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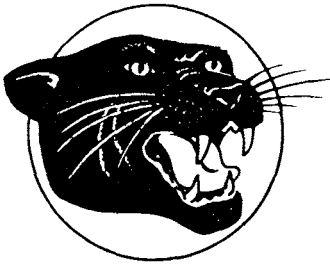
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CHARLESTON, IL--Kathryn 'Kathy' Trnka (Algonquin-Jacobs) completed her sophomore season with the Eastern Illinois University softball team at the AIAW Division II College World Series, May 20-23 in Sioux Falls, SD.

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.

"Kathy has a very strong throw," EIU coach Deanna D'Abbraccio said. "Last year she played at third base for half of our games . . . this year we switched her to the outfield."

Trnka hit .195 (8 for 41) driving in three runs and scoring five. She had a fielding average of 88% committing just two errors in 17 games.

"We envision her playing a lot at both third and in the outfield next year," D'Abbraccio continued. "She has the versatility to play many positions."

A physical education major, Trnka is a 1980 graduate of Jacobs High School where she played third base for coach Casimir Kowalski.

Trnka is the daughter of Herb and Ethel Rudiger, 1212 South Main Street in Algonquin.