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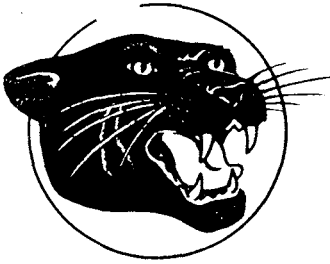
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Panther Sports News

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PREVIEWING THE WEEK (March 6-12)

Thursday-Saturday, March 6-8

Men's Basketball at AMCU Tournament (Springfield, MO)

Men's Swimming at Midwest Championship (Chicago)

Saturday, March 8

EIU HOSTS BOYS HIGH SCHOOL TRACK INVITATIONAL (9:30 a.m.)

Saturday-Sunday, March 8-9

EIU HOSTS NJCAA REGION XXIV BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Tuesday, March 11

BASEBALL HOSTS WISCONSIN-PARKSIDE (1:00 p.m.)

WRESTLING: Eastern's wrestling team had a strong showing in this weekend's Western Regionals, advancing four wrestlers to the NCAA National meet March 13-15. Eastern placed 5th in team scoring with 69 and one half points. Northern Iowa captured first place honors with 172 and one-quarter points.

KEITH PRESLEY (Chicago) - The junior went 3-1 in the regional tournament, to take 3rd place honors. Presley beat George Bessett of Indiana State 5-2 in the opening round, but was defeated by Dan Majewski of Northern Iowa in the second round. Presley came back to beat Tim King of Southwest Missouri and Ron Wisniewski of Notre Dame. For the season Presley has a 22-12 record.

CHRIS MCFARLAND 158(E. Chicago Heights) - McFarland placed 4th in the regional tournament but was picked by the coaches as the wild-card to advance. McFarland won his first two bouts by falls, and then was pinned by Indiana State's Chuck Updegraff. He came back to pin Brian Chambers of Marquette only to lose to E. C. Cotton of Illinois State.

OZZIE PORTER 167 (Chicago) - Placed second. The senior won all of his bouts except the championship, in which he lost in overtime 3-0. Porter beat Tim Moon of Southwest Missouri, Mike Fritz of Indiana State and Kevin Kaho of Northern Iowa. Porter improved his season record to 29-5.

DEMETRIUS HARPER Heavyweight (Chicago Heights) - The Lincoln Junior College transfer improved his record to 27-10-3, going 2-1 in the tournament and placing second. Harper lost the championship match in overtime to Northern Iowa's Tony Koontz.

MEN'S TRACK: The Panthers captured second place at the Association of Mid-Continent Universities Conference Indoor Championship at Cedar Falls, IA . . . host Northern Iowa won the six-team meet for the third consecutive year with 179 points, while Eastern had 141 . . . Western Illinois was third with 66, Southwest Missouri fourth with 65, Cleveland State fifth with 37 and Illinois-Chicago sixth with 35 . . . Eastern sophomore Jim Maton (Shelbyville) was named AMCU athlete of the year after winning the 1,000-yard run and mile and anchoring the Panthers' first-place two-mile relay team . . . Northern Iowa coach Chris Buckman was selected as AMCU coach of the year . . . both awards are voted on by league coaches . . . Eastern relied heavily on its freshmen, who responded to the challenge by placing in several events . . . "This is the best quality we've had at the indoor championship (which is three years old)," said Eastern head coach Neil Moore. "I was proud of our performances. The freshmen really came through for us. We just didn't have enough depth."

JIM MATON (Shelbyville), sophomore, was chosen as AMCU athlete of the year after he won the 1,000-yard run with a conference-record time of 2:13.32 and the mile at 4:13.0. Maton also anchored Eastern's winning two-mile relay

squad, which won in 7:41.38. Others on the relay were, in order, freshman BRUCE NIE (Sterling), freshman FRED NEAL (Dolton-Thornridge) and Jim's brother, junior PHIL MATON (Shelbyville-Illinois College).

LARRY THOENNISSSEN (Morton), senior, took top honors in the 35-pound weight at 55-11½ and fourth in the shot put at 53-8½.

DAN MATAS (Oak Park-River Forest), junior, won the shot put with a toss of 56-4¼ and was fourth in the 35-pound weight throw at 49-0.

IAN ISAACS (North Aurora-West), freshman, captured first place in the 440 at 49.29 and was second in the 60 at 6.46. Isaacs also anchored Eastern's mile relay team, which placed second in 3:23.91. Others on the relay were, in order, sophomore MARK HEISE (Charleston), junior PHIL MATON (Shelbyville-Illinois College) and freshman ROD FERGUSON (Kankakee).

ROXY WOOD (Pekin), senior, took top honors in the pole vault at 15-0.

PHIL MATON (Shelbyville-Illinois College), junior, finished second in the 880 at 1:55.96 and ran the third leg of Eastern's winning two-mile relay squad and the second leg of EIU's second-place mile relay team.

MARK HEISE (Charleston), sophomore, placed second in the 600 at 1:12.41 and ran the second leg of Eastern's second-place mile relay squad.

TODD JUNGENBERG (Hawthorne Woods-Carmel), freshman, captured second place in the triple jump at 44-5.

JIM LAIL (Dolton-Thornridge), senior, was third in the shot put at 53-10¼ and fifth in the 35-pound weight at 48-9.

KELLY SWIFT (Clayton), freshman, took third in the long jump at 22-5½ and fifth in the triple jump at 43-5½.

PAUL TODORIC (Hoffman Estates), senior, was fourth in the 1,000 at 2:16.77.

BRUCE NIE (Sterling), freshman, took sixth in the mile at 4:21.58 and ran the lead leg of Eastern's winning two-mile relay squad.

ROD FERGUSON (Kankakee), freshman, placed sixth in the 440 at 51.0 and ran the third leg of EIU's runner-up mile relay team.

JEFF GENNARELLI (Berwyn-Morton West), sophomore, captured sixth in the shot put at 51-8 3/4.

ERIC CHILDS (Cairo), freshman, took sixth in the 60 at 6.60.

WOMEN'S TRACK: The Lady Panthers captured fifth place at the Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference Indoor Championship at Lantz Fieldhouse with 70 points . . . Western Illinois won the 10-team meet with 136 points. Southern Illinois was second with 103, Wichita State third with 82, defending champion Illinois State fourth with 81 and EIU fifth . . . other team scores were Drake with 41, Bradley 13, Northern Iowa and Southwest Missouri 12 each and Indiana State eight . . . Eastern set three school records in the meet and had one champion as junior Valeta Strickland (Chicago-South Shore) took top honors in the shot put . . . three conference records were broken, and two Lantz Fieldhouse marks fell . . . the Lady Panthers had nine individuals named all-conference, which was earned with a first, second or third -place finish.

VALETA STRICKLAND (Chicago-South Shore), junior, won the shot put with a school record toss of 48-7½, breaking the mark she set last season at 46-11 3/4. "Valeta threw well," said Eastern coach John Craft. "She was primed for this meet. Out of all the people I've coached (in seven years), Valeta is the most self-motivated. She's a student of her event, which, I think, is the first step of becoming a great athlete."

LAUREN LYNCH (Elmhurst-York), junior, set a school record in the 880-yard run as she took second at 2:12.84, breaking current teammate JANINE JARRIS' (St. Charles) mark of 2:14.5 set last year. Lynch also anchored Eastern's second-place two-mile relay team, which also set a school record with a time of 9:19.67. The foursome of sophomore TRACY OLAWUMI (Blue Island-Eisenhower), junior KERRI SPERRY (Litchfield-Lincoln Land), JARRIS and Lynch shattered the old record of 9:29.67 set on Feb. 8 at the EIU Invitational.

TRACY OLAWUMI (Blue Island-Eisenhower), sophomore, took second in the 600 at 1:23.07, and ran lead legs of Eastern's mile and two-mile relay squads.

LORRY PLUTZ (Harvey-Thornton), freshman, set an Eastern freshman record with a time of 57.28 in the 440 that was good for second place. Plutz was also fifth in the 300 at 36.73 and ran the third leg on the mile relay team and anchored the third-place 880 relay squad, which had a time of 1:44.61. Others on the 880 relay were, in order, freshman BEVERLY THOMAS (Joliet-Central), PLUTZ and OLAWUMI.

TINA DAWSON (Mulkeytown-Sesser-Valier), freshman, captured third in the pentathlon with 2,939 points in just her second pentathlon.

JANINE JARRIS (St. Charles), junior, placed fourth in the mile at 5:03.85, fifth in the 1,000 at 2:39.24 and ran the third leg of EIU's record-setting two-mile relay team.

BEVERLY THOMAS (Joliet-Central), freshman, led off the Eastern 880 relay team, which finished third at 1:44.61, and ran the second leg of the mile relay squad, which had a time of 3:52.13 for third place. Others on the mile relay were, in order, freshman JEANNINE MACKIN (Oak Lawn), freshman TINA DAWSON and PLUTZ.

BETH SMITH (Deerfield), junior, took sixth in the pentathlon with 2,790 points.

PATTI FRIGO (Lansing-Thornton Fractional South), freshman, was sixth in the high jump at 5-5½.

WOMEN'S TENNIS: The Eastern Illinois University women's tennis team lost to three teams Friday and Saturday at the Northern Illinois Quadrangular. Final team scores were 0-9 against Iowa State and 2-7 against both Northern Illinois and Illinois State. "Overall, it was a good weekend for us. The meet allowed us to accomplish what we need to, which was to define our problem areas," stated coach Gail Richard. "We found out that our doubles squads are fairly strong, but we need more consistency in our singles play . . . Also the three teams we played have year-round programs . . . We're still out of condition and could use more confidence and concentration."

In the Northern Illinois match, No. 1 singles player senior Diana Durkee (Lebanon-Belleville AC) defeated Sari Dinerman 6-4, 3-6, 7-5. In doubles action, Durkee paired up with senior Lauri Lehman (Belleville-Belleville AC) to beat Jodi Ventress and Amy Anderson 6-4, 6-4.

The Lady Panthers took two matches from conference rival Illinois State. The No. 2 doubles team of senior Sally Stout (Peoria-Richwoods) and freshman Maureen McKeon (Northbrook-Glenbrook North) won over Mary Buff and Peggy Scheiman 7-5, 7-6. In three sets, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4, freshmen Lisa Stock (Elmhurst-York) and Elizabeth Stuckey (Belleville-East), No. 3 doubles, took the squad of Chris Nowicki and Julie Loomis.