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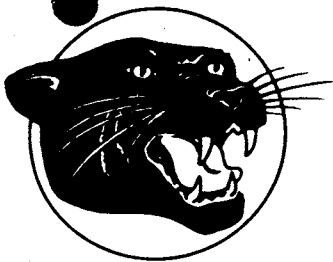
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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers, in third place in the Mid-Continent, return home, albeit short-lived, for the first time in a month.

EIU will host AMCU-8 league leader Wisconsin-Green Bay at 7:30 Thursday (Jan. 19) in Lantz Gym. These two met a little over a week ago in Green Bay with UWGB winning, 60-57, in overtime.

Altogether it has been exactly a month to the day since EIU was last at home, winning a six pointer over Montana State on Dec. 19 to enter the holidays 3-3.

Since then the Panthers have matched that pre-Christmas record with a 3-3 mark to stand 6-6 overall entering Thursday's game. However, EIU is 2-1 and third in the Mid-Continent behind Wis-Green Bay and Western Illinois, each 2-0.

Following Thursday's game the Panthers get a rare weekend off before packing the bags for a four day trip with AMCU-8 games at Northern Iowa on Monday (Jan. 23) and Western Illinois on Wednesday (Jan. 25).

"Once we return from Western we'll have a better idea of our conference chances because we'll have seven of our last eight league games at home," said Coach Rick Samuels.

* * * * * GAME NOTES * * * * *

THE GAME: Eastern Illinois University (6-6) hosts Wisconsin-Green Bay (5-7), 7:30 CST, Thursday, Jan. 19, Lantz Gym; EIU at Northern Iowa (8-5), 7:30 CST, Monday, Jan. 23, UNI-Dome, Cedar Falls; EIU at Western Illinois (8-5), 7:30, Wednesday, Jan. 25, Western Hall, Macomb.

RADIO: All the action can be heard on WLBH-FM, 97 on the dial, beginning with the pre-game show at 7:15 . . . Marc Stuart calls play-by-play with Dick Vaughan providing commentary.

TENTATIVE STARTERS:

EIU
F 20 Jon Collins 6-4 So.
F 52 Dirk Androff 6-7 Jr.
C 50 Paul Neidig 6-8 Jr.
G 34 Vincent Smelter 6-2 Jr.
G 24 Tim Wyss 6-5 So.

UWGB
F 30 David Peterson 6-5 Fr.
F 40 Gary Gliesman 6-5 Jr.
C 50 Rob Olsen 6-8 Sr.
G 12 Vic Moore 6-1 Sr.
G 24 Richard Sims 6-2 Fr.

UNI

F 40 Jay Block 6-6 Sr.
F 43 Scott Stafford 6-7 Jr.
C 44 Herbert King 6-7 Sr.
G 20 Rob Williams 6-0 So.
G 32 Randy Kraayenbrink 6-3 So.

WIU

F 25 Todd Hutcheson 6-7 Sr.
F 41 J. D. Dykstra 6-7 Jr.
C 24 Rick Resetich 6-8 Sr.
G 3 Johnny Holman 6-0 Fr.
G 10 Daryl Reed 6-3 So.

THE SERIES: EIU trails UWGB, 7-4, after losing to the Phoenix two weeks ago, 60-57, in overtime . . . freshman Rich Sims scored 29 points, almost half of UWGB's points as the Phoenix scored nine overtime points, all by free throws.

EIU leads UNI, 12-4, but has won just one of four games in the UNI-Dome . . . that win was 47-46 back in 1980 . . . Rick Samuels' Panthers have lost the last two there in the closing seconds, 71-67, last year and 68-63 in 1982.

EIU trails Western Illinois, 60-46, but won the most recent outing, 73-70, at the Illini Classic in Champaign in early December . . . the Panthers are 3-4 against the Leathernecks under Rick Samuels.

THE COACHES: EIU's Rick Samuels, in his fourth season, is 48-48 . . . was 16-11, 14-13, 13-18 in his first three seasons here . . . former assistant at Iowa State and Eastern Washington.

UWGB's Dick Lien, in his second season, is 14-26 . . . last year the Phoenix were 9-19 . . . he is a former Wis-Green Bay and Minnesota assistant.

UNI's Jim Berry, in his 11th year at Northern Iowa, is 172-209 overall which includes four years as head coach at Loras College . . . his record at UNI only is 114-170 . . . his 1978-79 team took second in the Division II North Central Regional.

WIU's Jack Margenthaler, in his 7th season, is 110-72 with five straight winning seasons . . . last year's team was 20-11 in only the second year in Division I . . . her formerly was an assistant at Drake University.

EIU LAST GAME: The Panthers evened their overall record at 6-6 and now are 2-1 in the league after edging Valparaiso, 58-52, Saturday . . . Jon Collins led the team with 21 points while Vincent Smelter's (Macon, GA-Northeast) basket with a couple minutes left put the Panthers in the lead for good.

COLLINS GOOD WEEK: Jon Collins (East St. Louis-Cahokia), 6-4 sophomore, bounced back by scoring 31 points at Cleveland State and 21 at Valparaiso to boost his team high scoring average to 19.5 . . . he hit 15-19 from the field at Cleveland State . . . he is second in the league in scoring and third in free throw percentage at 85.2%.

SMELTER STARTS: Vincent Smelter (Macon, GA-Northeast), 6-2 guard, provided the lead basket in the closing minutes of the Valparaiso game, and provided 13 assists and 10 rebounds during the two game road trip.

AMCU-8 STANDINGS:
(thru 1/16)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>AMCU-8</u>
Illinois-Chicago	9-6	1-2
Northern Iowa	8-5	1-0
Western Illinois	8-5	2-0
EASTERN ILLINOIS	6-6	2-1
Southwest Missouri	6-6	1-3
Valparaiso	6-8	1-2
Cleveland State	5-7	0-2
Wisconsin-Green Bay	5-7	2-0

ABOUT UWGB: The Phoenix are tied for first in the AMCU-8 with a 2-0 record having defeated the Panthers, 60-57, and Southwest Missouri, 74-70 . . . however they are 5-7 overall and in last place in that category . . . UWGB has won three straight and four of tis last five, the only loss at Missouri . . . freshman guard Rich Sims, who had 29 against the Panthers, is averaging 16.5, the only player in double figures . . . 6-8 senior center Rob Olsen is at 9.8 . . . he had 22 and Sims 20 in the league victory over Southwest Missouri last Saturday . . . 6-1 junior guard Tom Brown, who has led the Phoenix in scoring the past two years with 10.7 and 12.6 averages, now comes off the bench and is at 6.7 per game . . . the Phoenix average 59.1 per game, last in the league, and are allowing 66.6, which ranks in the middle of the pack.

ABOUT UNI: The purple Panthers are another of the league's surprises with an overall record of 8-5 and 1-0 in the league prior to Wednesday's (1/18) game with Western Illinois . . . UNI has recorded some of its biggest wins in school history this winter defeating Wisconsin (60-59), Drake (67-55) and Kansas State (67-64) in the UNI-Dome . . . they also knocked off AMCU-8 preseason pick Illinois-Chicago, 61-59, Saturday night . . . they are currently undefeated in seven games at home, 1-1 at neutral sites and 0-4 on the road . . . UNI has started the same five in every game this season . . . guard Randy Kraayenbrink was chosen the AMCU-8 'player of the week' after scoring 31 in Saturday's win over Illinois-Chicago . . . he leads the league with a 21 point average . . . senior Herbert King is scoring 13 points a game . . . a major addition to the team is 6-7 Scott Stafford, a transfer from Northeastern Oklahoma JC . . . 6-6 veteran Jay Block leads the league with a 59.4% shooting mark.

ABOUT WIU: The Leathernecks are tied for the league lead with a 2-0 record dowing Southwest Missouri, 82-78, at home and beating Valparaiso Monday night on the road, 41-40 . . . WIU is 8-5 overall and has a Wednesday 1/18 game at Northern Iowa prior to the Panthers . . . J. D. Dykstra leads the team with a 15.9 scoring mark . . . also in double figures are Todd Hutcheson and Rick Resetich at 15.2 and 14.5, respectively . . . the Leathernecks have led the nation in free throw percentage the past two years and again rank near the top with a 74.8% average . . . they are shooting 45.5% from the field and dead even with points scored and allowed at 67.7.

SAMUELS SAYS: "It's great to get back home except that we won't be here very long with the road games at Northern Iowa and Western Illinois early next week . . . the conference schedule has us playing every team on the road before we do in Lantz . . . but we've got to concentrate on Green Bay before anything else . . . I think Green Bay has already proven it doesn't intend to be a last place team by winning against us and Southwest Missouri . . . however, I believe we can attack their zone more effectively than we did up there . . . and playing on our own floor we shouldn't come out flat . . . I do think we played better with (Kevin) Duckworth coming off the bench . . . the flow of the game had already developed by the time he came in and it helped keep him out of foul trouble . . . I'm planning to continue starting (Paul) Neidig on the road but not sure which one we'll start here at home."

GAME-BY-GAME SCORING/REBOUNDING

(AT HOME: 2-1 ON ROAD: 3-3 NEUTRAL: 1-2 AMCU: 2-1 AMCU HOME: 0-0 AMCU ROAD: 2-1)

EIU	OPPONENTS	COLLINS	DUCKWORTH	NEIDIG	WYSS	RICHARDSON	HOPKINS	SMELTER	SPIGHT	ANDROFF
W 79	76 Kent State (H) 2500	17/4	15/8	12/3	9/4	6/2	8/5	7/0	5/0	DNP
* L 65	79 Southern Mississippi (N) 10,364	18/3	6/3	6/4	18/3	10/2	0/2	7/2	0/1	0/1
* W 73	70 Western Illinois (N) 11,187	26/3	7/5	0/4	10/7	6/0	DNP	13/3	4/0	7/7
L 76	77 (OT) Ball State (H) 2500	20/4	18/9	8/4	20/2	4/0	DNP	5/2	1/2	0/10
L 79	87 Indiana State (A) 5072	22/5	7/5	6/3	13/3	18/4	DNP	7/2	6/5	0/5
W 79	73 Montana State (H) 1485	17/8	14/9	4/2	24/3	12/2	DNP	5/1	0/2	3/5
** W 73	66 Eastern Montana (A) 2780	25/5	11/7	5/4	6/0	15/4	DNP	7/5	0/0	4/6
** L 62	82 Illinois-Chicago (N) 1852	7/6	18/9	3/4	10/8	6/8	2/3	7/6	2/1	3/7
L 64	65 (OT) Montana State (A) 2271	20/1	9/8	2/0	DNP	6/5	4/3	13/3	4/1	6/10
L 57	60 (OT) Wis-Green Bay (A) 1342	10/6	12/10	5/3	0/0	9/0	DNP	12/5	0/3	5/4
W 67	66 Cleveland State (A) 1252	31/4	16/11	0/1	12/5	2/5	0/1	0/3	DNP	6/3
W 58	52 Valparaiso (A) 1872	21/5	10/6	2/2	4/2	7/1	4/2	3/7	6/1	1/2

* 3rd @ Illini Classic (Champaign)

** 2nd @ KOA Classic (Billings, MT)

1983-84 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY TWELVE GAME BASKETBALL STATISTICS (6-6)

NAME	G(GS)	MIN	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	AVE	A	ST	B	PF(D)	TO	PTS	AVE	HIGH
Jon Collins	12(12)	445	94	176	.534	46	54	.852	54	4.5	30	12	1	23	33	234	19.5	31(CSU)
Kevin Duckworth	12(10)	299	61	106	.575	21	33	.636	90	7.5	4	5	12	46(3)	30	143	11.9	18(BS, UIC)
Tim Wyss	11(10)	295	57	130	.438	12	25	.480	37	3.4	14	9	-	12	25	126	10.5	24(MSU)
Troy Richardson	12(10)	364	42	100	.420	17	25	.680	33	2.7	50	25	-	35(2)	30	101	8.4	18(ISU)
Dirk Androff	11(10)	273	12	30	.400	11	19	.579	60	5.4	13	4	-	30(2)	16	35	3.2	7(WIU)
Vincent Smelter	12(4)	360	34	74	.459	18	29	.621	39	3.2	39	12	2	28(2)	22	86	7.2	13(WIU, MS)
Paul Neidig	12(2)	194	18	43	.419	17	25	.680	34	2.8	7	5	4	23	20	53	4.4	12(KS)
Trick Spight	11	140	9	32	.281	10	16	.625	17	1.5	3	3	1	11	4	28	2.5	6(ISU)
Steve Hopkins	6(2)	65	8	16	.500	2	3	.667	16	2.7	1	2	-	5	2	18	3.0	8(KS)
Ronnie Duckworth	4	21	1	1	1.000	-	2	.000	5	0.8	-	2	1	4	2	2	0.5	2(UIC)
Drew Beck	4	17	3	5	.600	-	-	-	3	0.7	3	-	-	1	1	6	1.5	4(WGB)
Mark Turner	1	1	-	1	.000	-	-	-	1	1.0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Todd Emro	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Team Rebounds 49																		
EIU TOTALS	12	2475	339	714	.475	154	231	.667	438	36.5	166	79	21	218(9)	185	832	69.3	79(KS, MSU)
OPP TOTALS	12	2475	355	728	.488	143	210	.681	405	33.7	202	100	48	222(6)	180	853	71.1	87(ISU)

EIU INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

FGA	20	Jon Collins (Indiana State)
FG	15	Jon Collins (Cleveland State)
FTA	12	Jon Collins (Western Illinois)
FT	10	Jon Collins (Western Illinois)
FG%	.789	(15-19) Jon Collins (Cleveland State)
FT%	1.000	(8-8) Paul Neidig (Kent State)
REB	11	Kevin Duckworth (Cleveland State)
ASST	12	Troy Richardson (Indiana State)
PTS	31	Jon Collins (Cleveland State)

EIU TEAM HIGHS

79	Illinois-Chicago
35	Indiana State
28	Kent State, Illinois-Chicago
21	Western Illinois
.638	(30-47) Eastern Montana
.812	(13-16) Eastern Montana
55	Illinois-Chicago
23	Indiana State
79	Kent State, Montana State

EIU TEAM LOWS

47	Eastern Montana
22	Valparaiso
10	Wisconsin-Green Bay
5	Wis-Green Bay, Cleveland St
.291	(23-79) Illinois-Chicago
.455	(5-11) Cleveland State
24	Southern Mississippi
9	Montana State
57	Wisconsin-Green Bay

OPP INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

FGA	26	Larry Robbins (Kent State)
FG	12	Larry Robbins (Kent State)
FTA	13	Richard Sims (Wisconsin-Green Bay)
FT	11	Richard Sims (Wisconsin-Green Bay)
FG%	.833	(10-12) James Williams (Southern Mississippi)
FT%	.846	(11-13) Richard Sims (Wisconsin-Green Bay)
REB	16	Terry Braun (Indiana State)
ASST	16	Craig Lathen (Illinois State)
PTS	29	Richard Sims (Wis-Green Bay)

OPP TEAM HIGHS

77	Illinois-Chicago
39	Indiana State
32	Wisconsin-Green Bay
22	Wisconsin-Green Bay
.532	(33-62) Southern Mississippi
.889	(8-9) Valparaiso
51	Illinois-Chicago
25	Illinois-Chicago
87	Indiana State

OPP TEAM LOWS

43	Valparaiso
19	Wisconsin-Green Bay
7	Kent State
6	Kent State
.413	(19-46) Wisconsin-Green Bay
.450	(9-20) Indiana State
16	Eastern Montana
11	Ball State
52	Valparaiso