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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--(April 8, 1986) - After winning three of four games in Gateway Conference action last weekend, the Eastern Illinois University Lady Panther softball team heads east to compete in the prestigious Penn State University Invitational this weekend.

The eight-team tournament is divided into two pools, the blue and white. Eastern (10-5, 3-1) is in pool No. 1 along with the host Nittany Lions, Central Michigan and Rhode Island.

The second pool consists of Big Ten power Ohio State, Virginia, Connecticut and Adelphi.

After Friday's games, the top two teams in each pool are pitted in the top-ranked divisions for Saturday's games.

"We have every intention of being in the upper-division pool," Eastern softball coach Janet Marquis pointed out. "This is a big tournament and it's also a good opportunity for us to show other schools Eastern has an excellent softball program."

On Friday, Eastern meets Penn State at 10 a.m., Central Michigan at 11:30 a.m. and Rhode Island at 2:30 p.m. (All times are local.)

Prior to the Penn State Invitational, Eastern plays at the University of Evansville Tuesday. The Lady Panthers already own a 1-0 decision over the Purple Aces in a game played during the South Carolina Invitational.

"The only way Penn State can get a bid to the NCAA tournament is by beating good Division I schools. So, they devised this tournament and we feel honored to have been invited," Marquis emphasized.

Eastern boasts one of the best pitchers in the Gateway in sophomore Zam Mogill (Streator, IL). She has a 0.33 ERA and an 8-4 record. The Panthers' other pitcher is Sara Karcher (Wayne City, IL). The versatile sophomore has an ERA of 1.05 and a 2-1 record.

Freshman Mary Jo McCarthy (Pickering, Ontario Canada/Pickering) has a .381 average but is still sidelined with a heel bruise. It is hoped she will be ready for Friday's games.

While McCarthy remained on the sidelines last weekend, Marquis had the opportunity to experiment with some other players and the batting lineup.

"Kathy Range (Cahokia, IL), really impressed me with her defensive play," explained Marquis. "When other players learn they can't hit Zam, they will try and bunt. But there is Range, playing an alert game and she knows what to expect."

Eastern has three other players batting .250 or better: Brenda Jackson (Lyons, IL/Morton West) 263, and Trice Keil (Mt. Carmel, IL/Franklin) and Karcher, both with a .286 average.

1986 EASTERN ILLINOIS SOFTBALL STATISTICS: 10-5 overall (3-1 Gateway)

HITTING

	<u>AVE</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>SB</u>	<u>SAC</u>	<u>HP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>FDG</u>
Jan Wamser	.225	15	40	3	9	2	0	0	2	2	2	0	2	10	31	15	0	1.000
Kathy Range	.195	15	41	2	8	1	0	0	2	2	1	0	5	7	12	25	7	.841
Angel Lendvay	.206	14	34	5	7	0	2	0	5	2	1	0	3	12	13	3	0	1.000
Sara Karcher	.286	15	35	2	10	2	0	0	3	2	1	1	5	6	18	16	3	.919
Tammi Rettig	.205	15	39	4	8	1	0	0	3	2	2	0	3	8	82	10	2	.979
Brenda Jackson	.263	15	38	0	10	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	3	7	13	2	0	1.000
Amy Groeden	.192	10	26	4	5	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	2	6	0	0	0	-
Connie Hamers	.214	11	28	1	6	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	5	95	6	1	.990
Ellen Castleman	.000	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1.000
Zam Mogil	.000	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	9	2	.875
Trice Keil	.286	10	21	4	6	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	26	1	0	1.000
Cindy Streid	.053	19	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	8	5	2	.867
Natalie Whittmann	.111	5	9	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	1.000
Steff Spooner	.250	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Mary Jo McCarthy	.381	8	21	4	8	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	7	7	2	1	.900
EIU TOTALS	.218	15	363	33	79	11	2	0	28	14	8	3	24	81	315	94	18	.958
OPP TOTALS	.120	15	374	20	45	11	3	1	10	4	7	0	28	106	318	90	20	.953

PITCHING

	<u>ERA</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>HP</u>	<u>WP</u>
Zam Mogill	0.33	12	12	12	7	8	4	0	85	35	16	4	18	99	0	1
Sara Karcher	1.05	3	3	3	2	2	1	0	20	10	4	3	10	7	0	1
EIU TOTALS	0.47	15	15	15	9	10	5	0	105	45	20	7	28	106	0	2
OPP TOTALS	0.99	15	15	15	3	5	10	0	106	79	33	15	24	81	3	7

1986 Results (10-5)

Opponent	Score	W/L	EIU Pitcher
at Indiana	5-0	L	Mogill (0-1)
at Indiana	4-3	W	Mogill (1-1)
\$ Wayne State	3-0	W	Mogill (2-1)
\$ South Carolina	1-0 (9)	W	Mogill (3-1)
\$ Bloomsburg State	5-2 (8)	L	Mogill (3-2)
\$ Evansville	1-0	W	Karcher (1-0)
\$ Kent State	8-0	W	Mogill (4-2)
* Miami (OH)	4-2	L	Karcher (1-1)
* E. Michigan	2-0	L	Mogill (4-3)
* Michigan	1-0	W	Mogill (5-3)
* E. Michigan	3-0	W	Mogill (6-3)
# at Bradley	1-0	W	Mogill (7-3)
# at Bradley	1-0	L	Mogill (7-4)
# at Western Illinois	4-0	W	Karcher (2-1)
# at Western Illinois	2-0	W	Mogill (8-4)

\$ S. Carolina Spring Trip
 * at Miami (OH) Tournament
 # Gateway Conference