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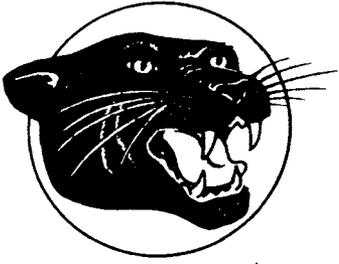
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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's women's tennis team enters the Division II state tournament this Thursday-Saturday (October 16-18) with a 10-4 record and a better than average chance of becoming the new state champions.

A flighted tournament, the battle for first place will no doubt be between Eastern and defending state champ, SIU-Edwardsville. However, the Panthers chances look better than ever as they romped over the Cougars 7-2 in a dual meet earlier this month.

"We have more depth than any other team there," said Coach Karen Earley. "Some other schools will have some spoilers, but it should boil down to us and Edwardsville for the championship."

"Since we beat Edwardsville so handily earlier this season, I'm very optimistic regarding our chances of becoming state champs," said Earley. "They are not as strong as us at the number four, five and six spots . . .our depth should really help us."

According to Earley, number one singles player Jill Anderson (Park Forest-Rich East) will have the toughest draw this weekend. Anderson sports an 11-7 record. "A lot of schools have only one outstanding player who plays their number one spot. Jill will have her work cut out for her," said Earley.

Deb Belton (Elgin-Larkin) will enter the state meet with a 3-5 record at the number two spot having been sidelined much of the season due to illness and injury. "It is questionable whether Deb will be back at 100% for the meet," said Earley. "If Deb is at full strength she should do well individually and at the number one doubles slot," she added.

Patty Groth, 11-4, (Park Forest-Rich East) and Josie Riberto, 8-5, (Kankakee-East-ridge) appear to be headed for the finals in their respective singles flights, according to Earley. As the number two doubles team, "Patty and Josie should take it . . . with Deb

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(Belton) injured, they have moved up and played successfully at the one doubles spot much of the year," said Earley.

I'm also looking for Janet Haberkorn, 13-2, (Arlington Heights) and Kristen Peterson, 11-3, (Fairfield) to win their flights, too," said the head mentor. "They should also fare well in doubles action."

The state champion automatically advances to the regional tournament next spring as does the winner of each of the six singles and three doubles flights. If Earley has her way, Eastern should be more than adequately represented.