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# Panther Sports News

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## PREVIEWING THE WEEK (Oct. 17-24)

- Wednesday, Oct. 17                      SOCCER hosts ISU-Evansville (2:00, Lakeside Field)
- Friday, Oct. 19                            VOLLEYBALL hosts EIU Quadrangular (6:00, McAfee Gym)
- Saturday, Oct. 20                         Football at Western Illinois (1:30, Macomb)  
VOLLEYBALL hosts EIU Quadrangular (10:30 a.m., MacAfee Gym)
- Sunday, Oct. 21                            SOCCER hosts St. Louis University (2:00, Lakeside Field)
- Wednesday, Oct. 24                        Soccer at Evansville

## REVIEWING THE WEEKEND (Oct. 13-14)

**FOOTBALL:** The Panthers dropped their second straight, 48-40, to defending NCAA I-AA champ Southern Illinois . . . EIU now has a 3-4 record . . . Eastern trailed 41-13 at the halftime and staged a furious rally that fell short as QB Sean Payton was intercepted within the last two minutes as EIU had one final opportunity for a game tying drive.

SEAN PAYTON (Naperville-Central), sophomore quarterback, completed 27-54-3 for 384 yards, the second highest EIU single game passing yardage, and four TD passes . . . he also ran for a one yard TD . . . Payton's season stats are 168-301-11, 2268 yards, 324.0 per game, and 17 TDs . . . he's now No. 4 on the single season passing yardage list trailing Jeff Christensen's school record of 2672 . . . he's also No. 2 on single season pass completions (168) behind Christensen's 222 . . . Payton was picked the offensive 'player of the week'.

TYRONE COVINGTON (Chicago-Morgan Park), senior linebacker, was the defensive 'player of the week' . . . he had two solo tackles, nine assisted tackles, a pass interception which he returned 39 yards to set up a score, and a tackle for loss . . . Cov' now has 111 total tackles this fall, just 17 short of the school record 128 by Bill Mines in 1982.

ROY BANKS (Detroit, MI-King), sophomore wide receiver, caught eight passes for 126 yards and two TDs of four and 11 yards . . . Banks has now caught 44 balls for 824 yards, 117.7 yards per game, and ten TDs . . . his 824 yards is currently No. 4 on the single season list trailing the school record 980 by James Warring in 1978 . . . his 10 TDs ties for third best on the single season list.

MARK PETERSEN (Momence), redshirt freshman tackle, started his first game in place of injured Del Pittman and was picked the offensive 'lineman of the week' . . . "Mark did a good job against an experienced player and particularly so since it was his first game as a starter," said offensive coordinator Joel Swisher.

REGGIE DREW (Mascoutah-Triton JC), senior free safety, was the defensive secondary 'player of the week' as he had three solo tackles, 18 assisted for 21 total, his high of the year . . . Drew now this season has 63 total tackles which ranks second on the team . . . he also has two pass interceptions returning one for a TD.

RANDY HARMS (Wildwood-Gurnee Warren), senior defensive end was chosen the defensive 'lineman of the week' for the second time in three weeks . . . he had 11 total tackles of which two were solos and recovered a fumble, his first of the year . . . he now has 50 total tackles this fall.

JERRY WRIGHT (Chicago-Collins), senior wide receiver, caught eight for 124 and one TD . . . it's the fourth time in six games he has caught more than 100 yards this fall . . . this season he has 50 catches for 564 yards, 110.7 yards per game, and four TDs . . . he has 124 career catches, third on EIU's list, and just three short of the No. 2 spot . . . he also has 2157 total yards just 41 short of breaking Willie White's career record 2197.

SCOTT SANDERSON (Pittsfield), sophomore wide receiver, started his first game at slotback in place of the injured Jim Schmidt and responded by catching four passes for 57 yards including a six yard TD reception . . . Sanderson, who started the first game of the season at tight end, now has eight catches for 76 yards.

CALVIN PIERCE (Robbins-Oak Lawn Richards), junior tight end, caught six passes for 76 yards with a 22 yarder his longest of the day . . . Pierce has now caught 24 for 328 yards this fall, and moved up to No. 3 on the team in both of those categories.

BOB BRONAUGH (Rantoul), sophomore strong safety, had his best game of the year in his second starting assignment as he got 15 tackles, five of which were solos . . . he now has 29 total tackles, most of which came in the last two games.

ED NAILON (San Diego, CA-Morse), junior linebacker, started his first game Saturday and came up with four tackles . . . he now has 18 this season.

TOM MOSKAL (Lake Zurich), junior defensive end, had three solos, seven assisted tackles including two for a loss . . . he is third on the team with 60 total tackles and leads with six QB sacks and seven tackles for loss.

DAVE LEWANDOWSKI (Chicago-Fenwick), freshman nose guard, had one solo tackle, five assisted tackles including a QB sack and a pass broken up . . . he now has ten tackles this season, and has moved up to No. 2 behind starter Dean Magro.

DERICK WILHELMS (Freeport), freshman linebacker, had two solo tackles, seven assisted Saturday . . . played as the backup at both inside positions and now has 38 tackles this season including one QB sack.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: The Panthers turned in their best performance of the season as five runners finished in the top 20 to take third place in the Illinois Intercollegiate . . . SIU-Carbondale won with 33, DePaul had 52 and EIU had 67 . . . Eastern assistant Tom Akers said, "It's a great way to get started for the last part of the season . . . this is something we've been pointing to all year long, and it's a boost to our confidence . . . now we're really looking forward to the conference championship " . . . the Mid-Continent race will be run October 27 at Valparaiso.

NICK WHITESIDE (Mt. Vernon), senior, was sixth in 32:27 for the 10,000 meter course . . . "Nick is continuing to be our No. 1 runner, our leader and the backbone of our team," says Akers.

SCOTT PILLSBURY (Petersburg-Porta/Lincolnland CC), a senior, was seventh in 32:35 for 10,000 meters . . . "Scott did an outstanding job after being off for two weeks (sprained foot), and did this even though the foot was bothering him . . . he's starting to come into his own, like he did last year at this time of the season," Akers said.

MEN'S CROSS  
COUNTRY:

MITCH MCCLURE (Paxton-Parkland CC), senior, was EIU's No. 3 finisher taking 15th in 33:14 . . . "Mitch is back to running to his ability . . . he had been running too hard during practice so we sort of got the reins on him and kept him under control and consequently he had a good race Saturday," said Akers.

DALE RIGHTER (Mattoon), a freshman, was 19th in 33:34 . . . "Dale is going to be a super runner for us for the next several years because he's very consistent and always giving his all," Akers said.

JEFF ARMSTRONG (Streator-Danville CC), a sophomore, took 20th in 33:36 . . . "Jeff probably had the most impressive race of anyone because he had won a tough five mile JV race on Wednesday," said Akers . . . "For him to be our No. 5 runner is outstanding, and was a real confidence builder . . . now he sees he can run with these people."

Three other freshmen were DARRIN BISHOP (Quincy), 22nd in 33:39; John Healy (Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates), 30th in 34:40; and Pete Bojan (Norridge-Ridgewood), 31st in 34:42.

VOLLEYBALL: Eastern Illinois, 13-12 on the season, lost to Indiana last week and opened Gateway Collegiate Conference play by splitting its first two games. The Lady Panthers dropped a tough four-game match to Indiana last Tuesday night. Sophomore MAURA LEFEVOUR (Oak Park/Oak Park-River Forest) led the EIU attack with 11 kills and one error in 24 attempts for a .417 hitting percentage. She also contributed three block solos and a pair of block assists. Senior co-captain DONNA UHLER (Glen Ellyn/Benet Academy) and junior JUDY PLANOS (Evanston) had 13 kills a piece. In the conference lid-lifter at No. 10 Illinois State, EIU jumped out to a quick 5-2 lead in the first game. The Redbirds, however, were not to be denied an opportunity to defend their conference crown as they reeled off eight straight points and took the opening game 15-6. Illinois State won the second game 15-2--after leading 13-0--and emerged victorious in game three 15-13. The Lady Panthers fought back from a 12-5 deficit in the third game to make it interesting. "We were just overwhelmed with Illinois State's size," recalls EIU coach Betty Ralston. "They killed us in the middle. I was proud of the fact that our team didn't give up and made Illinois State earn the points they got. We had our chances at them." Uhler had eight kills against Illinois State while Planos was credited with five kills and zero errors in 14 attempts for a .357 hitting percentage. Eastern traveled to Indiana State on Saturday and emerged with a three-game win (15-13, 16-14, 15-8). Indiana State had EIU down 12-6 in the opening game before the Lady Panthers tied the contest at 12 a piece and then eeked out the win. The game was reminiscent of the one the two squads played a week earlier at the Loyola Lakeshore Classic where the Sycamores led 11-4--and three players were serving game-point--before EIU came back for a 16-14 win. The Lady Panthers jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the second game before the game got a bit sticky. The contest was tied at 9-all, 10-all and 12-all. Indiana State took a 14-12 lead and seemed destined to win. However, junior LORI BERGER (Henry) served an ace to tie the game at 14-all and EIU held on to win. Block solos by senior co-captain GRETCHEN BRAKER (Matteson/Rich Central) and junior MISTY BUCKHOLD (Riverton) sparked Eastern in the middle game. EIU battled to a 13-6 lead before winning the final game 15-8. Uhler and LeFevour had 13 and nine kills, respectively. Planos registered 12 kills and three errors in 20 attempts (.450). Braker has seven kills and dished out 17 assist

MAURA LEFEVOUR (Oak Park/Oak Park-River Forest), sophomore outside hitter/middle blocker, leads the team in hitting with a .334 hitting percentage. The all-Gateway candidate is among the league leaders in kills and hitting percentage. She paces the team in block assists (53) and block solos (19), and is second in kills (254).

DONNA UHLER (Glen Ellyn/Benet Academy), senior co-captain and middle blocker/outside hitter, leads the team in kills with 259. She had 13 kills and four service aces in the win at Indiana State.

GRETCHEN BRAKER (Matteson/Rich Central), senior co-captain setter, dished out 26 assists in the four-game loss to Indiana. She had seven kills and two errors in 14 attempts (.357) against Indiana State.

JUDY PLANOS (Evanston), junior outside hitter, was credited with 30 kills and seven errors in 66 attempts (.348) on the week. She had 13 kills and three errors in 20 attempts (.450) as the Lady Panthers defeated conference-rival Indiana State Saturday night.

APRIL DEER (Morton/East Peoria), junior setter, was credited with 16 assists and two service aces in Saturday's win against Indiana State.

DIANE EISERMAN (Libertyville), freshman middle blocker, notched seven kills and one error in 19 attempts (.316) against Indiana.

MISTY BUCKHOLD (Riverton), junior outside hitter, had three service aces against Indiana and one block solo against Indiana State.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: The EIU women's cross country team finished 7th Saturday in the 13-team Illinois Intercollegiate meet held in Macomb, IL. Eastern collected 194 points while Illinois was crowned the champion with 31 points. "The girls are vastly improving and they're running with a lot more confidence as proven by their times this week," said acting head coach Dan Lowery.

ERIN HEALY (Chicago), a junior, ran a 18:49 as she finished in 29th place. Healy improved her previous time on the Macomb course by 1:10.

ANNE OGLE (Quincy), a junior, took 37th place with a time of 19:19. She also improved her time by 30 seconds since being on the exact course four weeks ago.

LISA JOSTES (Rochester), a freshman, showed evidence of lots of hard work as she placed 39th with a time of 19:22. Jostes took 2:26 off her last timing on the familiar turf.

JANINE JARRIS (St. Charles), a junior, placed 40th as she came in right behind Jostes. She also took 20 seconds off her previous timing at Macomb.

LUANN MEYER (Teutopolis), a sophomore, rounded out the top five Eastern finishers by placing 49th with a time of 20:35. This is the first time Meyer has finished in the top-five runners. She improved her last timing on the Western Illinois course by 1:09.