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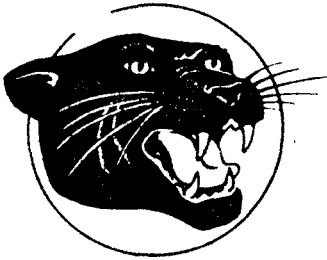
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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's baseball Panthers close their home season with a pair of doubleheaders with Indiana State-Evansville Saturday and Sunday (April 30-May 1). Game times are 1 p.m.

EIU has won nine of its last 12 games to boost its record to 17-10. Included in that streak are two wins in three games this week against Illinois and Southern Illinois-Carbondale.

Kevin Seitzer (Lincoln) continues to lead the team with a .400 average but he pulled a hamstring against Illinois, missed the SIU-C doubleheader and is listed as doubtful for the ISU-E series.

Seitzer is one of seven regulars hitting over .300 as the Panthers team batting mark is .338. The single season team best is .341 back in 1981.

Troy Harper (Fox Lake-Grant/Lake County CC) is the slugging leader with six homers and 23 RBIs. Neal Bertram (Crystal Lake) is also near the top of every offensive category. He's hitting .375 and leads the team with 36 hits and 10 doubles plus is second to Harper with four homers and 21 RBIs.

Coach Tom McDevitt, who has lost two starting pitchers, Kevin Gordon (Morris) and Mick Freed (Lexington), to injuries, has received good performances from some underclassmen.

Dave McWhorter (Libertyville) did not gain the victory in a 3-2 win over the Illini but pitched 6 1-3 innings and allowed only the two runs. Then freshmen Paul Skorupa (Barrington) and Mike Steinkamp (Lincoln) combined to blank SIU-C 9-0.

"Our younger people have really picked up up . . . they came through with some clutch performances against good ball clubs," said McDevitt. "I feel like we've got some depth on our ball club . . . and not just with the pitching staff.

"Steve Hall missed a series and we moved Bertram to second, and with Seitzer out Harper has taken over at third base with a pitcher, Kevin Smith, doing a creditable job in the outfield. This is the most versatile team I've had."

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY 1983 BASEBALL STATISTICS (17-10)

<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>
Kevin Seitzer, 3b	.400	25	85	24	34	8	2	2	19	4	14	3	13	44	9	.864
Troy Harper, cf	.356	27	87	25	31	3	1	6	23	14	19	-	48	2	2	.962
Jeff Yocum, 1b-c	.330	27	88	14	29	3	-	3	21	8	13	4	177	11	5	.974
Brian Jones, ss	.337	27	95	29	32	6	1	4	17	10	11	3	34	47	14	.853
Steve Hall, 2b	.375	23	88	22	33	4	2	1	12	10	5	3	28	37	5	.929
Neal Bertram, rf	.375	27	96	18	36	10	2	4	21	11	3	-	46	3	1	.980
Brian Dillard, lf	.219	18	32	11	7	-	-	1	3	6	3	6	19	2	-	1.000
Bob Schlechte, lb	.253	26	87	15	22	5	1	2	16	14	9	-	69	2	-	1.000
Tim Torricelli, c	.329	26	73	12	24	2	-	4	13	14	14	-	76	2	5	.940
Steve French, of	.484	16	31	9	15	2	-	-	7	6	4	-	12	-	1	.923
Don Stephens, if	.000	3	3	4	0	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	4	-	-	1.000
Kevin Smith, lf	.263	13	38	7	10	1	-	-	2	5	4	-	15	-	1	.625
Dan Hickey	.000	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	.000	1	2	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	15	2	.958
EIU TOTALS	.338	27	807	192	273	44	9	27	154	103	100	20	572	165	45	.942
OPPONENT TOTALS	.252	27	815	143	205	22	6	23	130	121	96	21	567	163	50	.936

<u>PITCHERS</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>
Kevin Gordon, rh	6.54	5	5	1	-	-	2	2	22	24	25	16	18	16
Marshall Crutcher, rh	5.70	7	7	2	1	1	2	4	36 1/3	36	34	23	8	10
Mick Freed, rh	2.25	5	4	1	-	-	2	1	24	31	8	6	6	13
Bill Morton, lf	3.63	6	-	-	-	1	4	1	27 1/3	19	14	11	23	22
Dave McWhorter, rh	10.80	4	2	-	-	-	0	1	10	12	14	12	8	6
Bob Schlechte, rh	30.00	1	-	-	-	-	0	0	2/3	2	2	2	-	1
Mike Steinkamp, rh	2.73	3	2	-	-	-	0	0	6 2/3	7	5	3	6	3
Kevin Smith, lh	3.70	2	2	1	-	-	2	0	17	13	8	7	8	22
Jim Wilkins, rh	9.00	6	-	-	-	-	0	0	12	21	13	12	4	6
Paul Skorupa, rh	4.42	4	3	1	-	-	3	1	16 1/3	16	11	8	9	9
Sam Light, rh	0.00	3	-	-	-	1	1	0	10 1/3	11	3	-	2	6
Mark Daugherty, lh	4.50	3	2	1	-	-	1	0	8	13	6	4	4	7
EIU TOTALS	4.91	27	27	8	1	3	17	10	190 2/3	205	143	104	96	121
OPPONENT TOTALS	6.57	27	27	5	-	-	10	17	189	273	192	138	100	103

SEASON SUMMARY

HOME: 9-3
 AWAY: 8-7
 NCAA I: 13-9
 NCAA II: 2-1
 NCAA III: 2-0

GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

<u>EIU</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>PITCHERS OF RECORD</u>
W 11	2 Indiana (A) I	Kevin Gordon (1-0)
W 12	7 Indiana (A) I	Bill Morton (1-0)
W 6	4 Arkansas State (A) I	Bill Morton (2-0)
W 9	2 Arkansas State (A) I	Mick Freed (1-0)
W 17	9 Arkansas State (A) I	Paul Skorupa (1-0)
L 4	9 Memphis State (A) I	Kevin Gordon (1-1)
W 2	0 Memphis State (A) I	Marshall Crutcher (1-0)
L 5	6 Memphis State (A) I	Mick Freed (1-1)
W 5	3 Memphis State (A) I	Bill Morton (3-0)
L 1	10 Memphis State (A) I	Paul Skorupa (1-1)
L 3	9 Memphis State (A) I	Dave McWhorter (0-1)
L 2	6 Murray State (A) I	Kevin Gordon (1-2)
W 7	5 Illinois State (A) I	Mick Freed (2-1)
L 6	9 Illinois State (A) I	Marshall Crutcher (1-1)
L 3	9 Illinois (A) I	Marshall Crutcher (1-2)
W 2	1 SIU-Edwardsville (H) II	Bill Morton (4-0)
W 4	1 SIU-Edwardsville (H) II	Marshall Crutcher (2-2)
L 3	6 SIU-Edwardsville (H) II	Bill Morton (4-1)
W 18	3 Rose-Hulman (H) III	Mark Daugherty (1-0)
W 8	3 Rose-Hulman (H) III	Kevin Smith (1-0)
L 4	7 Western Illinois (H) I	Marshall Crutcher (2-3)
W 26	5 Western Illinois (H) I	Paul Skorupa (2-1)
W 11	9 Western Illinois (H) I	Sam Light (1-0)
W 6	3 Western Illinois (H) I	Kevin Smith (2-0)
W 3	2 Illinois (H) I	Kevin Gordon (2-2)
L 5	13 SIU-Carbondale (H) I	Marshall Crutcher (2-4)
W 9	0 SIU-Carbondale (H) I	Paul Skorupa (3-1)