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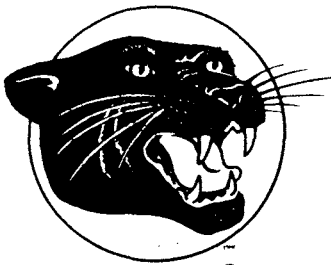
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EIU WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY ITEMS

NEXT ACTION: The Eastern Illinois University women's cross country team will compete in the University of Indiana Invitational at Bloomington, Ind., Saturday.

EIU DEFEATS SIU-CARBONDALE -- The EIU Panthers defeated Southern Illinois University-Carbondale 24-32, last Saturday on the EIU course near Lantz Gym. The 5,000 meter run was held under ideal weather conditions: 57°F and clear sky.

SPERRY TOP FINISHER FOR EIU -- Gina Sperry, junior of Litchfield(Litchfield Senior) continues to lead the EIU Panthers as she placed second last Saturday against SIU-Carbondale covering the 5,000 meters in 18:13. Sperry placed 22nd (of 186) in the TFA/USA Mid-American Collegiate Cross Country Championships at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Sept. 26 with a 19:02, and placed eighth (8th) in the Illinois State University Invitational at Normal, Ill., Sept. 19 with an 18:05 timing for 5,000 meters.

OTHER PANTHERS' FINISHES AGAINST SIU-CARBONDALE -- Here are the other Panthers' finishes and times against Southern Illinois University-Carbondale last Saturday: Dawn Campbell, senior of Danville (Westville-Township), third at 18:43; Kathy Donnellan, sophomore of Arlington Heights (Arlington Heights) fourth at 18:44; Nancy Kramer, freshman of Decatur (Douglas Macarthur), sixth at 19:21 and Carrie Mortell, sophomore of McHenry (McHenry), ninth at 19:34. Julie Curry, sophomore of Highland/Highland, placed 10th at 19:49 and Jane Eckerson, senior of Downers Grove/Downers Grove, placed 12th at 20:14, however those two were not counted in the final team score.

COACH CRAFT COMMENTS -- EIU coach John Craft had these comments following the victory over SIU-Carbondale last Saturday, "it was a good win for us. "We knew it (team scores) would be close. Patty (Houseworth of SIU-Carbondale, won the event at 17:51.98) ran an excellent race. Gina (Sperry) ran a good race. . . most of our team improved their times. Conditions were good today, not like last weekend for the TFA/USA in Wisconsin (Kenosha) as we ran on a hilly, muddy course."

ON U OF INDIANA INVITE -- "It will be a rough one," commented coach Craft when asked about the upcoming University of Indiana Invitational at Bloomington, Ind., Saturday. "Mostly Division I schools as we faced back at Illinois State (Sept. 19)"

PANTHERS EIGHTH AT TFA/USA -- The EIU Panthers placed eighth of 20 teams in the TFA/USA Mid-American Collegiate Cross Country Championships Sept. 26 at Kenosha, WI. Iowa State won the event with 42 points. EIU had 258. Sperry (Gina) placed 22nd at 19:02; Donnellan (Kathy) was 48th at 19:42; Kramer (Nancy) was 55th at 19:54; Campbell (Dawn) was 63rd at 20:11; Eckerson (Jane) was 74th at 20:35 and Curry (Julie) was 82nd at 20:54.