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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Two junior college and seven Illinois prep distance runners have announced they will enroll at Eastern Illinois University to compete in cross country and track, assistant coach Tom Akers said.

"Primarily they are distance runners with cross country their main sport but all will participate in track, too," Akers explained.

The two junior college transfers are Bruce DeRuntz from Spoon River CC and Scott Pillsbury of Lincoln Land CC.

The preps are Randy Papineau of Clifton Central HS, Steve Knapke and Ted Thompson both of Glenbrook North HS, Mike Samuel of Oswego, Tom Kukowski of Lockport HS, Jeff Fitt of Tinley Park Andrews and Jim Barsella of Chicago Gordon Tech.

DeRuntz from Granite City North is a two time JC All-American and was fifth in the national tournament last year. He has run five miles in 25:12.

Pillsbury from Petersburg-Porta HS was second in the JC regional last year. He has run 15:05 for 5000 meters and 32:05 for 10,000.

Papineau was third in the Class A state cross country championship with a 15:13 for three miles, and then was fifth this spring in the state track meet running the 1600 in 4:23.

Knapke and Thompson both competed in the 3200 run at the track meet but did not place. Knapke's best time in the two mile is 9:22 while Thompson has gone 9:30.

Samuel went 14:57 for three miles to finish 24th in the Class AA cross country finals, and qualified for the state track meet in the 1600 but did not place.

Kukowski was one of the top finishers in the cross country championship running just over 15:00 in AA. He also has a 1:59 in the 800, 4:30 in the mile and 9:30 in the two-mile.

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Fitt ran a leg of Andrews 3200 relay which was sixth in the state meet, has gone 1:56 in the 800 and was around 15:00 in the AA cross country meet.

Barsella's best times are equal to anyone coming in. He has run a 9:27 two mile, 4:06 in the 1500 run and 4:26 in the mile.