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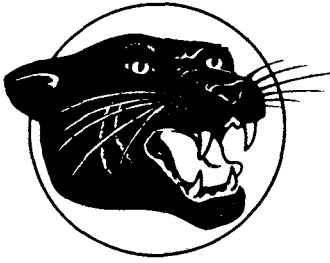
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Panther Sports News

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PANTHER BASKETBALL REPORT

THE GAMES: Eastern Illinois University (12-9) at Youngstown State (8-11), 7 p.m., CST, Saturday, Feb. 14, Beeghly Center, Youngstown, Ohio.

Eastern Illinois University hosts Kentucky Wesleyan (14-6), 7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 16, Lantz Gym, Charleston, IL.

TENTATIVE STARTERS:

| <u>EIU</u> | | | | <u>YSU</u> | | | |
|------------|----------------|-----|-----|------------|-----------------|------|-----|
| F | Ricky Serkin | 6-5 | Jr. | F | Art McCullough | 6-4 | Fr. |
| F | Eddie Jones | 6-3 | Jr. | F | Steve Martin | 6-6 | Fr. |
| C | Jeff Jacob | 6-7 | Sr. | C | Chris Tucker | 6-8 | Sr. |
| G | Ricky Robinson | 6-6 | Jr. | G | Bruce Alexander | 5-11 | Jr. |
| G | Rico Ellis | 6-2 | Sr. | G | John Goodson | 5-9 | So. |

KWC

| | | | |
|---|----------------|------|-----|
| F | Dwight Higgs | 6-4 | Fr. |
| F | Bunky Lewis | 6-7 | Sr. |
| C | Keith Anderson | 6-6 | Jr. |
| G | Tim Edgeron | 5-10 | So. |
| G | Rod Drake | 6-2 | Fr. |

THE SERIES: EIU leads Youngstown State, 5-1. YSU's lone victory was 70-60 at Youngstown State last year.

The KWC-EIU series is tied at three.

THIS YEAR: Eastern pulled out a 72-70 victory over Youngstown State at EIU on Jan. 24. Tim Dykstra's two free throws and one by Vincent Smelter within the last 30 seconds preserved the victory. Ricky Robinson hit a career high 30 points.

Ricky Robinson's free throw with two seconds left clinched another cliff-hanger, 69-67, at KWC on Jan. 3. It was EIU's first game after a 12 day layoff. EIU shot 60.4% from the field behind Robinson's 18 points. Ricky Serkin and Rico Ellis had 11 and 10 points, respectively.

THE COACHES: Eastern's Rick Samuels is in his first year.

Youngstown's Bill Dailey, in his first year as an assistant, has taken over as interim coach while veteran Dom Rosselli recovers from an October heart attack.

KWC's Mike Pollio, a former assistant at Old Dominion, is in his first season.

EIU FACTS: Prior to a Wednesday night (Feb. 11) encounter with No. 3 ranked Central Missouri State the Panthers had won three straight and six of their last eight . . . Eddie Jones (Chicago-Cregier/Lincoln CC) became EIU's first MCC 'Player of the Week' by tallying 47 points (16 per game) in his first three starts . . . the winner of the EIU-YSU game will probably avoid finishing in the cellar of the MCC . . . EIU is 2-2 in the league and YSU is 2-3 . . . by averaging 19 points a game the rest of

EIU FACTS

CONTINUED: the way Ricky Robinson (East Aurora) can crack 500 season points . . . the MCC has to be the best free throw shooting league in NCAA II . . . NMU is ranked No. 4 at 75.4%, WIU is No. 7 at 74.1% and the Panthers are close at 73.5% . . . also, unless they stumble, the Panthers will set a season field goal percentage mark . . . the current is 47.7% set last year . . . this bunch is hitting right at 50%.

YSU FACTS: YSU is 8-11, having lost three of its last four games . . . after the last loss to the Panthers, the Penguins returned home where they knocked off perennial NCAA II power Philadelphia Textile and MCC foe Northern Michigan . . . but then Wright State, Cheyney State and Tennessee Tech stopped the short streak . . . Bruce Alexander continues to lead offensively . . . he's averaging 17 points a game and leads the nation in free throw percentage (92.9%) . . . Alexander popped 24 points in the first EIU game, hitting 11 of 15 . . . his 11 field goals tie him with CMS's Bill Fennelly for most against the Panthers . . . also in that first matchup, YSU shot 60.4%, the best an opponent has hit against EIU . . . the Penguins have had their problems offensively . . . the last time they hit 70 points was against EIU . . . they are averaging 67 a game and shooting 44.5% from the field.

KWC FACTS: With weekend losses at Indiana Central and St. Joseph's, the KWC Panthers dropped to 14-6 and out of the NCAA II Top 20, holding Honorable Mention status . . . still the Panthers are in line for a tournament bid . . . however they have a tough road ahead . . . prior to the EIU game Monday, KWC hosts Wright State (Thursday) and SIU-Edwardsville (Saturday) with road games left at EIU, Transylvania, Wright State and Northern Kentucky . . . KWC is 6-3 in the Great Lakes Valley . . . they will host ISU-Evansville (7-2) for the conference title on Saturday, Feb. 21 . . . the league winner will assuredly go to the NCAA II Great Lakes Regional, and the runner-up is also likely . . . freshman Dwight Higgs leads with a 17.2 average and is tops in assists and rebounding . . . senior Bunky Lewis has a 13.6 average . . . sophomore guard Tim Edgeron was named the conference 'Player of the Week' recently by pouring in 68 points in three games with nine steals and 15 assists . . . Edgeron now is averaging 12.6, just one point ahead of freshman Rod Drake . . . KWC has cracked 90 points in four of the last seven games.

MCC STANDINGS:

| | <u>All Games</u> | <u>MCC Games</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Western Illinois | 16-6 | 3-1 |
| Northern Michigan | 15-8 | 2-3 |
| EASTERN ILLINOIS | 12-9 | 2-2 |
| Youngstown State | 8-11 | 2-3 |

SAMUELS SAYS: "We're still in line to finish either first or last in the conference so that makes the Youngstown game more significant . . . but it won't be easy out there . . . they've beaten both Western Illinois and Northern Michigan at home, and gave Wright State a real run . . . and, of course, we only won by two against them here at home . . . however, we're playing better . . . we've seem to have found a successful lineup . . . Eddie Jones has provided a real spark, and Jim Williams has returned to play well . . . he seems to do well off the bench . . . he came in against Wright State and helped our running game with some nice outlet passes . . . Ricky (Robinson) has made the adjustment to guard . . . he's been our leading scorer all year but also is tops in assists . . . he's definitely played like an All-American."

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY 1980-81 TWENTY-ONE GAME BASKETBALL STATISTICS (12-9)

| NAME | G(GS) | MIN | FGM | FGA | PCT | FTM | FTA | PCT | REB | AVE | A | ST | PF(D) | TO | PTS | AVE | HIGH GAME |
|-------------------|--------|------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|---------|-----|------|------|---------------|
| Ricky Robinson | 2*(21) | 712 | 155 | 319 | .486 | 77 | 99 | .778 | 137 | 6.5 | 65 | 43 | 66 | 65 | 387 | 18.4 | 30(YSU) |
| Jim Williams | 19(13) | 455 | 76 | 135 | .563 | 26 | 35 | .743 | 92 | 4.8 | 24 | 14 | 62(5) | 42 | 178 | 9.4 | 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 | 20(18) | 444 | 49 | 101 | .485 | 34 | 58 | .586 | 90 | 4.5 | 15 | 10 | 53(2) | 49 | 132 | 6.6 | 14(YSU) |
| Rico Ellis | 21(15) | 634 | 72 | 149 | .483 | 56 | 68 | .823 | 57 | 2.7 | 38 | 37 | 56(2) | 50 | 200 | 9.5 | 19(Chic. St.) |
| Leigh Hankins | 21 | 358 | 31 | 68 | .456 | 12 | 15 | .800 | 56 | 2.8 | 24 | 15 | 45 | 33 | 74 | 3.5 | 11(CMS & NKY) |
| Jeff Jacob | 20(11) | 386 | 22 | 43 | .512 | 22 | 31 | .710 | 67 | 3.3 | 29 | 2 | 35 | 32 | 66 | 3.3 | 10(NMU & CSU) |
| Mark Tarner | 13 | 112 | 19 | 36 | .528 | 11 | 12 | .917 | 11 | 0.8 | 15 | 2 | 14 | 18 | 49 | 3.8 | 13(Roosevelt) |
| Tim Dykstra | 16 | 190 | 36 | 68 | .529 | 12 | 17 | .706 | 39 | 2.4 | 16 | 9 | 20(1) | 14 | 84 | 5.2 | 12(KSU) |
| Eddie Jones | 14(3) | 223 | 36 | 73 | .493 | 20 | 27 | .741 | 33 | 2.3 | 13 | 13 | 27 | 15 | 92 | 6.6 | 17(St. Joe) |
| Kurt Lorenzen | 8 | 49 | 7 | 14 | .500 | 4 | 6 | .667 | 5 | 0.6 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 18 | 2.2 | 6(Roosevelt) |
| Roy Sachse | 3 | 11 | 1 | 2 | .500 | 0 | 3 | .000 | 2 | 0.7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.7 | 2(Ferris) |
| Eric Moyer | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | .500 | 0 | 2 | .000 | 3 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0.7 | 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) |
| Vincent Smelter * | 13(9) | 270 | 25 | 45 | .555 | 13 | 19 | .684 | 31 | 2.4 | 24 | 14 | 26(1) | 26 | 63 | 4.8 | 11(N. KY) |
| Team Rebounds | | | | | | | | | 92 | | | | | | | | |
| EIU TOTALS | 21 | 4265 | 598 | 1199 | .499 | 316 | 430 | .735 | 748 | 35.6 | 329 | 197 | 432(11) | 396 | 1512 | 72.0 | 102(Ferris) |
| OPPONENTS | 21 | 4265 | 552 | 1219 | .453 | 320 | 471 | .679 | 683 | 32.5 | 256 | 146 | 390(11) | 329 | 1424 | 67.8 | 81(Wright) |

* Out for the season due to injury

Dead Ball Rebounds - EIU: 42 OPP: 49

| EIU | OPPONENT | ROBINSON | TURK | WILLIAMS | SERKIN | ELLIS | HANKINS | JACOB | SMELTER | DYKSTRA | JONES |
|----------|----------------------------------|----------|------|----------|--------|-------|---------|-------|---------|---------|-------|
| 69 | 60 Millikin (H) 4500 | 16/10 | 8/1 | 5/1 | 9/4 | 2/3 | 1/0 | DNP | DNP | DNP | 6/2 |
| 69 | 70 Central Missouri (A) 3200 | 14/0 | 7/2 | 8/8 | 2/6 | 8/1 | 11/3 | 1/0 | DNP | DNP | 2/1 |
| 70 | 72 ISU-Evansville (H) 3000 | 10/4 | 11/7 | 8/6 | 7/6 | 8/4 | 6/3 | 9/5 | DNP | DNP | 0/0 |
| 102 | 61 Ferris State (H) 3000 | 24/15 | 8/1 | 16/7 | 6/3 | 5/2 | 4/3 | 2/5 | 2/2 | 4/0 | DNP |
| 87 | 75 St. Joseph's (A) 1200 | 27/13 | 13/2 | 10/4 | 6/2 | 5/1 | 7/8 | 5/9 | DNP | 2/2 | DNP |
| 71 (20T) | 72 Western Illinois (H) 3500 | 11/6 | 8/4 | 19/7 | 9/5 | 9/1 | 4/2 | 3/8 | DNP | DNP | DNP |
| 78 (OT) | 76 Northeast Missouri (A) 2400 | 16/4 | 14/0 | 21/8 | 8/6 | 12/5 | 0/5 | 0/2 | 7/1 | DNP | DNP |
| 69 | 56 Northern Kentucky (A) 376 | 20/8 | 13/4 | 6/2 | 1/3 | 4/1 | 11/3 | 2/3 | 11/3 | 4/0 | DNP |
| 73 | 81 Wright State (A) 2100 | 22/4 | 0/0 | 12/3 | 2/6 | 13/4 | 2/4 | 0/2 | 4/0 | 8/6 | DNP |
| 69 | 67 Kentucky Wesleyan (A) 4000 | 19/6 | DNP | 6/7 | 11/5 | 10/1 | 6/3 | 1/4 | 6/2 | 6/1 | DNP |
| 67 | 71 Southwest Missouri (A) 3055 | 20/10 | DNP | 8/9 | 8/7 | 15/4 | 2/2 | 0/0 | 0/3 | 6/0 | 2/0 |
| 62 | 74 Kansas State (A) 7360 | 21/7 | DNP | 16/6 | DNP | 6/3 | 4/2 | 0/2 | 2/1 | 12/7 | 0/1 |
| 64 | 80 Northern Michigan (A) 1756 | 11/1 | DNP | 2/2 | 5/6 | 16/2 | 8/1 | 10/6 | 2/2 | 10/8 | 0/0 |
| 72 | 67 Chicago State (H) 3300 | 20/6 | DNP | 4/5 | 0/0 | 19/4 | 3/4 | 10/3 | 10/6 | 2/1 | 4/1 |
| 83 | 64 Roosevelt University (H) 1500 | 19/7 | DNP | DNP | 11/6 | 14/2 | 2/3 | 4/1 | 2/2 | 4/3 | 6/6 |
| 72 | 70 Youngstown State (H) 3500 | 30/1 | DNP | DNP | 14/4 | 8/2 | 4/2 | 4/1 | 5/3 | 4/5 | 3/1 |
| 68 | 69 Southwest Missouri (H) 1500 | 24/7 | DNP | 2/0 | 8/1 | 10/4 | 2/3 | 0/3 | 6/2 | 0/0 | 16/7 |
| 58 | 72 Illinois State (A) 3781 | 13/5 | DNP | 6/4 | 7/3 | 4/1 | 2/1 | 4/5 | 6/4 | 10/2 | 6/2 |
| 62 | 48 Northern Michigan (H) 1700 | 8/8 | DNP | 8/5 | 6/5 | 17/4 | 2/1 | 5/3 | DNP | 2/0 | 14/4 |
| 75 | 56 St. Joseph's (H) 1000 | 18/8 | DNP | 10/4 | 6/2 | 2/4 | 0/3 | 3/2 | DNP | 10/3 | 17/3 |
| 72 | 63 Wright State (H) 4000 | 23/7 | DNP | 11/4 | 6/10 | 13/4 | 0/0 | 3/3 | DNP | 0/1 | 16/5 |