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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's men's track team will compete in the prestigious Illinois Intercollegiate in Champaign Friday and Saturday (Feb. 5-6).

The Panthers have their sights set on bettering last year's fifth place finish, says head coach Neil Moore.

"I'm hoping to improve on our team place from last year," Moore said. "We'll be shooting for third . . . I think we can finish fourth or higher."

Panther hopes rest mainly on the success of two relay teams and sophomore sprinterlong jumper Claude Magee (Clermont, FL).

Magee, a two time All-American outdoors last spring, will compete in the long jump, 60 and 300 yard dashes.

Magee is the defending champ in the 60 dash. Plus he has already set and tied Eastern's indoor school record in the long jump $(24-6\frac{1}{2})$ in the first two meets this winter.

Last indoor season he tied the 300 and 60 yard dash records of 30.8 and 6.1, respectively.

Magee has a good chance of becoming a triple champ in those events, Moore believes.

The two relays counted on to do well are the two mile and distance medley. Moore said he is "loading" these two relays because the runners have a better chance of scoring in relays rather than as individuals.

The distance medley unit is Mpaka Fyneface (Nigeria), John Gill (Chicago-Fenger), David Houston (Granite City-South) and Bob Feller (East Moline-United).

The two mile relay team is Mike Erney (Collinsville), Feller, Gill and Houston.

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