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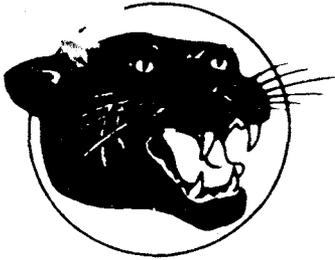
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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL (April 9, 1986)--Despite cold, windy and rainy conditions, the Eastern Illinois women's tennis team was able to pull out a 6-3 win over host Illinois State Tuesday, putting the Panthers record at 6-6.

"The girls could hardly stand up it was so windy," explains coach Gail Richard, "but they were able to adjust well."

The Lady Panthers, who lost to the Redbirds 7-2 in late February, were able to do a few things better this time around, especially in the singles area.

"Our (No.) four and five singles had a few problems today . . . however everyone seemed to have their concentration up," notes Richard.

Eastern No. 1 singles player Lauri Lehman (Belleville-Belleville AC), senior, was defeated by Redbirds' player Julie Loomis by the scores 3-6, 4-6.

Diana Durkee (Belleville-Belleville AC), senior, Eastern's No. 2 player, took a big win from Dawn Hanson by the count 6-1, 6-1.

Other scores in the match included senior Sally Stout's (Peoria-Richwoods), defeat of Mary Boff 6-7, 6-2, 6-4 and freshman Maureen McKeon's (Northbrook-Glenbrook North) win over Aimee Burris 6-2, 6-2.

Junior Lori Zupanci (Edwardsville) lost to Leanne Coleman 0-6, 4-6 and freshman Lisa Stock (Elmhurst-York) was defeated by Chris Nowicki 1-6, 1-6.

In doubles play the team Lehman-Durkee defeated Loomis-Coleman 6-3, 6-4.

The duo Stout-McKeon held off Hanson-Boff by the scores 5-7, 6-0, 6-4, while freshman Beth Stuckey (Belleville-Belleville East) teamed up with Stock to take the Nowicki-Peggy Scheiman team 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

"I am very pleased with the win . . . our doubles did especially well," says Richard. "This is a good beginning for us confidence-wise . . . it will help our play this weekend."

For their first time home this season, the Lady Panthers will be hosting a quadrangular meet April 11 and 12. The University of Northern Iowa, Indiana State

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and Southwest Missouri, all conference schools, will be participating along with Eastern.

"All three schools are tough . . . we'll have to be on our toes and make sure that we don't lose the intensity we've built up so far," says Richard.

Eastern lost to the strong Indiana State team 8-1 in the fall and Richard seems a bit concerned about how the Panthers will match up.

"I'm not sure we'll be able to take them (Indiana) . . . we'll have to see what happens . . . Southwest Missouri also always has a strong team."

Neither Southwest Missouri nor Northern Iowa were played by Eastern yet this year, however Richard is hopeful of competing well.

"It will definitely be a tough quadrangular, but if we keep our concentration up and continue to play the way we've been playing, I'm sure we'll do a good job."

Times for the matches are as follows: April 11 at 2:30: Southwest Missouri vs. Indiana State and Northern Iowa vs. Eastern. April 12 at 9 a.m.: Southwest Missouri vs. Northern Iowa and Indiana State vs. Eastern. April 12 at 1:30 p.m.: Indiana State vs. Northern Iowa and Southwest Missouri vs. Eastern.