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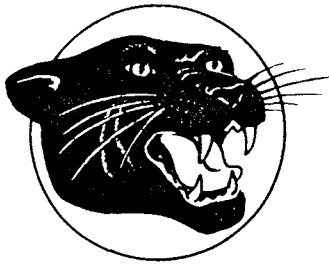
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CHARLESTON, IL--Donna Ridgway (Annapolis-Hutsonville) completed her sophomore season with the Eastern Illinois University softball team at the AIAW Division II College World Series, May 20-23 in Sioux Falls, SD.

The Panthers placed third in the WCWS and finished the season with a 45-8 record. It is the most wins in EIU history in any sport.

"This team could not have enjoyed the success we had this season without Donna," EIU coach Deanna D'Abbraccio.

Ridgway saw action in 24 games, started 22, completed 18 and had one save. Her record was 16-5 with two no-hitters. She pitched 150 1/3 innings allowing 92 hits and 32 runs. Her earned run average was 1.02. She struck out 54 and walked 23 while recording seven shutouts.

"To have a two-year record of 29-9 (13-4 freshman and 16-5 sophomore season) demonstrates her abilities on the mound," D'Abbraccio concluded.

Her complete two-year pitching statistics include 273 1/3 innings, allowed 55 runs, 38 of them earned, 142 strikeouts, 41 walks, 13 shutouts, two no-hitters and a career ERA of 0.97.

An accounting major, Ridgway is a 1980 graduate of Hutsonville High School where she pitched for coaches Linda Clough and Sheila Westcott.

Ridgway is the daughter of William and Rose Ridgway, R. R. #1 in Annapolis.