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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL - (April 15, 1986) - The Eastern Illinois University Lady

Panthers, 15-8-1 overall and rated 7th in the latest Mideast poll, return to Gateway Conference action this weekend (April 18-19) with doubleheaders against Drake (2:30 p.m.) and Northern Iowa (1:00 p.m.) respectively.

On Wednesday (April 16) coach Janet Marquis' sluggers travel to Chicago for a non-conference twinbill against the DePaul Lady Blue Demons.

"I know from past experience that DePaul is a very scrappy team," notes Marquis. "They can beat you when they rise up or else they can make a couple of good plays and beat you that way.

The Lady Panthers led the conference with a 3-1 record. Indiana State is 5-2 while Illinois State is 4-2. Drake is eighth (3-5) in the Gateway and Northern Iowa is tenth (2-5).

Marquis admitted that she is not quite sure what to expect from either Gateway opponent, but pointed out that play in the conference this season is so competitive that any team can't be counted out.

"I know you've heard this before, but it is certainly true of Gateway action this spring," explains Marquis. "It is so competitive that any team can beat another on any given day."

The Lady Panthers continue to be led by ace hurler sophomore Zam Mogill (Streator, IL). She has a 12-5-1 overall record and an 0.43 ERA. Mogill has struck out 142 batters while also notching nine shutouts. Backup pitcher, sophomore Sara Karcher (Wayne City, IL) is 3-3 on the campaign and has a 2.25 ERA.

Freshman Mary Jo McCarthy (Pickering, Ontario, Canada/Pickering) continues to lead all batters with a .370 average with 15 hits in 41 at bats. Sophomore Angel Lendvay (Mundelein, IL) is batting .270 with 18 hits and seven RBIs.

Senior Trice Keil (Mt. Carmel, IL/Franklin) is swinging away at a .320 clip with 11 hits in 34 at bats.