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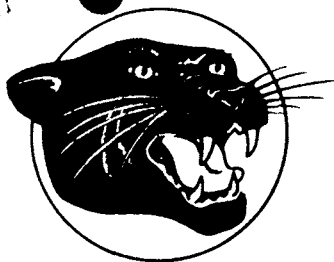
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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's volleyball team will open its home conference slate this weekend with matches against a pair of intrastate rivals.

The Lady Panthers, 20-7 overall and 1-1 in the Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference beginning the week, will face Western Illinois University at 7:30 p.m. Friday (Oct. 28) and meet Bradley University Saturday (Oct. 29) in Lantz Gym.

Eastern opened its league season last weekend splitting two road matches, losing to Southwest Missouri State in four games and sweeping a three-game set with Wichita State. The Panthers met Southern Illinois in Carbondale on Wednesday in what could have been a pivotal match prior to returning home to face Western and Bradley.

"We should be able to win both matches this weekend, but it is important that we aren't over confident," EIU coach Betty Ralston said. "We also must try to play our game and not allow ourselves to play at the level of our opponent.

"We have had a tendency to play below our level of play when the competition isn't too tough and that's something we must avoid in these conference matches," she added.

Ralston's squad boasts some of the Gateway conference's leading individuals, including senior Bonnie Fisk (Evansville, IN-Castle), who stands among the top hitters with a .308 attack percentage. Fisk and teammate Stacy Cook (Lincoln/Illinois Central) rank highly among blockers with Fisk notching 46 solos and 40 blocking assists and Cook following with 38 and 36, respectively.

Another senior, Kathy Briggs (Bartonville-Limestone/Illinois Central), rates as one of the GCAC's best defenders with 286 digs for an average of 3.21 digs per game. Eastern's setters also stand out with senior Gretchen Braker (Matteson-Rich Central) and junior Donna Uhler (Glen Ellyn-Benet Academy) netting 7.57 and 6.03 assists per contest, respectively.

EIU SEASON RESULTS (20-7)

Date	W-L	NCAA Div	Opponent	Result (EIU Score First)	Games W-L
S 3	L	I	UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN	17-15, 14-16, 10-15, 16-18	1-3
S 3	W	I	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	15-0, 15-7, 15-13	4-3
S 9	W	I	University of Akron @	15-4, 15-8, 15-11	7-3
S 9	W	I	Eastern Michigan @	15-10, 15-9, 15-17, 15-10	10-4
S 10	W	II	Wisconsin-Milwaukee#1 @	15-10, 15-7, 15-8	13-4
S 10	L	II	Ferris State College @	12-15, 15-3, 15-10, 15-17, 8-15	15-7
S 16	W	I	Northern Iowa +	15-1, 15-10, 15-2	18-7
S 16	L	I	University of Iowa#1 +	15-2, 15-17, 15-12, 11-15, 5-15	20-10
S 17	W	II	Lewis University#1 +	15-7, 15-13, 15-2	23-10
S 17	W	II	Lewis University#2 +	15-7, 15-5, 15-4	26-10
S 17	L	I	University of Iowa#2 +	9-15, 13-15, 10-15	26-13
S 23	W	I	University of Evansville	15-8, 15-5, 15-9	29-13
S 24	W	II	Kentucky State University &	15-2, 15-0, 15-3	32-13
S 24	W	I	Eastern Kentucky &	15-9, 15-12, 14-16, 15-8	35-14
S 30	W	III	University of Dubuque %	15-3, 15-10	37-14
O 1	W	III	Wisconsin-Oshkosh %	15-1, 15-11	39-14
O 1	W	II	Northern Michigan#1 %	15-11, 15-9	41-14
O 1	W	II	Wisconsin-Milwaukee#2 %	15-6, 15-4, 15-4	44-14
O 1	W	II	Northern Michigan#2 %	15-3, 15-13, 15-5	47-14
O 7	L	I	Drake University \$	15-17, 13-15, 3-15	47-17
O 7	W	II	Northeastern Illinois \$	15-7, 15-12, 15-9	50-17
O 8	W	I	Illinois-Chicago \$	15-9, 15-13, 16-14	53-17
O 8	L	I	University of Cincinnati \$	16-14, 15-7, 11-15, 9-15, 10-15	55-20
O 14	W	I	LOYOLA UNIVERSITY	15-0, 16-14, 15-10	58-20
O 18	W	I	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS#1	13-15, 10-15, 15-13, 15-8, 15-8	61-22
O 21	L	I	* Southwest Missouri State	15-10, 4-15, 6-15, 9-15	62-25
O 22	W	I	* Wichita State University	15-13, 15-5, 15-7	65-25

HOME GAMES ALL CAPS

- @ at Eastern Michigan Tournament, Ypsilanti, MI (Champion)
- + at Hawkeye Invitational, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA (Second place)
- & at Eastern Kentucky Classic, Richmond, KY (Champion)
- % at Wisconsin-Milwaukee Invitational, Milwaukee, WI (Champion)
- \$ at Windy City Invitational, University of Illinois-Chicago, Chicago, IL (Final four)
- \* denotes Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference contests

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

O 26	at Southern Illinois University *	7:30 p.m.
O 22	WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY *	7:30
O 29	BRADLEY UNIVERSITY *	7:30
N 2	at University of Illinois	7:00
N 4	at University of Northern Iowa	7:30
N 5	at Drake University *	7:30
N 8	at Indiana Univeristy	7:30
N 11	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY *	7:30
N 12	INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY *	7:30
N 18-19	Gateway conference final four playoff	TBA