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# Panther Sports News

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## PANTHER BASKETBALL REPORT

**THE GAME:** Eastern Illinois University (8-7) hosts Youngstown State (5-6), 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 24, Lantz Gym, Charleston, IL.

**THE OCCASION:** Eastern's 1980 NCAA II Runner-Up football Panthers (11-3) will be honored at halftime.

**TENTATIVE STARTERS:** EIU

YSU

F	Ricky Robinson	6-6	Jr.	F	Richard Russell	6-7	Jr.
F	Ricky Serkin	6-5	Jr.	F	Art McCollough	6-4	Fr.
C	Jeff Jacob	6-7	Sr.	C	Steve Martin	6-6	Fr.
G	Rico Ellis	6-2	Sr.	G	Bruce Alexander	5-11	Jr.
G	Vincent Smelter	6-1	Fr.	G	Robert Carter	6-2	Jr.

**THE SERIES:** Eastern leads, 4-1, in this series. Last year these two teams split, YSU winning 70-60, and then EIU prevailing, 86-67. Five Panthers scored in double figures led by Craig DeWitt with 19. Jim Williams had his high game of the year, 14 points and nine rebounds.

**THE COACHES:** Eastern's Rick Samuels has a 8-7 record in his first year.

Youngstown State is under the direction of assistant coach Bill Dailey, who is the interim head coach in place of legendary Dom Rosselli. Rosselli, who has won 568 games, suffered a heart attack last fall. He currently is attending practice and it's anticipated he will resume head coaching responsibility yet this season. Dailey previously served three years as an assistant at SIU-Carbondale, and prior to that was affiliated with Western Illinois University where he earned a master's degree.

**ELLIS TIES RECORD:** Starting guard Rico Ellis (Chicago Heights-Bloom/Joliet JC) tied a school and Lantz Building record by connecting on 15 free throws (18 attempts) in last Saturday's 72-67 win over Chicago State. Previously the late Greg Beenders hit 15 free throws against Western Illinois in 1969.

**EIU FACTS:** Besides tying a school free throw record, Ellis hit a career high 19 points against CSU . . . he's scored in double figures in seven of the nine games he started . . . following a 7-11 night against Roosevelt, he boosted his field goal percentage to an even 50% . . . Ricky Robinson (East Aurora) surpassed his '80 point total with 19 against Roosevelt . . . last year he scored 264 and thus far has 271 entering the Youngstown State game . . . he's the third leading scorer in the Mid-Continent Conference . . . injuries to Warren Patten, Chuck Turk, Eddie Jones and now Jim Williams have forced these four to miss all or part of 23 games.

**YSU FACTS:** Besides losing Rosselli to the sidelines in preseason, the Penguins also lost All-American Dave Zeigler, who transferred to Kent State . . . Zeigler held several school scoring records and was the MCC 'Player of the Year' in '80 . . . he was ranked 4th nationally in scoring and would have been a junior this season . . . thus far the Penguins are 5-6 prior to a Thursday (Jan. 22) game at Western Illinois . . . they are on a two game winning streak having downed Ashland College and

Gannon . . . guard Bruce Alexander has replaced Zeigler as the scorer . . . he has hit 18 per game and is shooting 91.7% from the free throw line (44-48) . . . freshman Steve Martin is the leading rebounder, 7.6 per game . . . senior Chris Tucker is scoring 8.6 and 7.0 rebounds . . . Art McCullough has committed 50 fouls (of a possible 55) in 11 games, fouling out of six . . . YSU is averaging 69.8 and allowing 72.3, shooting 43.7% as a team . . . Alexander and Robert Carter are the only two returning starters with Zeigler gone . . . following this game YSU returns home for four straight with Philadelphia Textile, Northern Michigan, Wright State and Cheyney State, four of the strongest Division II teams in the nation.

SAMUELS SAYS: "If we're going to make any kind of progress the rest of the way, we have to put injuries aside and start executing with what we've got . . . we still are not playing anywhere near our abilities . . . we need to learn ball control better . . . Rico's outcourt shooting against Roosevelt (83-64 win Tuesday) obviously helped against the zone . . . that will loosen things up quicker than anything else . . . I also thought Ricky Serkin made some positive contributions . . . we have talked to Ricky about squaring up when shooting and he made a concerted effort to do this around the basket . . . he hit about 50% and had six rebounds . . . we've kept strong defensive pressure in the last two wins but will really have to keep this up against Youngstown State . . . their season has been similar to ours . . . on occasion they've pulled off some big wins and have been close in every game . . . they knocked off Western Illinois and Ohio University before Christmas and their recent wins came against two good Division II teams, Ashland and Gannon . . . they're young up front but have experience with Alexander and Carter at guard . . . it should be a good challenge for Rico and Vincent (Smelter)."

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY 1980-81 FIFTEEN GAME BASKETBALL STATISTICS (8-7)

NAME	G(GS)	MIN	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	AVE	A	ST	PF(D)	TO	PTS	AVE	HIGH GAME
Ricky Robinson	15(15)	501	109	232	.470	53	70	.757	101	6.7	41	28	51	41	271	18.1	27 (St. Jo)
Jim Williams	14(13)	358	59	112	.527	23	30	.767	75	5.3	17	12	50(4)	31	141	10.1	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	14(12)	314	33	73	.452	19	39	.487	65	4.6	12	8	37(2)	31	85	6.1	11 (KY Wes&RU)
Rico Ellis	15(9)	434	53	106	.500	40	50	.800	38	2.5	26	26	43(1)	28	146	9.7	19 (Chic. St.)
Vincent Smelter	10(6)	202	17	34	.500	12	16	.750	22	2.2	18	11	23(1)	19	46	4.6	11 (N. KY)
Leigh Hankins	15	272	26	53	.490	12	14	.857	46	3.1	15	8	35	23	64	4.3	11 (CMS&N. KY)
Jeff Jacob	14(5)	266	16	33	.485	15	22	.682	50	3.6	19	1	21	18	47	3.3	10 (NMU&Chic. St.)
Mark Tarnier	9	73	15	27	.556	11	12	.917	11	1.2	6	2	10	15	41	4.5	13 (RU)
Tim Dykstra	10	115	24	47	.511	10	13	.769	28	2.8	10	6	14(1)	12	58	5.8	12 (KSU)
Eddie Jones	8	72	7	23	.304	6	7	.857	11	1.4	3	4	12	7	20	2.5	6 (Mill., RU)
Kurt Lorenzen	6	40	7	13	.538	3	4	.750	4	0.7	9	2	2	1	17	2.8	6 (RU)
Joy Sachse	2	8	1	2	.500	0	3	.000	1	0.5	0	1	0	0	2	1.0	2 (Ferris St.)
Eric Moyer	2	2	1	2	.500	0	0	-	2	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	1.0	2 (Roosevelt)
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 71

EIU TOTALS	15	3075	436	901	.484	233	318	.733	558	37.2	232	144	322(9)	276	1105	73.7	102 (Ferris St.)
OPPONENTS	15	3075	403	896	.450	240	354	.678	528	35.2	191	109	283(8)	251	1046	69.7	81 (Wright St.)

\* Out for the season with fractured kneecap

Dead Ball Rebounds - EIU: 33  
OPP: 38

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 (0T)	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
62	74 Kansas State (A) 7360	21/7	DNP	DNP	16/6	DNP	6/3	4/2	0/2	2/1
64	80 Northern Michigan (A) 1756	11/1	DNP	DNP	2/2	5/6	16/2	8/1	10/6	2/2
72	67 Chicago State (H) 3300	20/6	DNP	DNP	4/5	0/0	19/4	3/4	10/3	10/6
83	64 Roosevelt University (H) 1500	19/7	DNP	DNP	DNP	11/6	14/2	2/3	4/1	2/2