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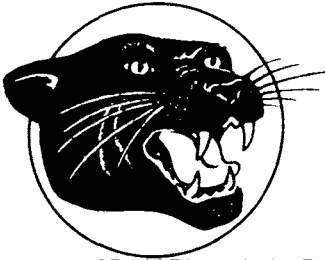
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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's men's track team will be in action twice this weekend with the EIU Invitational at 7 p.m. Friday (Feb. 26) in Charleston and the Illini Classic 9 a.m. Saturday (Feb. 27) in Champaign, Illinois.

Friday's home meet will consist of six four-year schools and three junior colleges with team scores not being kept. "We'll run all of our athletes who are not going to the Illini Classic," head coach Neil Moore said.

The Illini Classic is a very prestigious meet with over 400 athletes entered from 30 colleges and universities and three track clubs. In all, 14 states will be represented including participants from Texas and Florida.

A few of the Panther trackmen, however, will compete Friday and Saturday, Moore said.

All-Americans Claude Magee (Clermont, FL) and Dwayne Brown (Chicago-Kenwood) are entered in the 60-yard dash in both of this weekend's meets.

Magee is undefeated in four meets this year in the 60-yard dash and the long jump. "We hope he finally qualifies for the national championships in at least one of his events," Moore said.

Indoor nationals are in Pontiac, Michigan, March 12-13.

Eastern will also have a hurdle crew entered in both of these meets with Cornell Wilson (Markham-Thornwood), Dermot Kelly (Dublin, Ireland), Craig DeWall (Forreton) and Henry Matthews (New Orleans, LA-Cohen) all scheduled to run the 60-yard high hurdles.

The Panther two mile relay team of Bob Feller (East Moline), Merrill Kaney (Forreton), David Houston (Granite City-South) and Johnnie Gill (Chicago-Fenger) will have their eyes set on Eastern's school record in that event (9:39.7) and on the national qualifying mark (9:33). Two weeks ago, the two mile relay unit missed the school record by one second.