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CHARLESTON, IL, Dec. 4 -- Barb Stelk (Park Ridge-Maine East), freshman defense-forward, completed her inaugural season with the Eastern Illinois University women's field hockey team this past fall. The Panthers finished the season with the best record in the school's history, 17-8-1, and placed in the top eight of AIAW Division II Championships at Ithaca, NY, Nov. 19-21.

"Barb is a hard worker and willing to work, putting in extra time, on her stickhandling," commented EIU first-year coach Beth Reichel. "Her biggest asset is that she rushes well and is aggressive."

"She made the adjustment to forward (replaced Gail Niebur, freshman of Edwardsville, who incurred a stress fracture of left ankle after 17 games, Oct. 17, and did not see further action) very well."

Stelk, a Recreation major, was sixth on Eastern's scoring list at season's end with three goals and two assists. Barb earned her first collegiate goal, Nov. 6 against the University of Dayton in the second overtime. It proved to be the game-winner. She then tallied two of the Panthers' three goals in Nationals as she scored against the 1980 champs, LaSalle (Pa.) College in a 4-1 EIU defeat and against the University of Denver in a 3-2 double-overtime loss in consolation action Nov. 20.

Barb is the daughter of William and Erika Stelk, 1800 Glenview, Park Ridge. She is a 1981 graduate of Maine East High School and played for Coach Bovenmeyer's squad at both center and left halfback positions.

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