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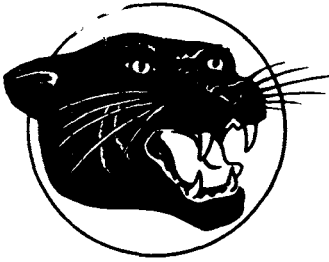
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# Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL (April 30, 1986) -- The Eastern Illinois men's tennis season came to a close this past weekend when they competed at the AMCU-8 Tournament in Cedar Falls, Iowa. EIU placed fourth of eight teams.

"Things turned out about as we expected," said coach John Bennett. "The tournament reminded me of the season as a whole. Injuries effected our team during the season and at the tournament. People have had to play above themselves all year."

Four of the top six players for the Panthers played the season with injuries and ice bags were a common sight after a tough match. The highlight of the season was the play of senior David Brown (Jacksonville).

Brown posted a 15-1 record prior to the tournament and had an impressive third place finish at the AMCU-8. During the season, Brown had a nine match winning streak at the No. 6 position. "David showed as much hustle and desire to win as anybody. He also had a strong desire to improve his game overall," added Bennett.

Junior veteran John Suter's (Springfield) season was marked by highlights, including his revenge victory over Bradley's Keith Hargis and his doubles triumph over the conference leaders from Indiana State. Suter's individual record was 8-8 in regular season play and a fourth place finish at the tournament playing at the No. 1 slot.

Jon Anderson (Homewood-Homewood Flossmoor) had a season that can best be termed a "learning experience." As a freshman, Anderson faced some stiff competition at the No. 2 position. "Jon needs to get back his competitive drive," said Bennett. "His game suffered as the season went on. After he started losing matches, he lost his confidence." Anderson had a rather disappointing 5-11 season record and fifth place finish at the tournament.

Scott Simon (Mascoutah-Belleville AC) played No. 3 singles for the Panthers this season and posted a 2-6 record. "Scott has a lot of touch and good

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ball control. He probably played some of the best tennis on the team despite his injured elbow," said Bennett.

Mark Matijasevich (West Chicago) assumed the No. 4 position for the Panthers this season. Classified as a "hard ball hitter," Matijasevich had a 9-7 regular season record and finished fifth at the tournament.

In his third year of play as a Panther, junior Don Carstens (Frankfort-Lincoln Way) is still looking for a certain touch on his shots. Carstens had an impressive third place finish in tournament action and a 9-6 record overall. Carstens, though inconsistent at times, had a lot of good play during the season, led by his powerful serve.

Bennett is looking forward to next year when three members of the 1985 roster are expected to return to the team after a year break. "I expect that there will be a great deal of competition for the different positions next year. I feel that we did an incredible job this year with what we had left of our lineup. We hope to be much more competitive next year."