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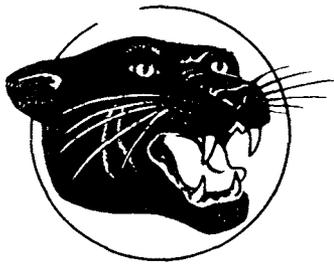
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CHARLESTON, IL (February 13, 1986)--Eastern Illinois University's men's track and field squad will host Bradley, Indiana State, Southern Illinois and Association of Mid-Continent Universities Conference rival Western Illinois on Saturday (Feb. 15) at Lantz Fieldhouse.

Field events are scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. and running events at 2:00.

"This meet is going to be a real burner," said Eastern assistant coach Tom Akers. "There's going to be a lot of quality. There shouldn't be one dull race or event the whole afternoon."

Eastern enters the five-team meet with four individual leaders in the AMCU track standings. Senior Larry Thoennissen (Morton) heads the 35-pound weight throw with his school-record toss of 58-1, and junior Dan Matas (Oak Park-River Forest) is tops in the shot put at 55-1. Thoennissen ranks second in the shot put at 54-5½.

Senior Roxy Wood (Pekin) leads the pole vault at 15-0, and sophomore Jim Maton (Shelbyville) has the fastest time for 1,000 yards at 2:12.74. Maton rates second in both the 880 and mile at 1:53.89 and 4:14.09, respectively.

Sophomore Rod McMullen (Edwardsville) has the second-best time in the 60-yard hurdles at 7.59, and freshman Todd Jungenberg (Hawthorn Woods-Carmel) is second in the triple jump at 45-3 3/4.

Eastern rolled up 104 points to Western's 58 to easily win a five-team meet at Lantz on Jan. 25, but Akers said the Leathernecks have gotten better since then. "It's going to be a real dogfight," he said of the meet. "Southern is the favorite. Western will be vastly improved, though. That was their first meet of the year and our third."