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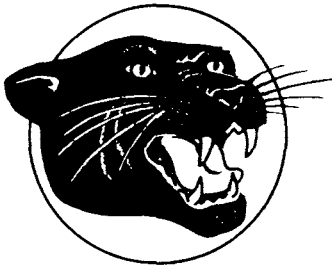
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Panther Sports News

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PREVIEWING THE WEEK (May 5-12)

Thursday, May 6

Men's Track at Mid-Continent Conference (Macomb)
Softball at AIAW II Midwest Regional (Edwardsville)
Golf at Mid-Continent Conference (Springfield, MO)

Friday, May 7

WOMEN'S TRACK hosts AIAW II State Championship (12:00 p.m.,
O'Brien Stadium)
Men's Track at Mid-Continent Conference
Softball at AIAW II Midwest Regional
Golf at Mid-Continent Conference
Tennis at Mid-Continent Conference (Springfield, MO)

Saturday, May 8

WOMEN'S TRACK hosts AIAW II State Championship (10:30 a.m.,
O'Brien Stadium)
Men's Track at Mid-Continent Conference
Softball at AIAW II Midwest Regional
Tennis at Mid-Continent Conference

REVIEWING THE WEEKEND (May 1-2)

BASEBALL: The Panthers NCAA tournament hopes suffered a damaging blow as EIU lost a 4-1 regular season finale to Illinois Wesleyan to close at 29-12. Tournament bids are not expected for two weeks. There are a maximum of 36 teams in the Division I tournament with 24 of those slots going to conference champs. EIU is an independent in the midwest region.

MEN'S TRACK: Dave Houston's (Granite City-South) second place finish in the 800 meter run highlighted EIU's fifth place in the Illinois Intercollegiate. Houston ran a 1:50.8, just a second off the school record. Paul James (Mahomet-Seymour) had his best discus toss of the season, a 172-8 for fourth place. Rick Francis (Oakland) finished sixth with a 153-8 in the hammer. Kevin Jones (Springfield Lanphier) was fifth with a 23-1½ in the long jump and Perry Edinger (Mattoon) was also fifth in the 3000 steeplechase in 9:03. Mpaka Fyneface (Nigeria) had a 52.2 400 hurdle time for fourth.

SOFTBALL: Nancy Kassebaum (Belleville-East) led the Panthers to the AIAW II State Championship at Quincy last weekend. The Panthers, 37-4 and winner of nine straight, shutout SIU-Edwardsville 2-0 for the title. EIU is the No. 1 seed for the Midwest Regional at Edwardsville this weekend. Kassebaum was named the Most Valuable Player at the regional. She batted .455 including a double and her third homer of the season. She stole her 22nd base and handled 19 chances without an error. The junior is a two-time all-stater. Other EIU all-state selections were Penny Berg (Dolton-Thornridge), Cindy Eggemeyer (Sparta), Kathy Richards (Pittsfield) and Kelly Waldrup (Coulterville). Richards earned her sixth straight shutout and lowered her ERA to 0.41. She has now thrown 43 consecutive shutout innings leading to her 18-1 record.