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## Former Glenwood soccer star Egolf transfers to UIS

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Former Chatham Glenwood High School soccer standout Erin Egolf has transferred to the University of Illinois Springfield, an NCAA Division II program, following an award-winning season at Division I Illinois State University.

Egolf was voted to the Missouri Valley Conference All-Freshman women's soccer team last fall. That couldn't keep her at ISU. She transferred to and attended classes at UIS during the spring semester. Egolf said ISU "really didn't work out."

"I loved the school and my teammates were great," she said. "I had a disagreement with the coach. I was playing in a different position. It didn't have anything to do with playing time. I started. I just didn't see myself staying there for three more years and being happy."

The three-time all-state high school player took the field in her first college game as an attacking center midfielder for ISU. She said she was used the next match as a defensive midfielder, a position she wasn't comfortable with.

"I never really played defense before," she said.

The two-time State Journal-Register CS8 Girls Soccer Player of the Year scored 72 goals and had 39 assists in her career at Glenwood. She scored just once for ISU.

UIS coach Pete Kowall plans to utilize Egolf's offensive talent.

"We were excited to have Erin transfer in midterm," he said in a press release. "She will help us score goals and keep the ball in the attacking third."

Egolf, who is majoring in business administration, is excited about playing in her own backyard, both literally and figuratively.

"My house is five minutes away from the school," Egolf said. "My grandparents are close and my parents are right there. It's a lot more convenient. I'm excited for the fall season. It can come now and I'd be ready. It was kind of nice coming in during the offseason. It wasn't as stressful."

Springfield College in Illinois goalkeeper Samantha Chappell, an Alton Marquette High product, also has transferred to UIS.

Seven other players have signed with UIS. They are: Tinley Park Andrew High teammates Hannah Fyfe and Ashley Stariha, Pekin's Marissa McGurr, Cary-Grove's Rachel Neudahl, Princeton's Katlin Petersen, Johnsbury's Chandler Sommerfeldt and Glenbard West product Cameryn Barbeau, a defender who played in Sweden in the summer of 2008.

"This class gives us depth at several positions and will help us compete in a very competitive (Great Lakes Valley Conference) this fall," Kowall said. "We now have a second goalkeeper in Sam who brings our team some impressive experience from both high school and college. We also get more help on defense with Cameryn, Marissa, Rachel and Hannah. All these players know the game tactically and will help organize our backline.

"Ashley, Katlin and Chandler will also help us keep the ball in the attacking third so we can create goal scoring opportunities. My hope, with this class, is we can defend better and create goal scoring opportunities."