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CHARLESTON, IL.--Two former Eastern Illinois University baseball players have been promoted to major league rosters during the final month of the season.

Tim Pynarski of Chicago Ridge (Marist) and Kevin Seitzer of Lincoln have joined the San Diego Padres and Kansas City Royals, respectively, after exceptional seasons for their Triple A teams in Las Vegas and Omaha.

These two were Panther teammates on the 1981 team that was second in the NCAA Division II World Series. That was EIU's final year in Division II as it is a major college program now.

Pynarski, a first round draft choice in 1981, led the Pacific Coast League in home runs (23) and runs batted in (119) this summer. He batted .326 with 35 doubles and 14 game winning hits.

Seitzer, who already has had a game winning hit and scored a game winner with the Royals, batted .317 at Omaha with 13 homers, 73 RBIs, 97 runs scored, 11 triples, 20 doubles and 20 steals.

While at EIU from 1981-83 Seitzer is the only player to hit .400 in his three year career finishing with a school record .418 average. He also holds the school record for most doubles (29) and most runs scored (137).

Pynarski, who played from 1979-81, holds six season and career EIU records including home runs in a season (22) and career (36) and RBIs in a season (78) and career (156).

He also was a member of The Sporting News 1981 All-American team.