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CHARLESTON, IL--JoAnn Archer (Mundelein), senior forward, leads Eastern Illinois University women's basketball team in total points with 276, a 17.3 average.

Archer, an All-State and All-Region pick last season is currently one of the leading scorers in Region 5. She has led the Panthers in scoring in eight of their 16 contests.

Archer led the Panthers with a season high 25 points in their 97-60 win over Chicago Circle.

"As a senior, JoAnn can do it all," said head coach Bobbie Hilke whose Panthers are currently 10-6 on the season. "She is excellent defensively and is virtually unstoppable on offense, both inside and out," Hilke added.

According to Hilke, Archer's ballhandling skills have improved 100% over last year's. "JoAnn is extremely calm and confident this year," said Hilke.

Proof of this last statement is best exemplified in Archer's sinking of two free throws with three seconds on the clock in Eastern's 69-68 come-from-behind win over in-state rival Western Illinois.

Archer, a botany major, is a 1977 graduate of Mundelein High School. She is the daughter of Bill and Irene Archer of 411 Fairhaven Lane, Mundelein.