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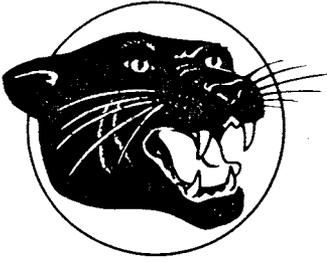
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CHARLESTON, IL--Nancy Saegesser (Mattoon) completed her career with the Eastern Illinois University softball team at the AIAW Division II College World Series, May 20-23 in Sioux Falls, SD.

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.

"Nancy was a senior new to the infield," EIU coach Deanna D'Abbraccio said. "She had finally found a home at second base and started all seven games at nationals."

Saegesser earned All-Championship second base honors with 23 putouts and 13 assists while committing just one error (97% fielding efficiency).

She had a 95% fielding average for the season committing just six errors in 109 chances. Saegesser played 25 games at second base where she earned all of her 61 putouts.

She hit .162 (12 for 74) driving in three runs and scoring 10. She was one-for-one in stolen bases and hit one double and one triple.

"Nancy learned second base quickly . . . she made the transition from the left side of the infield to the right side very well. Being selected to the All-Championship team is a tribute to her intelligence and ability. We are very pleased she received the recognition," D'Abbraccio concluded.

A 1982 graduate in journalism, Saegesser is a 1978 graduate of Mattoon Senior High School. She is the daughter of Willard and Phyllis Saegesser, 3300 Western in Mattoon.