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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL (March 11, 1986)--Four of Eastern Illinois' wrestlers will vie for All-American honors Thursday-Saturday (March 13-15) when they travel to Iowa City, IA to compete in the NCAA National Wrestling Tournament. Keith Presley (CHICAGO), Chris McFarland (EAST CHICAGO HEIGHTS), Ozzie Porter (CHICAGO), and Demetrius Harper (CHICAGO HEIGHTS) will represent Eastern at this year's meet.

Presley (150) qualified for Nationals by going 3-1 in the regional meet. Presley finished third. He opened up the regional meet by defeating George Bessett of Indiana State 5-2. After losing to Dan Majewski of Northern Iowa, Presley came back to win his next two bouts. First he beat Tim King of Southwest Missouri 4-3, then in the match for third place he defeated Ron Wisniewski of Notre Dame 11-10. Presley has an overall record of 22-12.

McFarland (158) finished with a fourth place finish at regionals. The 4th place finish wasn't good enough to advance to Nationals but the coaches picked McFarland as the meet wild-card. McFarland holds Eastern's best individual record at 35-4. His biggest win of the season came when he beat Purdue's Dave Lilovich 4-2. Lilovich placed 4th in the nation last year in the 158 pound weight class.

Porter (167) had a strong showing at regionals placing second in the meet. His only loss came in the championship match to Scott Diveny in overtime 3-0. Porter holds a 29-5 record for the season.

Harper (~~heavyweight~~) had close matches all the way through the regional meet. First Harper beat Dave Messenger of Southwest Missouri in overtime on a referees decision. In his second bout he defeated Steve Grintz of Illinois State 5-4. Then in the championship bout Harper lost in overtime to Northern Iowa's Tony Koontz on criteria points. Harper finished 2nd in the regionals and holds a 27-10-3 record for the season.

"I'm very confident our guys will have a good showing in nationals. They just have to be both physically and mentally ready," said Eastern head coach Ralph McCausland.