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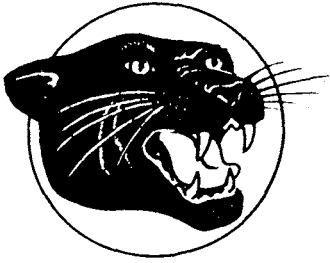
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LS-AS-TRACK

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CHARLESTON, IL--Three senior All-Americans, Reo Rorem, (Gilman) Joe Sheeran (Lake Villa-Grayslake) and Augie Oruwari (Nigeria), will lead Eastern Illinois University's track team which opens its indoor season Saturday (Jan. 24).

The Panthers will host Indiana State and Southeast Missouri at 2 p.m. in the Lantz Fieldhouse.

"A successful season will hinge on these three All-Americans whose potential has never been realized due to injuries," said Coach Neil Moore.

Sheeran, a fifth year senior, is a two-time outdoor NCAA II 10,000 meter All-American, finishing fourth in both 1978 and 1980. He missed 1979 due to injuries.

Indoors he has run a 13:52 three-mile, second best in EIU history, and was the second leading scorer last year with 42 indoor/outdoor points.

Rorem, who missed last season, also returns for his fifth season. He holds the outdoor 1500 meter record of 3:46.3, and was a '78 All-American finishing fifth in that event.

Oruwari, who earned All-American honors as a high hurdler in '78, will run the 60 yard HH indoors. He currently is co-holder of the indoor record at 7.2.

"We have five other NCAA II qualifiers back, and if everyone can stay healthy, we're anxious to check the progress these people have made in the past year."

The five are Chuck Elliott (Palatine), Tim Warneke (Park Forest-Crete-Monee), Paul James (Mahomet-Seymour), Bob Feller (East Moline-United) and Larry Schuldt (Rock Falls).

Schuldt and Elliott just missed All-American Honors last spring by finishing 8th in the 3000 m. steeplechase and 9th in the 10,000 run, respectively. Indoors both will run middle distances.

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Although James will see little activity indoors, he rates as a potential All-American outdoors in the discus. Last year he was 8th and has reached 170-5½, the second best throw in EIU history.

The top sprinter is Clayton Branch (Chicago-Westinghouse). Bob Cervenka (Downers Grove-North) and Cary Colwell (Champaign-Parkland CC) are the best high jumpers.

Bob Bolton (Chicago-Harlan) specializes in the horizontal jumps. His 47-10½ is the 8th best triple jump distance outdoors.

"Altogether we have 24 lettermen returning . . . that gives us a fine nucleus and a strong fall preseason training period gave us a good idea who we can count upon," Moore explained.

"Our schedule is made up primarily of Division I schools which should help us prepare for the Division II nationals, which is the ultimate goal.

"It will be run in late May at Western Illinois for the third time in four years . . . since we are quite familiar with their facility, I'm hoping that might give us a slight advantage."

1981 INDOOR SCHEDULE

Jan. 24 (Sat.)	INDIANA STATE, SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	2 p.m.
Jan. 31 (Sat.)	BALL STATE, SIU-EDWARDSVILLE	2 p.m.
Feb. 6-7 (Fri.-Sat.)	Illinois Intercollegiate at Champaign	F4 p.m. S11 a.m.
Feb. 20 (Fri.)	MURRAY STATE, ILLINOIS STATE	7 p.m.
Feb. 27 (Fri.)	OPEN INVITATIONAL	7 p.m.
Feb. 28 (Sat.)	Illini Classic at Champaign	11 a.m.
March 6 (Fri.)	NCAA I LAST CHANCE MEET	7 p.m.
March 7 (Sat.)	EIU HS INVITATIONAL	9:30 a.m.
March 13-14 (Fri.-Sat.)	NCAA I Indoor Championship at Detroit, MI	

1981 OUTDOOR SCHEDULE

Apr. 4 (Sat.)	EIU INVITATIONAL	10:45 a.m.
Apr. 11 (Sat.)	EIU RELAYS	11 a.m.
Apr. 18 (Sat.)	at Illinois State	2 p.m.
Apr. 20-21 (Mon.-Tues.)	EIU DECATHLON	M1 p.m. T10 a.m.
Apr. 24-25 (Fri.-Sat.)	at Drake Relays	All Day
May 1-2 (Fri.-Sat.)	Illinois Intercollegiate at Champaign	F4 p.m. S12 Noon
May 8-9 (Fri.-Sat.)	Mid-Continent Conference at Macomb	F1 p.m. S6:30 p.m.
May 14-16 (Thurs.-Sat.)	Billy Hayes Invitational at Bloomington, IN	T1 p.m. F1 p.m.
May 28-30 (Thurs.-Sat.)	NCAA II National Championship at Macomb	