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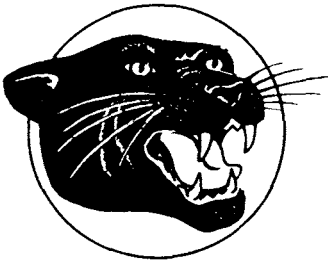
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# Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's centerfielder Matt Cimo (Lockport/Joliet Catholic) is not accustomed to the limelight.

In high school Cimo never quite reached the expectations he had of himself and through his first two years at EIU he remained in the shadows of All-American Tim Pyznarski.

But when Pyznarski left for the Oakland A's, Cimo, who hit .408 and drove in 50 runs last season, finds himself at the center of attention.

"I thought about perhaps not getting the attention from the scouts with Pyz around, but it really didn't bother me much," Cimo said. "I knew that my time would come. Now I have to concentrate on hitting well and gaining some momentum into the end of the season just in case I get drafted this summer."

He is well on his way toward attaining that momentum hitting .347 and sharing the team lead in home runs with six through 29 games.

"I still have to hit better than what I am," Cimo said. "I'm not making the contact right now that I would like to. It's just a mental thing now. You know, baseball is 90 percent mental."

Although Cimo can find room for improvement, he has made a large dent in opposing pitching since his arrival at Eastern.

Cimo ranks among the top in nearly every category of Eastern's career records. He is currently second on the list in hits with 140, just 21 behind Pyznarski, tied for second in home runs with 18 and third in RBIs with 93.

Yet aside from all the numbers, Cimo believes he has enhanced his chances of playing professional baseball by his showing last summer in the Alaskan Summer League, one of the nation's most prestigious.

"I hit .348 up there and led the league," Cimo said. "As far as I'm concerned, that's what made me. I had received attention in the past from scouts, but that really opened their eyes.

"Skip (Eastern coach Tom McDevitt) taught me a lot about fundamentals and it's really paid off," Cimo said. "Because in my senior year in high school I barely hit my weight.

"That's when I considered playing basketball at a junior college instead of baseball," Cimo continued. "But my dad quickly changed my mind about that. It's a decision I'll never regret."

Neither will McDevitt or the countless major league scouts who have their eye on Cimo.

"Skip (McDevitt) thinks I'll go somewhere between the third and 10th rounds this summer," Cimo said. "If I am drafted, I'd really like to play for the St. Louis Cardinals. But of course I'd primarily just enjoy the chance to play professional ball anywhere.

"I just want the chance," Cimo said. "I want to know if I'm good enough and just how tough professional baseball is."

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY 1982 BASEBALL STATISTICS (19-10)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>FDG</u>
Matt Cimo, cf	.347	29	98	29	34	7	3	6	27	11	12	4	38	1	1	.975
Kevin Seitzer, 3b	.409	29	93	28	38	4	2	5	32	3	14	4	21	76	13	.882
Tom Detmer, 2b	.361	29	97	27	35	6	-	2	18	7	24	4	50	60	8	.932
Jeff Yocum, c	.295	29	88	13	26	7	2	1	21	7	17	-	124	17	4	.972
Brian Jones, ss	.337	29	95	27	32	4	-	-	17	12	17	4	32	74	19	.848
Neal Bertram, rf	.250	24	60	13	15	-	-	3	15	9	14	3	24	3	7	.794
Bryan Dillard, of-dh	.170	22	53	7	9	-	-	-	4	4	1	4	15	1	3	.842
Rich Lambert, of	.302	19	43	5	13	-	-	3	6	5	6	2	-	-	-	-
Jim Workman, lb	.286	27	70	11	20	3	-	1	6	11	6	3	216	11	2	.991
Troy Harper, of	.446	23	65	18	29	3	2	6	25	11	7	2	23	-	1	.958
Steve French, of	.308	6	13	3	4	-	-	-	1	3	3	-	-	-	-	-
Brad Yakos, dh	.294	11	17	7	5	-	-	2	5	3	4	-	26	2	-	1.000
John Schultz, c	.000	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1.000
Kevin Gordon, dh	.000	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bob Schlechte, dh	.555	5	9	6	5	-	-	-	4	3	1	2	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	19	2	.937
<b>EIU TOTALS</b>	<b>.331</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>.932</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>.263</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>.952</b>

<u>PITCHERS</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>
Marshall Crutcher, rh	3.37	10	7	4	-	1	4	1	42 2/3	42	22	16	7	17
Bill Law, rh	3.51	6	6	4	-	-	3	2	33 1/3	38	22	13	12	12
Bill Morton, lh	2.22	9	3	2	-	-	4	1	24 1/3	22	14	6	10	20
Mick Freed, rh	3.75	6	5	1	-	-	3	1	36	34	18	15	11	16
Kevin Gordon, rh	2.79	6	5	2	-	-	4	1	29	26	16	9	19	33
Dave Bauer, rh	3.94	8	1	-	-	-	0	2	16	20	11	7	10	6
Bob Schlechte, rh	3.60	4	-	-	-	-	1	2	5	6	2	2	4	5
Dave McWhorter, rh	4.32	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	16 2/3	19	9	8	8	12
Eric Hinz, lh	18.00	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	2	4	5
<b>EIU TOTALS</b>	<b>3.44</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>6.17</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>192 2/3</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>89</b>

GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

<u>EIU</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>PITCHER OF RECORD</u>
W 7 5	Evansville (A) I	Bill Law (1-0)
W 8 6	Evansville (A) I	Marshall Crutcher (1-0)
W 6 3	Lawrence University (N) III	Kevin Gordon (1-0)
W 8 5	Otterbein (N) III	Bob Schlechte (1-0)
W 2 1	Tennessee Tech (N) I	Mick Freed (1-0)
W 10 1	Otterbein (N) III	Marshall Crutcher (2-0)
W 7 3	Otterbein (N) III	Bill Morton (1-0)
W 7 3	Otterbein (N) III	Bill Law (2-0)
L 0 3	Troy State (A) II	Mick Freed (1-1)
W 10 4	Troy State (A) II	Marshall Crutcher (3-0)
W 8 4	Troy State (A) II	Bill Morton (2-0)
L 9 10	Murray State (A) I	Dave Bauer (0-1)
W 12 4	North Dakota (N) I	Kevin Gordon (2-0)
L 2 8	Murray State (A) I	Marshall Crutcher (3-1)
W 16 2	ISU-Evansville (A) II	Bill Law (3-0)
W 13 2	ISU-Evansville (A) II	Bill Morton (3-0)
W 10 1	ISU-Evansville (A) II	Mick Freed (2-1)
L 1 2	ISU-Evansville (A) II	Dave Bauer (0-2)
W 7 3	Missouri-St. Louis (H) II	Marshall Crutcher (4-1)
L 2 8	Missouri-St. Louis (H) II	Kevin Gordon (2-1)
L 0 3	Purdue (H) I	Bill Law (3-1)
W 8 2	Purdue (H) I	Mick Freed (3-1)
L 4 11	Illinois (A) I	Bill Morton (3-1)
W 3 1	Indiana State (A) I	Kevin Gordon (3-1)
L 1 2	Indiana State (A) I	Bob Schlechte (1-1)
L 3 5	SIU-Edwardsville (A)	Bill Law (3-2)
L 6 9	SIU-Edwardsville (A)	Bob Schlechte (1-2)
W 11 3	SIU-Edwardsville (A)	Kevin Gordon (4-1)
W 13 3	SIU-Edwardsville (A)	Bill Morton (4-1)

SEASON SUMMARY

At Home: 2-2  
 On Road: 10-8  
 Neutral: 7-0  
 NCAA I: 5-5  
 NCAA II: 7-3  
 NCAA III: 5-0