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TROY RICHARDSON (Dolton-Thornridge), junior guard, has given the Panthers a lift coming off the bench in recent games. In the last five games he has averaged 8.8 points hitting 22-36 from the field with 4.4 assists per game and three rebounds a contest. This past week he had 14 points, six rebounds against East Carolina and 10 points, three rebounds and 12 assists against Roosevelt. Richardson leads the team with four assists per game ranking No. 6 in the AMCU-8 in that category. He is averaging 8.1 points a game and has boosted his shooting percentage to 45.3%.

DERRICK SPIGHT (Indianapolis, IN-Marshall), freshman forward, had his best week of the season scoring 14 points, seven each against East Carolina and Roosevelt. Spight, often the first front line reserve into the game, has averaged 13 minutes a game scoring 3.2 per contest. He is hitting 21-67 from the field for 31.3%, 19-31 free throws for 61.3% and averaging 2.1 rebounds.

MEN'S TRACK: The Panther track team competed in the 40-team non-scoring Illini Classic at the University of Illinois in Champaign.

CLAUDE MAGEE (Clermont, FL), junior sprinter, turned in one of the greatest performances in the history of EIU track. Magee qualified for the NCAA National Indoor Championship by winning the 60 yard dash in 6.21 seconds. That time tied the meet and armory record and set an EIU record. It was fully automatic timing. The NCAA qualifying time was 6.23. The national meet will be held March 9-10 at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, NY. Magee also won the 300 yard dash in 30.3 which set a meet and EIU record. "This is one of, if not, the most outstanding performance ever by an Eastern sprinter," said Coach Neil Moore. "I'm not certain if we've ever had anyone win two events like this at a quality meet such as the Illini Classic. Claude has been injured at some point every year he has been here. We've held him out of the long jump this season and he has been undergoing a rigorous weight program. We think all of these things are finally paying off."

DREW GEISLER (Granite City-South), junior middle distance runner, finished second in the mile run in 4:15.04. He competed in the Open Division.

MARK SMITH (Tuscola), freshman sprinter, ran a 50.9 opening leg on the mile relay team which finished fourth in 3:20.85.

SCOTT ADAMSON (Moweaqua), freshman sprinter, ran a 50.5 No. 2 leg on the mile relay team which finished fourth in 3:20.85.

DON JOHNSON (Terre Haute-South), freshman sprinter, ran a 50.7 No. 3 leg on the mile relay team which finished fourth in 3:20.85.

CHRIS JOHNSON (Peoria-Manual), freshman sprinter, ran a 48.8 anchor leg of the mile relay team which finished fourth in 3:20.85.

CRAIG DEWALL (Forrester), senior hurdler, was 6th in the 60 yard high hurdles with a time of 7.91.

DAN MATAS (Oak Park-River Forest), sophomore weightman, for the second week in a row set an EIU shot put record. He finished 8th in this event with a distance of 54 feet even for a new varsity indoor record. Last week he set a record of 53-10 1/2.

MEN'S SWIMMING: The Panthers finished last in the seven-team SIU-Carbondale Invitational. SIU won with 801 points followed by Missouri, Illinois, Purdue, Bradley, Iowa State and EIU, which had 189 points.

The Panthers have one dual meet left, a rescheduled match at Western Kentucky on Saturday (Feb. 18).

ROBIN WALKER (Kankakee-Eastridge), senior freestyler, was EIU's top finisher with a 4th place in 16:38.2 in the 1650 yard freestyle.

GREG FREEBECK (South Holland-Thornwood), junior freestyler, had EIU's second best finish in the meet with a 6th place in 16:39.09 in the 1650 freestyle.

MIGUEL CARRION (Quito, Ecuador), junior IM/freestyler, finished 9th in both the 400 IM (4:17.84) and the 1650 freestyle (16:50).

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: The Lady Panthers split two road contests last week, dropping a 77-52 decision Thursday at Drake University and rebounding with an 86-57 trouncing of Northern Iowa on Saturday. Eastern's overall record stands at 13-8 with a 7-4 mark in the Gateway Collegiate Conference, good for fifth place in the league. Southern Illinois owns the GCAC league with a 10-1 record followed by Drake (9-2), Illinois State (8-2), Wichita State (8-3) and the Lady Panthers.

TONI COLLINS (Lincoln/Jamaica-Sidell), a junior forward, turned in two outstanding performances during the Lady Panthers' two-game road swing. She totaled 39 points, 16 rebounds and five assists in the GCAC matchups while hitting 63 percent (17 of 27) from the field.

MELANIE HATFIELD (Lawrenceburg, IN), a sophomore guard, possessed a hot hand against Northern Iowa after a somewhat cold shooting night at Drake. The fleet 5-foot-6 guard finished the week with 29 points, five rebounds and team-high marks of six assists and six steals. Hatfield hit only five of 14 shots at Drake, but she was nearly unstoppable at UNI, hitting nine of 10 shots from the field.

SUSAN HYND (Ottawa-Township), a sophomore center, helped Eastern dominate the boards at Northern Iowa as she hauled down 11 rebounds and dropped through nine points. She also scored six points and grabbed four caroms at Drake and came up with three steals in the two contests.

CHRIS ALDRIDGE (Taylorville), a sophomore forward, grabbed 16 rebounds last week, including 11 against Northern Iowa. She helped on the offensive end with 11 points against the Purple Panthers.

STACY COOK (Lincoln/Illinois Central CC), a junior forward, sat out both games last week after straining a knee during a practice. The extent of her injury is not yet known.

BETH SASS (Elk Grove Village), a junior guard, came off the bench to tally a personal season-high 10 points at Northern Iowa. She nailed four of five shots from the field and converted both of her free throw attempts.

KIM MAXEY (Mattoon), a freshman guard, scored in double figures in a reserve role at Drake, hitting five of 14 shots for 10 points.

PAT HAMILTON (Decatur-Eisenhower), a freshman guard, turned in a strong performance at Northern Iowa, tallying 10 points, snaring three rebounds and dishing off a scoring pass.

WOMEN'S TRACK: The Lady Panthers placed fourth of eight teams at the EIU Invitational Saturday at the Lantz Fieldhouse. A strong, deep Ohio State team ran away from all competitors with 154 points, followed by Western Illinois (80), Murray State (67) and Eastern with 60 points.

GAIL STEPHENS (Evanston), a senior long sprinter, had a hand in both Eastern victories at the meet as she ran a leg of the first-place mile relay and crossed the finish line first in the 600-yard dash, finishing in 1:22.7. The mile relay team chopped four seconds off its previous best time as the quartet finished the distance in 3:51.1.

BARBARA HUDSON (East St. Louis-Senior), a senior, ran a leg of the winning mile relay, which finished in 3:51.1, four seconds better than the team's previous best. Hudson also notched second place in the long jump by leaping 17 feet 5½ inches. During a preliminary heat of the 60-yard hurdles, Hudson turned in her personal best time, finishing in 8.3.

DEBBIE ZUBIK (Calumet City-Thornwood), a freshman, set a school record by putting the shot 43'8", which earned her fifth place in the eight-team meet.

LAUREN LYNCH (Elmhurst-York), a freshman long sprinter, helped the Lady Panthers' mile relay team to victory as the quartet finished in 3:51.1. That time is four seconds under the team's previous best.

RENEE JOHNSON (Chicago-South Shore), a senior long sprinter, ran a leg of the mile relay, which finished first in 3:51.1, four seconds under the foursome's previous best time.

ERIN HEALY (Chicago-St. Benedict), a sophomore distance runner, completed the mile in 5:20.5, her best time ever. Healy's effort earned her sixth place.

BARBRO HINES (South Holland-Thornridge), a senior high jumper, placed third in her specialty by clearing the bar at 5'6¼".

ANNE OGLE (Quincy), a sophomore distance runner, placed fifth in the two-mile by completing the distance in 11:13.7.