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CHARLESTON, ILL. (March 18, 1986)--Rockford, Ill. native ANN RUEF has signed a national letter of intent to play volleyball at Eastern Illinois University next fall.

The Guilford High School senior was a two-time All-Northern Illinois Conference selection for the Vikings. The 5-10, 150-pound middle hitter was also named Most Valuable Player of her squad for the past two seasons. Ruef--a versatile athlete--is a starter for Guilford High School's basketball and softball squads. She was named to the all-area volleyball team after a banner senior season.

"I'm very pleased I was able to sign a player of Ann's caliber at such a late date," explains EIU head coach Betty Ralston. "I saw her playing at an open ball tournament in Chicago and I was very impressed with her blocking abilities. She is an excellent athlete and a good leader...just the type of player we are looking for here at Eastern Illinois.

"Ann closes out the best recruiting class I've had in my three years here at EIU. Every player I brought in is strong academically and a very good athlete. Next season should be interesting because there will be a tremendous amount of competition for playing time."

Ruef is ranked in the top 25% of her class and has a grade point average in excess of a 3.0. Her academic honors include being named to the honor roll. She plays on the Rockford Rebels USVBA team with Lady Panther recruit Sue Schamberger (Lena/L.-Winslow).