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# **Panther Sports News**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's men's cross country Panthers open their 1984 season with the only home meet of the season competing against the Alumni Saturday (Sept. 1) at 5 p.m. south of Lantz Gym.

The regular season commences two weeks later in a dual meet at Purdue on Friday, Sept. 14.

Who will wind up being EIU's most consistent five runners will be more in doubt than in the past few years. The Panthers return five lettermen, Scott Pillsbury (Petersburg-Porta/Lincolnland CC), Nick Whiteside (Mt. Vernon), Aaron Shepley (Crystal Lake), Dan Newman (Elmhurst-York) and Mike Samuels (Oswego).

Pillsbury rates as the anchor of the group having earned all-conference honors by finishing 10th in last fall's Mid-Continent championship. Shepley and Whiteside each have the most experience as they begin working on a third letter.

Talented underclassmen have an excellent opportunity to challenge the veterans. Two strong recruiting classes give coaches Neil Moore and Tom Akers nine quality sophomores and 18 promising frosh recruits to work with this fall.

Besides Samuels, who lettered as a freshman, sophomores expected to make a contribution, according to Akers, are Jim Barsella (Chicago-Gordon Tech), Tom Kukowski (Lockport), Ted Thompson (Northbrook-Glenbrook North) and Mike Madix (Decatur-Eisenhower).

"If we were to name just a few freshmen I'd list Jim Maton (Shelbyville), Brett Creager (Decatur-Macon), Darrin Bishop (Quincy), Ken Hoffman (Deerfield), Steve Arrivo (Oak Forest-Andrews), Brian Wright (McHenry), Pete Bojan (Norridge-Ridgewood), John Healy (Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates) and Charles Helton (Eldred)," says Akers. "These young men are going to be the nucleus of an outstanding squad for years to come."

Maton's credentials are the most impressive as he set an IHSA Class A record winning the state championship 800 meter run in 1:54.09, and then placed eighth in the

12½ mile EIU Panther Pant road race in one hour, ten minutes during late July.

Creager was third in the state meet in the Class A 1600 run in 4:22.

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>YR.</u>	<u>HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC)</u>
Jeff Armstrong	Fr.	Streator
Rex Armstrong	Jr.	Elmhurst (York)
Steve Arrivo	Fr.	Oak Forest (Andrews)
Jim Barsella	So.	Chicago (Gordon Tech)
Darrin Bishop	Fr.	Quincy
Kevin Bohne	Fr.	Manteno
Peter Bojan	Fr.	Norridge (Ridgewood)
Brett Creager	Fr.	Decatur (Macon)
Bruce DeRuntz	Sr.	Granite City (North/Spoon R. CC)
Peter Dowling	Jr.	Hanover Park (Hoffman Estates)
Jeff Fitt	So.	Orland Park
Brian Gallaher	Fr.	Quincy
Markus Gaines	Fr.	Springfield (Southeast)
Drew Geisler	Sr.	Granite City (South)
John Healy	Fr.	Schaumburg (Hoffman Estates)
Charles Helton	Fr.	Eldred
Mike Hoehne	Jr.	Hillside (Proviso West)
Ken Hoffman	Fr.	Deerfield
Dan Johnson	So.	Terre Haute, IN (South)
Don Johnson	So.	Terre Haute, IN (South)
John Kelly	Fr.	Lagrange (Lyons)
Steve Knapke	So.	Northbrook (Glenbrook North)
Tom Kukowski	So.	Lockport
Mitch McClure	Sr.	Paxton (Parkland)
Mike Madix	So.	Decatur (Eisenhower)
Jim Maton	Fr.	Shelbyville
Dan Moore	Sr.	Frankfort (Lincoln-Way)
Dan Newman *	Jr.	Elmhurst (York)
Kelvin Owens	Fr.	Charleston
Scott Pillsbury *	Sr.	Petersburg (P.-Porta/Lincolnland)
Bryan Reed	Fr.	Crystal Lake
Dale Righter	Fr.	Mattoon
D. J. Rosebaugh	Fr.	Roselle (Lake Park)
Mike Samuel *	So.	Oswego
Aaron Shepley **	Sr.	Crystal Lake
Ted Thompson	So.	Northbrook (Glenbrook North)
Paul Todoric	Jr.	Hoffman Estates
Scott Tracy	Sr.	Northbrook (Glenbrook North)
W. Grahame Wilkin	Fr.	Glen Ellyn (Glenbard South)
Scott Wilson	Jr.	West Terre Haute, IN
Nick Whiteside **	Sr.	Mt. Vernon
Brian Wright	Fr.	McHenry

\* Lettermen

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>
Sat., Sept. 1 (5:00)	14th ALUMNI OPEN	EIU COURSE
Fri., Sept. 14 (4:00)	at Purdue	W. Lafayette, IN
Sat., Sept. 22 (Noon)	at Midwest Collegiate Championship	Kenosha, WI
Sat., Sept. 29 (10:00)	at Illinois Invitational	Champaign
Fri., Oct. 5 (4:00)	at Notre Dame Invitational	South Bend, IN
Sat., Oct. 13 (11:00)	at Illinois Intercollegiate	Macomb, IL
Sat., Oct. 27 (11:00)	at Mid-Continent Championship	Valparaiso, IN
Sat., Nov. 10 (11:00)	at NCAA District IV Qualifying	Champaign

Junior Varsity Schedule

Thurs., Sept. 20 (4:00)	DANVILLE, VINCENNES JC	EIU Course
Sat., Sept. 29 (11:00)	at Danville JC Invitational	Danville, IL
Sat., Oct. 6 (11:00)	at Parkland JC Invitational	Champaign, IL
Tues., Oct. 10 (4:00)	at Vincennes JC	Vincennes, IN