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PANTHER WRESTLING REPORT

THE MATCH: Eastern Illinois (2-1) takes part in the Southwest Missouri Invitational Friday and Saturday (Jan. 22-23) at Springfield, Mo.

THE LINEUP:	118	Randy Blackman	9-5	River Grove (East Leyden)
	126	Derek Porter	15-2	Mims, Florida (Titusville)
	134	Bernie Ruettiger	6-4	Joliet (Providence)
	142	Rich Brown	6-3	Franklin Park (East Leyden/Triton JC)
		Bob McGuinn	3-3	Ingleside (Grant)
	150	to be determined		
	158	Mike Polz	4-1	Riverside (Brookfield)
	167	Tom Borich	3-5	Parkersburg, WV or
		Bryan Pawela	6-5	Lake Villa (Grant)
	177	Dennis McCormick	9-5	Springfield (Springfield)
	190	Geno Savegnago	12-2	Carol Stream (Glenbard North)
	Hwt	Rich Magsamen	2-5	Elk Grove Village (Elk Grove)

THE TOURNEY: Leading the expected 18 teams will be the University of Missouri. The Tigers, ranked No. 8 by Amateur Wrestling News, defeated EIU last Friday (Jan. 15) 25-15, and will be considered the favorite, according to Eastern coach Ron Clinton. Last year, the Panthers finished second in the tourney behind Missouri, while posting four individual champions.

EIU FACTS: The Panthers are still trying to overcome injuries which have plagued them all season long. Senior All-Americans Bob McGuinn and Mark Gronowski remain sidelined, although Clinton said McGuinn may see action this weekend if his shoulder injury improves. Gronowski is out indefinitely with stretched ligaments in his ankle.

COACH RON CLINTON SAYS: "This (Southwest Missouri Invitational) will be a tough tournament . . . a lot of competition for the top three spots. I'm pretty well satisfied with the lineup as it is . . . we will wrestle better as the weeks go on. Last Friday was the first time since Dec. 11 a lot of our kids had wrestled. This is going to be one of those seasons which we are not going to be healthy. It's a year of injuries and we just have to learn to wrestle with them."