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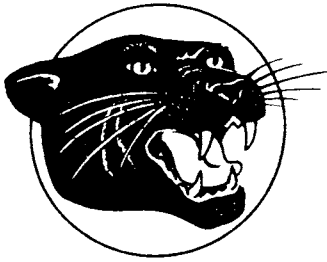
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Panther Sports News

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PANTHER BASKETBALL REPORT

THE GAMES: Eastern Illinois University (9-11) at Baptist College (11-10), 6:30 CST, Saturday, Feb. 13, Charleston, SC.

Eastern Illinois University at East Carolina (8-10), 6:30 CST, Monday, Feb. 15, Greenville, NC.

TENTATIVE STARTERS:

EIU

F	Ricky Robinson	6-6	Sr.
F	Kevin Jones	6-3	Jr.
F	Leigh Hankins	6-6	Sr.
G	Vincent Smelter	6-2	So.
G	Kurt Lorenzen	6-2	Jr.

BAPTIST

F	Eddie Talley	6-7	Sr.
F	Reggie Walker	6-5	Jr.
C	Tom TenBroeck	6-8	Fr.
G	Marcus Beasley	5-11	Fr.
G	Richard Richardson	6-3	So.

EAST CAROLINA

F	Charles Green	6-7	Jr.
F	Morris Hargrove	6-6	So.
C	Al Mack	6-9	Jr.
G	Bruce Peartree	6-0	Fr.
G	Charles Watkins	6-3	Jr.

THE SERIES: This is the first time Eastern has played these two schools.

THE COACHES: EIU's Rick Samuels, in his second year, is 25-22.

Baptist's Phil Carter, also in his second year, is 19-29. Originally from Sharpville, IN, he was a guard for Jacksonville's nationally ranked teams of the early 1970s.

East Carolina's Dave Odom, in his third season, is 36-35. He previously was an assistant at Wake Forest.

EIU FACTS: These are the two final road games of the year for the Panthers who have done well against Sunbelt teams thus far . . . EIU is 4-2 against teams south of the Mason-Dixon line and have played none of these teams at home although Southern University is scheduled for a return trip on Feb. 23 . . . the current starting lineup has won three of four games prior to U. S. International . . . Monday's 47-43 victory over Southern Illinois set a Lantz Gym record for fewest points scored by one team, and was just one point shy of tying a record for fewest combined points . . . EIU has been over 50% from the field in five of the last six games.

BAPTIST COLLEGE: The Buccaneers are led by senior forward Eddie Talley and junior forward Reggie Walker who are averaging 12 and 11 points, respectively . . . Talley has over 1400 career points and is bidding to become the Bucs' all-time leading scorer . . . earlier this year Baptist beat Howard University (63-59) and Campbell (64-57) . . . EIU lost to Howard by two and

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CONTINUED: beat Campbell by seven . . . BC has had just one winning season in the last nine years . . . last year's 8-19 record was the best since 1972-73.

EAST CAROLINA: The Pirates are scrambling to reach the .500 mark similar to the Panthers . . . they are led by JC transfer Charles Green, a former two-time All-American from Catonsville CC, who is averaging 11.5 . . . EC goes 6-9, 6-7, 6-7 across the front line so the Panthers will be at a distinct size disadvantage . . . the Pirates have won two of the last three over Baptist College and Richmond but had a tough home game with Old Dominion and a road contest at UNC-Wilmington prior to EIU . . . they are a member of the ECAC-South division composed of George Mason, James Madison, Navy, Old Dominion, Richmond, and William and Mary.

RICK SAMUELS SAYS: "A split on this road trip would give us a real boost to reaching the .500 mark at season's end . . . we have played pretty well on the road so we have a positive outlook although we know it would take an upset . . . both of these schools are fighting to reach .500 so that's a strong incentive . . . East Carolina beat Western Illinois 85-69 so that's the best indication of the strength of their program . . . except for the three Missouri Valley teams we have played, I would say East Carolina has played the toughest schedule of anyone we've faced . . . Baptist is trying to assert itself as a Division I school and is on the verge of its first winning season in Division I . . . but if we continue to shoot well we should be able to stay with anyone from here on out."