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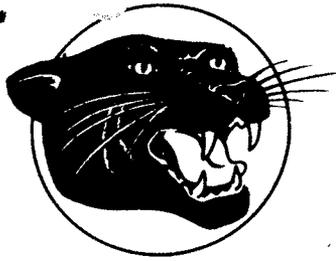
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Panther Sports News

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PREVIEWING THE WEEK (Sept. 12-19)

- Wednesday, Sept. 12 VOLLEYBALL hosts St. Louis University (7:00, Lantz Gym)
- Friday, Sept. 14 Volleyball at Southern Illinois Tournament
Men's Cross Country at Purdue
- Saturday, Sept. 15 FOOTBALL hosts Northeast Missouri (1:30, O'Brien Stadium)
Soccer at Cleveland State
Volleyball at Southern Illinois Tournament
Women's Cross Country at Ball State Invitational
- Tuesday, Sept. 18 Women's Tennis at Sangamon State
- Wednesday, Sept. 19 SOCCER hosts MacMurray College (3:00, Lakeside Field)

REVIEWING THE WEEKEND (Sept. 7-8)

FOOTBALL: The Panthers lost, 24-17, to nationally ranked Indiana State dropping to 1-1. The game was tied at 10-10 and 17-17 and EIU was driving for another tie when Sean Payton's pass was intercepted at the ISU 5 yard line with 1:04 left in the game. Eastern had 397 yards total offense, 323 of it passing, as Payton tied school records by completing 32 of 56 attempts with only two interceptions. He threw two TD passes of 7 and 54 yards to Jerry Wright who caught 12 for 169 yards.

JERRY WRIGHT (Chicago-Collins), senior wide receiver, was the offensive 'player of the week' after catching 12 passes for 169 yards and two TDs on passes of 7 and 54 yards . . . this season Wright has now caught 21 passes for 272 yards . . . his 12 catches Saturday ties for the third best single game effort . . . it was the sixth time he has gone over the 100 yard mark in a single game.

DAN FALLON (Crystal Lake-Grant), senior strong safety, was the defensive 'player of the week' . . . he had three solo tackles, 12 assisted tackles, a forced fumble and tipped a pass that resulted in an interception . . . he is second on the team in total tackles with 24, six solos and 18 assists.

STEVE BONNES (Waukegan-West), sophomore offensive tackle, was the 'lineman of the week' . . . "Steve started his first game as an offensive lineman and was the most consistent in regard to both run and pass blocking," said offensive coordinator Joel Swisher . . . "and he accomplished this against one of the best defensive lines we'll see this fall."

SEAN PAYTON (Naperville-Central), sophomore quarterback, tied a school record for both pass completions and attempts by connecting on 32 of 56 with just two interceptions for 323 yards and TD passes of seven and 54 yards . . . he tied Jeff Christensen's 1981 mark of 32 completions which had also come against Indiana State . . . the previous 56 pass attempts was by Ron Gustafson in 1970 against Central Michigan . . . for the season Payton has completed 53-87-2 with 648 yards, 60.9% completion percentage, and five TDs.

TOM MOSKAL (Lake Zurich), junior defensive tackle, was the defensive 'lineman of the week' . . . he had a tackle for loss, seven assisted tackles and intercepted a pass . . . for the season Moskal has been in on 20 tackles, 2½ QB sacks, and three tackles for loss.

TYRONE CONVINGTON (Chicago-Morgan Park), senior linebacker, was picked the 'backer of the week' . . . he got four solo and 13 assisted tackles and recovered a fumble that stopped a potential ISU scoring drive late in the fourth quarter . . . Covington leads the team with 30 total tackles, six solos and 24 assists . . . he also has recovered two fumbles.

BERNARD HOLLAND (Olympia Fields-Thornwood), freshman halfback, was the starting halfback as the Panthers went to a single back alignment . . . he rushed 11 times for 37 yards and caught one pass for four yards . . . he's the team's leading rusher with 76 yards in two games.

CALVIN PIERCE (Robbins-Oak Lawn Richards), sophomore fullback, ran twice for 21 yards bringing his season totals to nine carries for 67 yards and no TDs.

ROY BANKS (Detroit, MI-King), sophomore wide receiver, caught five passes for 50 yards . . . the longest was 21 yards . . . for the season he ranks second on the team with 12 catches for 229 yards and three TDs.

JIM SCHMIDT (DeKalb), senior wide receiver, caught five passes for 46 yards . . . 13 yards was the longest . . . those were his first receptions of the season . . . since the Panthers have gone with three wide receivers it is likely he will start at either a flanker or slot position.

ERIC LANDSTROM (Wheaton-Central), freshman defensive back, returned two kick-offs for 49 yards, the first going 37 yards and the next for 12 yards.

BARRY GRAVENHORST (Effingham), freshman defensive back, returned one kickoff for 14 yards . . . he now has returned three for 55, an 18.3 yard average.

REGGIE DREW (Mascoutah-Triton JC), senior free safety, had three solo tackles and 11 assisted tackles . . . for the season he has five solos, 16 assists and one forced fumble.

DAVE FERGURSON (Alton), senior linebacker, had two solo tackles including one for a loss and eight assisted tackles . . . those were his first statistics of the season since he missed most of the first game due to being ejected in the first quarter.

VOLLEYBALL: EIU, 3-3 on the season, finished third this weekend at the Memphis State University Tournament. EIU defeated Montevallo (Ala.) (15-4, 15-6, 13-15, 15-7) and St. Louis University (15-7, 15-6, 15-12) Friday in pool-play. Those two wins assured the Lady Panthers a berth in Saturday's semi-finals. EIU, however, ran into a buzz saw on Saturday as the Lady Panthers were defeated 10-15, 13-15, 9-15 by Mississippi. The Lady Rebels registered 21 service aces to offset EIU's very respectable .250 attack percentage. EIU met the host Memphis State in the semi-finals and the Lady Tigers won 15-9, 13-15, 15-7, 15-8. "Overall, I'm pretty pleased with the way we played this weekend," stated head coach Betty Ralston. "Memphis State and Mississippi are both excellent teams. I feel if we could've played more to our potential, we could've beaten them. We will get another shot at Mississippi next weekend at the Southern Illinois Tournament." EIU lost its home-opener to Illinois (1-15, 4-15, 4-15) Wednesday night.

DONNA UHLER (Glen Ellyn/Benet Academy), senior co-captain and middle blocker-outside hitter, had a .448 attack percentage against Montevallo. She had 14 kills, one error in 29 attempts. Uhler also was the team leader against Mississippi with a .333 attack percentage (eight kills, one error in 21 attempts).

GRETCHEN BRAKER (Matteson/Rich Central), senior co-captain setter, had 27 assists and 14 digs against Montevallo. She also was credited with 20 assists against St. Louis and 25 against Memphis State. "She was a very consistent player throughout the tournament," said Ralston.

MAURA LEFEVOUR (Oak Park/Oak Park-River Forest), sophomore middle blocker/outside hitter, led the team with a .500 attack percentage (14 kills, three errors in 22 attempts) in the win against Montevallo. She also had nine kills against St. Louis and a team-high 14 against Memphis State.

JUDY PLANOS (Evanston), junior outside hitter, had 10 kills, two errors in 19 attempts (.421) in the win against Montevallo. She had 10 digs versus Memphis State.

APRIL DEER (Morton/East Peoria), junior setter, had 16 assists against Montevallo. She was also credited with 14 assists against St. Louis and five kills, one error in nine attempts against Memphis State.

LORI BERGER (Henry), junior middle blocker, six kills and one error in seven attempts against St. Louis. She also had seven digs.

JEANNE PACIONE (Wheeling), freshman setter/middle blocker, registered six kills and zero errors in nine attempts (.667) in the three-game win against St. Louis.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: EIU opened its season Friday with a 15-48 loss to GCAC rival Western Illinois at Macomb. Western's Patty Murray took top honors running the 5,000 meter course in 18:39. "We are exactly where we should be at this time," stated acting head coach Dan Lowery. (EIU head coach John Craft is on sabbatical.) "We have been practicing for only two weeks whereas Western has been together for six weeks. Our girls ran as tough as they could. They kept close together and ran competitively. For the first 3,000 meters, we were right in the money. However, Western knew the course and blew us away on the hills." The Lady Panthers are at the Ball State Invitational Saturday, Sept. 15.

ANNE OGLE (Quincy), a junior, finished a team-high seventh with a time of 19:42. "Anne is definitely our toughest runner. She has that hungry look about her that means she always wants to win," stated Lowery.

JANINE JARRIS (St. Charles), a sophomore, placed eighth with a time of 19:46. "She entrenched herself as the number two runner on the team," stated Lowery.

ERIN HEALY (Chicago/St. Benedict), a junior, ran a career-best 19:56 and placed 10th. Her previous best was a 19:58 at the GCAC Championships a year ago.

TERESA PAUL (Aledo), a sophomore, placed 11th by finishing the 5,000 meter course in a time of 20:09.

SOCCER: The Panthers won the Wis-Green Bay tournament by defeating a club team from the University of Minnesota, 3-0, and then downing the host Phoenix, 1-0, for the championship. Since the win over Minnesota does not count in the records, the Panthers have a 1-1 record.

NEIL SWINDELLS (Manchester, England), junior forward, scored the lone goal against Green Bay on an indirect free kick.