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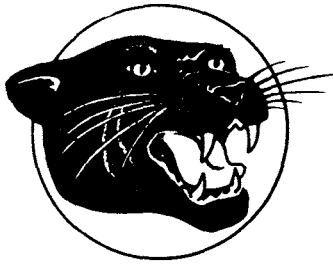
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CHARLESTON, ILL. (April 1, 1986)--Eastern Illinois basketball center KEVIN DUCKWORTH has been selected to participate in the Aloha Classic basketball tournament April 8-11 in Honolulu, Ha. The tourney will be a collection of the finest senior basketball players in the country and will enable the participants to showcase their talents for NBA scouts.

The Dolton, Ill. native averaged 19.5 points a game for the 19-13 Panthers this past season. The imposing 7-0, 280-pound center was named the **MOST UNDERRATED PLAYER IN THE COUNTRY** by CBS SPORTS as a senior. He also received Most Valuable Player accolades in the AMCU-8 Post-Season tournament after a 70-point, 28-rebound performance in three games.

"Sir Duck" was named one of the TOP 50 SENIORS in the country by BASKETBALL WEEKLY as well as being tabbed first-team all-conference in 1985-86.

Duckworth finished his EIU career as the third all-time leading scorer in Panther annals with 1569 points and as Eastern's top rebounder with 867 career caroms. He shot an astounding .678 (120-177) from the field in league play. The technology education major was Eastern's leading rebounder with a 9.1 mark.

He will fly directly to Honolulu from Portsmouth, Va. where Duckworth competes in the prestigious Portsmouth Invitational April 2-5. "Sir Duck" is one of a handful of players who have been extended and accepted invitations to play in both tournaments.