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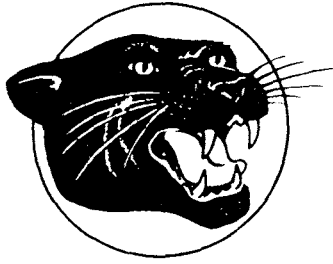
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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Nineteen prep football players, including two First Team All-State quarterbacks and another who led his team to the state championship, have signed scholarships to attend Eastern Illinois University, head coach Darrell Mudra announced.

"We signed some quality skill people on offense and picked up some defensive players that we believe can make a contribution right away," said head coach Darrell Mudra.

"We think we have had strong back-to-back recruiting years and are anxious to get everyone here to see who's ready to play," he said.

The three top QBs are Scott Sanderson of Pittsfield, Sean Payton of Naperville (Central) and John Rafferty of Mt. Carmel.

Sanderson, a Champaign News-Gazette First Team All-Stater, directed Pittsfield to the semifinals of Class 3A. He completed 122 of 220 passes for 1681 yards and 19 TDs. In his career he threw for 3382 yards and 35 TDs, scored 24 more running and intercepted 17 passes as a safety.

Quincy Notre Dame Coach Ron Davis, after his team was defeated in the regular season by Pittsfield, said, "We played against Phil Bradley (former All-Big Eight QB from Missouri who prepped at Macomb) when he was a senior. Sanderson can throw the ball as well as Bradley . . . he doesn't have Bradley's outstanding speed but he does have above average speed and he's an exceptional drop back thrower."

Payton, a Chicago Sun-Times First Team All-State choice, completed 128 of 232 passes for 1964 yards and 18 TDs. "He's the only QB I've ever allowed to call his own plays," said Coach J. R. Bishop. Payton also was among the News-Gazette's 'Top 100' Seniors, and an unanimous All-DuPage Valley Conference choice.

Rafferty was the southern Illinois 'Player of the Year' picked by the Evansville

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The complete list of signees is as follows:

NAME	HT	WT	POS	HOMETOWN (HS)
Alton Baird	6-1	180	QB	Frankfort, IL (New Lenox Lincoln-Way)
Willie Cain	6-1	180	WR	Chicago, IL (Harper)
Gary Chin	6-2	190	DB	Momence, IL (Kankakee Bishop McNamara)
Pat Dennis	6-4	205	TE	Tinley Park, IL
Jeff Fritchtnitch	6-3	210	LB	Morris, IL
Vince Garry	6-2	215	DT	Momence, IL
Brad Jenkins	6-3	225	OG	Mt. Carmel, IL
Michael Jones	6-2	215	LB	Washington, DC (Dunbar)
Ted Melvin	6-0	180	RB	Elwood, IN
Joe Mitchell	6-2	200	DB	Washington, DC (DeMatha)
Tom Moskal	6-3	230	DT	Lake Zurich, IL
Sean Payton	6-0	180	QB	Naperville, IL (Central)
John Rafferty	6-2	185	QB	Mt. Carmel, IL
Calvin Pierce	6-1	190	RB	Robbins, IL (Oak Lawn Richards)
Scott Sanderson	6-2	190	QB	Pittsfield, IL
Pete Schaub	6-0	255	DT	Lisle, IL (Benet Academy)
William Smith	6-3	200	LB	Markham, IL (Thornwood)
John Waters	6-4	215	DT	Morris, IL
Mike Womack	6-3	235	LB	Washington, DC (Dunbar)