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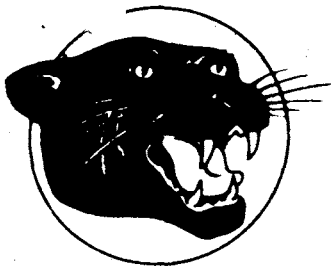
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Panther Sports News

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PREVIEWING THE WEEK (Dec. 11-18)

Friday, Dec. 13 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL hosts St. Louis (7:30, Lantz Gym)
MEN'S & WOMEN'S SWIMMING hosts Ball State (4:00, Lantz Pool)

Saturday, Dec. 14 Men's Basketball at Pan American (7:30)
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL hosts Ball State (7:30, Lantz Gym)
Wrestling at Indiana State, Northwest Missouri
Men's and Women's Swimming at Purdue

REVIEWING THE WEEKEND (Dec. 6-7)

MEN'S BASKETBALL: The Panthers dropped three road games last week, 87-69 at Minnesota, 83-62 at Colorado State and 60-59 at Indiana State . . . EIU now has a 2-3 record.

JON COLLINS (East St. Louis-Cahokia), 6-4 senior forward, leads the Panthers with a 20.2 average, 5.8 rebounds . . . he scored 22 at Minnesota, 13 at Colorado State and 21 at Indiana State . . . he's hitting 51.2% from the field.

KEVIN DUCKWORTH (Dolton-Thornridge), 7-0 senior center, started the week strong with a 24 point/11 rebound effort at Minnesota but then foul trouble limited his playing time as he scored nine at Colorado State and four at Indiana State . . . he is still scoring 15.8 p/game with a team high 8.8 rebounds while shooting 56.9% with six blocked shots.

DOUG CROOK (Vincennes, IN-Lincoln), 6-1 senior guard, tied his own school record with six steals vs. Indiana State . . . he had 13 points in that contest boosting his scoring average to 11.2 . . . he also has a team high 19 assists and 13 steals while committing only eight turnovers, the fewest among the starters.

DAVE VANCE (Roselle-Lake Park), 6-5 freshman forward, started his first collegiate game at Indiana State responding with 10 points, five rebounds, two assists and one steal in 25 minutes . . . Vance is averaging 16 minutes a game, is scoring 3.6 a game, 9-16 from the field for 56.2% and seven assists.

NORM EVANS (Joliet-Central), 6-0 sophomore guard, is scoring 4.8 p/game with 15 assists and ten steals . . . he had four points and five assists Saturday at Indiana State.

JAY TAYLOR (Aurora-East), 6-2 freshman guard, scored 10 points at Minnesota, 8 points/8 rebounds at Colorado State and, playing very little at Indiana State, had just one point . . . he is averaging 9.8 p/game with 12 assists . . . Jay is playing 23 minutes a game.

MIKE WEST (Warrensburg-Latham), 6-8 freshman forward, came off the bench at Indiana State to play his best game of the year . . . he had a team high seven rebounds with six points making all three field goals . . . he played 34 minutes mostly at center where previously he was starting at forward.

WRESTLING: The Panther wrestlers placed 4th out of 20 plus teams in the Illinois Open last weekend . . . EIU had 71 points behind winning Northwestern (135), Illinois (123) and SIU-Edwardsville (79) . . . "I was extremely pleased with some of the performances," said Coach Ralph McCausland, "as the difference between third and fourth came down to two crucial matches where we came up short."

CHRIS MCFARLAND (East Chicago Heights-Bloom Trail), senior 158 lber., won his weight class with a 5-2 overtime decision over Norm Dahm.

OZZIE PORTER (Chicago-Dunbar), senior 167 lber., was third in his class.

MARK RODRIQUEZ (Tinley Park-Lincoln JC), senior 118 lber., placed fourth.

TODD STERR (Joliet-West), senior 126 lber., was also fourth.

DEMETRIUS HARPER (Chicago Heights-Lincoln JC), junior heavyweight, was fourth.

KEITH PRESLEY (Chicago-Julian), junior 150 lber., was fourth.

DEAN SOUDER (Park Forest-Rich East), freshman 134 lber., won his weight class in the Freshman Division of the tournament.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: The Lady Panthers lost a heart-breaking 75-69 verdict to No. 11 Tennessee in the championship game of the Fastbreak Fest at Northern Illinois. Eastern advanced to the finals by defeating the host NIU Huskies 87-65 in the opening round of the tourney. Senior center SUE HYND and freshman forward LISA TYLER were named to the all-tournament team.

SUE HYND (Ottawa) senior center, was named to the all-tournament team after scoring 40 points and grabbing 15 rebounds in both games. She scored 23 points and hauled down 6 boards in EIU's close loss to Tennessee. Hynd is averaging 10.7 points and 4.2 rebounds a game for the Lady Panthers; "Slender Sue" is leading the club in field goal percentage with a .458 mark.

LISA TYLER (Aurora, IN/South Dearborn), freshman forward, was named to the all-tournament team at the Fastbreak Fest with her 33-point, 19 rebound performance. She was one of two freshmen named to the elite squad. Tyler scored a career high 19 points and had an Eastern best 11 rebounds in the 87-65 win over Northern Illinois. She impressed many observers with 14 points and eight rebounds in EIU's 75-68 loss to No. 11 Tennessee.

CHRIS ALDRIDGE (Taylorville), senior forward, became the sixth player in Eastern annals to eclipse the 1,000 point barrier in a career. With her 12 points versus No. 11 Tennessee, she had 1,007 points. The all-league performer had 19 points and three boards in EIU's 87-65 thrashing of Northern Illinois. Aldridge leads the club in scoring (20 ppg) and is tied for first in rebounding (6.7 average).

SHERYL BONSETT (Scottsburg, Ind.), freshman guard, scored six points against both Northern Illinois and Tennessee. She is fourth on the team in scoring with an 8.7 average while also bringing down 2.3 rpg. Her five rebounds against the Tennessee Lady Vols is a career high. Bonsett leads the club in free throw percentage with an .850 (17-20) mark.

MELANIE HATFIELD (Lawrenceburg, Ind.), senior guard, is second on the club in scoring with a 14.3 average. She is third in rebounding with a 5.8 mark. The cat-quick Hatfield scored 20 points and dished out four assists in the Lady Panthers' loss to Tennessee.

KERRY WALSH (Des Plaines/Marillac), sophomore center, scored five points, grabbed three rebounds and was credited with an assist in Eastern's 75-69 loss to No. 11 Tennessee. She is averaging 1.8 rpg for the Lady Panthers.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING: The Lady Panthers finished 6th out of six teams at the Wheaton Invitational this past weekend. Northern Illinois took first place honors while Northern Michigan came in second.

CONNIE WIECK (Marshall), a junior long distance specialist, captured seventh finish in the 1650m freestyle for the Lady Panthers.

MEN'S SWIMMING: Eastern men's swim team finished in fifth place at the six team Wheaton Invitational this weekend. Western Illinois took first place.

SCOTT CONVOER (St. Charles), a junior, had the best performance for the Panthers, as he placed 4th in the 1650m freestyle.

STEVE DEMPSEY (Peoria), one of six seniors and a captain on this year's squad, placed fifth in the 200m freestyle.

TIM SCHNITTKER (Arlington Heights), a sophomore, took a fifth place finish in the 200m breaststroke.