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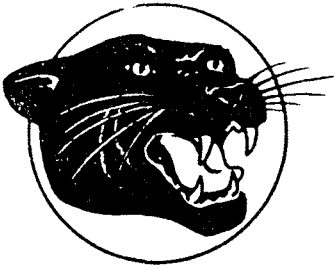
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CHARLESTON, IL (April 15, 1986) - The Eastern Illinois women's track team will host the EIU Invitational this Friday and Saturday at O'Brien Field. The Invitational will have approximately seven teams competing, according to Eastern head coach John Craft.

"This should be a worthwhile meet," Craft said. "The teams I know for sure that will compete are the University of Illinois, Western Illinois, Harper Junior College and Bradley University."

The meet will be a regular NCAA meet, which will be a change for Eastern's women, as they have been competing in mostly relay meets thus far this season.

Eastern is coming off a strong performance at the Murray State Invitational in which the Panthers placed 4th out of 9 teams. "We had some fairly good individual performances in that meet," said Craft. "We were shooting for 3rd but got edged out by Indiana State."

Eastern's Lauren Lynch (Elmhurst) was a top performer at Murray State, taking a third in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:12.94. Tracy Olawumi (Blue Island) also took a third place finish in the 400 meter dash with a time of 56.0.

Valeta Strickland (Chicago/South Shore) captured a second in the shot put with a put of 46 feet 4 inches.

Freshman Lori Plutz (Harvey/Thornton) placed 6th in the 400 meter dash with a time of 58.36. Plutz was also impressive in the 200 meter dash taking 3rd (25.2).

"We're not doing anything different to prepare for this meet," Craft said. "We've been having a little more emphasis on speed, but other than that we're not making any major changes."