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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Norm Evans, 6-1 guard from Joliet Central HS, Vince Macciocchi, 6-6 forward from Hinsdale Central, and Bill Patterson, 6-8 forward from Galesburg HS, have signed national letters of intent to play their college basketball at Eastern Illinois University, head coach Rick Samuels announced.

"With the signing of these three young men we believe we have secured the talent that we need to fill specific positions. Evans is a quick lefthanded point guard, Macciocchi is an intelligent floor player who is well schooled defensively and Patterson gives us some size inside . . . he'll get bigger and stronger," Samuels said.

Macciocchi was the West Suburban Conference 'Player of the Year' leading the league in rebounding (9.8) and No. 2 in scoring (20.4). Overall he averaged 17.2 points, 8.7 rebounds and shot 58% from the field.

He was chosen IBCA Fourth Team All-State, will compete for the North Squad in this summer's IBCA Class AA All-Star game, named AP Honorable Mention All-State and the Champaign News-Gazette '50 Special Seniors'.

Evans was the SICA West Conference 'Co-Player of the Year', two time Special Mention All-Area by the Chicago Sun-Times and also on the Champaign News-Gazette's '50 Special Seniors' list.

He scored 20.9 points a game with a school record 7.3 assists, 7.7 rebounds, 3.1 steals and 53% field goal shooting.

Patterson earned IBCA Honorable Mention All-State honors and was picked to the Western Big Six All-Conference Team. He averaged 15.5 points, 8.1 rebounds, shot 59% from the field and only had 34 turnovers in 27 games.