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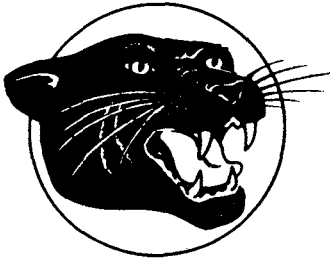
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Panther Sports News

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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 Turner	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