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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

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.

1985-86 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL STATISTICS (7-3)

NAME	G(GS)	MIN	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	AVE	A	ST	B	PF(D)	TO	PTS	AVE	HI
Jon Collins	10(10)	351	80	153	.523	42	57	.737	51	5.1	26	7	1	14	21	202	20.2	28(BYU-H)
Kevin Duckworth	10(10)	295	60	107	.561	40	53	.755	85	8.5	5	7	9	37(3)	22	160	16.0	24(IIT,UM)
Doug Crook	10(10)	325	57	119	.479	28	33	.848	25	2.5	29	25	-	24	18	142	14.2	20(SA)
Norm Evans	10(10)	287	32	60	.533	7	13	.538	40	4.0	34	24	7	28(2)	27	71	7.1	13(SA)
Jay Taylor	8	175	24	62	.387	19	22	.864	27	3.4	22	12	-	9	18	67	8.4	17(WP)
Dave Vance	10(6)	213	12	28	.428	7	8	.875	28	2.8	21	3	1	15	15	31	3.1	10(ISU)
Mike West	10(4)	183	9	22	.409	2	9	.222	43	4.3	8	4	2	21	12	20	2.0	6(ISU)
Brian Murphy	4	32	1	8	.125	4	6	.667	8	2.0	1	1	-	5	-	6	1.5	5(MIL)
Jerry Strickland	6	38	4	13	.308	10	11	.909	7	1.2	5	2	-	5	2	18	3.0	8(CSU)
Drew Beck	5	35	1	3	.333	-	-	-	8	1.6	5	-	-	1	-	2	0.4	2(IIT)
Don Peavey	3	10	0	4	.000	-	-	-	2	0.7	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-
Todd Emro	3	6	2	3	.667	2	4	.500	3	1.0	1	-	-	1	-	6	2.0	4(IIT)
*Ron Duckworth	4	50	4	11	.364	1	3	.333	9	2.2	2	-	2	7(1)	2	9	2.2	4(IIT)
									Team Rebounds	35								
EIU TOTALS	10	2000	286	593	.482	162	219	.740	371	37.1	159	85	22	169(6)	140	734	73.4	96(IIT)
OPP TOTALS	10	2000	277	585	.473	124	171	.725	301	30.1	163	70	33	156(4)	146	678	67.8	86(MINN)

*out w/injury

Dead Ball Rebounds: EIU - 25 OPP - 22

EIU INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

FGA 21 Jon Collins (BYU-Hawaii)
 FG 11 Kevin Duckworth (Illinois Tech)
 Jon Collins (Minnesota)
 FTA 12 Jon Collins (BYU-Hawaii)
 FG 10 Kevin Duckworth (William Penn)
 Jay Taylor (Butler)
 FG% .692 (9-13) Jon Collins (Butler)
 FT% 1.000 (10-10) Kevin Duckworth (William Penn)
 Jay Taylor (Butler)
 REB 16 Kevin Duckworth (Illinois Tech)
 ASST 6 Jay Taylor (Illinois Tech)
 Norm Evans (William Penn)
 ST 6 Doug Crook (Indiana State)
 Jay Taylor (Millikin)
 PTS 28 Jon Collins (BYU-Hawaii)

EIU TEAM HIGHS

76 Illinois Tech
 41 Illinois Tech
 34 Butler
 25 Butler
 .571 (28-49) Butler
 .952 (20-21) William Penn
 55 Illinois Tech
 23 Illinois Tech
 19 Millikin
 96 Illinois Tech

EIU TEAM LOWS

49 Butler
 22 Colorado State
 12 Pan American
 7 Minnesota
 .328 (22-67) Colorado St.
 .437 (7-16) Minnesota
 28 Indiana State
 9 BYU-Hawaii
 5 Pan American
 57 Pan American

SEASON SUMMARY

At Home: 3-0
 On Road: 3-3
 Neutral: 1-0

AMCU-8: 0-0
 AMCU-8 Home: 0-0
 AMCU-8 Road: 0-0

NCAA I: 3-3
 NCAA II: 0-0
 NCAA III/NAIA: 4-0