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# Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's 1983 soccer Panthers return nine starters from the team that reached the NCAA tournament last year, and most were around two years ago when EIU was third in the nation.

The Panthers kickoff the season Sunday (Aug. 28) hosting the alumni at Lakeside Field. The regular season begins, also at home, on Saturday, Sept. 3 against Wisconsin-Green Bay.

This year's group will again be led by senior two-time All-Americans Agyeman Prempeh (Ghana) and Damien Kelly (Dublin, Ireland).

Prempeh, the most naturally talented player on the team, is a likely Olympian for the Ghana squad next year, and is being eyed as a pro prospect by both the indoor and outdoor professional soccer leagues.

He had seven goals and five assists last season shuttling between midfield and front line. Coach Schellas Hyndman says, "We'll play him at left wing this year which is his strongest position. With both he and Damien coming at opponents we feel they can't key defenses on either one."

Kelly, a first team All-American his frosh and sophomore years, was hampered by an ankle injury last season and heavily marked, consequently he scored only eight goals. He had 13 as a freshman and school record 21 as a sophomore. He needs just seven to break Tony Durante's record 48 career goals. Kelly, also, is a likely Olympian representing Ireland.

"Damien had a good indoor season for us and is so much stronger . . . that should help him better withstand the intimidating play he receives from opponents," Hyndman said.

Besides these two, three other four year lettermen are goalie Eric Hartman (Evanston), defender Randy DeRousse (Granite City-South) and midfielder Aldo Esposito (Edmonton, Canada).

Hartman enters his third year as the fulltime starter and has 31 career shutouts

including a record 16 two years ago. Albert Adade, described by Hyndman as the "MVP on defense", is a sweeperback.

Guy Callipari (London, Canada), out most of last season with an injury, and sophomore Neil Swindells (Manchester, England), will add scoring punch.

"With Kelly, Prempeh and Callipari we're going to have one of the best lines in the nation . . . all three are potential Olympians," said Hyndman, "and Swindells is on the English youth team.

"We should have outstanding goal production, and with several new recruits should have improved our midfield play."