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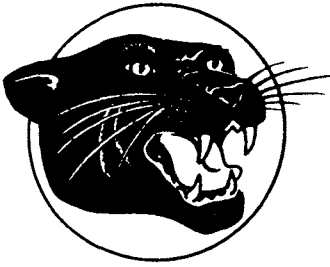
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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's NCAA II Runner-Up football Panthers will be honored by the university and Charleston community at halftime of EIU's basketball game with Youngstown State Saturday night (Jan. 24).

The Panthers, who finished 11-3 last fall, reached the championship game of the NCAA II National Tournament for the second time in three years, losing the title to Cal Poly/SLO, 21-13, in December.

Involved in the halftime ceremony will be the Panther team and coaching staff along with EIU President Daniel E. Marvin, Jr., Athletic Director R. C. Johnson and Charleston Mayor Bob Hickman.