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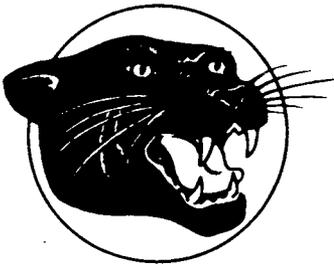
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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Nineteen swimmers will compete for Eastern Illinois University's Panthers in their title chase at the Association of Mid-Continent Universities conference meet.

The league meet will be held Thursday through Saturday (March 3-5) at the University of Illinois-Chicago in conjunction with the Midwest Swim Championship.

Southwest Missouri, the defending league champ, is the favorite as six of the eight AMCU teams, EIU, SWMS, Western Illinois, Valparaiso, UIC and Northern Iowa, are expected to compete.

Miguel Carrion (Ecuador) is the only returning conference champ in the 400 IM as the Panthers were second to Southwest Missouri's Bears last year.

"I don't know what we can do this year," said Coach Ray Padovan, "because for the first time in several years we have been hit with a lot of illness.

"Out of 19 swimmers, I'd say seven or eight will not be at their peak. They're out four or five days and then it takes another four or five more to recover so right now we are not swimming well."

Another problem facing EIU is that the Panthers have only competed once in the last month finishing last in the SIU-Carbondale Invitational.

EIU will also be swimming simultaneously in the Midwest Championship, an annual meet attracting top midwestern schools such as Notre Dame and defending champ Western Kentucky who do not have conference meets to attend. The Panthers also finished second in this meet last winter.

EIU swimmers and their main events are Robin Walker, Barry Rogers, Greg Freebeck and Jeff Novak, all in the middle distance freestyles; Mark Waks, Rob Gust, Kevin Malak, Steve Dempsey, Mark Davis and Jon Reitman, all in the sprint freestyles; Carrion, Steve Burggraff and Chuck Grall in the individual medleys; Craig Gaumer and Tom McKenna in the breaststroke; backstroker Greg Lanchester, butterflyer Todd Rudemeyer and divers Kurt Simons and Chris Hooley.