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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's Jeff Hippen (Chadwick) saw brief action in half of the Panther basketball games this winter.

The 6-6, 195 freshman forward scored eight points in 13 games as EIU finished with a 13-18 overall record and second place in the Mid-Continent with an 8-4 mark.

"We're pleased with the improvement Jeff made during the season. I think Jeff was in awe a great part of the year but towards the end better realized his strengths and limitations," said Coach Rick Samuels.

"He's very energetic and anxious to work harder with his strengths and discipline himself to improve his weaknesses. We'd like for him to improve his upper body strength and be more explosive on the floor . . . get so he can release his shot quicker.

"His greatest improvement was his defensive play and that part of his game could be where he makes his most immediate contribution next year," Samuels explained.