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Panther Sports News

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PREVIEWING THE WEEK (APRIL 29-MAY 6)

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- Wednesday, April 29 Baseball at Illinois
- Friday, May 1 **MEN'S TENNIS HOSTS PRINCIPIA (3:00, WELLER COURTS)**
Softball at Wichita State
Men's Track at AMCU-8 Conference Championship (Macomb)
Women's Tennis at Gateway Conference Meet (Cedar Falls)
- Saturday, May 2 Baseball at Southern Illinois-Edwardsville
Softball at Southwest Missouri
Women's Track at Becky Boone Relays (Richmond, KY)
Men's Track at AMCU-8 Conference Championship (Macomb)
Women's Tennis at Gateway Conference Meet (Cedar Falls)
- Sunday, May 3 **BASEBALL HOSTS SOUTHERN ILLINOIS-EDWARDSVILLE**
(1:00, MONIER FIELD)

REVIEWING THE WEEKEND (APRIL 25-26)

BASEBALL

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS: The Panthers clinched a spot in the AMCU-8 Conference postseason playoffs by sweeping a four-game series from conference foe Northern Iowa. The playoffs will be held May 8-10 in Chicago. EIU is now in sole possession of first place in the Gray Division of the AMCU-8 with a 9-3 record. . . EIU lost a 15-12 decision in 12 innings to Illinois earlier in the week. . . the Panthers are 24-17-1 overall.

UPCOMING GAMES: EIU hosts St. Louis University (April 28) in a 1 p.m. double-header. The Panthers travel to Illinois for a 1 p.m. double-header Wednesday (April 29). After playing a 1 p.m. twin-bill at Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Saturday (May 2), EIU will host the Cougars in a 1 p.m. double-header on Sunday (May 3).

COACH TOM McDEVITT SAYS: "This definitely was nice weekend. Our pitching was improved and we stil continued to hit well, so that was a nice combination at the right time. We'll still need to pitch more consistently if we're to do anything in the conference tournament but our chances are as a good as anyone. We still have a couple weeks to work on cutting down on some little mistakes but I'm happy with the sweep."

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS (BUFFALO GROVE): TIM BOGAR, a sophomore shortstop, leads the team in hitting with a .401 average. He also leads the team in home runs with 12. Bogar drove in five runs, two coming on an inside-the-park homer, in a four-game sweep of conference-foe Northern Iowa. He has 36 RBIs on the season.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS (ST. VIATOR): MIKE ROONEY, a senior center fielder, is batting .358 and is second on the team with 10 homers. Rooney leads the team with 40 RBIs in 40 games after a nine-RBI performance in a four-game sweep of Northern Iowa. He was 7-13 this weekend with three doubles.

DANVILLE (OLNEY CC): SHANNON COPPELL, a junior rightfielder, is hitting .370 with a team-high 14 steals in 18 attempts. He has seven homers, 12 doubles and 36 RBIs.

JOLIET (CATHOLIC): RICK STERIOTI, a senior second baseman, is second on the team in hitting with a .398 average. He leads the team with 49 runs scored in just 41 games. He also has five stolen bases.

METAMORA: DAN HARGIS, a freshman catcher, is batting .327 in 27 games. Hargis hit a solo home run, his third of the year, in the Panthers' 9-6 victory over Northern Iowa on April 25.

SILVIS (EAST MOLINE UNITED): DANA LEIBOVITZ, a freshman leftfielder, leads the team with 15 doubles and is batting .268. He hit two home runs in a four-game series with Northern Iowa, upping his total to four on the year.

GLENVIEW (MAINE EAST): JIM PRIMS, a senior relief pitcher, leads the team with a 6-1 record and has compiled a 4.50 ERA. He has appeared in 16 games, most on the club, and all but one have been in relief. He also has two saves.

HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR: ERIC HILLMAN, a junior left-handed pitcher, struck out 11 in a 9-6 complete-game victory over Northern Iowa Saturday to boost his record to 4-3. He leads the team in strikeouts with 36.

MEN'S TRACK

WEEKEND RESULTS: EIU took four competitors to the Drake Relays and all four helped set two school records led by JIM MATON (SEE BELOW).

NEXT MEET: EIU will be competing for the AMCU-8 Conference Championship at Western Illinois Friday and Saturday (May 1-2).

SHELBYVILLE: JIM MATON, junior middle distance runner, qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championship by placing third in the 800 meter run at the Drake Relays in an EIU record time of 1:47.9. The qualifying time for the NCAA meet was just over 1:48. MATON broke his own school record of 1:48.5. The NCAA meet will be held June 4-6 at Oklahoma City. MATON earlier earned All-American honors finishing second in the 880 at the indoor meet.

MOWEAQUA: SCOTT ADAMSON, senior hurdler, ran the 400 leg of the sprint medley relay which set an EIU record of 3:20:62. The old record was 3:23.67, set in 1985. ADAMSON also ran a 55.51 time in the 400 intermediate hurdles but did not qualify for the finals.

SESSER (NIANTIC-HARRISTOWN): JAY FLATT, senior weightman, won the hammer with a 171-3 at the Parkland College Invitational Saturday.

OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST: DAN MATAS, senior weightman, won the shotput with a toss of 55-11.

ZION (BENTON): DERRICK LEE, sophomore horizontal jumper, won the long jump in 23-4 1/2.

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SOFTBALL

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS: The Lady Panthers won the five-team, round-robin Northern Illinois Tournament with three victories in four games. EIU beat St. Louis 3-1 and Wisconsin-Green Bay 4-0 on a no-hitter by Zam Mogill on Friday before losing 1-0 against Ball State and defeating Northern Illinois 3-0 on Saturday. Eastern also edged non-conference rival Evansville twice by scores of 2-0 and 3-2 on Monday. The Lady Panthers' non-conference double-header against Miami (OH) was rained out on Wednesday.

UPCOMING GAMES: EIU, 20-15-1 overall and 9-5 in the Gateway Conference, meets Ball State in a non-conference double-header on Tuesday (April 28) before traveling to Wichita State and Southwest Missouri State for league double-headers on Friday (May 1) and Saturday (May 2), respectively.

STREATOR: Junior pitcher Zam Mogill hurled a no-hitter in a 4-0 victory over Wisconsin-Green Bay at the Northern Illinois Tournament. Mogill struck out 13 and walked three in seven innings. A right-hander, she has a 15-10 record and a 0.95 earned run average. Mogill has 144 strikeouts and 38 walks in 184 2/3 innings. She has 10 shutouts and 24 complete games this season.

WAYNE CITY: Junior second baseman-pitcher Sara Karcher pitched a six-hit shutout against Northern Illinois in the tournament finale. Karcher has a 5-5 record and a 1.12 earned run average along with two shutouts and four complete games. She leads the Lady Panthers with a .309 batting average, 34 hits, 110 at-bats, 18 runs, 13 runs batted in, nine doubles and four triples. Karcher has appeared in all 36 games this season.

MUNDELEIN: Junior center fielder Angel Lendvay is second on the team with 12 runs batted in after playing in 32 games. Lendvay has 23 hits in 92 at-bats for a .250 batting average. She has scored five runs and has four doubles and one triple. Lendvay has a fielding percentage of .982 after 55 chances.

BARRINGTON (LINCOLN JC): Junior outfielder Ellen Castleman is second among the Lady Panthers with a .301 batting average, with 25 hits in 83 at-bats. Castleman is third in runs scored with 10 and also has four runs batted in after appearing in 34 games.

NAPERVILLE (BARRINGTON HS/LINCOLN JC): Senior first baseman Steff Spooner is third on the squad with eight runs batted in after playing in 34 games. Spooner has 19 hits in 89 at-bats for a .213 batting average along with five doubles and four runs scored. She has a fielding percentage of .994 after 171 chances.

ST. JOSEPH (S.J.-OGDEN): Senior outfielder-first baseman Cindy Streid is third in hitting with a .256 batting average, with 20 hits in 78 at-bats, and fourth with seven runs batted in. Streid has scored six runs after appearing in 33 games.

EAST PEORIA (ACADEMY OF OUR LADY): Freshman catcher-designated player Lisa Bourazak has 16 hits in 64 at-bats for a .250 batting average. Bourazak has scored seven runs and driven in four after playing in 26 games.

WEEKEND RESULTS: The Lady Panthers had three placers at the prestigious Drake Relays on Friday and Saturday at Des Moines, IA and three placers at the non-scoring Ball State Relays on Saturday at Muncie, IN.

UPCOMING MEET: EIU will compete in the Becky Boone Relays at Richmond, KY on Friday and Saturday (May 1-2).

CHICAGO (SOUTH SHORE): Senior Valeta Strickland captured fourth place at the Drake Relays with a school-record toss of 49-5 in the shot put.

ELMHURST (YORK): Senior Lauren Lynch took seventh place at the Drake Relays in the 800-meter run with a school-record time of 2:07.32.

BELLEVILLE (O'FALLON): Sophomore Kristi Baum placed fourth at the Drake Relays in the javelin with a throw of 143-8. Baum also set a personal best in the discus with a toss of 136-9 but did not place.

CALUMET CITY (THORNWOOD): Senior Debbie Zubik captured second place at the Ball State Relays with a personal-best toss of 45-7 1/4 in the shot put.

MULKEYTOWN (SESSER-VALIER): Sophomore Tina Dawson took third place at the Ball State Relays with a leap of 17-11 3/4 in the long jump.

HARVEY (THORNTON): Sophomore Lorry Plutz anchored EIU's runner-up 1,600-meter relay at the Ball State Relays. The foursome of junior TRACY OLAWUMI (BLUE ISLAND-EISENHOWER), freshman PAM KINKELAAR (MUNDELEIN), freshman LISA ALBRO (CERRO GORDO) and Plutz had a time of 3:55.6.

MEN'S TENNIS

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS: Eastern recorded its highest finish in the last three years of the Association of Mid-Continent Universities Conference Tournament as the Panthers were third in the eight-team meet with 42 points at Springfield, MO. Southwest Missouri State won the conference tournament for the fourth straight year with 70, and Northern Iowa was second with 47. EIU lost 9-0 to Indiana State at home on Tuesday.

UPCOMING MATCH: The Panthers, 4-12 in dual meets, conclude the season on Friday (May 1) as they host Principia College at 3:00 p.m. at Weller Courts.

BLOOMINGTON: Senior Eric Laffey was fourth at No. 1 singles and third at No. 1 doubles at the AMCU-8 Tournament.

SPRINGFIELD: Senior John Suter was second at No. 3 singles and third at No. 1 doubles at the AMCU-8 Tournament.

NORMAL (UNIVERSITY): Freshman Jeff Brumleve was third at No. 4 singles and fourth at No. 3 doubles at the AMCU-8 Tournament.

HOMEWOOD (H.-FLOSSMOOR): Sophomore Jon Anderson was second at No. 5 singles and third at No. 2 doubles at the AMCU-8 Tournament.

OSWEGO (WAUBONSEE CC): Junior Keith Hansel was fourth at No. 6 singles at the AMCU-8 Tournament.

DES PLAINES (MAINE WEST): Junior John Rebello was fourth at No. 3 doubles at the AMCU-8 Tournament.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS: The Lady Panthers broke a 14-match losing streak with two victories at home. EIU beat Principia College 6-3 on Wednesday and DePauw University 7-2 on Friday at Weller Courts.

UPCOMING MATCHES: Eastern, 2-14 this spring, concludes the season at the Gateway Conference Tournament at Cedar Falls, IA Thursday-Saturday (April 30-May 2).

SHERMAN (WILLIAMSVILLE): Sophomore Angel Hoffek has an 8-6 overall record at Nos. 4 and 6 in singles and a 1-1 record at No. 2 doubles.

BELLEVILLE (EAST): Sophomore Beth Stuckey and freshman HOMEWOOD (MARIAN CATHOLIC) have combined for a 10-6 record at No. 3 doubles.