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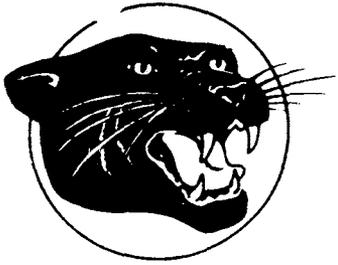
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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Even though there are no seniors on this year's team, the Eastern Illinois University golf Panthers may have their best team ever.

There's also no better time to prove it as they host the Mid-Continent championship on Monday and Tuesday, April 30-May 1, at the Mattoon Country Club. The season opens Friday, April 6, at the Cougar Classic in Edwardsville.

Brent Richardson (Charleston), a hometown sophomore who played one year at UCLA before transferring, is the No. 1 golfer. "He's the best match player I've had in the three years I've been here," says Kevin Anglin.

Richardson was fifth in the competitive Illinois Intercollegiate last fall, and second in the 18 team Indiana Central tournament. He averaged 74.8 in six fall meets.

No. 2 man, Brent Herrin (Harrisburg), one of just a couple returnees from last spring, shot 77.6 in fall meets. Ron Huffman (Carpentersville-Dundee), who missed last spring with mono, came back strong in the fall to earn the No. 3 spot. He was third in the Indiana Central tournament.

"Those three are assured the top spots . . . after that it's wide open," says Anglin. "We had the best fall season since I've been here and right now our whole objective is to win the league title.

"Since golf records have been kept here, dating back to 1935, the players have seen we've never finished higher than third in any league meet and they definitely want to improve on that.

"We are scheduling one match a week but allowing plenty of time to practice at home. With our talent and hosting the conference, if we're ever going to win it, this is the year.

"We'd also like to have two or three individuals in the top 10 and Richardson, Herrin and Huffman are the most likely," Anglin said. Freshman Clay Snyder (Champaign-Centennial)

was No. 4 in the fall and should remain in the top five, Anglin inferred. Dave Ransom (Carol Stream-Glenbard North) was No. 5 but will be pushed hard by several including Jim Jessen (Girard), who missed the fall season but was the Panthers No. 2 man in the conference meet two years ago as a freshman.

1984 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
April 6-7 (Fri.-Sat.)	Cougar Classic at Edwardsville
April 8-9 (Sun.-Mon.)	at Indianapolis Intercollegiate
April 16 (Mon.)	SIU-Carbondale at West Frankfort
April 30-May 1 (Mon.-Tues.)	MID-CONTINENT CHAMPIONSHIP at Mattoon CC

1984 ROSTER

NAME	YEAR	HOMETOWN
Brent Herrin	Jr.	Harrisburg
Ron Huffman	So.	Carpentersville (Dundee)
Jim Jessen	Jr.	Girard
Jay Lavick	Jr.	Godfrey (Alton Marquette)
Mitch Myers	So.	Argenta (A. - Oreana)
Dave Ransom	So.	Carol Stream (Glenbard North)
Brent Richardson	So.	Charleston (Taft, CT HS)
Clay Snyder	Fr.	Champaign (Centennial)
Doug Wilmert	Jr.	Lincoln (Gibson City)
Mike Wollam	Fr.	Crystal Lake (South)