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CHARLESTON, IL--Three Eastern Illinois University baseball players who led the Panthers to second place in the NCAA II World Series have been assigned to minor league clubs following their selection in the recent Major League Amateur Draft.

Tim Pyznarski (Chicago-Marist), a first round selection and the 15th player chosen, was signed by the Oakland A's and will report to West Haven (NY) in the Class AA Eastern League.

A First Team All-American, Pyznarski was drafted higher than any EIU athlete ever in any sport. He hit .443 this season setting 12 individual and career records.

Righthanded hurler Randy Weibel (Oconomowoc, WI-Triton JC) was chosen in the 25th round by the Minnesota Twins and sent to Wisconsin Rapids, a Midwest League Class A team.

Weibel had an 8-3 record, striking out 70 in 78 innings and earning NCAA II All-District honors.

Elliott Skorupa (Barrington) was taken by the Montreal Expos in the 36th round and sent to Jamestown in the Class A New York-Pennsylvania League. He was 5-2 for the Panthers with a 4.25 ERA this season.

With the signing of these three, EIU now has six active players in organized baseball. Pat Rooney (Arlington Heights-St. Viator) is an outfielder with Denver, Montreal's AAA farm team in the American Association; Ken Westray (Clinton) is pitching for Montreal's West Palm Beach team in the Florida State League; and catcher Marty Pulley (Carbondale) is with Toronto's Class A farm club in the Carolina League.