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CHARLESTON, IL--Steve Hopkins (Chicago-Kenwood), 6-8 junior forward for Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers, earned a second letter this winter.

Hopkins, a backup small forward, appeared in 22 of 28 games averaging 11 minutes playing time. He scored three points and nearly three rebounds a game.

"I would like to see Steve have an outstanding senior year," said Coach Rick Samuels. "The last few games he showed signs of reaching his potential. He has good finesse and good hands around the basket and has improved his defense. "We're hopeful he will return determined to go out by having a major impact on the team's success."

Eastern finished 15-13 overall, 7-7 and fourth in the AMCU-8. It's the tenth winning season in the last 11 years for EIU.