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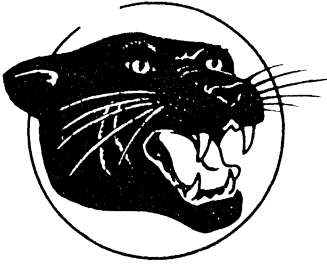
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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--(Jan. 23, 1986)--After coming off a first place finish in the triangular meet at Harper Junior College last weekend, Eastern's men's swim team is in for a busy weekend as they host Bradley University on Friday, then travel to Missouri to take on the University of Missouri-Rolla on Saturday.

"Bradley is an exceptionally strong team, they're not a large team, but they have quality people all the way through," said Eastern head coach Ray Padovan. "We're really not in a position to challenge them."

Eastern is coming off one of its best performances at the Harper triangular, according to coach Padovan. "We had some people that swam exceptionally, but some were just flat and tired," Padovan said. "We have to maintain and improve our intensity for the next four weeks."

On Saturday Eastern will face Missouri-Rolla. "Missouri-Rolla is basically a good team, they beat Southwest Missouri, and Southwest is a very good team," said Padovan. "They're really strong in the stroke events and diving, but they're not that strong in the freestyle events."

Eastern will try to counter Missouri-Rolla's strengths with good performances in the freestyle events. Leading the way for Eastern will be senior co-captain Steve Dempsey. Dempsey placed first in the 100 yd. freestyle at Harper, and finished with a strong second place finish in the 50 yd. freestyle. The other senior co-captain Paul Mulcrone captured first place honors at Harper in the 200 yd. freestyle.

"Each week from here on out is a building block for us," said Padovan. "We have four weeks of hard work left before nationals, we need our swimmers to maintain strength for this final four week stretch," Padovan said.