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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's softball team will face two of the Gateway Conference's top three teams this weekend.

The Lady Panthers will travel to Western Illinois for a 2 p.m. Friday (April 13) double-header against the GCAC's No. 2 team. The Westerwinds currently sport a 7-1 league mark and an overall 17-3 record while the Panthers stand fifth in the league at 2-2, 8-9 overall.

"We're expecting two tough games from Western. They beat us easily last fall, but we're a much better team now," EIU head coach Deanna D'Abbraccio said. "We played very well defensively and offensively against Wichita State last weekend and we're just going to try to keep that going."

Although the Westerwinds handed Eastern a 12-1 defeat last fall, Eastern came in as the only GCAC team to top Saturday's opponent, Bradley, in 1983 fall action. The Lady Panthers topped Bradley 4-3 at the Saluki Invitational last September, the only defeat the Braves incurred at the tournament.

Bradley began the week as the Gateway's No. 3 team with a 5-1 mark against conference opponents, 10-2 overall with a pair of non-conference doubleheaders scheduled before facing Southern Illinois Friday and hosting the Lady Panthers on Saturday.

Eastern's scheduled Tuesday double-header with Southern Illinois was postponed due to wet grounds, leaving the Panthers one game under .500 entering the weekend.

"We're really eager to get over the top," D'Abbraccio said. "After losing the first four games of the season it's been a battle, but we're better than a .500 team and we'd like to prove it this weekend."

Several individual Lady Panthers have shown their prowess already this season, including 1983 All-GCAC pick Mary Tiegs (Lake Bluff-Libertyville), a senior outfielder. She holds a .362 batting average and leads the team in several other categories, including hits (21), doubles (4), triples (2), RBIs (10), stolen bases (6) and slugging percentage (.534). The team's leading hitter is currently junior Shelly Eddington (Brighton-Southwestern/Lewis & Clark), a pitcher/designated hitter who boasts a .414 average with a 1.88 ERA.

EIU HITTING/FIELDING STATISTICS

NAME, POS.	G	AB	R	H	AVG	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SAC	SB	SO	BB	HP	PO	A	E	PCT
S. Eddington, P/OF	10	29	3	12	.414	1	0	0	4	2	2	4	0	0	5	14	3	.864
M. Tiegs, OF	17	58	10	21	.362	4	2	1	10	2	6	1	2	0	23	3	1	.963
T. Waldrop, C	17	53	12	15	.283	1	1	0	6	1	2	4	7	1	49	8	2	.966
T. Rettig, SS/1B	17	56	11	15	.268	2	0	1	7	1	3	5	4	0	39	34	9	.890
K. Range, 3B	17	40	10	10	.250	1	0	0	2	6	0	0	7	1	11	54	2	.970
S. Muskopf, P	4	8	2	2	.250	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	6	1	.900
B. Jochim, 2B/SS	10	34	10	8	.235	0	1	0	3	1	1	7	2	0	25	21	1	.979
J. Wamser, 2B	9	27	4	6	.222	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	14	13	3	.900
F. Stalter, OF	17	46	7	10	.217	1	1	0	7	6	0	4	2	0	23	1	2	.923
D. Ridgway, P	9	20	1	4	.200	1	1	0	3	0	1	4	3	0	2	13	2	.882
J. Blacker, 1B	16	51	6	10	.196	2	0	0	3	1	2	7	4	0	139	5	3	.980
L. Conine, OF	15	46	6	8	.174	1	0	0	2	2	1	6	2	0	16	1	1	.944
S. Rhoda, P	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	.667
C. Devine, 1B/OF	1	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
<b>EIU TOTALS:</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>.258</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>.927</b>
<b>OPP TOTALS:</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>.241</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>.928</b>

EIU PITCHING STATISTICS

NAME	G	GS	CG	W	L	Sv	PCT	IP	R	H	ER	SO	BB	HB	WP	SHUT OUT	ERA
Donna Ridgway	9	6	6	3	4	1	.429	48 2/3	16	40	6	5	5	1	3	0	0.86
Sandy Muskopf	4	4	2	2	1	0	.667	23 1/3	7	19	3	16	22	0	7	0	0.90
Shelly Eddington	6	6	5	3	3	0	.500	37 1/3	13	37	10	15	10	2	3	1	1.88
Sonja Rhoda	1	1	1	0	1	0	.000	7	5	12	5	1	1	0	0	0	5.00
<b>EIU TOTALS:</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.471</b>	<b>116 1/3</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.44</b>

EIU SEASON RESULTS

DATE	W-L	EIU	OPP	WINNER	LOSER	BA	FA
3/22	L	0	2	Iowa State *	Ridgway	.192	.947
3/25	L	0	2	Mankato State c	Eddington	.166	1.000
3/25	L	1	3	Northern Colorado c	Ridgway	.208	.919
3/25	L	1	2	Western Michigan c	Eddington	.231	1.000
3/26	W	4	2	at Oklahoma City	Ridgway	.192	.912
3/26	L	1 (8)	2	at Oklahoma City	Muskopf	.154	.853
3/30	W	27 (5)	0	Northeastern Illinois \$	Eddington	.444	1.000
3/30	W	6	1	St. Xavier \$	Muskopf	.290	1.000
3/30	W	12	3	DePaul	Ridgway	.333	.919
3/31	W	7	3	Missouri Baptist \$	Eddington	.355	.919
3/31	L	2 (8)	4	at SIU-Edwardsville	Ridgway	.250	.927
4/2	L	3	5	BALL STATE	Eddington	.214	.969
4/2	W	3	2	BALL STATE	Muskopf	.250	.906
4/6	L	1	5	SOUTHWEST MISSOURI +	Rhoda	.167	.939
4/6	L	0	1	SOUTHWEST MISSOURI +	Ridgway	.125	.923
4/7	W	7	1	WICHITA STATE +	Eddington	.281	1.000
4/7	W	7	3	WICHITA STATE +	Ridgway	.367	.964
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\* at American Legion Fastpitch Tournament, Bartlesville, OK (remaining games rained out)

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\$ at Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Tournament (2nd place)

+ Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference contests