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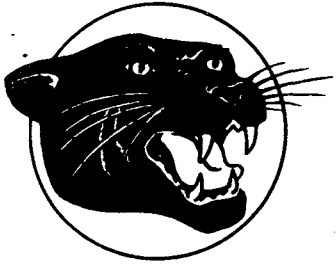
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Panther Sports News

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CHARLESTON, ILL. (April 22, 1986)--The Eastern Illinois women's softball team has a a crucial week ahead as it travels to take on Indiana State (Friday) and Illinois State (Saturday). The Lady Panthers sport an impressive 20-9-1 record overall and 6-2 in the Gateway Conference.

(Editor's note: EIU hosts league-rival Southern Illinois Tuesday, April 22 in a double-header.)

Eastern is tied for second-place in the league with Southern Illinois at 6-2 while Illinois State is perched on top of the loop battle with an 8-2 mark.

Senior **TRICE KEIL** (Mt. Carmel/Franklin Central, Ind.) is Eastern's leading hitter with a .356 mark. The catcher/designated hitter has 16 hits in 45 at bats. She also has five extra base hits and five RBIs on the season. However, she injured her hand in a home-plate collision against Northern Iowa and her return to the line-up may be questionable this week.

Canadian import **MARY JO MCCARTHY** has continued to spark the Lady Panther attack. The Pickering, Ontario freshman is hitting an impressive .351 despite playing in only 20 games due to injuries. The red-headed sparkplug has 20 hits and has scored nine runs in only 57 at bats.

A pair of sophomores have led the charge for Eastern all season. **ANGEL LENDVAY** (Mundelein) and **SARA KARCHER** (Wayne City) are both bidding for all-conference honors. Lendvay--an all-league choice a year ago--is hitting .264. She leads the club in at bats (91), runs (15), hits (24), triples (5) and tied in RBIs (9). The versatile Karcher is hitting .260 with 21 hits in 81 at bats. She also has nine RBIs and three doubles.

Besides being one of the top shortstops in the league, Karcher is also an accomplished pitcher. She is 5-3 with an ERA of 1.44. Karcher has thrown four shutouts on the season and has not allowed a run to score in her last 21 innings on the mound. Three of her four blankings have come in conference play.

Nevertheless, when one talks about the EIU pitching staff, you must begin with sophomore **ZAM MOGILL** (Streator). The fiery hurler has an impressive 15-6-1 record and an even more impressive ERA of 0.40. The former high school All-American and national prep record-holder has logged 11 shutouts on the year and has struckout 161 batters in 159.1 innings. Her strikeouts-to-walks-ratio is better than 5:1. Mogill has allowed only one earned run in her last 28 innings on the mound.

The secret behind EIU's success may be its balanced attack. The Lady Panthers have seven players with at least 15 hits and five RBIs. Stellar centerfielder **BRENDA JACKSON** (Lyons/Morton West) is third on the team in RBIs with eight while also covering as much ground as the state of Texas in the outfield. Seniors **JAN WAMSER** (Libertyville) and **TAMMI RETTIG** (Bloomington) also have 16 hits apiece for Eastern.