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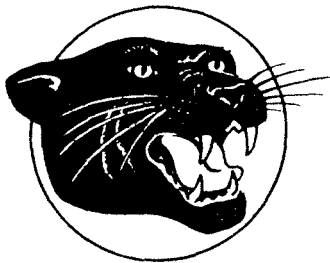
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CHARLESTON, IL--Two Eastern Illinois University soccer players, Damien Kelly (Dublin, Ireland) and Agyeman Prempeh (Kumasi, Ghana), have been named First Team All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

No other university had two players chosen to the first team. In its first year in Division I the Panthers finished third in the nation with a 19-2-2 record.

It's Kelly's second straight year on the All-American team. A sophomore striker, he set a school record with 21 goals this season. He has 34 in two years.

Prempeh, also just a sophomore, was second on the team in scoring from his midfield position with eight goals and eight assists.

"It's really an honor to have two First Teamers," said Coach Schellas Hyndman, who recently was chosen national 'Coach of the Year' by the same organization.

"Damien's stats speak for themselves . . . but I'm also pleased that the coaches recognized Prempeh's contributions. He really controlled play from the midfield."

The complete All-American team is as follows:

Goalie: Skip Gilbert (Vermont)

Defenders: Dan Canter (Penn State)

Richard Chinapoo (Long Island)

Tom Groark (SIU-Edwardsville)

Tom McDonald (Philadelphia Textile)

Barry Nix (Columbia)

Forwards: Armando Betancourt (Indiana)

Pedro DeBrito (Connecticut)

John Hayes (St. Louis University)

Damien Kelly (Eastern Illinois)

Agyeman Prempeh (Eastern Illinois)