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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Five Illinois preps, including a state champ, and a junior college transfer have signed track scholarships to attend Eastern Illinois University, head coach Neil Moore announced Thursday (August 2).

They are Greg Anderson of Florissant (MO) JC, Brett Creager of Macon, Mark Heise of Charleston, Jim Maton of Shelbyville, Jean Paul Rodrique of Evanston and Leonard Vance of Chicago Heights Bloom Trail.

Maton set an IHSA Class A record winning the state championship 800 meter run in 1:54.09. He recently placed eighth in the 12½ mile EIU Panther Pant road race in one hour, ten minutes.

Creager was third in the state meet in the Class A 1600 run in 4:22 while Vance placed fifth in the Class AA triple jump with 47-0½ feet.

Heise is one of the most versatile athletes recruited by the Panthers with personal bests of 11.1 in the 100, 23.0 in the 200, 49.6 in the 400 and 1:58 in the 800.

Rodrique is primarily a hurdler with times of 14.4 in the highs and 37.4 in the 300 lows. He also has run the 400 in 50 flat.

Anderson, a nephew of former Panther football great Nate Anderson, is primarily a dashman with bests of 10.63 in the 100 and 21.7 in the 200. He has run a 6.34 in the indoor 60 dash.