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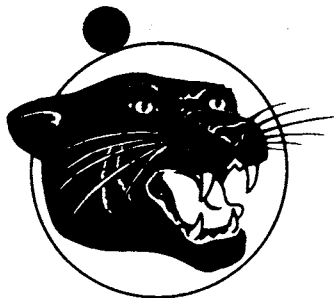
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CHARLESTON, IL--Toni Collins (Lincoln-Jamaica-Sidell), Eastern Illinois University's standout basketball forward, has been named to the COSIDA District IV All-Academic Team.

"This is a great honor for Toni because we stress academics so much on our team," Eastern head coach Bobbie Hilke said. "It's pleasing to develop and recruit that kind of athlete."

Collins has shown her ability in the classroom by earning a 3.49 grade point average with a major in physical education and health. She also shows her prowess on the basketball court, where she leads the Lady Panthers in scoring and rebounding.

The 6-0 Collins currently holds a 13.9 point per game scoring average and hauls down 6.7 rebounds a contest. She holds the EIU record for rebounds in a season (352) and set the single-game scoring mark with 32 points in the Lady Panthers' 94-77 victory over Ball State earlier this season.

Collins' name will now be placed on the ballot for the Academic All-American team chosen by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Joining Collins on the ballot and representing District IV will be four guards--Kelly Belanger and Julie Polawkowski of Michigan State, Donna Lamping of Ball State and Bradley's Judy Burns, who was selected to the All-American team last year.

Front line players selected to the District IV squad include Jenny Midler of the University of Illinois, Kathy Wiesen of Valparaiso, Linda Stump of Ball State and Anita Tersigni and Deanna Fry from Cincinnati.