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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University freshman sprinter Claude Magee (Clermont, FL) ran legs on two winning relays for the Panthers at the Drake Relays last weekend.

Magee anchored the first place 4 x 200 relay (1:26.5) and the best 4 x 100 relay (41.18) in the college division. It's EIU's first winning relay at Drake.

"Claude ran a super anchor in that 4 x 100 . . . as the athletes say 'he walked them down'," said head coach Neil Moore.

"In the 4 x 200 he was about three yards back and ended up about three yards in front . . . he always seems to have that little extra so it's comforting to know that if we're close Claude usually gets the job done on that last leg," Moore said.

"He hasn't qualified for nationals yet but we have a couple big meets left so I'm confident he can do it in the 100 or 200 . . . I think the 200 is his best although before it's over he may set a school record in the long jump.

"He's been bothered a little by a groin injury so we've held him out of the long jump and just used him in the sprints . . . our emphasis this spring will continue to be sprints and relays," Moore explained.

Thus far he has EIU's best times in the 100 (10.7) and 200 (22.0), and top long jump distance (22-6½).