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CHARLESTON, IL--Seven wrestlers who placed in the IHSA state wrestling meet are among 21 freshmen recruits at Eastern Illinois University, head coach Ron Clinton announced recently.

Two of the top recruits are Lenal Brinson (Chicago Heights-Bloom Trail) and Derrick Waldroup (Harvey-Bremen).

Brinson, fifth at 105 lbs. had a 39-1 record his senior year but most importantly placed second at 114 lbs. in the "premier national high school tournament in Iowa this past summer," Clinton said.

Waldroup, 33-3 in high school, didn't place in the state but went on to take fourth in Greco style wrestling at the same national summer meet.

"I'm optimistic about the potential of this group . . . this is a great foundation for the next few years," Clinton said. "I think this bunch's future projects much like the (Bob) Stout, (Dave) Klemm, (Doug) Schafer group did when they first came in."

The group Clinton refers to led the Panthers to four straight finishes in the top five at NCAA II National meets. The 1980-81 wrestling season is the final one in Division II for EIU as the entire program moves to Division I in 1981-82.

Other recruits who placed at the IHSA state finals are Dan Sanko (Ingleside-Grant), 3rd at 158; Kelly Walls (Skokie-Niles East), 4th at heavyweight; Earl Edwards (Peoria-Central), 4th at 167; Kevin Bement (Cahokia), 4th at 145; Bob Bates (Carol Stream-Glenbard North), 5th at 145; and Kent Lawrence (Coal Valley-Moline), 6th at heavyweight.

One out-of-state recruit, Pete Lindeman (Louisville, KY-Ballard), was 2nd at 167 lbs.

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Steve Barr (Palatine-Fremd), 26-8, 134 lbs.
Bob Bates (Carol Stream-Glenbard North), 40-5, 150 lbs.
Kevin Bement (Cahokia), 41-6, 150 lbs.
Lenal Brinson (Chicago Heights-Bloom Trail), 39-1, 118 lbs.
Craig Carlson (Palatine), 30-8, 167-177 lbs.
Jeff Cummings (Glenview-Maine North), 22-6, 150-158 lbs.
Earl Edwards (Peoria-Central), 29-2, 177-190 lbs.
David Garfinkel (Glenview-Maine North), 21-9, 134-142 lbs.
Mark Hayashi (Oak Park-River Forest), 34-4, 134-142 lbs.
Kent Lawrence (Coal Valley-Moline), 36-5, Heavyweight
Pete Lindeman (Louisville, KY-Ballard), 25-3, 167 lbs.
Fred Lindstrom (Fox Lake-Grant), 23-2, 142-150 lbs.
Dan Perez (Chicago-Washington), 16-9, 142 lbs.
Bob Ryan (Woodale-Fenton), 36-4, 134-142 lbs.
Dan Sanko (Ingleside-Grant), 42-2, 158-167 lbs.
Jim Schilkoski (Normal-Central Catholic), 29-7, 177-190 lbs.
Elliott Velez (Chicago-Whitney Young), 11-3, 118 lbs.
Derrick Waldroup (Harvey-Bremen), 33-3, 177-190 lbs.
Kelly Walls (Skokie-Niles East), 37-6, Heavyweight
Dane West (Chicago-Washington), 31-4, 167-177 lbs.
Paul Wright (East St. Louis-Lincoln), 28-5, 118-126 lbs.