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CHARLESTON, IL--Bob Norris (Pittsfield), Eastern Illinois University offensive guard, was chosen Associated Press Honorable Mention All-American by a vote of the nation's sports writers/broadcasters.

The 265 lb. junior was earlier named First Team All-Mid Continent Conference by the MCC coaches.

One of the most durable players on the team, Norris started every game spending very little time on the sidelines. He previously started for EIU's 1978 national champs before dropping out and transferring to an Iowa junior college.

He returned to Eastern last summer to reclaim his spot on the offensive line. "I'm very proud for Bob . . . we're pleased he came back to Eastern to complete his degree and happy that his persistence on and off the field has been rewarded by an All-American honor," said line coach Greg Dubinetz.

Eastern finished 6-5 for its fourth straight winning season. During these years the Panthers have a 36-14 record, the best collegiate won-lost mark among Illinois state universities.