



## Saginaw Valley State prevails in epic pitching duel



On the left, NKU's Gretchen Lorenz scores in the 11th inning after a Saginaw Valley State error to give the Norse a 1-0 lead. The Cardinals tied the game in the bottom of the 11th and later won the game when Kim Sills (right) scored on a single by Angela Kaiser.

## Ehlers brilliant in circle, but Norse drop 2-1 decision in 13 innings

UNIVERSITY CENTER, Mich. - On an afternoon in which pitching dominated, it was one hit in the 13th inning by Saginaw Valley State's Angela Kaiser that decided a 2-1 win for the Cardinals in the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional.

Kaiser's single to left field drove in pinch-runner Kim Sills with the winning run and ended the marathon game that lasted three hours, 30 minutes. Saginaw Valley State improved to 37-9 and advanced to the winner's round.

NKU dropped to 32-22 and will play either Lewis or Ferris State at 11:30 a.m. Sunday in an elimination game. The Lewis/Ferris State game, originally set to follow NKU's contest with Saginaw Valley State, could not be started due to impending darkness Saturday and will start at 9 a.m. Sunday.

NKU starter April Ehlers pitched brilliantly and took a no-hitter into the bottom of the seventh inning in a scoreless game. Ehlers gave way to Chelsie Roy after 11 innings in the circle, having surrendered just one run and

four hits. She also struck out six batters.

NKU took a 1-0 lead in the top of the 11th inning when

Gretchen Lorenz scored after an error by second baseman Ashley Coffin. Saginaw Valley State countered in the bottom of the inning with an RBI single from Coffin to tie the game at 1-all.

It remained that way until the 13th inning, when the Cardinals loaded the bases with no outs. Kaiser ended the game with her RBI single.

NKU will have to win three times Sunday to advance to next week's super regional. Saginaw Valley State needs to win just once Sunday to earn the right to host next week's super regional. Ashland, the No. 1 team in the Midwest Region, was eliminated Saturday.



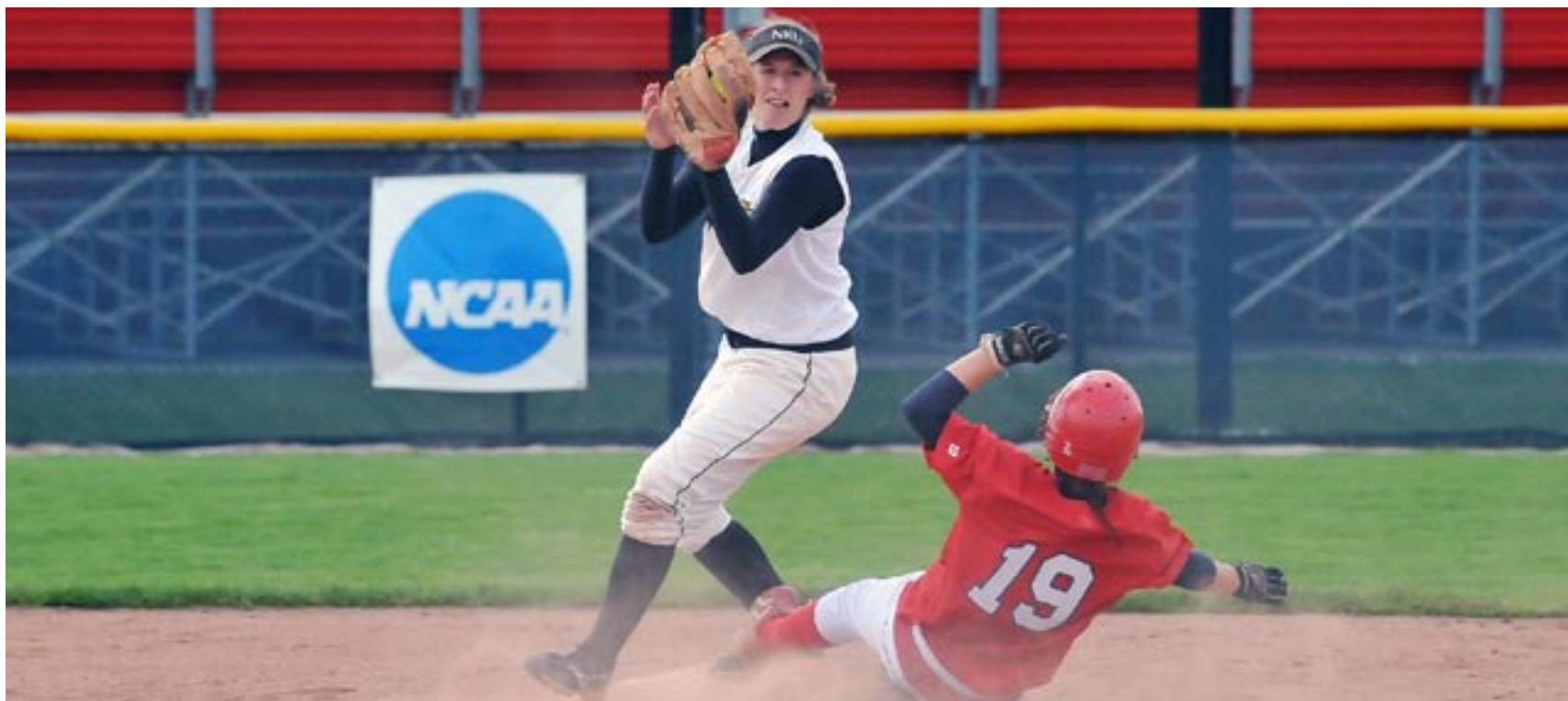
Shatona Campbell gives chase to the winning hit.



Rachael May attempts to snag SVSU's hit that tied the score at 1-all in the 11th.

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Ashley Coffin (19) slides into Rose Broderick during the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional contest Saturday.



NKU's Cara Parker just misses this slap hit by Ashley Coffin. The hit resulted in a double for Coffin.

Northern Kentucky vs Saginaw Valley  
 May 09, 2009 at Univ. Center, Mich. (SVSU Sports Complex)

Northern Kentucky 1 (32-22)

Saginaw Valley 2 (37-9)

Player	AB	R	H	BI
Farris, Jessica ss.....	6	0	1	0
Smith, Amanda 1b/2b.....	4	0	1	0
Snyder, Caroline pr.....	0	0	0	0
Campbell, Shatona lf.....	5	0	0	0
Parker, Cara 3b.....	4	0	2	0
Del Vecchio, Sam dp.....	5	0	0	0
Gates, Ashley rf.....	6	0	1	0
Ehlers, April p/1b.....	5	0	1	0
Lorenz, Gretchen cf.....	5	1	1	0
Raabe, Jamie pr.....	0	0	0	0
Broderick, Rose 2b.....	4	0	1	0
May, Rachael 2b.....	0	0	0	0
Roy, Chelsie p.....	1	0	0	0
Toler, Chelsea c/pr.....	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	45	1	8	0

Player	AB	R	H	BI
Angela Kaiser cf.....	5	0	1	1
Marsha Beaubien lf.....	3	0	0	0
Stacy Kraatz 1b.....	2	0	0	0
Jessica Anhel c.....	5	0	0	0
Nicole Fick ss.....	5	0	1	0
Billi Hoepfner pr.....	0	0	0	0
Ashley Jordan rf.....	5	1	0	0
Nikki Bigelow dp.....	3	0	0	0
Jordan Stuart ph.....	1	0	1	0
Jessica McKeith pr.....	0	0	0	0
Kim Sills pr.....	0	1	0	0
Shannon McLaughlin 3b.....	3	0	0	0
Jessica Chatterton ph.....	1	0	0	0
Jillian Peterson ph/3b....	2	0	1	0
Vanessa Briggs 2b.....	1	0	0	0
Sarah Sheffer ph.....	1	0	0	0
Ashley Coffin ph/2b.....	2	0	2	1
Kari Bowlby p.....	0	0	0	0
Jade Fulton p.....	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	39	2	6	2

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Northern Kentucky... 000 000 000 010 0 - 1 8 4			
Saginaw Valley..... 000 000 000 010 1 - 2 6 1			

Note: None out, 3 runners LOB when the game ended.