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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--After a two week layoff, Eastern Illinois University's men's track team will resume its indoor schedule with a triangular meet against Illinois State and Murray State at 7 p.m., Friday (Feb. 19) at EIU's Lantz Fieldhouse.

Two weeks ago the Panthers were fourth out of 18 teams at the Illinois Intercollegiate just behind Illinois State.

However, the Redbirds will only bring a partial team Friday and should not figure in the team scoring, according to head coach Neil Moore.

Murray State is expected to give Eastern all it can handle as the Panthers attempt to boost their triangular record to 3-0.

The Racers are the defending Ohio Valley Conference champs and will bring "a real strong team", Moore says.

He's depending upon Eastern's depth to overcome Murray's strengths. Last year Murray beat EIU 75-63.

As usual, Eastern's big punch will come from Claude Magee (Clermont, FL) who set a school record in the long jump $(24-6\frac{1}{2})$ in the season's opening meet and has been over 24 feet in the other two.

He is undefeated in both the long jump and 60 dash in all three meets.

Moore also would like to qualify a two-mile relay team to the national meet especially after a unit composed of Bob Feller (East Moline-United), Mike Erney (Collinsville), David Houston (Granite City-South) and Johnnie Gill (Chicago-Fenger) won at the intercollegiate in 7:40.7.

He intends to take the fastest 880 runners in this weekend's meet and run them as a two-mile relay unit at the Illini Classic on Feb. 27.

The 60 yard high hurdles was expected to be one of the weaker events but has the

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potential to be a big point-getter with the development of Cornell Wilson (Markham-Thornwood/Thornton CC), Craig DeWall (Forreston) and Dermot Kelly (Dublin, Ireland).

Freshman Gary Hudson (Hindsboro-Oakland), former IHSA Class A 880 champ, will compete in the 1000 yard run along with Feller, who is the school record holder at 2:10.6.