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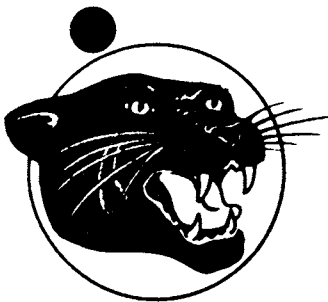
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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's soccer team, ranked fourth in the nation, will host St. Louis University in the championship of the NCAA Midwest Regional.

The game will be played at 1 p.m. Sunday (Nov. 20) at EIU's Lakeside Field. Admission will be \$2 for adults, \$1 for EIU and St. Louis University students and 50 cents for children 12 and under. Tickets will be on sale in the Lantz Building from 9-4 Friday and 9 until game time on Sunday.

Eastern, 16-1 overall and champion of the Mid-Continent Conference, is in the tournament for the third straight year. The Panthers defeated St. Louis, 3-0, earlier this year.

The Billikins, who won 10 national championships in the first 15 years the NCAA sponsored soccer, last won the title in 1973.

This year St. Louis is 14-3-2 and ranked 13th. They advanced to this title game by downing Southern Methodist, 2-1, Wednesday in a first round game at St. Louis.

"Everyone is healthy and ready to go," says coach Schellas Hyndman. "We've had two weeks to rest, but had our worst practice last night (Wednesday). I think everyone was really concerned about where we'd play this week.

"But I think our intensity will come back quickly once we get into the game Sunday," Hyndman said.

The Panthers are led in scoring by Neil Swindells who has 16 goals and nine assists. Damien Kelly, who set a school record with 52 career goals earlier, has ten this season. Goalie Eric Hartman (Palatine-Fremd) has ten shutouts.

Starters for EIU are Swindells, Kelly and Agyeman Prempeh up front, Mark Francis, Aldo Esposito and Rick Lansing in midfield, Randy DeRousse at fullback, Greg Mellor at centerback, Albert Adade at sweeper, Kevin Kyle at leftback and Hartman in goal.