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Panther Sports News

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PREVIEWING THE WEEK (March 7-14)

- Wednesday, March 7 Women's Basketball hosts Indiana State (7:30, Lantz Gym)
- Thursday, March 8 Wrestling at NCAA National Championship (East Rutherford, NJ)
- Friday, March 9 Men's Basketball at AMCU-8 tournament (Springfield, MO)
Wrestling at NCAA National Championship
Men's and Women's Track at NCAA National Championship (Syracuse, NY)
- Saturday, March 10 Men's tennis hosts Western Illinois, Missouri-St. Louis (9:00)

REVIEWING THE WEEKEND (March 2-3)

MEN'S BASKETBALL: The Panthers split two games last week defeating Valparaiso, 84-79, and then losing in overtime to Southwest Missouri, 78-73. EIU is now 14-12 overall and tied with Western Illinois for fourth place in the AMCU-8 with a 6-7 record.

JON COLLINS (East St. Louis-Cahokia), sophomore forward, led the Panthers with 21 points in the SW Missouri loss. Collins is now averaging 18.5 points and needs just 41 to reach 521 which would be No. 5 on the single season scoring list. Jon is shooting 52.6% from the field, 80.8% from the line and averaging 3.6 rebounds per game.

VINCENT SMELTER (Macon, GA-Northeast), junior guard, poured in 15 points, four rebounds and two steals against Southwest Missouri. He has scored in double figures in three straight games. He is averaging 9.5 in 26 games and 11.5 in 13 league games, and is shooting 53.5% from the field.

DIRK ANDROFF (Decatur-Eisenhower), junior forward, had 10 points and a team high eight rebounds against SW Missouri, and has now hit in double figures in three straight games and is now averaging 4.4 points, 6.3 rebounds. He has also boosted his field goal percentage to an even 54%.

TIM WYSS (Cissna Park), sophomore forward/guard, only scored six points in the two games last week and his scoring average dropped to 11.4 overall. He is still tied with Kevin Duckworth, though, for No. 2 scorer on the team.

KEVIN DUCKWORTH (Dolton-Thornridge), sophomore center, had a tough week getting just seven points, five rebounds against Valparaiso and one point, one rebound against SW Missouri. Therefore his point and rebound average has dropped to 11.4 and 6.8, respectively, although he still leads the team in rebounding. He is shooting 59.2% from the field.

TROY RICHARDSON (Dolton-Thornridge), junior guard, scored 12 points against Southwest Missouri, and has now hit in double figures in six of the last eight games. He is scoring 8.5 per game and leads the team with 4.0 assists.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Southern Illinois downed Eastern 75-61 Saturday (Mar. 3) to maintain hold of first place in the Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference. Eastern remained in fifth place with a 9-7 league mark, 15-11 overall.

MELANIE HATFIELD (Lawrenceburg, IN), a sophomore guard, tallied an EIU record-tying 32 points against the Salukis as she converted six of eight free throws and 13 of 17 shots (.765) from the field. She also dished off two assists, made three steals and pulled down five rebounds.

TONI COLLINS (Lincoln-Jamaica-Sidell), a junior forward, found herself hemmed in by the taller Salukis, so Eastern's leading scorer looked for open teammates. Her efforts netted her a team-high six assists while she managed eight points of her own.

PAT HAMILTON (Decatur-Eisenhower), a freshman guard, sparked the Lady Panthers with nine first-half points, mostly as the result of drives to the basket.

MEN'S TRACK: The Panther track team turned in a good performance placing second in the AMCU-8 meet. Northern Iowa won with 70 points, EIU had 62, Southwest Missouri had 54, Western Illinois had 52 and Illinois-Chicago came in last with 13.

ANTHONY CLAY (Quincy), freshman jumper, scored the most points for the Panthers winning the high jump with a 6-6 leap and placing third in the long jump at 22-3 3/4.

RICK FRANCIS (Oakland) set an EIU varsity record winning the 35 lb. weight with a 53-2 1/4. He eclipsed his previous record of 51-11 set last week.

CHRIS JOHNSON (Peoria-Manual), freshman sprinter, won the 600 yard dash in 1:13.8, and then ran the 440 leg of the distance medley which placed second in 10:05.3. Johnson's 440 split in the relay was 51.7 seconds.

DREW GEISLER (Granite City-South), junior middle distance runner, had a good day placing third in the mile run in 4:15.99 and fourth in the 880 in 1:58. He also ran the mile anchor leg of the second place distance medley, and his split was 4:17.8.

DAN MATAS (Oak Park-River Forest), sophomore weightman, set an EIU shot put record for the fourth straight week. He threw the shot 54-3 3/4 and placed second, losing by just one inch to his twin brother Marion.

CLAUDE MAGEE (Clermont, FL), junior sprinter, won his specialty, the 60 yard dash in 6.29 seconds.

LARRY THOENNISSON (Morton), sophomore weightman, contributed to the team's success by placing third in the shot put in 50-0 feet even and fourth in the 35 lb. weight in 51-5 1/2 feet.

ROXY WOOD (Pekin), sophomore pole vaulter, had not practiced in two weeks due to an ankle injury but rebounded quickly to place second with a vault of 15-0 feet even.

CRAIG DEWALL (Forreaston), senior hurdler, took second in the 60 high hurdles in 7.66 seconds.

TOM LINDSAY (Palos Park-Sandburg), sophomore pole vaulter, took third in his event in 14-6 feet.

SCOTT PILLSBURY (Petersburg-Porta), junior distance runner, was third in the two-mile run in 9:12.55.

JEFF FITT (Orland Park-Andrews), freshman distance runner, was fourth in the 1000 run in 2:17.56.

MARK SMITH (Tuscola), freshman sprinter, ran the 600 dash in 1:13.5 to place fourth.

MEN'S SWIMMING: The Panthers were fifth in the nine-team Midwest Swimming Championship at Chicago Friday and Saturday. EIU had 370 points trailing Western Kentucky (564), Southwest Missouri (501), Eastern Kentucky (433) and Bradley (415).

ROBIN WALKER (Kankakee-Eastridge), senior freestyler, had the best day of any EIU swimmer placing third in the 500 free, fourth in the 1650 free and fifth in the 200 free.

GREG FREEBECK (South Holland-Thornwood), junior freestyler, successfully defended his 1650 championship by winning that event for the second straight year. He was one of just two EIU individual winners.

CHRIS HOOLEY (Rockford-Guilford), junior diver, won the one-meter diving Saturday at the Midwest Swimming Championship.