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CHARLESTON, IL (Nov. 19, 1985)--And they are off!! The Eastern Illinois women's basketball team begins its season this Friday in Cincinnati as the Lady Panthers take on Xavier (OH). EIU will battle Miami (OH) Saturday night in Oxford, OH.

Coach Barbara Hilke's squad defeated both teams a year ago. Eastern won its home-opener against Miami, 76-56, and then defeated Xavier, 87-44, in the first round of the Heath Candy Classic.

"I'm really excited about getting the season started," explains Hilke. "We have been getting frustrated playing against ourselves the past few weeks. The team needs to get a measuring stick as to how well we have progressed.

"Both Xavier and Miami are improved over last season. They should be a good test for us. I'm anxious to see how our freshmen are responding to the various roles they will play on the team."

Optimism is running rampant in the Lady Panther camp. EIU has three senior starters back from last year's 16-12 club. All-Gateway Conference forward CHRIS ALDRIDGE (Taylorville) is the main stay of the front line. She led the squad last season in scoring with a 14.7 average and was second in rebounding with a 7.1 mark.

Center SUE HYND (Ottawa) and guard MELANIE HATFIELD (Lawrenceburg, IN) are the other pair of seniors on the squad. The 6-2, 150-pound Hynd averaged 9.1 ppg and 4.6 rpg last season. She toughened up her game this past summer by competing in Australia and Korea with a touring Athletes in Action squad. Hatfield is the second-leading returning scorer with a 11.6 average. The cat-quick 5-5 performer will celebrate a homecoming of sorts on the trip to Ohio. She grew up in the Greater Cincinnati area and prepped at Lawrenceburg (IN) High School.

The two other starting spots are up for grabs according to Hilke. Freshmen SHERYL BONSETT (Scottsburg, IN) and SHELLY ETHRIDGE (New Baden/Breese Mater Dei) figure to battle it out for the guard spots. Bonsett was an all-state performer at Scottsburg (IN) High School a year ago while Ethridge averaged nearly 20 points a contest for Breese

Mater Dei High School. She also delighted the fans and media alike at the Class A All-Star game last summer. The versatile athlete was named MVP of the classic.

Five-11 LISA TYLER (Aurora, IN/South Dearborn) and 5-9 MICHELLE NEWMAN (Mattoon) will probably get the nod at the other forward spot. Tyler like Hatfield grew up a stone's throw away from Cincinnati in Aurora, IN. She holds virtually all the records at South Dearborn High School. Newman averaged almost two points a year ago as a reserve forward.

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1985-86 Eastern Illinois Roster

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS.</u>	<u>HT.</u>	<u>WT.</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>
10	Sheryl Bonsett	G	5-7	135	Fr.	Scottsburg, IN (Scottsburg)
12	Shelly Ethridge	G	5-7	125	Fr.	New Baden, IL (Breese-Mater Dei)
14	Liz Cavanagh	G	5-6	130	Fr.	Springfield, IL (Sacred Heart)
15	Pat Hamilton	G	5-6	125	Jr.	Decatur, IL (Fisenhower)
20	Melanie Hatfield	G	5-5	140	Sr.	Lawrenceburg, IN (Lawrenceburg)
24	Chris Aldridge	F	5-10	150	Sr.	Taylorville, IL (Taylorville)
25	Sue Hynd	C	6-2	158	Sr.	Ottawa, IL (Ottawa)
30	Michelle Newman	F	5-9	159	So.	Mattoon, IL (Mattoon)
31	Kerry Walsh	C	6-1	165	So.	Des Plaines, IL (Marillac)
33	Ann Brown	F	5-10	150	So.	Evanston, IL (Evanston)
42	Lisa Tyler	F	5-11	175	Fr.	Aurora, IN (South Dearborn)
50	Brenda Webb	F	6-1	165	Fr.	Antioch, IL (Antioch)

Note: This is a revised roster.