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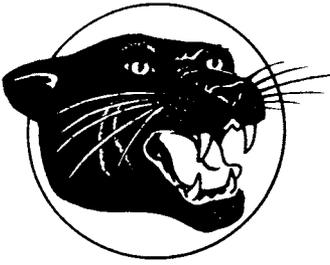
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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Not only will the state of Illinois' best collegiate soccer team be determined this weekend but the No. 1 ranking in the midwest is on the line, also.

Both of these tests will occur at the Governor's Cup Tournament which Eastern Illinois University will host Friday and Saturday (Oct. 9-10) at Lakeside Field.

Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, winner of the past five classics, will meet Western Illinois at 1 p.m. Friday followed by the EIU-Northern Illinois match at 3 p.m.

The winners and losers will play for the championship and third place trophies at 1 & 3 p.m. Saturday.

EIU, 5-1 after losing to Quincy College Saturday, is rated No. 1 in the Midwest by the International Soccer Athletic Association.

SIU-E, 5-2, is rated No. 2 and Western Illinois, 5-0, is No. 4. Northern Illinois has a 2-3 record.

The Panthers were rated No. 4 in the entire nation prior to the Quincy loss so will probably drop some this week. SIU-E lost 3-2 to No. 2 ranked Indiana Sunday afternoon. Western Illinois downed Quincy College, 3-0, last week.

"Based on these comparative scores among ranked teams it should be one of the best state tournaments in recent years," said EIU Coach Schellas Hyndman.

"At least it will determine who will be ranked at the top of the Midwest poll next week . . . we've got a full week to prepare and recover from a physical game at Quincy, so we should be in good shape," Hyndman said.

The Panthers have outscored opponents 23-2 this season, and were unscored upon until the Quincy match. All-American Damien Kelly (Dublin, Ireland) leads EIU with eight goals.