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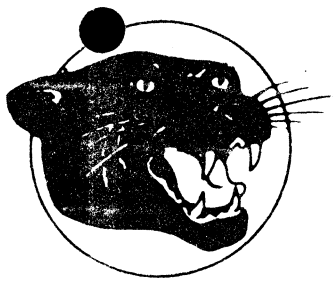
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CHARLESTON, IL (Dec. 17, 1985)--Eastern Illinois soccer player LARRY PRETTO (Winona, Canada) and women's basketball player CHRIS ALDRIDGE (Taylorville) have been selected athletes of the month for November by a panel of university officials.

Pretto was picked the AMCU-8 Player-of-the-Year by the conference coaches after a stellar season. He led the Panthers to a perfect 4-0 league mark and the conference crown. The freshman forward led Eastern with nine goals--including two against arch-rival Illinois-Chicago. EIU finished the season with an 11-5-1 record.

Aldridge averaged a team-leading 22.4 points per game during November while leading Eastern to a 3-1 mark. She set career-highs in scoring with 29 against Xavier and then a 32-point effort against Wisconsin in the Badger Invitational. Her performance against Wisconsin was a tourney record. The All-Gateway Conference performer also had a team-leading 8.5 boards a game. The All-American candidate currently leads the team in scoring (18.8), rebounding (7.0) and field goal percentage (.436).