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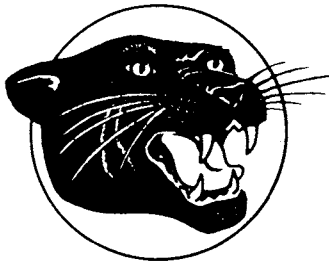
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Panther Sports News

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PREVIEWING THE WEEK (Dec. 3-10)

- Wednesday, Dec. 3 WRESTLING Hosts Purdue (7:30, Lantz Gym)
- Friday, Dec. 5 Wrestling at Illinois Open
Men's Swimming at Illini Invitational
Women's Basketball at Northern Iowa Tournament
WOMEN'S SWIMMING Hosts Evansville (4:30, Lantz Pool)
- Saturday, Dec. 6 Football at North Alabama (NCAA II Semifinals, Game Time to be Determined)
MEN'S BASKETBALL Hosts Ferris State (7:30, Lantz Gym)
BADMINTON Hosts Southern Illinois
Wrestling at Illinois Open
Men's Swimming at Illini Invitational
Women's Basketball at Northern Iowa Tournament
- Sunday, Dec. 7 Men's Swimming at Illini Invitational
- Tuesday, Dec. 9 Women's Basketball at Indiana State
- Wednesday, Dec. 10 WRESTLING Hosts Northeast Missouri (7:30, Lantz Gym)
Men's Basketball at St. Joseph's

REVIEWING THE WEEKEND (Nov. 29)

FOOTBALL: The Panthers will travel to Florence, AL to face North Alabama Saturday (Dec. 6) in the semifinals of the NCAA II football playoffs. The winner will meet the winner of the Cal Poly/SLO-Santa Clara game on Saturday, Dec. 13 for the championship at Albuquerque, NM. Eastern, 10-2 and ranked No. 1 in NCAA II, will be meeting the No. 3 ranked Lions, 10-1 and champs of the Gulf South Conference. The game time will be determined by ABC-TV which will regionally televise this contest. Eastern advanced to the semis by downing Northern Colorado, 21-14, while North Alabama disposed of Virginia Union, 17-8. On the west coast Cal Poly defeated Jacksonville State, 15-0, and Santa Clara downed Northern Michigan, 27-26. The Panthers were led by a stiff defense that limited Northern Colorado to just 144 total yards. Randy Melvin (Aurora-West) led with 14 tackles. Alonzo Lee (Washington, DC-Dunbar) had 13. Quarterback Chuck Wright (Canton) threw for one touchdown and scored what proved to be the winner, a one yard plunge early in the second quarter.

BASKETBALL: Eastern lost by one point, 70-69, at Central Missouri State Saturday night. The Panthers were led by Warren Patten's (Memphis, TN-Melrose) 16 points and Ricky Robinson's (Aurora-East) 14. Eastern is now 1-1.

WOMEN'S

BASKETBALL: Nancy Kassebaum's (Belleville-East) 28 points led Eastern to third place in the River Roast Tournament by downing Missouri-Rolla, 83-69. Linda Ellsworth (Menasha, WI-Portage Central) chipped in with 20 points. Earlier EIU whipped Maryville College, 117-22, before losing to Neb-Omaha, 71-58, in the semis.