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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--What goes through a swimmers mind before he or she hears the crack of the starter's pistol that signifies the beginning of the race? Is it fear? Does anxiety set in . . . or does the adrenaline pump through the body so fast that nothing else seems to matter?

For some swimmers it is all of the above, and for others it is none. One thing is constant, however, and that is once the race has commenced, the butterflies have disappeared and the most important thing is concentrating on winning the race.

The Eastern Illinois men's and women's swimming teams are letting the pre-season cobwebs subside as both squads prepare to open their seasons this Friday afternoon at Wheaton College.

Senior Miguel Carrion (Quito, Ecuador) and junior Stephen Dempsey (Peoria/Central) will lead the men's squad. Carrion holds the school record in the 400-yard individual medley and was named to the all-conference team after capturing the 200-yard backstroke title a year ago. Dempsey will provide EIU with considerable experience in the sprint and middle distance freestyle events.

"We lack a lot of depth in some events," confesses EIU mentor Ray Padovan. "In fact, in a couple of events we will probably depend on one person. Our veterans must provide a lot of leadership early in the season and help the younger swimmers until they get some more experience."

Padovan is counting on junior Bob Young to help the squad this season. Young is "equal to where he was at the end of last season and has improved a great deal since coming to Eastern Illinois."

Diving is another area where Eastern appears to be exceptionally strong in 1984-85. Seniors Chris Hooley (Rockford/Guilford) and Kurt Simons (Arlington Heights/Buffalo Grove) give the Panthers a formidable one-two punch. Hooley holds the school standard in the three-meter event and garnered all-conference laurels after winning the conference crown as a junior.

On the women's side of the spectrum, EIU will be led by senior school record-holder Debbie Kroening (Carbondale). She owns four individual records and one relay mark.

"I'm looking for Debbie to have an exceptional year," states Padovan. "She is one of the leaders on the team and should set a fine example for the younger swimmers."

Senior captain Jamie Pistorio (Barrington) and sophomore Tracy Saal (Pekin) are a couple of able performers that EIU is counting heavily on this year. Pistorio-- an individual medley and breaststroke specialist--holds the Eastern record in the 400-yard IM and was on the record-setting 800-yard freestyle relay team. Saal specializes in the freestyle and is expected to contribute big results after a banner freshman campaign.

Seniors Terri Weaver (Hoffman Estates) and Sheila Mulchrone (Chicago/Morgan Park) should provide valuable points in the butterfly events.

"Our older kids will be the heart of the women's team," Padovan notes. "The veterans must contribute early until our inexperienced swimmers get some more seasoning.

"If we can overcome some depth problems, I feel we can be competitive and surprise some people at the major meets at the end of the season. It should be an interesting year."

EIU Men's & Women's Swim Schedule
1984-85

Nov. 16	Wheaton College	CO-ED	4 p.m.	Away
Nov. 17	Vincennes University	CO-ED	1 p.m.	Home
Nov. 30	Illinois State	Women	7 p.m.	Away
Dec. 8	Purdue University	CO-ED	1 p.m.	Home
Dec. 15	Ball State University	CO-ED	2 p.m. EST	Away
Dec. 21-Jan. 2	College Swim Forum at Fort Lauderdale, FL			
Jan. 11-13	U of Illinois Invitational			Away
Jan. 18	Valparaiso University	CO-ED	6 p.m.	Away
Jan. 19	Butler University	CO-ED		Home
Jan. 25	Bradley University	Men	4 p.m.	Away
Jan. 25	Northern Illinois University	Women	5 p.m.	Home
Jan. 26	University of Mo. - Rolla	Men	2 p.m.	Home
Feb. 1	University of Ill. - Chicago	CO-ED	6 p.m.	Home
Feb. 2	Western Illinois University	CO-ED	2 p.m.	Away
Feb. 8-10	SIU Invitational	Men		Away
Feb. 8-10	Gateway Conference at Macomb	Women		
Feb. 15	University of Mo. - Columbia	Women	7 p.m.	Home
Feb. 16	Western Kentucky University	Men	2 p.m.	Home
Mar. 28-Feb. 1-2	Midwest Championships for women at Chicago			
Mar. 7-8-9	Midwest Championships for men at Chicago			

1984-85 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY MEN'S SWIMMING ROSTER

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YR.</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)</u>
Don Barker	So.	Breast	Arlington Heights
Ted Boone	Sr.	Breast/I.M.	St. Charles
Mark Brandt	Fr.	I.M.	Springfield
Steve Burggraff	Sr.	I.M./Breast	Lakewood, Colorado
Miguel Carrion	Sr.	I.M.	Quito, Equador
Scott Conover	So.	Fly	St. Charles
Mark Davis	Jr.	Free	Clinton, Indiana
Jim Day	Sr.	Free	Mt. Prospect (Harper CC)
Stephen Dempsey	Jr.	Free	Peoria (Central)
Scott Ebinger	Fr.	Breast/I.M.	Charleston
Todd Enslin	Jr.	Breast/I.M.	Charleston
Larry Fumagalli	Sr.	Free	Mt. Prospect (Hersey/Harper CC)
Jeffery Gilbert	Fr.	Fly/Free	Downers Grove (South)
Chris Hooley	Sr.	Diver	Rockford (Guilford)
Ron Lulich	Fr.	Fly	Thornton (Thornwood)
Tom McKenna	Jr.	Breast	Elmhurst (York)
Paul Mulcrone	Jr.	Free	Chicago (Brother Rice)
Tim Schnittker	Fr.	Fly/I.M.	Arlington Heights (Rolling Meadows)
Kurt Simons	Sr.	Diver	Arlington Heights (Buffalo Grove)
Bob Young	Jr.	Free	Peoria (Richwoods)

1984-85 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S SWIMMING ROSTER

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YR.</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)</u>
Patricia Brown	Fr.	Breast/Free	Rockford
Cathy Gallagher	So.	Free	Rolling Meadows
Debbie Kroening	Sr.	Fly/Free	Carbondale (Community)
Linda Malone	So.	Back	Charleston
Sally Mulcrone	Sr.	Fly/I.M.	Chicago (Morgan Park)
Sheila Mulcrone	Sr.	Back/I.M.	Chicago (Morgan Park)
Mary Nopolski	Fr.	Fly/Back	Tinley Park
Jamie Pistorio	Sr.	I.M./Breast	Barrington
Tracy Saal	So.	Free	Pekin
Donna Scheffler	Sr.	Diving	Homewood (Homewood-Flossmoor)
Terri Weaver	Sr.	Fly/I.M.	Hoffman Estates
Kimberly White	So.	Diving	Naperville (Central)
Connie Weick	So.	Free	Marshall
Julie Woerner	Fr.	I.M.	Peoria (Woodruff)