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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Twelve Eastern Illinois University women track athletes will compete in the AIAW II National Championship Thursday through Saturday (May 20-22) in Clarksville, TN.

EIU was fourth in last year's national finals. "Last year we were young and inexperienced . . . this year we are young with experience," said Coach John Craft.

Panther qualifiers and their top performances are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hometown (High School)</u>	<u>Event(s)</u>	<u>Qualifying Marks</u>
Gayle Brandon, Jr.	Danville	Long Jump	20-5 1/2
		100	11.8
		400 relay	46.4
Sonya Brown, So.	Chicago (Dunbar)	100	11.8
		200	24.7
		400 relay	46.4
		800 relay	1:42.9
Ramona Fowler, So.	North Chicago	100 hurdles	14.2
Liz Greathouse, So.	North Chicago	100	11.8
		200	24.7
		400 relay	46.4
		800 relay	1:42.9
		1600 relay	3:42.4
Dawn Hayes, Fr.	Calumet City (Thornton)	400 hurdles	1:04
Barbro Hines, So.	S. Holland (Thornridge)	high jump	5-8
Renee Johnson, So.	Chicago (South Shore)	400	56.2
		1600 relay	3:42.4
Nancy Kramer, So.	Decatur (MacArthur)	10,000 run	36:21.7
Karon Lackland, Fr.	Wheaton (Central)	400	56.2
		800 relay	1:42.9
		1600 relay	3:42.4
Denise Macon, So.	Chicago (Kenwood)	shot put	43-0
		discus	135-3
Gina Sperry, Jr.	Litchfield	5000 run	17:09.1

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Gail Stephens, So.	Evanston	200	24.4
		400 relay	46.4
		800 relay	1:42.9
		1600 relay	3:42.4

The Panthers, third in last week's state championships, will have a two week break to heal some injuries.

"Gayle (Brandon) is still questionable for nationals," said Craft. "Her left thigh is still hurting. Mona (Fowler) is also questionable with a bruised knee and some burns from her fall however she should be OK for nationals." She hit a hurdle in the state meet.

"South Carolina State (2nd last year), Rice, Idaho State (3rd) and Villanova are again very strong. Austin Peay, which is the hometown team, should also be a good challenger," Craft said.

Eastern has no seniors in the meet. There are eight sophomores, two juniors and two freshmen. "Dawn (Hayes) has made extraordinary improvement this year in the 400 hurdles. At the beginning of the sessions she was showing times of 1:12 and now has met the qualifying standard of 1:04.

"We should be tough in the quarter, 100 and 200 dashes and all the relays. Gina (Sperry) and Nancy (Kramer) should place fourth or better in their respective 5000 and 10,000 meter races."

Brandon, Brown, Greathouse, Johnson, Lackland and Stephens have already qualified for the AIAW I nationals the following weekend (May 27-29) at College Station, TX.