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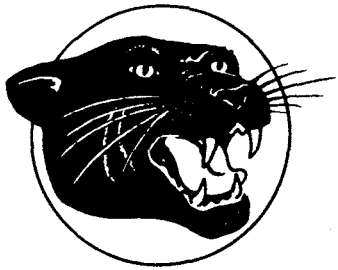
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CHARLESTON, IL--Four sport standout Mick Freed of Lexington High School has signed a baseball scholarship to attend Eastern Illinois University, head coach Tom McDevitt announced.

Freed pitched Lexington to the Class A sectional final by compiling an 8-1 record with 82 strikeouts in 54 innings and an ERA of 1.93.

"The most amazing thing about Mick's pitching," said Lexington coach Ed Heineman, "is that he had just 17 walks in two seasons. He also was our leading hitter as a freshman, sophomore and junior."

He hurled a no-hitter against Chenoa last season and holds school records for most strikeouts, wins, innings pitched, home runs and runs batted in.

In 1979 he batted .448 and this past spring hit .441. His only pitching loss this year was 3-2 against Joliet Central, a Class AA school.

Recently he was the winning pitcher in the Bloomington Pantagraph's Area-Intercity All-Star game. Freed hurled three hitless innings as the area won 7-1.

"It's obvious we would like for Mick to be able to help us both as a pitcher and hitter but we recruited him primarily for pitching . . . that's where I think most of his potential lies," said McDevitt, who recently directed EIU to second place in the NCAA II World Series with a 36-14 record.

However, this was Eastern's last season in Division II as the entire Panther athletic program will advance to Division I except for football which will be aligned with NCAA I-AA.