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Panther Sports News

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PREVIEWING THE WEEK (Sept. 21-28)

- Wednesday, Sept. 21 Soccer at MacMurray
- Friday, Sept. 23 Volleyball at Evansville
- Saturday, Sept. 24 Football at Northeast Missouri (1:30, Kirksville)
Soccer at Quincy
Volleyball at Eastern Kentucky Tournament
Men's Cross Country at TFA/USA Mid-American (Kenosha, WI)
Women's Cross Country at TFA/USA Mid-American (Kenosha, WI)
- Monday, Sept. 26 SOCCER hosts Southeast Missouri (3 p.m., Lakeside Field)

FOOTBALL: Behind Kevin Staple's (see below) record setting rushing total the Panthers picked up their second win in three games defeating Grand Valley State 35-21. EIU had 525 yards total offense including 384 rushing.

KEVIN STAPLE (Markham-Thornwood), 5-8 senior halfback, set an EIU single game rushing record with 283 yards on 28 carries and scored four touchdowns. His record eclipsed the old mark of 268 set by Nate Anderson in 1973, and also moved him to No. 2 on the all-time rushing list with 2642 yards. He will be unable to move up as Poke Cobb leads with 5042 yards. However, Saturday Staple accounted for well over 50% of the total offense. He scored on runs of 1, 4, 41 and 77 yards. His 41 yarder with 1:35 left in the game provided the final margin of victory as Grand Valley had pulled to 28-21 prior to that. Going into the game Staple had only rushed for 71 yards in two contests but now has 354 for a 118 yard average.

TYRONE COVINGTON (Chicago-Morgan Park) was named the defensive 'player of the game' getting in on nine tackles including four solos and a quarterback sack.

JIM SCHMIDT (DeKalb), junior flanker, was the 'receiver of the game' catching three passes for 39 yards. He has caught four for 67 yards on the season.

ALVIN MCMURRAY (Chicago-Dunbar), senior offensive tackle, was the 'lineman of the week'. It's the second time in three games McMurray has been named the outstanding lineman.

CHARLIE PERSON (Chicago-Dunbar) was the 'defensive back of the game'. He was in on four tackles and intercepted a pass on the Ell that stopped a potential Grand Valley first quarter scoring drive.

WES NIXON (Lorain, OH-Illinois Valley CC), senior fullback, ran 14 times for 39 yards and caught three passes for 25 including a 16 yard TD reception. Nixon now has 186 yards rushing for three games with an additional 12 pass receptions for 69 yards. He's averaging 89 yards in all-purpose running.

JOHN RAFFERTY (Mt. Carmel), freshman quarterback, completed 11 of 20 passes with just one interception for 136 yards and a TD. In three games he has completed nearly 60% of his passes (40 of 67) for 441 yards and four TDs. He has thrown four interceptions.

REGGIE TAYLOR (Apopka, FL-Arizona Western CC), senior linebacker, had his best game of the year with six tackles including four solos, a quarterback sack, a pass interception and blocked a PAT kick that would have tied the score at 14-14 just before the half.

HECTOR TECHERA (Elizabeth, NJ-Arizona Western CC), junior kicker, connected on five of five extra point attempts however punting in place of the injured Henry Castellanos he averaged only 23.5 on two punts.

CHRIS NICHOLSON (Waukegan-East/DuPage CC), senior defensive tackle, had five tackles, including two solos, and collaborated with Tom Moskal on a QB sack. Nicholson leads the team with 21 tackles including 14 solos, has 4½ QB sacks for -32 yards, two more tackles for loss, a forced fumble, two fumble recoveries and an intercepted fumble he returned 76 yards for a TD in the opener at Illinois State.

GREG DUNCAN (Miami, FL-Killian), senior defensive end/tackle, picked up a quarterback sack Saturday, his second of the year. He has 13 tackles including seven solos, and two tackles for loss to go with his two QB sacks.

TOM MOSKAL (Lake Zurich), sophomore defensive end, is back in the starting line-up after missing the last two games with an injury. He teamed with Chris Nicholson on a quarterback sack, his first of the year.

DAVID FERGURSON (Alton), junior linebacker, was in on six tackles Saturday giving him 20 for the year which includes seven solos. He is starting at an inside position in the Panthers 'Big Mac' eight man front alignment.

DAN FALLON (Crystal Lake), junior strong safety, had six tackles Saturday including four solos and a quarterback sack, his first of the year.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: EIU downed Purdue 23-34 in the first dual meet of the year on the Panthers 8000 meter course.

JOHN GASSMANN (Olney), senior two year letterman, won the meet in 25:28, 18 seconds ahead of the No. 2 runner from Purdue.

BOB BEINE (Downers Grove-North), senior two year letterman, was third in 25:26.

MIKE SAMUEL (Oswego) had a strong performance for the second straight week finishing fifth in 26:07. He is a freshman.

AARON SHEPLEY (Crystal Lake), junior letterman, was sixth in 26:13.

DAN NEWMAN (Elmhurst-York) had his best race as a Panther distance runner finishing 8th in 26:18. He's a sophomore.

SOCCER: The Panthers boosted their record to 5-0 by blanking the University of Wisconsin 2-0 Saturday. EIU now goes on the road this week for a Wednesday game at MacMurray and an important Saturday confrontation with perennial NAIA champ Quincy College.

NEIL SWINDELLS (Manchester, England), sophomore forward, scored both goals, the third time this year he's had two in one game. He also has scored in four of the five games and leads the team in scoring with seven goals.

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ERIC HARTMAN (Palatine-Fremd), senior goalie, has allowed only one goal in five games. The Panthers did give up another goal in the first game but reserve Chris Hagemann was the goalie at that time. Therefore, Hartman's per game average is just 0.20.

VOLLEYBALL: The Panthers placed second in the Hawkeye Invitational in Iowa City, IA, winning three matches and losing twice to host University of Iowa. Eastern defeated Northern Iowa 15-1, 15-10, 15-3 to open the tournament, and then lost to Iowa by 15-2, 15-17, 15-12, 11-15 and 15-5 scores. The spikers came back with two wins over Lewis University, 15-7, 15-13, 15-2 and 15-7, 15-5, 15-4 before losing to Iowa again in the championship, 9-15, 13-15, 10-15.

CROSS COUNTRY: Eastern's women striders placed sixth at the Illinois State Invitational with sophomore Anne Ogle finishing first for EIU in 18th place overall. The University of Iowa placed first with 42 points, followed by Illinois State, Northwestern, Ohio State, Southern Illinois and Eastern Illinois with 169 points.