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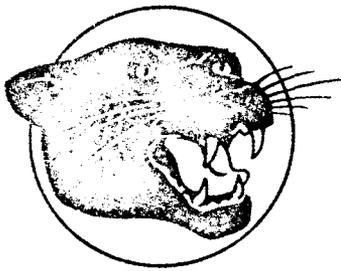
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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University sprinter Efrem Horton (Rockford-Auburn) ran legs of three winning relays for the Panthers at the Drake Relays last weekend.

"Efrem did it all . . . it was one of the finest days ever for an Eastern track performer," said Coach Neil Moore. "It was a super achievement . . . he was a Bulldog in the true Drake Relays tradition."

Horton, a freshman walk-on, ran on the winning 4 x 100, 4 x 200 and distance medley relay. It was the first time an Eastern team had won a College Division relay at Drake.

"Efrem ran four races Friday and turned around and ran three more on Saturday . . . counting prelims and finals.

"After all this he ran the anchor of the 4 x 400 relay (which was fourth) in 47.6 . . . plus he developed a blister after the first curve but adrenelin kept him flowing the rest of the way.

"What's ironic is that Efrem is strictly a walk-on for us . . . he recruited us. He's one of two super freshmen that we have so the future is particularly bright in the sprints and relays," Moore said.

The 4 x 100, composed of freshmen, won in 41.7, the 4 x 200 in 1:26.5 and the distance medley in 9:53.73 which was just a half second off the EIU varsity record.