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Sunday, May 8, 2005

KEENE STATE DOWNS EASTERN SOFTBALL IN LEC TOURNAMENT

Fifth-seeded Warriors reach championship round before falling by 2-0 score

PROVIDENCE, RI – Keene State College senior Meghan McLoughlin pitched a complete-game three-hitter to lift the Owls to a 2-0 win over Eastern Connecticut State University in the championship round of the Little East Conference softball tournament Sunday at Dayna Bazar Field on the Rhode Island College campus.

With its 11th straight win, second-seeded Keene (31-6) captures its fourth conference title and qualifies automatically for the NCAA Division III tournament, which gets underway with regional tournaments this coming weekend.

Fifth-seeded Eastern (15-26) had reached the championship round for the first time since 1998, but needed to defeat undefeated Keene twice to win its first conference tournament championship.

Keene scored the only run it would need in the fourth inning when freshman Kaity Conklin eventually scored after being hit by a pitch to open the inning. After being hit, she advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt and scored on a single by freshman Elizabeth Mroczka. The Owls added an unearned run in the fifth inning on an error, sacrifice bunt, single and wild pitch.

McLoughlin (13-3) was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player after recording her third straight tournament shutout. She fanned eight without a walk.

After losing its tournament opener to fourth-seeded University of Southern Maine Thursday, Eastern rebounded behind junior pitcher **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** Friday to eliminate third-seeded Western Connecticut State University, 3-0 and sixth-seeded Plymouth State University, 3-1. After tournament play was delayed by rain Saturday, Eastern came back this morning to eliminate top-seeded Rhode Island College, 1-0 in eight innings.

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Savelle had pitched every inning of the first four games before junior **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** started against Keene State. Nici, who had shut out Keene State, 1-0, April 16, pitched three scoreless innings – allowing only two hits – before Keene broke through in the fourth for the first run of the game. With Eastern trailing 1-0, Savelle was summoned in the fifth inning but gave up a single and threw a wild pitch as the Owls moved ahead, 2-0.

In the tournament, Savelle won three games and lost one with a 0.48 ERA. She fanned 23 and walked only six in 29 1/3 innings.

Sophomore first baseman **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** led Eastern with a .375 batting average in the tournament while freshman rightfielder **Ashley Marchitto (CANTON)** batted .267. Her one tournament RBI came with one out in the eighth inning – a single to left field – and provided Eastern with its 1-0 win over Rhode Island College.

**Little east conference
Softball Tournament
At Providence, RI**

Eastern Conn. 1, Rhode Island College 0, 8 inn.

Rhode Island (24-15)	000	000	00	--	0	7	3
Eastern Conn. (15-25)	000	000	01	--	1	6	0

One out when winning run scored.

Heidi Eichler (12-8) and Kristyn Alexander. Lindsay Savelle (10-15) and Krystle Denny. 2B-Savelle (E).

**Championship Round
Keene State College 2, Eastern Conn. 0**

Eastern Conn. (15-26)	000	000	0	--	0	3	1
Keene State (31-6)	000	110	x	--	2	4	2

Brooke Nici (5-10), Lindsay Savelle (5) and Krystle Denny. Meghan McLoughlin (13-3) and Melissa Scata.

Keene (3-0) wins tournament and advances automatically into the NCAA Division III tournament.

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Friday, May 6, 2005

BEHIND SAVELLE, EASTERN SOFTBALL ALIVE IN LEC TOURNAMENT
Warriors shut out defending champion Western; rally to top Plymouth State

PROVIDENCE, RI —Fifth-seeded Eastern Connecticut State University eliminated sixth-seeded Plymouth State University, 3-1, in an elimination game of the 2005 Little East Conference Tournament Friday afternoon at Bazar Field on the Rhode Island College campus.

The Warriors are one of three teams remaining in the double-elimination tourney and will play an elimination game against top-seeded Rhode Island College Saturday morning at 10 a.m. The winner will play second-seeded and undefeated Keene State Saturday at noon, needing two wins to gain the title and an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Friday morning, Eastern (14-25) snapped a seven-game losing streak by eliminating defending tournament champion Western Connecticut State University, 3-0, behind junior Lindsay Savelle's (CHESHIRE) two-hitter.

Against Plymouth the Warriors came back from a 1-0 deficit with a three-run outburst in the bottom of the fifth inning, all of the runs scoring when sophomore first baseman Nikki Vachon's (EAST HADDAM) bases-loaded single got by the Plymouth leftfielder.

Plymouth junior starter Rose Eaton (6-7) left the game with two runners aboard in the fifth, giving way to senior All-America Kim Jeffs. Sophomore shortstop Karen Taber (DEEP RIVER) singled off Jeffs to load the bases. After a strikeout, Vachon singled to left field. Three runs scored as the ball rolled to the wall. That would be all Savelle needed, as she went the distance, striking out eight. Savelle has pitched all three games for the Warriors. Thursday, she lost a 1-0 decision in the team's opening loss to the University of Southern Maine.

Plymouth State loaded the bases in the top of the seventh inning, but Savelle (9-15) got out of the jam with a game-ending strikeout. The Warriors played errorless defense.

Regular-season champion Rhode Island College swept Eastern on the final day of the regular season Sunday.

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Eastern Conn. (14-25) 000 030 x -- 3 5 0

Rose Eaton (6-7), Kim Jeffs (5) and Devin Caswell. Lindsay Savelle (9-15) and Krystle Denny. 2B-Michelle DuBois, Kristi Curry (P).

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Thursday, May 5, 2005

WARRIORS FALL INTO LOSERS' BRACKET IN LEC TOURNAMENT

Henderson's two-hitter leads Huskies past Warriors for eighth straight time

PROVIDENCE, RI — University of Southern Maine senior starting pitcher Melissa Henderson tossed a complete-game shutout as the fourth-seeded Huskies defeated fifth-seeded Eastern Connecticut State University, 1-0, in first round action of the 2005 Little East Conference double-elimination tournament at Bazar Field.

The Warriors will play an elimination game Friday at 10 a.m. against third-seeded Western Connecticut State University (21-13-1). Western defeated sixth-seeded Plymouth State University 2-1 in eight innings in Thursday's second game but fell to No. 2 seed Keene State College, 2-0 later Thursday. Western swept Eastern during the regular season at Danbury.

Henderson (17-8), the co-MVP of last year's tournament, allowed only two hits – doubles by sophomore third baseman **Samantha Morrow (TOLLAND)** and sophomore first baseman **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** -- and struck out ten. Sophomore center fielder Danica Martin's RBI fielder's choice in the third inning plated junior pinch runner Krista McGovern for the game's only run. McGovern had come in top run for freshman Evon Hudspeth, who reached on an infield single.

Eastern junior pitcher **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** was the hard luck loser, hurling a complete game with four strikeouts. Savelle (7-15) lowered her ERA to 2.19 in the loss.

The win is the eighth straight and 24th in the last 25 meetings against Eastern for Southern Maine, which had emerged with a 2-1, 20-inning win over the Warriors in the first round of last year's conference tournament.

After Eastern plays Western Friday at 10 a.m., Plymouth faces Southern Maine in an elimination game at noon. Top-seeded Rhode Island meets Keene State in a winners' bracket game at 2 p.m., and the Eastern-Western winner faces the Plymouth-Southern Maine winner Friday at 4 p.m. in another elimination game.

U. of Southern Maine 1, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (12-25)	000	000	0	--	0	2	0
Southern Maine (23-17-1)	001	000	x	--	1	4	0

Lindsay Savelle (7-15) and Krystle Denny. Melissa Henderson (17-8) and Kim Lipman.
2B-Nikki Vachon, Samantha Morrow (E).

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Tuesday, May 3, 2005

TEN-RUN FOURTH VAULTS RIC TO SWEEP OF EASTERN SOFTBALL

Anchorwomen clinch first-ever regular-season title with 4-0, 12-3 victories

PROVIDENCE, RI – The Rhode Island College softball team scored ten runs on nine hits and two errors in the fourth inning of the second game to erase a one-run deficit and went on to a 12-3 victory and a sweep of Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday night in a Little East Conference makeup doubleheader.

In the resumption of Game 1 which was halted in the third inning by rain Sunday, Rhode Island won, 4-0.

By sweeping, Rhode Island (23-13, 12-2 little east) clinches its first regular-season outright title in the ten-year history of the conference's softball championship. The Anchorwomen had already been assured of at least a share of the conference title and the No. 1 seed. Eastern (12-24, 7-7 little east) ends the regular season on a six-game losing streak.

Rhode Island will host the six-team, double-elimination tournament Thursday-Saturday, with the winner gaining an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament.

Unofficially, Eastern repeats its No. 5 seed of a year ago and will face No. 4 seed University of Southern Maine (21-16-1, 7-7) Thursday morning in the first of four scheduled games on the first day in a re-match of last year's first round won in 20 innings by Southern Maine, 5-1. Southern Maine swept Eastern Sunday, 4-1, and 2-0.

The first game of the doubleheader with Rhode Island was resumed in the third inning after rain halted play Sunday with the Anchorwomen leading 3-0. The hosts had scored three times in the bottom of the first off Eastern junior **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHRIE)**, two runs coming home on Jeanne Rosa's two-out double. Rhode Island freshman pitcher Heidi Eichler pitched a two-hit shutout, fanning six and walking one.

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In the second game, Eastern staked junior **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** to a 2-0 lead and the Warriors led 3-2 before the Anchowomen sent 15 batters to the plate in the fourth and scored ten runs on nine hits, two errors and a walk off Savelle and sophomore reliever **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)**. The hosts had two doubles, a triple and a home run in the inning and scored all of the runs after there were two out and a runner on first. Conference scoring leader Christie Lotti, a freshman first baseman, hit a three-run home run and junior centerfielder Megan Ponte tripled and scored to cap the inning.

Eastern chased Rhode Island freshman starter Kayla Baranski with two runs in the first inning and took a 3-2 lead off reliever Nicole Riley with a run in the third inning. Senior designated player **Sandra Pariseau (STRATFORD)** drove in the first run in the first inning with a two-out single that scored Vachon from third and a second run scored on an infield error. Freshman catcher **Kristen Fallo (REDDING)** put Eastern ahead 3-2 in the third when she plated sophomore third baseman **Samantha Morrow (TOLLAND)** with a two-out single. Morrow had doubled to lead off the inning and moved to third on a bunt single by Pariseau.

Eastern had nine hits in the second game – equaling its fourth-highest total in a game this year. Fallo, Pariseau, Morrow and sophomore shortstop **Karen Taber (DEEP RIVER)** all had two hits in the game, with Morrow scoring two runs. Pariseau was 2-for-3 on the afternoon to raise her team-leading batting average to .250.

Eastern had swept Rhode Island in last year's regular-season doubleheader and had eliminated the Anchorwomen with a 5-0 win in the second round of last year's conference tournament.

Rhode Island College 4, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (12-23, 7-6 little east)	000	000	0	--	0	2	1
R.I. College (22-13, 11-2 little east)	300	001	x	--	4	7	1

Lindsay Savelle (7-13) and Krystle Denny. Heidi Eichler (11-7) and Jeanne Rosa. 2B-Rosa (R); HR-Megan Ponte (2) (R).

Rhode Island College 12, Eastern Conn. 3, 5 inn.

Eastern Conn. (12-24, 7-7 little east)	201	00	--	3	9	2
R.I. College (23-13, 12-2 little east)	110	(10)x	--	12	14	1

Brooke Nici, Lindsay Savelle (3), Nikki Vachon (5) and Kristen Fallo. Kayla Baranski, Nicole Riley (1) and Kristyn Alexander. WP-Riley (10-5). LP-Savelle (7-14). 2B-Karen Taber, Samantha Morrow (E), Krystal Bilek, Katelyn Labelle (R); 3B-Megan Ponte (R); HR-Christie Lotti (5) (R).

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Sunday, May 1, 2005

EASTERN SOFTBALL SWEEP BY SOUTHERN MAINE, 4-1, 2-0

Warriors eliminated in bid for Little East Conference regular-season title

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – The University of Southern Maine scored two unearned runs to take an early lead in the first game and rode junior Katie Mainville's no-hitter in the nightcap in sweeping Eastern Connecticut State University, 4-1, 2-0 Sunday in a Little East Conference softball doubleheader at Howard Spector Field.

With the sweep, Southern Maine (20-16-1, 6-7 little east) clinches a berth in the six-team, double-elimination conference tournament this Thursday through Saturday at top seed Rhode Island College. Eastern (12-222, 7-5 little east) was eliminated from contention in the regular-season race, with Rhode Island guaranteed the top seed and no worse than a share of the regular-season title.

Two Southern Maine hits and an Eastern infield error provided the Huskies with single runs in both the second and third innings of the first game and senior Melissa Henderson carried a 3-0 lead into the sixth before allowing Eastern its only run. Henderson, co-MVP of last year's conference tournament, pitched a complete-game three-hitter, fanning nine without a walk. After giving up a leadoff single in the first, she retired 14 straight before surrendering a leadoff single in the sixth.

In the second game, Mainville fanned 13 batters and allowed only one baserunner in tossing the no-hitter, allowing only two balls out of the infield. Junior **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)**, the losing pitcher in the first game, was the only batter to reach safely against Mainville. She was hit by a pitch leading off the second inning and moved to second on a passed ball but Mainville went on to strike out the side. Mainville was a first-team all-conference pitcher last year.

Christen Lachapelle, a first-team all-conference shortstop as a freshman last year, had three hits, scored a run and drove in a run for Southern Maine in the first game. She doubled and scored to give Southern Maine a 2-0 lead in the third inning and drove in the team's final run with an RBI single in the seventh.

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Junior first baseman Caterina Riitano gave the Huskies a 1-0 lead in the second game when she hit her fourth home run of the season with one out in the fourth and Lachapelle made it 2-0 with an RBI single in the fifth.

Eastern closes out the regular season with a conference doubleheader at Rhode Island College. The date of the game has not yet been determined.

Game 1
U. of Southern Maine 4, Eastern Conn. 1

Southern Maine (20-16-1, 6-7 little east)	011	010	1	--4	10	0	
Eastern Conn. (12-21, 7-4 little east)		000	001	0	--1	3	2

Melissa Henderson (15-7) and Kim Lipman. Lindsay Savelle (7-12) and Krystle Denny, Kristen Fallo (4), Denny (6). 2B-Laura Pratt, Lipman, Christen Lachapelle (S).

Game 2
U. of Southern Maine 2, Eastern Conn. 0

Southern Maine (21-16-1, 7-7 little east)	000	110	0	--2	8	0	
Eastern Conn. (12-22, 7-5 little east)		000	000	0	--0	0	1

Katie Mainville (3-3) and Kim Lipman. Brooke Nici (5-9), Nikki Vachon (7) and Kristen Fallo. 2B-Caterina Riitano (S); HR-Riitano (4) (S).

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EASTERN SOFTBALL SWEEP BY COAST GUARD ACADEMY
Bears score three unearned runs in sixth inning to break tie in nightcap

NEW LONDON, Conn. – The U.S. Coast Guard Academy softball team scored three unearned runs in the bottom of the sixth inning of the nightcap to break a tie and go on to a sweep of Eastern Connecticut State University Thursday afternoon.

Coming off the winningest season in program history, Coast Guard (21-14) scored three unearned runs on two errors and winning pitcher Jen Paulson's two-run double in the sixth inning to snap a tie on the way to a 5-3 win in the second game. In the first game, sophomore pitcher Colleen Perry carried a one-hitter into the sixth inning before settling for a complete-game three-hit 6-2 victory.

Trailing 2-0 in the first game, Eastern (12-20) tied the game in the top of the fourth on sophomore second baseman **Nikki Vachon's (EAST HADDAM)** two-out single up the middle which plated sophomore centerfielder **Leigha Abair (EAST HARTFORD)** and sophomore shortstop **Karen Taber (DEEP RIVER)**. In the sixth, two infield errors put two runners aboard for Paulson, who doubled to center to give the Bears a 4-2 lead. Junior Julie Miller followed with an RBI single to left to make it 5-2.

In the first game, Perry (14-8) faced only six batters over the minimum and didn't allow an earned run. She fanned 13 without a walk. Until scoring two unearned runs in the seventh, Eastern managed only three baserunners: Vachon singled with two out in the first, freshman leftfielder **Ashley Marchitto (CANTON)** reached after being hit with a pitch with one out in the fifth and Taber singled with one out in the sixth. In the seventh, Eastern scored twice when sophomore third baseman **Samantha Morrow's (TOLLAND)** fly ball was misplayed in left *2 fly balls*

Eastern closes out the regular season this weekend with Little East Conference doubleheaders at Rhode Island College Saturday at 1 p.m. and against visiting University of Southern Maine Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern has already clinched a berth in next month's six-team, double-elimination conference tournament.

U.S. Coast Guard Academy 6, Eastern Conn. 2

Eastern Conn. (12-19)	000	000	2	--	2	3	1
Coast Guard (20-14)	004	020	x	--	6	7	2

Lindsay Savelle (7-11), Brooke Nici (5) and Krystle Denny. Colleen Perry (14-8) and Heidi Miller. *2B Morrow (E)*

U.S. Coast Guard Academy 5, Eastern Conn. 3

Eastern Conn. (12-20)	000	200	1	--	3	4	5
Coast Guard (21-14)	110	003	x	--	5	6	1

Brooke Nici (5-8), Nikki Vachon (6) and Krystle Denny. Jen Paulson (7-6) and Heidi Miller. 2B-Nici (E), Paulson (C).

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Tuesday, April 26, 2005

EASTERN SOFTBALL CLINCHES LITTLE EAST PLAYOFF BERTH

Three pitches limit UMass Dartmouth to seven hits in 3-0, 2-0 victories

NORTH DARTHMOUTH, MA – Junior **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** broke a personal five-game losing streak with a three-hitter in the first game and sophomore **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** and junior **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** combined on a four-hitter in the nightcap when the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team swept the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth by scores of 3-0 and 2-0 Tuesday afternoon in Little East Conference play.

By sweeping, Eastern (12-18, 7-3) clinches a spot in the six-team, double-elimination conference tournament, which gets underway May 5 at the site of the No. 1 seed. With four regular-season conference games remaining, Eastern and Western Connecticut State University (6-2) trail leader Rhode Island College (7-1) by one game, with Keene State College (8-4) two games back and the University of Southern Maine (5-5) three games back. UMass Dartmouth (8-16, 4-8) trails Rhode Island by five games. Each conference team plays 14 games.

Savelle (7-10), who had last won back on April 9, fanned eight and walked only one and Eastern scored single runs in the second, third and sixth inning. Freshman leftfielder **Ashley Marchitto (CANTON)** had her second collegiate extra base hit and her first home run – a solo shot with one out in the second – to give Eastern a 1-0 lead. Eastern scored an unearned run in the third on two hits, two errors and a hit batter and made it 3-0 in the sixth when freshman third baseman **Courtney Watson (BRISTOL)** singled in sophomore rightfielder **Samantha Morrow (TOLLAND)** with two out in the sixth.

Watson was 3-for-3 with three singles in the first game and Nici 2-for-3.

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Nici (5-7) won her fifth game in her last eight decisions in the second game, as Eastern scored unearned runs in the first and sixth. Nici relieved Vachon with one out in the fourth and Eastern leading 1-0. Nici did not allow a baserunner the rest of the way, retiring 11 straight, fanning three. She got a strikeout to leave the tying run aboard in the fourth.

Two UMass errors handed Eastern a run in the first and the Warriors made it 2-0 in the sixth when senior DH **Sandra Pariseau (STRATFORD)** drove in Vachon with a two-out single. Pariseau has seven RBI in her last eight games.

UMass' effort to tie the game in the third backfired when Melissa Tavares was thrown out at the plate trying to stretch a leadoff triple.

Pariseau had two of Eastern's four hits, with Watson adding her fourth hit of the day with a single and Marchitto collecting a double.

Eastern visits the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Thursday for a 3 p.m. doubleheader.

Game 1
Eastern Conn. 3, Massachusetts Dartmouth 0

Eastern Conn. (11-18, 6-3 little east)	011	001	0--	3	7	2
UM Dartmouth (9-15, 4-7 little east)	000	000	0--	0	3	3

Lindsay Savelle (7-10) and Kristen Fallo. Meghan Fenton (3-6) and Shannon Allberry. HR-Ashley Marchitto (1) (E).

Game 2
Eastern Conn. 2, Massachusetts Dartmouth 0

Eastern Conn. (12-18), 7-3 little east)	100	001	0--	2	4	0
UM Dartmouth (9-16, 4-8 little east)	000	000	0--	0	4	3

Nikki Vachon, Brooke Nici (4) and Krystle Denny. Meghan Fenton (3-7) and Shannon Allberry. WP-Nici (5-7). 2B-Marchitto (E), Fenton (MD); 3B-Melissa Tavares (MD).

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Thursday, April 21, 2005

EASTERN, BRIDGEWATER STATE SOFTBALL SPLIT DOUBLEHEADER

Freshman Courtney Watson's RBI double lifts Nici, Warriors in first game

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – Freshman third baseman **Courtney Watson's (BRISTOL)** go-ahead RBI double in the sixth inning lifted the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team to a 3-2 win over Bridgewater State College and an eventual split of a non-conference doubleheader Thursday evening at Howard Spector Field.

In the second game, each team scored two unearned runs before Ashley Clark's two-out double plated pinch runner Kaitlyn Gambino with the go-ahead run in the sixth inning in Bridgewater's 3-2 victory.

Watson drove in freshman leftfielder **Ashley Marchitto (CANTON)** from third with her one-out double as Eastern (10-18) snapped a tie in the bottom of the sixth inning. Nicole Hebert's RBI triple had tied the game for Bridgewater (14-15) in the top of the fourth inning.

Junior pitcher **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** fanned five without a walk in winning the first game – her fourth win in her last seven decisions after an 0-4 start. Kim Olson had three hits and scored two runs for Bridgewater while Eastern senior DP **Sandra Pariseau (STRATFORD)** drove in a run with a single that tied the game 1-1 in the bottom of the first inning.

In the second game, Clark doubled to center field with two out in the top of the sixth inning to break a 2-2 tie. The hit plated Gambino, who was running for Meghan Murphy. Murphy had singled to open the inning and move to second on a sacrifice bunt by Olson.

Eastern had tied the first game 2-2 in the bottom of the fourth inning on Pariseau's two-run line drive double over the head of Bridgewater centerfielder Natalie Barbanti – giving her six RBI in the last six games. Bridgewater had taken a 2-0 lead in the top of the second with two unearned runs against losing pitcher **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)**, with Clark driving in the second run with a single that plated Nicole Hebert from third.

Bridgewater winning pitcher Stephanie Pierce didn't allow an earned run, fanning six without a walk. Two infield errors and a single by Marchitto had put two runners aboard for Pariseau's game-tying double. Pierce faced only one batter over the minimum 11 after Pariseau's hit.

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Savelle fanned three in losing her fifth straight decision.

None of the four pitchers in the doubleheader issued a walk and the foursome were charged with only four earned runs.

Eastern hosts the University of Southern Maine Sunday in a 1 p.m. Little East Conference doubleheader at Spector Field. The doubleheader was originally scheduled to be played Saturday.

**Game 1
Eastern Conn. 3, Bridgewater State College 2**

Bridgewater State (13-15)	100	100	0	--	2	7	2
Eastern Conn. (10-17)	110	001	x	--	3	6	2

Kaitlyn Gambino (3-6) and Lindsey Allison. Brooke Nici (4-7) and Kristen Fallo. 2B-Karen Taber, Courtney Watson (E); 3B-Nicole Hebert (B).

**Game 2
Bridgewater State College 3, Eastern Conn. 2**

Bridgewater State (14-15)	020	001	0	--	3	6	2
Eastern Conn. (10-18)	000	200	0	--	2	5	2

Stephanie Pierce (4-2) and Lindsey Allison. Lindsay Savelle (6-10) and Krystle Denny. 2B-Ashley Clark (B), Sandra Pariseau (E).

EASTERN'S SCHEDULED HOME DOUBLEHEADER SATURDAY AGAINST THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE HAS BEEN RE-SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 24 AS A 1 P.M. DOUBLEHEADER.

Saturday, April 16, 2005

EASTERN SOFTBALL SPLITS LITTLE EAST PAIR WITH KEENE STATE

Nici shuts out conference pre-season favorite 1-0 in second game of twinbill

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Junior **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** recorded her second complete-game shutout up north as the Eastern Connecticut State University fastpitch softball team gained a Little East Conference doubleheader split with Keene State College Saturday afternoon at Howard Spector Field.

Nici (3-6) stopped Eastern's (9-15, 5-1 little east) five-game losing streak at the hands of Keene State (16-4, 1-3 little east) by shutting out the Owls 1-0 in the second game on four hits. No. 19 nationally-ranked Keene, picked to win the conference this year capturing last year's regular season, won the opener behind senior Meghan McLoughlin's (Brattleboro, VT) complete-game four-hit shutout.

Senior leftfielder **Sandra Pariseau (STRATFORD)** drove in the only run of the second game with a single which plated freshman rightfielder **Allison Kane (WATERFORD)** from second base. Kane had singled to open the inning and stole second.

Nici fanned six without a walk and faced only five batters over the 21-batter minimum. Nici allowed only one hit after the third inning, retiring 11 straight until freshman catcher Melissa Scata (Medway, MA) singled with one out in the seventh. Scata was sacrificed to second but Nici got a game-ending infield fly.

Keene won for the fifth straight time over Eastern in the first game, senior third baseman Jennifer Norman (Penacook, NH) scoring the only run needed on freshman first baseman Ashley Nicholson's (Swanzey, NH) double in the first inning. The Owls added three runs in the fourth when they sent nine batters to the plate. They had four hits and were aided by a walk and error. Driving in the runs with singles were No. 9 hitter Amanda Foote (Hudson, NH), a junior shortstop, Norman and Nicholson.

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Last year's conference Pitcher-of-the-Year, McLaughlin (5-2) fanned nine without a walk and hit a batter, facing just four batters over the 21-batter minimum.

Eastern hosts Bridgewater State College Wednesday at 5 p.m in a non-conference doubleheader.

Game 1
Keene State College 4, Eastern Conn. 0

Keene State (16-3, 1-2 little east)	100	300	0	--	4	10	0
Eastern Conn. (8-15, 4-1 little east)	000	000	0	--	0	4	1

Meghan McLoughlin (5-2) and Emily Crompton. Lindsay Savelle (6-8) and Krystle Denny. 2B-Sarah Campbell, Ashley Nicholson (K), Allison Kane (E).

Game 2
Eastern Conn. 1, Keene State College 0

Keene State (16-4, 1-3 little east)	000	000	0	--	0	4	1
Eastern Conn. (9-15, 5-1 little east)	000	100	x	--	1	3	0

Ashley Nicholson (3-2) and Melissa Scata. Brooke Nici (3-6) and Kristen Fallo. 2B-Scata (K), Karen Taber (E).

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Tuesday, April 19, 2005

EASTERN SOFTBALL LOSES GRIP ON FIRST PLACE IN LITTLE EAST

Warriors swept at Western Connecticut for third straight time, 4-0, 3-2 (9)

DANBURY, CT – Western Connecticut State University freshman Shelby Slie won the first game with a shutout and the second game in relief and the Colonials scored on a throwing error in the bottom of the ninth inning of the nightcap in a 4-0, 3-2 Little East Conference sweep of Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday evening at Westside Field on the WCSU campus.

Since sweeping Plymouth State University April 9, Eastern (9-17, 5-3 little east) has lost seven of eight. Eastern falls from a tie for first with Rhode Island College into third place in the conference. Rhode Island swept UMass Dartmouth to assume sole possession of first place with a 7-1 conference mark, one game ahead of Western, two ahead of Eastern and three ahead of UMass Dartmouth (4-4). Each team has six conference regular-season games remaining.

Western (15-8, 6-2 little east), which has swept Eastern the last three times the teams have met in Danbury, was coming off two losses Sunday to defending conference regular-season champion Keene State College in its first home games of the year. As the No. 3 seed, Western won last year's conference tournament.

In the second game, Eastern junior **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** did not allow an earned run. The Warriors scored single runs in the fourth and sixth to claw back from an early two-run deficit but Western scored the winning run in the bottom of the ninth. Julie Wullen singled to center to open the inning and came all the way around to score on an Eastern infield throwing error on a sacrifice bunt by Mallory Zenkus. Wullen was attempting to move from first to third on the bunt, and the throw to third attempting her nail her skipped down the left field line.

Eastern committed five errors in the doubleheader, two coming in the opener when Eastern junior **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** was tagged with two unearned runs.

In the second game, an error, two hits and sacrifice fly handed the Colonials two unearned runs in the second but senior DH **Sandra Pariscau (STRATFORD)** drove in the first Eastern run with a single that scored freshman leftfielder **Ashley Marchitto (CANTON)** in the fourth and plated the tying run with a ground ball that scored freshman catcher Krystle Denny (WEST HAVEN) in the sixth.

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Nici (3-7) did not allow a hit after the fourth inning – facing only one batter over the minimum – until Wullen led off the ninth with a single. Wullen was a seventh-inning replacement for Jessica Watts behind the plate. Eastern had the go-ahead run thrown out at home in the top of the seventh inning when pinch runner **Angela Loomis (MERIDEN)** tried tagging up from third on sophomore shortstop **Karen Taber’s (DEEP RIVER)** line drive out to Jess Cioffi in center. Loomis was running for Nici, who had opened the inning with a double. Marchitto opened the ninth by reaching on an error but was eventually left stranded at third.

Slie pitched her fifth shutout in nine starts this year in the first game, allowing only five hits without walking a batter. She replaced starter Kristy Swanson after Taber doubled with one out in the fifth inning of the second game. Slie protected a one-run lead in that inning with a strikeout and fly ball out.

Eastern hosts Bridgewater State College Thursday in a 5 p.m. non-conference doubleheader at Howard Spector Field.

First Game
Western Conn. 4, Eastern Conn. 0

Eastern Conn. (9-16, 5-2 little east)	000	000	0	--	0	5	3
Western Conn. (14-8, 5-2 little east)	101	020	x	--	4	8	0

Lindsay Savelle (6-9) and Krystle Denny. Shelby Slie (8-2) and Julia Wullen. 2B-Nikki Vachon (E), Kaitlin Nocera (W).

Second Game
Western Conn. 3, Eastern Conn. 2, 9 inn.

Eastern Conn. (9-17, 5-3 little east)	000	101	000	--	2	7	2
Western Conn. (15-8, 6-2 little east)	020	000	001	--	3	6	2

One out when winning run scored.

Brooke Nici (3-7) and Krystle Denny. Kristy Swanson, Shelby Slie (5) and Jessica Watts, Julia Wullen (7). WP-Slie (9-2). 2B-Karen Taber, Nici (E), Holly Szymanski (W).

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Wednesday, April 13, 2005

EASTERN SOFTBALL SWEEP BY WESLEYAN 3-2, 2-1

Cards defeat Warriors for first time ever after nine losses, taking opener in 8th

MIDDLETOWN, CT – The Wesleyan University softball team scored the winning run with one out in the bottom of the eighth inning of the first game and the go-ahead run in the bottom of the sixth inning of the nightcap in sweeping Eastern Connecticut State University 3-2 and 2-1 Wednesday afternoon.

Eastern (8-14), which has lost four games in the last two days, had beaten Wesleyan (9-11) all nine time the teams had met prior to today.

Instituting the international tie-breaker in the eighth inning of the first game, Eastern went out in order in the top of the inning. In the bottom of the eighth, Wesleyan scored the winning run on a ground out and senior shortstop Sue Frost end the game with a single down the left field line. Junior **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** allowed nine hits in a route-going effort in the first game but did not allow an earned run nor a walk. Savelle (6-7) struck out four.

In the second game, Wesleyan freshman lefty Karla Hargrave allowed only two hits while fanning six without a walk and the Cardinals broke a 1-1 tie by scoring with two out in the bottom of the sixth inning on senior first baseman Liz Burnside's RBI double to left-center. Sophomore **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** made her 2005 pitching debut in relief of junior **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** in the nightcap. Vachon (0-1), last year's No. 2 pitcher, gave up two hits and an earned run over the final two innings. Until today, she had served exclusively as the team's first baseman due to a arm injury.

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Eastern sophomore shortstop **Karen Taber (DEEP RIVER)** had three hits and drove in a run for Eastern in the doubleheader.

Eastern hosts defending Little East Conference regular-season champion Keene State College Saturday at 1 p.m.

Game 1

Wesleyan U. 3, Eastern Conn. 2, 8 inn.

Eastern Conn. (8-13)	001	100	00	--	2	8	4
Wesleyan U. (8-11)	010	100	01	--	3	9	0

One out when winning running scored

Lindsay Savelle (6-7) and Krystle Denny. Molly Gaebe (4-5) and Sarah Gillooly. 2B-Gaebe (W); 3B-Gillooly (W).

Game 2

Wesleyan U. 2, Eastern Conn. 1

Eastern Conn. (8-14)	000	001	0	--	1	2	0
Wesleyan U. (9-11)	001	001	x	--	2	6	0

Brooke Nici, Nikki Vachon (5) and Kristen Fallo. Karla Hargrave (5-6) and Sarah Gillooly. LP-Vachon (0-1).

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Tuesday, April 12, 2005

NO. 9 WHEATON COLLEGE SOFTBALL ROLLS PAST EASTERN

Defending NE champion Lyons dispose of Warriors by identical 8-0 scores

NORTON, Mass. – Wheaton College freshmen pitchers Jodi Moynagh and Audrey Poulton limited the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team to five hits as the No. 9 nationally-ranked Lyons breezed past the Warriors by identical 8-0 scores Tuesday in a two hour and 15 minute doubleheader at Clark Field. Both games were stopped in the fifth inning due to the eight-run rule.

Wheaton (20-9), which won last year's New England title and placed sixth in the NCAA Division III national tournament, won for the fourth time in the last five games. The meeting was the first between Wheaton and Eastern (8-12) in nine years.

Moynagh (9-3) spaced three singles for Wheaton in the opener and the hosts capitalized on four Eastern errors to score four unearned runs off junior **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)**. Savelle (6-6) gave up eight hits without a walk while fanning two. Behind Poulton's (4-1) two-hitter, Wheaton had 13 hits against junior **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** in the second game, scoring three unearned runs on just one Eastern error. Like Savelle, Nici (2-6) struck out two and did not walk a batter.

Senior leadoff hitter Jessica Foster had five hits – including a second-game triple -- and scored and drove in three runs in the doubleheader while sophomore first baseman Jessica Depolito had four hits – including a double in the first game and home run in the second -- scored four runs and drove in three.

Wheaton scored four runs in the first inning of the first game to put the game away early and broke from a tight one-run game by scoring four times in the fourth inning of the nightcap.

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Freshman third baseman **Courtney Watson (BRISTOL)** had two of Eastern's three hits in the first game and freshman DH **Samantha Morrow (TOLLAND)** had Eastern's lone extra-base hit with a double in the nightcap.

Eastern visits Wesleyan University Wednesday for a 3:30 p.m. doubleheader.

Game 1

Wheaton College (MA) 8, Eastern Conn. 0, 5 inn.

Eastern (8-11)	000	00	--	0	3	4
Wheaton College (19-9)	413	0x	--	8	10	0

Lindsay Savelle (6-6) and Krystle Denny. Jodi Moynagh (9-3) and Kate Malloy. 2B-Jessica Depolito (W).

Game 2

Wheaton College (MA) 8, Eastern Conn. 0, 5inn.

Eastern (8-12)	000	00	--	0	2	1
Wheaton College (20-9)	010	43	--	8	13	0

Brooke Nici (2-6) and Krystle Denny. Audrey Poulton (4-1) and Kate Malloy. 2B-Samantha Morrow E), Keely Nowosacki (W); 3B-Jessica Foster (W); HR-Depolito (4) (W).

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Saturday, April 9, 2005

EASTERN SOFTBALL SWEEPS PLYMOUTH, NOW 4-0 IN LITTLE EAST

In first game, Lindsay Savelle and Plymouth's Kim Jeffs both throw no-hitters

PLYMOUTH, NH – Eastern Connecticut State University junior righty **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** outdueled Plymouth State University All-America senior Kim Jeffs twice – winning a battle of softball no-hitters in the first game – to carry the Warriors to a 1-0, 4-2 Little East Conference doubleheader sweep Saturday at D&M Park.

Coming off of two extra-inning home losses Thursday to Salve Regina University, Eastern (8-10, 4-0 little east) pushed across an unearned run in the sixth inning of the first game with the help of two Plymouth State (4-10, 0-2 little east) errors in a game which featured no hits. In the second game, Savelle pitched 3 2/3 hitless innings of relief and Eastern responded with 11 hits against Jeffs and rallied for four runs in its final two at-bats to wipe out a 2-0 deficit.

In the first game, Savelle faced just two batters over minimum 21, fanning five and walking two; Jeffs faced three over the minimum, fanning 16 without a walk. Through five innings, Jeff allowed only one baserunner on her own error with one out in the third. With one out in the sixth, junior second baseman **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** reached second base safely on an infield error and scored on another infield error on a batted ball by sophomore shortstop **Karen Taber (DEEP RIVER)**.

After issuing a one-out walk in the fourth, Savelle (6-5) retired the final 11 batters in order in the first game. The only other baserunner to reach was via a two-out walk in the first. Savelle got a strikeout to leave the runner stranded in the first and freshman rightfielder **Allison Kane (WATERFORD)** forced a runner at second to subdue Plymouth's fourth-inning bid.

Savelle was summoned while Plymouth was taking a 2-0 lead in the fourth inning of the nightcap and didn't allow a hit the rest of the way, fanning three. Two batters reached on errors.

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Savelle stranded a runner at second after taking over for Nici in the fourth by striking out two batters and Eastern rallied for three runs in the sixth and one in the seventh to hand Jeffs (2-7) her second loss on the day. Freshman catcher **Krystle Denny (WEST HAVEN)** and sophomore DH **Samantha Morrow (TOLLAND)** combined for five hits, two RBI and two runs scored in the nightcap. Morrow tripled in two runs to tie the game 2-2 in the sixth and scored the go-ahead run on freshman third baseman **Courtney Watson's (BRISTOL)** single. Sophomore first baseman **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** made it 4-2 with a bases-loaded RBI single in the seventh.

In her three-year career, Savelle is 4-0 against Plymouth, defeating Jeffs each time. The first two wins came in extra innings: 2-1 in ten innings in 2003 and 1-0 in eight innings last year. The no-hitter is the second in as many years for Eastern pitchers but the first by a 1-0 score since freshman Christia Mohan defeated Western Connecticut State University April 14, 1987 at Spector Field. Last year, Vachon no-hit Wesleyan University 3-0 at Spector Field.

In the doubleheader, Jeffs became only the third pitcher in NCAA Division III softball history to strike out as many as 1,000 batters.

Eastern visits No. 9 nationally-ranked Wheaton College (MA) Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

Game 1
Eastern Conn. 1, Plymouth State U. 0

Eastern Conn. (7-10, 3-0 little east)	000	001	0	--	1	0	0
Plymouth State (4-9, 0-1 little east)	000	000	0	--	0	0	3

Lindsay Savelle (5-5) and Krystle Denny. Kim Jeffs (2-6) and Devin Casell.

Game 2
Eastern Conn. 4, Plymouth State U. 2

Eastern Conn. (8-10, 4-0 little east)	000	003	1	--	4	11	2
Plymouth State (4-10, 0-2 little east)	000	200	0	--	2	4	0

Brooke Nici, Lindsay Savelle (6-5) and Krystle Denny. Kim Jeffs (2-7), Rose Eaton (7) and Jenny Norton. 2B-Denny (E), Kristi Curry (P); 3B-Samantha Morrow (E).

Thursday, April 7, 2005
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EASTERN DROPS TWO EXTRA-INNING GAMES TO SALVE REGINA
Warriors lost 5-2 in ten innings and 3-2 in nine innings as four-game streak ends

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – The Salve Regina University women's softball team scored three runs on three hits in the tenth inning of 5-2 opening win and scored two runs without a hit in the ninth inning in taking the nightcap 3-2 in sweeping Eastern Connecticut State University Thursday night at Howard Spector Field.

Eastern (6-10), which had won five of its first six northern games, had a four-game winning streak snapped in the first-game loss. Salve (6-12) is 6-2 up north.

Neither team scored through the first seven innings of either game. Beginning with the eighth inning, each team places a runner on second base to start their offensive inning.

In the first game, the teams traded runs in the eighth and ninth innings before the Seahawks reached Eastern junior righty **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** for three two-out runs on three consecutive hits in the top of the tenth inning. Freshman shortstop Alison Hanson's (East Hampton, NY) two-out single drove in the go-ahead run and sophomore centerfielder Elizabeth Kenney's (Taunton, MA) two-run double made it 5-3.

Eastern had tied the game 1-1 in the bottom of the eighth inning on freshman catcher **Krystle Denny's (WEST HAVEN)** sacrifice fly and pulled even again in the bottom of the ninth on freshman third baseman **Courtney Watson's (BRISTOL)** two-out, two-strike single to center which plated freshman DH **Ashley Marchitto (CANTON)** from third. Eastern made a bid to win the game later in the inning but Salve's Kenney threw out Watson trying to score from second on freshman rightfielder **Allison Kane's (WATERFORD)** single to center.

Savelle had a personal four-game winning streak snapped. She gave up eight hits – just two coming through the first seven innings – while fanning five, walking two and hitting a batter.

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After playing seven scoreless innings in the nightcap, the teams combined to score five runs in the eighth and nine without a hit. Eastern committed two errors in extra innings that gave the Seahawks three unearned runs and made a loser of Eastern junior righty **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)**. Nici, who had won her last two decisions, gave up only four singles while striking out two and walking three.

Trailing 3-1, the Warriors got one back in the ninth on Watson's infield ground ball which drove in pinch runner **Kristen Finazzo (NEW MILFORD)** from third but Salve freshman second baseman Caitlin Coyne (Newport, RI) made a game-ending catch in shallow right field while colliding with a teammate.

Eastern visits Plymouth State University Saturday for a 1 p.m. doubleheader.

Game 1

Salve Regina U. 5, Eastern Conn. 2, 10 inn.

Salve Regina (5-12)	000	000	011	3	--	5	8	1
Eastern Conn. (6-9)	000	000	011	0	--	2	6	4

Erin Larrivee (3-6) and Jennifer Terrill. Lindsay Savelle (4-5) and Krystle Denny. 2B-Ali Morrissey (S).

Game 2

Salve Regina U. 3, Eastern Conn. 2, 9 inn.

Salve Regina (6-12)	000	000	012	--	3	4	2
Eastern Conn. (6-10)	000	000	011	--	2	6	2

Katie Thayer (2-3) and Caitlin Snyder. Brooke Nici (2-5) and Kristen Fallo, Krystle Denny (8).

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Tuesday, April 5, 2005

EASTERN SOFTBALL SWEEPS TRINITY, IMPROVES TO 5-1 UP NORTH

Warriors score twice in the seventh to win the first game en route to sweep

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – Sophomore shortstop **Karen Taber (DEEP RIVER)** tied the game with an RBI double and scored the winning run on a passed ball in the bottom of the seventh inning as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team posted a come-from-behind 3-2 win in the first game en route to a doubleheader sweep of Trinity College Tuesday afternoon at Howard Spector Field.

Now 5-1 up north, Eastern (6-8) completed the sweep by scoring five runs in the bottom of the first inning of the nightcap on the way to an 8-2 victory over the Bantams (8-6).

Freshman rightfielder **Allison Kane (WATERFORD)** and Taber stroked back-to-back doubles to open the seventh inning of the first game to tie the score 2-2. The game ended when Taber advanced on consecutive passed balls.

Freshman second baseman **Angela Peeples (VOLUNTOWN)** and sophomore first baseman **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** each had two hits in the first game for Eastern and Stacy Hills and Sara Dougherty each had two hits for Trinity. **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** won her fourth straight pitching decision, fanning three and walking three and giving up only one earned run.

First-game losing pitcher Tori Moshier (4-2) scattered three hits through the first four innings and led 2-0 before Eastern scored an unearned run in the fifth on a leadoff single by freshman leftfielder **Kristen Finazzo (NEW MILFORD)**, a passed ball and an outfield error. Moshier allowed only one earned run.

In the nightcap, Eastern won its fifth straight over Trinity. The Warriors scored five runs in the first inning on three hits and two Trinity errors. Vachon had three hits – driving in the first run of the game with an RBI single – and Taber, senior leftfielder **Sandra Pariseau (STRATFORD)** and freshman catcher **Krystle Denny (WEST HAVEN)** had two each. Taber drove in two runs with an RBI triple and a sacrifice fly and scored twice. **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** won her second straight decision, allowing only a leadoff single in the third

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inning and an RBI triple in the fifth. Trinity also scored a run without a hit in the seventh. Nici, who has allowed only six hits in her last 14 innings, fanned one and walked three.

Vachon was 5-for-8 in the doubleheader to raise her team-leading average to .424 (14-for-33)

Eastern hosts Salve Regina University Thursday in a 5 p.m. non-conference doubleheader.

First Game
Eastern Conn. 3, Trinity College 2

Trinity College (8-5)	000	110	0	--	2	7	2
Eastern Conn. (5-8)	000	010	2	--	3	8	2

One out when winning run scored

Victoria Moshier (4-2) and Lindsey Freeman. Lindsay Savelle (4-4) and Krystle Denny. 2B-Laura Watson, Stacy Hills (T), Allison Kane, Karen Taber (E).

Second Game
Eastern Conn. 8, Trinity College 2

Trinity College (8-6)	000	010	1	--	2	2	4
Eastern Conn. (6-8)	500	210	x	--	8	10	0

Brooke Nici (2-4) and Krystle Denny, Kristen Fallo (3). Brittany Alvino (4-3), Sara Dougherty (5) and Lindsey Freeman. 2B-Nikki Vachon, Sandra Pariseau (E); 3B-Beth Gostanian (T).

little east conference
Friday, April 1, 2005

VACHON SPARKS EASTERN SOFTBALL TO LITTLE EAST OPENING SWEEP
Sophomore first baseman plates five runs in opener; Nici shuts out UMass in nightcap

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – Sophomore first baseman **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** drove in a career-high five runs in the first game and junior right-handed pitcher **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** pitched a four-hit shutout in the nightcap and helped herself by driving in a run as the Eastern Connecticut State University fastpitch softball team swept the University of Massachusetts Boston 8-2, 2-0 in a Little East Conference season-opening doubleheader Friday night at Howard Spector Field.

Vachon drove in the runs with an RBI triple in the first inning, a sacrifice fly in the third and a looping, bases-clearing single to deep first base in the sixth for Eastern (4-8), which has won three of four since returning from a 1-7 Florida trip. **Vachon** and freshman centerfielder **Ashley Marchitto (CANTON)** each had two hits in the first game, with **Marchitto** and freshman leftfielder **Kristen Finazzo (NEW MILFORD)** each driving in a third-inning run with singles. It was **Finazzo's** first collegiate RBI. Junior leftfielder **Elizabeth Erlandson** had two hits for UMass (2-9)

Backed by a nine-hit attack in the first game, junior right-handed pitcher **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** pitched a complete-game six-hitter, fanning two and walking one and was charged with only one earned run in lowering her ERA to 1.87. **Savelle** was staked to a 5-0 lead and retired the first seven batters in order before she was nicked for an unearned run in the third inning when the Beacons scored without getting the ball out of the infield.

In the nightcap, **Nici** won her first game of the year with her second career shutout, improving her ERA to 2.39. She fanned four and walked one. Eastern scored the only run it needed in the first inning when freshman rightfielder **Allison Kane (WATERFORD)** singled, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by sophomore shortstop **Karen Taber (DEEP RIVER)** and scored on freshman DH **Krystle Denny's (WEST HAVEN)** first collegiate RBI – a sacrifice fly to left. In the sixth, **Vachon** opened with a single, moved to second on an error, to third on a sacrifice bunt by freshman second baseman **Angela Peebles (VOLUNTOWN)** and scored on **Nici's** infield ground ball.

The Beacons had at least one baserunner in every inning except the first. Eastern committed three errors in the second inning but **Nici** got an infield fly ball to leave the bases loaded. **Nici** also stranded two runners in the fifth when she got a called strikeout to end the inning.

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Losing pitcher Stacey Peterson fanned two and walked six. Freshman shortstop Kate Webb had two hits for UMass, which has lost all 18 of its games against Eastern in this series.

Eastern gained the sweep despite committing seven errors and leaving 19 baserunners.

Eastern hosts Trinity College Tuesday in a 3:30 p.m. doubleheader.

Game 1
Eastern Conn. 8, UMass Boston 2

UMass Boston (2-8, 0-1)	001	010	0	--	2	6	1
Eastern Conn. (3-8, 1-0)	203	003	x	--	8	9	2

Lindsay Savelle (3-4) and Krystle Denny. Katherine Wall (1-5) and Catic O'Reilly. 3B-Nikki Vachon (E).

Game 2
Eastern Conn. 2, UMass Boston 0

Eastern Conn. (4-8, 2-0)	100	001	0	--	2	5	4
UMass Boston (2-9, 0-2)	000	000	0	--	0	4	1

Brooke Nici (1-4) and Kristen Fallo. Stacey Peterson (1-4) and Katherine Wall. 2B-Karen Taber (E), Kristen Smoyer (M).

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Wednesday, March 30, 2005

EASTERN SOFTBALL SPLITS HOME-OPENING DOUBLEHEADER

Lindsay Savelle defeats Springfield for third straight time in opener

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – Junior **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** pitched a complete-game seven-hitter and four players drove in their first career runs in the second inning when the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team defeated Springfield College 5-2 in splitting its 2005 home-opening doubleheader Wednesday evening at Howard Spector Field.

In the second game, Springfield senior Brittany Dielemans (1-3) won her first game of the season with a no-hitter, facing only three batters over the minimum and allowing an unearned run in a 5-1 victory. The second-game win snapped Springfield's (5-6) four-game losing streak at the hands of Eastern (2-8).

In the opener, Savelle (2-4) defeated Springfield for the third straight time in her last three starts against the Pride. The Warriors staked her to a 5-0 lead by batting around in the second inning and scoring five runs on five hits, two walks and a stolen base. Freshmen **Angela Peebles (VOLUNTOWN)**, **Ashley Marchitto (CANTON)** and **Allison Kane (WATERFORD)** and sophomore **Leigha Abair (EAST HARTFORD)** all drove in their first career runs. With Peebles at bat, the first run was walked in. Marchitto followed with an RBI double and Kane with an RBI single and Abair drove in the final two runs with a double.

Savelle, who has won her last two starts, fanned one and walked one. She allowed both of Springfield's runs in the third inning, and after giving up a leadoff single in the fourth, did not allow another baseunner until Denise Fumicello's one-out single in the seventh.

In the second game, Dielemans won the battle between pitchers looking for their first wins of the year. She fanned five without a walk. Springfield committed both of its errors when Eastern tied the game with an unearned run in the fourth.

In the seventh, the Pride broke a 1-1 tie when they scored four runs and chased Eastern junior starter **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)**. Laurie Cersosimo snapped the tie with a two-out, opposite field double over the leftfielder's head against Nici and Caitlin McGaughey plated two more with a bloop opposite-field single to deep second base on the first pitch from Savelle.

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Trailing 1-0, Eastern tied the game without a hit in the fourth inning when the Pride committed an infield throwing error and outfield error on a fly ball after Dielemans had retired the first two batters. Dielemans left the go-ahead run on second base when she retired Eastern sophomore first baseman **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** on a line drive back to the box. Eastern's third baserunner of the game reached with two out in the seventh on a wild pitch after striking out.

Eastern opens its Little East Conference season Saturday when it hosts the University of Massachusetts Boston in a 1 p.m. doubleheader.

First Game
Eastern Conn. 5, Springfield College 2

Springfield (4-6)	003	000	0	--	2	7	1
Eastern Conn. (2-7)	050	000	x	--	5	7	2

Amy Brucker (3-3) and Missy Edwards. Lindsay Savelle (2-4) and Krystle Denny. 2B-Leigha Abair, Ashley Marchitto (E).

Second Game
Springfield College 5, Eastern Conn. 1

Springfield (5-6)	010	000	4	--	5	8	2
Eastern Conn. (2-8)	000	100	0	--	1	0	3

Brittany Dielemans (1-3) and Missy Edwards. Brooke Nici (0-4), Lindsay Savelle (7) and Krystle Denny. 2B-Denise Fumicello, Laurie Cersosimo (S).

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Thursday, March 24, 2005

EASTERN SOFTBALL SALVAGES WIN AT REBEL GAMES

Savelle pitches three-hitter in 5-2 win for Warriors, who finish 1-7 in Florida

ORLANDO, FL – Junior **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** pitched her fourth complete game in as many starts and gained her first victory when the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team downed Grove City College 5-2 Thursday afternoon to salvage a win at the Rebel Spring Games.

Eastern (1-7) closed out its trip with a 4-2 loss to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls (3-5) and a 2-1 setback to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (5-1). The game against Stevens Points was a late addition to the schedule for Eastern, which was rained out of three games on its spring trip.

Eastern 5, Grove City College 2

The only runs allowed by Savelle (1-4) were unearned and came without the aid of a hit when the winless (0-7) Wolverines capitalized upon three errors to take a 2-0 lead in the second. The Warriors went ahead for good with three runs in the third on a two-run double by sophomore shortstop **Karen Taber (DEEP RIVER)** and an RBI single by freshman catcher **Kristen Fallo (REDDING)**.

Savelle scattered three singles and did not walk a batter. She fanned three. Taber and senior DH **Sandra Pariseau (STRATFORD)** each had two of Eastern's eight hits.

UW-River Falls 4, Eastern Conn. 2

The Falcons scored three runs on four hits in the sixth inning to wipe out a one-run deficit against complete-game loser **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)**. Jessany Schwartz had a two-run double in the inning and Emily Stahl an RBI double.

Trailing 1-0, Eastern scored two runs in the top of the fourth when it collected all three of its hits. Sophomore first baseman **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** and freshman third baseman **Courtney Watson (BRISTOL)** each had a run-scoring single in the inning.

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Nici (0-2) fanned two without issuing a walk but hit one batter.

UW-Stevens Point 2, Eastern Conn. 1

The Pointers broke a tie by scoring the go-ahead run in the bottom of the sixth against Nici (0-3), who had taken over on the mound after the first two batters reached safely in the fifth inning. Rebekah Bower double to start the inning and came home on Jessica Cook's RBI single.

The Pointers scored a run in the first inning off Savelle but the Warriors tied the game with a run in the fifth when Vachon tripled to lead off the inning and later scored on a wild pitch.

Winning pitcher Stephanie Anderson (2-0) struck out 11 batters for the second straight start. She gave up five hits and walked one.

Eastern Conn. 5, Grove City College 2

Grove City (0-7)	020	000	0	-	2	3	2
Eastern Conn. (1-5)	003	020	x	-	5	8	3

Jes Flick (0-3), Sarah Smith (6) and Abby Greiner. Lindsay Savelle (1-4) and Kristen Fallo, Krystle Denny (7). LP-Smith (0-3). 2B-Karen Taber.

UW-River Falls 4, Eastern Conn. 2

Eastern Conn. (1-6)	000	200	0	--	2	3	1
UW-River Falls (3-5)	001	003	x	--	4	7	3

Brooke Nici (0-2) and Krystle Denny. Leah Valderploeg, Brittany Rathbun (5) and Ashley James. WP-Rathbun (unv). 2B-Jessany Schwartz, Emily Stahl (W); 3BAmanda Wojnowiak (W).

UW-Stevens Point 2, Eastern Conn. 1

Eastern Conn. (1-7)	000	010	0	--	1	5	2
UW-Stevens Point (5-1)	100	001	x	--	2	7	2

Lindsay Savelle, Brooke Nici (5) and Krystle Denny. Stephanie Anderson (2-0) and Nikki Schomer. LP-Nici (0-3). 2B-Laura VanAbel, Rebekah Bauer (W); 3B-Nikki Vachon (E), Bauer (W).

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Monday, March 21, 2005

SEVENTH-INNING RUN SINKS EASTERN SOFTBALL, 1-0
In loss to Mount Vernon Nazarene, Warriors shut out for third time

ORLANDO, FL – The only walk issued by Eastern Connecticut State University junior pitcher **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** was the difference in the game as the Warriors were beaten by Mount Vernon Nazarene University 1-0 Monday afternoon in softball at the Rebel Spring Games.

A game later in the day against the University of Wisconsin-Platteville was cancelled due to rain.

Mount Vernon (2-3) scored the only run of the game in the top of the seventh inning after Savelle had retired the first two batters. Winning pitcher Shannon Rachel drew a full-count walk and senior catcher Shara Dyer delivered an RBI double to left-center – the only extra-base hit of the game.

Eastern (0-5) was unable to capitalize on two infield errors in the bottom of the seventh, leaving the bases loaded against reliever Heather Clark, who was credited with her first save after getting a game-ending ground ball.

Savelle (0-4) allowed only three hits while fanning. In losing all three of her starts this year, Savelle has given up only 11 hits and five runs in complete-game performances. The Warriors have been shut out three times and have managed only three runs.

Freshman leftfielder **Allison Kane (WATERFORD)** had two of Eastern's three hits with a leadoff single in the bottom of the first inning and a one-out single in the sixth. Freshman second baseman **Angela Peebles (VOLUNTOWN)** had the other hit, a two-out single in the fifth.

Beginning at 8:50 a.m., Eastern plays two games in Orlando Wednesday, facing Augsburg College and Allegheny College.

Mount Vernon Nazarene U. 1, Eastern Conn. 0

Mount Vernon (2-3)	000	000	1	--	1	3	2
Eastern Conn. (0-5)	000	000	0	--	0	3	3

Shannon Rachel (1-0), Heather Clark (7) and Shara Dyer. Lindsay Savelle (0-4) and Krystle Denny. Save-Clark (1). 2B-Dyer (M).

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Sunday, March 20, 2005

EASTERN SOFTBALL DROPS PAIR AT REBEL SPRING GAMES

Late run not enough against UW-Eau Claire; four-run sixth inning lifts St. Norbert

ORLANDO, FL – St. Norbert College broke a sixth-inning tie by scoring four runs on six hits in a 6-2 fastpitch softball win over Eastern Connecticut State University Sunday night at the Rebel Spring Games.

The loss was the second of the day for Eastern (0-2), which scored its first run of the season in the seventh inning in a 3-1 loss to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Sunday morning.

St. Norbert 6, Warriors 2

The Green Knights (2-2) scored four runs in the top of the sixth inning on six hits and three stolen bases to snap a 2-2 tie. Lindsey Lubinski put St. Norbert ahead for good with an RBI single and Angela Flood capped the rally with a two-run triple.

Freshman catcher **Kristen Fallo (REDDING)** had given Eastern a 1-0 lead in the first inning with an RBI single (her second of the day) that plated sophomore centerfielder **Leigha Abair (EAST HARTFORD)** and Eastern late tied the game 2-2 with a run in the fourth on freshman third baseman ~~Angela Loomis (MERIDEN)~~ first career RBI, a sacrifice fly that plated sophomore shortstop **Karen Taber (DEEP RIVER)**. *Savelle RBI*

Making her third appearance in four games this year, junior pitcher **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** took over for junior **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** with two outs in the third and the score tied 1-1. Nici returned to pitch the seventh with the Warriors trailing 6-2. Savelle is 0-3.

UW-Eau Claire 3, Eastern Conn. 1

Savelle pitched a complete-game four-hitter for the second straight game but the Blugolds (5-2) scored all three of their runs in the bottom of the fifth inning by parlaying three of their hits with two walks, four stolen bases and a passed ball.

After being shut out on one hit in two opening losses Saturday, Eastern scored its first run of the season in the top of the seventh on a single through the left side by Fallo, who plated Taber from second. Taber had opened the inning with a single and stole second.

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Sophomore Mallory McKinney (3-0) retired the first 14 Eastern batters in order before freshman rightfielder **Ashley Marchitto (CANTON)** singled with two out in the fifth.

Savelle fanned two and walked two and hit a batter. All of the runs were earned as Eastern played errorless defense for the second time in three games.

Monday, Eastern faces Mount Vernon Nazarene University at 2:30 p.m. and UW-Platteville at 6 p.m.

UW-Eau Claire 3, Eastern Conn. 1

Eastern Conn. (0-3)	000	000	1	--	1	3	0
UW-Eau Claire (5-2)	000	030	x	--	3	4	2

Lindsay Savelle (0-2) and Kristen Fallo. Mallory McKinney (3-0), Molly Johnson (6), McKinney (7) and Rachel Lemon, Megan Oster (6). 2B-Molly Blakewell (W).

St. Norbert College 6, Eastern Conn. 2

St. Norbert (2-2)	010	104	0	--	6	10	2
Eastern Conn. (0-4)	100	100	0	--	2	7	1

Lindsey Lubinski, Mara Resch (5) and Samantha Boushley. Brooke Nici, Lindsay Savelle (3), Nici (7) and Kristen Fallo. WP-Resch (1-1). LP-Savelle (0-3). 2B-Lindsey Reynolds (S); 3B-Angela Flood, Heather Henri, Jody Paltzer (S).

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Saturday, March 19, 2005

EASTERN SOFTBALL SHUT OUT TWICE IN 2005 OPENERS

Warriors lose 1-0 to Westminster, 10-0 to Ramapo at Rebel Spring Games

ORLANDO, FL -- The Eastern Connecticut State University fastpitch softball team was limited to one hit and two baserunners in 12 innings in two season-opening losses Saturday at the Rebel Spring Games.

Westminster (PA) College (1-0) scored the only run of the game in the second inning to down the Warriors in their 2005 debut and Ramapo College of New Jersey (1-0) scored seven runs on one hit in the third inning on the way to a 10-0 win in a game stopped after five innings due to the ten-run rule. Two Ramapo pitchers combined on a perfect game.

Eastern junior righties **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** and **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** went the distance on the mound, respectively, each allowing only one earned run. Savelle allowed only four baserunners, giving up four hits with four strikeouts. Nici allowed six hits in four innings while fanning three and walking three.

Westminster scored its run in the top of the second inning on a two-out RBI single to right-center by Katie Porter. Savelle allowed only one baserunner the rest of the way – a leadoff single in the sixth by Hannah Parker. Sophomore shortstop **Karen Taber (DEEP RIVER)** had Eastern's hit with a two-out double in the bottom of the second inning and moved to third on a passed ball but winning pitcher Jennifer Pancake (1-0) got a strikeout to end the threat. Senior leftfielder **Sandra Pariseau (STRATFORD)** was the only other Eastern batter to reach base. She drew a two-out walk in the sixth but Pancake got an infield pop to end the inning.

After playing perfect defense in the first game, Eastern committed five errors in the nightcap. Three of them came in Ramapo's (1-0) seven-run third inning. The Road Runners sent ten batters to the plate in the inning, scoring their runs on just one hit. They were also aided by two walks, a hit batter, two passed balls and a wild pitch.

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Sophomore Marissa Marino (1-0) and freshman Heather Camb combined on the perfect game, getting two strikeouts and forcing seven fly ball outs.

Sunday, Eastern faces UW-Eau Claire (10:40 a.m.) and St. Norbert College (4:10 p.m.) at Orlando.

Westminster College (PA) 1, Eastern Conn. 0

Westminster (1-0)	010	000	0	--	1	4	0
Eastern Conn. (0-1)	000	000	0	--	0	1	0

Jennifer Pancake (1-0) and Maryalice Skinner. Lindsay Savelle (0-1) and Krystle Denny. 2B-Lauren Boris (W), Karen Taber (E).

Ramapo College 10, Eastern Conn. 0, 5 inn.

Eastern Conn. (0-2)	000	00	--	0	0	5
Ramapo (1-0)	127	0x	--	10	6	0

Brooke Nici (0-1) and Kristen Fallo. Marissa Marino (1-0), Heather Camb (5) and Lisa Rizzo. 2B-Rizzo, Leah Mondadori (R); 3B-Michele Rossi (R).