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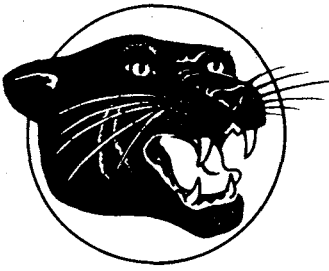
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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL --Mark Ruettiger of New Lenox Providence, considered to be Illinois' best prep wrestler, has signed a national letter of intent to attend Eastern Illinois University.

Ruettiger became the only four-time state champ in Illinois history by winning the 126 lb. championship last month. He was 41-0 his senior season, 152-5 during his four-year career with 105 straight victories.

He won the four consecutive state titles in different weight classes, 98 lbs., 112 lbs., 119 lbs., and 126.

"He has the best credentials of anyone we've ever recruited," said EIU Coach Ron Clinton. "We move to Division I competition next year, and couldn't start off any better than by signing someone of Mark's stature."

Ruettiger, the youngest of nine brothers, two of which previously wrestled at Eastern, is slated to continue competing at 126 as a Panther.

Providence, which won the IHSA Class A State Championship by a wide margin this year, is coached by Tim Ruettiger, Mark's brother.