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# **Panther Sports News**

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## PREVIEWING THE WEEK (March 6-13)

Wednesday, March 6	MEN'S BASKETBALL hosts opponent to be named in Mid-Continent post season tournament (7:30, Lantz) Women's Basketball at Illinois State
Thursday, March 7	Men's Swimming at Midwest Championship (Chicago)
Friday, March 8	Men's Swimming at Midwest Championship (Chicago)
Saturday, March 9	Men's Swimming at Midwest Championship (Chicago)

## REVIEWING THE WEEKEND (March 1-2)

**MEN'S BASKETBALL:** The Panthers will close the 1984-85 season this week playing in the Mid-Continent post-season tournament . . . EIU, 16-10 overall and 8-5 in the AMCU prior to Monday's game at Wis-Green Bay, will host a first round game at 7:30 Wednesday night . . . the opponent will either be Northern Iowa or Ill-Chicago pending the outcome of the regular season finish . . . semifinal games will be played Friday night and the championship Sunday afternoon (3/10) and all games will be played at the site of the highest seeded team . . . EIU downed non-conference opponent Chicago State, 81-77, Saturday.

**DIRK ANDROFF** (Decatur-Eisenhower), senior forward, popped in 25 points and added 13 rebounds in the 81-77 win over Chicago State . . . Androff is still shooting a remarkable 65.4% from the field (125-191) but has dropped into second place in the conference shooting percentage behind freshman Eric Longino of Illinois-Chicago . . . Androff has increased his scoring average to 12.6 overall, 13.4 in conference play, and is getting 5.5 rebounds a game.

**JON COLLINS** (East St. Louis-Cahokia), junior forward, scored 23 points in Saturday night's win which put him exactly at 1000 career points in just two seasons . . . he is the 18th EIU player to reach 1000 in a career, and only the second to do it in two seasons . . . Collins had 513 as a sophomore and thus far has 487 this winter for a team high 18.7 average . . . he is shooting 55.2% from the field and averaging 4.1 rebounds.

**KEVIN DUCKWORTH** (Dolton-Thornridge), 7-0 junior center, is expected to return to action fulltime this week after sitting out most of last week with a slight break of his right hand . . . he missed the 78-70 loss to Cleveland State entirely last Monday and then played just three minutes against Chicago State Saturday . . . "He was given the OK by the team physicians to play with a splint Saturday but we knew he wasn't going to be very effective so after playing him a bit in the first half decided it wasn't worth the risk of further injury with the conference tournament coming up," said Coach Rick Samuels . . . therefore Duck's stats are still at 12.9 scoring p/game, 7.9 rebounds and 51% shooting.

TROY RICHARDSON (Dolton-Thornridge), 6-1 senior guard, still leads the conference with 6.8 assists and 2.8 steals p/game . . . he has 176 and 72, respectively, in 26 contests . . . in two games last week he had 18 points, eight rebounds but, ironically, did not have an assist in the Chicago State contest.

DOUG CROOK (Vincennes, IN-Lincoln), 6-1 junior guard, is still third on the team with 11.9 points p/game overall, 13.6 in conference play . . . he leads the team in free throw shooting at 77.8% (49-63), and is second in steals (42) and assists (82) . . . he fell below 50% field goal shooting at 49%.

STEVE HOPKINS (Chicago-Kenwood), 6-8 senior center, started the last two games in place of Kevin Duckworth . . . he scored eight points, nine rebounds in Saturday's 81-77 win over Chicago State . . . Hopkins is now averaging 3.2 in scoring and rebounding.

PAUL NEIDIG (Poseyville, IN-North Posey), 6-8 senior center, came off the bench in last week's 78-70 loss to Cleveland State to score a season high 10 points, 10 rebounds . . . in Saturday's 81-77 win over Chicago State he had eight points, five rebounds . . . Neidig is hitting an even 50% from the field scoring 2.7 points p/game and 1.9 rebounds.

MEN'S TRACK: The Panthers took second behind Northern Iowa in the indoor Mid-Continent championship at Cedar Falls, IA over the weekend . . . UNI won with 84 points, EIU had 67, Western Illinois was third with 60, Southwest Missouri scored 30 for fourth place and Illinois-Chicago had 10.

CLAUDE MAGEE (Clermont, FL), senior sprinter, was voted the meet's Outstanding Athlete as he scored 12½ points and won both the long jump in a meet and EIU record 25-2¼ feet and the 60 dash in 6.37 seconds . . . he also ran a 50.3 split on the fourth place mile relay team . . . his long jump distance qualified for the NCAA Indoor Track Championship which will be held this weekend at Syracuse, NY . . . in the long jump he broke his previous EIU record of 24-6½.

LARRY THOENNISSEN (Morton), junior weightman, scored ten points for the Panthers and also was one of the leading contenders for the meet's Outstanding Athlete award . . . Larry won the 35 lb. weight throw with an EIU and conference record distance 57-0 3/4 . . . that was almost four feet farther than his previous EIU record 53-3 3/4 . . . he also finished second in the shot put with a 56-11 3/4, and was leading that event until Western's Marion Matas won on the last throw . . . still that distance was a personal record for Thoennissen.

JIM MATON (Shelbyville), freshman middle distance runner, was one of two EIU frosh to win an event . . . he took first in the 880 run in a personal best of 1:54.59 . . . Maton also ran a 3:06 three quarter mile for the second place distance medley relay team.

ROD MCMULLEN (Edwardsville), freshman hurdler, was one of two EIU frosh to win an event . . . he took first in the 60 yard high hurdles in 7.5 seconds.

GREG ANDERSON (Decatur-Florissant Valley CC), freshman sprinter, was second to EIU's Claude Magee in the 60 dash finishing in 6.4 seconds.

DREW GEISLER (Granite City-South), senior distance runner, took third in the mile in 4:12.31.

DON JOHNSON (Terre Haute-South), sophomore distance runner, took third in the 1000 yard run in 2:16.

JIM LAIL (Dolton-Thornridge), junior weightman, was third in the shot put in 54-3 feet.

ROXY WOOD (Pekin), junior pole vaulter, placed third in the PV in 15-6 feet.

CHRIS JOHNSON (Peoria-Manual), sophomore sprinter, was third in the 440 dash in 50.77 seconds.

JEFF GENNARELLI (Berwyn-Morton West), freshman weightman, was fourth in the shot put throwing it a personal best of 51-4.

SCOTT ADAMSON (Moweaqua), sophomore hurdler/middle distance runner, was fourth in the 600 dash in 1:13.53, and also ran a leg of the mile relay which took fourth place.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** The Lady Panthers (15-11, 7-9) swept a pair of Gateway Conference games last week by defeating Southwest Missouri (71-68) and Wichita State (67-66). Junior forward Chris Aldridge tallied 15 points against SMS while Toni Collins registered 20 points and 17 rebounds against Wichita State. Collins also garnered 13 boards against SMS.

CHRIS ALDRIDGE (Taylorville), junior forward, scored 17 points and grabbed seven boards in the Wichita State win. She has played forty minutes in four of the team's last five games. The all-conference candidate is second on the squad in scoring (14.7) and rebounding (7.0) while also pacing the Lady Panthers in field goal shooting (.526).

TONI COLLINS (Lincoln/Jamaica-Sidell), senior forward, scored 20 points and hauled in 17 rebounds in her last Lantz Gym appearance against Wichita State. The two-time all-league pick leads the club in scoring (15.2) and rebounding (8.0).

MELANIE HATFIELD (Lawrenceburg, Ind.), junior guard, is third on the team in scoring with an 11.4 average. She scored 14 points and grabbed seven rebounds against SMS. Hatfield is among the Gateway Conference leaders in steals (61) and assists (104).

SUE HYND (Ottawa), junior center, scored 13 points and grabbed seven rebounds against Southwest Missouri. She is fourth on the club in scoring (9.5) and third in rebounding (4.8).

LORI CONINE (Paris/Kansas), senior guard, accumulated 13 points, three assists and four steals in the Thursday night win over Southwest Missouri. She grabbed five boards and scored four points in her last appearance at Lantz Gym against Wichita State.

**WOMEN'S SWIMMING:** The Lady Panthers finished an impressive sixth out of 13 teams at the Midwest Swimming Championships in Chicago, Ill. Illinois State placed first and Western Illinois garnered second. "The performance was one of the finest since I began coaching here," exclaimed head coach Ray Padovan. "I was happy to finish in the top half, and I felt that we met and exceeded our goals for the season."

DEBBIE KROENING (Carbondale/Community), senior, set school records in the 500 and 1,000 yard freestyle events. She also had impressive showings in the 400 yard individual medley and the 200 yard butterfly. Other impressive showings were turned in by sophomore TRACY SAAL (Pekin) senior captain JAMIE PISTORIO (Barrington) and sophomore CONNIE WEICK (Marshall).

WOMEN'S TRACK: EIU placed seventh out of ten teams at the Gateway Conference Championships held at Illinois State. Illinois State captured medalist honors for the third consecutive year with 163 points while Western Illinois was second with 136. EIU tallied 18 points.

VALETA STRICKLAND (Chicago/South Shore), sophomore shot putter, placed third in the league championships with a toss of 46-7. She was named all-conference.

SABRINA HARPER (East Chicago Heights/Bloom Trail), freshman runner, broke the school record in the triple jump with a leap of 36-4. She placed fifth in the meet.

DEB ZUBIK (Calumet City/Thornwood), sophomore shot putter, placed fifth with a toss of 42-7½.

TRACY OLAWUMI (Blue Island/Eisenhower), freshman long sprinter, placed fourth in the 400 meter dash with a personal record best of 58.1.