

Volleyball Stuns Eastern Illinois in Reverse Sweep on Senior Day

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EDWARDSVILLE – SIUE volleyball picked up its 13th win of the season against first-place Eastern Illinois, earning a reverse sweep in five sets on Saturday inside First Community Arena. The set scores were: 23-25, 14-25, 25-23, 25-22, and 18-16.

SIUE improves to 13-14 overall and 7-9 against Ohio Valley Conference opponents. EIU falls to 23-4 and 13-3. SIUE concludes its 2023 home schedule 8-3 in Edwardsville.

After dropping the first two sets, the Cougars used a .367 attack percentage in the third while holding the Panthers to a .167 clip. Trailing 2-1 in the match, SIUE used a .370 hitting percentage while taking advantage of six attack and four setting errors to knot the match, 2-2. In the final set, both sides traded points until the Cougars evened the set at 16 following a Panthers' service error. SIUE grabbed the final two points to take 18-16 win in the final set and 3-2 victory in the match.

SIUE concluded the match with a .348 attack percentage while holding EIU to a .308 clip. The Cougars outblocked Eastern Illinois 12-3 while picking up 41 digs.

Inside the Numbers:

- [Priscilla Jones](#) led the Cougars with 15 kills on 29 swings for a .448 clip. She also led SIUE with seven blocks.
- [Sydney Hummert](#) contributed 14 kills on 36 attacks while picking up three blocks and seven digs. [Jenna Taphorn](#) and [Savannah Christian](#) recorded nine kills each.
- At the service line, [Paige Montgomery](#) and [Alyse Drifka](#) led SIUE with a pair of service aces.
- Drifka led SIUE with 28 assists while [Corinna Jones](#) dished out 19.
- [Chelsey Abel](#) and Christian added four blocks apiece at the net. Taphorn wrapped the match with three blocks.
- Defensively, [Abi Banitt](#) led the Cougars with 10 digs.

Up Next: SIUE travels to Little Rock for a mid-week series beginning on Wednesday, Nov. 15. First serve is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. and will be streamed on ESPN+.

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