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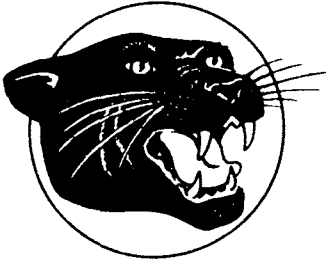
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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's women's swimming team joins five other state schools to compete in the SIU-Carbondale Invitational Friday through Sunday (Feb. 12-14).

EIU, SIU-C, Chicago Circle, Illinois State, Northern Illinois and Western Illinois will vie for what was formerly the AIAW state championship.

The Panthers are 5-2 after downing Northern Illinois (72-59) and Chicago Circle (98-42) in their most recent outings two weeks ago.

"We have been working toward this portion of our schedule all season. This is our final opportunity to qualify more people for nationals," said Coach Ray Padovan.

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CHARLESTON, IL--Gayle Brandon (Danville), co-captain and returning All-American on Eastern Illinois University's women's track, placed second in the long jump at the Mason-Dixon Games at Louisville, KY Saturday night.

Brandon's 19-5 jump bettered the University of Wisconsin's Patty Johnson (19-4 1/2), who is the defending AIAW indoor champ.

"Gayle is doing a real fine job this early in the season," said coach John Craft. "She is off to a good start and is jumping one foot better compared to this time last year . . . her goal this year is 21 feet."

The Panthers will compete Saturday in the Illini Invitational at Champaign.

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