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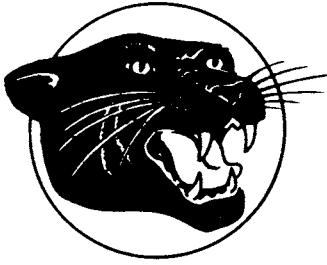
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# **Panther Sports News**

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's swimming team will attempt to keep a winning streak alive while the wrestling team will be trying to get back into the win column as both take to the road this weekend.

The Panther swimmers, 7-2 and winner of four straight duals, will meet Southwest Missouri State Saturday afternoon. Eastern's women's team will also compete as part of a coed meet.

The wrestlers, 3-1 after losing to Indiana last Sunday, will face a heady Division II opponent, SIU-Edwardsville, there Friday night.

Long a power in Division II, the Cougars finished sixth in last year's NCAA II meet. Recently EIU was 2nd and SIU-E sixth in the Southwest Missouri Tournament.

One of the top matches will be at 118 where EIU's Bryan Murphy (21-9) will matchup with Southern's Tom Reed, who recently was rated No. 9 in the country at that weight class.

Eastern was rated No. 2 in the latest Amateur Wrestling News Poll with 190 lber. Geno Savegnago (Carol Stream-Glenbard North) ranked No. 3.

Savegnago, competing in the East-West All-Star match last Monday at Ohio State, lost to Iowa's Pete Bush, 12-5. Savegnago's record is 31-3.

Swimmers Tim Bird (Evanston-Elk Grove) and Steve Boone (Charleston) will be shooting for NCAA II qualifying marks in the 200 butterfly and 200 breaststroke, respectively.

"They've got a couple meets left before the nationals but we'd like to get it this weekend," said Padovan.