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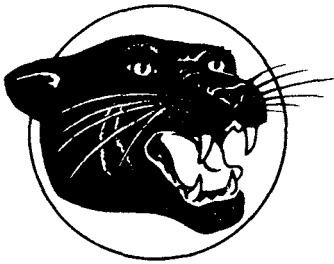
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# **Panther Sports News**

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(EIU WOMEN'S BADMINTON TEAM OPENS SEASON)

CHARLESTON, IL, Nov. 23 -- The Eastern Illinois University women's badminton team opened their 1981-82 season in the Northern Illinois University Invitational at DeKalb, IL last weekend. The Panthers dropped two matches in pool play and went on to finish sixth in the six team tournament. Eastern was beaten in their pool by University of Wisconsin-Madison 14-4 and Ball State 10-8. EIU then faced the loser of the other pool and lost to Illinois State 13-5.

"I had hoped we'd finish higher, but I was very satisfied with the team's performance," third-year coach Karen Earley. "The tournament gave us a chance to get some experience, especially for the new players on the team. There were some excellent teams competing, including Madison who finished second nationally last year and NIU who has a good shot at this year's national title. It was a good tournament for us and there is only one way for us to go... up."

The Panther netters host the Indiana State Sycamores Dec. 10 and Earley is very optimistic on her squad's chances to win this meet.

Competing for Eastern are: Jane Anthony, jr. of Batavia (Batavia); Jayne Augustine, sr. of Bellville (Bellville East); Tammie Byers, sr. of Decatur (Eisenhower); Connie Clark, sr. of Rantoul (Rantoul); Charissa Dean, sr. of Chicago Heights (Bloom); Janet Haberkorn, sr. of Arlington Heights (Arlington); Debbie Karsten, jr. of Glen Ellyn (Glenbard South); Jody Lyon, sr. of Arlington Heights (Arlington); Ruth Matchette, jr. of

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Waukegen (Waukegan East); Beth Marchiori, fr. of Palatine (Fremd);  
Kim Nolte, jr. of Wood River (Wood River-East Alton); Jo Obrycki,  
jr. of Mt. Prospect (Prospect); Bernee Piech, fr. of Calumet City (Thornton);  
Kris Stacey, jr. of Duquoin (Duquoin); Kathie Strell fr. of Elmhurst  
(York); Nancy Szarzynski, sr. of Wheaton (Wheaton North); Lisa Walz,  
so. of Palatine (Fremd); Cathy White, jr. of Johnston City (Johnston);  
Liz Wiechren, so. of South Holland (Thornwood).

EIU's upcoming schedule includes: Dec 10 - Indiana State at EIU;  
Jan 22-23, 1982 - Ball State Invitational at Muncie, Ind.; Jan 29-30 -  
Western Illinois Invitational at MaComb; Feb. 5-6 - Eastern Illinois  
Invitational at EIU; Feb. 14-15 - Illinois State Invitational at Normal;  
Feb. 19-20 - IIAIAW State Championships at EIU; March 4-6 - AIAW National  
Championships at Ball State, Muncie Ind.

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