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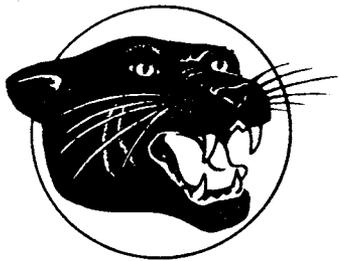
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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's cross country team, fresh off a convincing win in the multi-team USTFF meet at Kenosha, WI, will challenge some of the nation's premier distance running teams at the Notre Dame Invitational Friday.

The Panthers are entered in the Blue Division which is the "championship flight consisting of the 20 best teams," says Coach Tom Woodall. Eastern is one of just a few Division II teams in this classification.

"Looking at the entries, I see five or six of the top rated teams . . . Auburn is ranked third, Florida State is in the top ten, Wisconsin is coming . . . I think Illinois and Illinois State are planning to be there," Woodall said.

"If those two show up, this could be sort of a pre-state meet race also."

The Panthers, 3-0 in dual action, have jelled early this fall with underclassmen and inexperienced runners, except for veteran Larry Schuldt (Rock Falls).

Schuldt has been first in both dual races and was third out of nearly 250 runners at USTFF last Saturday. "Larry is doing a great job . . . on and off the field," Woodall said. "He's really leading our team efforts.

"We have some young people, even juniors and seniors, who haven't had much experience but who I think are running close to their potential.

"Jase Travis (Bradley-Bourbonnais), for instance, wasn't traveling last year and is in our top five or six. Chuck Elliott (Palatine) and Tim Warneke (Park Forest-Crete/Monee) are doing well after missing the last half of last season.

"Perry Edinger (Mattoon), who missed last year entirely and is just a freshman as far as running is concerned, is right up with the leaders . . . so is Jim Scruton (Springfield-Lincoln Land CC).

"I think we've had other teams with more talented running skills . . . but I doubt

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if any had more heart. We counted upon this group running as a team and they have been doing just that . . .we always stress this but I think this group might be just a little better in that regard," Woodall said.

The Notre Dame course is very flat, much to Woodall's disappointment as the advantage will transfer to schools with more leg speed than EIU's.

"Maybe it will rain or get windy . . . something to help us. But I'd still rather run in the championship class and get 20th . . . we like that competition and it helps us later."