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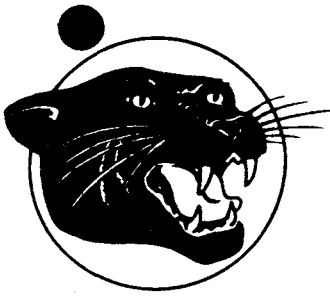
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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers take a short break from conference action to host Eastern Washington Saturday (Jan. 28) night before closing the January schedule at AMCU-8 preseason favorite Illinois-Chicago Monday (Jan. 30). Game time for both is 7:30 CST.

Eastern is 7-7 overall and 3-2 in the Mid-Continent (prior to Wednesday's game at Western Illinois). The Panthers had a three game win streak snapped by Northern Iowa, 65-60, Monday night.

Eastern Washington, in its first year in Division I, is having growing pains as the Eagles are struggling with a 3-17 record. They have lost ten of their last 11 and last week snapped a nine game losing streak with a 77-70 win over Idaho.

Illinois-Chicago, 11-6 overall under first year coach Willie Little, is 3-2 in the conference following Monday's 95-65 win over Valparaiso and is tied with EIU and Wis-Green Bay for second place in the league at 3-2.

"Eastern Washington is struggling right now . . . they've won only one game on the road so are primed to upset someone. Since it's not a conference game we must guard against a letdown," said coach Rick Samuels.

"Illinois-Chicago has great overall talent and is in the top ten in the nation in scoring . . . something like 83-84 points a game. We have played pretty good defense lately but will need a great defensive effort there."

\* \* \* \* \* Game Notes \* \* \* \* \*

THE GAMES: Eastern Illinois University (7-7, 3-2) hosts Eastern Washington (3-17) at 7:30 CST, Saturday, Jan. 28 at Lantz Gym, Charleston, IL.

EIU at Illinois-Chicago (11-6, 3-2) at 7:30 CST, Monday, January 30 at UIC Pavilion, Chicago.

RADIO: All the action can be heard over 50,000 watt WLBH-FM, 97 on the dial. The Eastern Washington game is tape delay beginning with the Rick Samuels show at 9:30. UIC is live with the pregame commencing at 7:15. Marc Stuart calls play-by-play with Dick Vaughan providing commentary.

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EIU BASKETBALL  
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TENTATIVE STARTERS:			<u>EIU</u>		<u>EWU</u>	
F	20	Jon Collins	6-4	So.	F	50 Tony Chrisman 6-9 Jr.
F	52	Dirk Androff	6-7	Jr.	F	42 Paul Rutherford 6-8 Sr.
C	00	Kevin Duckworth	6-11	So.	G	12 Melvin Bradley 6-1 Jr.
G	24	Tim Wyss	6-5	So.	G	14 Jeff Reinland 6-2 Sr.
G	34	Vincent Smelter	6-2	Jr.	G	20 Scott McKie 6-3 Jr.

<u>UIC</u>		
F	41	Ivan Daniels 6-10 Jr.
F	44	Tim Anderson 6-5 Sr.
C	54	Darryl Rice 6-7 Sr.
G	10	Craig Lathen 6-1 Jr.
G	15	John Ellis 6-3 Sr.

THE SERIES: This is the first meeting between EIU and Eastern Washington.

This is the 5th meeting between the Panthers and UIC with Eastern holding a 3-1 lead . . . the two teams first met in December, 1978 with Eastern winning 52-51 at home . . . the Panthers also prevailed in Lantz Gym 71-60 in 1979 and then split as AMCU-8 opponents last year . . . EIU won 86-74 here but losing in Chicago 90-77.

THE COACHES: Eastern Washington's Jerry Krause, in his 16th season, has returned after a one year sabbatical to oversee the progression to Division I . . . he has an overall record of 249-176 with 12 winning seasons in the last 13 years.

Illinois-Chicago's Willie Little is in his first year as head coach after serving as Tom Meyer's assistant for the previous three seasons . . . Little took over the innercity Manley High School head coaching position in 1975 when the school had no varsity basketball and led the Wildcats to a 31-1 1980 Class AA state championship.

EIU's Rick Samuels, in his fourth season, is 50-49 overall . . . in his first three seasons the Panthers were 16-11, 14-13, and 13-18 . . . he previously was an assistant at Iowa State and Eastern Washington.

EIU-UIC in '83: Dirk Androff (Decatur-Eisenhower) played his best game of the season scoring 16 points with 14 rebounds to lead the Panthers to an 86-74 win before 4500 fans, the largest home crowd of the year for EIU.

Doug Crook's career high 29 points wasn't enough at UIC as the Flame defeated the Panthers, 90-77, in overtime.

KRAUSE-SAMUEL CONNECTION: EIU's Rick Samuels was an assistant for Jerry Krause at Eastern Washington in 1975-76 . . . that season the Eagles were 21-7 and reached the NAIA district playoffs.

SCORING SLUMP: The Panthers topped 70 points in six of their first seven averaging almost 75 points during this stretch . . . the last seven games they have been under 70 averaging only 62 a game.

AMCU-8 STANDINGS:	<u>Team</u>	<u>AMCU-8</u>	<u>Overall</u>
	Northern Iowa	3-1	10-6
	EASTERN ILLINOIS	3-2	7-7
	Wis-Green Bay	3-2	6-9
	Illinois-Chicago	3-2	11-6
	Western Illinois	2-1	8-6
	Valparaiso	2-3	7-9
	Southwest Missouri	2-3	7-6
	Cleveland State	0-4	5-9

Games This Week - Jan. 25 Cleveland State at Northern Iowa  
Eastern Illinois at Western Illinois

Jan. 26 Wisconsin-Green Bay at Illinois-Chicago

Jan. 28 Eastern Washington at Eastern Illinois  
Northern Iowa at Illinois-Chicago  
Southwest Missouri at Valparaiso  
Wisconsin-Green Bay at Western Illinois

Jan. 30 Eastern Washington at Western Illinois  
Eastern Illinois at Illinois-Chicago  
Northern Iowa at Valparaiso  
Southwest Missouri at Cleveland State

ABOUT EWU: Eastern Washington, located in Cheney just south of Spokane, has advanced from a perennial NAIA tournament participant to Division I this year . . . currently 3-17, the Eagles only victories are an 82-78 opener over Warner Pacific, 68-66 over Santa Barbara and then ten days ago, 77-70, over Idaho . . . 6-9 junior Tony Chrisman is the leading scorer with a 17.1 average . . . he has hit over 20 points in five of the last seven games . . . 6-2 guard Jeff Reinland is averaging 12.8 and 6-1 junior guard Melvin Bradley out of Chicago Westinghouse is scoring right at ten per game . . . the Eagles will play at Western Illinois Monday (1/30) to conclude a brief midwestern trip.

ABOUT UIC: Solidly picked to win the AMCU-8, the Flame are 11-6 overall prior to 1/28 showdown with a league leader Northern Iowa in the UIC Pavilion . . . the Flame are 3-2 in the league losing road games by a total of three points at Northern Iowa and Southwest Missouri . . . averaging 83 points a game, UIC is ranked No. 7 in the nation . . . guard Craig Lathen is No. 2 in the country in assists with 9.5 per game . . . guard John Ellis, brother of EIU running back Roy Ellis, leads with a 16.4 scoring average . . . forward Tim Anderson, sidelined recently with an ankle injury, is next at 14.6.

SAMUELS SAYS: "We're still having the same problem of getting behind too much too early and then have to play catchup . . . we can't expect to dig out of a hole each time. We have to play well for more than just a half to expect to win in this league and, on occasion this year, have played a solid 40 minutes . . . but not consistently. Right now, also, our offense is simply not in sync . . . (Kevin) Duckworth is our best shooter but we haven't gotten the ball to him enough inside. Vincent (Smelter) is the only one who has played consistently well since the Christmas break . . . and he's played well on both ends of the court."

1983-84 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY 14-GAME BASKETBALL STATISTICS (7-7)

NAME	G(GS)	MIN	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	AVE	A	ST	B	PF(D)	TO	PTS	AVE	HIGH
Jon Collins	14(19)	513	103	199	.517	55	63	.873	59	4.2	32	15	1	30	38	261	18.6	31(CSU)
Kevin Duckworth	14(11)	351	69	118	.585	25	39	.641	102	7.3	6	6	12	54(4)	34	163	11.6	18(BS, UIC)
Tim Wyss	13(12)	347	65	152	.428	14	30	.467	44	3.4	17	10	-	15	27	144	11.1	24(MSU)
Troy Richardson	14(10)	406	47	113	.416	19	27	.704	37	2.6	52	27	1	39(2)	38	113	8.1	18(ISU)
Dirk Androff	13(12)	323	14	35	.400	15	24	.625	76	5.8	15	6	-	34(2)	20	43	3.3	7(WIU)
Vincent Smelter	14(16)	433	44	91	.483	26	39	.667	49	3.5	43	16	2	32(2)	29	114	8.1	16(WGB)
Paul Neidig	14(3)	212	19	45	.422	19	28	.678	38	2.7	7	5	4	29	24	57	4.1	12(KS)
Derrick Spight	13	178	11	40	.275	14	23	.609	26	2.0	3	3	1	16	7	36	2.8	6(ISU, WGB)
Steve Hopkins	8(2)	71	9	18	.500	2	3	.667	17	2.1	1	2	-	5	2	20	2.5	8(KS)
Ronnie Duckworth	5	22	1	1	1.000	-	2	.000	5	1.0	-	2	1	4	2	2	0.4	2(UIC)
Drew Beck	4	17	3	5	.600	-	-	-	3	0.7	3	-	-	1	1	6	1.5	4(WGB)
Mark Tarner	1	1	-	1	.000	-	-	-	1	1.0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Todd Emro	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Team Rebounds 52																		
EIU TOTALS	14	2875	385	818	.471	189	278	.680	509	36.3	181	92	22	259(10)	222	959	68.5	79(KS, MSU)
OPP TOTALS	14	2875	402	826	.487	176	255	.690	451	32.2	220	117	54	264(7)	213	980	70.0	87(ISU)

Dead Ball Rebounds: EIU - 34 OPP - 32

EIU INDIVIDUAL HIGHS		EIU TEAM HIGHS		EIU TEAM LOWS	
FGA	20 Jon Collins (Indiana State)	79	Illinois-Chicago	41	Wisconsin-Green Bay
FG	15 Jon Collins (Cleveland State)	35	Indiana State	22	Valparaiso
FTA	12 Jon Collins (Western Illinois)	28	Kent State, Illinois-Chicago	10	Wisconsin-Green Bay
FT	10 Jon Collins (Western Illinois)	21	Western Illinois, Wis-Green Bay	5	Wis-Green Bay, Cleveland St
FG%	.789 (15-19) Jon Collins (Cleveland State)	.638	(30-47) Eastern Montana	.291	(23-79) Illinois-Chicago
FT%	1.000 (8-8) Paul Neidig (Kent State)	.812	(13-16) Eastern Montana	.455	(5-11) Cleveland State
REB	11 Kevin Duckworth (Cleveland State)	55	Illinois-Chicago	24	Southern Mississippi
ASST	12 Troy Richardson (Indiana State)	23	Indiana State	4	Northern Iowa
PTS	31 Jon Collins (Cleveland State)	79	Kent State, Montana State	57	Wisconsin-Green Bay
OPP INDIVIDUAL HIGHS		OPP TEAM HIGHS		OPP TEAM LOWS	
FGA	26 Larry Robbins (Kent State)	77	Illinois-Chicago	43	Valparaiso
FG	12 Larry Robbins (Kent State)	39	Indiana State	19	Wisconsin-Green Bay
FTA	13 Richard Sims (Wisconsin-Green Bay)	32	Wisconsin-Green Bay	7	Kent State
FT	11 Richard Sims (Wisconsin-Green Bay)	23	Northern Iowa	6	Kent State
FG%	.833 (10-12) James Williams (Southern Mississippi)	.532	(33-62) Southern Mississippi	.413	(19-46) Wisconsin-Green Bay
FT%	.846 (11-13) Richard Sims (Wisconsin-Green Bay)	.889	(8-9) Valparaiso	.450	(9-20) Indiana State
REB	16 Terry Braun (Indiana State)	51	Illinois-Chicago	16	Eastern Montana
ASST	16 Craig Lathen (Illinois State)	25	Illinois-Chicago	8	Wisconsin-Green Bay
PTS	29 Richard Sims (Wisconsin-Green Bay)	87	Indiana State	52	Valparaiso

GAME-BY-GAME SCORING/REBOUNDING

(AT HOME: 3-1    ON ROAD: 3-4    NEUTRAL: 1-2    AMCU: 3-2    AMCU HOME: 1-0    AMCU ROAD: 2-2)

EIU			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
W	67	62 Wis-Green Bay (H) 2500	14/0	8/6	4/3	8/3	6/1	0/0	16/5	6/4	5/8
L	60	65 Northern Iowa (A) 3392	13/5	12/6	0/1	10/4	6/3	2/1	12/5	2/5	3/8

\* 3rd at Illini Classic (Champaign)

\*\* 2nd at KOA Classic (Billings, MT)