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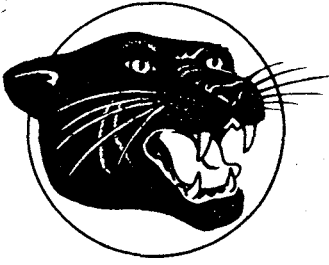
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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Tim Wyss, the state's leading prep scorer from Cissna Park, and Jeff Hippen, all-stater from Chadwick, have signed basketball scholarships to attend Eastern Illinois University, head coach Rick Samuels announced.

Wyss, a 6-5, 190 lber, who verbally committed to EIU in February, led the state with a 30.1 scoring average setting school records for points in a season (902) and career (1657).

He was named to the United Press International and Chicago Sun-Times First Team All-State, Champaign News-Gazette Honorable Mention All-State and a member of the Class A North team that will compete in the summer Shrine All-Star game.

Cissna Park, coached by Leonard McKean, won the Iroquois Conference, the Rossville Holiday Tournament, reached the Class A 'Sweet Sixteen' and finished 27-3.

"Tim was an excellent shooter for us, a great leaper who has outstanding quickness," said McKean.

"His best attribute is his ability to handle the ball in a high speed transition game. At 6-5 he could post up for us but when people clogged the middle and forced him outside, he was able to face the basket and hit the perimeter shot, also.

"As with most players making the transition from high school to college, Tim will have to work on defense. Plus in high school where you can rely on height under the basket, he'll need to work on positioning in college," McKean explained.

Hippen, 6-6 forward, also led Chadwick, coached by Jack Fritz, to the Class A Sweet Sixteen with a 27-2 record. Chadwick won the Upstate Illini conference and league tournament.

Hippen averaged 21 points, nearly nine rebounds, shot 52% from the field and 77% from the line.

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He was named to the Chicago Sun-Times Class A All-State team, honorable mention by the Associated Press and Fourth Team by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association.

He also will team with Wyss on the Class A North team in that summer all-star game.

"Both of these young men are excellent players from sound programs," said EIU Coach Rick Samuels, who directed the Panthers to a 14-13 record in their first year of Division I play.

"Jeff has a nice shooting touch and should develop into a strong collegiate forward for us.

"Tim's early commitment in February gave our program a lot of credibility and recognition because he was a heavily publicized player. He and the others are talented enough to press for playing time as freshmen."