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# **Panther Sports News**

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Todd Emro, a 6-6, 220 forward from Hammond, IN's Gavit High School, has verbally committed to signing a basketball scholarship at Eastern Illinois University, head coach Rick Samuels announced Friday.

The official signing date is not until April 13, however Emro became the first 1982-83 prep indicating he would attend EIU next year.

"Todd is a strong player . . . a power forward whose style of play will remind people in this area of Illinois State's Rick Lamb. At least he has that type of build," said Samuels.

"We think he can still grow some and with a solid conditioning program will become even stronger," Samuels said.

Last year he averaged 13 points and seven rebounds and entering the Christmas holidays he is scoring almost 15 points with 10.7 rebounds this season.

Emro's signing would continue EIU's recent success in recruiting Indiana preps. There are five Panthers from Indiana on the 1982-83 roster.