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PREVIEWING THE WEEK (Nov. 18-25)

FRIDAY, NOV. 21 MEN'S BASKETBALL HOSTS FORT HOOD TANKERS (7:30, LANTZ)
Wrestling at St. Louis Open

SATURDAY, NOV. 22 MEN'S & WOMEN'S SWIMMING HOSTS INDIANA CENTRAL
(1 P.M., LANTZ POOL)
Wrestling at St. Louis Open

REVIEWING THE WEEKEND (Nov. 15)

FOOTBALL

WEEKEND RESULTS: The Panthers won their tenth in a row downing Western Kentucky, 35-18.

RECORD: EIU is 10-1 overall and continues to be ranked No. 4 in the NCAA I-AA poll.

NOTES: EIU set school records for most points in a season (409), most TDs (54) and total offense (4931) . . . EIU continues to lead NCAA I-AA in passing with a 326 yard average.

COACH MOLDE SAID: "I was a bit concerned about our mental approach to this game after clinching the league championship and automatic berth in the NCAA tournament last weekend but after a slow start we responded very well. I think Western Kentucky is a vastly improved club and they pushed us right to the end. Now we have some time to think solely about the playoffs and prepare for that first game on the 29th."

NAPERVILLE (CENTRAL): QB SEAN PAYTON was the 'Offensive Player of the Week' throwing for 354 yards on 27-41-1 and two TD passes . . . since tournament stats do not count in season totals, Payton finished his career as the No. 3 all-time passer with 10,655 yards surpassing Doug Flutie on the all-time list.

EVANSTON: CARL PARKER, junior nose guard, was the Defensive 'Player of the Week' five solo tackles, nine assisted, three QB sacks, two tackles for loss, forced and recovered a fumble . . . he now has 69 total tackles and is second on the team with eight tackles for loss.

ROBBINS (RICHARDS): CALVIN PIERCE, senior slotback, caught eight passes for 147 yards and a three yard TD catch . . . he ended the season with 65 catches for 1200 yards, which is the second most yardage in one year at EIU . . . he also has 2629 career yards receiving which is second most ever at Eastern. . . he shared 'Receiver of the Week' honors with Roy Banks.

DETROIT (KING): ROY BANKS, senior flanker, caught seven passes for 75 yards and shared 'Receiver of the Week' honors with Calvin Pierce . . . Banks ended the year with 53 catches for 1014 yards, the second time in his career he has gone over 1000 yards in a season . . . he finished his career with 184 catches for 3177 yards and 38 TD receptions, all three EIU records.

CHICAGO (SCHURZ): JAMES MARABLE, sophomore running back, rushed for 71 yards and caught three passes for 28 yards . . . he plunged one yard for a TD, his 16th of the season which was one short of tying the EIU record for touchdowns in a season . . . he ended up averaging 112.7 yards p/game all-purpose running and a team high 62.1 rushing.

DETROIT (McKENZIE): DUWAYNE PITTS, junior running back, ran for 44 yards and caught four passes for 25 yards . . . he had a 21 yard TD rush, also. . . slowed most of the year by an ankle injury, he still ran for a 47.6 yard average and caught 24 passes for 151 to account for over 60 yards p/game.

STREATOR: DERICK WILHELMS, junior tight end, share 'back of the week' honors after catching one pass for a 10 yard TD, and doing an excellent job of blocking. . . Wilhelms caught 18 passes for 343 yards and two TDs this season.

MINOOKA (JOLIET JC): MIKE BRISCOE, junior linebacker, was chosen 'backer of the week' getting eight tackles including two QB sacks . . . he was No. 13 on the team this season with 38 tackles including five QB sacks.

MARKHAM (TINLEY PARK/MORAIN VALLEY): AARON THOMAS, senior nose guard, had nine tackles including a tackle for loss . . . he finished No. 2 on the team with 102 total tackles including a team high 16 tackles for loss and three QB sacks.

CALUMET CITY (THORNTON FRACTIONAL NORTH): JOHN JURKOVIC, sophomore defensive lineman, had 11 tackles with a QB sack and tackle for loss . . . he finished No. 4 on the team with 93 tackles, a team high 13 QB sacks and 14 tackles for loss.

WINNETKA (NEW TRIER): JEFF MILLS, sophomore linebacker, led the team again with 14 tackles including a QB sack and tackle for loss . . . he was No. 1 on the team with 127 tackles including three QB sacks and five tackles for loss.

DOLTON (THORNTRIDGE/THORNTON): DAN POLEWSKI, senior linebacker, had 11 tackles and finished No. 3 on the team with 96 total including three fumble recoveries.

SAN DIEGO (MESA/MESA CC): RICK ZIEMANN, senior outside linebacker had three tackles and was No. 9 on the team with 61 tackles . . . he was No. 2 in QB sacks with nine and also had four tackles for loss.

LAMESA, CA (HELIX/GROSSMONT CC): SCOTT PILKERTON, senior defensive lineman, had seven tackles, a tackle for loss and knocked down a pass . . . he was No. 11 on the team with 49 tackles and had two QB sacks and two tackles for loss.

CERRITOS (CERRITOS CC): GREG RHEA, senior cornerback, intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble . . . he ended up with 30 tackles, knocked down four passes and intercepted three returning them 64 yards.

DETROIT (KING): ROD REYNOLDS, sophomore cornerback, had six tackles . . . he led the team with seven pass interceptions and ranked in the top 10% in the nation in I-AA stats for pass interceptions . . . he also had 35 tackles and knocked down four other passes.

RANTOUL: BOB BRONAUGH, senior strong safety, had eight tackles and broke up one pass . . . he finished as the No. 5 tackler, despite missing one game and most of another with an injury. . . he had 76 tackles and knocked down eight passes.

NEWTON: SCOTT JOHNSON, sophomore free safety, had four tackles to finish with 69 for the season, good enough to rank No. 6 on the team . . . he also had three pass interceptions and knocked down five more.

CROSS COUNTRY

WEEKEND RESULTS: The Panthers were 21st out of 22 teams in the NCAA District IV Championship . . . Wisconsin won with 59 points.

COACH TOM AKERS SAID: "The District meet is always one of the best in the nation . . . not only were there a lot of quality teams but five of the top six finishers were individuals who qualified for the national championship. I thought we probably could have run a little better but we trained all season for 8000 meter races since that was the distance for the conference championship."

SHAKAMAK, IN (JASONVILLE): JOHN WELLS, sophomore, was the Panthers top placer for the seventh time in as many meets capturing 76th in a season best of 32:04 for 10,000 meters. His previous best was 33:55 at the Illinois Invitational on Sept. 27.

WHEATON (NORTH): DAN SCHEFFLER AND TOM BUCHANON, both juniors, were 104th and 125th, respectively, in times of 32:44 and 33:38 . . . it was a season best for Buchanan.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

WEEKEND RESULTS: Seniors JANINE JARRIS and KERRI SPERRY ran in the NCAA District IV Championship last Saturday in Bloomington, IL. They were the only two members of the Lady Panthers squad to compete in the event.

COACH JOHN CRAFT SAYS: "Janine and Kerri ran pretty well. The weather was a major factor...it was very cold. Times were slowed because of the number of runners...it was hard to make turns with the mob. I was pleased with the ir performances. I think they closed out their senior seasons in good fashion."

ST. CHARLES (HS): Janine Jarris, senior captain, finished her cross country career at EIU with a 63rd place finish and a time of 18:21.

LITCHFIELD (HS): Kerri Sperry, senior, placed 109th with a time of 19:10 to cap her senior cross country season.