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SIUC Baseball
Salukis open home schedule with Classic
The SIUC baseball team ends a seven-game road trip and opens its home schedule this weekend with the Saluki/Best Inn Classic at Abe Martin Field. The tournament begins today at 11 with the Salukis (-6) taking on Eastern Illinois University (2-2) in the round-robin tournament. Northern Illinois University hosts Western Illinois University in the opening game at 11 a.m.

WIU and EUU open play at 11 Saturday morning, followed by NUI against EUU at 1:30. The tournament wraps up Sunday with NUI and EUU battling at 11 and SIUC on the way at WIU at 2:30.

SIUC earned its first-win of the season, beating Missouri State - University 9-7 Saturday. Sophomore Dave Pulhan's three-run homer in the third paved the way. Senior Chris Schulz improved to 1-0 with the win, while sophomore Jim Pecoraro earned his first save.

"We were excited to get the opportunity to play at home," Saluki coach Dan Callahan said. "Hopefully, the weather will allow us to get more, if not all, of this weekend's tournament in."

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Salukis fall victim to Bears' bite

JUST SHORT: Saluki women make second half rally, but fail to close lead; lose 65-60.

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Daily Egyptian reporter

Every time the Salukis had a chance to take over the game something seemed to stop them. It was either a missed shot, a turnover or sometimes a cold hand on the court.

"It was a missed shot, a turnover or sometimes a cold hand on the court," senior guard Terica Hathaway, who scored seven of her 11 points after halftime, said. "It is nice to see Terica Hathaway healthy," Scott said. "I think everybody sees maybe why we missed her. We didn't have her for about 14 games. She's a great player."

The Salukis also had a good night on the boards outrebounding the Lady Bears 35-30. Freshman center Kristine Abramowski led the way with nine boards to go with five points. But the Salukis again had trouble with turnovers, turning the ball over 26 times. SIU only had 14 turnovers.

Bust a move! Freshman center Kristine Abramowski drives around a Southwest Missouri State player Thursday night at the SIU Arena. The Salukis lost the battle 65-60.

Abramowski led the Salukis with 9 rebounds.

"Turnovers killed us," Scott said. "The turnovers are obviously the difference in the game. We overreached (them) by five. We shot 47 percent. That's great. I think the turnovers were the difference in the game."

The Salukis were led by sophomore forward O'Desha Proctor, who had 17 for the night. Forward Lisa Davies led the way for the Lady Bears with 18 points.

"With the four losses, Scott said it is imperative that we strive to be in the game," Scott said.

"It's a good environment for me," Scott said of competing in his senior year. "I love this program. It is nice to see Terica Hathaway healthy."

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Salukis jump into championship with high hopes

GO FOR IT: Track team finishes out season in MVC Championship meet.

Corey Cieck
Daily Egyptian

The Salukis will compete at the NCAA Championships this weekend in Normal to finish out the indoor season.

Rone, who is currently ranked fourth in the MVC in the triple jump (49 feet 3 inches), is looking forward to a longer runway in Normal to help him improve.

"This is my last year, and I can say if I get a base place jump was on a shorter run," Rice said. "I would like to take home gold and get quality for national - plus the fact that there is no tomorrow because this is my senior year."

A jump of 51 feet 2.25 inches is required to qualify for nationals.

Rone said competing in his last indoor MVC championship will add pressure, but it will not affect him.

"I would say it's like good pressure because I get more adrenaline flowing and my back is against the wall," Rice said. "It's a good environment for me to be in."

Along with Rone, the Salukis will bring the top-ranked triple jumper, sophomore Jeraldo Henry (50 feet 1.75 inches), and the No. 1 high jumper, sophomore Loren King (6 feet 10.25 inches), to Normal.

Men's track and field coach Bill Cornell said the jumping events will play a vital role in the outcome of the meet for the Salukis.

"Our jumps are the strong point in the meet," Cornell said.

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