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CHARLESTON, IL (March 17, 1987)--With all but two starters returning from a team which tied for the Gateway Conference regular-season championship a year ago, it's no wonder Eastern Illinois University coach Janet Marquis is so optimistic about her squad's chances this season.

"We won 30 games with this group as freshmen and sophomores. I think we'll win 40 games this year with them as juniors and seniors," said Marquis, who has two All-American candidates back in junior pitcher ZAM MOGILL (STREATOR) and junior right fielder ANGEL LENDVAY (MUNDELEIN). "This team is exceptional in all categories, and we'll have the opportunities to show it off against a tough schedule."

The Lady Panthers open the season on Saturday, March 21 against St. John's and Akron in single games as part of a 12-game schedule in Florida. Eastern will then play three double-headers in Iowa before opening at home on April 6 against DePaul. EIU will meet three teams ranked in the pre-season Top Twenty -- No. 6 Northwestern, No. 16 Illinois State and No. 18 Florida State -- as well as Indiana, which was third at the College World Series a year ago. Northwestern has played in the last three College World Series.

Eastern, 30-15-1 last season and 13-5 in the Gateway Conference in its first year under Marquis, has been ranked seventh in the pre-season Midwest Region poll which lists six teams from the league.

"I think we play in one of the toughest conferences in the nation," said Marquis. "But since the conference champion does not get an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament, the team knows it has to be ranked among the top three or four teams in the region after the conference tournament. That's our goal, and we're going to go after that."

Mogill was ninth in the nation last season in victories with a 24-10 record and 13th with a 0.44 earned run average. She had 249 strikeouts in 257 innings and recorded 17 shutouts. Lendvay led the country a year ago with 10 triples while batting .282 with 16 runs batted in. Both players were named to the all-conference squad.

Junior **SARA KARCHER (WAYNE CITY)** will be counted on again to split time between pitching and second base. Mogill and Karcher combined for an earned run average of 0.59, which ranked 12th in the nation last season. A right-hander, Karcher was 6-5 as a hurler and was second on the team in runs batted in with 10.

"Zam should be among the top five pitchers in the nation this year," Marquis said. "and any pitcher in the top five is going to take you some places. I'm just excited to see where she's going to take us. But she doesn't do it by herself.

"Sara is probably one of the most underrated players on our team, one of the most underrated players in the conference. She had a great season last year. She is such a quiet person that no one notices her. I would like for people to know that she's out there. She's very versatile."

Lendvay will be the anchor for a young but talented outfield. "Angel loves to play defense," said Marquis. "I think if you would ask her if she would like to hit or play defense, she would tell you defense. Nothing is going to drop in right field if she has anything to do with it. She has a reputation in the conference that no matter how deep she is, no one runs on Angel Lendvay."

Others vying for playing time are senior **ELLEN CASTLEMAN (BARRINGTON/LINCOLN JC)**, junior **NATALIE WITTMAN (BARTLETT-ELGIN HS)**, sophomore **ANDREA RICE (BENTON)** and senior **CINDY STREID (ST. JOSEPH-OGDEN)**. Streid will also see action at first base.

Senior KATHY RANGE (CAHOKIA) is back for a fourth season at third base, and sophomore MARY JO MCCARTHY (PICKERING, ONTARIO, CANADA) returns at shortstop. Sophomore AMY GRODEON (MASCOUTAH) also will be counted on for infield chores. Sophomore catcher CONNIE HAMERS (WHITBY, ONTARIO, CANADA) is also back. Senior first baseman-catcher STEFF SPOONER (NAPERVILLE-BARRINGTON HS/LINCOLN JC) also returns for the Lady Panthers.

"Our pitching is the same, if not better," Marquis said. "It starts with pitching and then defense. With good pitching and defense, there's not going to be many runs scored against us. I think we have very good hitting and excellent base speed. But if the girls are proud of one thing, it's their defense. They know they're tough defensively."

Newcomers are freshmen LYNN RAMSAY (CASEY-WESTFIELD) and LISA BOURAZAK (EAST PEORIA-PEORIA SPALDING). Ramsay, a two-time all-state selection, helped lead Casey-Westfield to the 1986 Class A state championship, while Bourzak was a three-time member of the All-Mid-State Ten Conference squad.

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1987 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Site</u>
March 21	St. John's	(1)	10:00 a.m.	Orlando, FL
March 21	Akron	(1)	1:00 p.m.	Orlando, FL
March 22	DePaul	(1)	10:00 a.m.	Orlando, FL
March 22	Iowa	(1)	1:00 p.m.	Orlando, FL
March 24	Rider	(1)	11:30 a.m.	Orlando, FL
March 24	Akron	(1)	2:30 p.m.	Orlando, FL
March 25	Massachusetts	(1)	10:00 a.m.	Orlando, FL
March 25	Michigan State	(1)	11:30 a.m.	Orlando, FL
March 26	Toledo	(2)	4:00 p.m.	Tampa, FL
March 27	Florida State	(2)	5:00 p.m.	Tallahassee, FL
April 2	Iowa	(2)	3:00 p.m.	Iowa City, IA
April 3	Drake *	(2)	2:00 p.m.	Des Moines, IA
April 4	Northern Iowa *	(2)	1:00 p.m.	Cedar Falls, IA
April 6	DEPAUL	(2)	3:00 p.m.	CHARLESTON, IL
April 7	INDIANA	(2)	3:00 p.m.	CHARLESTON, IL
April 8	Northwestern	(2)	3:00 p.m.	Evanston, IL
April 10	INDIANA STATE *	(2)	2:30 p.m.	CHARLESTON, IL
April 11	ILLINOIS STATE *	(2)	2:30 p.m.	CHARLESTON, IL
April 14	Southern Illinois *	(2)	2:30 p.m.	Carbondale, IL
April 17	BRADLEY *	(2)	3:00 p.m.	CHARLESTON, IL
April 18	WESTERN ILLINOIS *	(2)	2:30 p.m.	CHARLESTON, IL
April 20	EVANSVILLE	(2)	3:00 p.m.	CHARLESTON, IL
April 22	MIAMI (OH)	(2)	3:00 p.m.	CHARLESTON, IL
April 24	Northern Illinois Tourn.	TBA	TBA	DeKalb, IL
April 25	Northern Illinois Tourn.	TBA	TBA	DeKalb, IL
April 28	Ball State	(2)	3:00 p.m.	Muncie, IN
May 1	Wichita State *	(2)	3:00 p.m.	Wichita, KS
May 2	Southwest Missouri State *	(2)	12:00 p.m.	Springfield, MO
May 7-9	Gateway Conference Tourn.	TBA	TBA	Normal, IL

* Indicates Gateway Conference game

All times are Central

Lady Panther Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	B-T	Class	Hometown (High School)
2	Andrea Rice	OF	R-R	So.	Benton, IL (BHS)
5	Lisa Bourazak	C	R-R	Fr.	East Peoria, IL (Peoria Spalding)
8	Lynn Ramsay	2B	L-R	Fr.	Casey, IL (Casey-Westfield)
9	Ellen Castleman	OF	L-L	Sr.	Barrington, IL (BHS/Lincoln JC)
12	Sara Karcher	P-2B-SS	R-R	Jr.	Wayne City, IL (WCHS)
13	Amy Grodeon	3B	R-R	So.	Mascoutah, IL (MHS)
14	Kathy Range	3B	R-R	Sr.	Cahokia, IL (CHS)
16	Natalie Wittmann	OF	R-R	Jr.	Bartlett, IL (Elgin)
19	Angel Lendvay	OF	R-R	Jr.	Mundelein, IL (MHS)
22	Mary Jo McCarthy	SS	R-R	So.	Pickering, Ontario, Canada
23	Cindy Streid	OF-1B	R-R	Sr.	St. Joseph, IL (S.J.-Ogden)
24	Zam Mogill	P	R-R	Jr.	Streator, IL (SHS)
27	Connie Hamers	C	R-R	So.	Whitby, Ontario, Canada
28	Steff Spooner	1B-C	R-R	Sr.	Naperville, IL (Barrington/Lincoln JC)

HEAD COACH: Janet Marquis (EIU record: 30-15-1, 1 year)

(Career record: 30-15-1, 1 year)

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY 1986 FINAL SOFTBALL STATISTICS (30-15-1, 13-5 in Gateway)

BATTING/FIELDING

	<u>AVE</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>SB</u>	<u>SAC</u>	<u>HP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>FDG</u>
Trice Keil	.333	25	51	7	17	3	2	0	5	0	2	0	0	6	52	4	3	.949
Mary Jo McCarthy	.292	33	99	11	29	1	3	0	5	6	2	0	4	22	30	26	8	.875
Angel Lendvay	.282	45	149	17	42	1	10	1	16	6	1	0	5	26	48	5	1	.981
Sara Karcher	.216	44	125	7	27	3	1	0	10	3	4	1	11	16	56	71	9	.934
Amy Groedon	.210	27	62	6	13	1	0	0	4	2	0	1	6	12	0	1	1	.500
Cindy Streid	.200	38	105	8	21	2	0	0	1	0	7	0	4	11	53	1	0	1.000
Steff Spooner	.191	19	47	5	9	2	1	0	6	1	0	0	4	6	18	3	0	1.000
Brenda Jackson	.175	46	126	8	22	0	0	0	9	1	6	1	6	15	58	5	1	.984
Jan Wamser	.168	45	107	10	18	2	0	0	3	3	6	0	5	19	109	47	2	.987
Tammi Rettig	.162	42	105	6	17	1	0	0	7	2	4	0	7	23	260	31	5	.983
Connie Hamers	.153	37	85	3	13	4	0	0	5	0	3	1	4	10	257	22	1	.996
Kathy Range	.137	43	95	4	13	1	1	0	3	3	6	1	9	19	44	89	15	.897
Zam Mogill	.105	35	19	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	16	36	49	7	.924
Natalie Whittmann	.071	10	14	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	0	0	1.000
Ellen Castleman	.053	21	19	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	0	1.000
EIU TEAM	.203	46	1208	93	245	21	18	1	75	27	40	6	65	208	1027	356	53	.963
OPPONENTS	.137	46	1192	58	163	29	9	2	39	18	46	0	75	278	1014	373	58	.960

PITCHING

	<u>ERA</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>HP</u>	<u>WP</u>
Zam Mogill	0.44	36	34	34	17	24	10	0	257.0	113	28	16	48	249	0	5
Sara Karcher	1.07	12	12	10	5	6	5	0	85.1	50	30	13	27	29	0	2
EIU TEAM	0.57	46	46	44	22	30	15	0	342.1	163	58	29	75	278	0	7
OPPONENTS	1.43	46	46	36	8	15	30	0	338.0	245	93	69	65	208	6	18

1986 RESULTS (30-15-1, 13-5 in Gateway)

Opponent	Score	W/L	EIU Pitcher
at Indiana	5-0	L	Mogill (0-1)
at Indiana	4-3	W	Mogill (1-1)
\$ Wayne State	3-0	W	Mogill (2-1)
\$ South Carolina	1-0 (9)	W	Mogill (3-1)
\$ Bloomsburg State	5-2 (8)	L	Mogill (3-2)
\$ Evansville	1-0	W	Karcher (1-0)
\$ Kent State	8-0	W	Mogill (4-2)
* Miami (OH)	4-2	L	Karcher (1-1)
* E. Michigan	2-0	L	Mogill (4-3)
* Michigan	1-0	W	Mogill (5-3)
* E. Michigan	3-0	W	Mogill (6-3)
# at Bradley	1-0	W	Mogill (7-3)
# at Bradley	1-0	L	Mogill (7-4)
# at Western Illinois	4-0	W	Karcher (2-1)
# at Western Illinois	2-0	W	Mogill (8-4)
at Evansville	4-2	L	Karcher (2-2)
at Evansville	2-2 (8)	T	Mogill (8-4-1)
% Penn State	3-0	W	Mogill (9-4-1)
% Central Michigan	2-1	W	Mogill (10-4-1)
% Rhode Island	3-1	W	Karcher (3-2)
% Connecticut	3-2	W	Mogill (11-4-1)
% Central Michigan	2-0	W	Mogill (12-4-1)
% Central Michigan	5-0	L	Karcher (3-3)
% Central Michigan	2-1	L	Mogill (12-5-1)
at DePaul	1-0	W	Mogill (13-5-1)
at DePaul	2-0	W	Karcher (4-3)
# Drake	4-0	W	Mogill (14-5-1)
# Drake	8-0	W	Karcher (5-3)
# Northern Iowa	3-1 (14)	L	Mogill (14-6-1)
# Northern Iowa	6-1	W	Mogill (15-6-1)
# Southern Illinois	1-0 (8)	W	Mogill (16-6-1)
# Southern Illinois	1-0	W	Mogill (17-6-1)
# at Indiana State	2-1 (8)	W	Mogill (18-6-1)
# at Indiana State	3-2	L	Mogill (18-7-1)
# at Illinois State	4-2	W	Mogill (19-7-1)
# at Illinois State	3-0 (12)	L	Karcher (5-4)
Ball State	1-0	W	Mogill (20-7-1)
Ball State	2-1	L	Karcher (5-5)
# Wichita State	1-0	W	Mogill (21-7-1)
# Wichita State	1-0	L	Mogill (21-8-1)
# Southwest Missouri	2-0	W	Karcher (6-5)
# Southwest Missouri	4-0	W	Mogill (22-8-1)
+ Southwest Missouri	1-0 (9)	W	Mogill (23-8-1)
+ Bradley	3-0	L	Mogill (23-9-1)
+ Illinois State	3-1 (8)	W	Mogill (24-9-1)
+ Southwest Missouri	1-0 (9)	L	Mogill (24-10-1)

\$ S. Carolina Spring Trip

* at Miami (OH) Tournament

Gateway Conference

% Penn State Invitational (2nd Place)

+ Gateway Conference Tournament (4th Place)