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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University and Quincy College, two nationally ranked soccer powers, will square off Saturday (Sept. 26) in Quincy to prove they belong among the nation's best.

The Panthers, in their first year in NCAA Division I, are ranked No. 4 in the nation by the International Soccer Athletic Association.

EIU is 5-0 and unscored upon having blanked opponents 22-0 enroute to this elite rating just behind Connecticut, Indiana and Clemson.

"Attaining this high a ranking in only our first year in Division I is a real Cinderella story," says Coach Schellas Hyndman. "It was amazing to be No. 10 the first week, but then to move up is really exciting for our players.

"We're a good team . . . I definitely think we belong there. We've had a strenuous training period getting ready for the season . . . and now our opponents are starting to really respect us."

Quincy, a perennial power in NAIA circles, is rated No. 1 in the nation, according to Hyndman. "As usual they're a power, and it's their Homecoming so it goes without saying that it should be an excellent game."

The Panthers are led by All-American Damien Kelly (Dublin, Ireland) who has scored eight of EIU's 22 goals. Eric Hartman (Palatine Fremd) has been in goal for all five shutouts.