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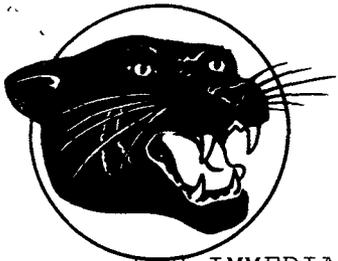
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Panther Sports News

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CHARLESTON, IL (April 14, 1986)--Eastern Illinois University's baseball Panthers will host two double-headers and travel to Macomb for two Association of Mid-Continent Universities Conference double-headers this week.

The Panthers, 17-16 overall and 1-3 in the Gray Division of the AMCU, will entertain Rose-Hulman at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday (April 15) at Monier Field before hosting intra-state rival Illinois State at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday (April 16) at Monier Field. EIU will then meet Western Illinois on Saturday and Sunday (April 19-20) in four key conference contests.

Eastern Illinois began its conference slate by losing three of four games to two-time AMCU tournament champion Southwest Missouri State last weekend at home. The Panthers snapped a six-game losing streak with a 7-5 victory in the third game of the series.

Senior right-hander MIKE STEINKAMP (Lincoln) made his first start since March 29 a successful one, winning his fourth game in seven decisions. Steinkamp, whose last six appearances had been in relief, struck out four and walked two in 6 1/3 innings while allowing seven hits and three earned runs.

Senior outfielder KEVIN SMITH (Peoria-Richwoods) regained the batting lead among the Panthers as he had seven hits in 14 at-bats against Southwest Missouri State. Smith leads Eastern Illinois with a .369 average and is also tops with 45 hits, 29 runs, 14 doubles and seven stolen bases.

Senior catcher TIM TORRICELLI (Springfield) had three hits in eight at-bats against SMS while drawing six bases on balls. Torricelli leads EIU with four home runs, 30 runs batted in and 27 walks while ranking second with a .366 average. Torricelli has also handled 165 of 166 chances for a nifty fielding percentage of .994.

Junior second baseman RICK STERIOTI (Joliet-Catholic) continued his hot hitting as he went three for nine in the four league games to up his batting average to .340, which is third highest on the squad. Sterioti also belted his first collegiate career home run in the fourth game against Southwest Missouri State.

Junior right-hander DAVE GOODHUE (Fithian-Armstrong) made his return to the mound after removing himself because of arm trouble on Wednesday in the first inning of the first game against Indiana State. Goodhue picked up his first save of the season in his third relief appearance in the third contest against SMS. He gave up one hit and walked one in 2/3 of an inning as he combined with Steinkamp for the triumph.

The Panthers began last week with a 15-8 loss at Illinois before dropping a pair to Indiana State at home. The Sycamores, who entered the double-header ranked 25th in the nation according to the ESPN/Collegiate Baseball poll, won 8-4 and 13-4.