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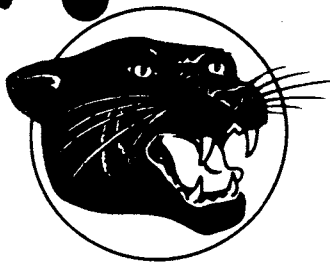
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PREVIEWING THE WEEK (Jan. 11-18)

- Wednesday, Jan. 11 Men's Basketball at Cleveland State (7:00 CST)
- Thursday, Jan. 12 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL hosts Northern Iowa (7:30)
- Friday, Jan. 13 WRESTLING hosts Northern Illinois (7:30)
Men's & Women's Swimming at Illinois Invitational
- Saturday, Jan. 14 WRESTLING hosts Central Missouri (1:00, Lantz Gym)
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL hosts Drake (7:30, Lantz Gym)
Men's Basketball at Valparaiso (7:30 CST)
Men's & Women's Swimming at Illinois Invitational
- Tuesday, Jan. 17 Wrestling at SIU-Edwardsville

REVIEWING THE WEEKEND (Jan. 7-8)

MEN'S BASKETBALL: The Panthers have lost three straight and dropped to 4-6 overall. They are 0-1 in the Mid-Continent losing at Wis-Green Bay, 60-57, in overtime Saturday night.

JON COLLINS (East St. Louis-Cahokia), sophomore forward, still leads with an 18.2 average however dropped from his 20 point average after scoring just 62 points in four games during the holidays. He had only ten at UWGB. He is shooting 51.4% from the field, a team high 85.1% from the line, 4.5 rebounds and 2.9 assists per game.

KEVIN DUCKWORTH (Dolton-Thornridge), 6-11 sophomore center, picked up 50 points in four holiday games boosting his scoring average to 11.7. He leads the team with 7.3 rebounds per game and is also tops with a 56.8% field goal average.

TIM WYSS (Cissna Park), 6-5 sophomore guard, is second on the team with a 12.2 scoring average but has been bothered lately with a back injury therefore only played eight minutes at UWGB. He is shooting 45% from the field, and only 47.6% from the line.

TROY RICHARDSON (Dolton-Thornridge), junior guard, is averaging 9.2 points and 4.2 assists starting every game at point guard. He also leads the team with 2.3 steals per game but is shooting just 42.8%.

VINCENT SMELTER (Macon, GA), junior guard, has started the last two games after Tim Wyss was sidelined with a back injury. Smelter scored in double figures in each, getting 13 at Montana State and 12 at Wis-Green Bay. He hit 10-24 from the field, 5-7 free throws with eight total rebounds. Smelter is averaging 8.3 points and even though he has come off the bench most of the time he has played the third most minutes.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: The Lady Panthers have won six in a row topping that streak with 70-63 and 61-60 Gateway Conference victories at Indiana State and Illinois State, respectively, last week. Eastern is 7-4 overall but, most importantly, 2-0 in the Gateway with two tough road games behind them.

MELANIE HATFIELD (Lawrenceburg, IN), sophomore guard, popped in 32 points in the two wins, 20 against Indiana State and 12 against Illinois State. She shot 13-24 from the field, 6-9 free throws with nine rebounds and eight assists. She is averaging eight points a game, 3.1 assists and 3.5 rebounds.

TONI COLLINS (Lincoln-Sidell/Jamaica), junior forward, leads the team with a 14.0 average. She is shooting 58.3% from the field, 71.7% from the line, leads with a 6.5 rebound average and blocked five shots. Last week she had 25 points, 17 rebounds in the two games.

LORI CONINE (Paris-Kansas), junior guard, has moved back into the starting lineup and responded with a game high 16 points in the Illinois State win. She was 8-14 in that game, and is now averaging 11.4 points, second on the team, shooting 50.8% from the field with a team high 34 steals.

CHRIS ALDRIDGE (Taylorville), sophomore forward, had one of her best games of the season scoring 15 points with seven rebounds at Illinois State. She hit seven of ten from the field, 1-3 free throws and was second on the team in scoring. Aldridge is now averaging 10.2 points, 5.5 rebounds (second on the team), shooting 52.9% from the field, 56% from the line.

SUE HYND (Ottawa), sophomore center, is second on the team with a 10.5 average and leads the squad in shooting with a 64.3% figure. She is third on the team with a 3.8 rebound mark. Last week her statistics dropped a bit scoring 12 points with six rebounds in the two wins.

MEN'S FOOTBALL: Eastern Illinois University's football Panthers received their final honors for the 1983 season when the Associated Press announced that six EIU players had received All-American awards. CHRIS NICHOLSON (Waukegan-East/DuPage CC) and ROBERT WILLIAMS (Chicago-Dunbar) were chosen AP Division I-AA First Team All-Americans. Nicholson is a senior defensive tackle while Williams, who was chosen Second Team last year, is a senior free safety. Senior offensive tackle ALVIN MCMURRAY (Chicago-Dunbar) was named Third Team and honorable mention honors went to junior linebacker TYRONE COVINGTON (Chicago-Morgan Park), junior wide receiver JERRY WRIGHT (Chicago-Collins) and senior halfback KEVIN STAPLE (Markham-Thornwood).