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CHARLESTON, IL (May 18, 1987)--Eastern Illinois University's women's track Lady Panthers concluded their season Saturday at the Gateway Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championship with one meet record before the home crowd and a fifth-place team performance.

Senior LAUREN LYNCH (ELMHURST-YORK) finished her four-year career with a conference- and O'Brien Stadium-record time of 2:07.53 in the 800-meter run. Lynch, who earned all-conference laurels by placing in the top three in the 800, also ran the second leg in the 1,600 relay as the Lady Panthers were fourth at 3:48.27.

Senior VALETA STRICKLAND (CHICAGO-SOUTH SHORE), a two-time league indoor champion in the shot put, closed her four-year career by capturing her first outdoor title in the event with a toss of 48-1 3/4 while gaining all-conference honors.

Sophomore KRISTI BAUM (BELLEVILLE-O'FALLON) was runner-up in the javelin with a throw of 143-0 to earn all-conference status for the first time.

Senior DEBBIE ZUBIK (CALUMET CITY-THORNWOOD) ended her four-year career with a third-place effort in the shot put with a personal-best toss of 45-7 1/4 to gain all-conference laurels. Zubik was sixth in the discus with a season-best throw of 134-8.

Sophomore LORRY PLUTZ (HARVEY-THORNTON) anchored the 1,600 relay which was fourth at 3:48.27 and took fifth in the 400-meter dash with a season-best 55.41.

Junior TRACY OLAWUMI (BLUE ISLAND-EISENHOWER) and freshman PAM KINKELAAR (MUNDELEIN) ran the lead and third legs, respectively, in the 1,600 which was fourth at 3:48.27.

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Senior YVONNE BREITWIESER (BELLEVILLE-EAST) concluded her Eastern career by placing fifth in the javelin with a personal-best throw of 126-7.

Junior MARCIA RIVARD (BOURBONNAIS-BRADLEY BOURBONNAIS) took sixth in the 800-meter run at 2:20.89.

Team scores were as follows: Southern Illinois 142, Illinois State 105, Wichita State 85, Western Illinois 82, EASTERN ILLINOIS 44, Southwest Missouri State 38, Indiana State 32, Drake 26, Northern Iowa 25, Bradley 10.