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IWU Women's Tennis Aims for Big Finish in CCIW

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — After a third place finish last year, the Illinois Wesleyan University women's tennis team looks for even better things in this weekend's College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin championship tournament.

The tournament, hosted by Augustana College, will be held Friday and Saturday at Bloomington's Evergreen Racquet Club.

"Our goal for this season has always been winning conference," said coach Sally Mangina, whose team had a 7-3 record in dual meets and was 4-2 against CCIW teams. "We should be sitting in third place since both Carthage and Wheaton beat us during the regular season, but the matches were close and anything can happen at conference."

The Titans are led by senior captain **Lindy Wick (Highland, Breese Mater Dei HS)**, who is likely to be a top seed at No. 5 singles after going 11-0 this fall. Her career singles record of 46-9 makes her No. 9 all-time in victories at the school.

Other top singles hopefuls are sophomore **Deb Bartell (Wheaton, Glenbard West HS)**, who is 10-3 at No. 3; junior **Diane Arnold, a Bloomington High School** product with a 9-2 record at No. 4; and senior **Erika Herrin (Springfield, Southeast HS)**, who is 8-2 at No. 6.

The Titans' No. 1 singles player is sophomore **Lindsey Irwin (Belleville, West HS)**, who is 7-6, while senior **Deanna Deschler (Champaign, Centennial HS)** is 8-5 at No. 2.

The No. 2 doubles team of Bartell and Herrin has a 10-3 overall record while Arnold and Wick have teamed up for a 4-2 mark at No. 3 doubles.

The No. 1 doubles team of Irwin and Deschler are 6-7 but look to avenge close losses suffered to teams early in the season.

"Our depth is what makes us a pretty strong team and a real contender for the championship," said Mangina. "Everyone is striving to stay in the front draw."