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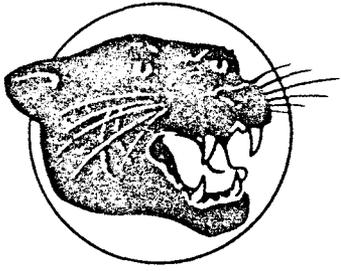
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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's Tim Dykstra (Plymouth, IN-LaVille) almost averaged in double figures in his junior year for the Panther basketball team.

A 6-5, 185 forward, Dykstra averaged 9.7 points, just eight shy of scoring in double figures, finishing with 302 points. However, he doubled his previous season point total.

He also was the only player to start all 31 games for EIU which finished with a 13-18 record and second place in the Mid-Continent with an 8-4 mark.

Dykstra was second on the team with 102 assists and shot 47% from the field, a considerable improvement from last year's 41.7%.

After a slow start he came on to hit in double figures in nine of the last 12 games, and during one week scored 49 points in three games to earn conference 'player of the week' honors.

"Tim played much better, from a statistical standpoint, in the second half of the season," said Coach Rick Samuels. "Because he plays so hard, early he felt he had to do too much and was pressing . . . but later some others came around, Tim relaxed and gave us some good perimeter shooting which is his greatest asset.

"He's always around the board and executes well on offense but we'd like for him to be more polished next year. We saw glimpses this season where he would penetrate with the dribble, pull up and shoot it in the hole . . . that's an example of the kind of play we'd like to be routine."

The Panthers began the year 0-12 but bounced back to win 13 of the final 19 and surge to second place in the AMCU. EIU shot 50% from the field in all games, and 52.5% in conference action.