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CHARLESTON, IL.--JEFF MIRONCOW, 6-9 center from PALATINE (FREMD), has signed a national letter of intent to play college basketball at EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, head coach RICK SAMUELS announced.

MIRONCOW is a two-time All-Mid Suburban League and Arlington Heights Daily Herald All-Area selection. During this time he led Coach Mo Tharp's Vikings to a 43-15 record, two division and two regional titles and one sectional championship.

As a senior he averaged 14.1 points, 9.5 rebounds and blocked 52 shots. He had 268 rebounds, just four short of the school record.

"Jeff was the big man in the middle for us," said THARP, "and because of that he was often double and triple teamed which freed up the outside people.

"The most outstanding thing, though, was his rebounding and defensive play. He was very much the intimidator and got the fast break going for us because he could control the boards. Plus he is very mobile and can also put the ball on the floor," THARP said.

"As a freshman he was the last player on our freshman 'B' team but we worked hard with him all year. He became a starter on the sophomore team and worked his way up to the varsity later that year so he's made great strides through hard work."

This is the sixth recruit for the Panthers and third incoming frosh. MIRONCOW is also the tallest player to sign with EIU this spring.

"We're certainly excited to sign someone with Jeff's size who can bang around inside," said SAMUELS.

"He's a big strong young man who also has the mobility to play power forward as well as the post. He has a nice shooting touch and is well schooled defensively," SAMUELS said.