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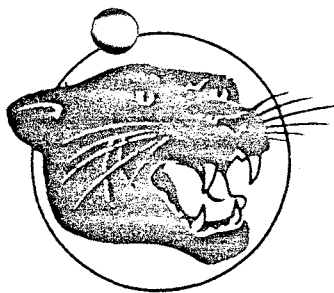
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CHARLESTON, ILL. (Nov. 15, 1984)--Former East Peoria (Ill.) High School volleyball standout April Deer completed her first season competing for the Eastern Illinois women's volleyball team. The Lady Panthers finished the season with a 17-20 record overall--including a 2-7 mark in the Gateway Conference.

The Morton, Ill. native finished the season leading the squad in service aces with 86. Deer recorded nine aces against Butler early in the year. She also was second in assists with 523.

"April probably had the finest serve on the team," says second-year head coach Betty Ralston. "With some improvement in skill level, she could be one of the better players on the team."

The junior physical education major came to Eastern after two years at Illinois Central College where she led ICC to a pair of NJCAA volleyball berths. ICC placed third and fifth while Deer competed for the squad.