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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's volleyball team has added another promising recruit.

Kaye Skerston of Springfield Sacred Heart Academy recently signed a national letter of intent to join the Lady Panther spikers next fall.

"Kaye is an excellent team player," EIU head coach Betty Ralston said. "She was very unselfish in high school and is a good all-around player."

Helen Dulle, coach at Sacred Heart, described Skerston as "very steady, the type of player who would never give up. She is the type that goes unnoticed because she isn't the big spiker.

"She's very good in the back row and can hold her own at the net," Dulle added. "I'd have to say she was the best all-around player on our team."

That squad finished the 1983 season with a 34-5 mark and its second consecutive berth in the Class AA Elite Eight. Dulle said Skerston played every minute of every game as she started every contest for Sacred Heart over the last two seasons.

Ralston cited Skerston's good high school program as being a plus for the 5-foot-8 future Lady Panther. She also noted that Skerston's experience in United States Volleyball Association (USVBA) competition with the Springfield Knicks as helping her mature as a player.

"Kaye is a really hard worker and is very coachable," Ralston said. "I think she can develop into a solid college player and I'm looking forward to working with her and all our new players."

Skerston joins two other Illinois prepsters who previously committed to attend Eastern, Jeanne Pacione and Sue Miloch of Wheeling High School.