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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University starting guard Doug Crook (Vincennes, IN-Lincoln) was the second leading scorer for the Panthers basketball team this winter.

A 6-1, 165 sophomore, Crook averaged 12.1 points for EIU which recently finished the season with a 13-18 overall record and second place in the Mid-Continent with an 8-4 mark.

Crook shot 48.9 from the field overall but was at 50.4% in the league games. He was in double figures in 22 of the 31 games and 10 of the last 12 with a single game high of 29 against Illinois-Chicago. He was third in assists with 82.

"Doug's most evident and visible improvement was in his scoring but his real improvement was in handling the role of a point guard," said Coach Rick Samuels.

"His ball handling skills and passing improved tremendously from his freshman to sophomore year, and his leadership progressed throughout this season.

"Next year I again see Doug playing both the point and off-guard spots. I think his best position is as a ball handling guard although he does possess the shooting skills to play the second guard position," Samuels explained.

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.