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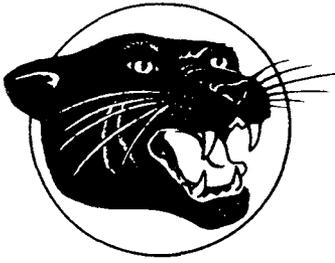
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Panther Sports News

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(PANTHER FIELD HOCKEY SEASON SUCCESSFUL)

CHARLESTON, IL, Nov. 24 -- Eastern Illinois University women's field hockey team completed a successful season, last week in the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) Division II National Championship, at Ithaca, NY. The Panthers were 17-8-1 for the year. It is the best EIU record as information in SID office indicates.

EIU opened play at nationals against LaSalle College, the 1980 AIAW Division II champion, and was defeated, 4-1 Nov. 19 in a game which had to be moved to the astro-turf football field. Barb Stelk, freshman forward of Park Ridge (Maine East) hit in a rebound off the stick of Deb Seybert, junior of Edwardsville (Edwardsville) at the 22:27 mark of the first half. The goal was Stelk's second of the season. Deb King, junior goalie of Sidney, OH (Sidney) started in goal for the Panthers, however was replaced by Judy Waterbury, sophomore of Hoffman Estates (James B. Conant) at the 17:59 mark of the opening stanza as LaSalle mounted a 3-0 lead. LaSalle outshot Eastern, 16-13 and had eight penalty-corners to seven for the Panthers.

The Panthers faced the Pioneers of University of Denver in consolation semi-finals, Nov. 20. Denver nipped Eastern, 3-2 in double overtime which ended the Panthers' season. Eastern fell behind, 2-0, as Denver scored its second goal two minutes into the second half. Seybert (Deb) scored her team-leading 21st goal at the 9:31 mark, and Stelk (Barb) tied the game at 2-2 with her third goal of the season, and second of nationals, at 26:15 after a pass from Deb. Denver ended the heart-stopping contest just one minute thirty eight seconds (1:38) into the second seven and one-half minute overtime with a shot that slipped by Waterbury (Judy). Eastern dominated the game outshooting Denver, 27-14 and having 17 penalty corners to just three (3) for the Pioneers.

"We were happy just to get to New York," commented EIU first-year coach Beth Reichel.

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"We played better than the score indicated (4-1 loss to LaSalle), however they're very good. They weren't faster as far as running, but their sticks were much sharper. They took their hits much faster and that's what beat us. They (LaSalle) were definitely a better team last Thursday (Nov. 19) but then they were defending champs."

"Judy (Waterbury) played superbly Thursday (after replacing King), so I just stuck with her."

"Karen (Berry, junior of Edwardsville (Edwardsville) played great in both games . . . she had a good national for us. We are fortunate to have someone of her ability back there on defense."

"After the first goal (against Denver) by Deb, we really picked up and dominated the game. The turf was soaked (Ithaca, NY had rain during the National Championship) and worked against both teams. The winning goal (Senior forward Holly Breithaupt's seventh of the year and second of the game) slipped by Judy after she had made the initial save on the shot."

"We have four seniors, Sue (Carr, of DeKalb (DeKalb Senior), Gigi (MacIntosh, co-captain of Macon (Mt. Zion), Peggy (Moore, co-captain of Mt. Zion (Mt. Zion) and Sue (Spinner, of Pana (Pana) who have given us excellent leadership; they will be missed next year. We will have a good nucleus of women to work with," concluded coach Reichel.

Here are the final 1981 EIU Field Hockey Statistics:

<u>Name, Class & Pos.</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Assists</u>	<u>Points</u>
Deb Seybert, Jr., Forward	21	10	31
Peggy Moore, Sr., Forward	10	4	14
Gail Niebur, Fr., Forward	10	0	10
Gigi MacIntosh, Sr., Link	4	5	9
Sue Carr, Sr., Forward	4	2	6
Barb Stelk, Fr., Forward	3	2	5
Kathy Sherer, Jr., Defense	2	0	2
Mary Ohl, Jr., Defense	1	1	2
Ann Bohannon, So., Link	1	0	1
Colleen Fletcher, Jr., Forward ..	1	0	1
Deb King, Jr., Goalie	1	0	1
Deb Bohannon, Fr., Forward	0	1	1
<u>EIU 26-GAME TOTALS:</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>83</u>

EIU GOALIE RECORDS: Deb King (3 Shutouts) (10-5-1) (1,062:59) 25 Goals 98 Saves .797 1.56 GAA
Judy Waterbury (3 Shutouts) (7-3-0) (717:01) 13 Goals 80 Saves .860 1.08 GAA