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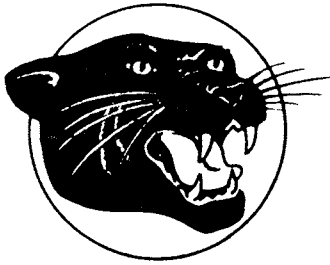
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CHARLESTON, IL--Jeff Dillman (Joliet-West) earned All-American honors for Eastern Illinois University's wrestling team.

A senior 190 lber., Dillman finished 8th this past weekend in the NCAA Division I National Championship.

He was 8-3 during the meet losing the battle for 7th place when Doug Perkins of Stanford pinned him in 3:12. The top eight are automatically awarded All-American status.

Dillman opened with two straight wins beating Larry Cox of Temple (7-4) and John Schueler of Utah State (10-4). Then in the quarterfinals he was pinned by Mike Mann of Iowa State in 4:10.

Dropping into the consolation bracket he beat Pat Murphy of Tennessee-Chattanooga (11-8) but lost to Tim Morrison of Rider (8-3) setting up the final match against Perkins.

Dillman finished the year with a 26-8 record. He won the NCAA Western Regional to advance to the nationals, and earlier in the year finished second at the Southwest Missouri State Invitational.