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# Panther Sports News

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## PREVIEWING THE WEEK (Jan. 25-31)

- Wednesday, Jan. 25            Men's Basketball at Western Illinois (7:30, Macomb)
- Thursday, Jan. 26            WOMEN'S BASKETBALL hosts Wichita State (7:30, Lantz Gym)
- Friday, Jan. 27              MEN'S SWIMMING hosts Bradley (4:00, Lantz Pool)
- Saturday, Jan. 28            WOMEN'S BASKETBALL hosts Southwest Missouri (5:15, Lantz)  
MEN'S BASKETBALL hosts Eastern Washington (7:30, Lantz)  
Men's Swimming at Missouri-Rolla  
Women's Swimming at Northern Illinois  
Wrestling at Redskin Open (Miami, OH)  
Men's Track at Purdue Relays
- Monday, Jan. 30              Men's Basketball at Illinois-Chicago (7:30)  
Women's Basketball at Illinois-Chicago

## REVIEWING THE WEEKEND (Jan. 20-21)

**MEN'S BASKETBALL:** The Panthers had a rare Saturday night off and will need it as they now play four games over the next seven days including three conference games on the road at Northern Iowa (1/23), Western Illinois (1/25) and Illinois-Chicago (1/30). Prior to the Northern Iowa game Eastern was 2-1 in the AMCU-8 and 7-6 overall. Last Thursday the Panthers downed Wisconsin-Green Bay, 67-62, at home.

VINCENT SMELTER (Macon, GA-Northeast), 6-2 junior guard, led the Panthers in the UWGB win hitting two free throws with 17 seconds left to give EIU a three point lead. He led with 16 points, had five rebounds and four points, and was the team's nominee for Mid-Continent 'Player of the Week'. Smelter has started the last five games and is averaging 7.8 points, 3.5 rebounds and 3.5 assists.

JON COLLINS (East St. Louis-Cahokia), 6-4 sophomore forward, scored 14 points in the Wisconsin-Green Bay win and continues to lead the team with a 19.1 scoring average. He is shooting 53% from the field, 86.7% from the line with 4.1 rebounds.

KEVIN DUCKWORTH (Dolton-Thornridge), 6-11 sophomore center, is second on the team in scoring with an 11.6 average and leads with 7.4 rebounds. He also is the best shooter hitting 58.2% from the field, but only 62.2% from the line.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** The Lady Panthers won two more road games last week, 74-66 over Western Illinois and 78-51 over Bradley, to boost their Gateway Collegiate Conference record to 5-1 and a tie for second place. Overall EIU is 10-5.

STACY COOK (Lincoln-Illinois Central CC), junior forward, came off the bench to score 40 points with 22 rebounds in the two wins. She had 24 points, 13 rebounds at Bradley and 16 points, nine rebounds at Western

Illinois. She is now averaging an even 10 points with 5.7 rebounds, and was the team's nominee for 'Player of the Week' in the Gateway Collegiate Conference.

CHRIS ALDRIDGE (Taylorville), sophomore forward, had 35 points, 15 rebounds in the Bradley and Western wins boosting her season average to 10.9 scoring, 5.8 rebounding. She is shooting 53.3% from the field best on the team.

TONI COLLINS (Lincoln-Sidell-Jamaica), junior forward, scored 12 points against Bradley, six against Western and had a total of ten assists in the two games.

She is still leading the team in scoring and rebounding with 13.2 and 6.4 averages, respectively, and is shooting 52.6% from the field, second on the team in that department.

**MEN'S TRACK:** The Panthers finished second to Southeast Missouri Saturday in a triangular. SEMO had 83, Eastern Illinois had 57 and Indiana State had 30.

CLAUDE MAGEE (Clermont, FL), junior sprinter, won both the 60 and 300 yard dashes tying his previous school records of 6.1 and 30.8 seconds, respectively. "Claude is really running well this early in the season," said coach Neil Moore. "I'm holding him out of the long jump and he has changed his attitude toward the long sprints. He's going to make an effort to become a great sprinter in the longer events."

CHRIS JOHNSON (Peoria-Manual), freshman sprinter, won the 440 yard dash in 49.75. It was his first collegiate track meet.

**WOMEN'S SWIMMING:** The women's swimming team lost to Missouri Friday night, 84-55. EIU is now 1-4.

GAIL PAVICK (Warren, OH-Harding), senior, won the 100 yard breaststroke in 1:15.3.

SALLY MULCRONE (Chicago-Morgan Park), junior, won the 200 yard butterfly in 2:23.7.

TAMMY BAKER (Sterling), senior, won the 50 yard freestyle in 26.2, and swam a leg of the winning 400 freestyle relay (3:47).

The 400 yard freestyle relay of freshman Petra Kooiker (Jacksonville), freshman Tracy Saal (Pekin), senior Dawn Buczkowski (Bartlett-Elgin) and senior Tammy Baker (Sterling) won in 3:47.

**WRESTLING:** The Panthers evened their dual meet record at 3-3-1 with a 26-13 win over Southwest Missouri and then finished fourth out of 14 teams in the Southwest Missouri Invitational last weekend.

DAN SANKO (Round Lake-Grant), junior 167 lber., won his weight class with a 4-0 record defeating Mike Flanagan of Northwest Missouri in the championship match. Sanko, injured first semester, now has a 9-3 record.

DUANE CLARK (Shell Rock, IA-Waldorf CC), senior heavyweight, took second in the tournament with a 3-1 record losing to Al Sears of SIU-Edwardsville in the title bout. Clark is 18-11 overall with six pins, most on the team.

BERNIE RUETTIGER (Joliet-Providence), junior 142 lber., was third in his weight class with a 5-1 mark. Bernie has the team's best record at 21-9 with five pins.

MARK RUETTIGER (Joliet-Providence), sophomore 134 lber., was 4th in the tourney with a 3-2 record. He has a 19-13 overall record with three pins.