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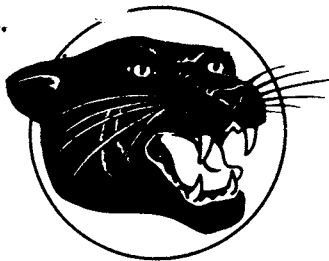
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Panther Sports News

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PREVIEWING THE WEEK (Sept. 26-Oct. 3)

Friday, Sept. 28 Soccer at Wisconsin
 Volleyball at Rice Tournament

Saturday, Sept. 29 FOOTBALL hosts Ferris State (1:30, O'Brien Stadium)
 Men's and Women's Cross Country at Illinois Invitational
 Volleyball at Rice Tournament

Sunday, Sept. 30 SOCCER hosts Air Force Academy (Noon)

Monday, Oct. 1 Volleyball at Arkansas State

REVIEWING THE WEEKEND (Sept. 22-23)

FOOTBALL: The Panthers dropped to 2-2 with a 38-17 loss to Toledo Saturday night in front of 24,242 fans, the largest crowd an EIU team has played before . . . EIU threw for 313 yards, the fourth straight game over 300 yards but only rushed for minus 3 . . . EIU is now averaging 347 yards passing a game.

TYRONE COVINGTON (Chicago-Morgan Park), all-american senior linebacker, was the defensive 'player of the week' for the second straight game as he had five solo tackles, ten assisted tackles, a tackle for loss, forced fumble and fumble recovery . . . Cov' still leads the team with 19 solos, 44 assisted and three fumble recoveries.

SEAN PAYTON (Naperville-Central), sophomore quarterback, was the offensive 'player of the game' as he completed 27-48-1 for 262 yards, rushed 14 times for 15 yards, threw a 33 yard scoring pass to Roy Banks and ran for a six yard TD . . . Payton's season stats are 103-176-4 for 306 yards a game, 58.1%, nine TDs . . . his 1226 passing yards are the most in the country among NCAA I-AA QBs.

ROY BANKS (Detroit, MI-King), sophomore wide receiver, caught four passes for 79 yards including a sensational one-handed diving grab 33 yard TD pass from Sean Payton . . . "that's the greatest catch I've seen in the 14 years I've been coaching," said Al Molde . . . Banks leads the Panthers with 25 catches for 433 yards and six TDs . . . he's averaging 108 yards a game and is ranked 6th in NCAA stats.

BOB BENNING (Streator), 6-0, 235 sophomore guard, was chosen the offensive 'lineman of the week' . . . it was his first selection of the year . . . "Bob did a fine job against a very strong, physical defensive front," said segment coach Joel Swisher.

RANDY HARMS (Wildwood-Gurnee Warren), 6-2, 210 senior defensive end, was the defensive 'lineman of the week' . . . he had two solos, five assisted tackles and a tackle for loss . . . although hampered by an ankle injury, Harms has played in every game with 20 tackles, a quarterback sack and two tackles for loss.

REGGIE DREW (Mascoutah-Triton JC), senior free safety, did not start Saturday's game but came off the bench to earn secondary 'player of the week' honors as he intercepted two passes returning them 27 yards . . . his second one was returned to the Toledo 8 yard line setting up Sean Payton's six yard TD run which tied the score at 17-17 midway through the third quarter . . . Drew has 31 tackles on the season . . . those were his first pass interceptions.

DERICK WILHELMS (Freeport), freshman redshirt linebacker, was picked the specialty team's 'player of the week' as he had five tackles and "was the first player downfield each time on the kicks," said assistant head coach Larry Edlund.

JOHN RAFFERTY (Mt. Carmel), sophomore quarterback, came off the bench in the fourth quarter and completed 4-6-0 passes for 61 yards . . . the longest was a 22 yarder to Jim Schmidt . . . Rafferty's season stats are 12-21-0 for 154 yards and one TD.

JERRY WRIGHT (Chicago-Collins), senior wide receiver, returned to the starting lineup and caught nine passes for 79 yards with 19 yards the longest . . . Wright has now caught a team high 30 passes for 351 yards and two TDs . . . he's averaging 117 yards a game in receptions.

JIM SCHMIDT (DeKalb), senior slotback, had his best game of his career catching nine passes for 99 yards, the longest a 22 yarder . . . he's third on the team with 20 catches for 239 yards and one TD, and is averaging 60 yards a game.

CALVIN PIERCE (Robbins-Oak Lawn Richards), sophomore tight end, started his first game at tight end after being switched from fullback . . . he caught six passes for 37 yards and "did a fine job. He gives us some speed and quickness at that spot," said coach Al Molde . . . Pierce has caught ten passes for 84 yards this fall.

BARRY GRAVENHORST (Effingham), redshirt freshman, returned two kickoffs for 68 yards, the longest a 37 yarder which is a season high . . . Gravenhorst has now returned five kicks for a 24.6 average.

ERIC LANDSTROM (Wheaton-Central), redshirt freshman free safety, started his first game Saturday night . . . he also returned two kickoffs for 39 yards, and is now averaging 18 yards per return.

DAN FALLON (Crystal Lake-Grant), senior strong safety, had seven tackles Saturday night and broke up one pass . . . he is still No. 2 on the team with 40 tackles, eight solos and 32 assists.

ROB DEVITA (Wheaton-Central), sophomore inside linebacker, has seven tackles against Toledo to bring his season totals to 11 solos, 29 assists for 40 total, No. 3 on the team . . . he also has two QB sacks and a tackle for loss.

JON MOORE (Decatur-Eisenhower), freshman outside linebacker, started his first collegiate game Saturday night picking up two solo tackles and four assists . . . playing in three of the first four games, he has nine total tackles this fall.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: Eastern's men's cross country team captured fifth place Saturday in the Midwest Collegiate Championship at Kenosha, Wis. Central Michigan won the 21-team invitational with 73 points. The Panthers had 161. Pat Duffy of Central Michigan took individual honors, covering the 8,000 meter course in 24:44. There were 221 individuals entered, EIU assistant coach Tom Akers said.

NICK WHITESIDE (Mount Vernon), senior, 11th in 25:21. "I thought Nick did a super job," Akers said. "I'm pleased with Nick. He keeps improving. I think that was a P.R. (personal record) for him by 20 seconds."

SCOTT PILLSBURY (Petersburg-Porta/Lincoln Land CC), senior, 26th in 25:44. "Scott was up and running where he should be," said Akers. He belongs in the top three (among EIU runners). I was glad to see him run a good race."

DALE RIGHTER (Mattoon), freshman, 27th in 25:46. "He ran an outstanding time for a freshman on that course," said Akers, who described the course as very hilly. "Dale ran an outstanding race. He does a good job one week, and then he goes out and does even better the next week."

SCOTT TRACY (Northbrook-Glenbrook North), senior, 43rd in 26:05. "Scott had a very solid performance," Akers said. "He was hurting a little bit, but he kept after it. He ran a very gutsy race."

BRUCE DERUNTZ (Granite City-North/Spoon River CC), senior, 55th in 26:21. "Bruce ran a below-average race for him," Akers said. "He went out real hard, and the hills took their toll on him."

MITCH MCCLURE (Paxton/Parkland CC), senior, 66th in 26:30. "The same thing happened to Mitch," said Akers. "Bruce has usually been our No. 2 man and Mitch our No. 3 man this season so far."

DAN NEWMAN (Elmhurst-York), junior, 69th in 26:30; and MIKE MADIX (Decatur-Eisenhower), sophomore, 114th in 27:14.

The split between Whiteside and DeRuntz, Eastern's Nos. 1 and 5 runners, one minute, which "is not too bad," said Akers, "but we definitely need to tighten that up. The capabilities are there. It's going to come."

The Panthers travel to Champaign on Saturday (Sept. 29) to compete in the Illinois Invitational.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: The EIU women's cross country team finished 14th of 24 teams at the Midwest Collegiate Championships this weekend at Kenosha, WI. The Lady Panthers amassed 385 points while meet champion Wisconsin paced the field with 38 points. Junior Anne Ogle (Quincy) ran a personal best by an amazing 50 seconds from the previous week at the Ball State Invitational. "We ran the ideal race with no exceptions," acting head coach Dan Lowery stated after the meet. "Surprising schools like Iowa and Wisconsin-Lacrosse pushed us down in the standings."

TERESA PAUL (Aledo), a sophomore, finished with a personal best of 18:52 while finishing in 56th place. She took 56 seconds off her previous best set last week at the Ball State Invitational.

ERIN HEALY (Chicago/St. Benedict), a junior, ran a 19:18 to finish in 84th place at the meet.

LISA JOSTES (Rochester), a freshman, continues to improve every meet as she placed 90th with a personal-high of 19:31.

VOLLEYBALL: EIU's volleyball team evened its record at 6-6 after a three-game (15-12, 15-7, 15-5) victory over Lewis University Saturday night. Sophomore MAURA LEFEVOUR (Oak Park/Oak Park-River Forest) had a game-high 11 kills for the Lady Panthers. She also had two block assists and five digs on the night. "We played real aggressive against Lewis," states head coach Betty Ralston. "I'm glad we finally played a good match at home this season. Lewis was a tough team and they gave us fits--especially the first game."

LORI BERGER (Henry), junior middle blocker, was credited with five kills and one error in 16 attempts (.250) against Lewis. She also had four service aces, three block assists and 10 digs on the evening.

DONNA UHLER (Glen Ellyn/Benet Academy), senior co-captain and middle blocker-outside hitter, registered 10 kills and two errors in 31 attempts versus Lewis.

GRETCHEN BRAKER (Matteson/Rich Central), senior setter, dished out 20 assists against the Flyers to increase her team-leading total to 239 on the season. She is among the national leaders in that category.

DIANE EISERMAN (Libertyville), a freshman middle blocker, had eight kills and one error in 19 attempts (.368) in the three-game win against Lewis. She also had three block assists and one block solo in one of her better matches as a collegian.

MISTY BUCKHOLD (Riverton), junior outside hitter, had one kill in two attempts (.500) to go along with seven digs against Lewis.

APRIL DEER (Morton/East Peoria), junior setter, recorded seven assists and two aces against Lewis. She leads the club in aces with 36 and is second on the squad in assists with 172.

JEANNE PACIONE (Wheeling), freshman setter/middle blocker, had two kills and zero errors in six attempts (.333) to accompany one block solo, two block assists, one assist and five digs on the evening.

SOCCER: The Panthers defeated Quincy College, 6-1, to push their record to 3-2 . . . the Panthers have now scored ten goals in the last two games.

NEIL SWINDELLS (Manchester, England) scored three goals against Quincy giving him a team high of four this season. Swindells also has a team high three assists.

MATT GAMACHE (St. Louis, MO-University), sophomore midfielder, scored two goals against Quincy, his first of the season.

OZZIE MOLINARI (London, Canada), freshman forward, picked up one assist, his first of the season . . . he also has two goals.