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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--With the regular season behind it, Eastern Illinois University's baseball team plays a waiting game for a possible berth in the NCAA II tournament.

The Panthers, 29-11, are "one of five or six teams under consideration" for a tournament spot, says head coach Tom McDevitt.

Selections are expected to be announced by next Monday (May 11).

EIU won 12 of its last 14 games behind a record-setting offensive attack that had a team batting average of .359 with 42 homers.

"One of the things I'm most pleased about is that we made good contact . . . our strikeout to at-bats ratio is the lowest since I've been coaching," said the fourth year head mentor.

All-American Tim Pyznarski (Chicago Ridge-Marist) set season and career records for batting average (.496 and .391), home runs (18 and 32), runs batted in (68 and 146), hits (66 and 150) and runs (58 and 114).

Matt Cimo (Lockport-Joliet Catholic), playing in Pyznarski's shadow, also had a remarkable season hitting .437 with eight homers and 40 RBIs.

Freshman Kevin Seitzer (Lincoln) was the third starter over .400 at .420. He also had the fewest strikeouts, nine, of any regular. Righthanded pitcher Lenny Lundberg (Palos Hills-Stagg), a four year letterman, developed into a reliable starter after serving as a reliever for most of his career.

Lundberg appeared in over 1/3 of the games with an 8-3 record and 3.39 ERA. He pitched a team high 61 innings.

"We executed very well the last few games . . . if we're fortunate enough to get a bid, I'd like to think we'd enter the tournament clicking on all cylinders.

"I'm a little concerned because there's a two-week layoff before the regionals but you never know . . . it might work to our advantage because there has been little break

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since the season started back in March," McDevitt said.

The NCAA II World Series is held May 23-27 at Riverside, CA.

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY 1981 VARSITY BASEBALL STATISTICS (29-11)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>FDG</u>
Tim Pyznarski, 3b-of	.496	40	133	58	66	9	2	18	68	10	23	13	34	43	16	.828
Matt Cimo, of	.437	40	135	39	59	8	0	8	40	13	18	11	62	3	0	1.000
Kevin Seitzer, of-3b	.420	40	131	49	55	7	2	1	23	9	27	8	29	23	6	.896
Gordon Smith, lb	.367	40	120	37	44	4	1	3	34	12	24	4	312	15	3	.991
Rich Lambert, of	.275	29	80	18	22	8	1	2	17	12	6	4	18	0	3	.857
Jeff Yocum, c	.375	39	96	12	36	6	1	1	20	10	23	1	216	19	3	.987
Rich Koenig, dh	.265	35	98	18	26	2	1	5	19	18	16	1	0	0	0	---
Brian Jones, ss	.295	37	112	22	33	2	0	2	24	12	6	3	44	77	14	.896
Tom Detmer, Of-2b	.316	36	117	35	37	6	1	1	18	10	18	6	67	55	10	.924
Brian Dillard, 2b-of	.289	28	38	21	11	0	1	1	4	10	1	12	13	14	0	1.000
Jim Workman, 2b	.088	15	34	5	3	0	0	0	3	6	0	1	11	36	8	.854
Neal Bertram, dh-ss	.407	13	27	5	11	1	1	0	4	5	2	0	9	5	2	.875
Brad Yakos, c	.428	4	7	2	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	8	1	0	1.000
Steve French, dh	.000	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	---
Others	---	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	15	70	2	---
EIU TOTALS	.359	40	1130	322	406	54	11	42	277	128	165	64	838	361	67	.947
OPPONENTS	.263	40	1088	179	286	48	9	35	154	209	123	34	788	344	82	.932

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>
Randy Weibel, rh	3.65	11	8	5	0	1	6	1	56 2/3	48	31	23	28	54
Elliott Skorupa, rh	3.89	11	8	2	2	0	4	2	39 1/3	42	24	17	28	29
Lenny Lundberg, rh	3.39	15	6	4	1	1	8	3	61	51	31	23	25	54
Bill Morton, lh	6.46	9	6	2	0	1	2	2	30 2/3	43	32	22	10	22
Gerry Schlechte, rh	2.17	10	4	3	1	1	3	0	29	26	11	7	14	20
Bill Law, rh	6.81	8	6	1	0	0	4	2	35 2/3	51	34	27	6	14
Marshall Crutcher, rh	3.46	7	2	2	0	0	2	1	26	24	14	10	10	16
Paul Saikia, rh	18.00	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	0
EIU TOTALS	4.22	40	40	19	4	4	29	11	279 1/3	286	179	131	123	209
OPPONENTS	8.39	40	40	13	0	2	11	29	262 2/3	406	322	245	165	128