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CHARLESTON, IL--Lori Conine (Paris-Kansas) has completed her sophomore season for Eastern Illinois University women's basketball team.

The Lady Panthers finished in the final four of the Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament. EIU ended its first NCAA Division I season 22-7, winning seven of its last nine games.

"Lori gained valuable playing time this season with 13 starts and gave us a tremendous defensive punch off the bench," Coach Barbara Hilke said. "Called on to fill in at point guard in mid-season, Lori turned in an outstanding performance. She's a real team player and tremendously self-motivated."

Conine was Eastern's fifth-leading scorer (7.0) and third in assists (76). She averaged just under 20 minutes per game being one of three Lady Panthers to play in all 29 games.

She shot over 40% from the field (87-215) and 56% from the line (30-53).

Her career-high 22 points came in the season-opener against Creighton in a 93-73 Eastern victory.

She is also an outfielder for the Lady Panthers' softball team.

A physical education major, Conine is a 1981 graduate of Kansas High School. She is the daughter of Harold and Betty Conine of rural Paris.