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Thursday, May 4, 2006

### EASTERN SOFTBALL MAKES QUICK EXIT IN LEC TOURNEY

*Second-seeded Warriors have more errors than hits in season-ending losses*

PROVIDENCE, RI – Pitcher **Lindsay Savelle (Sr./Cheshire)** did not allow an earned run in 13 innings but second-seeded Eastern Connecticut State University committed five errors and was limited to only four hits and was eliminated on the first day of the 2006 Little East Conference Softball Tournament Thursday at the Dayna A. Bazar Softball Complex on the Rhode Island College campus.

After sweeping both fifth-seeded University of Southern Maine (21-18) on the road and sixth-seeded University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (15-12-1) at Howard Spector Field during the regular season by a combined scoring margin of 20-3, Eastern (21-19) was shut out by each opponent Thursday in the six-team double-elimination tournament.

Against Southern Maine Thursday morning, Eastern committed all three of its errors when the Huskies scored both of their runs on two singles and two stolen bases in the second inning of a 2-0. In an afternoon elimination game, UMass Dartmouth defeated the Warriors for the first time in ten years – ending a string of 19 straight losses, 1-0. Eastern committed both of its errors in the sixth inning when the Corsairs pushed across an unearned run with the help of two hits.

Savelle had pitched Eastern to three straight wins and into the championship round last year. This year, she was also effective in two losses. She gave up only ten hits – all singles – in 13 innings, fanning 11 without giving up a walk or an earned run.

Southern Maine senior Katie Mainville struck out everyone the first time around the order and finished with a two-hit shutout. She did not walk a batter. Freshman Amie Nickerson of UMass Dartmouth also pitched a two-hit shutout, with **Rachel Denny (Fr./East Haddam)** doubling twice for the Warriors. Denny, who also had a first-game hit, doubled with two out in the fourth inning of a scoreless game against Southern Maine, but Nickerson got a pop to first to leave her stranded. With Eastern trailing 1-0, Denny doubled to open the seventh, but Nickerson got two outfield fly balls and a season-ending strikeout.

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Savelle concludes a record-setting four-year career by finishing first all-time in appearances (109) and innings (625 1/3), second in starts (87), complete games (73) and strikeouts (409) and third in shutouts (17). She finished one start, two complete games and 20 strikeouts behind all-time leader Christia Mohan.

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

Southern Maine (21-18)	020	000	0	--	2	5	0
Eastern Conn. (21-18)	000	000	0	--	0	2	3

Katie Mainville (9-7) and Danica Martin. Lindsay Savelle (12-9) and Krystle Denny.

**Massachusetts Dartmouth 1, Eastern Conn. 0**

Eastern Conn. (21-19)	000	000	0	--	0	2	2
UMass Dartmouth (15-12-1)	000	001	0	--	1	5	0

Lindsay Savelle (12-10) and Krystle Denny. Amie Nickerson (7-3) and Kathleen L'Abbe. 2B-Rachel Denny 2 (E).

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Sunday, April 30, 2006

**EASTERN SOFTBALL SECURES NO. 2 SEED FOR LITTLE EAST TOURNEY**  
*Warriors sweep Plymouth State, finish with most regular-season conference wins ever*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – Catcher **Krystle Denny (So./West Haven)** and designated player **Lindsay Savelle (Sr./Cheshire)** combined for eight hits, 19 total bases, five runs and four RBI to power the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team to a Little East Conference sweep of Plymouth State University Sunday afternoon at Howard Spector Field.

In a 6-1 first-game win, Savelle (12-8) scattered five hits over six innings on the mound and was 3-for-3 with a triple and solo home run at the plate, and Denny smacked a solo home run. In the 6-0 second-game win, Denny was 3-for-3 with a double and triple, and Savelle had a hit and pitched a scoreless seventh inning.

With the first-game win, Eastern (21-17, 11-3 little east) secured the No. 2 seed in the six-team, double-elimination conference tournament, which gets underway Thursday at top-seeded Rhode Island College. The Warriors matched Rhode Island's conference win total, but the Anchorwomen have two losses and a tie as compared to Eastern's three losses. The teams split a doubleheader Saturday in Willimantic.

The final regular-season win total is the highest for Eastern in 11 years of conference play. Eastern also equaled its highest finish in the final regular-season conference standings.

In the sweep of Plymouth (8-25, 3-11 little east), Savelle and Denny each had four hits and two RBI. Denny had a double, triple and home run and scored three runs. Savelle tripled and homered and scored twice. Leadoff hitter and third baseman **Karen Taber (Jr./Deep River)** was 3-for-6 with a walk. She doubled, tripled, drove in two runs and scored one. Shortstop **Casey Mahoney (So./Willimantic)** and first baseman **Rachel Denny (Fr./East Haddam)** each had two hits, with Denny scoring two runs and driving in one and Mahoney scoring one and driving in two. The Warriors committed only one error in each game.

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The team's two home runs give them 16 this season, only three behind the season record, set in 1988. Eight different players have contributed a home run, led by Denny (4) and Savelle (3). The Warriors hit only one home run a year ago.

In the second game, **Brooke Nici (Sr./Clinton, MA)** won her sixth game in the last eight decisions. Nici (7-6) gave up 11 hits but escaped jams in the third, fourth and fifth by leaving the bases loaded. In the final regular-season home game of her career, Nici pushed her pitching record over the .500 mark for the first time since her freshman season.

Already the program's all-time leader in appearances (107), Savelle ended the regular season within striking distance of several individual career records. To tie All-America Christia Mohan's records, Savelle needs three starts, four complete games, 8 2/3 innings and 31 strikeouts. In 612 1/3 career innings, Savelle is 45-41 with a 1.73 ERA and 398 strikeouts. She has started 85 games and completed 71. She is fifth all-time in wins, 28 behind Mohan's program record.

**Game 1**  
**Eastern Conn. 6, Plymouth State U. 1**

Plymouth State (8-24, 3-10 little east)	000	010	0	-1	6	1
Eastern Conn. (20-17, 10-3 little east)	211	011	x	-6	9	1

Courtney MacFarland (3-9) and Devin Caswell, Cathy Aimola (5). Lindsay Savelle (12-8), Katie Pensiero (7) and Krystle Denny, Kristen Fallo (7). 2B-Karen Taber, Casey Mahoney (E); 3B-Taber, Savelle (E); HR-K. Denny (4), Savelle (3).

**Game 2**  
**Eastern Conn. 6, Plymouth State U. 0**

Plymouth State (8-25, 3-11 little east)	000	000	0	-0	11	3
Eastern Conn. (21-17, 11-3 little east)	000	330	x	-6	10	1

Rose Eaton (3-12) and Cathy Aimola. Brooke Nici (7-6), Lindsay Savelle (7) and Krystle Denny. 2B-Rachel Pothier, Aimola, Kristen Abbott (P), K. Denny (E); 3B-K. Denny (E).

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Saturday, April 29, 2006

**EASTERN SOFTBALL SPLITS WITH LEC LEADER RHODE ISLAND**  
*Anchorwomen nail down top seed in upcoming tourney by winning first game*

WILLIAMANTIC, Conn. – Catcher **Krystle Denny (So./West Haven)** drove in all five of the team's second-game runs with a three-run triple and a two-run home run to power the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team to a 5-3 win over Rhode Island College and a split of Saturday's Little East Conference doubleheader at Howard Spector Field.

Rhode Island (29-8-1, 11-2-1 little east) sewed up its second straight conference regular-season title with its 11<sup>th</sup> straight victory in the opener, a 5-3, eight-inning verdict. As the No. 1 seed, the Anchorwomen will host the conference tournament for the second straight year, beginning Thursday at Dayna A. Bazar Field.

In the second game, Krystle Denny hit a bases-clearing triple to give Eastern (19-17, 9-3 little east) a 3-1 lead, then broke a 3-3 tie with a two-run home run to left in the fifth to give the Warriors the lead for good, 5-3. The homer was her third of the year.

**Brooke Nici (Sr./Clinton, MA)** evened her pitching record at 6-6 by pitching into the seventh inning of the second game, and **Lindsay Savelle (Sr./Cheshire)** chalked up her second save of the year by getting the final two outs and stranding two runners. Nici allowed only one earned run on seven hits while fanning one and walking three.

Behind Nicole Riley (20-2), Rhode Island stretched its unbeaten streak to 19 games (18-0-1) with the first-game win. Riley pitched a complete-game six-hitter with seven strikeouts and no walks to outduel Savelle (11-8). In 147 1/3 innings this year, Riley has struck out 128 and walked only 22.

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The Anchorwomen, who were eliminated by Eastern in last year's conference tournament, won the first game and clinched the tournament's No. 1 seed when Andree Sitnik hit a three-run home run with one out in the top of the eighth inning that snapped a 2-2 tie. Kristyn Alexander singled and Krystal Bilick walked against Savelle to open the inning, and with one out, Sitnik launched a 1-1 pitch over the 215 sign in left-center to drive in three runs.

The Warriors scored an unearned run in the bottom of the eighth on designated player **Samantha Morrow's (Jr./Tolland)** two-out RBI single, but Riley retired the tying run with a fly ball to left field.

Eastern closes out the regular season with a makeup doubleheader against Plymouth State University Sunday at 2 p.m. A sweep would give the Warriors their most regulars-season conference wins in the 11-year history of conference play.

**First Game**

**Rhode Island College 5, Eastern Conn. 3 (8 inn.)**

Rhode Island (29-7-1, 11-1-1 little east)	200	000	03	--5	7	2
Eastern Conn. (18-17, 8-3 little east)	100	001	01	--3	6	1

Nicole Riley (20-2) and Kristyn Alexander. Lindsay Savelle (11-8) and Krystle Denny. 2B-Justine Burgess, Megan Ponte @, Kaern Taber, Nikki Vachon (E); 3B-Christie Lotti @; HR-Andree Sitnik (2) @.

**Second Game**

**Eastern Conn. 5, Rhode Island College 3**

Rhode Island (29-8-1, 11-2-1 little east)	120	000	0	--3	7	1
Eastern Conn. (19-17, 9-3 little east)	300	020	x	--5	8	2

Justine Burgess (8-6), Nicole Riley (5) and Krystal Bilick. Brooke Nici (6-6), Lindsay Savelle (7) and Krystle Denny. Save-Savalle (2). 2B-Jeanne Rosa @; 3B-K. Denny (E); HR-K. Denny (3) (E).

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Thursday, April 27, 2006

**EASTERN SOFTBALL SPLITS DOUBLEHEADER WITH COAST GUARD**  
*Savelle breaks program mark for pitching appearances, wins own game with HR*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. — Righthander **Lindsay Savelle (Sr./Cheshire)** broke the Eastern Connecticut State University record for pitching appearances and won her own game with a sixth-inning home run when the Warriors split a non-conference softball doubleheader with the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Thursday night at Howard Spector Field.

In starting the first game, Savelle (11-7) broke All-America Christia Mohan's 16-year-old record with her 103<sup>rd</sup> pitching appearance. She pitched a complete-game four-hitter and won the game by cracking a two-run home run to center field in the sixth inning to snap a tie in a 3-1 victory.

In the second game, Coast Guard (20-21) won its season-finale, 4-2, by scoring four unearned runs in the top of the third inning, and Eastern (18-16) stranded two runners in each of the final two innings.

Eastern tied the first game 1-1 in the third inning on third baseman **Karen Taber's (Jr./Deep River)** triple to left, which scored catcher **Krystle Denny (So./West Haven)**. First baseman **Rachel Denny (Fr./East Haddam)** opened the sixth inning with a single and with one out, Savelle launched her second home run of the year over the 220 foot sign in center to give the Warriors a 3-1 lead. Savelle fanned nine and walked two to win her tenth game in 13 northern decisions after losing four of five in Florida. Up north, she has a 1.04 ERA, 11 complete games and four shutouts in 12 starts, with 73 strikeouts and 15 walks.

Eastern collected two doubles and a triple in the second game, but was limited to five total hits by complete-game winner Colleen Perry (18-14), who ended her season with over 200 innings pitched.

Coast Guard scored four unearned runs in the third inning of the second game to erase Eastern's 1-0 lead. Although the Bears had four of their six hits in that inning, they scored their first two runs when Eastern committed two errors on one ground ball with the bases loaded. Keely Balthrop and Julie Miller drove in the third and fourth runs of the inning with singles.

Taber scored both of Eastern's runs in the second game. She walked and rode home on Rachel Denny's double to left in the first to give Eastern a 1-0 lead. With the Warriors trailing 4-1, she doubled with two out in the fifth and scored on centerfielder **Leigha Abair's (Jr./East Hartford)** double to left.

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After reaching successfully in all eight plate appearances Tuesday in a sweep of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Abair singled in her first two at-bats in the first game against Coast Guard before flying to left in the fifth to end the streak. She has batted a team-leading .352 (19-for-54) up north with nine stolen bases and a .417 on-base percentage after batting .125 in nine games in Florida

Against Coast Guard, four Eastern players combined for all 11 of the team's hits. Abair was 4-for-7 with two stolen bases to lift her batting average to .300 (21-for-70).. Taber was 3-for-5 with two walks, a double and two triples, scored two runs, drove in one and stole a base. Savelle and Rachel Denny evenly split the team's other four hits. Savelle's home run was the 13<sup>th</sup> of the season for Eastern, which managed only one all of last year. The Warriors are batting .242 this season after a .192 showing a year ago.

In addition to breaking the program record for appearances, Savelle continued to close in on numerous additional career pitching categories held by Mohan. To tie Mohan, she needs 24 1/3 innings pitched, five starts, 44 strikeouts, and five complete games. With the win against Coast Guard, Savelle moved into a tie for fifth all-time with 44 wins. Mohan holds that record with 73.

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

**Game 1**  
**Eastern Conn. 3, U. S. Coast Guard 1**

Coast Guard (19-21)	100	000	0	-	1	4	0
Eastern Conn. (18-15)	001	002	x	-	3	6	1

Colleen Perry (17-14) and Emily Paxson. Lindsay Savelle (11-7) and Krystle Denny. 2B-Karen Taber (E); 3B-Stephanie Kimmel, Meagan Schoenhardt ©, 3B-Taber (E); HR-Savelle (2) (E).

**Game 2**  
**U.S. Coast Guard 4, Eastern Conn. 2**

Coast Guard (20-21)	004	000	0	-	4	6	0
Eastern Conn. (18-16)	100	010	0	-	2	5	3

Colleen Perry (18-14) and Emily Paxson. Brooke Nici (5-6), Katie Pensiero (6) and Brooke Larsen, Krystle Denny (7). 2B-Leigha Abair, Rachel Denny (E); 3B-Karen Taber (E).

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Saturday, April 22, 2006

**EASTERN SOFTBALL SWEEPS USM FOR FIRST TIME IN TEN YEARS**

*In her 100th and 101st career appearances, Lindsay Savelle earns win and save*

GORHAM, Maine --**Lindsay Savelle (Sr./Cheshire)** earned a win and a save to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team to a sweep of the University of Southern Maine in a Little East Conference doubleheader Saturday. Savelle (9-7) pitched a complete-game six-hitter in 4-1 win in the first game, and then pitched 2 2/3 scoreless innings of two-hit relief of **Brooke Nici (Sr./Clinton, MA)** in a 2-1 second-game win.

Eastern (15-15/6-2 little east) entered play tied for third place in the conference with Southern Maine (14-14/4-4 little east). The Warriors have captured eight of their last 12 and are 13-7 since returning from Florida. The Huskies have dropped five of their last eight.

It marks the first time since 1996 that Eastern has taken both ends of a doubleheader from Southern Maine and first time in the 19-year series that it swept the Huskies on their home field. The Warriors had entered the day having lost six straight to the Huskies and 22 of the last 23 games in this series.

Savelle and Nici limited Southern Maine to six hits in each game and the duo struck out 12 without a walk in 14 innings.

Savelle gave up five singles and a double in the first game -- her 100th pitching appearance in an Eastern uniform -- while fanning five without a walk. She pitched six scoreless innings after giving up senior Caterina Riitano's game-tying, two-out double in the bottom of the first inning. Despite setting a program record with 16 strikeouts and giving up only one earned run, senior Katie Mainville (6-5) took the loss.

In the first game, Savelle helped herself offensively with an RBI single as part a decisive three-run fourth inning that broke a 1-1 tie. All of the runs were unearned. Savelle's single drove in second baseman **Nikki Vachon (Jr./East Haddam)** to give Eastern a 2-1 lead, and third baseman **Karen Taber (Jr./Deep River)** made it 3-1 when she plated designated player **Monica Rochon (Fr./Bloomfield)** from third with a single.

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The Warriors made it 3-1 when pinch runner **Kate Livingston (So./West Hartford)** stole home, beating the throw to the plate, as part of a double steal attempt by the Warriors. Vachon and Taber eventually split four of Eastern's six hits in the game.

In the second game, Nici pitched a four-hitter and allowed only one run until giving way to Savelle with one out and no one on base and the Warriors leading 2-1 in the fifth. Savelle retired nine of the ten batters that she faced in closing out the victory with her second save in the team's last five wins.

In starting the first game, Savelle became only the second pitcher in program history to appear in as many as 100 games, then moved to within one appearance of tying career win leader Christia Mohan's (1987-90) career record with her 101st appearance in the second game. Savelle ranks a close second to Mohan in many career pitching categories.

In the second game, Eastern scored an unearned run in the top of the first inning. Taber raced to third on an outfield error before scoring on a bunt single by first baseman **Rachel Denny (Fr./East Haddam)**. The Warriors made it 2-0 in the top of the fourth. Vachon singled, stole second, and came home on an RBI single by leftfielder **Ashley Marchitto (So./Canton)**.

Back-to-back doubles by Riitano and freshman designated player Katie Martell cut Eastern's lead in half in the fourth inning, but Nici got a strikeout and comebacker to leave the tying run on second.

Rachel Denny had two of Eastern's five hits in the second game.

The Warriors return to action Tuesday when they host Massachusetts Dartmouth in a 5 p.m. Little East Conference doubleheader.

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

Eastern Conn. (14-15, 5-2 little east)	100	300	0	--4	6	1
Southern Maine (14-13, 4-3 little east)	100	000	0	--1	6	1

Lindsay Savelle (9-7) and Krystle Denny. Katie Mainville (6-5) and Danica Martin. 2B-Rachel Denny (E), Caterina Riitano (S).

**Second Game**  
**Eastern Conn. 2, U. of Southern Maine 1**

Eastern Conn. (15-15, 6-2 little east)	100	100	0	--2	5	0
Southern Maine (14-14, 4-4 little east)	000	100	0	--1	6	1

Brooke Nici (4-5), Lindsay Savell (5) and Krystle Denny. Bree Loon (7-5) and Sabrina Mills. 2B-Caterina Riitano, Katie Martell (S).

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Tuesday, April 25, 2006

**EASTERN SOFTBALL SWEEPS LITTLE EAST TWINBILL**

*In first game against UMD, Savelle ties program record with 102<sup>nd</sup> appearance*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – In her program-tying 102<sup>nd</sup> career appearance, **Lindsay Savelle (Sr./Cheshire)** pitched her 17<sup>th</sup> career complete-game shutout with an 8-0 victory over the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Tuesday night in the first game of a Little East Conference doubleheader at Howard Spector Field. The game was stopped in the bottom of the fifth inning due to the eight-run rule.

In the second game, **Brooke Nici (Sr./Clinton, MA)** pitched four shutout innings and Eastern (17-15, 8-2 little east) scored five runs in the fifth to snap a tie and clinch the sweep with a 6-1 victory – the Warriors' 21<sup>st</sup> straight against UMass (14-9-1, 4-7-1 little east).

Centerfielder **Leigha Abair (Jr./East Hartford)** reached base in all eight of her plate appearances and scored five runs. She had six hits and reached twice on errors and also stole two bases. Abair entered the game with 11 hits in 29 games and batting .196.

Eastern has now won five straight Little East Conference games and has tied its second-high season conference win total. The team's conference record also equals its best record after ten conference games, matching the 1998 squad that won a program-high ten conference games in 14 outings. The Warriors have won 15 of 22 northern games following a 2-8 Florida trip in mid-March to climb over the .500 mark for the first time.

Savelle (10-7), who has tied All-America Christia Mohan's record for career appearances, pitched a two-hitter in the first game, striking out three and walking two to post her third season of double-digit wins in four years. Abair and first baseman **Rachel Denny (Fr./East Haddam)** each had a career-high three hits in the game, with Abair scoring a career-high three runs and Denny driving in a career-high three.

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Abair matched her career high in the second game with three more hits, scored two runs and stole a base while Rachel Denny drove in the go-ahead run in a five-run fifth inning with a single to center.

Nici (5-5) took over in the fourth inning of a tie game and gave up only two singles while fanning three without a walk.

Eastern hosts the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Thursday in a doubleheader at 5 p.m.

**First Game**

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

UMass Dartmouth (14-8-1, 4-6-1 little east)	000	00	--	0	2	4
Eastern Conn. (16-15, 7-2 little east)	120	23	--	8	11	0

Brittney Kannan (8-4) and Kathleen L'Abbe. Lindsay Savelle (10-7) and Krystle Denny. 2B-Vicki Andruszkiewicz (M), Rachel Denny (E).

**Second Game**

**Eastern Conn. 6, Massachusetts Dartmouth 1**

UMass Dartmouth (14-9-1, 4-7-1 little east)	010	000	0--	1	4	3
Eastern Conn. (17-15, 8-2 little east)	100	050	x--	6	7	1

Amanda Leal (0-1), Brittney Kannan (5), Amie Nickerson (6) and Shannon Allberry, Kathleen L'Abbe (6). Lisa Cody, Brooke Nici (4) and Krystle Denny. WP-Nici (5-5). 2B-L'Abbe (M), *KRISTEN FALLU (E)*.

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Thursday, April 20, 2006

**EASTERN SOFTBALL TRADES SHUTOUTS WITH BRIDGEWATER STATE**

*Savelle pitches, hits Warriors to first-game 5-0 first-game victory before 8-0 loss*

BRIDGEWATER, Mass. – **Lindsay Savelle (Sr./Cheshire)** pitched a complete-game three-hitter and drove in two runs with a double to lift the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team to a 5-0 win over Bridgewater State College in the first game of a non-conference doubleheader Thursday afternoon at Alumni Park.

In the second game, Bridgewater freshman Alyssa Verronneau stopped Eastern (13-15) on three hits over 4 1/3 innings in her first career start and Bridgewater (15-17) capitalized on six hits, three walks and a hit batter to score its runs in an 8-0 victory that ended with two out in the bottom of the fifth due to the eight-run rule.

In the first game, Savelle (8-7) allowed only four baserunners to record her seventh win up north against three losses. Savelle, who moved into second place all-time at Eastern with her 99<sup>th</sup> career pitching appearance, scattered three hits and drove in two runs with a two-out double in a five-run sixth inning. The double was the second of the game for Savelle, who doubled her number of career extra-base hits in the game.

Second baseman **Samantha Morrow (Jr./Tolland)** doubled home centerfielder **Leigha Abair (Jr./East Hartford)** and pinch runner **Kate Livingston (So./West Hartford)** to give the Warriors a 2-0 lead in the sixth. Morrow scored on an infield error to make it 3-0 and Savelle pushed the lead to 5-0 when she pulled a double down the left field line.

In the second game, **Brooke Nici (Sr./Clinton, MA)** gave up two hits and hit a batter when the Bears scored three runs in the third inning but was victimized by an infield and outfield error in that frame. Nici (3-5) was lifted after giving up a leadoff walk in the fifth inning when the Bears ended the game by scoring five runs on four singles and three walks.

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Verronneau (1-0) silenced Eastern on three hits before giving way to Stephanie Pierce after walking two batters with one out in the fifth. Facing the tying run, Pierce got an infield ground ball and called strikeout to end the threat.

Morrow (three hits) and Savelle (two) were the only Eastern players with more than one hit in the doubleheader.

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

**First Game**  
**Eastern Conn. 5, Bridgewater State College 0**

Eastern Conn. (13-14)	000	005	0	-	5	7	2
Bridgewater State (14-17)	000	000	0	-	0	3	2

Lindsay Savelle (8-7) and Krystle Denny. Katie Tauber (9-6) and Lindsey Allison. 2B-Savelle 2, Samantha Morrow (E), Katie Holbrook (B).

**Second Game**  
**Bridgewater State College 8, Eastern Conn. 0 (5 inn.)**

Eastern Conn. (13-15)	000	00	--	0	3	2
Bridgewater State (15-17)	003	05	--	8	6	0

Brooke Nici (3-5), Katie Pensiero (5), Lisa Cody (5) and Rachel Denny, Krystle Denny (4). Alyssa Verronneau (1-0), Stephanie Pierce (5) and Lindsey Allison. Save-Pierce (1). 2B-Karen Taber (E).

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Saturday, April 15, 2006

**EASTERN SOFTBALL SPLITS LEC TWINBILL WITH KEENE**

*Warriors maintain share of conference lead by winning Game 2 vs. defending champs*

KEENE, NH – Sophomore **Krystle Denny (WEST HAVEN)** and freshman **Kelly Finlay (THOMASTON)** drove in runs with doubles, sophomore **Ashley Marchitto (CANTON)** plated another with a sacrifice fly and senior **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** recorded her fourth career save as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team held on for a 3-2 victory over Keene State College Saturday afternoon to earn a split of a Little East Conference doubleheader at Owl Stadium Complex.

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The games were a re-match of last year's conference playoff finals, won 2-0 by Keene State. The Owls, who had won seven of eight entering play, are ranked first in New England and 23<sup>rd</sup> nationally in Division III. The Warriors have won nine of 14 up north since losing eight of ten in Florida. With the second-game win, Eastern re-gains a share of first place in the conference standings.

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Eastern had taken a 3-0 lead with single runs in the first, fourth and sixth. Taber opened the game with a double and scored on Krystle Denny's two-out double for the first run and Marchitto's sacrifice fly in the fourth made it 2-0. Rochon opened the sixth with a double and scored on Finlay's pinch double – her first career extra-base hit and first RBI – to give the Warriors a 3-0 lead.

Eastern tied its season high with 11 hits – six of them doubles -- off two Keene pitchers in the nightcap to hand junior Erin Fuoroli her second loss against eight wins. Nici fanned seven and walked two to gain her first win since March 31. Savelle (7-6) struck out five without a walk in the first game, but sophomore

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In the doubleheader, Taber had three hits and scored two runs and drove in two while sophomore **Courtney Watson (BRISTOL)**, freshman **Rachel Denny (EAST HADDAM)** and Rochon all had two hits.

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

**Game 1**  
**Keene State 4, Eastern Conn. 3**

Eastern Conn. (10-13, 2-1 little east)	012	000	0	--	3	4	1
Keene State (18-5, 3-0 little east)	000	022	x	--	4	8	1

. Lindsay Savelle (7-6) and Krystle Denny. Ashlee Nicholson (8-4), Erin Fuoroli (7) and Emily Crompton Save-Fuoroli (1). 2B-Melissa Scata, Kaity Conklin (K); HR-Monica Rochon (2), Karen Taber (2) (E).

**Game 2**  
**Eastern Conn. 3, Keene State 2**

Eastern Conn. (11-13, 3-1 little east)	100	101	0	--	3	11	1
Keene State (18-6, 3-1 little east)	000	002	0	--	2	6	1

Brooke Nici (2-4), Lindsay Savelle (6) and Krystle Denny. Erin Fuoroli (8-2), Kari Gardner (6) and Melissa Scata. Save-Savelle (1). 2B-K. Denny, R. Denny, Karen Taber, Monica Rochon, Kelly Finlay, Courtney Watson (E), Ashlee Nicholson, Elizabeth Mroczka (K); HR-Conklin (2) (K).

Saturday, April 15, 2006

## EASTERN SOFTBALL SPLITS LEC TWINBILL WITH KEENE

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After losing a complete-game eight-hitter in the first game, Savelle returned in the nightcap to save senior **Brooke Nici's (CLINTON, MA)** second win of the year in six decisions. Trailing 3-0, Keene got two back in the bottom of the sixth on sophomore Kaity Conklin's one-out home run and Amanda Foote's two-out single. Savelle replaced Nici after three batters in the sixth. She got a strikeout before giving up Foote's RBI single. A hit batsman and her own error loaded the bases, but a ground ball to Taber at third left the tying and go-ahead runs aboard. Savelle set down the Owls in order in the seventh.

Eastern had taken a 3-0 lead with single runs in the first, fourth and sixth. Taber opened the game with a double and scored on Krystle Denny's two-out double for the first run and Marchitto's sacrifice fly in the fourth made it 2-0. Rochon and Vachon opened the sixth with back-to-back doubles to give the Warriors a 3-0 lead.

Eastern tied its season high with 11 hits – six of them doubles -- off two Keene pitchers in the nightcap to hand junior Erin Fuoroli her second loss against eight wins. Nici fanned seven and walked two to gain her first win since March 31. Savelle (7-6) struck out five without a walk in the first game, but sophomore

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In the doubleheader, Taber had three hits and scored two runs and drove in two while sophomore **Courtney Watson (BRISTOL)**, freshman **Rachel Denny (EAST HADDAM)** and Rochon all had two hits. *R. Vachon*

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

**Game 1**  
**Keene State 4, Eastern Conn. 3**

Eastern Conn. (10-13, 2-1 little east)	012	000	0	--	3	4	1
Keene State (18-5, 3-0 little east)	000	022	x	--	4	8	1

. Lindsay Savelle (7-6) and Krystle Denny. Ashlee Nicholson (8-4), Erin Fuoroli (7) and Emily Crompton Save-Fuoroli (1). 2B-Melissa Scata, Kaity Conklin (K); HR-Monica Rochon (2), Karen Taber (2) (E).

**Game 2**  
**Eastern Conn. 3, Keene State 2**

Eastern Conn. (11-13, 3-1 little east)	100	101	0	--	3	11	1
Keene State (18-6, 3-1 little east)	000	002	0	--	2	6	1

Brooke Nici (2-4), Lindsay Savelle (6) and Krystle Denny. Erin Fuoroli (8-2), Kari Gardner (6) and Melissa Scata. Save-Savelle (1). 2B-K. Denny, R. Denny, Karen Taber, Monica Rochon, Nikki Vachon, Courtney Watson (E), Ashlee Nicholson, Elizabeth Mroczka (K); HR-Conklin (2) (K).

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Tuesday, April 11, 2006

**EASTERN SOFTBALL SPLITS WITH WHEATON COLLEGE**

*In one-run extra-inning games, Warriors win first game 2-1, lose nightcap 3-2*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – Senior **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** pitched a complete-game five-hitter and sophomore leftfielder **Ashley Marchitto (CANTON)** ended the game with an infield single in the bottom of the tenth inning as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team posted a 2-1 victory over Wheaton College (MA) in the first game of a Tuesday night doubleheader at Howard Spector Field.

In the second game, sophomore third baseman **Erika Marini (Pawtucket, RI)** snapped a 2-2 tie with a bases-loaded single to center in the top of the eighth inning as Wheaton (19-8) recorded a 3-2 victory. The Lyons are ranked seventh in New England and had a five-game winning streak ended with the first-game loss.

Savelle (7-5) won her sixth straight northern decision in the first game but was saddled with the second-game loss as the third of three Eastern pitchers. In leading the Warriors to an 8-4 northern record, Savelle is 6-1 with a 0.60 ERA in 46 2/3 innings with 41 strikeouts and 11 walks.

Eastern (10-12) tied the first game in the bottom of the sixth inning when junior designated hitter **Samantha Morrow (TOLLAND)** plated junior centerfielder **Leigha Abair (EAST HARTFORD)** with a two-out single through the left side. Eastern had three hits and a walk in the inning, but had a runner cut down at home on an infield ground ball. Senior rightfielder **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** was placed on second base to start the tenth inning (international tie-breaker rules). She moved to third on a passed ball and scored the game-ending run on Marchitto's infield single.

Eastern tied the second game with two runs in the bottom of the third inning. Number nine hitter **Casey Mahoney (WILLIMANTIC)** tripled and scored on junior third baseman **Karen Taber's (DEEP RIVER)** infield ground ball. Taber stole second and scored on freshman first baseman **Rachel Denny's (EAST HADDAM)** two-out opposite-field single to right.

In the second game, Wheaton scored the go-ahead run in the top of the eighth. With Savelle working her second inning of relief, Marini singled hard to center on an 0-1 pitch that scored freshman shortstop **Katelynn Hanewich (Bradenton, FL)** from third. Hanewich began the inning on second base and was bunted to third by sophomore second baseman **Meredith Gorton (Warwick, NY)**. With one out in the bottom of the eighth, Wheaton freshman catcher **Jessica DeRico (Griswold, CT)** threw out Eastern sophomore catcher **Krystle Denny (WEST HAVEN)** attempting to steal third, and sophomore pitcher **Audrey Poulton (Charlestown, RI)** got an infield pop to end the game and register her tenth win against three losses.

Eastern visits defending Little East Conference tournament champion Keene State College Saturday for a 1 p.m. doubleheader.

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**Game 1**  
**Eastern Conn. 2, Wheaton College (MA) 1 (10 inn.)**

Wheaton College (18-8)	000	001	000	0	--1	5	1
Eastern Conn. (10-11)	000	001	000	1	--2	5	0

None out when winning run scored

Jodi Moynagh (9-4), Audrey Poulton (10) and Emily Hildreth. Lindsay Savelle (7-4) and Krystle Denny. 2B-Monica Rochon (E); 3B-Samantha Morrow (E).

**Game 2**  
**Wheaton College (MA) 3, Eastern Conn. 2 (8 inn.)**

Wheaton College (19-8)	020	000	01	--	3	8	0
Eastern Conn. (10-12)	002	000	00	--	2	6	0

Audrey Poulton (10-3) and Jessica DeRico. Brooke Nici, Lisa Cody (5), Lindsay Savelle (7) and Krystle Denny. LP-Savelle (7-5). 2B-Jessica DePolito 2 (W); 3B-Casey Mahoney (E).

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Thursday, April 6, 2006

**EASTERN SOFTBALL SWEEPS SALVE REGINA, 11-0, 7-3**

*In support of Savelle, Warriors score ten runs in seventh inning of opener*

NEWPORT, RI – The Eastern Connecticut State University softball team scored ten runs in the top of the seventh inning on nine hits to break open a tight first game on the way to a doubleheader sweep of Salve Regina University Thursday afternoon at Toppa Field.

In the first game, senior pitcher **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** won her fifth straight northern decision with her second shutout and fifth complete game since returning from Florida. Savelle (6-4) allowed only three baserunners on one fourth-inning leadoff single and two walks and the Warriors exploded for ten runs in the top of the seventh in an 11-0 victory. Savelle lowered her earned-run average up north to 0.60.

In the second game, Eastern (9-11) scored three runs in the first inning on four hits, a walk and sacrifice bunt and freshman pitcher **Lisa Cody (WEBSTER, MA)** pitched into the sixth inning to earn her first win in her first start, 7-3.

In the ten-run seventh inning of the first game, sophomore **Krystle Denny (WEST HAVEN)** hit a grand slam and freshman **Monica Rochon (BLOOMFIELD)** hit a three-run home run. The first seven batters reached base and scored in the inning.

In the nightcap, Denny and junior third baseman **Karen Taber (DEEP RIVER)** both scored two runs and senior pinch hitter **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** hit a two-run double. Cody gave up four hits and all three runs before giving way to freshman **Katie Pensiero (STAMFORD)** with one out in the sixth while Salve Regina (4-18) was scoring its three runs. Cody struck out five and walked three.

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In the doubleheader, Eastern had 21 hits, five of which were doubles and three were home runs. Twelve players had at least one hit, 11 scored a run and nine drove in a run. Junior second baseman **Samantha Morrow (TOLLAND)** and Taber each had three hits in the doubleheader, with Denny and Rochon each driving in three runs.

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

**First Game**  
**Eastern Conn. 11, Salve Regina U. 0**

Eastern Conn. (8-11)	000	010	(10)	---	11	10	0
Salve Regina (4-17)	000	000	0	--	0	1	1

Lindsay Savelle (6-4) and Krystle Denny. Ali Morrissey (3-9) and Caitlin Snyder. 2B-Karen Taber, Courtney Watson, Leigha Abair (E); HR-Samantha Morrow (1), Monica Rochon (1), K. Denny (2) (E).

**Second Game**  
**Eastern Conn. 7, Salve Regina U. 3**

Eastern Conn. (9-11)	301	120	0	--	7	11	3
Salve Regina (4-18)	000	003	0	--	3	6	5

Lisa Cody (1-0), Katie Pensiero (6) and Krystle Denny, Brooke Larsen (5), Kristen Fallo (7). Kara Czupryna (1-7), Jennifer Sousa (4) and Katie Vieira. 2B-Leigha Abair, Brooke Nici (E).

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Tuesday, April 4, 2006

**EASTERN SOFTBALL SPLITS PAIR WITH TRINITY**

*In opener, Warriors ride Savelle's fourth straight win and hit three home runs*

HARTFORD, Conn. -- Senior **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** won her fourth straight northern decision and hit one of the team's three home runs as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team defeated Trinity College, 8-4 Tuesday afternoon in the first game of non-conference doubleheader.

In the second game, Trinity (12-3) scored five runs in the fourth inning to build a 6-0 lead and survived a four-run Eastern (7-11) sixth inning to claim a 6-4 victory.

In the first game, Savelle (5-4) pitched a complete-game eight-hitter and Eastern scored five runs over the first two innings. The Warriors scored two unearned runs in the first inning on one hit and two errors, then added three more in the third on solo home runs from Savelle leading off the inning, junior third baseman **Karen Taber (DEEP RIVER)** and freshman first baseman **Rachel Denny (EAST HADDAM)**. It was Denny's second home run in three games.

Taber was 2-for-4 with two runs scored and two RBI in the win and Denny 2-for-3. Savelle, undefeated since losing four of five in Florida, fanned five and walked three and allowed only two earned runs.

Senior Victoria Moshier (5-1) pitched a complete-game four-hitter in the second game in a contest stopped after six innings due to darkness. She struck out six and walked only one. Taber had two more hits and scored a run in the game, elevating her average to .291. Denny delivered a two-run double to highlight the four-run sixth inning. With Eastern trailing 6-0, junior centerfielder **Leigha Abair (EAST HARTFORD)** drew a one-out walk in the sixth and Taber, sophomore shortstop **Courtney Watson (BRISTOL)** and Denny followed with hits, with each coming around to score. Moshier re-grouped to get an outfield fly ball and strikeout to preserve the win.

Eastern visits Salve Regina University Thursday at 3 p.m. for a non-conference doubleheader.

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**Game 1**  
**Eastern Conn. 8, Trinity College 4**

Eastern Conn. (7-10)	230	002	1	--	8	9	3
Trinity College (11-3)	010	111	0	--	4	8	2

Lindsay Savelle (5-4) and Krystle Denny. Sara Dougherty (5-2), Brittany Alvino (2) and Lindsey Freeman. 2B-Brooke Nici (E), Stacy Hills, Ariana Mullin (T); HR-Karen Taber, Rachel Denny, Lindsay Savelle (E), Freeman 2 (T).

**Game 2**  
**Trinity College 6, Eastern Conn. 4 (6 inn.)**

Eastern Conn. (7-11)	000	004	--	4	4	0
Trinity College (12-3)	001	50x	--	6	8	0

Brooke Nici (1-4), Katie Pensiero (4), Lisa Cody (5) and Krystle Denny, Kristen Fallo (5). Victoria Moshier (5-1) and Lindsey Freeman. 2B-Rachel Denny (E); HR-Beth Gostanian (T).

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Friday, March 31, 2006

**EASTERN SOFTBALL SWEEPS IN LITTLE EAST OPENERS**

*Warriors outscore Massachusetts Boston 16-1 in conference victories*

BOSTON, Mass. – Eleven different players contributed a hit and three pitchers combined to limit the University of Massachusetts Boston to five hits as the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team opened its 2006 Little East Conference season with 7-1, 9-0 wins Friday afternoon at the Clark Athletic Center. The second game was stopped after five innings due to darkness.

Eastern (6-10, 2-0 little east) junior third baseman **Karen Taber (DEEP RIVER)** and junior second baseman **Samantha Morrow (TOLLAND)** each had two hits and scored two runs and senior pitcher **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** won her third straight northern decision in the first game with a complete-game four-hitter and nine strikeouts (one shy of her career high).

In the second game, senior **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** won her first game of the year after three losses, combining with freshman **Katie Pensiero (STAMFORD)** a one-hitter and nine different players had one hit each. Freshman designated hitter **Rachel Denny (EAST HADDAM)** drove in two runs with a double and sacrifice fly and Taber and junior **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** each scored twice. Six of the team's nine hits went for extra bases.

In the sweep, Morrow was 3-for-5 with three runs and two RBI, Taber 3-for-8 with two doubles, four runs and two RBI and Rachel Denny drove in four runs, two coming on a sixth-inning home run.

UMass (2-13, 0-2) is 0-20 all-time against Eastern.

Eastern visits Trinity College Tuesday at 3:30 for a doubleheader.

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**Game 1**  
**Eastern Conn. 7, Massachusetts Boston 1**

Eastern Conn. (5-10, 1-0 little east)	100	222	0	--	7	10	0
UMass Boston (2-12, 0-1)	000	100	0	--	1	4	2

Lindsay Savelle (4-4) and Krystle Denny. Jenn Santoro (2-4), Nikki Johnson (5) and Alison Lowe. 2B-Karen Taber, Samantha Morrow (E), Andrea Ciarletta (M); 3B-Ciarletta (M); HR-Rachel Denny (1) (E).

**Game 2**  
**Eastern Conn. 9, Massachusetts Boston 0 (5 inn., darkness)**

Eastern Conn. (6-10), 2-0)	111	33	--	9	9	2
UMass Boston (2-13, 0-2)	000	00	--	0	1	3

Brooke Nici (1-3), Katie Pensiero (5) and Krystle Denny. Jenn Santoro, Nikki Johnson (3) and Alison Lowe. 2B-Karen Taber, Ashley Marchitto, Rachel Denny, K. Denny, Samantha Morrow (E); 3B-Lisa Cody (E).

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Wednesday, March 29, 2006

**EASTERN SOFTBALL SPLITS PAIR AT SPRINGFIELD**  
*Senior Brooke Nici loses battle of one-hitters in 1-0 second-game loss*

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University softball team scored the tying and go-ahead runs on a wild pitch and error in the sixth inning in a 2-1 victory over Springfield College Wednesday en route to a doubleheader split at Potter Field.

In the second game, Eastern (4-10) senior righty **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** was the losing pitcher in a battle of one-hitters as Springfield (7-9) made a first-inning run stand up in a 1-0 victory.

Springfield scored the only run of the second game without the aid of a hit in the bottom of the first inning, using a walk, stolen base, sacrifice bunt and infield grounder to push across what proved to be the winning run. Nici (0-3) allowed only a one-out double to left in the third inning while fanning three and walking two. The Warriors managed only two baserunners against Springfield freshman lefty Samantha Rhodes (2-0) -- junior third baseman **Karen Taber's (DEEP RIVER)** leadoff walk in the first inning and junior second baseman **Samantha Morrow's (TOLLAND)** one-out single to center in the fifth.

Senior righty **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** did not allow an earned run in pitching a complete-game five-hitter in the opener. She fanned four and walked three. After Springfield scored its only run in the fourth inning on two hits and two errors, Savelle stranded two runners, thanks to an inning-ending double play. The Warriors scored the tying and go-ahead runs in the sixth on two hits, an error and wild pitch. Taber singled and later scored the tying run on a wild pitch and freshman first baseman **Rachel Denny (EAST HADDAM)** scored the go-ahead run after reaching on a single and scoring on a fielding error of sophomore catcher **Krystle Denny's (WEST HAVEN)** ground ball.

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In the doubleheader, each team committed only two errors each but combined for only 11 hits. Two Springfield pitchers walked only one batter while striking out ten.

Five Eastern hitters had one hit each in the doubleheader, with sophomore catcher **Kristen Fallo (REDDING)** doubling for Eastern's only extra-base hit.

**Game 1**  
**Eastern Conn. 2, Springfield College 1**

Eastern Conn. (4-9)	000	002	0	--	2	4	2
Springfield College (6-9)	000	100	0	--	1	5	2

Lindsay Savelle (3-4) and Krystle Denny. Stephanie Blackman (3-4) and Amanda Johansson. 2B-Kristen Fallo (E); 3B-Denise Fumicello (S).

**Game 2**  
**Springfield College 1, Eastern Conn. 0**

Eastern Conn. (4-10)	000	000	0	--	0	1	0
Springfield College (7-9)	100	000	x	--	1	1	0

Brooke Nici (0-3) and Krystle Denny. Samantha Rhodes (2-0) and Sarah Bagierek. 2B-Denise Fumicello (S).

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Tuesday, March 28, 2006

**EASTERN SOFTBALL SPLITS NORTHERN-OPENING DOUBLEHEADER**  
*Savelle pitches five-hitter in opener; Warriors can't hold early lead in nightcap*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. – Senior righty **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** pitched her 14<sup>th</sup> career shutout in the opener but the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team couldn't hold an early lead in the nightcap in splitting a northern and home-opening doubleheader with Wesleyan University Tuesday afternoon at Howard Spector Field.

Savelle (2-4) allowed only two runners as far as second base in a 7-0 opening win. In the second game, freshman first baseman **Rachel Denny (EAST HADDAM)** helped Eastern (3-9) to a 3-0 lead with a two-run double in the bottom of the third inning but Wesleyan (5-11) scored the final six runs of the game, breaking a tie with three runs in the top of the seventh in a 6-3 victory.

In the opener, Savelle allowed only five singles while fanning seven without a walk, facing only four batters over the minimum. She gave up more than one hit in an inning only once. As she did in the second game, Rachel Denny drove in two runs in a three-run Eastern third inning, singling this time. Sophomore leftfielder **Ashley Marchitto (CANTON)** had two hits, scored two runs and drove in one in the first game.

Trailing 3-0 in the second game, Wesleyan got two back in the top of the fifth against senior starter **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** on two this and two Eastern errors, then tied the game in the sixth against Eastern junior reliever **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** on a two-out wild pitch. The Cardinals scored the three decisive runs in the seventh on four hits. Complete-game winning pitcher Dayna Yorks (1-0) broke the tie with an RBI double to left-center, Nikki Katz was walked with the bases loaded for the second run and Becca Feiden singled in the final run.

In her first start of the year, Yorks gave up eight hits and two earned runs while fanning three and walking two. Marcia Whitehead doubled and triples for Wesleyan, scoring two runs, including the tie-breaking run ahead of Yorks after opening the seventh with a triple to center. Batting ninth in the order, Feiden was 4-for-4. She had three bunt singles before driving in the team's final run in the seventh.

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Rachel Denny, junior second baseman **Samantha Morrow (TOLLAND)** and sophomore **Casey Mahoney (WILLIMANTIC)** all had two hits for Eastern in the loss.

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

**Game 1**  
**Eastern Conn. 7, Wesleyan U. 0**

Wesleyan U. (4-11)	000	000	0	--	0	5	2
Eastern Conn. (3-8)	003	103	x	--	7	8	0

Karla Hargrave (1-5) and Sarah Gillooly. Lindsay Savelle (2-4) and Krystle Denny. 2B-Ashley Marchitto (E); 3B-Karen Taber, Monica Rochon (E).

**Game 2**  
**Wesleyan U. 6, Eastern Conn. 3**

Wesleyan U. (5-11)	000	021	3	--	6	11	1
Eastern Conn. (3-9)	003	000	0	--	3	8	2

Dayna Yorks (1-0) and Nikki Katz. Brooke Nici, Nikki Vachon (6), Nici (7) and Brooke Larsen, K. Kenny (6). LP-Vachon (1-2). 2B-Marcia Whitehead, Yorks (W), Rachel Denny (E); 3B-Whitehead (W).

Friday, March 24, 2006

## **DENNY'S HOME RUN VAULTS EASTERN SOFTBALL TO WIN**

*Sophomore catcher's three-run blast gives Warriors 5-4 comeback victory*

KISSIMMEE, Fla. – Sophomore catcher **Krystle Denny's (WEST HAVEN)** three-run home run highlighted a four-run third inning that carried the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team to a 5-4 win over Allegheny College Friday afternoon in the team's final game at the Rebel Spring Games.

In the first game of the day, No. 16 nationally-ranked University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (12-3) scored runs in five of its six at-bats – collecting four extra-base hits among its 14 hits – in an 8-0 win that was stopped in the sixth inning due to the eight-run rule. The win was the sixth straight for the BluGolds and was Eastern's (2-8) fifth straight loss.

Eastern (2-8) opens its northern season Tuesday by hosting Wesleyan University in a 3 p.m. doubleheader.

### **UW-Eau Claire 8, Eastern Conn. 0 (6 inn.)**

UW-Eau Claire expanded a 2-0 lead by scoring two runs in the fourth and three in the fifth and ended the game in the sixth by scoring twice on two hits and two Eastern errors.

Five BluGold hitters had at least two hits, led by leadoff hitter Casey Leisgang, who reached safely four times with three hits and a walk and scored two runs. Winning pitcher Mallory McKinney pitched a complete-game three-hitter with nine strikeouts. The junior righty also drove in two runs with a solo home run leading off the third (her third of the year) and a two-out RBI single in the fourth. In one stretch of 15 batters, she allowed only one baserunner (a walk).

Eastern senior righty **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** lost her fourth game in five decisions, allowing 12 hits and seven (earned) runs before giving way to freshman righty **Katie Pensiero (STAMFORD)** to start the sixth inning. Junior third baseman **Karen Taber (DEEP RIVER)** had two of Eastern's hits.

### **Eastern Conn. 5, Allegheny College 4**

The Warriors spotted the Gators (5-10) a 3-0 lead after one inning before rallying for the victory. Trailing 3-1, Eastern took the lead for good with four runs in the bottom of the third inning on three hits – including Denny's three-run blast well over the left field fence.

Eastern's defense came through with double plays in each of the last two innings to guarantee junior righty **Nikki Vachon's (EAST HADDAM)** first pitching win in two years. In relief of senior righty **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)**, Vachon (1-1) allowed four hits and walked four and was charged with one run over the final four innings. Nici

left with a 5-3 lead but did not pitch the required four innings in order to be credited with the win.

With Eastern trailing 3-1, first-year sophomore rightfielder **Kate Livingston (WEST HARTFORD)** walked to lead off the third inning, moved to second on Taber's single to left and scored the first run of the inning on an infield error. With one out and two on, Denny then unloaded her home run off complete-game loser Gianinna Cocco (2-4) that gave the Warriors a 5-3 lead.

Down by two runs, Allegheny got one back in the sixth, but Livingston cut down the potential tying run at home when she gathered in a fly ball in right and gunned down leadoff hitter Elizabeth Burr with a strike to Denny at the plate. In the seventh, Abby Bodenlos led off with a walk but junior second baseman **Samantha Morrow (TOLLAND)** grabbed a line drive and doubled her off the bag. Vachon then induced a game-ending fly ball to center.

Trailing 3-0, Eastern snapped a streak of 25 consecutive scoreless innings when first-year sophomore designated hitter **Heather Northrop (DANBURY)** drove in Denny with a two-out single to center – her first career hit.

Denny and Morrow each had two hits for Eastern, Denny scoring twice.

In ten games in Florida, Eastern batted .196 with a 4.85 earned run average and .924 fielding average. Opponents batted .304 with a 0.88 earned run average and .974 fielding percentage. Morrow led all hitters with a .400 average (8-for-20), freshman **Rachel Denny (EAST HADDAM)** at .333 (5-for-15) and freshman **Monica Rochon (BLOOMFIELD)** at .286 (4-for-14). On the mound, Savelle was 1-4 with a 4.55 ERA, Nici 0-2 with a 4.67 ERA, Vachon was 1-1 with a 5.60 ERA and Pensiero 0-1 with a 2.80 ERA.

#### Game 1

**UW-Eau Claire 8, Eastern Conn. 0 (6 inn.)**

Eastern Conn. (1-8)	000	000	--	0	3	5
UW-Eau Claire (12-3)	101	231	--	8	14	0

Lindsay Savelle (1-4), Katie Pensiero (6) and Krystle Denny. Mallory McKinney (7-1) and Robyn Fennig. 2B-Mandy Tschernach (W), 3B-Rachel Paulus, Megan Ellenbecker (W); HR-McKinney (3) (W).

**Game 2**  
**Eastern Conn. 5, Allegheny College 4**

Allegheny (5-10)	300	001	0	--	4	7	0
Eastern Conn. (2-8)	014	000	x	--	5	6	2

Gianinna Coccaro (2-4) and Crystal Ptacek. Brooke Nici, Nikki Vachon (4) and Krystle Denny. WP-Vachon (1-1), 2B-Elizabeth Burr (A); HR-K. Denny (1) (E).

Thursday, March 23, 2006

**EASTERN SOFTBALL SHUT OUT TWICE AT REBEL GAMES**  
*Warriors limited to seven singles in losses to IWU, Mount Vernon*

KISSIMMEE, Fla. – With two shutouts, opposing pitchers lowered their season earned run average against the Eastern Connecticut State University fastpitch softball team to 0.54 Thursday at the Rebel Spring Games.

Eastern (1-7) was held to singles in each of the the final three innings in a 4-0 loss to Illinois Wesleyan University and to two singles in the fourth and sixth innings in a 6-0 loss to Mount Vernon Nazarene University later in the day.

Eastern wraps up its ten-game trip by playing nationally-ranked UW-Eau Claire Friday at 8:50 a.m. and Allegheny College at 10:40 a.m. and opens its northern schedule Tuesday with a 3 p.m. home doubleheader against Wesleyan University.

**Game 1**

**Illinois Wesleyan 4, Eastern Conn. 0**

For the second time in two days, Illinois Wesleyan used a big fourth inning to down the Warriors. This time, the Titans collected all six of their hits in the game and scored all of their runs in that fourth inning, sending eight batters to the plate and recording five consecutive singles against complete-game loser **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)**. Kelly Nelson drove in the first two runs of the game with a one-out, bases-loaded single and Katie Dobry and Kayla Kindred followed with run-scoring singles.

On Wednesday, Illinois Wesleyan wiped out a 1-0 deficit by scoring seven runs against Savelle in the fourth inning on the way to a 10-2, six-inning victory.

Neither team had a hit until the Titans' six-hit fourth inning. Outside of the fourth inning, Savelle allowed only one ball out of the infield – a routine fly to sophomore centerfielder **Leigha Abair (EAST HARTFORD)** with one out in the fifth. Savelle recorded 13 ground ball outs – sophomore shortstop **Courtney Watson (BRISTOL)** being credited with four assists and just one error – and two strikeouts.

Making her first collegiate start, Illinois Wesleyan freshman righty Valerie Hackett pitched a complete-game three-hitter with eight strikeouts and two walks. She retired the first 12 batters in order before freshman first baseman **Rachel Denny (EAST HADDAM)** led off the fifth with a single to right. She advanced to second on the hit on an outfield error but Hackett retired the next three hitters on swinging strikeouts.

Junior pinch-hitter **Nikki Vachon (EAST HADDAM)** led off the sixth with a single to center and advanced to second on a walk to freshman pinch hitter **Heather Northrop**

(DANBURY), but Hackett led the runners aboard with two more swinging strikeouts and a comebacker.

Eastern's final hit came with one out in the seventh by junior rightfielder **Samantha Morrow (TOLLAND)**. A two-out walk to sophomore pinch hitter **Ashley Marchitto (CANTON)** put runners on first and second, but Morrow was tagged out trying to steal third to end the game.

## Game 2

**Mount Vernon Nazarene U. 6, Eastern Conn. 0**

The Cougars scored five runs (four unearned) in the second inning on three hits and the Warriors committed their only two errors of the game in handing freshman **Katie Pensiero (STAMFORD)** the loss in her first collegiate start and decision.

Mount Vernon loaded the the bases in the second on two hits and an infield error and scored the first run on Chelsea Kellerman's RBI single. With one out and the bases loaded, a ground ball scored the second run, an infield error the third run and another ground ball made it 4-0.

Sophomore Kristiin Eyerman (3-2) stopped Eastern on four hits. She allowed only one baserunner until the Warriors collected their first two hits in the fourth on a leadoff single by Abair and an infield single by Rachel Denny. Trailing 6-0, Eastern loaded the bases after there were two out an no one on but Eyerman got a called strikeout to end the threat.

In her second appearance, Penseiro allowed only two earned runs and five hits before giving way to senior **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** with a runner aboard and none out in the fourth. Nici retired 12 of the 13 batters she faced, giving up only a leadoff single in the seventh.

## Game 1

**Illinois Wesleyan U. 4, Eastern Conn. 0**

Eastern Conn. (1-6)	000	000	0	--	0	3	1
Illinois Wesleyan (6-1)	000	400	x	--	4	6	1

Lindsay Savelle (1-3) and Krystle Denny. Valerie Hackett (1-0) and Katie Dobry.

## Game 2

**Mount Vernon Nazarene U. 6, Eastern Conn. 0**

Mount Vernon (6-3)	050	100	0	--	6	6	1
Eastern Conn. (1-7)	000	000	0	--	0	4	2

Kristin Eyerman (3-2) and Chelsea Kellerman. Katie Penseiro (0-1), Brooke Nici (4) and Kristen Fallo, Brooke Larsen (4). 2B-Melody Blimline (M).

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

**EASTERN SOFTBALL DROPS PAIR AT REBEL SPRING GAMES**

*Warriors lose by eight-run rule to Illinois Wesleyan, Hope College*

KISSIMMEE, Fla. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University softball team was decisioned twice by the eight-run rule Wednesday at the Rebel Spring Games.

Eastern (1-5) was beaten by Illinois Wesleyan University (5-1) 10-2 in six innings and by Hope College (7-2) 9-1 in five innings. In the two losses, the Warriors were out-hit 20-8 and committed eight errors, their opponents making just one.

Thursday, Eastern faces Illinois Wesleyan University at 8:50 a.m. and Mount Vernon Nazarene University at 12:30 p.m.

**Hope College 9, Eastern Conn. 1 (5)**

Hope College snapped a 1-1 tie with four runs in the third and four runs in the fourth. In those two innings, the Flying Dutch had seven hits and benefitted by a walk and hit batter in chasing Eastern senior starter **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)**. A two-run triple by Libby Hammon highlighted the third inning and a two-run single by Emily Adams sparked the fourth.

Freshman second baseman **Monica Rochon (BLOOMFIELD)** reached safely three times with a single in the first inning and walks in the third and fifth. She also stole two bases and scored the team's only run, in the first inning.

**Illinois Wesleyan U. 10, Eastern Conn. 2 (6)**

Coming off a complete-game one-hitter Monday night against nationally-ranked Endicott, senior righty **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** took a 1-0 lead into the fourth before the Titans struck for seven runs on six hits, a walk and an error.

With the bases loaded and the game tied 1-1 and one out in the seventh, Illinois Wesleyan junior Stephanie Gockley drilled a pinch bases-clearing triple to give the Titans a 4-1 lead. Illinois added three more runs in the inning on two more hits and an Eastern error.

Eastern had taken a 1-0 lead in the third with an unearned run off winning pitcher Katie Frawley. Freshman designated hitter **Rachel Denny (EAST HADDAM)** opened the inning with an infield single and pinch runner **Ashley Marchitto (CANTON)** later scored on an infield error. That lead stood up until the Titans struck for seven runs in the fourth.

Both of the runs allowed by Frawley were unearned, freshman pitcher **Lisa Cody (WEBSTER, MA)** scoring on a passed ball after tripling in her first collegiate at-bat with

two out in the top of the sixth. Frawley, a senior, gave up only five hits while striking out six and walking two.

Cody also made her pitching debut, getting the final four outs of the game, allowing three earned runs on four hits.

Hitting for herself, Frawley had two hits and scored two runs, as did junior Molley Coers, the team's leadoff hitter. Also as a pinch hitter, sophomore Alison Winter also produced for the Titans with a two-run double in the bottom of the sixth inning. The two runs which scored ended the game.

Eastern junior second baseman **Samantha Morrow (TOLLAND)** was 2-for-3 to raise her average to a team-leading .625.

#### **Illinois Wesleyan U. 10, Eastern Conn. 2 (6 inn.)**

Eastern Conn. (1-4)	001	001	--	2	5	3
Illinois Wesleyan (5-1)	000	712	--	10	12	1

Lindsay Savelle (1-2), Lisa Cody (5) and Krystle Denny, Brooke Larsen (5). Katie Frawley (2-0) and Katie Dobry. 2B-Alison Winter (I), Cody (E), Stephanie Gockley (I).

#### **Hope College 9, Eastern Conn. 1 (5 inn.)**

Hope College (7-2)	104	40	--	9	8	0
Eastern Conn. (1-5)	100	00	--	1	3	5

Meagan VanderMaas (2-0) and Kylee Brouwer. Brooke Nici (0-2), Katie Pensiero (4) and Krystle Denny. 3B-Libby Hammon (H).

Monday, March 20, 2006

### SAVELLE'S ONE-HITTER LEADS EASTERN PAST ENDICOTT

KISSIMMEE, Fla. – Senior righty Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE) recorded her 12<sup>th</sup> career shutout and sophomore shortstop Courtney Watson (BRISTOL) broke a tie with an RBI single in the top of the eighth inning to lift the Eastern Connecticut State University fastpitch softball team to a 2-0 win over No. 24 nationally-ranked Endicott College Monday evening at the Rebel Spring Games.

In the first game of the day, the Warriors scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning but stranded the tying run on second base in a 7-6 loss to Colorado College (8-10).

Savelle (1-1) outdueled Endicott (2-2) junior ace Robyn Savitske to record Eastern's (1-3) first win of the season. Savelle allowed only a fourth-inning infield single while fanning eight and walking two. Savitske struck out 15 and allowed only five hits and no walks.

In accordance with the international tie-breaker rule, each team began the eighth inning by putting a runner on second base. With freshman pinch runner Lisa Cody (WEBSTER, MA) on second base, Watson singled to left on an 0-1 pitch to break the scoreless deadlock. With one out, No. 9 hitter Leigha Abair (EAST HARTFORD) sacrificed Watson to third and leadoff hitter Karen Taber's (DEEP RIVER) long double to deep center make it 2-0.

Savelle sandwiched two infield popups around a strikeout to end the game.

In the first game, Eastern scored three runs in the first to take a 3-1 lead and three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to cut a four-run deficit to the final one-run margin. Watson drove in two runs with two out to highlight the three-run first inning and Fallo and pitcher Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA) plated runs in the three-run seventh inning. As the tying run, Nici was awarded second base because of interference at first base but winning pitcher Sirinia Milsap got an infield fly ball to end the game.

Wednesday, Eastern faces Illinois Wesleyan University at 12:30 p.m. and Hope College at 4:10 p.m.

#### College Softball At Kissimmee, FL

**Colorado College 7, Eastern Conn. 6**

Colorado College (8-10)	105	001	0	--	7	8	2
Eastern Conn. (0-3)	300	000	3	--	6	6	3

Sirina Milsap (5-4) and Laura Seewald. Nikki Vachon (0-1), Brooke Nici (6) and Krystle Denny, Brooke Larsen (4). 2B-Emmy Grote, Milsap, Nicole Scommegna (C), Kristen Fallo, Courtney Watson (E); 3B-Samantha Morrow (E).

**Eastern Conn. 2, Endicott College 0 (8 inn.)**

Eastern Conn. (1-3)	000	000	02	--	2	5	0
Endicott (2-2)	000	000	00	--	0	1	0

Lindsay Savelle (1-1) and Krystle Denny. Robyn Savitske (1-1) and Meghan Sargent. 2B-Karen Taber (E).

Sunday, March 19, 2006

## **EASTERN SOFTBALL DROPS OPENING PAIR IN FLORIDA**

*Fallo's pinch single in fifth inning ties game but Warriors fall to Millikin, 3-2*

KISSIMMEE, Fla. – The Eastern Connecticut State University softball team opened its 30<sup>th</sup> intercollegiate season with two losses at the Rebel Spring Games at the Osceola County Softball Complex Sunday.

Millikin University scored a tie-breaking unearned run in the top of the fifth inning in a 3-2 victory, and No. 25 nationally-ranked UW-Stevens Point posted an 8-0 win later in the day in a game stopped in the sixth inning due to the eight-run rule.

Against Millikin, Eastern tied the game in the bottom of the fifth inning after there were two out and none on. Sophomore pinch hitter **Kristen Fallo's (REDDING)** pinch two-run single drove in sophomore second baseman **Courtney Watson (BRISTOL)** and freshman designated hitter **Monica Rochon (BLOOMFIELD)** to tie the game but the Warriors left the tying and go-ahead runs aboard when Millikin (4-0) freshman pitcher Kristina Bechtold (1-0) got an inning-ending fly ball to right.

The Big Blue snapped the tie in the top of the sixth inning when they scored an unearned run off senior pitchers **Lindsay Savelle (CHESHIRE)** and **Brooke Nici (CLINTON, MA)** on an inning-opening error and two hits. Savelle (0-1) faced three batters in the sixth, giving up junior Tracy Kwasny's go-ahead RBI double. She allowed six hits and was charged with all three runs, two earned, while fanning two and walking three.

First-year sophomore transfer **Kate Livingston (WEST HARTFORD)** and Rachon each had two hits in their Eastern debut.

Stevens Point (2-0) racked two Eastern pitchers for 13 hits – four for extra bases – on the way to the win. Rachon's one-out double in the second was Eastern's only hit and baserunner off Stevens Point freshman Ashley Tobalsky (1-0), who struck out five.

Monday, Eastern faces Colorado College at 4:10 p.m. and No. 24 nationally-ranked Endicott College at 6 p.m.

### **Millikin U. 3, Eastern Conn. 2**

Millikin (4-0)	020	001	0	=	3	7	1
Eastern Conn. (0-1)	000	020	0	--	2	8	2

Kristina Bechtold (1-0) and Karyl Milly. Lindsay Savelle (0-1) and Rachel Denny, Brooke Larsen (4). 2B-Tracy Kwasny (M); 3B-Rachel Wanderer (M).

**UW-Stevens Point 8, Eastern Conn. 0 (5 inn.)**

Eastern Conn. (0-2)	000	00	--	0	1	0
UW-Stevens Point (2-0)	300	23	--	8	13	0

Brooke Nici (0-1), Nikki Vachon (4) and Krystle Denny. Ashley Tobalsky (1-0) and Korryn Brooks. 2B-Monica Rochon (E), Jenny Feidt (W); 3B-Mandy Jellish, Laura Zierler, Laura VanAble.