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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Three of Eastern Illinois University men's winter sports teams, wrestling, track and swimming, will be hosting opponents in Lantz Gym this weekend.

The undefeated and No. 2 ranked wrestling Panthers will host Indiana University at 3 p.m. Sunday (Feb. 1) in Lantz Gym.

Saturday (Jan. 31) the swimmers will meet Chicago Circle at 1 p.m. in Lantz Pool with the indoor track team going against Ball State and SIU-Edwardsville in a double dual at 2 p.m. in the fieldhouse.

"The Indiana meet will be our toughest of the season," said EIU coach Ron Clinton. "Last I heard they were 5-6-1 but just last Saturday they beat North Dakota State, 24-14.

"We went down to the last match to beat them (NDS) 22-18 last week so that's probably a better indication than the team's record of how close this match will be."

Clinton will move All-American Geno Savegnago (Carol Stream-Glenbard North) back to his familiar 190 lb. class as freshman Kent Lawrence (Coal Valley-Moline) makes his debut at heavyweight.

Lawrence, 36-5 as a senior, was 6th at that class in last year's high school meet. He participated in football last semester.

The swimmers, who travel to Millikin on Friday night, will get little rest before the Circle match Saturday.

"We have a couple people we'd like to qualify, and they've done well lately so might get the cutoff times Saturday," Coach Ray Padovan said.

Specifically, Tim Bird (Evanston-Elk Grove) will attempt to qualify in the 200 butterfly. Steve Boone (Charleston) is shooting for a cutoff mark in the 200 breaststroke. "They've both made it in their 100 yard events," Padovan said. EIU has a 5-2 dual record, and downed Western Kentucky 70-36 in its most recent outing.

The indoor track team's main competition will come from Ball State Saturday. The Cardinals recently nipped Indiana State which edged EIU last Saturday.