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Panther Sports News

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PANTHER BASKETBALL REPORT

THE GAME: Eastern Illinois University (6-5) at Kansas State (8-2), 7:35 CST, Saturday, Jan. 10, Ahearn Fieldhouse, Manhattan, KS.

Eastern at Northern Michigan (7-3), 7:30 CST, Monday, Jan. 12, Hedgcock Fieldhouse, Marquette, MI.

	<u>EIU</u>				<u>KANSAS STATE</u>		
TENTATIVE STARTERS:	F	Ricky Robinson	6-6 Jr.	F	Ed Nealy	6-7 Jr.	
	F	Jim Williams	6-6 Jr.	F	Tyrone Adams	6-6 Jr.	
	F	Ricky Serkin	6-5 Jr.	C	Les Craft	6-10 So.	
	G	Rico Ellis	6-2 Sr.	G	Tim Jankovich	6-0 Jr.	
	G	Vincent Smelter	6-1 Fr.	G	Rolando Blackman	6-6 Sr.	

<u>NMU</u>			
F	Eric Posey	6-7	Jr.
F	Gregg Upton	6-9	Sr.
C	Mark Mindeman	6-9	Sr.
G	Pete Marana	6-4	Jr.
G	Ernie Montgomery	6-0	Sr.

THE SERIES: This is the first meeting between Kansas State and EIU. Northern Michigan leads EIU, 6-4, winning the last three straight.

LAST YEAR: Northern Michigan definitely had EIU's number last season winning all three encounters but it was a slim margin of four points. NMU won 69-68, 77-76 and then 58-56 in the finals of the Great Lakes Regional on a last second basket by Eric Posey.

EIU FACTS: The Panthers have an affinity for the close ones . . . six of the 11 games have been decided in the last few seconds with EIU winning just two of those . . . injuries also have been a major factor in EIU's season . . . Warren Patten (Memphis, TN-Melrose/Westark, AR CC) is out for the season with a fractured kneecap . . . a starting guard, Patten has been replaced in the lineup by Rico Ellis (Chicago Heights-Bloom/Joliet JC) . . . Ellis has responded by averaging 11 points during the past five games . . . another starting guard, Chuck Turk (Maple Park-Kaneland), suffered a bruised knee at Wright State and is expected to be sidelined until at least the Chicago State game on Jan. 17 . . . freshman Vincent Smelter (Macon, GA-Northeast) has filled in for Turk . . . Eddie Jones (Chicago-Cregier/Lincoln CC), who broke his hand in the third game of the year, has returned to the team . . . EIU has proven to be a better road team than home team thus far . . . the Panthers are 4-3 away from Lantz and 3-2 on this current road trip which is entering its final two games . . . also, EIU may be averaging well over 70 points but prefer 69 hitting that figure in four of the games . . . the team is still shooting well with a 51% average . . . although slumping some Jim Williams (Monticello) leads with a 57% figure . . . Ricky Robinson is still tops with an 18 point average . . . he has scored in double figures in each game hitting 20 points in three of the last four contests.

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KSU FACTS: Kansas State, led by All-American Rolando Blackman, is 8-2 (prior to a game with Oklahoma City Tuesday night) . . . the most recent victory was 64-47 over defending champ Louisville . . . Blackman is scoring 17 points a game and shooting 55% from the field . . . he was the Big Eight 'Player of the Year' last season and is a consensus All-American out of Brooklyn, NY . . . in the last five games, KSU has given up just an average of 45.6 per game . . . during this stretch the Wildcats played Indiana, Arkansas, Fresno State, Louisville and U. S. International, defeating all but the Hoosiers . . . junior Ed Nealy is the 'board' man . . . he has moved into KSU's top ten all-time rebounders with nearly 600 in his career . . . since their defensive average is so low, the Wildcats are not a highscoring unit . . . besides Blackman the only other double figure scorer is Tyrone Adams at 10.7. . . KSU has been in the NCAA tournament 14 times since 1948 . . . last year Louisville eliminated them, 71-69, in overtime in a second round contest . . . in 1951 they were 2nd in the nation, were third in 1958 and during the 1970's reached the regional finals three times before losing.

HOMECOMING FOR BEARD: EIU assistant coach Danny Beard will be familiar with Ahearn Fieldhouse having lettered three years for the Wildcats in the early 70's . . . he was named to the NCAA Midwest Regional All-Tourney team in 1972.

HARTMAN'S RECORD: The Panthers will also be taking on one of the nation's top coaches in Jack Hartman, who has an 18 year career record of 336-157 which puts him third on the list of active coaches for winning percentage (68.2%) . . . also he could pick up his 200th win against the Panthers which would make him only the second coach in KSU history to record that number.

NMU FACTS: Conference rival Northern Michigan is rolling with a 7-3 record prior to a mid-week game at Wis-Superior . . . the Wildcats also host Youngstown State at home Saturday night prior to EIU's game . . . picked to defend their MCC championship, the Wildcats are led by the conference's best player, guard Ernie Montgomery, who is averaging 16 points, shooting 57% and is a legitimate All-American candidate . . . forward Eric Posey ranks near the top ten in the nation in rebounding with a 10.6 average . . . he had a game high 17 against Michigan Tech . . . center Mark Mindeman is averaging 14 points . . . he was named to the Great Lakes Regional All-Tournament team in '80 and All-Conference First Team . . . will crack NMU's 1000 point club this year . . . EIU and NMU have no common opponents thus far.

SAMUELS vs. KANSAS STATE: EIU Head Coach Rick Samuels is no stranger to Ahearn Fieldhouse either . . . the Panthers' first year head coach faced KSU often as an assistant at Iowa State and then during his short tenure as co-head coach of the Cyclones, defeated the Wildcats at Ames, IA 66-58 last February.

SAMUELS SAYS: "We'd like to be competitive at Kansas State Saturday . . . get some rhythm back in our game . . . we played far below our ability at Southwest Missouri (lost 71-67) and that was a game we needed to win . . . we just weren't alert . . . a step late in every part of our game . . . so that's what we hope to improve upon at K-State . . . yet we're realistic . . . they're one of the most talented clubs around . . . but it would give us a lift going into the Northern Michigan game, if we could execute properly and really have an intense outing like we did Saturday in the Kentucky Wesleyan (69-67) win.

"We're approaching the Northern Michigan game the same as K-State . . . in fact, the same way we went into all seven of these road games . . . play as hard as we can and see what happens . . . we had been doing that up until

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Southwest Missouri, and had been having some success . . . specifically we're just not yet familiar with one another . . . of course, losing Turk and Patten precipitated some of that . . . we need to work on movement against a zone . . . again, Turk and Patten, are our best out court shooters . . . we need to establish some timing against the zone . . . it's something we'll stress in practice."

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY 1980-81 ELEVEN GAME BASKETBALL STATISTICS (6-5)

NAME	G(GS)	MIN	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	AVE	A	ST	PF(D)	TO	PTS	AVE	HIGH GAME
Ricky Robinson	11(11)	373	79	155	.510	41	56	.732	80	7.3	32	22	38	36	199	18.1	27(St. Joe)
Jim Williams	11(10)	271	51	89	.573	17	22	.773	62	5.6	10	11	39(3)	23	119	10.8	21(NE Mo.)
Chuck Turk	9(9)	255	33	77	.428	16	22	.727	21	2.3	42	14	15	30	82	9.1	14(NE Mo.)
Ricky Serkin	11(11)	267	28	60	.467	13	30	.433	53	4.8	10	6	32(2)	28	69	6.3	11(Kv. Wes.)
Rico Ellis	11(5)	296	38	76	.500	15	22	.682	27	2.4	20	24	31(1)	18	91	8.3	15(SW Mo.)
Vincent Smelter	6(2)	115	11	19	.579	8	10	.800	11	1.8	11	7	10(1)	13	30	5.0	11(N. Kv.)
Leigh Hankins	11	204	20	36	.555	7	8	.875	36	3.3	11	6	26	13	47	4.3	11(CMS, N. KV)
Jeff Jacob	10(1)	160	8	16	.500	7	13	.538	38	3.8	10	1	12	9	23	2.3	9(ISU-E)
Mark Tarner	6	48	10	18	.555	8	9	.889	7	1.2	4	1	6	2	28	4.7	8(Ferris St.)
Tim Dykstra	6	41	11	16	.687	8	11	.727	9	1.5	4	6	7	8	30	5.0	8(Ferris St.)
Eddie Jones	4	49	3	9	.333	4	5	.800	3	0.7	2	2	8(1)	5	10	2.5	6(Millikin)
Art Lorenzen	5	27	5	9	.555	1	2	.500	2	0.4	8	2	1	0	11	2.2	4(SW Mo. & WSU)
Lloyd Sachse	1	5	1	1	1.000	0	3	.000	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0	2(Ferris St.)
Eric Moyer	1	1	0	1	.000	0	0	-	2	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	-----
Warren Patten *	6(6)	163	35	67	.522	13	16	.812	12	2.0	14	21	9	20	83	13.8	22(Millikin)

Team Rebounds 45

EIU TOTALS	11	2275	333	649	.513	158	229	.690	408	37.1	178	123	234(8)	205	824	74.9	102(Ferris St.)
OPPONENTS	11	2275	296	657	.450	169	254	.665	373	33.9	139	97	209(4)	197	761	69.2	81(Wright St.)

* Out for the season with fractured kneecap

Dead Ball Rebounds - EIU: 27
OPP: 25

EIU	OPPONENT	ROBINSON	PATTEN	TURK	WILLIAMS	SERKIN	ELLIS	HANKINS	JACOB	SMELTER
69	60 Millikin (H) 4500	16/10	22/5	8/1	5/1	9/4	2/3	1/0	DNP	DNP
69	70 Central Missouri (A) 3200	14/0	16/2	7/2	8/8	2/6	8/1	11/3	1/0	DNP
70	72 ISU-Evansville (H) 3000	10/4	11/3	11/7	8/6	7/6	8/4	6/3	9/5	DNP
102	61 Ferris State (H) 3000	24/15	18/0	8/1	16/7	6/3	5/2	4/3	2/5	2/2
87	75 St. Joseph's (A) 1200	27/13	8/1	13/2	10/4	6/2	5/1	7/8	5/9	DNP
71 (20T)	72 Western Illinois (H) 3500	11/6	8/1	8/4	19/7	9/5	9/1	4/2	3/8	DNP
78 (OT)	76 Northeast Missouri (A) 2400	16/4	DNP	14/0	21/8	8/6	12/5	0/5	0/2	7/1
69	56 Northern Kentucky (A) 376	20/8	DNP	13/4	6/2	1/3	4/1	11/3	2/3	11/3
73	81 Wright State (A) 2100	22/4	DNP	0/0	12/3	2/6	13/4	2/4	0/2	4/0
69	67 Kentucky Wesleyan (A) 4000	19/6	DNP	DNP	6/7	11/5	10/1	6/3	1/4	6/2
67	71 Southwest Missouri (A) 3055	20/10	DNP	DNP	8/9	8/7	15/4	2/2	0/0	0/3

SEASON SUMMARY

NCAA I:	0-0	Great Lakes Region:	4-3	At Home:	2-2
NCAA II:	5-5	Mid-Continent Conf:	0-1	On Road:	4-3
NCAA III:	1-0				

EIU INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

FGA 20 Ricky Robinson (Wright State)
 FG 11 Ricky Robinson (Ferris State)
 FTA 10 Ricky Robinson (St. Joseph's)
 FT 7 Ricky Robinson (St. Joseph's)
 Vincent Smelter (Northern Kentucky)

FG% 1.000 (9-9) Jim Williams (Northeast Missouri)
 FT% 1.000 (7-7) Vincent Smelter (Northern Kentucky)
 REB 15 Ricky Robinson (Ferris State)
 ASST 8 Chuck Turk (Northern Kentucky)
 PTS 27 Ricky Robinson (St. Joseph's)

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

FGA 22 Bill Fennelly (Central Missouri)
 FG 11 Bill Fennelly (Central Missouri)
 FTA 12 Roman Welch (Wright State)
 FT 9 Roman Welch (Wright State)
 FG% .727 (8-11) Dwight Higgs (Kentucky Wesleyan)
 FT% 1.000 (6-6) Roscoe Boykin (Millikin)
 REB 11 David Winslow (Northeast Missouri)
 Roman Welch (Wright State)
 ASST 7 Mark Lance (Southwest Missouri)
 PTS 28 Bill Fennelly (Central Missouri)

EIU TEAM HIGHS

76 Ferris State
 47 Ferris State
 31 St. Joseph's
 25 Northern Kentucky
 .618 (47-76) Ferris State
 .937 (15-16) Wright State
 48 St. Joseph's
 24 Ferris State
 102 Ferris State

OPPONENT TEAM HIGHS

73 Northeast Missouri
 36 Northeast Missouri
 38 Wright State
 31 Wright State
 .555 (25-45) Southwest Missouri
 .816 (31-38) Wright State
 43 Western Illinois
 25 Southwest Missouri
 81 Wright State

EIU TEAM LOWS

44 Northern Kentucky
 22 Northern Kentucky
 14 Central Missouri, SW Missouri
 8 Ferris State
 .423 (29-69) Southwest Missouri
 .407 (11-27) Kentucky Wesleyan
 28 Northern Kentucky
 9 Kentucky Wesleyan
 67 Southwest Missouri
 45 Southwest Missouri
 24 Ferris State
 17 Millikin
 10 Millikin
 .375 (21-56) Northern Kentucky
 .500 (4-8) Northeast Missouri
 26 Millikin
 7 Ferris State
 56 Northern Kentucky