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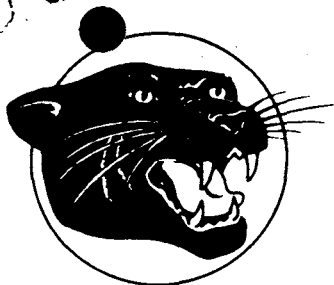
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CHARLESTON, IL-- Fifteen high school preps and two more junior college transfers have signed national letters of intent to play their college football at Eastern Illinois University, head coach Al Molde announced Friday (Feb. 10).

"We're pleased with the sixteen we've signed, and we hope to get a few more before we're completely finished," said Molde. "Since most of these are freshmen we don't expect them to step right in but several have an opportunity to provide depth."

Jeff Shepard, a 5-9, 200 running back from Oak Lawn Richards, was a Chicago Sun-Times All-Area pick who rushed for over 1100 yards last fall after switching from offensive guard. He was rated the No. 1 player in the SICA-North.

"We were after him from day one," says Molde. "He's built on the order of Kevin Staple has that quickness and can run over you."

Another top prospect is Dave Lewandowski, 6-4, 255 lineman from Chicago Fenwick who "we believe is a quality player. We went right down to the wire with a couple schools on him, and were very happy to sign him."

Quarterback Scott Johnson of Newton is labeled as a "great all-around athlete. He has the size (6-3, 180) you like to see for a quarterback and can get out of the pocket and run with it. He also has a chance to punt for us . . . we thought his form was the best of anyone we saw."

James Marable, running back from Chicago Schurz, has led the state in scoring the past two years. He has scored 53 touchdowns, 23 as a junior and 30 this past fall. Mike Altekruise, a wide receiver from Carbondale, was a two time all-southern Illinois pick by the Evansville Sunday Courier & Press. He caught 28 passes for 585 yards last season.

1984 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL RECRUITS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>HOMETOWN (High School/JC)</u>
Mike Altekruise	DB/WR	5-11	165	Carbondale
Mike Edwards	OT/DT	6-3	240	Streator
Scott Johnson	QB/Punter	6-3	180	Newton
Mark Kent	DE	6-3	195	Arlington Heights
Dave Lewandowski	OT/DT	6-4	255	Chicago (Fenwick)
Joe Magraff	RB/DT	6-0	235	Chicago (Brother Rice)
James Marable	RB/DB	5-10	175	Chicago (Schurz)
Jon Moore	LB	6-1	195	Decatur (Eisenhower)
Sean O'Brien	OT	6-2	250	Joliet (Catholic)
William Perkins	RB/LB	6-3	215	Georgetown
Dave Popp	OT	6-5	210	Libertyville
Steve Porter	LB	6-2	190	Chicago (Gordon Tech)
James Reddicks	DB	5-10	180	Houston, TX (Santa Ana, CA JC)
Jack Roberts	OT/DT	6-4	290	Benton
Jeff Shepard	RB	5-9	200	Oak Lawn (Richards)
Dave Taghon	RB	5-10	205	Chicago (Gordon Tech/Triton JC)
Stanley Turner	LB	6-1	218	Calloway, MS (Hinds, MS JC)

Previously announced junior college recruits who enrolled at the start of spring

semester are:

Melvin Black	LB	6-2	230	West Haven, CT (Santa Ana, CA CC)
John Borchardt	DT	6-4	240	Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Golden Valley Lutheran, MN CC)
James Boyd	CB	6-1	180	Orange, CA (Santa Ana, CA CC)
Mike Hurley	OG	6-0	230	Huntington Beach, CA (Santa Ana CC)
Jim Raftis	OT	6-2	270	Jerseyville, IL (Eastern Utah CC)
Jim Wisener	OG	6-2	260	Phoenix, AZ (Glendale, AZ CC)
Tim Wyatt	C	6-1	235	Phoenix, AZ (Phoenix CC)