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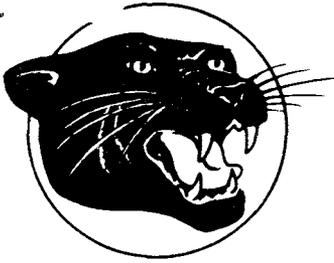
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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's Donna Ridgway (Annapolis-Hutsonville) has been named Gateway Conference softball Player of the Week for her outstanding play against two league opponents.

Ridgway, a senior pitcher from Annapolis, led Eastern to a 3-2 victory over Illinois State Friday (April 27) as the Panthers upset the league-leading Redbirds. Ridgway held ISU to only one earned run on eight hits and did not walk a batter.

But her heroics did not end there, as she drove in two EIU runs and scored the other, accounting for the EIU offense. The following day Ridgway pitched eight scoreless innings before allowing an unearned run in the ninth frame at Indiana State.

"Donna has come through for us in some tough situations both as a starter and as a reliever," EIU head coach Deanna D'Abbraccio said. "It's a bonus to have a pitcher that can also hit the ball. Donna is a pretty versatile athlete."

Ridgway, the first Eastern softball player named the league's Player of the Week, will lead the Lady Panthers into the Gateway Conference tournament beginning Thursday (May 3) in Springfield, MO.