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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's wrestling team concluded its eighth straight winning season recently finishing with a 5-4 record under first year coach Ralph McCausland.

The Panthers were eighth in the NCAA Western Regional and qualified two wrestlers, Duane Clark at heavyweight and Mark Ruettiger at 126 lbs., for the national finals but did not score any team points.

Listed below are individual won-lost records and accomplishments for those wrestlers with over ten decisions:

MARK & BERNIE RUETTIGER (Joliet-Providence) were the leading wrestlers for the Panthers this winter Mark is a sophomore at 126 lbs. and Bernie is a senior at 142 . . . they each had 27 victories tying for team high . . . overall Mark was 27-13-0 with a team high eight pins, won the NCAA Western Regional and qualified for the NCAA National Championship but did not make weight therefore was ineligible to compete during the regular season he also won the Redskin Open, was second at the Michigan State Invitational and third in the Illinois Open . . . brother Bernie had a 27-11-0 record with five pins, took sixth in the regional, second in the Illinois Open and third in both the Michigan State and Southwest Missouri tournaments . . . he completed his four year career with an overall record of 47-28-3, two pins.

DUANE CLARK (Shell Rock, IA-Waldorf CC), senior heavyweight, had a 26-16 record with seven pins . . . he finished third in the NCAA Western Regional and qualified for the national finals where he had an 0-2 record . . . during the regular season he was second in the Michigan State, Illinois and Southwest Missouri tournaments . . . a juco transfer, he completed his career at EIU with a 44-22-0 record, nine pins.

PAT FLYNN (Round Lake), sophomore 118 lber., was 11-15 with three pins . . . his two year total is 13-19.

PAUL CYSEWSKI (Glenview-Glenbrook South), sophomore 126 lber., was 7-13 with one pin.

CHRIS MCFARLAND (East Chicago Heights-Bloom Trail), sophomore 150 lber., was 23-12 with one pin . . . during the regular season he won the Michigan State Invitational, took second in the Illinois Open and sixth in the Redskin Open.

KEVIN BEMENT (Cahokia), senior 158 lber., was 7-12 and did not place in any meets.

OZZIE PORTER (Chicago-Dunbar), sophomore 158 lber., was 17-16-2 with two pins and fifth place finish at the Illinois Open.

DAN NOLL (Galesburg), sophomore 177 lber., was 7-11 with two pins and fourth place in the Redskin Open during the regular season.

BRUCE HANSON (Carpentersville-Crown), sophomore 190 lber., was 13-22 with one pin and during the regular season had fifth place finishes at the Michigan State, Southwest Missouri and Miami (OH) tournaments.