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CHARLESTON, IL (Oct. 24, 1985)--New Baden, Ill. native Shelly Ethridge is a member of the 1985-86 Eastern Illinois women's basketball team. She is a 1985 graduate of Breese Mater Dei High School.

The 5-foot-7 guard was named Most Valuable Player of the 1985 Illinois Class A All-Star game. She averaged nearly 20 points a game for Breese Mater Dei as a senior. The heady performer also garnered six steals and five rebounds a game en route to leading the Knights to a 19-2 record and the regional championship game. The secondary education major also received All-Mid-State Conference laurels as a senior.

"Shelly is the type of player you want to play guard for you because she is unselfish," EIU head coach Barbara Hilke notes. "She gets as much satisfaction from an assist as she does when she scores."

Eastern begins its 1985-86 season by taking on Xavier (OH) in Cincinnati on Nov. 22. The Lady Panthers' home-opener is Tuesday, Dec. 10 against Butler. Hilke's squad will attempt to improve upon last year's 16-12 record and fifth-place (8-10) Gateway Conference finish.