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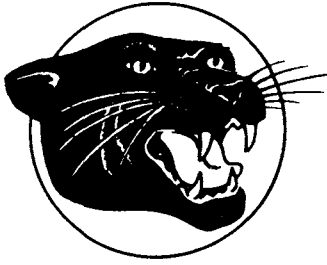
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# **Panther Sports News**

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's Eddie Jones (Chicago-Cregier/Lincoln JC), who sparked the Panthers to three straight wins last week, has been selected the Mid-Continent Conference 'Player of the Week'.

The 6-3 junior forward, starting for the first time, scored 47 points hitting double figures in all three victories over Northern Michigan (62-48), St. Joseph's (75-56) and No. 2 ranked Wright State (72-63).

He shot 58.3% from the field and pulled down 12 rebounds as EIU boosted its record to 12-9.

Out of the lineup with a broken hand for six weeks in mid-year, Jones returned on a limited basis in early January. He earned a starting shot when guard Vincent Smelter was injured in the Illinois State game.

"Eddie is an inspirational player," said Coach Rick Samuels. "His enthusiasm has been contagious . . . everyone played well last week but Eddie's offensive play up front allowed us to move Ricky (Robinson) to guard and pick up some much needed scoring punch."