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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL-- Troy Harper (Fox Lake/Grant-Lake County CC) set an Eastern Illinois University single season batting record with a .453 average for the Panthers.

Harper, a junior outfielder, eclipsed last year's previous best of .443 set by Tim Pyznarski, who went on to become a first round draft choice for the Oakland A's.

"Harper won a starting spot on our southern trip and went from there to have a great season . . . we knew he had the potential to become an outstanding college hitter but I con't think any of us anticipated the type of season he would have," said Coach Tom McDevitt.

He had 48 hits in 106 at bats and led the Panthers with 10 homers. He was second on the team with 44 runs batted in.

His homer and RBI totals place him third and sixth, respectively, on EIU's list for single season bests.

Eastern, in its first year in NCAA Division I competition, had a 29-12 record winning 12 of its final 14 games.