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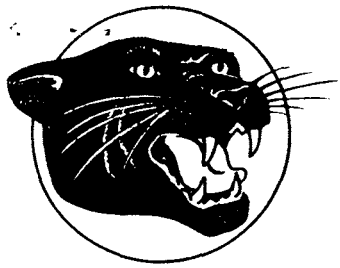
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# **Panther Sports News**

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, ILL. (February 18, 1986)--Eastern Illinois volleyball coach Betty Ralston has announced that Lena, Ill. native **SUE SCHAMBERGER** and Albion, Ill. product **BROOKE HORTIN** have signed national letters of intent to attend EIU next fall. The two Illinois prep standouts join Oak Forest, Ill. setter **DONNA SICHER** who signed with the Lady Panthers last week.

The 5-10, 140-pound Schamberger prepped at Lena-Winslow High School in the northern part of the state. The middle blocker/outside hitter received all-state accolades (ICAGWS) after a banner senior campaign. Schamberger --a two-time All-Northwestern Illinois Conference selection--was a unanimous pick last season. She helped lead the Panthers to a 56-9 two-year record and a pair of trips to the Elite Eight. Lena-Winslow lost in the 1985 quarterfinals to eventual Class A state champion Lisle High School at the IHSA State Tournament in Charleston.

Her high school accolades are endless. The list includes: Most Valuable Player at Quincy Tournament, All-Area Prep Athlete of the Week (Oct. 7-12, 1985) and "Best Spiker" Great Lakes Volleyball Camp (1985). Schamberger is also a three-sport standout in track and basketball; she also plays for the Rockford Rebels USVBA Open Ball team.

"Sue is a great addition to our program," beams Ralston. "She works hard to improve herself and sets high standards and goals. Her overall athletic ability is excellent and she has a tremendous attitude. She will fit in well at Eastern."

"Sue is a tremendous athlete and excellent team player," states Lena-Winslow coach Rose Black. "She is getting an opportunity that most small school athletes never get. I wish her the best of luck."

Schamberger is also an excellent student and wants to major in psychology. She is ranked 19th of 65 in her class.

Hortin is also a superior athlete. The 5-9, 150-pound outside hitter led Edwards County High School to a 53-9 record over the past two seasons--including spots in the 1984 and 1985 "Sweet 16." She was named to the all-tournament team in the Norris City Invitational and the Eldorado Invitational. Hortin also received Most Valuable Player laurels in the 1984 Wayne City Invitational and "Best All-Around Player" in the 1985 USVBA Camp in St. Louis.

The versatile athlete also lettered in basketball and track for the Lady Lions. She qualified in the discus for the 1985 IHSA State Track meet in Charleston and was named team MVP in track as a junior and volleyball as a senior.

Hortin rounds out an excellent recruiting class--both academically and athletically. The National Honor Society student is ranked sixth in her class of 91 and has a grade point average in excess of 3.4.

"Brooke is a tremendous kid with great potential," states Ralston. "She is a good solid player with a great work ethic...she really wants to work hard to succeed. Brooke comes from a good program and is typical of the type of players we want here at Eastern Illinois University.

"I'm extremely pleased with these three players that have decided to join our program at Eastern. They all come from good families and want to work very hard and get the most out of their abilities. These three players were at the top of my list and I know they will be excellent representatives of Eastern."