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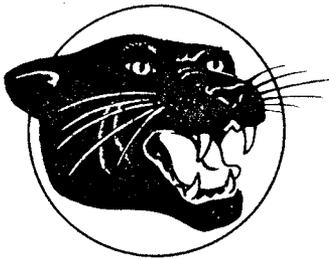
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Panther Sports News

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PREVIEWING THE WEEK (Nov. 5-11)

- Friday, Nov. 5 SOCCER hosts Northeast Louisiana (2:00, Lakeside Field)
Field hockey at Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference
Championship (Carbondale)
- Saturday, Nov. 6 Football at Southwest Missouri (1:30, Springfield, MO)
Women's Cross Country at Gateway Collegiate Athletic
Conference Championship (Normal)
- Sunday, Nov. 7 Soccer at Illinois State
- Tuesday, Nov. 9 VOLLEYBALL hosts Illinois State (7:30, Lantz Gym)

REVIEWING THE WEEKEND (Oct. 30-31)

FOOTBALL: The Panthers solidified their top ten ranking in NCAA I-AA with a 20-7 victory over Southern Illinois University. EIU, ranked No. 7 last week, remains undefeated at 8-0-1 with two games left. The Panther defense forced ten SIU turnovers, six pass interceptions and four fumbles, to thwart Saluki offensive threats. Jerry Wright (Chicago-Collins) caught six passes for 157 yards and Robert Williams (Chicago-Dunbar) had two pass interceptions and a fumble recovery to lead the defense.

JERRY WRIGHT (Chicago-Collins), split end, was EIU's offensive 'player of the game' by catching six passes for 157 yards including a 21 yard touchdown pass. Wright, who just broke into the starting lineup three games ago, leads EIU with 19 receptions for 452 yards and six TDs. His Saturday game totals are the best of the year for a Panther receiver.

ROBERT WILLIAMS (Chicago-Dunbar) strong safety, was the defensive 'player of the game' with ten tackles including seven solos, a fumble recovery on the SIU 22 which led to an EIU field goal and two pass interceptions. Williams' 52 solo tackles leads the Panthers this year.

JEFF CHRISTENSEN (Gibson City), senior quarterback, completed 14 of 28 passes and no interceptions for 219 yards. That's Christensen's highest single game yardage figure this year. He also has thrown only two interceptions in his last 145 passes. For the season he now has completed 117 of 245 with 11 interceptions and 1566 yards for 174 per game. He has 13 TD passes. He was chosen the offensive 'back of the game'.

KENT LAWRENCE (Coal Valley-Moline) was picked the offensive 'lineman of the game'. It's the first time the junior guard has been chosen this season. "Kent did a fine job against a strong opponent," said offensive coordinator Chuck Dickerson. "We felt it was Kent's best game of the season and couldn't have come at a better time."

ORTEGA JACKSON (Washington, DC-Cardoza), junior linebacker, was picked the 'linebacker of the game'. He had nine tackles including five solos, two fumble recoveries and a pass interception. Jackson has set a season record for fumble recoveries with six. The previous mark was five by Randy Melvin and Alonzo Lee. His three pass interceptions gives him nine turnovers, tops on the team.

KEITH WOJNOWSKI (St. Anne-Kankakee Bishop McNamara) was chosen the defensive 'lineman of the game'. Wojo had six tackles and shared a quarterback sack with Greg Duncan. Wojo continues to lead the team with 12 sacks for minus 108 yards.

KEVIN STAPLE (Markham-Thornwood), junior halfback, led the team in rushing with 92 yards on 28 carries with a 13 yard TD run. He also caught one pass for three yards. Staple now has 875 yards rushing for a 98 per game average with a team high seven touchdowns. He also caught 20 passes, more than anyone on the team, however has only 103 yards in that category as most have been short flare passes.

DARRYON WHITE (East St. Louis), sophomore halfback starting for the third straight game, rushed 13 times for 34 yards and caught four passes for 25 yards.

ROGER HOLOMAN (Alton) caught one pass for 21 yards boosting his season totals to 15 for 228 and no TDs.

DON MANZKE (Normal-University) punted ten times for a 39.6 average with six of those into the wind. His season average is still at 40.1, and EIU's net punting is 38.1 which ranks in the top five in the nation in I-AA.

DAVE STRAUCH (Hinsdale-Central), sophomore placekicker, booted field goals of 32 and 39 yards to increase his team scoring lead to 54 points. For the season he has hit 18 of 22 extra points and 12 of 18 field goals.

GARY BRIDGES (South Belmar, NJ-Manasquan/Arizona Western CC) intercepted a pass and returned it 28 yards and returned one kickoff 28 yards. The pass interception is his third of the year, tying him for second on the team in that category.

RANDY MCCUE (Aurora-East/DuPage CC), free safety, intercepted two passes and forced a fumble. He now has a team high six pass interceptions this year. The school record is 11.

ELVIN CARMICHAEL (Harvey-Thornton), sophomore defensive end, has six solo tackles including a quarterback sack for minus 12 yards. For the season Carmichael has 57 tackles including 39 solos, six QB sacks, five tackles for loss and two fumble recoveries.

BILL MINES (Washington, DC-Woodson), senior linebacker, had 12 tackles Saturday and forced two fumbles. He continues to lead the team with 112 tackles including 42 solos, three QB sacks, two tackles for loss, a team high five forced fumbles and a fumble recovery.

CHRIS NICHOLSON (Waukegan-East/DuPage CC), junior defensive tackle, had four tackles including a quarterback sack for minus eight yards. He ranks third on the team in that category with 6½ for minus 64 yards. He also has four tackles for loss.

REGGIE TAYLOR (Apopka, FL-Arizona Western CC), junior linebacker, had seven tackles including a quarterback sack for minus 11 yards and a tackle for loss. Taylor now has on the season 64 tackles, 5½ QB sacks, and two tackles for loss and missed two complete games with a broken hand.

SOCCER: The Panthers boosted their record to 10-2-5 with a 1-0 victory over NAIA No. 1 ranked Sangamon State in a game shortened by 11 minutes when Sangamon was forced to forfeit. EIU and Sangamon each had three players ejected and when the fourth Sangamon player was ejected, the game was called due to insufficient players on the field. George Hough scored the lone goal, assisted by Neil Swindells.

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MEN'S CROSS

COUNTRY: Tim Warneke (Park Forest-Crete-Monee) won the Association of Mid-Continent Universities Cross Country Championship Saturday. His winning time on the 8000 meter course was 24:34. The Panthers Perry Edinger (Mattoon) was second in 24:41. Northern Iowa won the meet with 38 points followed closely by EIU with 39. Eastern's other three runners were Bob Beine (Downers Grove-North), 8th in 25:30, John Gassmann (Olney), 13th in 25:58, and Ron Jaderholm (Glen Ellyn-Glenbard West), 15th in 26:07.

WOMEN'S CROSS

COUNTRY: Gina Sperry's (Litchfield) third place individual finish paced EIU to third place in the Illinois Intercollegiate Cross Country Championship Saturday. Sperry ran the 5000 meter course in 17:41, her best career time for that distance. Her previous best was 17:44 in 1980. Illinois State's Wendy Van Mierlo led the Redbirds to the team title by winning in a course record 16:36. Other EIU runners were Margaret Smith (Effingham-St. Anthony), 6th at 18:01, Anne Ogle (Quincy), 13th in 18:22, Nancy Kramer (Decatur-McArthur), 19th in 18:46 and Megan Irons (Palatine-Fremd), 28th in 19:24. Those four all had season bests.

FIELD HOCKEY: EIU split last weekend, losing to Northern Illinois 1-0 in double overtime and penalty flicks but beating Wheaton College 2-1. The Panthers are 7-10. Gail Niebur (Edwardsville) scored her 8th season goal and Barb Stelk (Park Ridge-Maine East) her 7th in the Wheaton win.

VOLLEYBALL: EIU lost a four game match at Illinois Friday to drop its season mark to 32-10. Stacy Cook (Lincoln-Illinois Central CC) led EIU with 14 kills but committed 12 errors for an attack efficiency below 10%. Donna Uhler (Glen Ellyn-Benet Academy) had 11 kills and nine errors. Kathy Briggs (Bartonville-Limestone/Illinois Central CC) led EIU in serving with 21 attempts without an error against the Illini. She has only 11 errors in 638 serves for 98%, and is fourth on the team with 30 aces.