

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

ECSU SOFTBALL ELIMINATED IN ECAC TOURNAMENT
Sixth-inning home run is difference in 3-0 loss at Coast Guard

NEW LONDON, Conn. -- Third baseman Leslie Kagami's three-run home run in the bottom of the sixth inning accounted for all of the runs as the U.S. Coast Guard Academy softball team shut out Eastern Connecticut State University Wednesday in the opening round of the 2003 ECAC New England Division III Tournament.

Third-seeded Coast Guard (25-11) advances to the four-team, double-elimination portion of the tournament Saturday and Sunday at top-seeded Springfield College. Eastern (17-18), which was shut out in its Little East Conference tournament game last Tuesday, was making its first-ever ECAC tournament appearance. It was the team's first post-season appearance since 1998.

Eastern freshman pitcher **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** ended the season on a personal six-game losing streak, losing in a complete-game effort when her team failed to score in her last two starts. Savelle (9-11) allowed three singles and the go-ahead home run -- the fourth of the season for Kagami -- fanning and walking two. She gave up only one fly ball out to the outfield.

Jen Pauson limited Eastern to four singles. She fanned three and walked one to earn her 19th win of the season.

Eastern senior **Valarie Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)** was 2-for-2, concluding a four-year collegiate career with 204 hits. She had 87 hits in her two-year Eastern career. Senior third baseman **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** was hitless in three trips and concluded her four-year career with 96 hits.

The Warriors ended their season on a six-game losing streak, losing 17 of their last 25 games after winning nine of their first ten games up north.

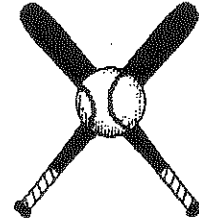
U.S. Coast Guard Academy 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (17-18)	000	000	0	--	0	4	0
Coast Guard (25-11)	000	003	x	--	3	4	0

Lindsay Savelle (9-11) and Kelly Rowan. Jen Paulson (19-7) and Heidi Miller. HR-Leslie Kagami (4) (C).



Coast Guard Academy Softball Result



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COAST GUARD 3, EASTERN CONNECTICUT 0

ECSU	000	000	0	--	0	4	0
CGA	000	003	x	--	3	4	0

Lindsay Savelle and Kelly Rowan; Jen Paulson and Heidi Miller. **WP**--Paulson (19-7)
LP--Savelle (9-11). **HR**--Leslie Kagami (CG).

TEAM RECORDS: E 17-18; CGA 25-11.

NEW LONDON, CONN.--Leslie Kagami belted a three-run homer in the sixth and Jen Paulson fired a four-hit shutout as third-seeded Coast Guard beat sixth-seeded Eastern Connecticut 3-0 in the first round of the ECAC Division III New England Softball Tournament.

Coast Guard (25-11) had three of its four hits in the sixth inning as Beth Newton and Stephanie Kimmel had back-to-back one out singles then Kagami followed with a three-run homer.

Paulson allowed just four singles and struck out four to improve to 19-7 on the season.

Valarie Gasparino had two of the four hits for Eastern Connecticut (17-18).

Coast Guard will take on second-seeded Plymouth State in the double elimination semifinals on Saturday at top-seeded Springfield.

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Tuesday, April 29, 2003

ECSU SOFTBALL ELIMINATED IN FIRST ROUND OF LITTLE EAST PLAYOFFS
Third-seeded Plymouth State scores only two runs of game in sixth in win over No. 6 Eastern

PLYMOUTH, NH - The third-seeded Plymouth State College softball team avenged two regular-season losses this year at Eastern Connecticut State University in eliminating the sixth-seeded Warriors in the first round of the Little East Conference playoffs Tuesday with a 2-0 win.

Plymouth (24-6) advances to the four-team double-elimination round of the tournament this Friday and Saturday at No. 1 Western Connecticut State University. Plymouth and Western will be joined by Rhode Island College, which eliminated Massachusetts Boston 6-1, and Keene State College, which blanked the University of Southern Maine in other quarterfinal-round games Tuesday.

Eastern (17-17), which had swept Plymouth 2-1 in ten innings and 6-1 April 18th at Howard Spector Field in ending the Panthers' 10-game winning streak, was eliminated in the first round of the tournament for the ~~third~~^{fourth} straight year. Eastern lost for the tenth time in its last 15 games after opening its northern season with a 9-1 record while Plymouth equalled its season record for wins, set last year.

Sophomore All-America pitcher Kim Jeffs of Plymouth and Eastern freshman **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** each pitched complete-game four-hitters but Jeffs won her 21st game in 25 decisions after Plymouth scored twice in the bottom of the sixth inning on three hits and a throwing error. Jeffs upped her national-leading strikeout total to 272 by getting six Eastern hitters on strikes. Jeffs was starting her fifth game in three days. She had started both games of doubleheaders Sunday and Monday, pitching 26 of a possible 28 innings in those four games.

Eastern couldn't capitalize upon opportunities to take the lead in both the fifth and sixth innings and also came up empty in a seventh-inning rally after junior second baseman **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** had opened the inning with a single and moved to second on an outfield error. In the fifth, freshman first baseman **Andrea Tarbox (ENFIELD)** doubled with one out but Jeffs got a fly ball to center and a ground ball to third to end the threat. Sophomore rightfielder **Annamarie Fillian (CANTON)** opened the sixth inning with a single and moved to second on an error but Jeffs got three fly balls to end the inning.

Eight players in the game each had one hit, with Eastern sophomore centerfielder **Sandra Pariseau (STRATFORD)** drawing the only walk issued by either pitcher and Tarbox the only extra-base hit. Savelle fanned three.

Eastern awaits a possible bid to the ECAC New England Division III Tournament.

Plymouth State College 2, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (17-17) 000 000 0 -- 0 4 2

Plymouth State (24-6) 000 002 x -- 2 4 2

Lindsay Savelle (9-10) and Kelly Rowan. Kim Jeffs (21-4) and Adriene Harvey. 2B-Andrea Tarbox (E).

Sunday, April 27, 2003

ECSU SOFTBALL SWEEP BY RIC IN REGULAR-SEASON FINALE, 10-2, 2-1
Warriors lose two, end regular season with five losses in final six games

PROVIDENCE, RI - Junior Kim Warrington and sophomore Casey Soares pitched complete-game four-hitters in leading the Rhode Island College softball team to a key 10-2, 2-1 Little East Conference sweep of Eastern Connecticut State University Sunday at Dayna A. Bazar

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LITTLE EAST CONFERENCE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT -- QUARTERFINALS

Final: Plymouth State 2, Eastern Connecticut 0 (at Plymouth, N.H.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	=	R	H	E
Eastern Conn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=	0	4	2
Plymouth State	0	0	0	0	0	2	x	=	2	4	2

EC – Lindsay Savelle and Kelly Rowan; PSC – Kim Jeffs and Adriene Harvey
 WP – Jeffs (21-4); LP – Savelle (9-10); 2B: EC – Andrea Tarbox; 3B: none; HR: none

Team Records: ECSU 17-17 Overall; PSC 24-6 Overall

P.S.C. Softball blanks Eastern Connecticut in Little East Conference quarterfinal

Panthers advance to double-elimination tournament this weekend at WCSU

PLYMOUTH, N.H. – Sophomore **Kim Jeffs** (Stoughton, Mass.) tossed a four-hit shutout Tuesday afternoon at D&M Park, lifting third-seeded Plymouth State College past sixth-seeded Eastern Connecticut State University, 2-0, in a quarterfinal game of the Little East Conference Softball Tournament.

With the victory, the Panthers improve to 24-6 overall and advance to the LEC double-elimination tournament this weekend at top-seeded Western Connecticut State University in Danbury, Conn. PSC will take on second-seeded Rhode Island College Friday at 2 p.m. in Game Two, following the opening game of the tournament at 12 noon between WCSU and fifth-seeded Keene State College.

Tuesday's game was a pitching duel between Jeffs and ECSU freshman **Lindsay Savelle** (Cheshire, Conn.). Through five innings, PSC managed only one hit off Savelle while Eastern could muster just two hits off Jeffs.

The Panthers plated the winning runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. Senior **Steph Marsland** (Cumberland, R.I.) and junior **Maria Curran** (Scarborough, Maine) singled off Savelle to put two runners on with one out. Eastern got Curran out on a force play at second, but PSC's first run came home on a Warrior throwing error. Junior **Michelle Knox** (Gilmanton, N.H.) followed with an RBI single to give the Panthers a two-run cushion.

ECSU got a runner into scoring position in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings, but Jeffs closed the door each time. She finished with six strikeouts en route to her 10th shutout of the season, improving her record to 21-4 and lowering her ERA to 0.74. Jeffs leads the nation in Division III with 272 strikeouts.

PSC advances to the LEC Tournament for the second straight year. The Panthers won one game before being eliminated last season.

The 24 wins for PSC this season ties the school record set last spring, when the Panthers finished 24-13-2.

Sunday, April 27, 2003

ECSU SOFTBALL SWEEP BY RIC IN REGULAR-SEASON FINALE, 10-2, 2-1
Warriors lose two, end regular season with five losses in final six games

PROVIDENCE, RI - Junior Kim Warrington and sophomore Casey Soares pitched complete-game four-hitters in leading the Rhode Island College softball team to a key 10-2, 2-1 Little East Conference sweep of Eastern Connecticut State University Sunday at Dayna A. Bazar

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Field. The first game was stopped with one out in the bottom of the sixth inning due to the eight-run rule.

With the wins, Rhode Island (19-11-1, 9-4-1 little east) guarantees itself a home game Tuesday in the opening round of the conference tournament as one of the top four seeds. Eastern (17-16, 8-6 little east) will play a first-round game Tuesday against either Plymouth State or Keene State. The opponent and location will be determined after Massachusetts Boston hosts Plymouth State Monday in their regular-season finale. This year, Eastern swept Plymouth State 2-1 in ten innings and 6-1 and traded 1-0 decisions with Keene State. All the games were at home.

Eastern, which had won 12 of its first 16 northern games, ends the regular season with five losses in its final six games and six losses in its final eight. Two of Eastern's conference wins came as forfeits against Massachusetts Dartmouth.

In the second game, Rhode Island collected three of its seven hits to take a 2-0 lead in the third on an RBI double by sophomore Rachael Caldwell and an RBI single by Warrington. Eastern got one back in bottom of the inning when senior shortstop **Valarie Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)** reached on a bunt single and later scored on an throwing error. After the third inning, the Warriors were held without a hit by Soares until the bottom of the seventh. In that inning, junior pitcher **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** and sophomore **DH Lori Brelsford (STRATFORD)** singled but Soares got a fly ball to right to end the game.

In the first game, the Anchorwomen scored eight unearned runs against freshman pitcher **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** on ten hits and three Eastern errors. Sophomore Amy Machado and senior Melanie Miller each drove in three runs and junior Sue Gaber scored three runs. Leading 3-0, Rhode Island scored six times in the bottom of the fifth on five hits and two errors.

First Game

Rhode Island College 10, Eastern Conn. 2, 6 inn.

Eastern Conn. (17-15, 8-5 little east) 000 020 -- 2 4 3

Rhode Island College (18-11-1, 8-4-1 little east) 300 061 -- 10 10 0

Lindsay Savelle (9-9) and Kelly Rowan. Kim Warrington (14-8) and Rachael Caldwell. 2B-Caldwell, Michele Fanelli, Amy Machado, Melanie Miller @.

Second Game

Rhode Island College 2, Eastern Conn. 1

Rhode Island (19-11-1, 9-4-1 little east) 002 000 0 -- 2 7 1

Eastern Conn. (17-16, 8-6 little east) 001 000 0 -- 1 4 1

Casey Soares (5-2) and Rachael Caldwell. Shari D'Amico (5-6) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Rachael-Caldwell @.



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Rhode Island College Softball Score Report Providence, RI

<u>GAME ONE</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>
Eastern Connecticut (19-15, 8-5)	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	4	3
Rhode Island College (18-11-1, 8-4-1)	3	0	0	0	0	6	1	10	10	0
 <u>GAME TWO</u>	 <u>1</u>	 <u>2</u>	 <u>3</u>	 <u>4</u>	 <u>5</u>	 <u>6</u>	 <u>7</u>	 <u>R</u>	 <u>H</u>	 <u>E</u>
Rhode Island College (19-11-1, 9-4-1)	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	7	1
Eastern Connecticut (19-16, 8-6)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	1

SENIOR TRIO LEADS RIC TO SWEEP OF WARRIORS

Providence, RI—Seniors Michele Fanelli, Melanie Miller and Caitlin Schimmel all had key RBI in the sixth inning to lead RIC past Eastern Connecticut in the opening game of a Little East Conference doubleheader on senior day, 10-2. The Anchorwomen scored six runs in the sixth inning to put the game away.

Sophomore third baseman Amy Machado went 2-3 with three RBI to help RIC take the opener. Sophomore Kim Warrington went the distance, picking up her 13th win of the season.

In the nightcap, sophomore Rachael Caldwell had an RBI double as the Anchorwomen took the second game, 2-1. Casey Soares gave up just one unearned run and struck out seven to help RIC improve to 19-11-1 and 9-4-1 in the Little East.

Warrior junior Shari D'Amico took the tough-luck loss as Eastern Connecticut fell to 17-16 and 8-6 in conference play.

In upcoming action, the Anchorwomen will host a first round LEC tournament game on Tuesday Mar. 29.

-Complete box scores to follow-

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Thursday, April 24, 2003

TUFTS COLLECTS 22 HITS IN SOFTBALL SWEEP OF EASTERN 7-4, 6-2
Bongiolatti has six hits and drives in three runs as Jumbos down Warriors twice

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Sophomore shortstop Courtney Bongiolatti had six hits and drove in three runs to pace the Tufts University softball team to a 7-4, 6-2 doubleheader sweep of Eastern Connecticut State University Thursday night at Spector Field.

Bongiolatti singled twice and drove in a run in the first game when Tufts (22-10) wiped out 2-0 and 4-3 deficits and drove in two runs with a single and triple in the nightcap to pace the Jumbos to their 16th and 17th northern wins in 20 games. Eastern falls to 17-14 overall, 14-8 up north.

Eastern had ten hits in the opener but stranded 11 and couldn't hold leads of 2-0 after three innings and 4-3 after four. In the fifth, Tufts batted around, scoring four times on four hits and two Eastern errors. The Jumbos had ten hits in the opener and 12 in the nightcap.

Tufts, ranked third in New England, snapped a scoreless tie with three runs in the fifth inning of the second game. Bongiolatti drove in the first run with a single and junior third baseman Julie Fox made it 3-0 with a two-run single.

Junior **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** reached safely in all seven of her plate appearances in the doubleheader. She was 5-for-6 with a walk and triple and drove in two runs. Senior third baseman **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** had a hit in each game, including a triple, and moved to within five of her 100th career hit.

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

First Game
Tufts U. 7, Eastern Conn. 4

Tufts U. (21-10)	000	340	0	--	7	10	3
Eastern Conn. (17-13)	101	200	0	--	4	10	3

Caroline Grieco (7-3) and Lis Drake. Lindsay Savelle (9-8) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Deana Davidian, Maggie McClory (T), Rowan (E).

Second Game
Tufts U. 6, Eastern Conn. 2

Tufts U. (22-10)	000	030	3	--	6	12	0
Eastern Conn. (17-14)	000	002	0	--	2	7	1

Pam Swidler (7-3) and Lis Drake. Shari D'Amico (5-5) and Kelly Rowan, Megan Lemos (7). 2B-Deana Davidian, Nikki Blotner, Drake, Julie Fox (T); 3B-Courtney Bongiolatti (T), D'Amico, Stacey Schofield (E).

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Wednesday, April 23, 2003

ECSU SOFTBALL SCORES IN EIGHTH INNING TO SALVAGE SPLIT

Warriors trade one-run decisions with Trinity College, losing 2-1, winning 4-3

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman second baseman **Andrea Tarbox (ENFIELD)** drove in senior third baseman **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** from third base with one out in the bottom of the eighth inning to give the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team a 4-3 win over Trinity College (CT) Wednesday and a split of a doubleheader.

In the first game, Eastern (17-12) stranded four runners on base in the last two innings as the Bantams (6-19-1) snapped a five-game losing streak -- winning for only the third time in 15 northern games -- with a 2-1 victory.

In the nightcap, Tarbox scored the tying run on a passed ball with two out in the bottom of the sixth inning, then drove in Schofield from third base with an infield ground ball with one out in the bottom of the eighth to end the game. Schofield was placed on second to open the eighth inning in accordance with the international tie-breaker rule and was sacrificed to third by pinch hitter **Marlena Scialla (ENFIELD)**.

Eastern junior **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** won her fourth game in her last five decisions with 2 and 2/3 innings of relief in place of starter **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)**. D'Amico was charged with the go-ahead run in the sixth before Eastern tied the game in the sixth and won it in the eighth. D'Amico allowed four hits but Eastern's defense -- which committed six errors -- converted a seventh-inning fly ball into a double play and junior catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** threw out Sarah Churchill attempting to steal third base in the top of the eighth inning.

In the first game, Trinity freshman Victoria Moshier pitched a complete-game five-hitter and did not allow an earned run. She fanned two and walked four. Trailing 2-0, Eastern loaded the bases with no one out in the sixth but scored only one run. Moshier induced a ground ball force out at home, got a strikeout and outfield fly ball to escape with a one-run lead. In the seventh, Schofield doubled with two out but Moshier got a ground ball to short to end the game.

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Leadoff hitter Maureen Heneghan's leadoff double and an infield error gave Trinity a 1-0 lead in the third inning of the first game and consecutive two-out singles by Lindsey Freeman and Heneghan made it 2-0 in the third.

Schofield had a double and walked twice in the first game and tripled in the second game.

Eastern hosts Tufts University Thursday in a 5 p.m. doubleheader. The Jumbos are ranked third in New England.

First Game
Trinity College (CT) 2, Eastern Conn. 1

Trinity (6-18-1)	001	100	0	--	2	9	2
Eastern Conn. (16-12)	000	001	0	--	1	5	2

Victoria Moshier (3-7) and Sarah Hoyle. Brooke Nici (3-1), Lindsay Savelle (5) and Megan Lemos, Kelly Rowan (6). 2B-Maureen Heneghan (T), Stacey Schofield (E).

Second Game
Eastern Conn. 4, Trinity College (CT) 3, 8 inn.

Trinity (6-19-1)	002	001	00	--	3	8	2
Eastern Conn. (17-12)	100	011	01	--	4	4	6

One out when winning run scored.

Sarah Churchill (3-9) and Lindsey Freeman. Lindsay Savelle, Shari D'Amico (6) and Kelly Rowan. WP-D'Amico (5-4). 2B-Laura Watson, Freeman (T), D'Amico (E); 3B-Stacey Schofield (E).

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Saturday, April 19, 2003

ECSU SNAPS 16-GAME LOSING STREAK TO SOUTHERN MAINE
D'Amico lowers northern ERA to 0.40 with 1-0 shutout in second game

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Junior **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** pitched a complete-game two-hitter and the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team scored an unearned run in the second inning in a 1-0 Little East Conference win over the University of Southern Maine in the second game of a Saturday doubleheader at Howard Spector Field.

Ranked seventh in New England, Southern Maine (21-9, 7-3), scored five unearned runs in the top of the third inning in posting a 6-5 win in the first game for its 16th straight win over Eastern since 1996.

D'Amico (4-4) retired the first 12 batters she faced in the second game and faced only three over the 21-batter minimum. She fanned four without walking anyone. Cleanup hitter Sarah McLean broke up the perfect game by singling on a 1-2 pitch leading off the fifth and later reached on an infield single with one out in the bottom of the seventh. She advanced to third base in the fifth and to second in the seventh as the only runner to advance beyond first base. Leadoff hitter Kristi Steward was the only other batter to reach safely, reaching on an infield error with two out in the sixth. In six northern games, D'Amico is 4-1 with a save and a 0.40 ERA in 35.0 innings with 19 strikeouts and three walks.

Ranked ninth in New England, Eastern (16-11, 6-4) scored an unearned run in the second inning of the second game on an infield single by sophomore DP **Lori Brelsford (STRATFORD)**, a sacrifice bunt and an infield error.

In the first game, the Huskies scored five unearned runs in the third to wipe out a 1-0 Eastern lead. The Warriors committed four of their six errors in the inning. Darci Holland drove in two runs in the inning with the first of her two doubles. She drove in two runs with the hit and also doubled and scored a run in the fifth.

Steward, Kristen Tong, Holland and Jordan Gatcomb each had two hits in Southern Maine's nine-hit attack while Brelsford had two of Eastern's eight hits.

Senior shortstop **Valarie Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)** recorded her 200th collegiate hit when she led off the second game with a bunt single. Gasparino has 83 hits in 63 games at Eastern after collecting 117 hits in 72 games at Saint Joseph College (CT).

Eastern visits Massachusetts Dartmouth Tuesday for a 3:30 p.m. Little East Conference doubleheader.

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Softball
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First Game
U. of Southern Maine 6, Eastern Conn. 5

Southern Maine (21-8, 7-2 little east)	005	010	0	--	6	9	2
Eastern Conn. (15-11, 5-4 little east)	100	040	0	--	5	8	6

Melissa Henderson (8-4) and Kristen Tong. Lindsay Savelle (9-7) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Darci Holland 2 (S), Stacey Schofield (E); 3B-Andrea Tarbox (E).

Second Game
Eastern Conn. 1, U. of Southern Maine 0

Eastern Conn. (16-11, 6-4 little east)	010	000	0	--	1	3	1
Southern Maine (21-9, 7-3 little east)	000	000	0	--	0	2	1

Shari D'Amico (4-4) and Kelly Rowan. Katie Mainville (9-3) and Kristen Tong.

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Thursday, April 17, 2003

D'AMICO PITCHES, HITS EASTERN SOFTBALL TO SWEEP *Junior throws CG four-hitter and drives in two runs in opener against MCLA*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Junior **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** pitched a complete-game four-hitter and drove in two runs in a seven-run third inning in the opener to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team to a 9-1, 2-1 sweep of Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Thursday at Howard Spector Field.

The first game was stopped with one out in the bottom of the sixth inning due to the eight-run rule

Ranked ninth in New England, Eastern (15-10) improved to 12-4 up north. The Trailblazers (6-12) had won five of their first six northern games.

After collecting ten hits in the opener, Eastern jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the nightcap by scoring an unearned run in the first inning and a run in the second and held on behind the combined four-hit pitching of freshmen **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** and **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)**. Nici (3-0) allowed only an unearned run on four hits before Savelle came on to record the final four outs and record her first career save. Junior catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** drove in the first-inning run with a double after senior shortstop **Valarie Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)** had reached on an inning-opening error and freshman DP **Megan Lemos (GRANBY)** made it 2-0 when her ground ball plated freshman first baseman **Andrea Tarbox (ENFIELD)** from third in the second inning. Tarbox had led off the inning with a double and had moved to second on Nici's sacrifice bunt.

D'Amico (3-4) lowered her ERA to 0.50 in 28 innings up north and won her third northern game in four decisions stopping the Trailblazers on four singles in the first game. She fanned two and walked one and survived five Eastern errors. In the third inning, Eastern broke a scoreless tie with seven runs on five hits, two walks and one error which accounted for five unearned runs. Junior leftfielder **Sandra Pariseau (STRATFORD)** and D'Amico each drove in two runs with doubles in the frame and sophomore rightfielder **Annmarie Fillian (CANTON)** drove in one with a two-out single.

Rowan and Fillian each had two hits in the first game while Gasparino recorded the 199th hit of her 133-game four-year collegiate career with a single in the third inning. Gasparino has 82 hits in 61 career games at Eastern after recording 117 hits in 72 games as a two-time All-New England shortstop at Saint Joseph College (CT).

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April 17, 2003
Softball

First Game
Eastern Conn. 9, Massachusetts College 1, 6 inn.

Mass College (6-11)	000	010	--	1	4	2
Eastern Conn. (14-10)	007	002	--	9	10	5

One out when game was ended due to the eight-run rule.

Jenn Golden (3-7), Jessica Sinopoli (5) and Courtney Tebo. Shari D'Amico (3-4) and Megan Lemos. 2B-Sandra Pariseau, D'Amico (E). *Jenn Meaney (M)*

Second Game
Eastern Conn. 2, Massachusetts College 1

Mass College (6-12)	001	000	0	--	1	4	1
Eastern Conn. (15-10)	110	000	x	--	2	6	1

Jessica Sinopoli (3-5) and Courtney Tebo. Brooke Nici (3-0), Lindsay Savelle (6) and Kelly Rowan. Save-Savelle (1). 2B-Michelle Littlefield (M), Andrea Tarbox, Rowan (E).

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Wednesday, April 16, 2003

ECSU SPLITS LITTLE EAST CONFERENCE DOUBLEHEADER
Warriors trade 1-0 softball verdicts with Keene State College

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- **Sandra Pariseau (STRATFORD)** drove in **Megan Lemos (GRANBY)** with an infield single with two outs in the sixth inning to give the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team a 1-0 Little East Conference win over Keene State College Wednesday at Howard Spector Field on the way to a split of a doubleheader.

Keene (13-6, 3-3 little east), ranked sixth in New England, gained a split when Nicole Foote drove in Adria Reynolds from third base with the only run of the game with two out in the bottom of the seventh inning of the nightcap. Eastern is ranked ninth in New England.

Eastern (13-10, 5-3 little east) freshman **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** pitched complete-game three-hitters in each game without allowing an earned run in lowering her ERA to 1.59. She fanned a collegiate-high ten in the opener with one walk. She struck out two without a walk in the nightcap but was outdueled by Keene's Stephanie Carter (5-1), who also pitched a three-hitter with eight strikeouts and two walks.

Savelle pitched her third complete-game shutout in the first game and Eastern broke a scoreless duel with the only run of the game in the bottom of the fifth. A walk to Lemos, a single by **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** and an outfield error put runners on the second and third without an out. Losing pitcher Missy Zimmerman (2-4) got two ground outs before Pariseau drilled a hard shot off Keene third baseman Jennifer Norman. Lemos scored easily as Schofield managed to avoid the tag of Keene shortstop Shauna Mullen at third. Pariseau had two of Eastern's three hits in the game.

In the nightcap, Eastern stranded runners in scoring position in the fifth and sixth innings before Keene broke through for an unearned run in the seventh. Reynolds reached on an infield error to open the inning, was sacrificed to second by Mullen and moved to third on a ground out. Foote ended the game by stroking a 1-0 pitch cleanly into center field as Reynolds scored standing up. Foote had two of her team's hits.

Eastern hosts Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Thursday *at 3:30 pm*

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Softball
April 16, 2003

Eastern Conn. 1, Keene State 0

Keene State (12-6, 2-3 little east)	000	000	0	--	0	3	1
Eastern Conn. (13-9, 5-2 little east)	000	010	x	--	1	8	1

Missy Zimmerman (2-4), Katie Thompson (6) and Jan Rissacher. Lindsay Savelle (9-5) and Kelly Rowan.

Keene State 1, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (13-10, 5-3 little east)	000	000	0	--	0	3	1
Keene State (13-6, 3-3 little east)	000	000	1	--	1	3	1

Two out when winning run scored.

Lindsay Savelle (9-6) and Kelly Rowan. Stephanie Carter (5-1) and Jan Rissacher.

little east conference

Tuesday, April 15, 2003

EASTERN SOFTBALL DROPS LITTLE EAST PAIR AT WESTERN 4-2, 8-0 *Warriors commit seven errors in second game in losing to defending champions*

DANBURY, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University softball team committed seven errors in the second game in dropping a pair of Little East Conference softball games to Western Connecticut State University 4-2, 8-0 Tuesday night. The second game was stopped after six innings due to the eight-run rule.

The losses snap a seven-game winning streak for Eastern (12-9, 4-2 little east), ranked ninth in New England. Western (14-5, 4-2 little east), the three-time defending conference regular-season champion, is ranked first in New England.

In the second game, Western scored twice in the fifth inning on two hits to move out to a 4-0 lead and added four runs on one hit and five errors to tack on four more in the sixth.

First-team All-America junior pitcher Sarah Zaslav of Western pitched a complete-game two-hitter to improve to 9-3 in the second game after preserving starter Brooke Morris's victory with 1 and 1/3 hitless innings in the first game. On Sunday, Eastern had scored in the tenth inning to defeat Plymouth State All-America sophomore Kim Jeffs, 2-1.

Eastern scored twice on four hits in the top of the sixth inning of the first game to cut Western's lead in half before Zaslav came on to strike out Eastern senior third baseman **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** with a runner on third. Freshman first baseman **Andrea Tarbox (ENFIELD)** had chased Morris with an RBI triple to make it 4-2 but pinch runner **Christina Dudley (STAMFORD)** was thrown out at home on the play. Zaslav was then summoned and ended the inning with the strikeout.

In the nightcap, Zaslav faced only three batters over the minimum. Senior shortstop **Valarie Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)** led off the first with an infield single and walked in the sixth and Schofield doubled in the seventh. Junior pitcher **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** allowed only six hits in the nightcap but fell victim to seven unearned runs. It was the first earned run allowed in 22 northern innings by D'Amico.

Junior catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** was 2-for-2 with a walk and run scored in the first game and junior leftfielder **Sandra Pariseau (STRATFORD)** reached safely twice on walks. Freshman **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** had a personal four-game winning streak snapped in losing the first game. She gave up only four hits but a first-inning passed ball accounted for two unearned runs and Western added two more runs in the second on one hit, two walks, a hit batter, a sacrifice bunt and a sacrifice fly.

First-team All-America shortstop Cherie Bailey was 4-for-5 with two RBI a run scored for Western, which did not commit an error on the night.

Eastern hosts Keene State College Wednesday at 4 p.m. in a Little East Conference makeup doubleheader. The Warriors were originally scheduled to host the U.S. Coast Guard Academy at 5 p.m.

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Sunday, April 13, 2003

**Fastpitch Softball
at Willimantic, CT**

**First Game
Eastern Conn. 2, Plymouth State College 1, 10 inn.**

Plymouth State (14-2, 2-1 little east)	000	001	000	0	--	1	9	2
Eastern Conn. (11-7, 3-0 little east)	010	000	000	1	--	2	5	1

Kim Jeffs (12-2) and Adriene Harvey. Lindsay Savelle (8-4) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Michelle Knox, Harvey (P), Lori Brelsford (E).
No outs when winning run scored

**Second Game
Eastern Conn. 6, Plymouth State College 1**

Eastern Conn. (12-7, 4-0 little east)	121	110	0	--	6	6	2
Plymouth State (14-3, 2-2 little east)	000	000	1	--	1	4	4

Shari D'Amico (2-3) and Kelly Rowan. Rose Eaton (2-1) and Adriene Harvey. 2B-Annmarie Fillian (E), Annie Metz (P); 3B-Rowan (E).

-Eastern has won seven straight and is 9-1 up north
- Plymouth had a ten-game winning streak snapped
- Eastern is 20-1 against Plymouth all-time at Howard Spector Field. Plymouth is No. 6 in New England, Eastern No. 9.

FIRST GAME

-- Winning pitcher **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** drove in **Andrea Tarbox (ENFIELD)** from second base with no one out in the bottom of the tenth inning (Tarbox was put on second due to the international tie-breaker rule) for the winning run.
-- A freshman, Savelle also drove in **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** from second with a single with two out in the second to give Eastern a 1-0 lead.
-- Plymouth tied the game in the sixth when Michelle Knox and Adriene Harvey opened the inning with doubles. Pinch runner Jess Roussele scored the run. Plymouth stranded the go-ahead run at third in the top of the tenth with no one out when Savelle got a ground ball and two strikeouts. She fanned seven and walked two in the game.
-- Up north, Savelle is 5-1 with a 0.84 ERA in 43.0 innings.
-- Plymouth State sophomore All-America Kim Jeffs struck out a season-high 17. She led Division III in strikeouts last season.

SECOND GAME

-- Savelle drove in two runs with sacrifice flies. Junior **Annmarie Fillian (CANTON)** drove in both runs in the second with a double. Rowan tripled and scored in the third and singled in the seventh.
-- Junior **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** allowed four hits while fanning two and walking two. Up north, she is 2-0 with a save and has not allowed an earned run in 16.0 innings
-- Plymouth had two hits but did not score in the first and did not have another hit until Annie Metz doubled with two out in the sixth.

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Sunday, April 6, 2003

FRESHMEN SAVELLE, NICI PITCH ECSU SOFTBALL TO SWEEP
Warriors pound out 21 hits in 4-2, 9-0 wins to improve to 7-1 up north

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshmen **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** and **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** earned complete-game wins and the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team pounded out 21 hits in a 4-2, 9-0 sweep of New England College Sunday at Howard Spector Field. The second game was stopped after five innings due to the eight-run rule.

Eastern (10-7) improved its northern record to 7-1 and posted its fifth shutout win since returning from Arizona. The Pilgrims (9-7) have lost three straight after opening their northern schedule with four straight wins.

Savelle (7-4) won her fourth northern game in five decisions, allowing seven hits while fanning seven, hitting one and walking one. Senior third baseman **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** and sophomore **DP Lori Brelsford (STRATFORD)** drove in runs with singles to snap a 2-2 tie in the fifth inning. Savelle has a 0.64 ERA in 33.0 innings up north.

In the second game, Nici (2-0) recorded her first collegiate shutout in her third start. She allowed two infield hits in the first inning and two singles in the second inning while fanning four in the game without a walk.

Junior second baseman **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)**, who on Thursday became the fastest player in program history to record 100 career hits (90 games) had four hits in the doubleheader. She was 3-for-4 with a double and a run scored in the first game and contributed an RBI double in the first inning of the nightcap. Brelsford was 4-for-5 with two RBI, three runs scored and a walk. Leadoff hitter **Valarie Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)** was 3-for-7 with a walk, double and two runs scored. Gasparino has 193 hits in a 125-game collegiate career (76 in 53 games at Eastern). Schofield was 3-for-6 with three RBI and a run scored in the doubleheader. Junior catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** was 2-for-3 with a triple, two runs scored and an RBI in the nightcap.

Sophomore Robin Thompson of New England College had three of her team's 11 hits. She was 2-for-4 and reached on an error and stole a base in the first game and was 1-for-2 in the nightcap. Two of her hits were bunts.

Eastern hosts Trinity College (CT) Tuesday in a 4 p.m. doubleheader.

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Sunday, April 6, 2003
Softball

First Game
Eastern Conn. 4, New England College 2

NE College (9-6)	000	200	0	--	2	7	0
Eastern Conn. (9-7)	020	020	x	--	4	10	2

Cynthia Daniels (4-3) and Laura Mahoney. Lindsay Savelle (7-4) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Erin McFarland (N), Shari D'Amico (E).

Second Game
Eastern Conn. 9, New England College 0, 5 inn.

NE College (9-7)	000	00	--	0	4	2
Eastern Conn. (10-7)	304	2x	--	9	11	0

Alysia Coats (2-2) and Laura Mahoney. Brooke Nici (2-0) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Valarie Gasparino, Shari D'Amico (E); 3B-Rowan (E).

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Thursday, April 3, 2003

D'AMICO LEADS ECSU SOFTBALL TO SWEEP OF SALVE
Junior records 100th career hit in opener, pitches shutout in second game

NEWPORT, R.I. – Junior **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** had four hits -- including the 100th hit of her career in the opener -- and pitched a complete-game three-hit shutout in the nightcap as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team swept Salve Regina University 5-0, 3-0 Thursday at Toppa Field.

Eastern (8-7) has won five of six up north with four shutouts. Salve is 8-9-1.

D'Amico had two doubles, scored twice and drove in a run in the first game and stopped the Seahawks (8-9-1) on three singles while fanning eight without a walk in the nightcap to post her first win after three losses. She also reached safely three times in the second game with two singles and a walk. A leadoff double to center in the seventh inning of the first game was the 100th career hit for D'Amico, who needed just ~~89~~ ⁸⁸ career games to achieve the feat. She has a ~~.357~~ ^{.353} career batting average -- ~~sixth~~ ^{seventh} best all-time. ~~90~~

In the first game, D'Amico had an RBI double and scored in the fifth inning before doubling with her 100th hit and scoring in the seventh. She walked and scored in the nightcap.

Freshman **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** won her third northern game in four decisions in the opener, allowing seven singles while fanning five and walking one. Savelle stranded five runners in the first two innings and allowed only four singles the rest of the way. Savelle has two shutouts and has combined on a third in her last four starts. Up north, she is 3-1 with a 0.54 ERA.

Freshman first baseman **Andrea Tarbox (ENFIELD)** had three hits in the doubleheader and drove in one run in the second game while senior third baseman **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** drove in three runs with a two-run, bases-loaded single in the first game and an RBI double in the nightcap. Senior shortstop **Valarie Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)** had two hits in the second game after reaching on a hit-by-pitch and stealing two bases in the opener. She led off the second game with a triple and scored the first run. She also had four putouts and eight assists on the day.

Junior centerfielder **Marlena Scialla (ENFIELD)** reached safely four times in the twinbill with a hit and three walks and scored twice.

Eastern hosts Plymouth State College Saturday in a 1 p.m. Little East Conference doubleheader. The games were originally scheduled to be played at Plymouth, NH.

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Wednesday, April 2, 2003

ECSU SOFTBALL SPLITS DOUBLEHEADER WITH SPRINGFIELD
Savelle, D'Amico pitch Warriors to 2-0 second-game victory over Pride

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** and junior **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** combined on a two-hit shutout to lift the Eastern Connecticut State University women's softball team to a 2-0 victory over Springfield College and a split of Wednesday's doubleheader at Howard Spector Field.

In the first game, Missy Edwards hit a three-run home run in the seventh inning to break open a tight game and carry Springfield (10-6) to a 6-2 win.

In the second game, Savelle (5-4) allowed only two hits -- both coming in the third inning -- before giving way to D'Amico with a 2-0 lead after walking the leadoff batter in the sixth inning. D'Amico induced a comebacker and got two strikeouts to end the sixth-inning threat and retired the side in order in the seventh to record her first career save.

An infield throwing error on senior third baseman **Stacey Schofield's (WOODSTOCK)** bases loaded ground ball gave Eastern (6-7) a 1-0 lead in the second and D'Amico made it 2-0 when she plated senior shortstop **Valarie Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)** from third with a bunt single in the fifth. Gasparino had a leadoff double and moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by junior centerfielder **Marlena Scialla (ENFIELD)**. Junior catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** had two of Eastern's six hits in the game.

Eastern collected seven hits in the first game but only one came after the third inning off complete-game winner Brianne Pearson (6-2). Eastern took a 2-0 lead in the third on four hits and two infield errors but the Pride bounced back with the final six runs of the game. Eastern committed seven errors in the game, five coming in innings when Springfield scored runs. No Springfield batters had more than one hit in the doubleheader but Laurie Cersosimo and Edwards both scored twice in the opener. Edwards' second home run of the year in the seventh followed an inning-opening error and a hit batter.

Eastern visits Salve Regina University Thursday for a 4:30 p.m. doubleheader.

First Game
Springfield College 6, Eastern Conn. 2

Springfield (10-5)	000	120	3	--	6	5	2
Eastern Conn. (5-7)	002	000	0	--	2	7	7

Brianne Pearson (6-2) and Missy Edwards. Lindsay Savelle (4-4) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Amy Brucker (S); HR-Edwards (2) (S).

Second Game
Eastern Conn. 2, Springfield College 0

Springfield (10-6)	000	000	0	--	0	2	1
Eastern Conn. (6-7)	010	010	x	--	2	6	0

Amy Brucker (4-4) and Missy Edwards. Lindsay Savelle (5-4), Shari D'Amico (6) and Kelly Rowan. Save-D'Amico (1). 2B-Valarie Gasparino, Stacey Schofield (E).

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Saturday, March 29, 2003

ECSU SOFTBALL OPENS NORTHERN SEASON WITH SWEEP
Savelle, Nici allow only five hits in Little East wins over UMass Boston

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshmen **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** and **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** allowed only five hits as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team opened its northern season with 4-0, 6-1 Little East Conference wins over the University of Massachusetts Boston Saturday at Howard Spector Field.

Savelle (4-3) registered her first collegiate shutout in her seventh start in the conference opener for both schools. She retired the final 20 batters of the game after giving up a walk and an infield single in the first. After allowing a walk to No. 2 batter Stacey Peterson, Savelle was touched for an infield single to third base by Kristen Smoyer. Alma Medina advanced both runners with a sacrifice bunt before Savelle ended the inning with a ground ball to third.

Savelle did not allow a fair ball out of the infield in the game. The only out recorded by an outfielder was a foul one to leftfielder **Sandra Pariseau (STRATFORD)**. Savelle fanned four and walked one.

In the second game, Nici pitched her first complete game in her second collegiate start. She allowed two singles and two doubles while striking out six and walking none. Both doubles came in the third inning and produced the only runs for UMass (2-7).

The Warriors capitalized on inning-opening errors to score three times in the third inning of the second game and twice in the sixth. In the third inning, junior catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** drove in two runs with a single and junior second baseman **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** plated one with a sacrifice fly to left. D'Amico also drove in a run in the fifth with a bunt single.

In the first game, D'Amico gave Eastern (5-6) a 1-0 lead when she drove in senior shortstop **Valarie Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)** with a first-inning ground ball. That margin stood up until the Warriors tacked on three in the sixth on singles by D'Amico and Pariseau (RBI) and two UMass errors.

Eastern hosts Springfield College Wednesday in a 3 p.m. doubleheader.

Eastern Conn. 4, UMass Boston 0

UMass Boston (2-6, 0-1 little east)	000	000	0	--	0	1	4
Eastern Conn. (4-6, 1-0 little east)	100	003	x	--	4	4	0

Andrea Spinale (0-5), Alma Medina (6) and Christine Allen. Lindsay Savelle (4-3) and Kelly Rowan.

Eastern Conn. 6, UMass Boston 1

UMass Boston (2-7, 0-2 little east)	001	000	0	-	1	4	3
Eastern Conn. (5-6, 2-0 little east)	003	012	x	-	6	5	0

Stephanie Poulos (2-2) and Christine Allen. Brooke Nici (1-0) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Kristen Bowes, Alma Medina (M).

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Wednesday, March 26, 2003

HASTINGS DEFEATS ECSU SOFTBALL IN EIGHT INNINGS 6-5
Broncos win game with two-out single in bottom of eighth inning

TUCSON, AZ -- Crystal Daugherty drove in Lanett Buckendahl from third with a two-out single in the bottom of the eighth inning that gave Hastings College a 6-5 softball win over Eastern Connecticut State University Wednesday.

The loss is Eastern's sixth in nine games in Tucson while the Broncos improve to 9-7.

Trailing 5-3, Eastern tied the game with two runs in the top of the fifth on a two-run, two-out single by freshman first baseman **Andrea Tarbox (ENFIELD)**. Starting the eighth inning with a runner on second base, Hastings loaded the bases with none out. Freshman pitcher **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** got two outs on infield popups before Daugherty plated Buckendahl from third by driving a one-strike pitch up the middle.

Tarbox, Savelle, senior second baseman **Valarie Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)**, junior shortstop **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** and senior third baseman **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** each had two hits in Eastern's 12-hit attack. D'Amico had given Eastern a 2-0 lead in the first with a two-out RBI single.

Hastings had 13 hits in the game and survived five errors.

Eastern opens its home season Saturday at 1 p.m., hosting Massachusetts Boston in a Little East Conference doubleheader.

Hastings College 6, Eastern Conn. 5, 8 inn.

Eastern Conn. (3-6)	201	020	00	--	5	12	1
Hastings (9-7)	410	000	01	--	6	13	5

One out when winning run scored.

Lindsay Savell (3-3) and Kelly Rowan. Lanett Buckendahl, Jill Probst (3) and Crystal Daugherty. WP-Probst. HR-Chris O'Neil (H).



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Tuesday, March 25, 2003

ECSU SOFTBALL DEFEATS WHITWORTH, LOSES TO SO. OREGON
Warriors avenge earlier loss to Pirates 5-2; lose to Raiders for second time on trip 8-2

TUCSON, AZ -- Freshman first baseman **Andrea Tarbox (ENFIELD)** and junior second baseman **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** each drove in runs in a two-run sixth inning that helped the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team post a 5-2 victory over Whitworth College Tuesday.

Tuesday night, NAIA-affiliate Southern Oregon (12-1) broke open the game with a five-run fourth inning that was highlighted by Lisa Aitchison's three-run home run and went on to an 8-2 victory over the Warriors. The Raiders had beaten Eastern 4-2 Saturday.

Against Whitworth (3-16), Eastern (3-5) scored twice in the first inning on RBI ground outs by senior shortstop **Valarie Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)** and junior centerfielder **Marlena Scialla (ENFIELD)** and made it 5-1 in the sixth on a Tarbox sacrifice fly which scored Gasparino and a single by D'Amico which plated Scialla from second.

Against Whitworth, freshman **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** won her third game in five decisions. She allowed nine hits -- eight of them singles -- while striking out one and walking two. The win avenges Saturday's 10-2 loss to the Pirates in a game where Eastern committed five errors.

Gasparino, D'Amico and senior third baseman **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** each had two hits against Whitworth, D'Amico also walking and Gasparino stealing two bases.

Senior righty Brandi Brown won her 12th straight game this year to power Southern Oregon. Brown scattered three singles over the first five innings, fanning six and walking one and giving up one run. Aitchison's three-run home run in the bottom of the fifth gave the Raiders an 8-1 lead. Sophomore Haley Varley had three of Southern Oregon's 11 hits. D'Amico started on the mound for Eastern but was lifted in favor of Savelle after the first two batters in the third. Savelle had two of Eastern's five hits.

Eastern closes out its spring trip Wednesday with a 1 p.m. ET game against Hastings College.

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Tuesday, March 25, 2003
Softball

Eastern Conn. 5, Whitworth College 2

Whitworth (3-16)	000	001	1	--	2	9	1	
Eastern Conn. (3-4)		201	002	x	--	5	9	2

Lacey Thompson (2-7), Jo Sonnett (4) and Jessica Shawley. Lindsay Savelle (3-2) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Patti Stringer (W), Rowan (E).

Southern Oregon U. 8, Eastern Conn. 2

Eastern Conn. (3-5)		100	000	1	--	2	5	4
Southern Oregon U. (12-1)		120	500	x	--	8	11	1

Shari D'Amico (0-3), Lindsay Savelle (3) and Kelly Rowan. Brandi Brown (12-0), Amanda Cregan (6) and Katie Gross. 2B-Haley Varley, Ross (S); HR-Lisa Aitchison (S).

Sunday, March 23, 2003

ECSU SOFTBALL SWEEP BY PACIFIC LUTHERAN IN TUCSON
Warriors no-hit in second-game loss, fall to 2-4 on season

TUCSON, AZ - Jewel Koury and Candace Howard limited the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team to five hits and their teammates collected 20 hits as Pacific Lutheran University posted a 7-2, 9-1 sweep Sunday.

Koury pitched a complete-game five-hitter in the opener and was backed by 13 hits - six of them for extra bases - and Howard no-hit the Warriors in a game which was stopped with two outs in the sixth inning due to the eight-run rule.

Senior third baseman Alicia Guerrero had two hits in each game for nationally-ranked Pacific Lutheran (6-1), which was undefeated in last year's regular season. Senior shortstop Jenny Ferries was 3-for-3 with two runs, a double and triple in the first game. Ferries (solo) and freshman leftfielder Gretchen Ruecker hit home runs in the third inning of the first game which wiped out an early Eastern 2-0 lead. Senior third baseman **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** and junior catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** each scored in the second to stake Eastern to an early lead. Schofield stole home and Rowan rode home on freshman **Andrea Tarbox's (ENFIELD)** single. Tarbox had two hits in the game.

Eastern (2-4) managed only one baserunner (walk) through the first five innings of the second game before breaking through for an unearned run in the sixth on a walk, fielder's choice and infield throwing. Howard (2-0 fanned four and walked two. She walked freshman second baseman **Michelle O'Leary (PETERSHAM, MA)** leading off the third and freshman rightfielder **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** leading off the sixth. Junior Sara Shideler highlighted a five-run Pacific Lutheran third inning with a three-run home run.

Junior Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL) lost her second decision of the year in the second game, allowing seven hits while fanning two, walking three and hitting a batter. In the first game, freshman **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** lost her second straight decision after two wins.

Tuesday in Tucson, Eastern faces Whitworth College at 3 p.m. ET and Southern Oregon University at 7 p.m. ET. The Warriors were beaten by both teams Saturday.

Pacific Lutheran U. 7, Eastern Conn. 2

Pacific Lutheran (5-1)	002	300	2	--	7	13	1
Eastern Conn. (2-3)	020	000	0	--	2	5	1

Jewell Koury (4-1) and Jen Swope. Lindsay Savelle (2-2) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Resa Lee, Jenny Ferries, Kelsey Palaniuk (P), Valarie Gasparino (E); 3B-Alicia Guerrero (P); HR-Ferries, Gretchen Ruecker (P).

Pacific Lutheran U. 9, Eastern Conn. 1, 6 inn.

Eastern Conn. (2-4)	000	001	--	1	0	2
Pacific Lutheran (6-1)	105	102	--	9	7	1

Shari D'Amico (0-2) and Kelly Rowan. Candace Howard (2-0) and Resa Lee. 2B-Jen Swope (P); HR-Sara Shideler (P).

Saturday, March 22, 2003

ERRORS COST ECSU SOFTBALL IN TWO LOSSES IN ARIZONA
Warriors commit 11 errors in falling to Southern Oregon, Whitworth

TUCSON, AZ -- The Southern Oregon University fastpitch softball team scored four unearned runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to wipe out a two-run deficit and post a 4-2 win over Eastern Connecticut State University Saturday.

In Eastern's second game of the day, Whitworth College (2-12) spotted Eastern two runs in the first inning before going on to a 10-2 victory in a game which was halted with two out in the fifth due to the eight-run rule. CA

The Warriors (2-2) committed six errors in the first game and five in the second. Southern Oregon (8-0) erased a two-run deficit by scoring four unearned runs in the sixth on two hits, three errors and a walk. Senior shortstop **Valarie Gasparino (WINDSOR LOCKS)** was 3-for-3 for Eastern, stole two bases and scored both of the team's runs. Sophomore DH **Lori Brelsford (STRATFORD)** drove in Gasparino in the first and junior catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** drove her in to give Eastern a 2-0 lead in the fourth.

In the second game, Eastern scored both of its runs in the first on three hits, three stolen bases and both of its walks but managed only two hits the rest of the way off Pirate sophomore Lacey Thompson -- a single by junior shortstop **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** in the fifth and a single by freshman second baseman **Michelle O'Leary (PETERSHAM, MA)** in the sixth. Thompson fanned six in the complete-game win and her teammates scored runs in every inning on a total of just seven hits.

In the first inning of the second game, senior third baseman **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** gave Eastern a 2-0 lead with an RBI single and junior centerfielder **Marlena Scialla (ENFIELD)** stole third and home to make it 2-0. D'Amico had two of Eastern's five hits.

Eastern plays Pacific Lutheran University in a 2 p.m. ET doubleheader Sunday.

Southern Oregon U. 4, Eastern Conn. 2

Eastern Conn. (2-1)	100	100	0	--	2	9	6
Southern Oregon (8-0)	000	004	x	--	4	8	1

Lindsay Savelle, Shari D'Amico (2), Savelle (6) and Kelly Rowan. Brandi Brown (8-0) and Katie Gross. LP-D'Amico (0-1). 2B-Angie Chaplin (S).

Whitworth College 10, Eastern Conn. 2, 6 inn.

Eastern Conn. (2-2)	200	000	--	2	5	5
Whitworth (2-12)	112	033		10	7	3

Brooke Nici, Lindsay Savelle (2), Nici (6) and Katie Neville, Kelly Rowan (5). Lacey Thompson (2-8) and Jessica Shawley. LP-Savelle (2-1); 2B-Amanda Norwood, Kristin Hanson (W); 3B-Patti Stranger (W).

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Friday, March 21, 2003

SAVELLE PITCHES EASTERN TO TWO OPENING WINS AT TUCSON
Warriors sweep Colorado College 5-4, 9-1 behind freshman pitcher

TUCSON, AZ -- Freshman first baseman **Andrea Tarbox (ENFIELD)** drove in the winning run with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning of the opener and freshman **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** pitched a two-hitter in the nightcap to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University fastpitch softball team to a season-opening 5-4, 9-1 sweep of Colorado College Friday. The second game was stopped after five innings due to the eight-run rule.

Savelle allowed only seven hits in winning two complete-game decisions in her collegiate debut, fanning nine, walking one and hitting four batters. In the opener, Savelle allowed only five hits with seven strikeouts and was backed by a ten-hit attack. In the nightcap, Savelle took a perfect game into the fifth before the Tigers broke through with an unearned run on both of their hits, a hit batter and an infield error. Savelle didn't walk a batter in the second game, fanning two and hitting a batter.

Eastern erased a 4-0 deficit in the first game, tying the game with a run in the fifth and winning the game when Tarbox drove in junior catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** with one out in the bottom of the seventh. Rowan had opened the inning with a double and scored from second on Tarbox's single up the middle. The Warriors had tied the game in the fifth on a suicide squeeze by sophomore DH **Lori Brelsford (STRATFORD)** with none out which plated junior centerfielder **Marlena Scialla (ENFIELD)**. Scialla had opened the inning with a bunt single and stole second and third.

In the opener, Scialla reached safely in all four plate appearances with three hits and a walk and scored twice. Tarbox had two hits, scored a run and drove in a run.

In the second game, Eastern scored its runs on six singles and six walks. Leading 3-0, the Warriors broke the game open with six runs in the fifth. Scialla reached twice on walks and scored two runs in the game while junior second baseman **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** was 2-for-3 with a walk and run scored. Rowan had two RBI without a hit.

Saturday, Eastern faces Southern Oregon University at 11:30 a.m. ET and Whitworth College at 1:30 p.m. ET.

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First Game
Eastern Conn. 5, Colorado College 4

Colorado College (1-6)	301	000	0	--	4	5	3
Eastern Conn. (1-0)	001	210	1	--	5	10	3

One out when winning run scored

Emily Grote (0-4) and Ruthie Martin. Lindsay Savelle (1-0) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Alex Loretz (C), Kelly Rowan (E).

Second Game
Eastern Conn. 9, Colorado College 1 (5 inn.)

Eastern Conn. (2-0)	100	26	--	9	6	1	
Colorado College (1-7)		000	01	--	1	2	1

Lindsay Savelle (2-0) and Kelly Rowan. Stacey Buff (1-3) and Ruthie Martin.