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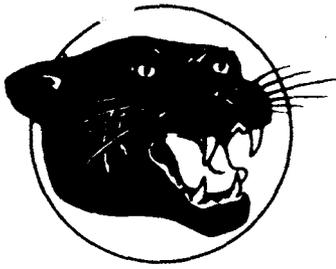
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# **Panther Sports News**

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's men's cross country squad hosts two of the nation's top-ranked teams from a year ago in a triangular meet behind Lantz Gym on Friday (Sept. 13).

The Panthers will take on Illinois and Purdue, both rated among the top 20 teams in the country by a coaches poll last year, in an 8000 meter race beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Eastern assistant coach Tom Akers is taking a cautious approach into the meet. "Illinois is going to be down compared to last year," Akers said. "I have no idea what Purdue is going to have.

"Purdue is perennially tough year in and year out . . . so is Illinois. We may have a chance against Illinois."

The Panthers enter the race with freshman Donzell Jones (Matteson-Rich South) as their No. 1 runner. Jones was second in the annual Alumni Open in 21:49 for 4.2 miles.

Other new members of the top seven are sophomore transfer Van Gardner (Salem-Kaskaskia CC), sixth in the Alumni Open in 22:03, freshman Brad Conte (DuQuoin), 10th in 22:37, and freshman Bruce Nie (Sterling), 11th in 22:56.

Rounding out the top seven are three returning lettermen, senior Mitch McClure (Paxton-Parkland CC), fifth in 22:01, senior Scott Tracy (Downers Grove-North), seventh in 22:09, and sophomore Dale Righter (Mattoon), eighth in 22:16.