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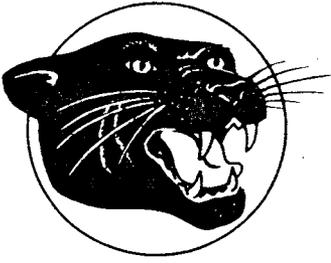
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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Six of the state's most decorated prep wrestlers have signed scholarships to attend Eastern Illinois University, head coach Ron Clinton announced.

The six and their tentative college weight are Rob Warren, 118 lber. from Wood River (Roxana HS), Mitch Sheppard, 118 from Palatine, John Bonello, 150 from Bloomingdale (Lake Park HS), Tom Anderson, 167 from Joliet (West), Jesse Lopez, 158 from Palos Hills (Stagg), and Robert Turner, heavyweight from Fort Sheridan (Highland Park).

"This appears to be the most quality group that has signed this early since I've been here," said coach Ron Clinton, who will enter his ninth season.

"In a few years all have the talent to compete successfully for a Division I program such as ours . . . since we lose a lot this year, I'm excited to start working with this group."

Warren is the state champ at 119 lbs. He had a 38-4 record this season with 23 pins and 124-15 for his career. He is a four time Mississippi Valley conference champ and three time vice-president of his class.

Sheppard was fifth in the state, also at 119 lbs., finishing 40-1. He was the '82 USWF Central Zones Greco champ and 2nd in the freestyle. Last season he was second in the Junior National Greco Championship.

Bonello was a sectional champ, two-time district winner, had a 38-4-1 senior record and 75-19-4 for his career. He holds school records for most takedowns in a season (121) and career (207).

Anderson, who likely will wrestle at 167 in college, placed third in the state as a junior and fifth as a senior at 155. "Earlier in the year he defeated the state champ, and then wrestled the last three weeks with a broken hand," Clinton said.

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Lopez qualified for the state tournament after winning the district and sectional. He finished with a 31-5-2 record and 12 falls while downing three of the state's place winners during the regular season.

Turner, a 6-4, 300 lber. was also a state qualifier. He had a 30-8-2 record and 27 pins this season and 60-13 over the past two years. "He's only been wrestling the past two and a half years so has come a long way in a short time," Clinton said.

"The quality wrestlers who have expressed interest in our program is phenomenal compared to the past . . . finishing in the top 20 in the Division I meet was a big boost to our program," Clinton said.