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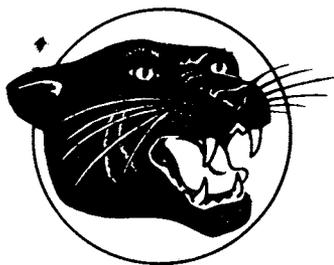
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CHARLESTON, IL--Two Illinois prep state track champs and a fourth place finisher have announced they will attend Eastern Illinois University, head coach Neil Moore announced.

The two state champs are Jay Hearn of Ottawa and Scot Adamson of Moweaqua along with Mark Gutierrez of Bolingbrook.

"This is the first time we've gotten two state champs in the same year and Gutierrez was just a second off a winning time so we're very fortunate to get these three quality athletes," said Moore.

Hearn won the Class AA pole vault reaching 15-0 while Adamson was the Class A 300 low hurdle champ in 37.5, which was a new Class A record for fully automatic timing.

Adamson also was eighth in the 110 high hurdles in 15.8 and "probably would have placed higher if he hadn't been bumped," said Moore. "He's also run 48.5 splits in the 1600 relay."

Gutierrez was fourth in the Class AA 400 meter run in 48.6 but has run a 48 flat. He's also gone 22.1 in the 200 and 10.9 in the 100.

"We watched him in the district meet and thought he had great upper body strength and really finished strong . . . he's got the tools to become a great collegiate 400 man," Moore said.

"Hearn's 15-0 vault is the best height we've ever had from an incoming freshman . . . plus he's 6-3, 175 which may be the biggest vaulter we've had coming in, also.

"Jay comes from a school that has produced some quality vaulters in recent times so he should be well prepared for college competition."

With the top hurdlers seniors next year Adamson's arrival will help the continuation of EIU's strength in those events. "Sometimes it's difficult for a high school

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300 hurdler to make the transition to the college 400 distance. But Adamson's splits in the mile relay indicate he has the speed to handle the intermediates, plus he's very anxious to try the longer distances," Moore explained.