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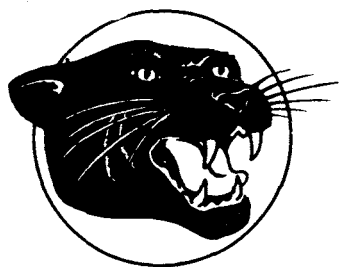
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CHARLESTON, IL--As the saying goes . . . "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." The going is getting tough for the Eastern Illinois women's volleyball team as it entertains Gateway Conference-rival Southern Illinois (Carbondale), Evansville and Illinois-Chicago this weekend at McAfee Gym.

EIU, 13-12 after splitting a critical opening weekend in conference play, will have the revenge factor in its favor against Southern Illinois (11-7) Friday night (6:00 p.m.). The Lady Panthers dropped a tough four-game match to the Salukis in their own invitational early in the season. Both squads are 1-1 in the Gateway following victories over Indiana State and losses to No. 10 Illinois State.

"We had a great chance to beat Southern at their place earlier this season," recalls head coach Betty Ralston. "I am looking for a better match from our players at home. Our lineup is more settled and the kids are playing with much more confidence than before."

The Lady Panthers play host to Evansville Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. and Illinois-Chicago at 4:00 p.m.

One of the main reasons for Eastern's success this season--despite being overmatched height-wise--is a tremendous amount of team play. The Lady Panthers are ranked first in the league in hitting percentage (.265) and assists (11.7 a contest) and second in kills (13.5 a game).

"This team really pulls for each other," states Ralston. "If one player does well, everyone on the team is happy for the individual. The kids also do a lot of things after practice with each other."

EIU is led by sophomore Maura LeFevour (Oak Park/Oak Park-River Forest). The all-Gateway candidate is second in the league in hitting percentage with a .334 average. She also leads the team in block solos (19) and block assists (53), and is second in kills (254).

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Senior Donna Uhler (Glen Ellyn/Benet Academy) ranks second in the loop in kills (259) and third in total attempts (649). Senior Gretchen Braker (Matteson/Rich Central) is third in the conference in digs (251) while junior April Deer (Morton/East Peoria) is third in service aces (59).