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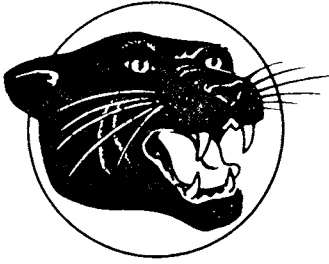
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CHARLESTON, IL--Sandra 'Sandy' Muskopf (Belleville-West) completed her initial season with the Eastern Illinois University women's softball team at the final AIAW Division II College World Series, May 20-23 in Sioux Falls, SD.

The Panthers placed third in the WCWS and finished the season with a 45-8 record. It is the most wins in EIU school history.

"Although Sandy saw action in just five games, she made the adjustment to college ball without any trouble," EIU coach Deanna D'Abbraccio said.

Muskopf pitched five complete games winning them all. Her earned run average was an even 1.00 (five earned runs in 35 innings). She earned one shutout, a 3-0 two-hitter over DePaul in mid-April. She also defeated the defending Illinois state champions, College of St. Francis, and the defending Indiana state champions, Indiana State-Evansville, 11-2.

"She pitched some tough games and defeating the defending Illinois and Indiana state champions is an indication of her ability," D'Abbraccio concluded.

She hit .308 driving in one run and scoring one. She had a fielding average of 97% committing just one error in 31 chances (two putouts and 28 assists).

A journalism major, Muskopf is a 1981 graduate of Belleville-West High School where she pitched for coach Tom Ninnis.

Sandy is the daughter of Duane and Denise Muskopf, 1744 Stevens Street in Belleville.