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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University swimmer Ted Soltys (Elmhurst-York) 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.

Soltys, a junior, was 12th in the 100 freestyle in 47.53, and swam on all three All-American relays, the 400 and 800 freestyle and 400 medley.

"Ted was a key person because he was able to swim all three relays . . . the only one we had who accomplished this particular feat plus he placed in the 100 freestyle . . . he had a busy three days at nationals," said Coach Ray Padovan, who was chosen NCAA II National 'Coach of the Year'.