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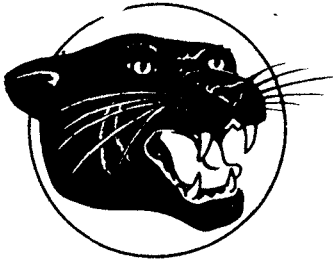
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Panther Sports News

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PREVIEWING THE WEEK (Sept. 5-12)

- Wednesday, Sept. 5 VOLLEYBALL hosts Illinois (7:30, Lantz Gym)
- Friday, Sept. 7 Women's Cross Country at Western Illinois
Soccer at Wis-Green Bay Tournament
Volleyball at Memphis State Tournament
- Saturday, Sept. 8 Football at Indiana State (1:30 CDT)
Soccer at Wis-Green Bay Tournament
Volleyball at Memphis State Tournament
- Wednesday, Sept. 12 VOLLEYBALL hosts St. Louis University (7:00, Lantz)

REVIEWING THE WEEKEND (Sept. 1)

FOOTBALL: The Panthers opened with a 35-9 victory over Grand Valley State in Allendale, MI. EIU had 404 total offense compared to just 207 for the Lakers and only turned the ball over one time.

TOM MOSKAL (Lake Zurich), junior defensive tackle, was the defensive 'player of the game' getting five solo tackles, seven assisted tackles including 2½ QB sacks and two tackles for loss.

SEAN PAYTON (Naperville-Central), sophomore quarterback, was chosen the offensive 'back of the game' by competing 21-31 passes for 325 yards and three TD passes of 17, 71 and 73 yards . . . he threw no interceptions completing 67.7% of his passes.

DEL PITTMAN (Valparaiso, IN), junior offensive tackle, was picked the offensive 'lineman of the game' . . . Pittman graded the highest of any lineman "and played the most consistent," said offensive coordinator Joel Swisher.

ROB DEVITA (Wheaton-Central), sophomore linebacker, was the 'backer of the game' . . . playing inside he had five solo tackles, eight assisted tackles including a quarterback sack . . . he did not start but was inserted in the first quarter when veteran Dave Ferguson was ejected from the game.

JAMES BOYD (Santa Ana, CA-Santa Ana CC), junior cornerback, was the secondary 'player of the game' by getting a pass interception which he returned 33 yards, broke up a pass that saved a touchdown and had four tackles . . . a JC transfer, it was his first starting assignment.

EVAN ARAPOSTATHIS (Mesa, AZ-Helix/Grossmount CC) was the specialty 'player of the game' . . . he punted five times, several into the wind, averaging 36.8 yards, and booted all six kickoffs into the endzone.

BERNARD HOLLAND (Olympia Fields-Thornwood), freshman halfback, started his first collegiate game . . . he rushed 11 times for 39 yards and scored a three yard TD run . . . he also caught three passes for 33 yards.

BARRY GRAVENHORST (Effingham), freshman cornerback/kick returner, returned two kickoffs for 41 yards, the longest a 23 yarder . . . he also had two assisted tackles.

RANDY HARMS (Gurnee-Warren), senior defensive end, started his first game after sitting out the past two years . . . he had three solo tackles, five assisted tackles, two tackles for loss and teamed on a quarterback sack.

PETE SCHAUB (Lisle-Benet), sophomore nose guard, started his first collegiate game and had three solo tackles, five assisted tackles, 1½ QB sacks, two tackles for loss.

DERICK WILHELMS (Freeport), freshman linebacker, played in a reserve role at an inside position and had one solo tackle, 5½ assisted tackles and shared a quarterback sack with a teammate.

VOLLEYBALL: EIU opened up its season Saturday night by defeating Wisconsin 15-8, 15-13, 15-10 at Madison. The Lady Panthers avenged an opening match loss to the Badgers a year ago. As a team, the Lady Panthers registered an impressive .300 attack percentage. "It was a real good team effort for the first outing of the season," stated head coach Betty Ralston. "We played a lot of people and our youngsters got a lot of playing time--which to me was the most important part of the match."

GRETCHEN BRAKER (Matteson-Rich Central), senior co-captain and setter, tallied seven kills and 19 assists against the Badgers. "She was instrumental in setting up the crucial points of the match," said Ralston.

MAURA LEFEVOUR (Oak Park-Oak Park-River Forest), sophomore middle blocker-outside hitter, was credited with 11 kills and two errors in 20 attempts for a .450 attack percentage.

DIANE EISERMAN (Libertyville), freshman middle blocker, had six kills for a .500 attack percentage in her first collegiate match.

APRIL DEER (Morton-East Peoria), junior setter, had 16 assists to go along with Braker's 19 in her first match for EIU. Deer is a junior college transfer from Illinois Central College.

DONNA UHLER (Glen Ellyn-Benet Academy), senior co-captain and middle/blocker-outside hitter, had 11 kills and "provided important leadership on the court," said Ralston.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: The alumni defeated the varsity, 24-34, in an Open meet as the cross country season commenced Saturday. Former EIU All-American Mike Larson won in 21:04.4.

NICK WHITESIDE (Mt. Vernon), senior, captured third place to lead the varsity. Whiteside, a two-time letter winner, covered the four-mile course in 21:41.1.

BRUCE DERUNTZ (Granite City North-Spoon River), senior, took fifth place in 21:50.5. "I thought DeRuntz was a big surprise," said coach Tom Akers. "I'm very pleased with the way he's performing, working out and obviously competing."

The race came five days after the Panthers began practice. "We definitely did not take it easy," Akers said of the pre-meet workouts. "Some people are able to run better when they're tired, like Whiteside and DeRuntz."

MITCH MCCLURE (Paxton/Parkland), senior, was seventh in 22:06.2. "I thought McClure ran a super race," said Akers. "Mitch went out very conservatively and, at the two-mile, started to pass people and move up."

AARON SHEPLEY (Crystal Lake), senior, placed ninth in 22:18.0. Shepley is a two-time letter winner.

DALE RIGHTER (Mattoon), freshman, may have been the biggest surprise. A walk-on, Righter took ninth place in 22:26.7. "He did a super job for us," Akers said.