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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, ILL. (Jan. 7, 1986)--The second season starts for the Eastern Illinois men's basketball team as it prepares for the AMCU-8 slate. The Panthers--7-4 overall--take on league-rival Northern Iowa Saturday, Jan. 11 (7:30 p.m.) in Cedar Falls before hosting AMCU-8 foe Western Illinois Monday, Jan. 13 (7:30 p.m.).

UNI is 4-5 on the season--winning all its games at the UNI Dome while sporting an 0-5 record away from the "friendly confines." Western Illinois is 5-7 overall after a 74-59 Monday night loss at Eastern Washington. The Leathernecks are also winless on the road...they are 0-4.

"Overall...I'm very pleased with our current record (7-4)...considering the circumstances," explains EIU head coach Rick Samuels. "We have only played three home games and our road schedule was tough. Our record is a tribute to our seniors (Jon Collins, Kevin Duckworth, Doug Crook) because as our seniors go...we go.

"We will have our work cutout at Northern Iowa. They will be the biggest team we will face the rest of the year. Northern Iowa is tough at home and should be sky-high opening up the conference in the Dome. However, historically, we have played well in the Dome. Western Illinois played an ambitious pre-conference schedule. They will be tough...it will probably be one of the quickest Western teams we have ever played."

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WLBH-FM (97) will carry the Panther games on Mattoon's 50,000 watt station ...Marc Stuart will go one the air at 9:40 p.m. with the pre-game show vs UNI and 7:20 p.m. vs WIU

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PROBABLE

STARTERS:

EIU

NORTHERN IOWA

F 20	Jon Collins	6-4	Sr.	20.4ppg	F 33	Nathan Harris	6-6	Sr.	6.0ppg
F 30	Dave Vance	6-5	Fr.	3.3ppg	F 32	Randy Kraayenbrink	6-3	Sr.	22.0ppg
C 00	Kevin Duckworth	7-0	Sr.	15.6ppg.	C 52	Greg McDermott	6-8	So.	5.4ppg
G 10	Doug Crook	6-1	Sr.	14.4ppg	G 11	Lamont Robinson	6-1	So.	9.6ppg
G 12	Norm Evans	6-0	So.	6.6ppg	G 25	Nick Nurse	6-1	Fr.	3.8ppg

WESTERN ILLINOIS

F 35	Cedric Wright	6-7	Sr.	12.6ppg
F 52	Scott McCants	6-6	Sr.	8.8ppg
C 45	Bobby Jordan	6-7	Jr.	10.9ppg
G 41	Dwayne Presswood	6-3	Sr.	6.4ppg
G 10	Daryl Reed	6-3	Sr.	9.0ppg

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SERIES: Eastern Illinois leads the series with Northern Iowa, 16-5. EIU has won the last four games in a row--including all three last year. Western Illinois holds a 64-48 edge in the all-time series with Eastern. WIU won two of three contests a year ago.

SCOUTING

UNI: The Purple Panthers are 4-5 overall prior to a Thursday night game with St. Francis (ILL)...UNI's leading scorer Randy Kraayenbrink is averaging 22.0 points an outing...he is 64 points shy of becoming the Purple Panthers' all-time leading scorer...EIU defeated NIU 66-65 in the teams' last meeting in the 1894-85 AMCU-8 tourney...NIU has won six consecutive games at home... 6-6 senior forward Nathan Harris leads the team in rebounding (4.8).

SCOUTING

WIU: Western Illinois is 5-7 after 74-59 loss to Eastern Washington...forward Cedric Wright leads the squad in scoring with a 12.6 average...center Bobby Jordan is second in scoring with a 5.1 mark...Wright is also the top rebounder with a 6.3 mark...Eastern defeated the Leathernecks 74-67 in the Semi-finals of the AMCU-8 tournament a year ago...WIU has lost four in a row on the road.

HOME SWEET

HOME: EIU loves to play at home...Coach Rick Samuels' squad has won its last six games in a row at home...The Panthers have won 16 of their last 18 games played at Lantz Gym.

CHARTING

COLLINS: Eastern All-American forward JON COLLINS is climbing toward the top of the Panthers' all-time scoring charts. The 6-4 senior has 1295 points and is currently in seventh-place in EIU history. No. 6 is held by Scott Keeve (1971-73) with 1383 points. John Milholland (1956-58) has the school record with 1655 points. Collins has scored in double figures in 32 consecutive games and 66 of 69 during his three years at Eastern. He leads the Panthers with a 20.4 average.

SENIOR

LEADERSHIP: When Eastern seniors JON COLLINS, KEVIN DUCKWORTH and DOUG CROOK have scored in double figures, the Panthers are 7-1. When the "Three Musketeers" are held under double digits, EIU is 0-3. The only time the tri-captains have all three scored in double figures but Eastern has lost has been to NE Louisiana (90-68). The three seniors have accounted for 69% of EIU's offensive output (554 of 802) thus far in 1985-86.