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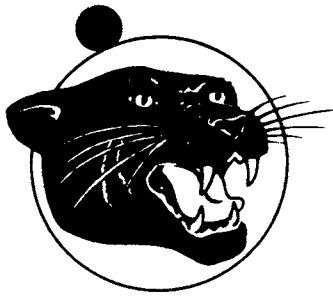
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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's Pat Hamilton (Decatur-Eisenhower) is developing into a fine Division I basketball player.

"Pat is still working on the transition from high school to college ball," EIU head coach Bobbie Hilke said. "She has all the skills, but we're hoping she can realize her talents next year.

"She has excellent ball-handling skills, but she just doesn't seem to realize all that she can do," Hilke said.

Hamilton saw action in 20 games as a freshman as she helped Eastern to a 16-12 record and a fifth-place Gateway Collegiate Conference finish with a 10-8 mark.

She tallied 73 points, dished off 14 assists and came away with 15 rebounds. She also used her blinding speed to come up with 21 steals from the opposition.

"Pat is one of the fastest, if not the fastest player in the conference," Hilke said. "She can really fly."