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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--The Eastern Illinois University men's track team will host four schools while the Panther women's squad hosts six others Saturday (Feb. 2) at Lantz Fieldhouse. The multi-team coed meet begins at noon.

The Eastern men will compete against Bradley, DePaul, Western Illinois and Lincoln (MO). The Eastern women will face Bradley, Western Illinois, Lincoln (MO), Ohio State, Southeast Missouri and Southwest Missouri.

"I think this will be an interesting meet because we're starting to show our potential," said men's coach Neil Moore. "We've been experimenting (in the first two indoor meets), but now we'll be putting people in their best events, so the tempo picks up.

"We'll be fielding our best lineup this week. This will be a tuneup for the Illini Classic (next week in Champaign)."

Among those in the Panther lineup who should see plenty of action are junior Greg Anderson (Decatur-Florissant Valley CC), sophomore Don Johnson (Terre Haute, IN-South), and sophomore Scott Adamson (Moweaqua).

Anderson won the 60 and 300 yard dashes last week against Northeast Missouri. Johnson took top honors in the 600, and Adamson took first place in the 60 yard high hurdles. The latter two were also on the winning mile relay squad.

Women's coach Dan Lowery is optimistic of his team's chances. "I believe we have an honest chance to place as high as third," he said.

"We definitely are the underdogs. Ohio State and Western Illinois will be the top two teams."

Individually, Lowery expects sophomore Debbie Zubik (Calumet City-Thornwood), sophomore Lauren Lynch, freshman Tracy Olawumi (Blue Island-Eisenhower) and sophomore Janine Jarris (St. Charles) to be Eastern's top finishers.

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"I expect Debbie to throw real well in the shot put," Lowery said. "She has been practicing real hard the past two weeks.

"Lauren and Tracy should hold their own in the middle sprint distances. Janine is probably our top hope of first place honors in the half mile. She has looked great in practice during the last few days."

Jarris set a school record in the 880-yard run in the women's opening meet this season against Indiana State, Southeast Missouri and SIU-Edwardsville. Her time of 2:16.57 eclipsed the old mark by more than three seconds.