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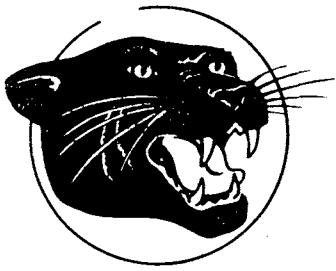
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CHARLESTON, IL--(February 26, 1986)--Although the outside temperature may be chilly, the Eastern Illinois University women's tennis team is warmed up and ready to open its spring season. The match will take place Friday and Saturday at the Northern Illinois Quadrangular.

"This meet is a testing-grounds for us," explains head coach Gail Richard. "It will help us to see how far we've come and help us pinpoint the skills we need to refine."

Seniors Lauri Lehman (Belleville-Belleville AC) and Diana Durkee (Lebanon-Belleville AC) lead the roster in singles positions No. 1 and No. 2, respectively.

"Lauri and Diana have known each other for a long time," remarks Richard, "They play the game well together and compliment each other's style."

Senior Sally Stout (Peoria-Richwoods) will take on the No. 3 position while junior Lori Zupanci (Edwardsville) will handle the No. 4 position. Stout will match up with freshman Maureen McKeon (Northbrook-Glenbrook North) to form the No. 2 doubles squad. Zupanci will form No. 4 doubles squad with senior Patti Kearns (Palatine-William Fremd).

Other double squads are as follows: No. 3: freshman Lisa Stock (Elmhurst-York) and Elizabeth Stuckey (Belleville-Belleville East), No. 5: sophomore Karen Canady (Addison-Addison Trail) and freshman Julie Manikowski (Tinley Park-Victor J. Andrews), No. 6: sophomore Patsy Hoskins (Flora) and freshman Laura Wohlwend (Morris).

"We'll be playing some tough schools at the meet (Iowa State, Northern Illinois, Western)," states Richard. "However we'll have a three-week break to get things worked out before our spring break schedule."