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Panther Sports News

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PREVIEWING THE WEEK (March 2-9)

- Wednesday, March 2 Men's Basketball at Illinois-Chicago (7:30)
- Thursday, March 3 Men's Swimming at Mid-Continent Championship (Chicago)
- Friday, March 4 MEN'S TRACK hosts Last Chance Meet (7:00)
Men's Swimming at Mid-Continent Championship
- Saturday, March 5 MEN'S BASKETBALL hosts Southwest Missouri (7:30, Lantz)
Women's Tennis at Bradley
Women's Basketball at Wichita State
(Gateway Collegiate Tournament)
- Wednesday, March 9 Men's Tennis at Illinois

REVIEWING THE WEEKEND (Feb. 25-26)

MEN'S BASKETBALL: EIU lost three games on the road last week, 82-75 at Southwest Missouri, 81-78 at ISU-Evansville and 86-73 at Western Illinois. The Panthers are now 11-17 overall and 7-3 in the conference.

KEVIN JONES (Indianapolis, IN-Marshall/Kankakee CC) led the Panthers with 19 against Southwest Missouri and 18 at WIU but was suspended from the ISU-Evansville game for disciplinary reasons. He still leads the team with a 17.2 average shooting 55.4% from the field.

DOUG CROOK (Vincennes, IN-Lincoln) is still second on the team in scoring with an 11.6 average. He scored 33 points in the three games last week hitting 16 against ISU-Evansville, 13 at WIU and only four at SWMS.

TIM DYKSTRA (Plymouth, IN-LaVille) scored 18 at SWMS, 11 at ISU-E but dropped to just six at Western. His average is 9.9 a game and is shooting 46.4% from the field.

DIRK ANDROFF (Decatur-Eisenhower), the league's top field goal shooter, is still averaging 57.8% although only scored 22 points in the three games. His best effort was 12 points, eight rebounds against ISU-E. He did have 15 rebounds but only six points at Southwest Missouri. Androff is tied for the team lead in rebounding with 6.1 per game.

KEVIN DUCKWORTH (Dolton-Thornridge) led the Panthers with 38 points last week. His top game was 20 points, nine rebounds against ISU-Evansville. He has upped his average to 9.8 points with 6.1 rebounds and is shooting 53% from the field.

MEN'S TRACK: EIU competed in two non-scoring meets last week hosting the EIU Open on Friday night and then Saturday at the Illini Classic.

PERRY EDINGER (Mattoon) won the three-mile run with a personal best 13:41.65 at the Illini Classic. He was 15 seconds ahead of the No. 2 runner, and knocked 13 seconds off his previous best time.

DAN MATAS (Oak Park-River Forest) won the shot put with 50-11½ at the EIU Open.

NICK WHITESIDE (Mt. Vernon) took second in the three mile run at the EIU Open with a 14:35 time. He had only returned to practice the week before after missing the entire cross country season with an injury.

CORNELL WILSON (Markham-Thornwood) took second at the EIU Open in the 60 yard high hurdles and then ran a 7.1 personal best in the same event at the Illini Classic but did not reach the finals.

MERRILL KANEY (Forreaston) ran a personal best 600 yard dash at the Illini Classic with a 1:11.5 but did not place. He then came back to run a 48.9 quarter in the distance medley which placed third in 10:24.96 at the Classic.

WRESTLING: The Panthers finished fourth in the NCAA Western Regional with three wrestlers, Derek Porter, Mark Gronowski and Jeff Dillman, now advancing to the national finals. Louisiana State won the regional with 146, Northern Iowa was second with 122, Cal Poly/SLO was next with 101 and the Panthers followed with 82. The meet was held at Cedar Falls, IA. The finals will be held March 10-12 at Oklahoma City, OK.

MARK GRONOWSKI (Titusville, FL) was voted the meet's Most Valuable Wrestler winning the 167 lb. weight class with a 4-0 mark. He had two pins, and defeated Mike Jones of Illinois State, 17-4, in the championship. He has a 32-5 record.

JEFF DILLMAN (Joliet-West) won the 190 lb. class with a 4-0 mark downing Mark Johnson of Northern Iowa, 13-3. He is 23-5 overall.

BERNIE RUETTIGER (Joliet-Providence) had a 2-2 record at 134 but did not place. He finished with an 8-7 record.

DENNIS MCCORMICK (Springfield) placed fourth at 177 with a 3-2 record. He finished the year with a 22-7 record.

DUANE CLARK (Shellrock, IA-Waldorf CC) took fifth at heavyweight with a 3-1 record. Clark finishes the season with a 18-6 record.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: The Lady Panthers won two tough games on the road last weekend and raised their record to 20-6 for the season. EIU defeated Butler, 73-64 and Dayton, 72-65. Both teams were ranked in the NCAA II poll last week. Eastern has now had four consecutive 20-win seasons.

KATHY LANTER (Georgetown) led Eastern in both games scoring 24 points each night. In her last six games she is averaging 20 points while shooting 56% from the field (52-93). She has hit double figures in each of her last eight games. She is averaging 13.8 points per game and six assists. Lanter has started the last 68 games. She needs 22 points to net 1,000 in her career.

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NANCY KASSEBAUM (Belleville-East) returned to the Eastern Illinois lineup starting both games. She scored 29 points (16 against Dayton) but more importantly led the offense with 15 assists (nine against Dayton). She has now scored in double figures 32 straight games going back to last season. Her career-leading point total is 1,813 (15.9), assists is 688 (6.1) and steals is 487 (4.3). She is averaging 17.1 points for the season.

SUE HYND (Ottawa-Ottawa Township) had her best field-goal shooting game against Dayton. She connected on five-of-seven (71%), scoring 12 points. She is averaging 6.4 points and 6.2 rebounds per game.

TONI COLLINS (Lincoln-Jamaica) is leading Eastern's free throw shooting corps averaging 75% (64-84). She made eight-of-nine for the two games (5-5 against Dayton). She leads the Lady Panthers rebounding with an 8.2 average. She is hitting 59% from the field (142-242) and averaging 14.5 points per game.

CHRIS ALDRIDGE (Taylorville) scored a career-high 14 against Butler hitting seven of 12 (58%) from the field. She is averaging 6.0 points and 3.2 rebounds for the season.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING: Eastern ended its season placing fifth in the 12-team NCAA Midwest Regional Swimming and Diving Championships in Chicago last weekend. Illinois State won the meet with 872 points followed by Western Illinois (735), Northern Michigan (508), Wright State (469) and Eastern with 334.

KAREN ATKINSON (Palatine-Fremd) placed third in both the one-meter (380.10 points) and three-meter diving events (374.30).

RICKI ROUSEY (Lincoln) broke two school records last weekend. She broke her own 100-yard backstroke record with 1:02 for 4th place and her 200-yard backstroke mark with a 2:09.6 for 2nd place. She was also a member of EIU's 5th-place 800-yard freestyle relay team swimming the third leg.

JAMIE PISTORIO (Barrington) broke her school record 400-yard Individual Medley with a time of 4:54.2. She was also a member of EIU's 5th-place 800-yard relay team swimming the anchor leg.

WOMEN'S TRACK: Eastern ended its indoor season placing fourth in the Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference Indoor Championship last weekend. Illinois State won with 104 points, Wichita State was second with 101, Western Illinois was third with 75½ and EIU was fourth with 64 points in the 10-team event.

SONYA BROWN (Chicago-Dunbar) was second in the 60-yard dash (7.13). She broke the school record in the trials last Friday with a 7.03.

BARBRO HINES (South Holland-Thornridge) was third in the high jump clearing 5'7 3/4".

RENEE JOHNSON (Chicago-South Shore) broke a school record placing fourth in the 600-yard dash in 1:25.8.

MARGARET SMITH (Effingham-St. Anthony) won the 1000 yard run in a new school record time of 2:36.38.

GINA SPERRY (Litchfield) was second in the 3-mile with 16:25.0. She was also fourth in the 2-mile with a career-best 10:43.21.

GAIL STEPHENS (Evanston) was second in the 440-yard dash in a new school record time of 56.43. She was also second for the 300-yard dash with a 35.61 effort (FAT).