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# Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL (April 29, 1987)--Three Eastern Illinois University athletes have been honored for their accomplishments in their respective sports last week.

Junior **JIM MATON (SHELBYVILLE)** has been named Association of Mid-Continent Universities Conference track and field athlete of the week after capturing third place in the 800-meter run at the Drake Relays last weekend in a school-record time of 1:47.90. Maton, runner-up at the NCAA National Indoor Championship in the 800, also qualified for the outdoor championship on June 4-6 at Baton Rouge, LA with his performance.

Senior **MIKE ROONEY (ARLINGTON HEIGHTS-ST. VIATOR)** was selected as AMCU-8 baseball player of the week for the second straight time as he had seven hits in 13 at-bats (.538) in the Panthers' four-game sweep over Northern Iowa last weekend. Rooney, who led the squad with 40 runs batted in after 40 games and second with 10 home runs, had three doubles and seven RBIs against Northern Iowa.

Senior **VALETA STRICKLAND (CHICAGO-SOUTH SHORE)** has been chosen as Gateway Conference track and field athlete of the week after she took fourth place in the shot put at the Drake Relays with a school-record toss of 49-5.