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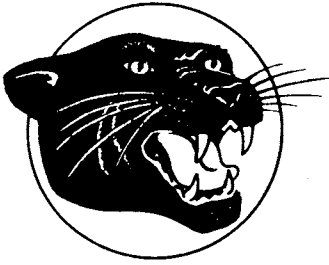
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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University sprinter Claude Magee (Clermont, FL), whose 10.25 qualifying time in the 100 meter dash is among the nation's best, will compete in the NCAA Division I nationals at Provo, UT this week.

The nationals are held at Brigham Young University Thursday through Saturday.

Magee, who has been held out of action due to a hamstring injury the past three weeks, tuned up with a fifth in 10.57 this past weekend at the USA/TFA meet in Wichita, KS.

"Claude is scheduled to run Thursday afternoon with the finals on Saturday," said Coach Neil Moore. "His leg held up very well last weekend so we're anxious to see how he does against the best."

In a new format the NCAA will score 12 places but qualify only six for the finals. A consolation race will also be held Saturday to determine 7th through 12th but "even if someone from that race has a better time than the top six he can't move up beyond 7th," Moore explained.

Magee qualified for the national in the first meet of the season and his 10.25 best at one time ranked him No. 3 in the nation, according to Track and Field News.

"We've been very conservative with him the last three weeks and it looks like it paid off as he experienced no problems in the TFA meet. The goal was to get him ready for nationals, and so far so good.

"It's beautiful out here and a brand new track with a computerized scoreboard that will give spectators every bit of information they could desire . . . even breaks down splits," said Moore.