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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's men's track team will host a season closing Last Chance Meet at 6:30 p.m. Friday (March 5) in the Lantz Fieldhouse.

It's an open meet designed to attract top individuals who have not met the NCAA qualifying standards for the indoor national championship.

"The meet gives individuals one last chance to qualify," says Coach Neil Moore. The national meet is March 12-13 at Pontiac, MI.

EIU's chance of qualifying anyone is slim now. The Panthers participated in the Illini Classic last Saturday in a meet Moore thought would be the best opportunity to qualify individuals.

The best hope for a qualifier still rests with sophomore Claude Magee (Clermont, FL), who now is slowed by a minor leg injury.

"Magee is doubtful because he has a slight strain in his hamstring and we won't know until Friday if he'll compete," Moore said.

Magee has twice gone an EIU record 24-6½ in the long jump which is less than five inches from the qualifying mark. He has also run 6.1 in the 60 dash, just a tenth shy of the standard.

Tim Warneke (Park Forest-Crete/Monee) will be going after the school record (8:47) in the two-mile run. At the Illini Classic, Warneke ran a personal best 8:49.7.

Paul James (Mahomet-Seymour) and Rick Francis (Oakland) will both have their sights set on the 35 lb. weight throw record of 51-1½ which Francis set January 30.