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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University swimmer Greg Lanchester (Carbondale) earned All-American honors to help pace the Panthers to sixth place in the NCAA II National Swimming Championship last weekend.

The Panthers scored 126 points, just one short of a fifth place tie. It was EIU's best finish since the 1975 squad was third. The top 12 swimmers place and earn All-American honors.

Lanchester, a freshman, qualified for All-American by swimming legs of two relay teams, the 400 and 800 freestyles, which finished 10th and 4th, respectively. The 800 free swam a school record 6:59.25.

"Greg did a fantastic job for us considering it was just his first year of collegiate competition.

"Besides earning All-American honors on the relay teams he swam lifetime bests in both the 100 and 200 backstroke . . . his 100 time was 55 seconds flat and he went 1:58.3 in the 200," said Coach Ray Padovan, who was chosen NCAA II National 'Coach of the Year'.

"He placed 14th in the 200 but I think more significant is that his time in that event was good enough to have placed last year."