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CHARLESTON, IL, Dec. 11 -- Rhonda Morel (Peru - LaSalle-Peru), junior weak-side attacker, completed her second season on the Eastern Illinois University volleyball team this past fall. The Panthers finished the season with a 20-26 record and were runnerup to Lewis University for the IAWA Division II title.

"Rhonda is a smart player . . . Always thinking on the court," commented EIU first-year coach Carol Gruber. "She became a big factor for us in blocking with a big improvement shown in her net play."

"She had a high percentage of serving aces (94% serving with 27 aces) and really came through for us when we needed one. Rhonda is a quiet leader . . . Has the potential to be a team leader next year."

Her 1981 season statistics include 74% service reception, 68% digs, 96% setting and 87% on attacks.

Morel, a Physical Education major and Health Education minor, is a 1978 graduate of LaSalle-Peru Township High School and played for Coach William Martuzzo at weakside hitter, strongside blocker and was a secondary setter. She is a 1979 transfer from Illinois Valley Community College.

Rhonda is the daughter of Richard and Donna Morel, 2731 7th Street, Peru.

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