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# Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL (March 17, 1987)--Eastern Illinois University's tennis Panthers will meet five schools on a southern road trip which begins Friday (March 20) against Samford University at Birmingham, AL.

The Panthers will also play Tampa, Akron, Union University and Oberlin College, with the latter three matches scheduled to be played at Kissimmee, FL. Eastern is 2-2 this spring, with victories over Wisconsin-Milwaukee and College of St. Francis and losses to Bradley and Marquette.

EIU will be looking to improve upon last year's fourth-place effort at the Association of Mid-Continent Universities Conference Tournament and an 8-8 record in dual matches.

"Southwest Missouri State will just be incredibly strong," Eastern head coach John Bennett said of the defending league champion. "Northern Iowa will also be strong again, and Western Illinois is going to be a good team. Our competition in the conference is going to be very strong this year."

The top returning player for the Panthers is senior JOHN SUTER (SPRINGFIELD), who has made steady improvement throughout his collegiate career. Suter played No. 4 singles as a freshman, No. 2 as a sophomore and No. 1 as a junior. He compiled a record of 8-8 and was fourth at the AMCU-8 championship a year ago.

"Conditioning will play a big part in John's ability to be a winner at No. 1," said Bennett. "especially against the big hitters. When you're small (5-feet-8), you're on the run a lot against the big hitters. John's ground strokes are very consistent."

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Senior **DON CARSTENS** (FRANKFORT-LINCOLN WAY) has the best record among returnees with a 9-6 mark at No. 5 singles and a third-place finish at the conference tournament last season. "Don will have a good season again if he is able to maintain his consistency," said Bennett. "He has a booming serve."

Sophomore **JON ANDERSON** (HOMEWOOD-H.-FLOSSMOOR) gained valuable experience a year ago at the No. 2 singles position, where he had a record of 5-11 and was fifth in the AMCU-8 meet. "Jon will get stronger as the season goes on," Bennett said. "He has a solid, all-around game."

The Panthers are also expecting solid play from senior **ERIC LAFFEY** (BLOOMINGTON) and freshman **JEFF BRUMLEVE** (NORMAL-UNIVERSITY). Laffey returns after a one-year leave, and Brumleve figures to step right into the lineup. Laffey was 9-8 and runner-up in the league tournament two seasons ago.

"Eric has a good, strong serve," said Bennett. "He wins a lot of points off of it. Jeff had a good fall season. He could challenge for AMCU-8 Conference honors at the No. 3 position."

Junior **STAN FREEMAN** (LERNA-MATTOON) helped lead Lake Land College to 23rd place in the national junior college tournament a year ago as No. 2 singles player and a member of the No. 1 doubles squad. "Stan is a very talented player," Bennett said.

Others expected to see action are juniors **KEITH HANSEL** (OSWEGO/WAUBONSEE CC) and **JOHN REBELLO** (DES PLAINES-MAINE WEST) and freshman **STEVE HABERKORN** (ARLINGTON HEIGHTS-MOUNT PROSPECT).

The Panthers will host seven dual matches this spring, including the home opener on March 31 against Quincy College.

## 1987 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY MEN'S TENNIS ROSTER

Name	Class	Hometown (High School/Junior College)
Jon Anderson	Sophomore	Homewood, IL (Homewood-Flossmoor)
Jeff Brumleve	Freshman	Normal, IL (University)
Don Carstens	Senior	Frankfort, IL (Lincoln-Way)
Stan Freeman	Junior	Lerna, IL (Mattoon/Lake Land CC)
Steve Haberkorn	Freshman	Arlington Heights, IL (Mount Prospect)
Keith Hansel	Junior	Oswego, IL (Oswego/Waubonsee CC)
Eric Laffey	Senior	Bloomington, IL (Bloomington)
John Rebello	Junior	Des Plaines, IL (Maine West)
John Suter	Senior	Springfield, IL (Springfield)

HEAD COACH: John Bennett (21-16, third year)

## 1987 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY MEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site
March 20	Samford University	Birmingham, AL
March 22	University of Tampa	Tampa, FL
March 23	Akron	Kissimmee, FL
March 24	Union University	Kissimmee, FL
March 26	Oberlin College	Kissimmee, FL
March 31	QUINCY COLLEGE	CHARLESTON, IL
April 3-4	WESTERN ILLINOIS, NE MISSOURI, BRADLEY	CHARLESTON, IL
April 9	Evansville	Evansville, IN
April 11	INDIANA-PURDUE-INDIANAPOLIS	CHARLESTON, IL
April 15	ILLINOIS STATE	CHARLESTON, IL
April 17-18	Western Illinois, Illinois-Chicago	Macomb, IL
April 21	INDIANA STATE	CHARLESTON, IL
April 24-25	AMCU-8 Conference Tournament	Springfield, MO
May 1	PRINCIPIA COLLEGE	CHARLESTON, IL

All home matches played at Weller Courts