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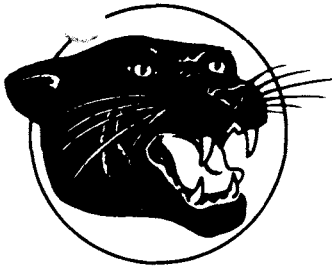
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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's Lady Panther basketball team will play two in-state non-conference opponents in the next few days.

They will meet SIU-Edwardsville there Friday (Dec. 9) and then return to host Chicago State in Lantz Gym at 7:30 Monday evening.

Eastern is 1-4 after losing two close one point games to finish fourth in the recent Heath Candy Classic. The Lady Panthers lost 49-48 to Xavier and 64-63 to Eastern Michigan.

"I wasn't disappointed at all with our desire but we didn't execute on offense or defense," said coach Barbara Hilke.

"We need to work harder on the boards and strive for consistency. For instance, Chris Aldridge (Taylorville) had a career high 18 points one night and didn't score the next," said Hilke.

The play of Kim Maxey (Mattoon), who is coming off knee surgery, was especially encouraging against Xavier as she hit 10-11 from the field.

Toni Collins (Lincoln-Sidell/Jamaica) leads the team in nearly every statistical category. She is averaging 13.8 points, 8.0 rebounds, 5.0 assists and 78.6% from the free throw line. Sue Hynd (Ottawa) is the top shooter with a 54.2% from the field.

Also averaging in double figures are Aldridge and Lori Conine (Paris-Kansas), each at 10.8.