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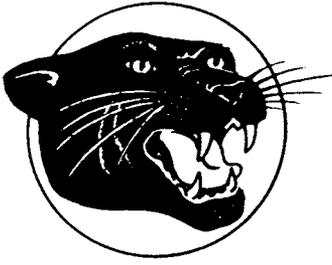
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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University women's softball team takes a 21-9 record and a number-two seed into the MAIAW Division II Regional tournament in Dayton, OH this Friday and Saturday (May 8-9).

The tournament is being held at Wright State University. Games begin at 10:30 a.m. on Friday.

Teams participating, in the order of their seed, are College of St. Francis, Eastern, Akron, University of Charleston (WV), Indiana State-Evansville, Ferris State, Indiana-Purdue of Indianapolis and Wright State.

The Panthers, who finished in second place behind St. Francis in last week's IIAIW state championship tournament, will take on IUPUI at 10:30 Friday.

A win would pit them against the winner of the Akron-Ferris State contest. Should they lose, they would face the loser of that same contest. The championship match-up is scheduled for 3:30 Saturday afternoon. "I think that the University of Charleston could be the real sleeper in the tournament. I see them really challenging St. Francis in the quarter-final round," added D'Abbraccio.

"We're going into the tournament not knowing a whole lot about any of the teams we'll be facing," said D'Abbraccio. "We're excited about getting the chance to play and we're up for it. Other than that we're just going to take it one game at a time," said D'Abbraccio.