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CHARLESTON, IL--Rick Hayden (Elgin-Larkin), Eastern Illinois University's No. 2 tennis singles, ended the season just under .500 with a 10-11 record as the Panthers finished third in the Mid-Continent Conference.

He was selected Honorary Captain by his teammates. A four year letterman, Hayden teamed with Dave Branding (Libertyville) to finish second at No. 2 doubles in the MCC. He and Branding had an overall 13-8 doubles record.

Hayden started the season at No. 3 singles but soon moved to No. 2 where he was 7-7 at that spot.

"I think without a doubt this was Rick's best season. He played well throughout the season . . . excellent on pass shots," said Coach Carl Sexton. "Four of his wins were against Division I competition."

Eastern ended the season with an 11-8 record, the same as last year.