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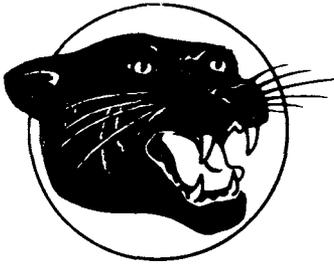
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CHARLESTON, IL--Fifteen of the state's premier collegiate cross country teams will compete on Eastern Illinois University's home course Saturday morning in the 15th Illinois Intercollegiate.

The 10,000 meter race will begin at 11 a.m. south of Lantz Gym.

Besides the host Panthers, other team entries are Bradley, DePaul, Western Illinois, North Central, Illinois State, Lewis, Augustana, SIU-Carbondale, SIU-Edwardsville, Loyola, Illinois, Illinois-Chicago, North Park and Illinois Benedictine.

The Salukis have won the last two edging Illinois and Illinois State each time.

"I would think those three again would be the favorites," said coach Neil Moore, who credits his Panthers with "steady improvement each meet."

Mike Keane of SIU-C returns to defend his individual championship but will receive his stiffest competition from Eastern's Tim Warneke (Park Forest-Crete/Monee), Illinois' Mike Patton and Illinois State's Mike Kirk.

"We certainly can't count out Perry Edinger (Mattoon), either," says Moore. "He's really been doing well, also."

Warneke, though, has been the Panthers ace. He has not finished below second in any of the five meets winning two strong tournaments at Notre Dame and the TFA/USA at Kenosha, and finishing second this past weekend at Purdue.

"This is the first time we've run 10,000 meters. We're doing it on an experimental basis because it's the distance run in the NCAA championship so everyone thought it would be a good chance to get used to it," Moore said.

Illinois and SIU-Carbondale have won every meet except 1979 when Illinois State temporarily broke their stranglehold. The Illini have won ten times and Southern three.