

SUFFOLK CCC WOMEN NEAR TITLE

The Suffolk County Community College softball team is two wins away from a Junior College World Series title.

The Sharks advanced to the national semifinal with a 10-3 victory over Rowan College yesterday, followed by a 7-5 win against St. Cloud Technical and Community College in games at Rochester, Minnesota.

Cori Augustine allowed two earned runs in a complete game against Rowan. Shortstop Jessica Parente went 3-for-3 with three RBIs and two runs scored.

Rightfielder Paige Baker went 2-for-4 with three RBIs

and a run against St. Cloud Tech. Courtney Lawrence came on in relief of Augustine against St. Cloud and did not allow a run in 1 ²/₃ innings.

Suffolk entered as the eighth and final seed, and will face Herkimer College today at 1 p.m. A win would put the Sharks up against three-time defending national champion Rock Valley College in the final at 3.

The host Suffolk County CC baseball team beat Northern Essex CC, 4-3, in 11 innings in Game 1 of the District F Championship Series. Game 2 is today at 1 p.m. — MIKE RUIZ

