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# Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Throw all the records out the window. Everybody starts from scratch on Friday as league play commences in the Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference. Eastern Illinois, 12-10 on the season, travels to No. 12 Illinois State Friday night and to arch-rival Indiana State Saturday evening. (NOTE: EIU plays host to Indiana tonight.)

The Lady Panthers will have their hands full against national power Illinois State. The Redbirds sport an impressive 18-3 mark and their trio of losses haven't come to any slouches. They have lost to No. 3 Cal. Poly San Luis Obispo, No. 17 Pepperdine and split with two-time defending national titlist Hawaii. Illinois State has won the first two GCAC crowns.

"Obviously Illinois State will be a real test for us," states EIU coach Betty Ralston. "I can't say enough about the program at Illinois State and the talent on the team. However, we just have to go in there and play our best and don't beat ourselves. That's all I can ask our team to do."

The Lady Panthers and Indiana State will have a rematch of their contest at the Loyola Lakeshore Classic a week ago where EIU swept the Sycamores in three (16-14, 15-10, 15-5). Indiana State, 7-15, had the Lady Panthers down 11-4 in the opening game and had three game points before Ralston's squad rallied to eek out the win. Sophomore Maura LeFevour (Oak Park/Oak Park-River Forest) led the Lady Panthers attack with 16 kills and one error in 21 attempts for a blistering .714 hitting percentage.

Several members of the Eastern squad are among the conference leaders. LeFevour leads the league in hitting percentage with a .339 average. She also is eighth in kills averaging 3.03 a contest. Senior co-captains Gretchen Braker (Matteson/Rich Central) and Donna Uhler (Glen Ellyn/Benet Academy) ranks second (2.9/game) and third (2.6/game) in digs, respectively. Braker is third in assists averaging 6.1 a game. Uhler is second in total attempts (554) and kills (3.36/game). Junior April Deer (Morton/East Peoria) is third in the loop in service aces with 54.

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Eastern Illinois sophomore MAURA LEFEVOUR (Oak Park/Oak Park-River Forest) has been named Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference volleyball player of the week for the outstanding tournament she had at the Loyola Lakeshore Classic.

The Oak Park, Ill. native registered 16 kills and one error in 21 attempts for a sparkling .714 hitting percentage as EIU defeated conference-rival Indiana State in three games on Friday night. She also had 13 kills and three errors in 23 attempts (.435), two assists, two aces and a pair of block solos and block assists in a four-game loss to Loyola on Saturday morning. For the entire tournament, LeFevour had 41 kills and seven errors in 70 attempts (.443), five aces, two block solos and 10 block assists.

LeFevour leads the GCAC in hitting percentage with a .339 average. The all-conference candidate also is eighth in the loop in kills with 230. She also leads the team in block solos (15) and block assists (50).

The English major is the first EIU volleyball player to be honored by the league this season.