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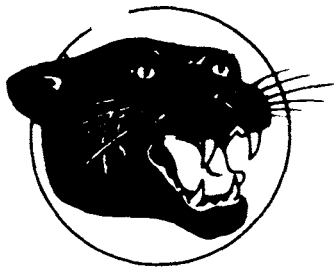
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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--(Dec. 4, 1985)--She calmly steps up to the free throw and engages in an intense concentration contest with the basket. SHERYL BONSETT dribbles the ball a half dozen times before she fires another bullet through the target. SWISH!! One of the sweetest sounds to a basketball coach's ears.

The Eastern Illinois freshman basketball player hit nine of 11 free throws in her first game as the Lady Panthers defeated Xavier (OH) 80-60 to open up the season. She hasn't stopped since.

The 5-foot-7 Scottsburg, Ind. native scored 15 points in her first collegiate contest--including canning six free throws in the final 1:30 to ice the win. Bonsett is third on the team in scoring with a healthy 10.8 average. She also leads the squad in free throw shooting with a .833 mark.

"Sheryl has been playing real smart so far this season," explains seventh-year head coach Barbara Hilke. "I knew she had the ability to play at this level but she has surprised me with how quick she has made the transitions from high school to college. She plays within her abilities real well."

Bonsett was an all-everything standout her senior year at Scottsburg High School. She was named to the prestigious Indiana High School All-Star team as a senior after averaging 17.3 points a game for the Warriorettes. The sharp-shooter was named to the second team All-Indiana squad last season; she was also a two-time All-Mid-Southern Indiana Conference pick.

During her banner prep career, Bonsett led Scottsburg High School to a 56-7 record in three years. She also was tabbed all-state by Hoosier Basketball Magazine as a senior after receiving honorable mention laurels as a junior. The versatile performer also holds the school standard for assists with 123.