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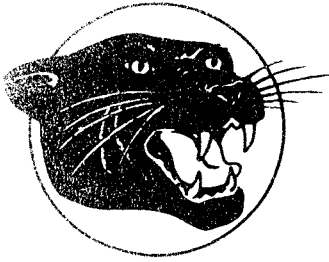
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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL (April 21, 1986)--Eastern Illinois University's baseball Panthers will try to even their record against the Big Ten Conference when they host Illinois in a single game scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday (April 22) at Monier Field.

The Panthers enter the contest with a 20-19 overall record and a 2-3 mark against the Big Ten. Illinois defeated EIU 15-8 at Champaign on April 8 in the first meeting between the schools this season. Eastern Illinois split a four-game series against Purdue of the Big Ten earlier this year.

EIU will hope to continue its dominance of the Missouri Valley Conference on Wednesday (April 23) as the Panthers travel to Carbondale for a double-header against Southern Illinois. Eastern Illinois sports a 7-2 mark against the Missouri Valley, with five victories over Bradley and two wins over Illinois State. The Panthers lost twice to nationally ranked Indiana State.

Eastern Illinois will conclude its Association of Mid-Continent Universities Conference schedule this weekend when the Panthers take on Northern Iowa on Saturday and Sunday (April 26-27) with a pair of double-headers at Cedar Falls, Iowa. The Panthers are 2-6 in the Gray Division of the AMCU, while Northern Iowa has a 1-7 mark in the conference.

EIU is paced offensively by senior catcher TIM TORRICELLI (Springfield), who has a batting average of .378. Torricelli leads the Panthers with five home runs, 35 runs batted in and 31 bases on balls. The always-reliable backstop is also fielding at a .990 clip, handling 207 chances in 209 attempts.

Senior outfielder KEVIN SMITH (Peoria-Richwoods) is also having a banner season for the Panthers. Smith is hitting .366 and is tops among the team with 53 hits, 35 runs, 15 doubles and nine stolen bases.

The Panthers' pitching staff continues to be anchored by junior right-hander DAVE GOODHUE (Fithian-Armstrong). Goodhue, 11th in the nation a year ago with a 1.89 earned run average, has an ERA of 2.52 this season for 50 innings. He allowed just four hits in a recent 2-0 loss to conference rival Western Illinois. Goodhue has an impressive strikeout-walk ratio of 38-14.

Senior right-hander MIKE STEINKAMP (Lincoln) leads EIU with 15 appearances and 57 innings. Steinkamp hurled a three-hitter in seven innings against Western Illinois in a recent 2-1 setback. He has struck out 26 and issued 17 bases on balls.

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY 1986 BASEBALL STATISTICS (20-19, 2-6 AMCU)

<u>BATTING/FIELDING</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>SB</u>	<u>SAC</u>	<u>HP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>FDG</u>
Tim Torricelli, C/3B	.378	39	119	31	45	11	2	5	35	6	5	2	31	12	173	34	2	.990
Kevin Smith, OF	.366	39	145	35	53	15	5	2	24	9	2	1	14	19	67	1	7	.907
Rick Steriotti, 2B/SS	.340	31	97	19	33	7	4	1	17	4	6	1	7	13	48	89	12	.919
Ty Barton, OF	.333	5	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1.000
Stan Royer, 3B	.326	39	132	21	43	10	1	2	23	0	2	1	15	14	24	50	16	.822
Alswinn Kieboom, C/DH	.292	13	24	4	7	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	6	22	0	0	1.000
Kendall Snyder, 1B	.272	39	125	18	34	5	0	4	23	0	11	0	7	12	331	11	1	.997
Bernie Holland, OF/DH	.268	39	127	20	34	6	0	3	25	3	1	1	24	34	29	1	2	.938
Mike Rooney, OF	.248	37	105	21	26	3	2	4	18	4	3	1	14	17	55	6	7	.897
Terry McDevitt, SS	.237	36	118	29	28	4	0	0	9	3	3	1	25	17	48	97	18	.890
Dave Snider, INF/DH	.235	34	98	20	23	6	2	1	12	3	5	2	16	12	23	35	1	.983
Terry Keigher, OF/DH	.225	18	40	4	9	3	0	0	2	1	1	0	4	5	4	0	2	.667
Others	.400	39	5	2	2	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	20	52	3	.960
EIU TOTALS	.297	39	1138	225	338	71	16	22	195	36	40	10	159	161	845	377	71	.945
OPP TOTALS	.294	39	1138	211	335	59	14	30	175	39	21	10	124	188	848	347	80	.937

<u>PITCHING</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>HP</u>
Brian Corn, RHP	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Dave Goodhue, RHP	2.52	11	7	2	0	4	3	1	50	45	20	14	14	38	1
Mike Steinkamp, RHP	3.79	15	4	2	0	4	4	2	57	59	35	24	17	26	2
Bill Jose, RHP	5.59	12	9	3	0	3	5	1	48 1/3	67	41	30	29	33	4
Ron Ladin, LHP	5.78	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 2/3	6	7	3	2	1	0
Paul Skorupa, RHP	6.00	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	6	5	4	4	4	8	0
Eric Hillman, LHP	6.46	11	8	1	0	4	3	0	46	49	43	33	29	38	1
Jim Wilkins, RHP	6.63	7	6	1	0	2	1	0	38	56	32	28	10	24	2
Sam Light, RHP	7.57	12	2	1	0	2	2	1	27 1/3	40	24	23	15	19	0
Chuck Reno, RHP	8.31	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	4 1/3	8	5	4	1	1	0
EIU TOTALS	5.19	39	39	11	0	20	19	5	281 2/3	335	211	163	124	188	10
OPP TOTALS	5.86	39	39	10	1	19	20	3	282 2/3	338	225	184	159	161	10

SEASON SUMMARY

NCAA I: 15-15
 NCAA II: 4-4
 NAIA: 1-0
 At Home: 7-7
 On Road: 9-11
 Neutral: 4-1