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# Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL.--Twenty seven prep football players and one junior college transfer have signed scholarships to attend Eastern Illinois University, head coach BOB SPOO announced Wednesday.

This concludes a busy first month for SPOO and his staff. A former quarterback coach at Purdue, SPOO replaced AL MOLDE as head coach in early January.

"This is a recruiting class that may not have a lot of big names but one we are very comfortable with. There was an initial feeling that because we came in late it might hurt us with a few recruits. But our coaches were determined that there were a lot of good young men out there and I think we have been successful," SPOO said.

"As a staff we all participated recruiting this group. We required everyone to look at each prospect. Therefore we consider everyone we signed to be a player of significance . . . one who could play at this level. I feel very strongly about these players.

"We talked a lot about retention. I firmly believe these young men will be here four years. They are good students and quality people with athletic ability.

"This is a train of thought I've established with our team. I'd rather lose with good people than win with bad people. These recruits will earn their degrees and have some fun playing the game."

Spoo also inferred the list may increase in the next few days. "We could go up to 30. There are a couple key ones who could be real plusses if we could sign them," he said.

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Twenty one recruits are Illinois preps, four are from Indiana, one from California and one juco.

Six were picked to the **CHICAGO SUN-TIMES** top 100 Seniors list. They are QB **LEE BORKOWSKI** (Elk Grove Village-Conant HS), LB **DAN WEGRZYN** (Elk Grove Village-Conant HS), DB **MIKE HOWLETT** (Schaumburg HS), WR **MARK SHEEDY** (Buffalo Grove), OT **BRIAN CALLAHAN** (Chicago-Gordon Tech) and OT **JAMES KENYON** (Wooddale-Lake Park HS).

**HOWLETT**, a two way performer who intercepted 18 passes and caught 74 in his career, was also chosen **SUN-TIMES** All-Area Special Mention, the **CHAMPAIGN NEWS-GAZETTE's** Top 100 Special Seniors, **ARLINGTON HEIGHTS HERALD** All-Area and Mid-Suburban South All-Conference.

**SHEEDY** caught 74 passes in two years for Buffalo Grove, which won the Class 6A State Championship. He was clocked in 4.58 in the 40, which reportedly is the fastest in school history.

**SHEEDY** was also chosen to the **ARLINGTON HEIGHTS HERALD** All-Area team, and Mid-Suburban North All-Conference.

**BORKOWSKI**, a Mid-Suburban South All-League pick, and **WEGRZYN** led Conant HS into the Class 6A playoffs.

Gordon Tech's **CALLAHAN** and **TIM GLEASON** of Wilmette Loyola Academy are the first two Catholic League players the Panthers have signed in several years. **GLEASON** was picked to the Catholic League North All-Conference team.

Two Chicago Public League standouts from Class 6A playoff qualifier Lane Tech are LB **TODD SCHWAGER**, a **SUN-TIMES** Special Mention All-Area, and **LINEMAN MIRKO SRDANOVICH**.

Downstate signees were RB **TED SLOAN** of Assumption, RB **JUAN COX** of Belleville (Althoff), DL **BEN LATHROP** of Olney, **LINEMAN STEVE SAUNDERS** of Belleville (East) and QB **QUINN STEINER** of Carlinville.

**STEINER** is an all-around athlete as he currently is the state's No. 2

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basketball scorer averaging over 30 ppg. He earned All-South Central Conference honors leading Carlinville into the state 3A football playoffs. He also batted nearly .500 for the Cavaliers baseball team last spring.

COX, who rushed for 900 yards for Class 4A playoff semifinalist Belleville Althoff, was a **ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH** Second Team All-Metro pick.

LATHROP was chosen to the **CHICAGO SUN-TIMES** Little All-State Team and the **CHAMPAIGN NEWS-GAZETTE** Top 100 Special Seniors. He was also the North Egypt Conference 'Most Valuable Player' and named to the All-Southern Illinois team by the **EVANSVILLE COURIER & PRESS**.

SLOAN was a two way All-Meridian Conference player at running back and linebacker at Assumption HS. Three times he topped 200 yards rushing in a game.

Another **SUN-TIMES** Little All-Stater is **JOE REMKE**, a Northwest Suburban All-Conference player from Woodstock Marian Catholic which won the Class 2A State Championship.

Two DuPage Valley All-Conference teammates from Naperville North are **TE MARK GRADY** and **LB JOHN NOLL**.

Out of state preps include three from Indianapolis, **TE BRIAN COURTNEY** of Brebeuf, **DB TONY FARRELL** of Roncalli, **QB MIKE SAHM** of Chatard, and one from California, **RB GEORGE JACKSON** of San Diego Morse, who rushed for nearly 2000 yards in two years.

The lone juco recruit is **WR ALFREDO KOMADOI** out of Eastern Utah CC, the same school that produced Eastern's split end from the past two years, **WILLIE CAIN**. **KOMADOI**, timed in 4.4 in the 40, is from Salt Lake City.

1986 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL RECRUITS

NAME	HT.	WT.	POS.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC)
Mike Bloomfield	6-2	210	LB	LaGrange (Lyons)
Lee Borkowski	6-0	175	QB	Elk Grove Village (Conant)
Brian Callahan	6-5	215	OT	Chicago (Gordon Tech)
Bryan Courtney	6-2	195	TE	Indianapolis, IN (Brebeuf)
Juan Cox	5-8	165	RB/FS	Belleville (Althoff)
Lee Emhoff	6-5	215	OL	Peoria (Dunlap)
Tony Farrell	6-3	185	DB	Indianapolis, IN (Roncalli)
Stephen Franklin	6-0	220	RB	North Chicago
Tim Gleason	6-2	225	DL	Wilmette (Loyola Academy)
Mark Grady	6-4	195	TE	Naperville (North)
Mike Howlett	5-11	175	DB	Schaumburg
George Jackson	6-0	190	RB	San Diego, CA (Morse)
Jim Kenyon	6-3	255	OT	Wooddale (Lake Park)
Alfredo Komadoi	5-9	150	WR	Salt Lake City, UT (Eastern Utah CC)
Tim Lance	6-1	190	DB	Fiatt (Cuba)
Ben Lathrop	6-3	215	DL	Olney
John Noll	6-0	195	LB	Lisle (Naperville North)
Warren Pearson	6-2	200	RB	Freeport
Joe Remke	6-1	205	DL	Woodstock (Marian Catholic)
Mike Sahn	6-1	190	QB	Indianapolis (Chatard)
Dennis Sanders	6-1	195	RB/DB	Morrocco, IN (North Newton)
Steve Saunders	6-3	250	OL/DE	Belleville (East)
Todd Schwager	6-1	215	LB	Chicago (Lane Tech)
Mark Sheedy	5-10	170	WR	Buffalo Grove
Ted Sloan	6-1	190	RB	Pana (Assumption)
Mirko Srdanovich	6-4	250	OL	Chicago (Lane Tech)
Quinn Steiner	6-3	195	QB	Carlinville
Dan Wegrzyn	6-3	200	LB	Elk Grove Village (Conant)