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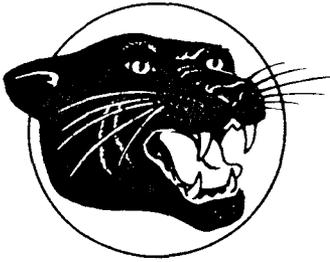
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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Nancy Kassebaum (Belleville-East) completed her third season with the Eastern Illinois University women's 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.

"Nancy came on very strong at the plate during the last part of the season," EIU coach Deanna D'Abbraccio said. "Her ability to steal bases (24 in 28 attempts) is her most significant contribution to the team."

Kassebaum led the Panthers in batting with a .313 average. She was second to Mary Tiegs (Lake Bluff-Libertyville) in hits with 51 and third in runs scored with 32. She was previously named Most Valuable Player at the state championship.

"She is very smooth defensively at shortstop and made some phenomenal plays in nationals. We were terribly disappointed she did not make the All-Championship team," concluded D'Abbraccio. She had a fielding average of 93% for the season and 95% (36 of 38) at WCWS.

Kassebaum is also exceptional at a guard spot on Eastern's basketball team. She was named Most Valuable Player in the state championship thus becoming the first woman to earn both basketball and softball awards in the same year.

A recreation major, Kassebaum is a 1979 graduate of Belleville East High School where she played shortstop for coach Ron Stephenson.

Kassebaum is the daughter of Ralph and Carole Kassebaum, 20 Eastland Drive in Belleville.