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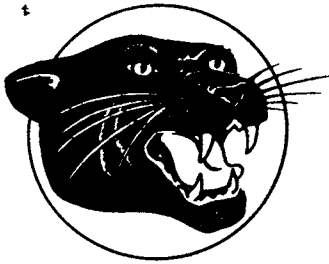
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Panther Sports News

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PREVIEWING THE WEEK (March 25-31)

Wednesday, March 25	Baseball at Gulf Coast Classic (Panama City, FL)
Thursday, March 26	SOFTBALL Hosts Grand Valley (2:00, Riley Field) Baseball at Gulf Coast Classic
Friday, March 27	Baseball at Gulf Coast Classic
Saturday, March 28	Baseball at Gulf Coast Classic Men's Tennis at Samford, Jefferson CC
Sunday, March 29	Baseball at Kentucky Wesleyan SOFTBALL Hosts St. Francis (10 a.m., Riley Field) Men's Tennis at Jefferson CC
Monday, March 30	Softball at Indiana State Men's Tennis at Sante Fe (FL) CC
Tuesday, March 31	Baseball at Missouri-St. Louis

REVIEWING THE WEEKEND (March 20-21)

Women's Basketball: The Panthers reached the final eight of the AIAW II National Tournament, bowing to No. 1 seeded William Penn, 73-53. The loss left EIU with a final record of 25-10, the most wins in school history and the furthest it had ever advanced in national competition. Prior to Saturday's season ending loss, EIU downed Colorado College, 77-69, behind Nancy Kassebaum's (Belleville-East) 23 points.

MEN'S SWIMMING: EIU concluded a spectacular season in the NCAA II National Championship, placing sixth, the highest finish since the 1975 third place team. Eight Panthers out of nine qualifiers earned All-American honors, eight school records were broken and Coach Ray Padovan was chosen 'National Coach of the Year' by his peers. Earning All-American honors were Tom Hussey (Charleston), Steve Boone (Charleston), Jim Hall (McHenry), Greg Lancaster (Carbondale), Ted Soltys (Elmhurst-York), Tim Bird (Evanston-Elk Grove), Dave Gibson (South Holland-Thornwood) and Mike Roessler (Lake Zurich-Arlington Heights).

BASEBALL: EIU opened the season by splitting a doubleheader with Evansville, winning the first game 15-3 and losing the nightcap 8-7. Ernie Cimo (Lockport-Joliet Catholic) had seven hits in the two games including a homer, double and two RBIs. Tim Pyznarski (Chicago-Marist) was three for seven with two doubles and two RBIs. Righthander Randy Weibel (Oconomowoc, WI-Triton JC) won the opener with a four hitter, striking out six and walking one. Freshman Brian Jones (Charleston) blasted a grand slam in the first game.

MEN'S TENNIS: The Panthers opened with three straight victories over Millikin (9-0), Evansville (5-4) and Missouri-St. Louis (8-1). Singles players winning all three matches were Rob Hopkins (Mokena-LincolnWay) at No. 4, E. J. Karsten (Glen Ellyn-Aurora Marmion Military) at No. 5 and Tim Buwick (Glen Ellyn-Glenbard South) at No. 6.