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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL, Dec. 4 -- Gail Niebur (Edwardsville), freshman forward, completed her inaugural season with the Eastern Illinois University 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.

"Gail is very determined to play at all costs," commented EIU first-year coach Beth Reichel. "She incurred a stress fracture of her left ankle late in the season, however when she was in there she got the job done . . . Gail was always in the right place at the right time."

"She has excellent maneuverability and stickwork. With a little more speed she will be an outstanding inside player for us. Gail definitely will be in our starting lineup next year."

Niebur, a Finance major, was third on Eastern's scoring list with 10 goals in just 17 games. Gail scored both Panther goals in a 2-1 victory over Indiana's Hoosiers in Bloomington Sept. 25, and the game-winner in the second overtime (2-1) at Franklin (IN) College Oct. 6th.

Gail is the daughter of Melvin and Edna Niebur, 535 Sunset, Edwardsville and is a 1981 graduate of Edwardsville Senior High School. She was a member of Coach Sharon Petty's 1978 State Championship field hockey team.

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