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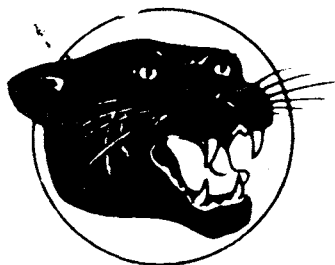
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Panther Sports News

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PREVIEWING THE WEEK (February 5-12, 1986)

Thursday, February 6 MEN'S BASKETBALL HOSTS EVANSVILLE (7:30 p.m.)

Friday, February 7 Men's Track at Illini Invitational
Men's Swimming at Southern Illinois Invitational
Women's Swimming at Gateway Conference Championships (Ill. State)
Women's Basketball at Southern Illinois

Saturday, February 8 MEN'S BASKETBALL HOSTS NORTHERN IOWA (7:30 p.m.)
Men's Track at Illini Invitational
Men's Swimming at Southern Illinois Invitational
Women's Swimming at Gateway Conference Championship
WOMEN'S TRACK HOSTS QUADRANGULAR (1:30 p.m.)
Wrestling at Illinois State

Monday, February 10 Men's Basketball at Western Illinois

Tuesday, February 11 WRESTLING HOSTS SOUTHERN ILLINOIS-Edwardsville (7:30 p.m.)

MEN'S TRACK: The Panthers had four placers at the highly-competitive Indiana Invitational at Bloomington, IN on Friday and Saturday . . . Eastern's nine individuals competed against seven schools from the Big Ten and Southeastern conferences . . . "Our intended purpose was to run against some good people so we could improve," EIU head coach Neil Moore said . . . Moore singled out sophomore Jim Maton as the Panther's top performer in the non-scoring meet . . . "Jim was probably the outstanding competitor for us in the meet, although everyone did real well."

JIM MATON (Shelbyville), a sophomore, captured fourth place in the 880-yard run at 1:54.23. Maton led all qualifiers with a 1:53.89 showing in Friday's time trials. He also qualified for the 1,000 at 2:29.3 but did not run in the finals of that race. "We did not double him on Saturday because his calves were pretty tight after the 880," explained Moore.

LARRY THOENNISSON (Morton), a senior, led the "EIU Cannons Corps" with a sixth-place finish in the shot put at 54-3½.

DAN MATAS (Oak Park-River Forest), a junior, took seventh in the shot put at 53-2½.

JEFF GENNARELLI (Berwyn-Morton West), a sophomore, placed eighth in the shot put at 52-0.

PHIL MATON (Shelbyville-Illinois College), a junior, had times of 1:57.9 in the 880 and 2:33.1 in the 1,000, but did not qualify for the finals in either event.

ROD MCMULLEN (Edwardsville), a sophomore, ran 7.72 in the 60 hurdles and 32.3 in the 300 but did not qualify for the finals in either event.

IAN ISAACS (North Aurora-West), a freshman, had times of 32.5 in the 300 and 49.63 in the 440 but did not qualify for the finals in either event.

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FRED NEAL (Dolton-Thornridge), a freshman, ran 1:06.11 in the 500 but did not qualify for the final.

MARK HEISE (Charleston), a sophomore, had a time of 1:06.01 in the 500 but did not qualify for the final.

WOMEN'S TRACK: The Lady Panthers placed third Saturday in the seven-team Lady Panther Invitational at Lantz Fieldhouse with 98 points . . . Purdue took top honors with 153 and Southern Illinois second with 125. Other team scores were Western Illinois, 76, Bradley and Indiana State, 27, and DePaul, 21 . . . "We showed a lot of enthusiasm and competed very well. Many performers showed improvement," said Eastern head coach John Craft. "If we continue to practice well and stay injury-free, I'm sure we'll be able to make even more progress."

LAUREN LYNCH (Elmhurst-York), a junior, won the 880-yard run in 2:17.31 and combined with sophomore Tracy Olawumi (Blue Island-Eisenhower), and freshmen Beverly Thomas (Joliet-Central) and Lorraine Plutz (Harvey-Thornton) for a second place finish in the 220-yard relay with 1:45.69. "Lauren deserves a lot of credit. She has built up her confidence which helped her to run an excellent race," stated Craft.

JANINE JARRIS (St. Charles), a junior, placed second in the mile with 5:01.4 and second in the 1,000 with 2:38.92, both personal best times. "J. J. is only running 80 to 85 percent due to a case of the flu, but she still ran an outstanding mile," noted Craft.

LORRAINE PLUTZ (Harvey-Thornton), a freshman, took second in the 440-yard dash with 58.18, a personal best, and also took second in the 300 with 36.3.

TRACY OLAWUMI (Blue Island-Eisenhower), a sophomore, captured second place with a season's best time of 1:24.28 in the 600-yard run.

VALETA STRICKLAND (Chicago-South Shore), a junior, placed second in the shot put with a throw of 46-2.

MEN'S SWIMMING: Eastern Illinois men's swim team had a difficult weekend as it was swept in two dual meets. Friday Illinois-Chicago defeated the Panthers 76-35 while Western Illinois came to Lantz pool and beat Eastern 60-51 Saturday.

SCOTT CONOVER (St. Charles), took a first place finish in the 100 yd. freestyle against UIC with a time of 10:21.92. Conover also placed second in the same event against Western with a time of 10:20.30.

STEVE DEMPSEY (Peoria), captured a first placed finish in the 100 yd. freestyle against Western with a time of 4:21. Dempsey, one of the co-captains, picked up a pair of second place finishes in the 50 yd. freestyle. Against Western he had a time of 22.40, and against UIC it was 22.51.

TIM SCHITTKER (Arlington Heights-Rolling Meadows), sophomore, picked up a first place finish in the 100 yd. butterfly with a time of 54.48.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING: Eastern Illinois women's swim team was swept in two dual meets this weekend. On Friday UIC beat Eastern 69-43. Saturday the women lost to Western Illinois 60-45.

TRACY SAAL (Pekin), took a first place finish in the 100 yd. freestyle against UIC with a time of 56.48. On Saturday Saal picked up a pair of second place finishes in the 50 yd. freestyle and the 100 yd. freestyle with times of 25.73 and 56.24.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING CONTINUED:

CAROLYN GUDITIS (Chicago-Mother McAuley), freshman, took first place honors in the 200 yd. freestyle against UIC with a time of 2:08.08.

CONNIE WIECK (Marshall), placed first in the 1000 yd. freestyle against Western with a time of 11:21.27. Wieck also placed second in the 500 yd. freestyle against UIC with a time of 5:41.02.