amico and freshman **Melissa Klar (WILLIMANTIC)** both had two hits in the opener to provide Kaczynski with her 11th win against 12 losses. Kaczynski in the opener and D'Amico in the nightcap each walked one and struck out one.

Eastern won its final four conference games, defeating teams ranked higher in the conference standings. Tuesday, Kaczynski won a 5-2 decision and D'Amico won 1-0 in eight innings at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

Unofficially, Eastern is the No. 4 seed in the six-team conference playoffs and will host fifth-seeded Rhode Island College in a first-round play-in game (time TBA). That winner will advance to the four-team, double-elimination round of the tournament, which will be hosted by regular-season conference champion Western Connecticut State University Friday and Saturday at Danbury, and will meet the host Colonials in a first-round game.

Eastern Conn. 10, Rhode Island College 2

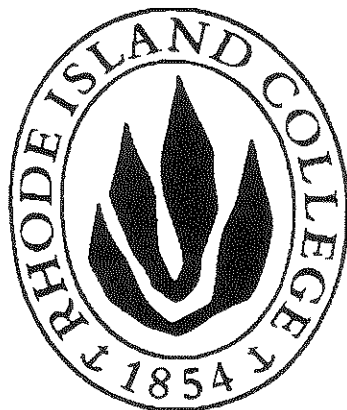
Eastern Conn. (15-19, 7-6)	510	001	3	--	10	11	2
R.I. College (21-16, 7-6)	001	001	0	--	2	6	7

Karen Kaczynski (11-12) and Kelly Rowan. Lea Wiggins (9-10) and Katie Ferreira. 2B-Shari D'Amico (E); 3B-Kelly McCaskill (R).

Eastern Conn. 1, Rhode Island College 0

Eastern Conn. (16-19, 8-6)	100	000	0	--	1	6	3
R.I. College (21-17, 7-7)	000	000	0	--	0	4	1

Shari D'Amico (4-7) and Kelly Rowan. Kim Warrington (10-7) and Katie Ferreira. 2B-Julia Neilson, Andrea Rizzuto (E).



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Rhode Island College Softball Score Report

Providence, RI

GAME ONE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Eastern Conn. St. Univ. (15-19, 7-6)	5	1	0	0	0	1	3	10	11	2
Rhode Island College (21-16, 7-6)	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	6	7

Batteries: ECSU, Karen Kaczynski WP (11-12) and Kelly Rowan; RIC, Lea Wiggins LP (9-10) and Katie Ferreira

2B: ECSU, Shari D'Amico

3B: RIC, Kelly McCaskill

HR: None

RBI: ECSU, Shari D'Amico, Michelle Ross, Marlana Scialla, Kelly Rowan; RIC, Kelly McCaskill, Sue Gaber

Repeat Hitters: ECSU, Melissa Klar, Shari D'Amico, Michelle Ross, Kelly Rodman

GAME TWO	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Eastern Conn. St. Univ. (16-19, 8-6)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	3
Rhode Island College (21-17, 7-7)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1

Batteries: ECSU, Shari D'Amico WP (4-7) and Kelly Rowan; RIC, Kim Warrington LP (10-7) and Katie Ferreira

2B: ECSU, Julia Neilson, Andrea Rizzuto

3B: None

HR: None

RBI: ECSU, Andrea Rizzuto

Repeat Hitters: ECSU, Andrea Rizzuto; RIC, Melanie Miller

WARRIORS TAKE TWO FROM ANCHORWOMEN

Providence, RI— Eastern Connecticut State University improved to 16-19 overall and 8-6 in the Little East Conference with two wins over Rhode Island College Saturday afternoon in Providence. The losses drop RIC to 21-17 overall and 7-7 in the LEC. It was the Anchorwomen's fourth straight loss and the victories stemmed a two-game losing skid for the Warriors.

ECSU capitalized on five RIC errors in the top of the first inning in game one, scoring five runs. The Warriors added one run in the second and sixth inning respectively, and scored three in the seventh to put the game out of reach. Shari D'Amico went 2-5 with two runs, one RBI and one double. Melissa Klar went 2-5 and scored three runs. Karen Kaczynski earned her 11th win of the season, allowing only one earned run in seven innings of work.

Game two proved to be a close contest. Andrea Rizzuto plated Julia Neilson in the top of the first for the game's only run. Shari D'Amico kept RIC off balance, allowing just four hits to earn her fourth win of the spring. It was D'Amico's second shutout of the '01 campaign.

RIC's Kim Warrington pitched well in game two, allowing just one run and striking out eight in the loss.

In upcoming action, both RIC and ECSU will take part in the opening round of the Little East Conference Tournament, which begins on Tuesday, Apr. 1.

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Thursday, April 26, 2001

ECSU SOFTBALL SWEEP BY MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE 4-2, 7-1
Mohawks score four runs on five hits in second inning to capture opener

NORTH ADAMS, Mass. -- The Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts softball team scored four runs on five hits in the second inning of the opening game and went on to post a 4-2, 7-1 sweep of Eastern Connecticut State University Thursday.

In the second game, Mass College (20-11) scored all of its runs in its final three at-bats to defeat Eastern (14-19).

Tinea Phillips's two-run double highlighted the four-run second inning in the opener and Jenn Golden (8-2) allowed only six hits in gaining the complete-game win. Sophomore **Jessica Sharp (OLD SAYBROOK)** had given ECSU a 1-0 lead when her ground ball drove in junior **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)**, who had singled. Junior **Andrea Rizzuto's (TAFTVILLE)** RBI single drove in the Warriors' second run in the seventh. Neilson and Rizzuto each had two hits.

In the second game, Mass College's Jess Sinopoli had three hits and Meg Saudeffer and Michelle Littlefield added two each, Littlefield driving in two runs. Freshman **Melissa Klar (WILLIMANTIC)** had two hits and Rizzuto drove in the team's run with a fielder's choice.

Eastern visits Rhode Island College Saturday in a Little East Conference doubleheader at 1 p.m.

Massachusetts College 4, Eastern Conn. 2

Eastern Conn. (14-18)	100	000	1	--	2	6	2
Mass College (19-11)	040	000	x	--	4	9	2

Karen Kaczynski (10-12) and Morgan Parsons, Kelly Rowan (6); Jenn Golden (8-2) and Sue Plankey. 2B-Shari D'Amico (E), Tinea Phillips (M).

Massachusetts College 7, Eastern Conn. 1

Eastern Conn. (14-19)	100	000	0	--	1	7	1
Mass College (20-11)	000	223	x	--	7	12	1

Shari D'Amico (3-7), Kaczynski (5) and Kelly Rowan. Jess Sinopoli (4-0), Jodie Eldridge (6) and Sue Plankey. 2B-D'Amico (E), Jess Cagnon, Phillips (M).

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Tuesday, April 24, 2001

D'AMICO SPARKS ECSU SOFTBALL TO KEY SWEEP

In nightcap, freshman throws first shutout, drives in only run

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. -- Freshman **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** pitched her first collegiate shutout and drove in the only run with an eighth-inning double to lift the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team to a 1-0 win over the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Tuesday and a sweep of their Little East Conference doubleheader.

In the opener, freshman catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** gave the Warriors a 2-0 lead with a two-run double in the second inning and senior **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** pitched a complete-game five-hitter in the team's 5-2 win.

Eastern (14-17, 6-6) snaps a six-game conference losing streak and qualifies as one of six teams for next month's conference playoffs. UMass Dartmouth (12-15-2, 5-7) has lost to Eastern the last 11 times the clubs have met.

In the nightcap, D'Amico (3-6) allowed only one hit through the first six innings and survived the seventh inning after giving up consecutive singles to open the frame. With two out in the eighth, freshman shortstop **Melissa Klar (WILLIMANTIC)** doubled on a 3-2 pitch and D'Amico drove her in for the only game's run with her second double of the game and third hit of the day. Klar and D'Amico each had two of the team's five hits in the second game.

In tossing her first collegiate shutout, D'Amico fanned three and did not walk a batter. She hit one. After giving up singles to open the seventh, D'Amico got a force out at third for the first out, induced another comebacker for the second out and left runners on second and third with an inning-ending strikeout.

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Kaczynski (10-11) gave up five hits and one earned run in the opener and didn't walk a batter while fanning three. Rowan's double gave ECSU two unearned runs in the second and D'Amico's RBI single and two wild pitchers pushed the lead to 5-0 in the third.

Eastern visits Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 5, UMass Dartmouth 2

Eastern Conn. (13-17, 5-6)	023	000	0	--	5	6	1
UMass Dartmouth (12-14-2, 5-6)	000	010	1	--	2	5	1

Karen Kaczynski (10-11) and Kelly Rowan. Sara Charbonneau (6-8), Mary Beth Lima (4) and Lauren Johnson. 2B-Michelle Ross, Rowan (E), Alisha LaFrance, Heidi Rose (MD).

Eastern Conn. 1, UMass Dartmouth 0, 8 inn.

Eastern Conn. (14-17, 6-6)	000	000	01	--	1	5	0
UMass Dartmouth (12-15-2, 5-7)	000	000	00	--	0	3	1

Shari D'Amico (3-6) and Kelly Rowan. Mary Beth Lima (5-7) and Lauren Johnson. 2B-D'Amico 2, Melissa Klar (E).

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University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
vs
Eastern Connecticut State University
Little East Conference Games
at N. Dartmouth, MA

Game 1

Eastern Connecticut State U. (13-17)(5-6) 023-000-0--5-5-0
UMass Dartmouth (12-14-1)(5-6) 000-010-1--2-5-2

ECSU- Karen Kaczynski and Kelly Rowan
UMD- Sara Charbonneau, Mary Beth Lima (5) and Lauren Johnson

WP- Karen Kaczynski 10-11 LP- Sara Charbonneau 6-8

HR- None
2B- UM- Alisha LaFrance, Heidi Rose E- Michelle Ross, Kelly Rowan
3B- None

Notes: UM- Heidi Rose 1-3 1 rbi, Chris Sullivan 1-3 1 rbi, Meg Fenton 2-3. E- Michelle Ross 1-3 1 rbi, Kelly Rowan 1-3 1 rbi, Jess Sharp 1-2 1 rbi, Shari D'Amico 1-4 1rbi.

Game 2

Eastern Connecticut State U. (14-17)(6-6) 000-000-01--1-5-0
UMass Dartmouth (12-15-2)(5-7) 000-000-00--0-3-2

ECSU- Shari D'Amico and Kelly Rowan
UMD- Mary Beth Lima and Lauren Johnson

WP- Shari D'Amico 3-6 LP- Mary Beth Lima 5-7

HR- None
2B- E- Shari D'Amico 2, Melissa Klar
3B- None

Notes: UM- Meghan Fenton 1-3, Chris Sullivan 1-3, Alisha LaFrance 1-3, Mary Beth Lima (5 hits allowed 1 run, 1 er, 1 strikeout no walks). E- Shari D'Amico 2-4 1 rbi (double in the 8th plated Melissa Klar with the game winning run with two out.) (Shari D'Amico 3 hits allowed 0 runs 3 strikeouts no walks., Melissa Klar 2-4.

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Thursday, April 19, 2001

D'AMICO'S GAME-WINNING HIT LIFTS ECSU SOFTBALL TO SWEEP
Warriors collect 12 hits in opener, win nighcap in seventh inning

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** singled home pinch runner **Marlena Scialla (ENFIELD)** from third base with two out in the bottom of the seventh to lift the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team to a 2-1 win over St. Joseph College (CT) Thursday and a sweep of a doubleheader at Howard Spector Field.

In the first game, Eastern (12-15) scored seven runs in the first inning on six hits and two walks and went on to an 11-7 win to snap a five-game losing streak in the first meeting ever against the Blue Jays (19-11).

St. Joseph, which qualified for NCAA tournament play last year, tied the second game in the top of the seventh inning on a two-out single by Jessica Brock which set up a game-tying RBI single by Jenny Lemberg.

With one out in the bottom of the seventh inning, sophomore **Morgan Parsons (CLINTON)** singled as a pinch hitter and pinch runner Scialla went to third on a single to center by junior **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)**. Neilson went to second on the throw home and freshman **Melissa Klar (WILLIMANTIC)** was walked to load the bases. D'Amico then drove in her team-leading 19th run of the season when she stroked a single to center on an 0-1 offering from complete-game loser Karoline Palin (9-5).

Klar walked, stole second and scored on junior **Andrea Rizzuto's (TAFTVILLE)** double to give the Warriors a 1-0 lead in the first inning of the second game and the lead stood up until the Blue Jays pulled even with two out in the seventh. The winning hit was the only hit of the game for D'Amico, who had struck out looking with two out and Klar on third in the third inning.

Senior **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** went the route to win both games on the mound for Eastern. Kaczynski (9-9) blanked the Blue Jays through six innings of the second game. She fanned four without a walk in the second game while allowing seven hits.

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Sophomore **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** highlighted a 12-hit first game with four hits and two RBI while Neilson had three hits and Klar two. Klar also had two hits in the second game and also reached twice on walks. After St. Joseph closed the gap to 8-7, Eastern scored three times in the bottom of the sixth to open a four-run lead. Parsons had a two-run opposite field single to left in that inning.

Mary Ann Parsons and Palin each totalled four hits in the doubleheader for St. Joseph, which brought a 15-2 northern record into action.

Eastern hosts the University of Southern Maine in a Little East Conference doubleheader Saturday at 1 p.m.

Eastern Conn. 11, St. Joseph (CT) 7

St. Joseph (19-10)	102	112	0	--	7	11	3
Eastern Conn. (11-15)	710	003	x	--	11	12	4

Mary Ann Parsons (10-6) and Jackie Sanz. Karen Kaczynski (8-9) and Morgan Parsons. 2B-Ma. Parsons 2, Val Gasparino (S), Shari D'Amico, Stacey Schofield, Mo. Parsons (E); HR-Heather Fonteyn (S).

Eastern Conn. 2, St. Joseph (CT) 1

St. Joseph (19-11)	000	000	1	--	1	7	0
Eastern Conn. (12-15)	100	000	1	--	2	6	0

Two out when winning run scored.

Karoline Palin (9-5) and Jackie Sanz. Karen Kaczynski (9-9) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Andrea Rizzuto; 3B-Melissa Klar (E).

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Tuesday, April 17, 2001

ECSU SOFTBALL SHUT OUT IN LITTLE EAST DOUBLEHEADER

Warriors held to seven hits by Western Connecticut in 6-0, 4-0 losses

DANBURY, Conn. -- Senior Stacey Mieke and freshman Sarah Zaslaw limited the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team to seven singles as Western Connecticut State University posted 6-0, 4-0 Little East Conference wins Tuesday.

A loser of five straight, Eastern (10-15, 4-4) managed six hits against Mieke in the opener and the Colonials (19-1, 4-0) scored twice in the third and four times in the fourth against ECSU senior **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)**. Senior Keri Lynch drove in both runs in the third with a single and plated one in the fourth with a triple for Western, ranked ninth nationally in Division III. Freshman **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** had three of ECSU's six hits in the game.

In the second game, Western freshman sensation Sarah Zaslaw won her tenth straight decision, with only sophomore **Morgan Parsons's (CLINTON)** sixth-inning single to the left side of the infield spoiling her bid for a perfect game. Zaslaw's only walk came with two out in the sixth to freshman leadoff hitter **Melissa Klar (WILLIMANTIC)** but a strikeout ended the threat. Zaslaw, who fanned 11, lowered her conference-leading ERA to 0.21 and has fanned 82 in 69 innings.

Kaczynski pitched two complete games, giving up 12 hits while fanning one, walking four and allowing seven earned runs.

The Warriors played without injured starting outfielders **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)** and **Kelly Rodman (WALLINGFORD)**.

Eastern hosts Saint Joseph College (CT) Thursday in a 5 p.m. doubleheader. The Blue Jays are coached by ECSU softball graduate Denise Marchese ('95).

Western Conn. 6, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (10-14, 4-3)	000	000	0	-	0	6	1
Western Conn. (18-1, 3-0)	002	400	x	-	6	8	0

Karen Kaczynski (7-8) and Kelly Rowan. Stacey Mieke (9-1) and Kim Lynch. 3B-Keri Lynch (W).

Western Conn. 4, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (10-15, 4-4)	000	000	0	--	0	1	1
Western Conn. (19-1, 4-0)	200	020	x	--	4	4	0

Karen Kaczynski (7-9) and Morgan Parsons. Sarah Zaslaw (10-0) and Kim Lynch. 2B-Joelle DellaVolpe (W).

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Saturday, April 14, 2001

REYNOLDS' SLAM LIFTS KEENE STATE SOFTBALL TO SWEEP OF ECSU
Key home runs carry Owls to Little East doubleheader sweep of Warriors 6-3, 11-8

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman shortstop Adria Reynolds stroked a grand slam home run to highlight a ten-run fifth inning and rally Keene State College to an 11-8 Little East Conference softball win over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday and a sweep of a doubleheader.

In the first game, junior Melissa Provost drove in two runs with a home run to snap a 3-3 sixth-inning tie and lift the Owls to a 6-3 victory.

Eastern (10-13, 4-2) led 5-0 in the second game before the two-time defending conference tournament champion Owls (8-8, 3-1) scored ten runs on eight hits and five walks. With the bases loaded and two runs ins, Reynolds unloaded her second home run of the season over the left field fence off of the third offering from ECSU freshman reliever **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)**. D'Amico had replaced senior starter **Karen Kaczynksi (HARWINTON)** after the Owls had scored twice and loaded the bases on two singles and a walk. Junior leadoff batter Bonny Young singled twice and scored twice and drove in a run in the inning while sophomore Kerry Marsh walked twice and scored twice and sophomore Shauna Mullen singled in two runs and scored once. Sixteen batters went to the plate in the inning.

Eastern tied the first game 3-3 on sophomore third baseman **Stacey Schofield's (WOODSTOCK)** RBI single in the fifth inning but Provost hit a two-run home run after Reynolds walked to lead off the sixth.

In the doubleheader, Keene State freshman Caroline Kurkowski had four hits while Young had three. Mullen, Reynolds, Provost, Marsh, freshmen Abbigail Collis and Nicole Foote each had two. Reynolds finished with five RBI and also walked three times. Foote also had five RBI in the doubleheader. She doubled once in each game, clearing the bases in the fourth inning of the first game with two outs to give the Owls a 3-1 lead.

For Eastern, Schofield had three hits in the first game and freshman shortstop **Melissa Klar (WILLIMANTIC)** had three hits, walked once and scored three runs in the nightcap. Senior leftfielder **Kelly Rodman's (WALLINGFORD)** sixth-inning single in the first game was the 100th hit of her four-year career.

Eastern visits conference leader Western Connecticut State University Tuesday for a 5 p.m. doubleheader.

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Keene State College 6, Eastern Conn. 3

Keene State (7-8, 2-1)	000	302	1	--	6	9	1
Eastern Conn. (10-12, 4-1)	100	110	0	--	3	8	0

Katie Thompson, Melissa Zimmerman (5) and Elizabeth Burdette. Karen Kaczynski, Shari D'Amico (4) and Kelly Rowan. WP-Zimmerman (3-0). LP-D'Amico (2-5). 2B-Bonnie Young, Nicole Foote (K), Stacey Schofield (E); HR-Melissa Provost (1) (K).

Keene State College 11, Eastern Conn. 8

Keene State (8-8, 3-1)	000	0(10)1 0	--	11	13	3
Eastern Conn. (10-13, 4-2)	103	1 03 x	--	8	9	2

Abbi Perna, Katie Thompson (4), Melissa Zimmerman (5) and Jan Rissacher, Nicole Moshier (5). Karen Kaczynski, Shari D'Amico (5), Wendy Urso (5), D'Amico (7) and Morgan Parsons. WP-Thompson (3-6). LP-D'Amico (2-6). 2B-Nicole Foote, Abigail Collis (K), Michelle Ross (E); HR-Adria Reynolds (2) (K).

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Tuesday, April 10, 2001

TRINITY SOFTBALL SNAPS ECSU'S FOUR-GAME WINNING STREAK

Bantams score only run of the game with two outs in sixth inning

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Tricia Mase drove in Laura Heath from second base with two out in the sixth inning to lift the Trinity College softball team to a 1-0 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday.

After committing ten errors in a 15-2 loss to Eastern March 19 in Orlando, FL, Trinity (2-13) did not commit an error this time and rode the complete-game five-hit pitching of Kristi McDermott (2-7). McDermott, who gave up 14 unearned runs in 4.3 innings in the earlier loss, stranded seven ECSU (10-11) baserunners, including two in the seventh. McDermott fanned two and walked one and hit a batter.

ECSU senior righty **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** extended her consecutive shutout streak to 30.0 innings before the Bantams scored an unearned run with two out in the sixth. With out one, Heath reached on an infield single and moved to second on a passed ball. Kaczynski (7-7) got Liz Bontempo to line out to second but Mase drove in her second run of the season with a single to center. Kaczynski, who had a string of 9.1 hitless innings with one out in the fifth, fanned five and walked one and allowed only four hits.

Trailing 1-0, Eastern threatened in the seventh when pinch hitters **Monica Cardona (WEST HAVEN)** and **Morgan Parsons (CLINTON)** reached with a walk and infield single, respectively. Senior leftfielder **Kelly Rodman (WALLINGFORD)** forced Cardona at third when she bounced to the pitcher for the second out and McDermott got a fly ball to center to end the game.

Eastern entered the game having won its last four and six of its last seven.

Sophomore rightfielder **Jessica Sharp (OLD SAYBROOK)** had two of Eastern's five hits.

Eastern visits Wesleyan University Thursday for a 4 p.m. doubleheader.

Trinity College 1, Eastern Conn. 0

Trinity (2-13)	000	001	0	--	1	4	0
Eastern Conn. (10-11)	000	000	0	--	0	5	1

Kristi McDermott (2-7) and Clare Bullock. Karen Kaczynski (7-7) and Kelly Rowan.

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Monday, April 9, 2001

ECSU'S KACZYNSKI PITCHES SOFTBALL NO-HITTER 11-0
Senior records 27th no-hitter in program history -- first since 1995

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Eastern Connecticut State University senior **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** pitched the 27th softball no-hitter in program history as the Warriors blanked the University of Massachusetts Boston 11-0 Monday en route to a Little East Conference sweep.

Eastern (10-10, 4-0) scored 19 runs on 14 hits and seven errors in the second inning of the second game on the way to a 23-5 win.

Both games were stopped after UMass batted in the fifth inning.

Kaczynski (7-6), named the conference's pitcher of the week earlier today, extended her consecutive streak of shutout innings to 24.1 with her fourth complete-game shutout in as many starts. Against UMass, she faced three batters over the minimum 15 while walking one and fanning seven. She retired the first nine in order before leadoff hitter Alma Medina reached on an error at shortstop leading off the fourth. Andrea Spinale then reached on a fielder's choice and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt before Kaczynski retired the side with a fly ball to right. Two batters reached in the fifth on Kaczynski's only walk of the game and her own throwing error. She completed the no-hitter by fanning Andreen Gilpin and Lauren Chavez.

It was the first no-hitter for Eastern since Michelle Silva stopped Kalamazoo College without a hit in a season-opening 5-2 win on March 19, 1995.

During her scoreless streak, Kaczynski has won four decisions, allowed 11 hits, fanned 15 and walked three. Her seven strikeouts against UMass equal her second-most in a game in her career. She fanned nine UMass batters as a sophomore and seven last year.

Eastern had 30 hits in the doubleheader, seven for extra bases. Sophomore utility player **Jessica Sharp (OLD SAYBROOK)** had five hits, sophomore catcher **Morgan Parsons (CLINTON)** and freshman utility player **Shari D'Amico (TRMBULL)** four each. Senior leftfielder **Kelly Rodman (WALLINGFORD)** moved to within three hits of 100 in her career with three in the second game.

In the second game, D'Amico reached four times with three hits, scored three runs and drove in two. She also pitched the first three innings, allowing three runs (one earned) on four hits while fanning four and walking two. Sophomore **Wendy Urso (SOUTHINGTON)** gave up two unearned runs on one hit while fanning four and walking two over the final two innings to gain a win in her first decision of the year.

UMass Boston is winless in seven overall outings, 0-4 in the conference.

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Eastern Conn. 11, UMass Boston 0, 5 inn.

UMass Boston (0-6, 0-3)	000	00	--	0	0	5
Eastern Conn. (9-10, 3-0)	740	0x	--	11	9	2

Andrea Spinale (0-4) and Heather Cleveland. Karen Kaczynski (7-6) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Stacey Schofield, Jessica Sharp, Rowan (E).

Eastern Conn. 23, UMass Boston 5, 5 inn.

UMass Boston (0-7, 0-4)	0	03	02	--	5	5	9
Eastern Conn. (10-10, 4-0)	1(19)	2	1x	--	23	21	2

Alma Medina (0-2) and Heather Cleveland. Shari D'Amico, Wendy Urso (4) and Morgan Parsons. WP-Urso (1-0). 2B-Kristen Bowes (M), Melissa Klar, Shari D'Amico, Kelly Rodman (E); 3B-Stacey Schofield (E).

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Saturday, April 7, 2001

KACZYNSKI PITCHES ECSU TO CONFERENCE SHUTOUT SWEEP

Harwinton senior pitches both games of 1-0, 8-0 sweep of Plymouth State

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** won both ends of a doubleheader for the first time in her career as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team shut out Plymouth State College 1-0, 8-0 Saturday in Little East Conference action. The second game was stopped after Plymouth batted in the fifth due to the eight-run rule.

Kaczynski (6-6) has now pitched 19 and one-third consecutive shutout innings and has recorded shutout wins in her last three starts. In her last start prior to Saturday, Kaczynski blanked Johnson & Wales on two hits in ECSU's 13-0 win at Providence.

In two games against Plymouth (3-11, 1-3), Kaczynski allowed only eight hits (seven singles) while fanning four and walking only one. She tossed a two-hitter in the opener, facing only one batter over the minimum of 21. She gave up a one-out single in the second inning of the first game to Steph Marsland and a one-out single to Steph Ruel in the sixth. Marsland was cut down stealing.

Freshman shortstop **Melissa Klar (WILLIMANTIC)** drove in the only run of the first game in the fifth inning with a two-out RBI double (the only extra-base hit of the game) which drove in senior leftfielder **Kelly Rodman (WALLINGFORD)** from third. Rodman had singled with one out, stole second and moved to third when junior centerfielder **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)** grounded out to the pitcher.

Plymouth managed six hits in the second game but stranded six, four in scoring position. Kaczynski was touched for two hits in each of the first two innings but gave up only a single the fourth and double in the fifth over the final three innings.

Eastern put the second game away early with five runs on six hits in the first inning. Sophomore first baseman **Michelle Ross (HARWINTON)** doubled home two runs with two outs in the inning while others driving in runs in the inning were junior DP **Andrea Rizzuto (TAFTVILLE)**, sophomore rightfielder **Jessica Sharp (OLD SAYBROOK)** and freshman catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)**.

Klar had two hits in each game while freshman second baseman **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** and Rizzuto had three hits in the doubleheader. D'Amico hit her first collegiate home run in the fourth inning of the second game -- a two-run blast. Neilson, Klar and D'Amico each scored twice in the second game. Neilson stole three bases on the day, improving her program career record to 77.

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Ruel was the only Plymouth player with more than one hit on the day. In addition to singling in the opener, she singled in the second inning of the nightcap. In the second game, she also drew Kaczynski's only walk of the day.

Eastern hosts Massachusetts Boston Monday at 4 p.m. in a Little East Conference makeup doubleheader.

Eastern Conn. 1, Plymouth State 0

Plymouth State (3-10, 1-2)	000	000	0	--	0	2	0
Eastern Conn. (7-10, 1-0)	000	010	x	--	1	8	0

Lyndsy Patten (1-6) and Steph Ruel; Karen Kaczynski (5-6) and Kelly Rowan; 2B-Melissa Klar (E).

Eastern Conn. 8, Plymouth State 0, 5 inn.

Plymouth State (3-11, 1-3)	000	00	--	0	6	2
Eastern Conn. (8-10, 2-0)	510	2x	--	8	9	1

Jes Leary (2-4) and Steph Ruel; Karen Kaczynski (6-6) and Kelly Rowan; 2B-Mo Cancellieri (P), Michelle Ross, Rowan (E); HR-Shari D'Amico (E).

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Thursday, April 5, 2001

ECSU SOFTBALL SPLITS DOUBLEHEADER WITH JOHNSON & WALES

Kaczynski two-hitter lifts Warriors to 13-0 victory in opening game

PROVIDENCE, RI -- Senior **Karen Kaczynski** (HARWINTON) pitched a complete-game two-hitter in the opener and junior **Julia Neilson** (SALISBURY) had three hits and three stolen bases as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team blanked Johnson & Wales 13-0 Thursday in the opener of a doubleheader.

In the second game, Brooke Hartford stroked a two-out, two-run double in the bottom of the seventh inning to rally Johnson & Wales (7-10) to a 3-2 win.

Kaczynski (4-6) fanned three and walked one in the opener and was backed by a 13-hit attack. Leading 7-0, Eastern (6-10) scored six runs in the top of the seventh. In addition to her three hits, Neilson stole three bases to improve her ECSU career record to 74. Senior **Kelly Rodman** (WALLINGFORD), junior **Andrea Rizzuto** (TAFTVILLE) and freshmen **Melissa Klar** (WILLIMANTIC) and **Kelly Rowan** (WATERTOWN) each had two hits. Rowan drove in three runs, two coming on her first collegiate home run in the second inning. Freshman **Shari D'Amico** (TRUMBULL) drove in two runs without a hit.

In the nightcap, Eastern collected 11 hits and carried a 2-1 lead into the bottom of the seventh. With runners on second and third and two out, Hartford ended the game with a two-run double. It was the first at-bat of the game for Hartford, who was a late-inning defensive replacement in left field.

D'Amico (2-4) allowed only four hits through six innings and was lifted with one out and runners on second and third in the seventh. D'Amico had three hits in the game while sophomore **Jessica Sharp** (OLD SAYBROOK) had two.

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

Eastern Conn. 13, Johnson & Wales 0

Eastern Conn. (6-9)	121	030	6	--	13	13	1
Johnson & Wales (6-10)	000	000	0	--	0	2	6

Karen Kaczynski (4-6) and Kelly Rowan. Kim Cyr (3-6), Laura Hutchison (4) and Christine Loring, Audra Rockefeller (5). 2B-Jessica Sharp (E); HR-Rowan (1) (E).

Johnson & Wales 3, Eastern Conn. 2

Eastern Conn. (6-10)	100	010	0	--	2	11	1
Johnson & Wales (7-10)	010	000	2	--	3	6	0

Two out when winning run scored.

Shari D'Amico (2-4), Karen Kaczynski (7) and Morgan Parsons, Kelly Rowan (7). Laura Hutchison (4-4) and Audra Rockefeller. 2B-Parsons (E), Brooke Hartford (J); 3B-Stacey Schofield (E).

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Tuesday, April 3, 2001

ECSU SOFTBALL SPLITS DOUBLEHEADER WITH COAST GUARD *Rodman's sixth-inning double provides Warriors with second-game win*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior leftfielder **Kelly Rodman (WALLINGFORD)** drove in the tie-breaking run with a sixth-inning double to give the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team a 4-3 win and a split of its Tuesday doubleheader with the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Coast Guard broke open a close first game with four runs in the seventh in a 6-0 victory.

Trailing 3-2, Eastern (5-9) tied the game with a run in the fifth and Rodman's two-out double plated sophomore catcher **Morgan Parsons (CLINTON)** from second with the go-ahead run. Freshman **Shari D'Amico (TRUBMULL)** went the distance on the mound for the win. D'Amico allowed ten hits but Coast Guard (9-9) left ten runners stranded. Nine of the ten hits were singles and D'Amico walked only one while fanning three.

In the first game, freshman Joan Pavlish's third hit of the game was a bases-clearing triple in a four-run seventh that made a winner of senior Katie Wunderlich. Wunderlich gave up only five hits and didn't walk a batter. She fanned six.

In the doubleheader, Pavlish and junior Suzie Van der Veer each had five hits while freshman Kelly Ponts had four for Coast Guard.

Eastern visits Johns & Wales University Thursday in a 3 p.m doubleheader.

U.S. Coast Guard 6, Eastern Conn. 0

Coast Guard (9-8)	100	010	4	--	6	11	1
Eastern Conn. (4-9)	000	000	0	--	0	5	1

Katie Wunderlich (7-7) and Chris Kimak. Karen Kaczynski (3-6) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Shari D'Amico (E); 3B-Joan Pavlish (CG).

Eastern Conn. 4, U.S. Coast Guard 3

Coast Guard (9-9)	200	010	0	--	3	10	1
Eastern Conn. (5-9)	002	011	x	--	4	5	2

Katie Wunderlich (7-8) and Chris Kimak. Shari D'Amico (2-3) and Morgan Parsons. 2B-Suzie Van der Veer (CG), Kelly Rodman (E).

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Thursday, March 29, 2001

ECSU WOMEN'S SOFTBALL SHUT OUT IN 2001 HOME DEBUT
Defending New England champion Tufts blanks Warriors twice

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University softball team was shut down on one seventh-inning hit in the opener and Tufts University scored ten runs on eight hits in the fourth inning of the nightcap to post a 6-0, 12-0 doubleheader sweep in the Warriors' home and season-opener Thursday at Howard Spector Field. The second game was stopped after five innings due to an eight-run rule.

Tufts (7-5), last year's NCAA Division III New England Region champions, backed the complete-game one-hit pitching of junior Jodie Moreau (3-3) with 11 hits off ECSU senior **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** in the first game. In the second game, the Jumbos scored ten runs on eight hits and two errors in the fourth inning of the nightcap to support the combined six-hit pitching of senior Rachel Brecher and freshman Maggie McClory.

ECSU (4-8) sophomore third baseman **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** broke up Moreau's no-hit bid in the first game with a one-out single in the seventh. Moreau fanned four and didn't walk a batter. In the doubleheader, Tufts pitchers did not walk anyone.

Randee McCardle drove in four runs for Tufts in the second game with an RBI single in the first and a base-clearing double that capped the ten-run fourth inning. McCardle was also hit by a pitch in the fourth and scored two runs.

Freshman shortstop **Kristi DiNoia (MILLER PLACE, NY)** had two of ECSU's six hits in the second game.

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

Tufts U. 6, Eastern Conn. 0

Tufts U. (6-5)	400	200	0	--	6	11	4
Eastern Conn. (4-7)	000	000	0	--	0	1	3

Julie Moreau (3-3) and Lis Drake. Karen Kaczynski (3-5) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Drake 2, Randee McCardle (T).

Tufts U. 12, Eastern Conn. 0, 5 inn. (8 run rule)

Tufts U. (7-5)	100	(10)1	--	12	11	0
Eastern Conn. (4-8)	000	0 00	--	0	6	3

Rachel Brecher (2-2), Maggie McClory (5) and Drake. Shari D'Amico (1-3), Wendy Urso (4), Kaczynski (4) and Morgan Parsons. 2B-McCardle, Tiffany Trahan (T), Marlena Scialla (E).

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Friday, March 23, 2001

ECSU SOFTBALL LOSES TWO ONE-RUN DECISIONS

Warriors conclude play at Rebel Spring Games with record of 4-6

ORLANDO -- Eastern Connecticut State University senior pitcher **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** allowed only one earned run and one walk in two complete-game losses as the Warriors were beaten by Ramapo College 2-1 and Elmhurst College 3-2 in eight innings Friday in college softball at the Rebel Spring Games.

Trailing 2-0 against Ramapo (5-5), Eastern scored once in the bottom of the sixth inning but left the bases loaded in the seventh after getting three hits. Kaczynski (3-4) allowed only six hits and one earned run against the Road Runners while fanning two, walking one and hitting a batter. Kelly Kernan's two-run single in the third accounted for both Ramapo runs.

Elmhurst (4-3) tied the game with an unearned run in the bottom of the sixth inning -- scoring on winning pitcher Tammy Czeszewski's (2-2) two-out, RBI single -- and won the game in the bottom of the eighth when Erin Ninness raced home from second when Jen Weller's bunt was misplayed with none out.

Freshman shortstop **Melissa Klar's (WILLIMANTIC)** RBI double had given ECSU a 1-0 lead against Elmhurst and an error and two passed balls made it 2-0 in the fourth. Kaczynski allowed seven hits in the game without walking or striking out anyone. Junior DP **Andrea Rizzuto (TAFTVILLE)** had two of ECSU's four hits.

Junior centerfielder **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)**, who broke the ECSU career record of 65 stolen bases in Thursday's 6-1 win over FDU-Madison, added her sixth of the season against Ramapo. She now has 69 stolen bases in 86 career games. She also holds the season record of 35, set last year.

Eastern (4-6) opens its northern season Tuesday by hosting Springfield College in a 4 p.m. doubleheader at Howard Spector Field.

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Ramapo College 2, Eastern Conn. 1**

Ramapo (5-5)	002	000	0	--	2	6	3
Eastern Conn. (4-5)	000	001	0	--	1	7	2

Para Solan (2-2) and Jayana Verderosa. Karen Kaczynski (3-3) and Kelly Rowan.

Elmhurst College 3, Eastern Conn. 2 (8)

Eastern Conn. (4-6)	001	100	00	--	2	3	3
Elmhurst (4-3)	000	101	01	--	3	7	2

Karen Kaczynski (3-4) and Morgan Parsons. Tammy Czeszewski (2-2) and Tammy Frank. 2B-Melissa Klar (E).

None out when winning run scored.

Wednesday, March 21, 2001

ECSU SOFTBALL SPLITS PAIR AT REBEL SPRING GAMES

Warriors pound out 17 hits in 16-1 win over Manchester College

ORLANDO, Fla. -- Freshman **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** pitched a complete-game two hitter and had three hits in a 17-hit Eastern Connecticut State University attack as the Warriors routed Manchester College 16-1 Wednesday in college softball at the Rebel Spring Games. The game was halted after five innings due to the eight-run rule.

Earlier, sophomore lefty Ellen Furr stopped the Warriors on five hits without allowing an earned run as Illinois Wesleyan University posted a 4-2 win.

Against Manchester (2-6), Eastern (3-3) scored seven runs on six hits in the third and added five more on six hits in the fourth to provide D'Amico with her first collegiate win. D'Amico did not allow a hit after giving up a run in the first. She did not walk a batter until the fifth, when she walked two.

Following D'Amico's three-hit effort were four players with two apiece: senior **Kelly Rodman (WALLINGFORD)** and sophomores **Michelle Ross (HARWINTON)**, **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** and **Jessica Sharp (OLD SAYBROOK)**.

Against Illinois Wesleyan (6-2), junior **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)** had two hits and two stolen bases, tying the program career record of 65 in the latter category. Senior **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** was touched for seven hits in losing her second decision against two wins.

Thursday, Eastern faces FDU-Madison at 5 p.m. and St. Olaf College at 7 p.m.

wed., march 21 mlax match at wesleyan will be played that day at west haven HS at 10:30 a.m.

Monday March 19, 2001

ECSU SOFTBALL SPLITS PAIR AT REBEL SPRING GAMES
Warriors blast Trinity 15-2, shut out by Carthage 8-0

ORLANDO -- The Eastern Connecticut State University softball team scored 11 unearned runs in the fourth inning to rout Trinity College (CT) 15-2 Monday in the first of two games at the Rebel Spring Games and the Osceola County Softball Complex.

In the second game, Eastern (2-2) handed Carthage College five unearned runs in the first inning by making three errors in an 8-0 loss.

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

All 15 of Eastern's runs were unearned against Trinity as the Bantams (0-3) committed ten errors. Six of the errors came in Eastern's 11-run fourth inning when the Warriors sent 16 batters to the plate and collected nine hits. Senior **Kelly Rodman (WALLINGFORD)** scored twice in the inning while sophomores **Morgan Parsons (CLINTON)** and **Alicia Ross (HARWINTON)** each scored once with their pinch runners also scoring once.

Rodman and freshman **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** each had two hits in the game while Rodman, junior **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)**, sophomore **Michelle Ross (HARWINTON)** and Parsons each scored two runs.

Kaczynski (2-1) gave up one (unearned) run on three hits over the first four innings . She fanned three and walked one.

Making her first collegiate start on the mound against Carthage, D'Amico was victimized by three first-inning errors which accounted for five unearned runs. The winners had only one hit in the inning and were issued two walks. D'Amico gave up seven hits in the game while walking three and hitting two batters. She had no strikeouts.

Senior righty Liz Nelson shut down Eastern on three singles, by Neilson, Rodman and freshman **Melissa Klar (WILLIMANTIC)**. Carthage's Kelly Bolton drove in three runs with two singles.

Eastern faces Illinois Wesleyan at 1 p.m. and Manchester College at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Rebel Spring Games.

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Eastern Conn. 15, Trinity College (CT) 2

Trinity (0-3)	100	0	1	--	2	6	10
Eastern Conn. (2-1)	004	(11)x		--	15	11	4

Kristi McDermott (0-2), Lauren McDowell (4) and Clare Bullock. Karen Kaczynski (2-1), Wendy Urso (5) and Morgan Parsons. 2B-Parsons (E).

Carthage College 8, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (2-2)	000	00	--	0	3	3
Carthage (1-2)	510	2x	--	8	7	0

Shari D'Amico (0-1) and Kelly Rowan. Liz Nelson (1-1) and Niki Dellaposta. 2B-Karie Hook (C).

Sunday, March 18, 2001

ECSU SOFTBALL SPLITS SEASON-OPENING PAIR AT ORLANDO
Kaczynski's four-hitter stops Allegheny; Warriors have one hit vs. Coe

ORLANDO, FL --Eastern Connecticut State University righty **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** pitched a complete-game four-hitter in a 5-1 season-opening softball win over Allegheny College but the Warriors were limited to one hit in a 6-0 loss to Coe College Sunday at the Rebel Spring Games at the Osceola County Softball Complex.

Kaczynski (1-1) started both games for Eastern, earning the first-game win when ECSU scored four runs in the third inning against Allegheny (0-1). Kaczynski pitched the first four innings against Coe and departed with her team trailing 2-0. Coe (3-2) scored four runs in its final two at-bats against freshman **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)**, making her collegiate debut.

Against Allegheny, Kaczynski fanned two and walked one. The Warriors won their first game under head coach Rich Page by scoring four times in the third on a sacrifice fly by freshman **Melissa Klar (WILLIMANTIC)** -- which drove in two runs when the ball was misplayed in left -- an RBI single by sophomore **Alicia Ross (HARWINTON)** -- and D'Amico's infield ground ball.

In the second game, Coe senior Laura Biechler pitched a perfect game through five innings and her teammates broke from a 2-0 lead with two runs in the fifth and two in the sixth. With Eastern trailing 4-0, sophomore **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** broke up Biechler's perfect game bid when she was hit by a pitch opening the sixth inning. Sophomore Morgan Parsons then broke up the no-hitter with a single to right but Biechler got an infield pop and two ground balls to end the threat.

Shalyn Swartout had two hits for Coe and drove in two runs in the sixth with a double.

Monday, Eastern faces Trinity College at 9 a.m. and Carthage College at 11.

Eastern Conn. 5, Allegheny College 1

Allegheny (0-1)	000	000	1	--	1	4	1
Eastern Conn. (1-0)	004	100	x	--	5	5	0

Megan Guyer (0-1) and Jill Fuduric. Karen Kaczynski (1-0) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Jenn Rowe (A); 3B-Lauren Hornish (A).

Coe College 6, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (1-1)	000	000	0	--	0	1	2	
Coe (3-2)		001	122	x	--	6	5	0

Karen Kaczynski (1-1), Shari D'Amico (5) and Morgan Parsons. Laura Biechler (2-1) and Tiffany Tidetke. 2B-Kristen Smith, Shalyn Swartout (C).