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CHARLESTON, IL--Beth Sass (Elk Grove Village), freshman forward on Eastern Illinois University women's basketball team, provided a needed spark during the late season stretch drive.

The Panthers finished the season 23-11 winning nine of the last 12 and third in the Midwest AIAW Division II Regional with a 86-60 victory over Xavier (OH) University.

Sass averaged 3.1 points and rebounds. She hit 42% from the field (39-93) and 48% from the free throw line (12-25).

"Beth gave us more stability in the starting lineup," coach Barbara 'Bobbie' Hilke said. "She is a strong rebounder and played very good defense . . . she started our last 11 games."

A physical education-health major, Sass is a graduate of Elk Grove High School where she played for Marcia Gordon. The 5-7 forward had an EIU season high 13 points at Purdue (5-10 field goals and 3-4 free throws). She had a game high 12 rebounds at Northeastern (IL) University in a 60-50 Panther victory.

She is the daughter of Richard and Julie Sass, 701 North Parkway in Elk Grove.