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Saturday, May 1, 2004.

EASTERN SOFTBALL ELIMINATED IN LITTLE EAST TOURNAMENT

Top-seeded Keene State scores unearned run in eighth to oust Warriors, 3-2

KEENE, NH -- Top-seeded Keene State College scored an unearned run in the bottom of the eighth inning to eliminate fifth-seeded Eastern Connecticut State University from the 2004 Little East Conference Softball Tournament Saturday morning at Owl Athletic Complex.

Ranked second in the NCAA Division III New England Region, Keene (28-9) advanced in the losers' bracket with the win but was eliminated in a 2-1 loss to the fourth-seeded University of Southern later Saturday. Third-seeded Western Connecticut State University needed one win over Southern Maine to capture the title. Those games were scheduled to be played later Saturday.

Trailing 2-0, Keene tied the game with two unearned runs in the bottom of the sixth. A two-out error with a runner on first set the stage for senior centerfielder Adria Reynolds's game-tying two-run triple. Sophomore second baseman Sarah Campbell opened the eighth inning by reaching second on an infield error. She moved to third on a passed ball and with two outs, junior third baseman Jennifer Norman ended the game with an RBI single.

Eastern, which lost two extra-inning one-run games in the tournament, had taken a 2-0 lead in the fifth on junior leftfielder Annmarie Fillian's two-out RBI single which plated freshman first baseman **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** and freshman rightfielder **Leigha Abair (EAST HARTFORD)**. Each had reached with singles to open the inning.

Sophomore **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** allowed only four hits, fanning seven without a walk in losing her second tournament decision. Savelle (14-7) started all three tournament games for Eastern, pitching 28 2/3 of 34 innings and allowing only one earned run for a 0.24 ERA.

Eastern had opened the six-team, double-elimination tournament with a 2-1, 20-inning loss to Southern Maine Thursday but had bounced back behind Savelle to shut out Rhode Island College 5-0 Friday.

Eastern awaits a possible bid to its second straight ECAC New England Division III Tournament.

Keene State College 3, Eastern Conn. 2, 8 inn.

Eastern Conn. (21-18)	000	020	00	--	2	6	2
Keene State (28-9)	000	002	01	--	3	4	3

Two out when winning run scored.

Lindsay Savelle (14-7) and Kelly Rowan. Meghan McLoughlin (13-2) and Tiffany Underhill. 3B-Adria Reynolds (K).

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Friday, April 30, 2004

BEHIND SAVELLE'S ONE-HITTER, EASTERN SOFTBALL STILL ALIVE *Sophomore continues mastery of Rhode Island in 5-0 win in Little East tournament*

KEENE, NH -- Sophomore **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** continued her mastery over Rhode Island College -- allowing only a fourth-inning bunt single -- as the fifth-seeded Eastern Connecticut State University softball team stayed alive in the 2004 Little East Conference Tournament with a 5-0 win over second-seeded Rhode Island College Friday morning at Owl Athletic Complex on the Keene State College campus.

Twenty-four hours after pitching the first 14 innings of a 2-1, 20-inning opening loss to the University of Southern Maine, Savelle (14-6) bounced back to eliminate the Anchorwomen (21-14-1) and keep Eastern's (21-17) hopes alive in the six-team, double-elimination tournament.

The Warriors need four more wins to capture their first conference tournament title and earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament. Eastern faces top-seeded host Keene State College (27-9) Saturday at 9 a.m. and would need to defeat fourth-seeded Southern Maine (30-8-1) at 11 and tournament unbeaten Western Connecticut State University (24-14) once Saturday at 1 p.m. and again Sunday (time TBA).

Against Rhode Island, Savelle faced only two batters over the 21-batter limit and was backed by perfect defense in recording her fifth shutout of the year. In a scoreless game, she allowed a one-out bunt single to Megan Ponte in the fourth inning and a one-out walk to Kristyn Alexander. She fanned two. In three appearances this year against Rhode Island, Savelle has two wins and a save and allowed only four hits and one (earned) run in 15 1/3 innings.

Eastern broke a scoreless game with two runs in the bottom of the fourth, two more in the fifth and another in the sixth. An infield error, RBI double by freshman **Kelly Carino (GREENWICH)** and RBI bunt single by sophomore **Andrea Tarbox (ENFIELD)** gave Eastern a 2-0 lead in the fourth. Senior catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** drove in a run with an infield single in the fifth and a throwing error made it 4-0. Freshman **Karen Taber's (DEEP RIVER)** second home run of the season leading off the sixth accounted for a fifth run.

Eastern Conn. 5, Rhode Island College 0

Rhode Island College (21-14-1)	000	000	0	--	0	1	2
Eastern Conn. (21-16)	000	221	x	--	5	7	0

Nicole Riley (10-7) and Rachael Caldwell. Lindsay Savelle (14-6) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Kelly Carino (E); 3B-Lauren Bedini (E); HR-Karen Taber (2) (E).

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Thursday, April 29, 2004

HIT-BATSMEN ENDS LONGEST GAME IN EASTERN SOFTBALL HISTORY

Warriors force in winning run in bottom of 20th inning in Little East tournament opener

~~Keene, NH --~~
~~WILLIMANTIC, Conn.~~ -- A hit-batsmen with one out in the bottom of the 20th inning ended the longest game in conference and Eastern Connecticut State University softball history Thursday and gave the University of Southern Maine a 2-1 win in the opening game of the 2004 Little East Conference tournament at Owl Athletic Complex on the campus of Keene State College.

Fifth-seeded Eastern (20-17) falls into a losers' bracket game in the six-team, double-elimination tournament and will play Friday morning at 11 a.m. against the loser of Friday's 9 a.m. game between fourth-seeded Western Connecticut State University (22-14) and second-seeded Rhode Island College (21-12). The loser of that 11 a.m. game is eliminated and the winner advances in loser's bracket to play at 5 p.m. Friday against the winner of Friday's 1 p.m. game between sixth-seeded Plymouth State University (15-15) and top-seeded Keene State College (26-9).

Southern Maine (30-7) won its second extra-inning game later in the day, avenging two losses to top-seeded Keene State last Saturday by upsetting the No. 1 seeded-Owls 2-1 in 12 innings.

Ranked third in the NCAA Division III New England Region, Southern Maine ended the four-hour marathon against Eastern when it snapped a run of 13 consecutive scoreless innings by scoring the winning run against Eastern freshman **Nikki Vahon (EAST HADDAM)** with one out in the bottom of the 20th. After striking out Natasha Jackson to open the inning, Vachon walked two batters, then gave up a single to Jessie Becher which loaded the bases. Freshman Jen Cordone, who had been inserted as a pinch-hitter in the 16th inning, was then hit by a pitch to force in the winning run.

Senior Renee Heath's third home run of the year leading off the fourth had given Southern Maine a 1-0 lead but senior shortstop **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** tied the game when she drove in pinch runner **Leigha Abair (EAST HARTFORD)** from second with a two-out RBI double to left field. An infield ground out left D'Amico stranded.

Junior Melissa Henderson pitched the final eight scoreless innings to gain her 16th win in 18 decisions. Henderson allowed only two hits while fanning four and walking two. Sophomore Katie Mainville pitched the first 12 innings for the Huskies, fanning 14 and walking only one and giving one run on three hits. Eastern senior **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** worked the first 14 innings for Eastern, allowing only one run on the home run on six hits while fanning three and walking one.

A number of team and individual records were set in the game. Until Thursday, the longest game played in the program's 28-year history had been 13 innings and occurred in 1979 against Central Connecticut State University and two years later against the University of Connecticut. Individually, sophomore starter **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** set a record by pitching 14 innings and D'Amico,

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senior catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** and freshman **Kelly Carino (GREENWICH)** set records by collecting eight official at-bats. Freshman third baseman **Karen Taber's (DEEP RIVER)** 11 assists also established a standard.

U. of Southern Maine 2, Eastern Conn. 1, 20 inn.

Eastern Conn. (20-17)	000	001	000	000	000	000	00	--1	5	3	
Southern Maine (29-7)		000	100	000	000	000	000	01`	--2	10	1

Lindsay Savelle, Nikki Vachon (15) and Kelly Rowan. Katie Mainville, Melissa Henderson (13) and Kristen Tong. WP-Henderson (6-10). LP-Vachon (6-10). 2B-Shari D'Amico (E), Tong (S); HR-Renee Heath (3) (S).

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Sunday, April 25, 2004

EASTERN SOFTBALL RALLIES PAST WESTERN CONN. IN LEC *With three runs in seventh, Warriors take opener 3-2; drop nightcap, 8-0*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. - Freshman centerfielder **Kelly Carino (GREENWICH)** capped a three-run, seventh-inning rally with a game-ending RBI single to lift the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team to a 3-2 win over Western Connecticut State University and an eventual split of Sunday afternoon's Little East Conference doubleheader at Spector Field.

Behindjunior pitcher Brooke Morris's complete-game two-hitter, Western (20-13, 9-5 little east) won the second game, 8-0. The game was stopped after five innings due to the eight-run rule.

Limited to three hits over the first six innings in the first game by Western starter Kristy Swanson, Eastern (20-16, 8-6 little east) wiped out a two-run deficit by scoring three runs on four hits and two walks without an out in the seventh. In the seventh, Swanson was lifted in favor of freshman Meg Cirigliano after the first two Eastern batters reached on a single and walk. Freshman rightfielder **Lauren Bedini (SEYMOUR)** greeted Cirigliano with a single that loaded the bases and senior shortstop **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** tied the game with a two-run single that moved Bedini to third. D'Amico took second on the throw to the plate and senior catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** was walked intentionally to load the bases. Carino then ended the game when she singled on a 2-1 pitch that plated Bedini with the winning run. It was the first hit of the game for Carino, who had grounded out and reached twice on errors.

Sophomore pitcher **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)**, who had opened the seventh inning with a pinch single, pitched a complete-game seven-hitter to earn her 13th win in 19 decisions. Savelle, who gave up only two hits after the third inning, fanned five and walked one and hit a batter.

In the second game, Morris (8-2) shut down the Warriors on two hits and the Colonials collected 12 hits -- four players recording two hits -- off three Eastern pitchers. Leading 3-0, Western broke the game open in the fourth by scoring five runs on six hits and two Eastern errors. Senior catcher Christie Valie drove in four runs a pair of RBI singles while sophomore third baseman Emily Cullen reached safely three times with two hits and a hit-by-pitch, drove in a run scored two.

Eastern and Western open play in the six-team, double-elimination Little East Conference tournament Thursday at No. 1 seed Keenc State College.

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Sunday, April 25, 2004
Softball

First Game
Eastern Conn. 3, Western Conn. 2

Western Conn. (19-13, 8-5 little east)	011	000	0	--	2	7	3
Eastern Conn. (20-15, 8-5 little east)	000	000	3	--	3	7	2

None out when winning run scored.

Kristy Swanson, Meg Cirigliano (7) and Christine Valic. Lindsay Savelle (13-6) and Kelly Rowan.
LP-Cirigliano (6-5). 2B-

Second Game
Western Conn. 8, Eastern Conn. 0 (5 inn.)

Eastern Conn. (20-16, 8-6 little east)	000	00	--	0	2	3
Western Conn. (20-13, 9-5 little east)	003	5x	--	8	12	0

Nikki Vachon (6-9), Brooke Nici (3), Lindsay Savelle (4) and Kelly Rowan. Brooke Morris (8-2) and Christine Valie. 2B-Annmarie Fillian (E).

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Saturday, April 24, 2004

RIC KEENE STATE

STREAKING EASTERN SOFTBALL SWEEPS RHODE ISLAND, 2-1, 4-1
Savelle pitches two-hitter in opener; D'Amico sparks team to second win

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Sophomore pitcher **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** pitched a complete-game two-hitter in the opener and senior shortstop **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** contributed to all of the team's runs in the second game as Eastern Connecticut State University swept Rhode Island College, 2-1, 4-1 Saturday in a Little East conference softball doubleheader at Spector Field.

Playing its sixth doubleheader in eight days, Eastern (19-15, 7-5 little east) stopped a four-game losing streak at the hands of Rhode Island (21-12-1), which entered play sharing second place in the conference. Eastern has won eight of its last ten and improved its northern record to 14-10 with its fourth doubleheader sweep in seven days. The Anchorwomen had entered play with a 5-1-1 record in their last seven games. The losses extinguished their chances of finishing with a share-of the regular-season title.

Both teams have already qualified for the six-team, double elimination conference tournament which gets underway Thursday at Keene, NH. Keene State clinched the regular-season title and No. 1 seed by sweeping second-place University of Southern Maine Saturday.

Freshman third baseman **Karen Taber (DEEP RIVER)** plated the tying and go-ahead runs with a two-run, two-out single in the bottom of the sixth inning of the first game. Senior **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** scored from third and senior **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** scored from second on the hit. D'Amico had walked and Rowan had reached with a bunt single. Savelle fanned four without a walk and out-duelled all-conference senior pitcher Kim Warrington. Last year, Savelle was victimized by eight unearned runs and Warrington tossed a four-hitter in the first game of Rhode Island's regular-season sweep.

In the second game, D'Amico contributed to all of Eastern's runs by driving in two runs and scoring two. She walked and scored on Rowan's single in the first inning, drove in junior **Annamarie Fillian (CANTON)** with a single in the third inning and tripled in a run and scored a run in the fifth inning. D'Amico has hit safely in nine of her last 11 games, batting .514 (19-for-37) with 12 RBI, 14 runs scored, four doubles, four home runs and two triples.

Freshman **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** pitched into the sixth inning to gain the second-game win and Savelle earned the save. Vachon did not allow an earned run, giving up five hits, one walk while striking out two. Savelle gave up an RBI single when she replaced Vachon with two outs and the bases loaded and Eastern leading 4-0 in the sixth. Savelle got a come-backer to end the inning and retired the side in order in the seventh.

Eastern closes out its Little East Conference regular season Sunday with a 1 p.m. makeup doubleheader against visiting Western Connecticut State University.

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Saturday, April 24, 2004
Softball

First Game
Eastern Conn. 2, Rhode Island College 1

Rhode Island College (21-11, 9-4 little east)	001	000	0	--	1	2	2	
Eastern Conn. (18-15, 6-5 little east)		000	002	x	--	2	3	0

Kim Warrington (11-6) and Rachael Caldwell. Lindsay Savelle(12-6) and Kelly Rowan.

Second Game
Eastern Conn. 4, Rhode Island College 1

Eastern Conn. (19-15, 7-5 little east)		101	020	0	--	4	6	1
Rhode Island College (21-12-1, 9-5 little east)		000	001	0	--	1	6	4

Nikki Vachon (6-8), Lindsay Savelle (6) and Kelly Rowan. Nicole Riley (10-6) and Rachael Caldwell. Save-Savelle (2). 3B-Shari D'Amico (E).

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Thursday, April 22, 2004

TUFTS SNAPS EASTERN SOFTBALL'S SIX-GAME WINNING STREAK

Warriors leave tying run aboard in seventh inning of each game in 4-3, 3-2 setbacks

MEDFORD, Mass. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University softball team left the tying run on second base in the seventh inning of each game as the Warriors dropped a non-conference doubleheader to Tufts University, 4-3, 3-2 Thursday afternoon at Spicer Field.

Trailing 4-1 in the first game, the Warriors (17-15) got two back in the top of the sixth inning but couldn't gain the equalizer after putting the tying run on second base after there were two out and no one on base. With Eastern trailing 3-2 with the tying run on second base in the seventh inning of the second game, freshman centerfielder **Kelly Carino (GREENWICH)** lined out to third base to end the game.

Tufts (14-14) has won seven straight while Eastern had a six-game winning streak. Snapped. The Warriors were playing their fifth doubleheader in six days.

Sophomore pitcher **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** pitched 9 2/3 innings in two games, allowing only seven hits while fanning one and walking one. Savelle (11-6) went the distance in losing the opener, ending the game with three scoreless innings after giving up all four runs through the first three.

The Warriors tied the second game with two runs in the fourth inning of the nightcap. Consecutive doubles by senior catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** and freshman third baseman **Karen Taber (DEEP RIVER)** produced the first run and sophomore rightfielder **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** tied the game with an RBI single. The Jumbos escaped further damage, however, when winning pitcher Pam Swidler (4-3) got a called strikeout and catcher Julie Fox picked Nici off second.

Julia Brenta (4-4) picked a complete-game six hitter for Tufts in the opener, fanning six and walking one.

On March 25, Eastern had collected 11 hits off Brenta and Swidler in a 12-4 win at the Sun West Tournament at Orange, CA.

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Senior shortstop **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** had two of Eastern's five hits in the first game while Rowan had a double in each game. D'Amico had an eight-game hitting streak stopped in the second game. During her eight-game hitting streak, D'Amico batted .567 (17-for-30) with ten RBI, 11 runs, four doubles, four home runs and a triple. In the last nine games, Rowan is batting .545 (12-for-22) with nine RBI, four runs, two doubles and a home run. Rowan is batting a team-leading .366, D'Amico .364.

Eastern closes out its Little East Conference regular-season this weekend, hosting Rhode Island College Saturday at 1 p.m. and Western Connecticut State University Sunday at noon. Both are doubleheaders.

Tufts U. 4, Eastern Conn. 3

Eastern Conn. (17-14)	001	002	0	--	3	5	1
Tufts (13-14)	211	000	x	--	4	6	1

Lindsay Savelle (11-6) and Kelly Rowan. Juile Brenta (4-4) and Julie Fox. 2B-Rowan (E), Fox, Courtney Bongiolatti (T).

Tufts U. 3, Eastern Conn. 2

Eastern Conn. (17-15)	000	200	0	--	2	6	3
Tufts U. (14-14)		002	100	x	--	3	5 2

Nikki Vachon (5-8), Savelle (4) and Rowan. Pam Swidler (4-3) and Julie Fox. 2B-Rowan, Karen Taber (E), Courtney Bongiolatti (T).

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COLLEGE SOFTBALL FINAL SCORES

Tufts 4 Eastern Connecticut 3
 Tufts 3 Eastern Connecticut 2

At Medford, MA

Game 1

Eastern Conn.	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	=	3-5-1
Tufts	2	1	1	0	0	0	x	=	4-6-1

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T – Julia Brenta (4-4) and Julie Fox; E – Lindsay Savelle (11-6) and Kelly Rowan.

Game 2

Eastern Conn.	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	=	2-6-3
Tufts	0	0	2	1	0	0	x	=	3-5-2

T – Pam Swidler (4-3) and Julie Fox; E – Nikki Vachon, Lindsay Savelle (4) and Kelly Rowan.
 LP – Vachon (5-8).

Records – T, 14-14; E, 17-15.

JUMBOS SWEEP EASTERN CONNECTICUT IN SOFTBALL ACTION

MEDFORD – The Tufts University Softball team climbed back to .500 (14-14) and extended its winning streak to seven games by sweeping Eastern Connecticut State University (17-15) in a double-header on Seniors' Day at Spicer Field on Thursday. The Jumbos won 4-3 and 3-2.

The game marked the last at home for Tufts seniors **Deana Davidian** (Pelham, NY), **Julie Fox** (Willow Spring, IL), **Maggie McClory** (Melrose, MA) and **Pam Swidler** (Stamford, CT). The wins also were a measure of revenge for the Jumbos after a 12-4 loss to the Warriors during their spring trip in March.

Tufts took an early 3-0 lead in the first game. In the first inning, freshman LF **Annie Ross** (Newton, MA) popped a single over shortstop, Fox drilled a double to the left field gap, and junior 1B **Katie Smith** (Convent Station, NJ) singled down the left field line for the first run of the game. A grounder to second scored Fox. In the second, lead-off batter **Sarah Taylor** (Marshfield, MA) was hit by a pitch. After advancing to third, she scored on a two-out single by Davidian.

Eastern Connecticut got one back in the third. Junior LF **Annamarie Fillian** (Canton, CT) bunted for a base hit and stole second. She scored on a single to right by senior SS **Shari D'Amico** (Trumbull, CT).

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Tufts made it three straight innings of scoring in the third when they got a run with two outs to lead 4-1. Smith grounded a hard single back through the box and junior SS **Courtney Bongiolatti (Locust, NJ)** followed with a double to the fence that brought her home.

After Tufts pitcher **Julia Brenta (San Anselmo, CA)** retired seven straight batters in the middle innings, the Warriors ended their skid in the sixth. After a walk to freshman CF **Kelly Carino (Greenwich, CT)** and a single by D'Amico, senior C **Kelly Rowan (Watertown, CT)** smacked a two-run double to make the score 4-3. Brenta stranded Rowan by getting a fly ball out and a strike out. After retiring the first two hitters in the top of the seventh, the Jumbos couldn't get the put-out on a bunt by freshman RF **Lauren Bedini (Seymour, CT)**. She then took second on an illegal pitch to put the tying run in scoring position, but Fillian popped up a bunt that Fox caught to end the game.

Brenta went the distance for her fourth win, allowing five hits and striking out six. Smith went 2 for 2 with a run and an RBI for the Jumbos. Eastern's **Lindsay Savelle (Cheshire, CT)** took the loss, allowing six hits and four runs in six innings. D'Amico had two hits for the Warriors.

Tufts took a 2-0 second-game lead in the third inning with the help of two Eastern errors. McClory was hit by a pitch to lead off. After a sacrifice and a line drive that D'Amico caught after it deflected off freshman 3B **Karen Taber (Deep River, CT)**, a ground ball error moved McClory to third. She then scored the game's first run on a single by Fox. Another ground ball error by the Warriors prolonged the inning and loaded the bases. Bongiolatti then drew a walk to force home the second run.

Back-to-back doubles by Rowan and Taber to lead off the fourth gave Eastern its first run, and they weren't done. After a fly out moved Taber to third, she scored on an infield single by sophomore RF **Brook Nici (Clinton, MA)** to tie the score at 2-2.

Tufts got the lead right back in the fourth on another two-out hit by Davidian. Her single scored sophomore RF **Jess Barrett (Milford, MA)**, who had reached on a fielder's choice and took second on a wild pitch. The hit chased Eastern starter **Nikki Vachon (East Haddam, CT)** and Savelle entered in relief.

Eastern again was able to put the tying run on second base in the top of the seventh, but Taylor grabbed Carino's line drive at third and the sweep was in the books.

Swidler went the distance in game two for the Jumbos, allowing six hits and two runs while striking out four. Davidian was 2 for 4 with the RBI. Vachon was tagged with the loss. Taber was 1 for 2 with a run and an RBI for the Warriors.

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Wednesday, April 21, 2004

D'AMICO, ROWAN POWER EASTERN SOFTBALL TO SWEEP
D'Amico collects 16 totals bases, Rowan records 100th career hit in victories

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. -- Seniors **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** and **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** combined for 11 hits and 24 totals bases to power the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team to 7-3, 7-2 wins over Springfield College Wednesday at Potter Field.

Eastern (17-13), which has won its last six following a five-game losing streak, has swept three doubleheaders over the last four days and has beaten Springfield (19-12) four of the last five times the teams have met. The Pride reached last year's ECAC New England Division III tournament championship game as the No. 1 seed.

In the doubleheader, D'Amico was 6-for-8 with two doubles, two home runs and a triple, five runs scored and three RBI. Rowan, who recorded her 100th career hit in the opener with a fifth-inning infield single, was 5-for-8 in the sweep with three runs and four RBI and her first home run of the season in the nightcap.

Backed by a 25 hit-effort, sophomore **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** and freshman **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** recorded complete-game victories on the mound. Savelle (11-5) won her third straight decision in the opener while Vachon (5-7) went the distance for the second straight start. Each allowed six hits. Savelle fanned six and walked two; Vachon struck out four and walked none.

Batting 3-4 in the order, D'Amico and Rowan each were 3-for-4 in the first game and drove in a run. D'Amico had two doubles and a home run and scored three runs while Rowan scored twice. Freshman-third baseman **Karen Taber (DEEP RIVER)**, batting fifth, also scored twice and Vachon drove in two runs. In the nightcap, D'Amico had a triple and registered her third home run in as many games while Rowan blasted her first home run of the season. In the second game, D'Amico hit a two-run home run in a three-run third inning, both D'Amico and Rowan singled in a two-run fourth and in the sixth, D'Amico led off with a triple and Rowan followed with a two-run homer.

Junior leftfielder **Annmarie Fillian (CANTON)**, batting leadoff, was 3-for-5 in the second game with two runs scored while No. 2 hitter **Kelly Carino (GREENWICH)** had two hits, drove in two runs and scored one.

With six hits, D'Amico moved into the program's Top Ten. She is ranked tenth with 156 hits, one behind Julia Neilson and 36 behind all-time leader Leanne Shoop. D'Amico and Rowan are the team's only two seniors.

Eastern visits Tufts University Thursday for a 3:30 p.m. doubleheader.

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First Game
Eastern Conn. 7, Springfield College 3

Eastern Conn. (16-13)	100	231	0	--	7	12	1
Springfield College (19-11)	200	000	1	--	3	6	4

Lindsay Savelle (11-5) and Kelly Rowan. Amy Brucker (10-7), Kellie McDonald (4) and Missy Edwards. 2B-Shari D'Amico 2, Karen Taber (E); HR-D'Amico (4) (E).

Second Game
Eastern Conn. 7, Springfield College 2

Eastern Conn. (17-13)	003	202	0	--	7	13	4
Springfield College (19-12)	001	00	1	--	2	6	1

Nikki Vachon (5-7) and Kelly Rowan. Brittany Dielemans (9-5), Amy Brucker (6) and Missy Edwards. 2B-Kelly Carino 2 (E), Sarah Bagierck (S); 3B-Shari D'Amico (E); HR-D'Amico (4), Rowan (1) (E).

Sunday, April 18, 2004

BEHIND VACHON'S NO-HITTER, EASTERN SOFTBALL SWEEPS
Freshman faces one over minimum to post program's 28th no-hitter in 1-0 win

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** pitched the 28th no-hitter in Eastern Connecticut State University fastpitch softball history -- facing only one batter over the minimum -- as the Warriors shut out Wesleyan University twice Sunday afternoon at Howard Spector Field.

Eastern (13-13) won the opener 1-0 on senior shortstop **Shari D'Amico's (TRUMBULL)** one-out RBI single in the bottom of the eighth inning and the Warriors backed Vachon's no-hitter by scoring three runs in the third inning of the nightcap in a 3-0 win.

The no-hitter and shutout are the first in the career of Vachon (4-7), who was making her first start in nine days. Only a two-out walk in the fourth inning to No. 3 hitter Vicky Russo stood between the right-hander and a perfect game. Vachon fanned three and allowed only two balls out of the infield -- a line drive to right field with one out in the third and a game-ending fly ball to left.

The no-hitter was the 28th in the program's 28-year history -- first since Karen Kaczynski pitched a five-inning no-hitter in an 11-0 win over Massachusetts Boston April 9, 2001 at Spector Field. The last freshman to pitch a no-hitter was Christia Mohan, who recorded five of them in 1987.

Eastern scored the only runs Vachon would need in the third inning on two hits and two walks and a throwing error on a stolen base attempt.

D'Amico's RBI single chased home freshman rightfielder **Lauren Bedini (SEYMOUR)** from third base with one out in the eighth inning for the only run of the first game. No. 9 hitter Bedini opened the inning on second base in accordance with the international tie-breaker rule and was bunted to third by leadoff hitter **Anumarie Fillian (CANTON)**. Losing pitcher Molly Gaebe got an infield pop to first base for the first out before No. 3 hitter D'Amico drove in her ninth run of the season with a hard single to left. It was the second hit of the game for D'Amico who was stranded on second after a two-out double to the fence in left in the first inning. She also walked and was left stranded in the sixth.

The Warriors won the opener behind sophomore **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)**, who allowed only three singles in recording her third complete-game shutout. Savelle fanned five and did not walk a batter. Wesleyan's (8-15) hits were recorded by sophomore catcher Lauren Kunzik with one out in the first, No. 4 hitter Sue Frost with two out in the fourth and senior second baseman Kelly Harris with one out in the seventh.

Senior catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** had four hits in the sweep -- including three of the team's seven in the second game -- to move to within three of 100 hits in her four-year career.

Eastern hosts Massachusetts Dartmouth Tuesday in a Little East Conference doubleheader at 3:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, April 20, 2004

SAVELLE, D'AMICO LEAD EASTERN SOFTBALL TO IEC SWEEP
Warriors climb over .500 mark with 8-0, 5-3 doubleheader sweep of UMass Dartmouth

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Senior shortstop **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** had five hits and three RBI and sophomore **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** pitched a one-hitter in the opener as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team swept the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, 8-0 in five innings and 5-3 in a Little East Conference doubleheader Tuesday at Howard Spector Field.

In the opener, Savelle's (10-5) bid for the staff's second no-hitter in three days was spoiled with two outs in the fifth on No. 8 hitter Shannon Allberry's single. D'Amico, who singled twice in the first game, had three hits, scored twice and drove in two runs in the nightcap. She had an RBI single and scored in a two-run second inning, hit a solo home run -- her second homer of the year -- with one out in the fifth and doubled with one out in the seventh.

Eastern (15-13, 5-5 little east) has won four straight this year and the last 15 against UMass Dartmouth (2-12, 1-9 little east)

Sophomore **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** and freshman **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** combined to win the nightcap. Nici allowed only two hits through the first four innings and left with a 5-1 lead to post her first win of the year after one loss. Vachon gave up five hits and one earned run over the final three innings in recording her first save.

Senior catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** had two singles and two RBI in the opener to move to within one of the 100th hit in her four-year career. In addition to D'Amico and Rowan, junior leftfielder **Annmarie Fillian (CANTON)** and sophomore second baseman **Andrea Tarbox (ENFIELD)** each had two hits in the first game.

Eastern visits Springfield College Wednesday for a 3:30 p.m. makeup doubleheader.

First Game

Eastern Conn. 8, Massachusetts Dartmouth 0 (5 inn.)

UMass Dartmouth (2-11, 1-8 little east)	000	00	--	0	1	2
Eastern Conn. (14-13, 4-5 little east)	206	0x	--	8	10	1

Jennifer Ayotte and Shannon Allberry. Lindsay Savelle (10-5) and Kelly Rowan, Megan Lemos (5).

Second Game

Eastern Conn. 5, Massachusetts Dartmouth 3

Eastern Conn. (15-13, 5-5 little east)	202	010	0	--	5	6	2
UMass Dartmouth (2-12, 1-9 little east)	001	010	1	--	3	8	0

Brooke Nici (1-1), Nikki Vachon (5) and Karen Taber. Amanda Leal and Cheryl Boltruczyk. Save-Taber (1). 2B-Shari D'Amico (E), Boltruczyk, Tracy Penney (MD); HR-D'Amico (2) (E).

NOTE: UMass Dartmouth pitching records unavailable.

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Saturday, April 17, 2004

NO. 13 SOUTHERN MAINE SWEEPS EASTERN SOFTBALL 3-0, 6-3
Warriors fall in second game after jumping out to 3-0 lead in first inning

GORHAM, Maine -- Sophomore Katie Mainville pitched a complete-game two-hitter in the first game and the University of Southern Maine softball team erased an early three-run deficit in the second game in sweeping Eastern Connecticut State University 3-0, 6-3 in a Little East Conference doubleheader Saturday afternoon at Towers Field.

Ranked No. 13 nationally, Southern Maine (22-3-1, 7-1 little east) pushed its unbeaten streak to 14 (13-0-1) in defeating the Warriors (11-13, 3-5 little east) for the 18th time in the last 19 meetings. Eastern has lost five straight this year.

Freshman third baseman **Karen Taber (DEEP RIVER)** and sophomore DH **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** had Eastern's hits in the opener against Mainville (12-0), who pitched her sixth shutout in 12 starts this year. Mainville fanned eight and walked only one, facing only three batters over the minimum.

Mainville outdueled Eastern sophomore **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)**, who shut down the Huskies on four hits and one unearned run after junior catcher Kristen Tong had staked the hosts to a 2-0 lead with a two-out, two-run double in the first inning. Tong came to bat after a wild pitch on Savelle's (8-5) strikeout of senior rightfielder Darci Holland prolonged the inning.

Taber had a one-out single in the second but was stranded when Mainville got a strikeout and ground ball to end the inning. Nici singled with one out in the fifth but her pinch runner was thrown out attempting to steal second.

In the nightcap, senior shortstop **Shari D'Amico's (TRUMBULL)** third career home run -- a two-run shot -- and sparked a three-run Eastern first inning but winning pitcher Melissa Henderson gave up only three hits the rest of the way to post her ninth win in 12 decisions. Southern Maine got one run back in

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the second inning and chased losing pitcher Nici (0-1) in favor of Savelle in a five-run fourth inning. The Huskies parlayed five of their game's 11 hits in that inning, scoring all of their runs after there were two out and one runner aboard. An outfield error opened the inning. Holland and Tong each had RBI doubles in the inning.

Sophomore second baseman **Andrea Tarbox (ENFIELD)** reached safely three times in the second game. She had two of the team's even hits and also drew the team's only walk.

Eastern hosts Wesleyan University Sunday in a 2 p.m. makeup doubleheader.

First Game

U. of Southern Maine 3, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (11-12, 3-4 little east)	000	000	0	-- 0	2	2
Southern Maine (21-3-1, 6-1 little east)	200	010	x	-- 3	7	1

Lindsay Savelle (8-5) and Kelly Rowan. Katie Mainville (12-0) and Kristen Tong. 2B-Tong (S).

Second Game

U. of Southern Maine 6, Eastern Conn. 3

Southern Maine (22-3-1, 7-1)	010	500	0	-- 6	11	0
Eastern Conn. (11-13, 3-5 little east)	300	000	0	-- 3	7	1

Melissa Henderson (9-3) and Kristen Tong. Brooke Nici (0-1), Lindsay Savelle (4) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Jennie Becher, Darci Holland, Tong (S); HR-Shari D'Amico (1) (E).

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Saturday, April 10, 2004

EASTERN SOFTBALL STOPPED ON FOUR HITS IN TWO LOSSES

Keene State pitcher tosses perfect game in opener; Warriors swept 2-0, 9-2

KEENE, NH -- Keene State College junior Meghan McLoughlin pitched a perfect game in the opener, then returned to gain a three-inning save in the nightcap as the Owls swept the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team 2-0, 9-2 Saturday afternoon in Little East Conference action at Owl Stadium Complex.

A winner of six straight, Keene (14-4, 3-1 little east) picked up 20 hits off two Eastern (11-11, 3-3 little east) pitchers in sweeping the regular-season series after the teams had split doubleheaders each of the last two years. As the No. 5 seed, Keene won last year's conference tournament championship and is the pre-season favorite to repeat this year.

McLoughlin (4-1) retired all 21 batters she faced in the opener and Keene scored its only two runs in the first inning against Eastern sophomore **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)**. Savelle, who started and took the loss in both games, allowed only seven hits in the opener without a walk while fanning eight.

Eastern, which has committed 53 errors in 22 games this year, committed both of its first-game errors to help the Owls score their two first-inning runs.

Keene scored three runs in the second inning of the nightcap and carried a 4-0 lead into the fifth, when the Warriors score their only two runs of the afternoon on a sacrifice fly by senior catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** and an RBI single by freshman centerfielder **Kelly Carino (GREENWICH)**. Senior shortstop **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** had Eastern's other three hits.

Jen Norman had four hits -- including a triple -- and drove in three runs in Keene's 13-hit attack in the second game.

Eastern hosts Western Connecticut State University Tuesday in a 5 p.m. doubleheader at Howard Spector Field.

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First Game
Keene State College 2, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (11-10, 3-2 little east)	000	000	0	--	0	0	2
Keene State (13-4, 2-1 little east)	200	000	x	--	2	7	0

Lindsay Savelle (8-3) and Kelly Rowan. Meghan McLoughlin (4-1) and Tiffany Underhill.

Second Game
Keene State College 9, Eastern Conn. 2

Keene State (14-4, 3-1 little east)	030	102	3	--	9	13	2
Eastern Conn. (11-11, 3-3 little east)	000	020	0	--	2	4	3

Erin Fouroli (6-0), Meghan McLoughlin (5) and Tiffany Underhill. Lindsay Savelle (8-4), Brooke Nici (5) and Kelly Rowan. Save-McLoughlin (4).

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Keene State College Softball Game Report McLoughlin Pitches perfect game in Owls Sweep Over Eastern Conn.

Game #1

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Eastern Conn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Keene State	2	0	0	0	0	0	X	2	7	0

KS: Meghan McLoughlin and Tiffany Underhill; EC: Lindsay Savelle and Kelly Rowan; WP-McLoughlin (4-1); LP- Savelle (8-3);

Game #2

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Keene State	0	3	0	1	0	2	3	9	13	2
Eastern Conn.	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	4	3

KS: Erin Fouroli, McLoughlin (5), and Tiffany Underhill; EC: Savelle, Brooke Nici (5), and Rowan; WP-Fouroli (6-0); LP: Savelle (8-4); Save McLoughlin (4)

Records: KS 14-4 (3-1 LEC); EC: 11-11 (3-3 LEC)

KEENE, N.H. 4/10/04 — It was a historic Saturday at Owl Athletic Complex as Meghan McLoughlin tossed a perfect game in Keene State College's 2-0 opening game victory over Eastern Conn. State University in a Little East Conference softball doubleheader in Keene. The junior from Brattleboro, Vt., also came in to pick up her fourth save of the season in KSC's 9-2 win in the second game. McLoughlin struck out six of the seven batters she faced. Winners of six straight, KSC improved 14-4 (3-1 LEC) with the sweep.

"I had no idea I was pitching a perfect game," said McLoughlin, who finished the contest with seven strikeouts. "My location was there, my riseball was moving, and my catcher Tiffany Underhill called a great game." "It was a great feeling because everyone contributed to the win," she added. "We had timely hitting and great fielding behind me."

McLoughlin (4-1), who caught a pop up from Shari D'Amico for the final out, tossed a no-hitter in the LEC Tournament against Southern Maine last season.

"Meghan was on her game from the opening pitch," said KSC Coach Charlie Beach. "As far as I know it's the program's first perfect game."

The Owls got both of their runs in the first inning. KSC scored a run on a pair of errors and Abby Collis Wynantskill, N.Y.) doubled high off the right center fence to score Caroline Kurkowski (Niskayuna, N.Y.)

Lindsay Saville (Cheshire, Conn.) (8-3), who struck out eight and didn't walk a batter, took the loss for the Warriors (11-11, 3-3 LEC).

In the second game, Jen Norman (Penacook, N.H.) went four-for-four with a triple and three RBIs to lead KSC's 13 hit attack. Kurkowski had a pair of doubles and two RBIs and Sarah Campbell (Auburn, Mass.) had a couple of hits.

KSC led 4-0 into the fifth when ECSU got two runs back on a sacrifice fly by Kelly Rowan (Watertown, Conn.) and an RBI single from Kelly Carino (Greenwich, Conn.). Shari D'Amico (Trumbull, Conn.) went three-for-four for ECSU. KSC picked up a couple of insurance runs in the sixth on Kurkowski's two run double. Norman added a two-run triple in the top of the seventh.

Erin Fouroli (Warwick, R.I.) pitched into the fifth inning to notch her sixth win (6-0) of the season before giving way to McLoughlin.

Saville (8-4) also took the loss on the mound in the second game for ECSU.

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Friday, April 9, 2004

EASTERN, PLYMOUTH SPLIT LITTLE EAST SOFTBALL DOUBLEHEADER

Bedini makes winner of Savelle in opener with eighth-inning double in 1-0 win

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman second baseman **Lauren Bedini (SEYMOUR)** drove in junior leftfielder **Annamarie Fillian (CANTON)** with a two-out double in the bottom of the eighth inning to give the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team a 1-0 Little East Conference win over Plymouth State University Friday afternoon at Spector Field.

In the second game, Plymouth scored twice in the third inning on junior rightfielder Sara Madden's two-out, two-run single to break open a close game and lead the Panthers to a 4-1 victory.

Eastern's (11-9, 3-1 little east) first-game win was the fourth straight win for the Warriors in regular-season play against Plymouth (7-8, 1-1 little east), last year's ECAC New England Division III champion.

In the first game, Plymouth couldn't capitalize on freshman catcher Cathy Aimola's leadoff double in the top of the eighth inning and Eastern made a winner of sophomore pitcher **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** in the bottom of the inning by scoring the only run after there were two out and no runners on. Leadoff hitter Fillian legged out an infield single against junior All-America pitcher Kim Jeffs (5-4) and Bedini drilled a one-strike pitch through the game in left-center to plate Fillian from first.

For the second straight year, Savelle out-dueled Jeffs in extra innings. Last year, Savelle (8-2) delivered a game-winning single in the bottom of the tenth-inning in Eastern's 2-1 victory.

In the first game, Savelle allowed only three hits in recording her second shutout of the year. She fanned five and walked two. Jeffs pitched a six-hitter, striking out seven without walking a batter.

Jeffs gained revenge for three career losses to Eastern in the second game, allowing only an unearned run over the first five innings before giving way to sophomore Rose Eaton. Jeffs left with a 4-1 lead and Eaton gained her first save by limiting the Warriors to one hit over the final two innings. Jeffs fanned four and walked one.

In the second game, Plymouth scored twice in the first inning after there were two out and no runners on, and after Eastern got one back in the second, added two more in the third on Madden's two-run single. Plymouth had three straight hits in the first inning against Eastern freshman **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** -- a triple by senior shortstop Michelle Knox, an RBI double by junior third baseman Niki Ramback and an RBI single by senior DP Marie Curran.

Eastern cut the deficit to 2-1 with a run in the second when freshman third baseman **Karen Taber's (DEEP RIVER)** single to left was misplayed, allowing freshman centerfielder **Kelly Carino (GREENWICH)** to score from second.

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Bedini and Carino each had two hits in the first game and senior shortstop **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** had two in the nightcap for Eastern. In the second game, Knox of Plymouth reached base safely three times with two hits and a walk and scored two runs.

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

Eastern Conn. 1, Plymouth State U. 0 (8 inn.)

Plymouth State (6-8, 0-1 little east)	000	000	00	--	0	3	1
Eastern Conn. (11-8, 3-0 little east)	000	000	01	--	1	6	3

Kim Jeffs (4-4) and Cathy Aimola. Lindsay Savelle (8-2) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Aimola (P), Lauren Bedini (E).

Plymouth State U. 4, Eastern Conn. 1

Eastern Conn. (11-9, 3-1 little east)	010	000	0	--	1	4	2
Plymouth State U. (7-8, 1-1 little east)	202	000	0	--	4	7	2

Nikki Vachon (3-7), Brooke Nici (3) and Kelly Rowan. Kim Jeffs (5-4), Rose Eaton (6) and Cathy Aimola. Save-Eaton (1), 2B-Niki Ramback (P); 3B-Michelle Knox (P).

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Wednesday, April 7, 2004

COAST GUARD RALLIES TWICE TO SWEEP EASTERN SOFTBALL,

Stephanie Adams drives in go-ahead runs as Bears snap Eastern's four-game win streak

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Junior shortstop Stephanie Adams accounted for eight of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy's ten runs with six RBI and two runs scored as the Bears rallied late in both games for a 6-3, 4-3 softball sweep of Eastern Connecticut State University in the Warriors' home-openers Wednesday night.

Adams snapped a 3-3 tie in the top of the seventh inning of the first game with a two-run double, then drilled a two-run triple to right to snap a 2-2 tie in the fifth inning of the nightcap.

The first-game loss snapped a four-game winning streak for Eastern (10-8), which had won five of its first six northern games. Coast Guard is 13-8.

In search of her eighth straight win, sophomore pitcher **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** allowed only four hits over the first six innings and carried a 3-2 lead into the seventh. Coast Guard had six hits in the inning off Savelle (7-2) and scored all of its runs after there were two out and a runner on second. Heidi Miller tied the game with a single to left and Adams made it 5-3 with a double to left-center.

Coast Guard, which defeated Eastern in the opening round of last year's ECAC New England Division III tournament, wiped out an 2-0 Eastern lead in the second game with two runs in the fourth and two more in the fifth. Adams scored Coast Guard's first run in the fourth inning, then ripped a two-run triple to right to put her team ahead 4-2 in the fifth.

Eastern got not a run back in the bottom of the sixth on a single by senior catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)**, a double by freshman centerfielder **Kelly Carino (GREENWICH)** and an infield ground ball but Carino was later cut down trying to score the tying run on a suicide squeeze attempt by sophomore first baseman **Andrea Tarbox (ENFIELD)**.

Savelle, who pitched ten innings Tuesday in earning a win and a save against Trinity College, pitched 9 2/3 innings against Coast Guard. After going the distance in the opener, she spelled freshman **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** when the Bears were scoring their go-ahead runs in the fifth inning of the nightcap.

Freshman Colleen Perry (7-5) pitched an eight-hitter for Coast Guard to win the opener while junior Jen Paulson (6-3) gave up six hits while fanning seven and walking one in the second game.

Bedini, Carino and Tarbox each had two hits in the first game and junior leftfielder **Annamarie Fillian (CANTON)** had two hits in the nightcap.

Eastern hosts Plymouth State University Friday in a 3:30 p.m. Little East Conference makeup doubleheader from Sunday.

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Wednesday, April 7, 2004

Softball

First Game

U.S. Coast Guard Academy 6, Eastern Conn. 3

Coast Guard (12-8)	200	000	4	--	6	10	2
Eastern Conn. (10-7)	003	000	0	--	3	8	3

Colleen Perry (7-5) and Beth Newton. Lindsay Savelle (7-2) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Stephanie Adams 2, Jen Paulson (C), Lauren Bedini (E).

Second Game

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

Coast Guard (13-8)	000	220	0	--	4	3	1
Eastern Conn. (10-8)	101	001	0	--	3	6	5

Jen Paulson (6-3) and Heidi Miller. Nikki Vachon (3-6), Lindsay Savelle (5) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Joan Pavlish (C), Kelly Carino (E); 3B-Stephanie Adams (C).

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Tuesday, April 6, 2004

SAVELLE PITCHES EASTERN SOFTBALL TO SWEEP OF TRINITY

Sophomore doesn't allow an earned run in gaining win and save in 2-1, 1-0 wins

HARTFORD, Conn. -- Sophomore pitcher **Lindsay Savelle** (CHESHIRE) didn't allow an earned run in gaining a complete-game win and a three-inning save to power the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team to a 2-1, 1-0 doubleheader sweep of Trinity College Tuesday afternoon.

Savelle (7-1) won her seventh straight decision with a complete-game three-hitter in the opener, then got the final nine outs to save the second-game win for freshman **Nikki Vachon** (EAST HADDAM). Vachon and Savelle combined on a four-hit shutout in the nightcap. In the doubleheader, the duo never allowed more than one hit in an inning.

All four runs in the doubleheader were unearned as the teams combined for ten errors.

In ten innings in the doubleheader, Savelle gave up five hits while fanning four and walking one to lower her ERA from 2.08 to 1.73. In winning her second straight decision, Vachon allowed the Bantams (8-7) two hits while striking out one, walking two and hitting a batter.

Trinity led 1-0 in the sixth inning of the first game after scoring on a two-out infield error in the third inning but the Warriors (10-6) scored the tying and go-ahead runs after there were two out in the sixth inning on three straight infield errors. Eastern had put runners in scoring position in three innings before errors paved the way for its runs in the sixth.

The Warriors scored the only run of the second game again with two outs in the third inning. Junior leftfielder **Annmarie Fillian** (CANTON) scored from first base when senior catcher **Kelly Rowan's** (WATERTOWN) line drive was dropped in left field. The Warriors left runners in scoring position in six of seven innings.

Rowan and senior shortstop **Shari D'Amico** (TRUMBULL) each had two of Eastern's six hits in the first game while freshman second baseman **Lauren Bedini** (SEYMOUR) doubled, singled and had a sacrifice bunt in the nightcap. Bedini doubled with one out in the first inning of the second game and was singled to third by Rowan with two out but losing pitcher Sara Dougherty got an infeld ground ball to end the threat. Vachon also doubled with two ou in the fourth but Dougherty got a called strike three to end the inning.

A winner of four straight and five of six up north, Eastern hosts the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Wednesday at 5 p.m. in a re-match of last year's ECAC New England Division III tournament opener, won by the Bears. It will be Eastern's home-openers.

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Eastern Conn. 2, Trinity College 1

Eastern Conn. (9-6)	000	002	0	--	2	6	1
Trinity (8-6)	001	000	0	--	1	3	4

Lindsay Savelle (7-1) and Kelly Rowan. Victoria Moshier (5-3) and Lindsey Freeman. 2B-Freeman (T).

Eastern Conn. 1, Trinity College 0

Eastern Conn. (10-6)	001	000	0	--	1	5	2
Trinity (8-7)	000	000	0	--	0	4	3

Nikki Vachon (3-5), Lindsay Savelle (5) and Kelly Rowan. Sara Dougherty (3-4) and Lindsey Freeman. 2B-Lauren Bedini, Vachon (E).

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Saturday, April 3, 2004

SAVELLE, TABER LIFT EASTERN SOFTBALL TO LITTLE EAST SWEEP
Savelle wins sixth straight decision in first game; Taber drive sin six runs in nightcap

BOSTON, Mass. -- Sophomore pitcher **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** won her sixth consecutive decision with a six-hitter in the first game and freshman third baseman **Karen Taber (DEEP RIVER)** drove in six runs in the nightcap with a triple and grand slam home run as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team opened its Little East Conference season with 9-4, 9-2 wins over the University of Massachusetts Boston Saturday afternoon at the Clark Athletic Center.

Savelle (6-1), who has won six straight decisions since a opening 3-0 loss to Linfield College March 21, gave up four singles and two doubles while fanning six and walking two in the complete-game effort. Two of the four runs she allowed were unearned as Eastern (8-6, 2-0 little east conference) committed seven of its ten errors on the day in that game.

Taber, who had just one RBI in her first 11 games this year, stroked a two-run triple in a four-run first inning in the first inning of the second game and highlighted a five-run sixth inning with a grand slam home run. It was her first career home run. By going 4-for-5 on the day, Taber improved her batting average 61 points to a team-leading .484.

In the first game, Eastern scored twice in the fourth inning to take the lead for good, 4-3 and added four insurance runs in the fifth. Senior catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** drove in the tying and go-ahead runs with a two-out single in the fourth. In the fifth, sophomore pitcher **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** drove in her first collegiate run with a single to spark the four-run uprising. Junior leftfielder **Annamarie Fillian (CANTON)** drove in a run with a sacrifice fly and freshman second baseman **Lauren Bedini (SEYMOUR)** plated the final run with a bunt single. A run also scored on a wild pitch.

Freshman pitcher **Nikk Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** snapped a personal four-game losing streak by earning credit for the second-game win in relief of Nici. Vachon (2-5) gave up three hits whiel fanning one and walking one after taking over for the starter with the bases loaded and two outs and Eastern leading 4-2 in the fifth. Vachon got a comebacker to the mound to end the threat and did not allow a run over the final 3 1/3 innings.

The Warriors had 23 hits in the sweep. Rowan was 5-for-8 with four RBI and three runs to lift her average 49 points to .391. Senior second baseman **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** was 3-for-8 with an RBI and run.

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Saturday, April 3, 2004

College Baseball
little east conference
at Mansfield, Conn.

Game 1

Eastern Conn. 6, Massachusetts Boston 0

UMass Boston (10-6, 0-1)	000	000	000	--	0	5	4
Eastern Conn. (11-5, 1-0)	201	101	01x	--	6	10	1

Evan Tardungo (0-1) and Troy Larocque. Joey Serfass (3-0) and Adam Hevenor. 2B-Dwight Wildman, Chris DeSantis, Marc Garofalo (E); HR-DeSantis (1) (E).

Game 2

Eastern Conn. 15, Massachusetts Boston 2

UMass Boston (10-7, 0-2)	000	002	000	--	2	2	3
Eastern Conn. (12-5, 2-0)	005	115	21x	--	15	15	2

Pat Donovan (0-1), Jeff Morgan (4), Anthony Forbes (6), Ryan Barrack (8) and Jeran Mondalto. Jeremy Hall (5-0), Ty Bongiovanni (8) and Matt Cooney, Hector Colon (9). 2B-Chris King (M), Dwight Wildman 2, Leon Galemba 2 (E).

College Softball
little east conference
at Boston, MA

Game 1

Eastern Conn. 9, Massachusetts Boston 4

Eastern Conn. (7-6, 1-0)	101	240	1	--	9	12	7
UMass Boston (1-9, 0-1)	102	010	0	--	4	6	1

Lindsay Savelle (6-1) and Kelly Rowan. Stephanie Poulos (0-7) and Chris Allen. 2B-Stephanie Poulos, Jenn Murray (M).

Game 2

Eastern Conn. 9, Massachusetts Boston 2

UMass Boston (1-10, 0-2)	000	200	0	--	2	9	1
Eastern Conn. (8-6, 2-0)	400	005	x	--	9	11	3

Siobhan Lynch (1-2) and Catie O'Reilly. Brooke Nici, Nikki Vachon (4) and Kelly Rowan. WP-Vachon (2-5). 2B-Carla Collins (M); 3B-Jenn Murray (M), Katen Taber (E); HR-Taber (1) (E).

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UMASS BOSTON SOFTBALL SWEEP BY EASTERN CONNECTICUT, 9-4, 9-2

BOSTON, MA – The University of Massachusetts Boston softball team was swept in a Little East Conference doubleheader by Eastern Connecticut State University, 9-4 and 9-2, today at the Clark Athletic Center on the campus of UMB. The Beacons fall to 1-10 overall and 0-2 in the LEC, while the Warriors improve to 8-6 and 2-0.

Kelly Rowan smacked a bases-loaded single to bring home a pair of runs and give Eastern Connecticut a 4-3 lead in the top of the fourth inning that it would not relinquish. Annmarie Fillian (single) and Lauren Bedini (walk) scored ahead of the base hit. The Warriors broke the game open with a four-run fifth inning, highlighted by RBI singles from Brooke Nici and Bedini, to give them an 8-3 advantage.

The teams traded runs in the first inning when Eastern's Bedini drew a one-out walk, stole second and moved to third on a bunt, before scoring on a Rowan single. UMass Boston freshman leftfielder Carla Collins (Sequim, WA) led off with a single, stole second and moved to third on a sacrifice bunt and scored on an errant throw on the bunt to tie the contest at 1-1. The Warriors took a 2-1 edge in the third when Rowan and Shari D'amico hit back-to-back one-out singles and Andrea Tarbox later plated Rowan with a two-out single. The Beacons came right back in the bottom of the inning when sophomore first baseman Siobhan Lynch (Bordentown, NJ) singled with one down and later scored with two outs when junior shortstop Jenn Murray (Avon, MA) doubled to right center field. Murray also scored when sophomore pitcher Stephanie Poulos (Glens Falls, NY) followed with an RBI single to give UMB a 3-2 edge.

Lindsay Savelle picked up the win for ECSU, going the distance of seven inning and allowing four runs (two earned) on six hits and two walks, while striking out six. Poulos took the loss for the Beacons, allowing eight runs (seven earned) in five innings of work, while giving up 11 hits and five walks to go with a strikeout. Rowan led the Warriors offense, going 3-4 with three RBI and a run scored, while Tarbox was 2-3 with a walk, an RBI and a run scored. Poulos helped her cause for UMB by going 2-3 with two runs batted in.

Eastern Connecticut scored all of its runs in two separate innings and got all it would need in the bottom of the first frame when it scored four times. Kelly Carino reached on a fielder's choice with two outs and advanced to second on a Rowan single. D'amico then followed with an RBI single and came home, along with Rowan, on a triple by Karen Taber. Taber later scampered home on a wild pitch to make it 4-0 in favor of the Warriors. Eastern scored five more times in the bottom of the sixth inning, as Taber delivered the big blow with a grand slam blast that hit the top of the left field fence and bounced over to score Bedini (single), Carino (single) and Rowan (RBI single) and give the Warriors a 9-2 advantage.

The Beacons scored both of their runs in the top of the fourth when Murray led off with a triple and scored when freshman shortstop Andrea Ciarletta (Watertown, MA) reached on an error. Lynch followed with a single to right center field and later scored when Collins drew a bases-loaded walk.

Nikki Vachon earned the win for Eastern after tossing three and a third innings of three-hit relief, while walking one and fanning one. Nici got the start and allowed two runs (one earned) on six hits and two walks over three and two-thirds innings of work. Lynch suffered the loss for UMass Boston, giving up nine runs on 11 hits and six walks over six innings of action.

Taber finished game two with six RBI and three hits in three at-bats, while scoring twice to lead ECSU. Rowan and D'amico each went 2-4 with an RBI. Collins led the Beacons, going 2-2 with a pair of walks and an RBI, while Peterson and Lynch also contributed with 2-4 efforts.

UMass Boston will be in action again tomorrow at 1 p.m. when it travels to North Dartmouth, MA to take on Little East Conference foe University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

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Monday, March 29, 2004

ECSU SOFTBALL SPLITS NORTHERN-OPENING DOUBLEHEADER

Freshmen key eight-run sixth in 10-4 first-game win; Warriors lose nightcap 2-1

BRIDGEWATER, Mass. -- Freshmen **Karen Taber (DEEP RIVER)**, **Jennifer Cubbellotti (TRUMBULL)** and **Kelly Carino (GREENWICH)** each drove in runs to spark an eight-run sixth inning and carry the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team to a 10-4 win over Bridgewater State College on the way to splitting its northern-opening doubleheader.

In the second game, sophomore **Kaitlyn Gambino** outdueled Eastern freshman **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** in a 2-1 Bridgewater State victory that was halted after six innings due to darkness.

Trailing 3-2 in the first game, Eastern (6-6) sent 13 batters to the plate in the sixth inning, scoring eight runs on five hits, two errors and a passed ball to take a 10-3 lead. Taber's bases-loaded single plated the first run, Cubbellotti had a pinch RBI single to drive in the fifth run of the inning and Carino drove in the final two runs with a single. The first six batters of the inning scored runs, with Carino collecting two hits.

Carino, Taber, freshman **Leigha Abair (EAST HARTFORD)**, senior **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** and sophomore **Andrea Tarbox (ENFIELD)** each contributed two hits to Eastern's 12-hit attack, with Tarbox and Carino each driving in two runs and Rowan and senior **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** each scoring twice.

Sophomore righty **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** posted her fifth win in six decisions this year, allowing only two earned run in the complete-game effort. She gave up eight hits, fanned seven and walked only one.

Trailing 2-0 in the nightcap, Eastern broke through for a run on Rowan's RBI single but Gambino got a strikeout looking to end the game. Vachon (1-5) pitched her second complete game in six starts, fanning six and walking one. Three of the four hits she allowed came when Bridgewater scored its runs. Vachon allowed two bunt singles to open the frame and No. 9 hitter Gretchen Muller drove them in with a two-out, two-run double.

Abair, Rowan and freshman **Lauren Bedini (SEYMOUR)** had Eastern's three hits off Gambino, who struck out six and walked one.

In the doubleheader, Eastern's freshmen contributed nine of 15 hits, scored five runs and drove in four.

Eastern visits Springfield College Wednesday for a 2:30 p.m. doubleheader.

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First Game
Eastern Conn. 10, Bridgewater State College 4

Eastern Conn. (6-5)	020	008	0	--	10	12	3	
Bridgewater State (4-11)		100	200	1	--	4	8	3

Lindsay Savelle (5-1) and Kelly Rowan. Katie Tauber (3-5) and Abigail Scott. 2B-Jennifer Quental, Elizabeth Hallisey (B); 3B-Kaylee Hargreaves (B).

Second Game
Bridgewater State College 2, Eastern Conn. 1, 6 inn.

Eastern Conn. (6-6)	000	001	--	1	3	0
Bridgewater State (5-11)	020	00x	--	2	4	1

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Softball

Monday, March 29th
at Bridgewater State College

Bears Split Twinbill With EConn

Bridgewater, MA - The Bridgewater State College softball team split a doubleheader with non-conference rival Eastern Connecticut State University at Alumni Park today, dropping the opener 10-4, and coming back to win the nightcap 2-1.

In the opener, the Bears took a 3-2 lead into the sixth inning, but saw that lead disappear as ECSU put an eight spot up on the board in the top of the sixth, aided by two critical Bridgewater State errors.

Eastern starter **Lindsay Savelle** (Cheshire, CT) earned the win (5-1) in the circle in the first game, as she scattered eight hits over seven innings of work, allowing four runs, while walking one and striking out seven. Offensively for the Warriors, sophomore **Andrea Tarbox** (Enfield, CT) and freshman **Kelly Carino** (Greenwich, CT) both went 2-for-4 with a pair of RBI each. Senior **Kelly Rowan** (Watertown, CT) and freshmen **Karen Taber** (Deep River, CT) and **Leigha Abair** (East Hartford, CT) also had two hits apiece for ECSU.

Sophomore **Katie Tauber** (Carver, MA) was saddled with the loss, scattering twelve hits over seven innings, and allowing ten runs, only five of which were earned. Tauber also walked one and struck out seven. Sophomore **Meghan Murphy** (Walpole, MA) had two hits for the Bears in the losing effort.

In game two, BSC sophomore **Kaitlyn Gambino** (Abington, MA) pitched the Bears to a 2-1 win, in a game that was called after five and a half innings due to darkness. Gambino (2-6) allowed one run in six innings of work, while walking three and striking out six to pick up her second win of the season. The Bears scored two runs in the bottom of the second inning on a 2-run double from senior **Gretchen Muller** (Fiskdale, MA) which provided all the offense that Gambino would need.

Eastern starter **Nikki Vachon** (East Haddam, CT) took the loss, despite pitching very well for the Warriors. Vachon went five innings, allowed two runs on four hits, walked one and struck out six.

Bridgewater will travel to Worcester to take on Clark University in a doubleheader that was originally scheduled for Tuesday, March 23. ECSU will head to picturesque Springfield for a twinbill with the Pride of Springfield College at 2:30.

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Friday, March 26, 2004.

SAVELLE, CARINO LEAD EASTERN SOFTBALL PAST CAL STATE HAYWARD
With 2-1 win, Warriors conclude spring trip with best record (5-5) since 1998

ORANGE, Calif. -- Freshman shortstop **Kelly Carino (GREENWICH)** ended the game with a one-out double that scored freshman rightfielder **Leigha Abair (EAST HARTFORD)** from third base as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team handed Cal State Hayward its first tournament loss, 2-1 Friday in its final game at the Sun West Tournament at Hart Park.

Eastern (5-5) finishes its spring trip with its best record since the 1998 NCAA tournament season, when it posted a 6-4 record at the Rebel Games in Ocoee, FL. Cal State (16-4-1), which received votes in the NCAA Division III pre-season poll, had a six-game winning streak snapped. It was the first tournament loss in five games for the Pioneers, who entered play as one of only two tournament unbeatens.

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Sophomore righty **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** lowered her tournament ERA to ~~2.23~~ ^{2.10} with the complete-game four-hit win over the Pioneers, who entered play with a .424 tournament batting average. Savelle (4-1) held Cal State scoreless after an infield error helped the Pioneers score an unearned run in the top of the first inning. She fanned one and did not walk a batter, although she hit three.

Eastern tied the game with an unearned run in the third when Fillian had a one-out single and later scored on an infield throwing error.

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Carleton College 2, Eastern Conn. 0

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Carleton (2-10)	100	100	x	--	2	4	0

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Eastern Conn. 2, Cal State Hayward 1

Cal State (16-4-1)	100	000	0	--	1	4	3
Eastern Conn. (5-5)	001	000	1	--	2	7	5

One out when winning run scored.
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Last-Inning Win over Cal Hayward (16-4-1) Leaves Warriors with Best Spring Trip Record Since 1998

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Thursday, March 25, 2004

EASTERN SOFTBALL ROCKS TUFTS AT SUN WEST TOURNAMENT

Warriors score ten runs in final two at-bats in 12-4 win over No. 23-ranked Jumbos

ORANGE, Calif. -- Senior catcher **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** and freshman first baseman **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** combined for five hits and five RBI as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team pounded No. 23 Tufts University 12-4 Thursday at the Sun West Tournament at Hart Park. The game was stopped after six innings due to the eight-run rule.

In the first game of the day, Williams College (6-1) twice overcame one-run deficits in a 3-2 victory over Eastern (4-4).

Trailing 3-2 against Tufts, Eastern scored ten runs in its final two at-bats to defeat Tufts (5-3) for the first time in nearly five years. The Warriors had lost eight straight to the Jumbos, the No. 1 seeded team in last year's NCAA Division III New England Regional Tournament.

Rowan had three hits and two RBI and Vachon, the first-game's losing pitcher, contributed two hits and knocked in three runs. In the six-run fifth inning, Vachon stroked a two-run double and Rowan and sophomore DP **Andrea Tarbox (ENFIELD)** had RBI singles. Senior second baseman **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** also plated a run in the fifth inning with an infield ground ball.

In addition to Vachon, junior leftfielder **Annmarie Fillian (CANTON)**, Tarbox and freshman third baseman **Karen Taber (DEEP RIVER)** also collected two hits each in the 12-hit attack against two Tufts pitchers.

Sophomore righty **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** evened her career record at 12-12 by posting the complete-game win. Savelle fanned four without walking a batter. One of the runs that she allowed was unearned.

Savelle allowed only two infield singles and one ball out of the infield from the third through fifth innings and gained the win when the Warriors batted around in the fifth and chased losing pitcher Julia Brenta (4-2) with six runs on five hits and two walks.

Against Williams, Eastern was limited to five singles by Ephs' junior Liz Gluck. Eastern twice led by a run on a fourth-inning suicide squeeze by Tarbox and a fifth-inning RBI single by freshman shortstop Kelly Carino. Williams, however, scored the tying and go-ahead run in the fifth. The Ephs combined three hits, two stolen bases and an outfield error to score twice in the inning and hand Vachon her third loss in four decisions. Fillian caught a fly ball in left field and threw out Johanna Rodriguez at home to end the Williams fifth inning with a double play but the Warriors managed only one baserunner in their final two at-bats.

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Taber had two of Eastern's hits in that game, finishing the two games with four hits, a walk and two runs scored. Vachon fanned five and walked only one.

Eastern winds up its ten-game tournament schedule Friday with games against Carleton College (4 p.m. ET) and California Baptist University (6:30 p.m.). Eastern has beaten Carleton and lost to Cal Baptist previously in the tournament.

Williams College 3, Eastern Conn. 2

Eastern Conn. (3-4)	000	110	0	--	2	5	1
Williams (6-1)	000	120	x	--	3	8	1

Nikki Vachon (1-3) and Kelly Rowan. Liz Gluck (4-1) and Mary Baccash. 2B-Gluck, Baccash (W).

Eastern Conn. 12, Tufts U. 4 (6 inn., 8-run rule)

Eastern Conn. (4-4)	110	064	--	12	12	4
Tufts (5-3)	210	001	--	4	9	3

Lindsay Savelle (3-1) and Kelly Rowan. Julia Brenta (4-2), Pam Swidler (5) and Julie Fox. 2B-Nikki Vachon, Annmarie Fillian (E), Deana Davidian (T); HR-Courtney Bongiolatti (T).

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In the first game of the day, Williams College (6-1) twice overcame one-run deficits in a 3-2 victory over Eastern (4-4).

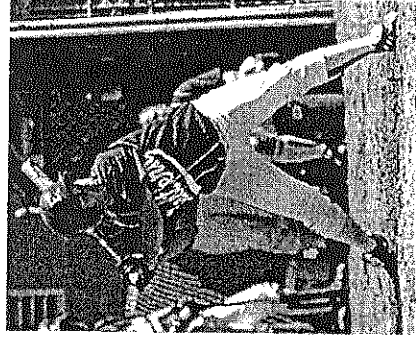
Trailing 3-2 against Tufts, Eastern scored ten runs in its final two at-bats to defeat Tufts (5-3) for the first time in nearly five years. The Warriors had lost eight straight to the Jumbos, the No.1 seeded team in last year's NCAA Division III New England Regional Tournament.

Rowan had three hits and two RBI and Vachon, the first-game's losing pitcher, contributed two hits and knocked in three runs. In the six-run fifth inning, Vachon stroked a two-run double and Rowan and sophomore DP Andrea Tarbox (ENFIELD) also played a run in the fifth inning with an infield ground ball.

In addition to Vachon, junior leftfielder Annmarie Fillian (CANTON), freshman third baseman Karen Taber (DEEP RIVER) and Tarbox also collected two hits each in the 12-hit attack against two Tufts pitchers. Leadoff hitter Fillian and No.-2 hitter Lauren Bedini (SEYMOUR) combined to score five runs at the top of the order, with Taber and Tarbox scoring two each.

Sophomore righty Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE) evened her career record at 12-12 by posting the complete-game win. Savelle fanned four without walking a batter. One of the runs that she allowed was unearned.

Savelle allowed only two infield singles and one ball out of the infield from the third through fifth innings and gained the win when the Warriors batted around in the fifth and chased losing pitcher Julia Brenta (4-2)



Andrea Tarbox... 2 hits, 2 runs (Ken Sayers photo)

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with six runs on five hits and two walks.

Against Williams, Eastern was limited to five singles by Ephs' junior Liz Gluck. Eastern twice led by a run on a fourth-inning suicide squeeze by Tarbox and a fifth-inning RBI single by freshman shortstop **Kelly Carino (GREENWICH)**. Williams, however, scored the tying and go-ahead run in the fifth. The Ephs combined three hits, two stolen bases and an outfield error to score twice in the inning and hand Vachon her third loss in four decisions. Fillian caught a fly ball in left field and threw out Johanna Rodriguez at home to end the Williams fifth inning with a double play but the Warriors managed only one baseunner in their final two at-bats.

Taber had two of Eastern's hits in that game, finishing the two games with four hits, a walk and two runs scored. Vachon fanned five and walked only one.

Eastern winds up its ten-game tournament schedule Friday with games against Carleton College (4 p.m. ET) and California Baptist University (6:30 p.m.). Eastern has beaten Carleton and lost to Cal Baptist previously in the tournament.

Williams College 3, Eastern Conn. 2

Eastern Conn. (3-4) .. 000 110 0 -- 2 5 1
 Williams (6-1) 000 120 x -- 3 8 1

Nikki Vachon (1-3) and Kelly Rowan. Liz Gluck (4-1) and Mary Baccash. 2B-Gluck, Baccash (W).

Eastern Conn. 12, Tufts U. 4 (6 inn., 8-run rule)

Eastern Conn. (4-4) 110 064 -- 12 12 4
 Tufts (5-3) 210 001 -- 4 9 3

Lindsay Savelle (3-1) and Kelly Rowan. Julia Brenta (4-2), Pam Swidler (5) and Julie Fox. 2B-Nikki Vachon, Anmarie Fillian (E), Deana Davidian (T); HR-Courtney Bongiolatti (T).

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Fillian, Bedini (3 RBI each) Power Warriors Past Carleton College

March 24, 2004 11:50 PM

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

ORANGE, CA -- Junior leftfielder Annmarie Fillian (CANTON) and freshman centerfielder Lauren Bedini (SEYMOUR) each drove in three runs in a 17-hit attack as the Warriors pounded Carleton College 15-7 Wednesday at the Sun West Tournament.

In the second game of the day, NAIA-affiliated California Baptist (22-8) broke open a tight game with five runs in the fifth inning in posting a 7-1 win and snapping Eastern's (3-3) three-game winning streak.

Against Carleton, Sophomore righty Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE) survived a five-run first inning to record her second win in three decisions. Savelle, who gave up only three hits after a six-hit first inning, fanned four and walked two in the complete-game effort.

Fillian drove in runs with hits in the fifth, sixth and seventh inning and Bedini laced a three-run double in a five-run fifth inning that snapped a 5-5 tie. Joining Bedini with two hits were senior catcher Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN), freshman first baseman Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM), freshman shortstop Kelly Carino (GREENWICH), freshman DP Jennifer Cubbellotti (TRUMBULL) and sophomore rightfielder Andrea Tarbox (ENFIELD).

A single by senior second baseman Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL), sacrifice bunt by Carino and an infield error staked Eastern to a 1-0 run in the third inning against Cal Baptist, but the Lancers chased Vachon (1-2) from the mound when they went ahead with two runs in the fourth, then tacked on five in the fifth when they combined four hits and a walk.

Against Cal Baptist, ranked No. 12 in the most recent NAIA national poll, Eastern loaded the bases with one out in the first inning but winning pitcher Lisa Spencer (4-1) got a strikeout and infield fly to end the threat. Spencer, who threw a no-hitter earlier this year, stopped Eastern on just one hit after giving up first-inning hits to D'Amico and Rowan. Spencer fanned six without a walk.



ANNMARIE FILLIAN

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Eastern faces Williams College at 4 p.m. ET and Tufts University at 6:30 p.m. ET Thursday.

Eastern Conn. 15, Carleton College 7

Eastern Conn. (3-2) 310 154 1 -- 15 17 2
Carleton (1-6) 500 020 0 -- 7 9 2

Lindsay Savelle (2-1) and Kelly Rowan, Megan Lemos (6). Alyssa Honnette, Liesl Van Ryswyk (5) and Vickie Gunderson. LP-Van Ryswyk (0-2). 2B-Rowan 2. Lauren Bedini, Jennifer Cubbellotti, Karen Taber, Nikki Vachon (E), Gunderson, Leslie Barry, Becky Hollis, Stephanie Dodge (C); 3B-Annmarie Fillian (E).

California Baptist U. 7, Eastern Conn. 1

Eastern Conn. (3-3) 001 000 0 -- 1 3 0
Cal Baptist (22-8) 000 250 x -- 7 10 3

Nikki Vachon (1-2), Savelle (4), Brooke Nici (5) and Kelly Rowan. Lisa Spencer (4-1) and Angella Funk. 2B-Geanie Jenkins, Anne Marie Miller (C); 3B-Shannon Brandt (C).

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Three Pitchers Combine on Two Shutouts as Warriors Sweep Pair at Sun West Tournament, 3-0, 7-0

March 22, 2004 10:02 PM

Monday, March 22, 2004

ORANGE, Calif. -- Sophomore **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** pitched a four-hit shutout in a 3-0 win over Elmhurst College and freshman **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** and **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** combined on a four-hit 7-0 shutout over Northwest Christian College Monday in college softball at the Sun West Tournament.

The shutout over Elmhurst (2-4) was the fourth in the career of Savelle (1-1) while Vachon (1-1) won her first collegiate decision in her second start. The former all-state pitcher stopped Northwest Christian (5-11) on three hits through four innings while Nici gained her first collegiate save by allowing one hit over the final three innings. Eastern pitchers combined for nine strikeouts and did not issue a walk.

Elmhurst's best opportunity to score came in the first inning but Eastern second baseman **Shari D'Amico (TRUMBULL)** threw out a runner at the plate.

Against Elmhurst, freshman **Kelly Carino (GREENWICH)**, senior **Kelly Rowan (WATERTOWN)** and sophomore **Christina Dudley (STAMFORD)** each drove in runs with singles. Freshman **Samantha Morrow (TOLLAND)** drove in her first two collegiate runs with a sixth-inning double against Northwest Christian. D'Amico had two hits against Northwest Christian and drove in one run, as did Rowan, Carino and freshman **Jennifer Cubbellotti (TRUMBULL)**.

Wednesday, Eastern faces Carleton College at 1:45 p.m. ET and California Baptist University at 4 p.m. ET.

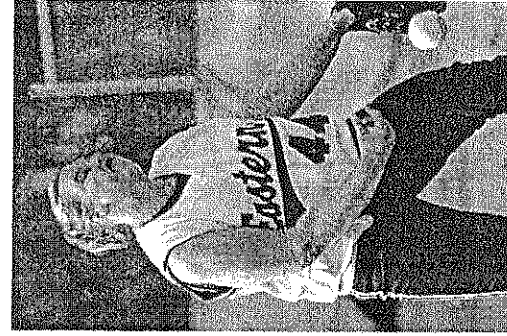
Eastern Conn. 3, Elmhurst College 0
 Eastern Conn. (1-2) 000 201 0 -- 3 10 2

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Lindsay Savelle... four-hit shutout
 (Ken Sayers photo)

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Elmhurst (2-4) 000 000 0 -- 0 4 0

Lindsay Savelle (1-1) and Kelly Rowan. Katie Gervase, Danielle White (6) and Jenny Winters. 2B-Lauren Bedini, Kelly Carino (Ea).

Eastern Conn. 7, Northwest Christian College 0

Eastern Conn. (2-2) 301 003 0 -- 7 11 0
Northwest (5-11) 000 000 0 -- 0 4 0

Nikki Vachon (1-1), Brooke Nici (5) and Kelly Rowan, Megan Lemos (5). Heather Wall (2-6), Darcy Whitford (5) and Shannon Reed. Save: Nici (1), 2B-Rowan, Samantha Morrow (E), Wall (N).

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Warriors Drop Opening Pair to Linfield, Whitworth at Sun West

March 22, 2004 1:28 AM

Sunday, March 21, 2004

ORANGE, Calif. -- The Warriors allowed their opponent to score in only three innings but managed only one run in dropping their 2004 season-opener at the Sun West Tournament Sunday.

Linfield (11-3-1) rode the five-hit, ten-strikeout performance of senior Liz Coburn to a 3-0 win over the Warriors and Whitworth (6-6) scored all of its runs after there were two out and no one on base in the fourth inning of a 4-1 victory.

The two winning pitchers combined for 19 strikeouts and no walks and limited Eastern to a combined nine hits. Eastern committed two of its four errors when Linfield broke open a scoreless game with two runs in the fifth and Whitworth junior catcher Aubri Azzarito stroked a bases-clearing triple off Eastern freshman pitcher **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** to highlight the four-run fourth inning.

Sophomore **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** allowed eight hits but no earned runs in the loss to Linfield. She fanned four and walked three. In her collegiate debut against Whitworth, Vachon gave up ten hits and two walks while fanning one.

Freshman second baseman **Lauren Bedini (SEYMOUR)** had two hits against Linfield in her collegiate debut while freshman centerfielder **Kelly Carino (GREENWICH)** and freshman catcher **Karen Taber (DEEP RIVER)** also each had a hit in their debut against Linfield, Taber doubling. Against Whitworth, freshman third baseman **Jennifer Cubbellotti (TRUMBULL)** picked up her first collegiate hit.

Eastern faces Elmhurst College Monday at 4 p.m. and Northwest Christian College at 6:30 p.m. in the Sun West Tournament.

Linfield College 3, Eastern Conn. 0

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Lauren Bedini... 2 hits in debut

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Linfield (11-3-1) 000 021 0 -- 3 8 0
Eastern Conn. (0-1) 000 000 0 -- 0 4 4

Liz Coburn (4-1) and Molleigh Keenan. Lindsay Savelle (0-1) and Kelly Rowan. 2B-Keenan (L), Karen Taber (E).



Whitworth College 4, Eastern Conn. 1

Whitworth (6-6) 000 400 0 -- 4 11 1
Eastern Conn. (0-2) 000 001 x -- 1 5 1

Jo Sonnett (4-3) and Aubri Azzarito. Nikki Vachon (0-1), Brooke Nici (5) and Kelly Rowan, Karen Taber (7).
2B-Patti Stranger (W), Nici (E); 3B-Azzarito (W).

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