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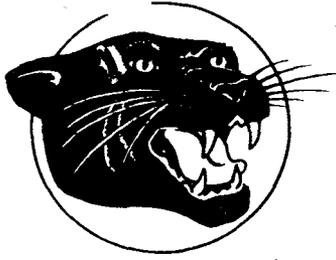
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CHARLESTON, IL.--Eight Illinois preps and two junior college transfers have announced they will play their collegiate baseball at Eastern Illinois University, according to Head Coach Tom McDevitt.

The Panthers were 29-22-1 this past season, the 16th straight year they have been .500 or better.

The eight prep signees are:

*Mike Deese (Naperville-Central), a righthanded pitcher with a 10-2 record, 2.04 ERA, 115 strikeouts in 79 innings and a .342 batting average.

*Dan Gargis (Metamora), a catcher, who batted .364 with 13 homers, 44 runs batted in and only 16 strikeouts.

*Jami Isaacsons (Galesburg), an infielder, who hit .358 this past spring with 39 RBIs.

*Vic Lanzotti (Springfield), an All-City infielder with a .442 batting average and only struck out eight times in 129 at-bats.

*Dana Leibovitz (East Moline), an infielder/outfielder, who was a 23rd round draft pick by the New York Yankees, batted .451 with seven homers and 36 RBIs in 35 games.

*Don Nelson (Wheeling), outfielder, who hit .314 this past spring.

*Scot Nelson (Bradley/B.-Bourbannais), a lefthanded pitcher, who had a 11-2 record with 2.02 ERA and 91 strikeouts with just 28 walks in 76 innings. He also led the team with a .451 batting average.

*Guy Taylor (Mattoon), righthanded pitcher, was 9-1-1 with a 1.14 ERA and 73 strikeouts in 67 innings. He was the Decatur Herald Area 'Player of the Year'.

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The two junior college transfers are:

*Shannon Coppel (Danville), an outfielder at Olney CC, who batted .448 with a slugging average of .687.

*Steve Readnour (Georgetown), a lefthanded pitcher from Lake Land CC, with a 6-2 mark and 2.93 ERA.