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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Vicki Ryherd, former Eastern Illinois University cheerleader from Arthur, has become a member of the Honey Bear cheerleading squad for the Chicago Bears.

Ryherd, who graduates this spring, was among approximately 1000 applicants to show up for initial interviews back in March.

A month long series of tryouts pared the group down to 40 for the final session at which time each candidate had to perform a choreographed routine that was videotaped and studied by the eight judges.

In the end she was one of 20 new members of the 36 woman squad. They begin practicing twice a week here in May with daily workouts starting just prior to the season.

"I think being a cheerleader in college helped some but the Honey Bears do so much more dancing rather than just cheering," she said.

Vicki is a 1978 graduate of Arthur High School with a home economics-business major in fashion merchandising.