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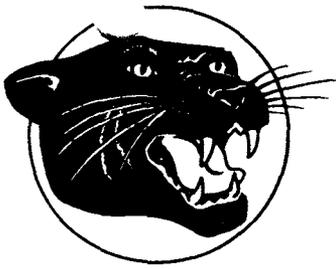
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CHARLESTON, IL.--Jon Collins (East ST.Louis-Cahokia), Eastern Illinois University's all-time leading basketball scorer, will continue his career playing for Lisbon, Portugal in the Portugese National League.

Collins, who concluded his three year with the Panthers in '86, set a career point record with 1702 points. He was a two time AMCU-8 'Player of the Year'.

"The Lisbon team is currently in second place and was looking to bolster its lineup with a shooting, penetrating guard in hopes of making the All-European Championships," said EIU Coach Rick Samuels.

"Jon has the type of skills they're looking for. I think it's a great opportunity for him. He's excited about playing in a professional situation where he can get a great deal of exposure and possibly get picked up by another European League team," said Samuels.

Collins departed for Portugal on Friday, October 3. The league plays into May, according to Samuels.

Besides starting three years for the Panthers, he was named Honorable Mention twice by the Sporting News and once by the Associated Press.

This past year he led EIU in scoring with 631 points as he eclipsed a near 20 year old career record with 1702 points. The old mark was 1655 by John Milholland (1956-58).