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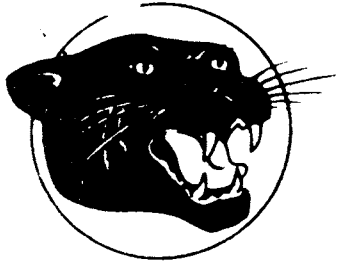
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# Panther Sports News

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## PREVIEWING THE WEEK (February 12-19, 1986)

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| Thursday, February 13  | WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HOSTS WESTERN ILLINOIS (7:30 p.m.)  |
| Friday, February 14    | Men's and women's Swimming at Missouri   |
| Saturday, February 15  | WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HOSTS BRADLEY (5:15 P.M.)   |
|                        | MEN'S BASKETBALL HOSTS NE LOUISIANA (7:30 p.m.)  |
|                        | MEN'S TRACK HOSTS INDIANA STATE, BRADLEY, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS, WESTERN ILLINOIS (1:00 P.M.)ing at Purdue, Wrestling at Purdue with Minnesota |
| Monday, February 17    | MEN'S BASKETBALL HOSTS SOUTHWEST MISSOURI (7:30p.m.)   |
| Wednesday, February 19 | Men's Basketball at Wisconsin-Green Bay  |

**MEN'S BASKETBALL:** The Panthers broke their three-game losing streak by defeating Evansville 84-72 and AMCU-8-rival Northern Iowa 68-52. Eastern Illinois now is sporting a 14-7 record overall and a 5-3 mark in the league. Seniors JON COLLINS, KEVIN DUCKWORTH AND DOUG CROOK were again the leaders of EIU's balanced attack. The 6-4 Collins scored 19 points against Evansville while tossing in 16 against UNI. "Sir Duck" tallied 16 against Evansville while chipping in a team-high 17 versus UNI. The towering 7-footer also pulled down 12 boards in the league contest. Crook notched 19 and 12 points, respectively, in the two contests

**JON COLLINS** (East St.Louis/Cahokia), senior forward, is among the conference leaders in scoring with a 20.3 average. He is EIU's third all-time leading scorer with 1498 career points. "Mr. Consistency" is second on the team in field goal shooting (.522) and rebounding (4.7). Collins has scored in double figures in 41 consecutive games and 75 of 78 over three years.

**KEVIN DUCKWORTH** (Dolton/Thornridge), senior center, is second on the squad in scoring with an 18.1 average. He leads the league in rebounding with a 9.0 average while also being among the loop leaders in field goal percentage (.598). "Sir Duck" tallied 17 points, 12 rebounds and one block in Eastern's 68-52 win over Northern Iowa. Duckworth is averaging more than 21 points a game in league play while also shooting 67% from the field.

**DOUG CROOK** (Vincennes, Ind./Lincoln), senior guard, is EIU's 18th all-time leading scorer with 1046 points. Rob Pinnell (1972-75) is 17th with 1058. Crook is averaging 13.9 points a game--third on the club. He is hitting a team-leading .783 from the line and .490 from the field. Crook tallied 12 points, six rebounds, six assists and three steals in the Panthers' 68-52 win over Northern Iowa.

**NORM EVANS** (Joliet/East), sophomore guard, notched seven points, five rebounds, six assists and three steals in EIU's 84-72 win over Evansville. Evans leads the team in assists (83) and steals (47). He is averaging 5.5 points and 3.6 rebounds a game.

RONNIE DUCKWORTH (Chicago/Harper), sophomore forward, scored nine points and collected seven rebounds in his first collegiate start against Evansville. He also collected six points and seven boards against UNI. Duckworth is averaging 3.7 points and 3.4 rebounds a game.

BRIAN MURPHY (Oswego), freshman center, scored nine points and garnered two rebounds against Evansville. Coming off the bench, he is averaging 3.1 points and nearly two rebounds a game. Murphy is shooting an impressive .739 from the free throw line.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: The Lady Panthers lost 69-62 to Gateway Conference leader Southern Illinois. EIU--13-7 overall and 5-5 in the league--was led by MELANIE HATFIELD'S 22 points and nine rebounds. All-league performer CHRIS ALDRIDGE tallied 11 points and nine rebounds against the Salukis.

MELANIE HATFIELD (Lawrenceburg, Ind.), senior guard, is EIU's leading scorer with a 16.5 points per game average. She also is ranked among the conference leaders in assists (100) and steals (76). The all-league candidate is hitting better than 45% from the field and 73% from the charity stripe.

CHRIS ALDRIDGE (Taylorville) senior forward, is second on the team in scoring with a 16.2 mark. She leads the team in rebounding with a 7.5 average. Aldridge is hitting better than 46% from the field and is ranked among the Gateway Conference leaders in that category.

SUE HYND (Ottawa), senior center, had six points and six rebounds in the Lady Panthers' loss to Southern Illinois. The 6-2 center is averaging 10.7 points a game while hitting .513 from the field.

SHERYL BONSETT (Scottsburg, Ind.), freshman guard, tallied 12 points, two assists and one steal in EIU's loss to Southern Illinois. The starting point-guard is averaging 7.6 points a game. She is second on the team in steals (46) and assists (61).

PAT HAMILTON (Decatur/Eisenhower), junior guard, came off the bench to score seven points and grab one rebound against SIU. She is averaging seven points a contest. She has provided the Lady Panthers with a tremendous boost off the bench to spell the starting guards

WOMEN'S TRACK: The Lady Panthers won the six-team Eastern Illinois Invitational, edging Illinois State 75 1/2-75 for the team championship at Lantz Fieldhouse. Eastern won all three relays and had four individual winners. Southeast Missouri was third with 39 1/2 points while Missouri Baptist was fourth with 38. Wisconsin-Parkside placed fifth with 21 points while Southern Illinois-Edwardsville rounded out the pack with four. Eastern Illinois head coach JOHN CRAFT said after the meet, "I call them the amazing Panthers. They're truly amazing. They're young and have a lot of fight in them, and they don't give up...that's for sure. It ranks right up there as one of the best team performances since I've been here."

LAUREN LYNCH (Elmhurst/York), junior, won the 880-yard run in 2:16.0 and combined with sophomore TRACY OLAWUMI (Blue Island/Eisenhower), freshmen BEVERLY THOMAS (Joliet/Central) and LORRY PLUTZ (Harvey/Thornton) to win the 880-yard relay in a season best of 1:44.70. Lynch combined with Olawumi, junior

JANINE JARRIS (St. Charles) and freshman MARCY NOVAK (Champaign/Mahomet-Seymour) to win the two-mile relay at 9:29.67.

TRACY OLAWUMI (Blue Island/Eisenhower), sophomore, was also first in the 600 at 1:26.83 besides being a member of the winning 880 and two-mile relay teams.

LORRY PLUTZ (Harvey/Thornton), freshman was also first in the 440 yard dash at 59.2 besides being a member of the winning 880 and mile-relay teams. Plutz anchored the mile relay in 57.57 and made up a 20-yard deficit to overtake Illinois State's fourth runner.

VALETA STRICKLAND (Chicago/South Shore), junior, won the shot put with a toss of 47-3.

TINA DAWSON (Mulkeytown/Sesser Valier), freshman, was third in the 300 at 38.15 besides being a member of the winning mile-relay team.

JEANNINE MACKIN (Oak Lawn), freshman, was third in the 440 at 1:01.7 besides being a member of the winning mile relay team.

JANINE JARRIS (St. Charles), junior, took second in the mile at 5:03.17 and third in the 1000 at 2:46.58 besides being a member of the winning two-mile relay team.

MEN'S TRACK: The Panthers had three individuals and one relay team at the prestigious Illini Classic in Champaign. No team scores were kept in the two-division meet (open and invitational). Eastern Illinois assistant coach Tom Akers described the meet as "outstanding. It's probably one of the outstanding indoor meets in the midwest. It as super, super competition...I thought we represented ourselves well for a school of our size. We're really pleased with the way we performed."

LARRY THOENNISSEN (Morton), senior, set a school record in the 35-pound weight throw with a toss of 58-1 en route to fourth-place. Thoennissen held the old school mark of 57-0 3/4, setting it last year.

JIM MATON (Shelbyville), sophomore, took first-place in the 1,000 meter run at 2:25.88 in the open division, bettering his season best by 3.6 seconds.

ROD McMULLEN (Edwardsville), sophomore, was fourth in the open 300 meters at 32.55 and fifth in the 60-hurdles at 7.61.

GARY SHARP (Cairo), freshman, ran the fastest split at 49.9 on the mile-relay squad that placed third in the open division at 3:22.03. Others on the relay team were freshman ROD FERGUSON (Kankakee), FRED NEAL (Dolton/Thornridge) and IAN ISAACS (North Aurora/West).

WRESTLING: Eastern Illinois' wrestling team ran its record to 8-1 with a 29-14 win over Illinois State. Senior OZZIE PORTER (Chicago/Dunbar) improved his record to 22-4 with a victory over his Illinois State opponent. CHRIS McFARLAND (East Chicago Heights/Bloom Trail) leads the team with a sparkling 29-2 record. He was ranked 13th in the country during the latest poll. Heavyweight DEMETRIOS HARPER (Chicago Heights/Lincoln JC) also has an impressive 20-8-4

mark.

**WOMEN'S SWIMMING:** The Eastern Illinois women's swimming team placed fourth in the Gateway Conference Championships at Illinois State. Illinois placed first while defending champ Southern Illinois State placed second. TRACY SAAL (Pekin) received all-conference mention after placing third in the 50 meter freestyle with a time of 25.60. She also placed 11 th in the 200 meter freestyle with a clocking of 2:04.95. CONNIE WIECK (Marshall) finished fourth in the 1650 meterfreestyle with a time of 18:39.58. She also took ninth in the 200 meter butterfly with a time of 2:39.93. SHEILA MULCHRONE (Chicago/Morgan Park) took seveth in the 200 meter backstroke with a time of 2:28.93.