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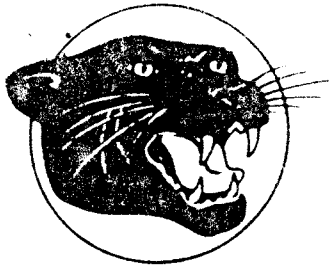
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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, ILL. (December 10, 1985)--Cue tape...roll tape...cue announcers...Before a television audience on SportsVision, the Eastern Illinois women's basketball team nearly pulled off the upset of the year in the title game of the Northern Illinois Fastbreak Fest against No. 11 Tennessee. The Lady Panthers dropped a disappointing 75-69 verdict to the Lady Volunteers after leading through much of the second half.

And now on to the next segment of our show. EIU--4-2 overall--takes on St. Louis (3-1) Friday night and then battles Ball State Saturday night. Both games start at 7:30 p.m. at Lantz Gym. (Editor's note: Eastern hosts Butler Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 5:15 p.m.)

Eastern's determined effort against the nationally-rated Lady Vols didn't go all for naught. Many noted basketball observers came out of the tourney with a new-found respect for Barbara Hilke's program.

"We played extremely well up at Northern Illinois," explains Hilke. "We didn't embarrass ourselves and actually had the number 11 team in the country on the ropes. I'm extremely proud of the effort of the team. They executed to perfection.

"The goal of the team now is to improve upon our performance at Northern Illinois. We are at home for the next five games...we really want to play well for our home fans. I can't say enough about the play of Sue Hynd and Lisa Tyler last weekend. Sue probably played the two best games of her career. Lisa played with a lot of composure and confidence out on the court. She got the crucial rebounds when we needed them."

Senior SUE HYND (Ottawa) was named to the all-tournament team after her stellar performance at the Fastbreak Fest. She tallied 40 points and 15 rebounds in two games. The 6-foot-2 senior weaved her way toward 23 points and nine rebounds against Tennessee in the title game. She is averaging nearly 11 points and five rebounds a game.

5-11, 175-pound LISA TYLER (Aurora, Ind./South Dearborn) has taken on the role of enforcer for the Lady Panthers. She is averaging 7.7 ppg and is tied for the club lead in rebounding with a 6.7 average. The freshman forward was also tabbed with all-tournament laurels.

Manning the two guard spots for Eastern are a pair of Indiana high school products. Senior MELANIE HATFIELD (Lawrenceburg, Ind.) and freshman SHERYL BONSETT (Scottsburg, Ind.) are providing EIU with a dynamic and creative one-two punch at guard. The cat-quick Hatfield is second on the team in scoring with a 14.3 average while also pulling down 5.8 rebounds a game--third best on the team.

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Bonsett leads the team in free throw percentage with an .850 mark (17-20). She is fourth on the club in scoring with an 8.7 average while also being second on the team in steals with 16.

Eastern's fifth starter in its cast of charecters is senior all-league forward CHRIS ALDRIDGE (Taylorville). The 5-10, 150-pounder is pacing the Lady Panthers in scoring with a 20 ppg average; she also is tied for the squad lead in rebounding with 6.7 mark. Against Tennessee, she became only the sixth player in EIU annals to surpass 1000 points in a career. Aldridge's tally stands at 1007 points.

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TYLER WORKS AT EASTERN

CHARLESTON, ILL. (December 10, 1985)--The work ethic is what the "American Dream" is built upon. You work hard...pay your dues...and someday you will succeed.

If six games into the season is any indication, Eastern Illinois women's basketball player LISA TYLER is the epitome of the aforementioned philosophy. The 5-foot-11, 175-pound forward has solidified the Lady Panther lineup; she is EIU's Plymouth Rock.

The Aurora, Ind. product is coming off a 33-point, 19-rebound performance in the Fastbreak Fest at Northern Illinois. The bruising freshman scored career-high's of 19 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in the opening game against Northern Illinois; she came back the next evening to tally 14 points and a game-high eight boards in the finale against No. 11 Tennessee. After the Lady Panthers' disappointing 75-69 loss to Tennessee (coached by 1984 USA Olympic Coach Pat Head Summitt), Tyler was named to the all-tournament team. She was one of only two freshman in the tourney to receive such a distinctive honor...the other was MVP Bridgette Gordon of Tennessee.

"Lisa is like a blue-collar worker in there," explains EIU head coach Barbara Hilke. "She isn't flashy...but she gets the job done. She is a really smart player with tremendous court sense...another strength of Lisa's is the confidence she displays on the court. Lisa does what she has to do to get the job done."

Tyler is averaging 7.7 ppg and is tied for the team-lead with 6.7 rebounds a contest. She is hitting .750 (12-16) at the charity stripe while also hitting an impressive .472 (17-36) from the field.

While prepping at South Dearborn High School, Tyler led the Knights to a 64-8 mark during the last three years. She averaged an impressive 18.8 points and 14.4 rebounds a game as a senior. The deceptively agile performer was a three-time All-Eastern Indiana Athletic Conference selection while also being tabbed a pre-season all-state pick by Hoosier Basketball Magazine as a senior. Tyler holds school standards for most career points (963) and rebounds (500).

With a little more experience, the sky is the limit for the tireless worker. Tyler can chisel her name into the Eastern record book and endear herself with Lady Panther supporters if she comes up with a few more performances like last weekend. A-A-A-H... four more years.

1985- EASTERN ILLINOIS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STATISTICS 4 Overall (Home: 0-0, Road: 4-0, Neutral: 1-2)

	ST-GM	MIS	FGM-FGA	PCT	FTM-FTA	PCT	PTS	AVG	REB	AVG	PF-D	AST	BS	ST	TO
Chris Aldridge	6-6	215	46-113	.407	28-41	.683	120	20.0	40	6.7	17-0	13	0	14	22
Melanie Hatfield	6-6	227	34-91	.374	18-23	.783	86	14.3	35	5.8	15-1	23	6	34	27
Sue Hynd	6-6	157	27-59	.458	10-15	.667	64	10.7	25	4.2	16-0	5	1	6	8
Sheryl Bonsett	4-6	195	19-41	.463	17-20	.850	52	8.7	14	2.3	14-0	15	0	16	33
Lisa Tyler	5-6	178	17-36	.472	12-16	.750	46	7.7	40	6.7	8-0	14	1	7	8
Brenda Webb	0-5	63	5-17	.294	5-7	.714	15	3.0	18	3.6	13-0	1	1	5	2
Pat Hamilton	0-5	28	5-8	.625	2-4	.500	12	2.4	3	0.6	1-0	0	0	3	3
Michelle Newman	1-4	36	2-12	.167	4-7	.571	8	2.0	7	1.8	3-0	2	0	3	4
Shelly Ethridge	2-4	57	2-10	.200	4-4	1.000	8	2.0	4	1.0	5-0	5	0	2	11
Kerry Walsh	0-4	22	2-3	.667	3-6	.500	7	1.8	7	1.8	1-0	1	-	2	1
Liz Cavanagh	0-2	6	1-1	1.000	1-2	.500	3	1.5	1	0.5	-	-	-	1	1
Ann Brown	0-4	22	1-1	1.000	-	-	2	0.5	1	0.3	5-0	1	0	0	3
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EIU Team	6-6	1200	161-395	.408	104-145	.717	426	71.0	216	36.0	99-1	79	9	93	113
Opponents	6-6	1200	166-376	.441	61-88	.693	393	65.5	245	40.8	128-5	87	22	80	148
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GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

Date	W-L	EIU	OPP	High Scorer	High Rebounder
11-22	W	80	60 at Xavier (OH)	Aldridge 29	Aldridge 10
11-23	W	64	56 at Miami (OH)	Aldridge 21	Aldridge, Hatfield, Tyler 9
11-29	L	56	73 \$ St. John's (NY)	Hatfield 14	Hatfield 10
11-30	W	70	64 \$ Wisconsin	Aldridge 32	Aldridge 11
12-6	W	87	65 * Northern Illinois	Hatfield 20	Tyler 11
12-7	L	69	75 * Tennessee	Hynd 23	Tyler 8
\$ Badger Invitational (Madison, Wisconsin)				* Fastbreak Fest (DeKalb, Ill.)	