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CHARLESTON, IL--Maureen Sharkey (Fairview Heights-Belleville East) completed her career 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.

"Maureen played 41 games errorless . . . that's a real credit to her ability," EIU coach Deanna D'Abbraccio said. "Right field is a difficult position to play in softball . . . either you make the quick throw to first or the long throw to third."

Sharkey hit an even .200 (15 for 75) and scored 12 runs. She had two doubles and drove in 14 runs, sixth best on the team. She did not commit an error in 50 chances (45 putouts and five assists).

"In two years for us, Mo continually came up with the big play in right field . . . either at the fence or shallow. She will be difficult to replace," D'Abbraccio concluded.

A 1982 physical education graduate, Sharkey is a 1978 graduate of Belleville East High School.

Sharkey is the daughter of Tom and Carolyn Sharkey, 14 Lanaghan Drive in Fairview Heights.