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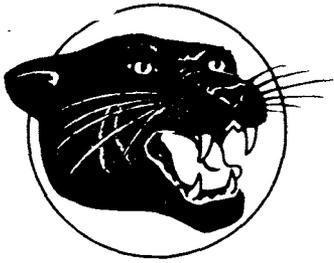
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CHARLESTON, IL--Two Eastern Illinois University softball players were recently selected to the All-Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference team.

Seniors Mary Tiegs (Lake Bluff-Libertyville) and Becky Jochim (Palestine-Lincoln Trail CC) were selected by a ballot of league coaches to represent EIU on the 12-position squad, which was announced following Western Illinois' victory at the league tournament Sunday (May 6) in Springfield, MO.

"Mary and Becky are probably the two quickest players in the conference," EIU head coach Deanna D'Abbraccio asserted. "It's pleasing that we had two people named to the squad. I think that shows we have some quality ball players here at Eastern."

Jochim's selection to the All-GCAC squad was largely based on her defensive prowess, as she committed only two errors in 116 chances at second base. And although she hit only .183 for the season, she contributed to the Panther offense by laying down several key bunts and causing havoc for the opposition with her speed on the basepaths.

Eastern's outfield selection, Mary Tiegs, also possesses unusual quickness, as evidenced by her team-high nine stolen bases.

"Over the last four years Mary has done everything you could ask for from a ball player," D'Abbraccio said. "She has hit for power and average, stolen bases, played solid defense and acted as a team leader."

Tiegs statistics in her final season amounted to a team-high 42 hits for a .326 batting average, including four doubles, four triples, a home run, 11 runs batted in and 16 runs scored. She also cut down at the plate six runners who were attempting to score.

Joining EIU's players on the All-GCAC team are four Illinois State players--sophomore outfielder Lisa Golchert, sophomore catcher Kris Rau, freshman utility player Theresa McGraw and sophomore pitcher Maxine McLaughlin, who was also named league Most Valuable Player.

Both Western Illinois and Bradley placed three players on the squad, senior third baseman Helen Funk, senior outfielder Liz Mackle and senior designated hitter Gail DePaoli of Western, and senior first baseman Pam Casper, utility player Shelly Chouinard and freshman pitcher Beth Hawkins of Bradley. Southern Illinois' senior shortstop Tonya Lindsey and Southwest Missouri's junior catcher Tammy Holloway round out the squad.