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# Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Controlling your own destiny. A segment in the world of sports that most don't have the luxury of possessing--except the Eastern Illinois women's volleyball team. The Lady Panthers--despite recording a 16-15 mark overall and a 2-3 slate in the Gateway Conference--can qualify for the loop's post-season volleyball derby by winning their final four league contests.

Eastern travels to Western Illinois (5-17, 1-3) Friday night to take on the Westwinds and then takes on playoff contender Bradley (24-10, 2-2) Saturday afternoon in Peoria, Ill. (NOTE: EIU plays Valparaiso at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday in Lantz Gym. Bradley plays at Western Illinois Wednesday night.)

Southwest Missouri and Illinois State lead the conference with 6-0 and 5-0 records, respectively. Southern Illinois appears to have secured the third playoff spot and sports a 3-2 Gateway mark. The mad scramble, however, begins right there. It resembles 33 Lotus' jockeying for position prior to the start of the race at the "brickyards" in Indianapolis. Drake (4-3), Bradley (2-2) and Eastern are the prime contenders for the coveted fourth playoff spot.

"We must play one match at a time," states Eastern head coach Betty Ralston. "I can't stress to the kids the importance of each and every conference match. We are in an enviable position of not having to worry what other teams do or waiting for a major upset for us making the playoffs.

"Our team must play with a lot of intensity and enthusiasm the next two weeks. We won't overpower anybody . . . but we won't roll over and die either. The kids earn everything they get."

Volleyball is the epitome of team sports and Eastern's squad may best exemplify the concept of "team work." Ralston's starting lineups usually average 5-foot-9 in a traditionally tall-girls' sport. The lack of height doesn't diminish the accomplishments or the

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zeal to play for Eastern's squad. The Lady Panthers' secret is a "never-say-die" attitude that is much evident on the team. EIU is 3-2 in five-game matches--winning the last three in a row. The squad has won four matches after dropping the first game, and has emerged victorious three times after being down 2-1.

One of Eastern's many leaders on the court is sophomore Maura LeFevour (Oak Park/Oak Park-River Forest) who is fourth in the conference in hitting percentage (.323). The all-conference candidate leads the team in block solos (69) and block assists (69). Senior co-captain Donna Uhler (Glen Ellyn/Benet Academy) is fourth in the Gateway in total attempts (847) and digs (307).