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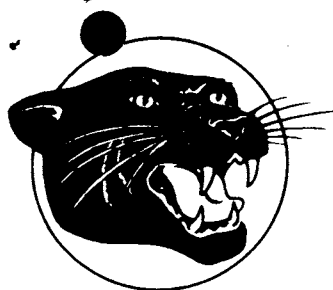
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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers begin a long season ending stretch of home games beginning with AMCU-8 opponent Cleveland State Saturday (Feb. 18) and IUPU-Indianapolis on Monday (Feb. 20). Game time for both is 7:30 in Lantz Gym.

These are the first two of six straight home games over the next two weeks. The season concludes with the AMCU-8 post season tournament at Springfield, MO March 9-11.

The Panthers and Cleveland State will be fighting to stay out of the AMCU-8 cellar. EIU is 10-11 overall, 3-6 and in sixth place in the conference after losing 53-52 at South-west Missouri Monday.

Cleveland State, which won its first road game Monday at Valparaiso, is tied for last in the league with a 2-8 record and 8-13 overall.

These two teams met earlier this season with EIU winning at Cleveland, 67-66. That was the last game Eastern won on the road so the Panthers are definitely happy that part of the schedule is over.

"We've still got a shot at finishing in the first division but we'll have to win them all," said coach Rick Samuels. "We're the only team with no more road games . . . everyone else but Green Bay has at least two so we have a good shot at moving up."

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

THE GAMES: Eastern Illinois University (10-11, 3-6) hosts Cleveland State (8-13, 2-8) at 7:30 CST, Saturday, Feb. 18, Lantz Gym, Charleston.

EIU hosts IUPU-Indianapolis (11-13) at 7:30 CST, Monday, Feb. 20, Lantz Gym, Charleston.

RADIO: All the action can be heard on Mattoon's 50,000 watt WLBH-FM, 97 on the dial, with Marc Stuart calling play-by-play and Dick Vaughan providing commentary . . . the Cleveland State game will be broadcast tape delay starting with the pre-game show at approximately 9:30 . . . the IUPUI game will be live with pre-game at 7:15.

THE SERIES: Eastern leads CSU, 3-2, winning 67-66 earlier this year . . . although the series is brief, the Vikings hold a historic spot in EIU's successful basketball history . . . Cleveland State was the Panthers first opponent when Eastern dedicated the opening of the current Lantz Gym on December 5, 1966 . . . EIU won that game, 97-85, with Jim LeMaster scoring 17 points, Don Templeman 16, Bill Carson, 15, Jim Corrona 11 and Charleston's Roy Smith 11.

EIU defeated IUPU-Indianapolis, 92-71, here in January, 1977 in the only previous meeting between these two clubs.

EIU BASKETBALL
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TENTATIVE STARTERS:

<u>EIU</u>				<u>CSU</u>			
F	20	Jon Collins	6-4 So.	F	33	Eric Mudd	6-7 Fr.
F	52	Dirk Androff	6-7 Jr.	F	44	Clinton Ransey	6-4 Fr.
C	00	Kevin Duckworth	6-11 So.	C	40	Dave Youdath	6-8 Sr.
G	24	Tim Wyss	6-5 So.	G	4	Shawn Hood	5-8 Fr.
G	34	Vincent Smelter	6-2 Jr.	G	22	Vince Richards	6-2 So.

IUPUI

F	35	Scott Boles	6-4 Sr.
F	44	Maurice Womack	6-6 Jr.
C	42	Kit Tramm	6-8 Jr.
G	20	Kayle Funkhouser	6-3 So.
G	22	Aldray Gibson	6-2 Fr.

THE COACHES: EIU's Rick Samuels is 53-53 in four years as head coach . . . in his previous three seasons the Panthers were 16-11, 14-13 and 13-18 . . . he formerly was an assistant at Eastern Washington and Iowa State . . . he is 1-0 against Cleveland State and 0-0 vs. IUPUI.

Cleveland State's Kevin Mackey is in his first year as head coach after serving as an assistant the previous six seasons at Boston College . . . he previously won state prep titles coaching in the Boston area.

IUPUI's Bob Lovell is in his first season.

1ST EIU-CSU GAME: The Panthers edged the Vikings, 67-66, as Jon Collins scored a career high 31 points hitting 15-18 from the field . . . he had six points within the last five minutes and Tim Wyss hit two free throws with 46 seconds left to put EIU up 67-64 and clinch the victory . . . EIU shot 60.8% from the field (31-51), the fourth time this year over 60%.

AMCU-8 STANDINGS:

	<u>CONFERENCE</u>	<u>OVERALL</u>
Illinois-Chicago	8-2	16-6
Northern Iowa	8-2	15-7
Southwest Missouri	6-4	11-7
Western Illinois	5-3	13-8
Wis-Green Bay	5-6	8-14
Eastern Illinois	3-6	10-11
Valparaiso	2-8	7-14
Cleveland State	2-8	8-13
Valparaiso	2-8	7-14

Games of 2/15: Western Illinois at Cleveland State

Games of 2/16: Southwest Missouri at Oral Roberts
Valparaiso at Wisconsin-Green Bay

Games of 2/18: Cleveland State at EIU
Illinois-Chicago at Western Illinois
Valparaiso at Northern Iowa
Drury College at Southwest Missouri
Northern Michigan at Wisconsin-Green Bay

Games of 2/20: Western Illinois at Southwest Missouri
Wisconsin-Green Bay at Cleveland State
IUPU-Indianapolis at EIU

- DUCKWORTH IN AMCU-8: Kevin Duckworth (Dolton-Thornridge), 6-11 sophomore center, has made the most impact of any EIU player in conference stats . . . he's third in three categories, shooting (58.6), rebounding (7.4) and blocked shots (22 in 21 games).
- COLLINS GOING FOR 500: If Jon Collins (East St. Louis-Cahokia), 6-4 sophomore forward, maintains his current pace of 18 points a game, he could end up cracking the top five in EIU's all-time single season scoring list . . . Lloyd Ludwig's 522 (1956-57) is currently No. 5 on the list . . . Collins has 384 and is averaging 18.3 with at least seven more games and maybe more depending upon how far the Panthers advance in the post-season tournament.
- WYSS ON TARGET: Tim Wyss (Cissna Park), 6-5 sophomore guard whose shooting struggled earlier in the year, has connected on 31-55 for 56% in the last five games to average 15 points during this stretch . . . that has boosted his overall FG accuracy from 43% to over 46%.
- AND THE TEAM'S BETTER, TOO: Coach Rick Samuels Panthers, who have been at or near the 50% shooting mark in each of his four coaching seasons, are inching closer to that figure again . . . in five of the last six games EIU has been above the 50% mark hitting 194-359 for 54% during this stretch . . . the team is now at 48.7% with six straight home games expected to lift that figure more . . . conversely, the opponents hit only 44% during these last six games.
- ABOUT CLEVELAND STATE: The Vikings are currently tied with Valparaiso for last in the AMCU-8 with a 2-8 league mark and 8-13 overall . . . they have had a particularly rough time on the road losing eight of nine games but the lone victory was Monday night at Valparaiso which boosted them into a tie with Valpo for 8th place . . . the Vikings big man, literally, is 6-8 senior Dave Youdath who is averaging 14 points a game and is tied for the conference rebounding lead with 7.8 per game . . . he's also fourth in AMCU-8 shooting at 58.4% . . . Clinton Ransey, a 6-4 freshman and former prep HM All-American, is scoring 13 points . . . he is the brother of former Ohio State All-American and current New Jersey Nets player Kelvin Ransey . . . another frosh standout is 5-8 Shawn Hood, scoring only 5.4 a game but getting over two steals and 4.7 assists, which rank high in AMCU-8 stats . . . the Vikings other conference win was an 86-66 blowout over Southwest Missouri.
- ABOUT IUPUI: The Metros have an 11-13 record . . . they play Purdue-Calumet at home Saturday prior to the Monday EIU game . . . freshman guard Aldray Gibson leads in scoring with a 15.8 average . . . Kit Tramm, 5-8 junior center, is scoring 10.9 and leads with 6.5 rebounds . . . IUPUI is scoring 78 a game and allowing 74.
- SAMUELS SAYS: "As we've been saying, with a strong finish we can still get up into the top half of the league standings . . . our schedule favors the rest of the way . . . plus a winning streak would give us some momentum and a better seeding going into the post-season tournament . . . so we still believe we have a lot riding on these last few games . . . right now we're working hard to improve our consistency . . . we're getting a good game or good half out of several people but still need to sustain that . . . (Kevin) Duckworth has been hitting the boards much better of late . . . he had 12 at Southwest Missouri and I think is getting about nine a game over the past half dozen."

1983-84 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY 21-GAME BASKETBALL STATISTICS (10-11)

NAME	G(GS)	MIN	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	AVE	A	ST	B	PF(D)	TO	PTS	AVE	HIGH
Jon Collins	21(21)	731	157	307	.511	70	86	.814	78	3.7	42	23	1	40	56	384	18.3	31(CSU)
Kevin Duckworth	21(18)	522	106	181	.586	44	62	.710	156	7.4	9	8	22	78(6)	40	256	12.2	20(EWU)
Tim Wyss	20(19)	508	106	229	.463	28	50	.560	67	3.3	35	20	-	30(1)	40	240	12.0	24(MSU, RU)
Vincent Smelter	21(11)	610	70	140	.500	34	53	.641	71	3.4	75	25	2	47(3)	40	174	8.3	16(WGB, UIC)
Troy Richardson	21(12)	611	72	159	.453	21	32	.656	58	2.8	81	41	1	59(3)	57	165	7.8	18(ISU)
Dirk Androff	20(19)	480	22	51	.431	20	38	.526	122	6.1	30	11	-	50(3)	34	64	3.2	7(WIU)
Paul Neidig	21(3)	291	26	59	.441	24	35	.686	56	2.7	12	6	4	41	28	76	3.6	12(KS)
Derrick Spight	20	275	21	67	.313	21	33	.636	41	2.0	5	5	2	29	15	63	3.1	7(ECU, RU)
Steve Hopkins	15(2)	160	19	36	.528	3	7	.428	39	2.6	5	8	9	14	9	41	2.7	9(RU)
Ronnie Duckworth	9	38	3	7	.428	-	4	.000	9	1.0	1	5	1	8	3	6	0.7	4(RU)
Drew Beck	6	33	6	10	.600	-	-	-	3	0.5	3	-	1	1	3	12	2.0	4(WGB, ECU)
Mark Tarnier	2	13	-	3	.000	-	-	-	1	0.5	3	2	-	4	1	-	-	-
Todd Emro	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Team Rebounds 80																		
EIU TOTALS	21	4275	608	1249	.487	265	400	.662	781	37.2	301	154	43	402(17)	326	1481	70.5	94(RU)
OPP TOTALS	21	4275	588	1235	.476	282	410	.688	675	32.1	331	157	83	384(12)	323	1458	69.4	88(UIC)

EIU INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

FGA	21	Tim Wyss (Illinois-Chicago)
FG	15	Jon Collins (Cleveland State)
FTA	12	Jon Collins (Western Illinois)
FT	10	Jon Collins (Western Illinois)
FG%	.900	(9-10) Kevin Duckworth (Eastern Washington)
FT%	1.000	(8-8) Paul Neidig (Kent State)
REB	12	Kevin Duckworth (Illinois-Chicago, Southwest Missouri)
ASST	12	Troy Richardson (Indiana State, Roosevelt)
PTS	31	Jon Collins (Cleveland State)

OPP INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

FGA	26	Larry Robbins (Kent State)
FG	12	Larry Robbins (Kent State)
		Todd Hutcheson (Western Illinois)
FTA	13	Richard Sims (Wisconsin-Green Bay)
FT	11	Richard Sims (Wisconsin-Green Bay)
		Tim Anderson (Illinois-Chicago)
FG%	.889	(8-9) Melvin Bradley (Eastern Washington)
FT%	.917	(11-12) Tim Anderson (Illinois-Chicago)
REB	16	Terry Braun (Indiana State)
ASST	16	Craig Lathen (Illinois-Chicago)
PTS	30	Todd Hutcheson (Western Illinois)

EIU TEAM HIGHS

79	Illinois-Chicago
42	Roosevelt
32	East Carolina
21	Western Illinois, Wis-Green Bay
.647	(22-34) Southwest Missouri
1.000	(8-8) Southwest Missouri
55	Illinois-Chicago
28	Roosevelt
94	Roosevelt

OPP TEAM HIGHS

77	Illinois-Chicago
39	Indiana State
32	Wisconsin-Green Bay
23	Northern Iowa
.532	(33-62) Southern Mississippi
.889	(8-9) Valparaiso
51	Illinois-Chicago
27	Western Illinois
88	Illinois-Chicago

Dead Ball Rebounds: EIU - 50 OPP - 46

EIU TEAM LOWS

34	Southwest Missouri
22	Valparaiso, Southwest Missouri
10	Wisconsin-Green Bay
5	Wis-Green Bay, Cleve. St., E. Wash.
.291	(23-79) Illinois-Chicago
.417	(5-12) Eastern Washington
22	Southwest Missouri
4	Northern Iowa
52	Southwest Missouri

OPP TEAM LOWS

39	Southwest Missouri
18	Southwest Missouri
7	Kent State
3	Roosevelt
.394	(26-66) Roosevelt
.333	(3-9) Roosevelt
16	Eastern Montana
8	Wisconsin-Green Bay
52	Valparaiso

GAME-BY-GAME SCORING/REBOUNDING

(AT HOME: 6-2 ON ROAD: 3-7 NEUTRAL: 1-2 AMCU: 3-6 AMCU HOME: 1-1 AMCU ROAD: 2-5)

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
L 65	78	Western Illinois (A) 5832	17/1	10/5	2/4	10/4	6/5	6/9	8/6	6/3	0/4
W 75	68	Eastern Washington (H) 1443	16/1	20/7	2/2	12/2	6/2	2/4	11/7	2/0	4/8
L 85	88	Illinois-Chicago (A) 2500	28/2	8/5	3/0	13/1	6/1	2/3	16/5	3/1	6/11
L 73	78	Illinois-Chicago (H) 2027	14/5	14/12	2/3	20/9	8/3	0/1	11/3	0/2	4/8
W 78	58	East Carolina (H) 1068	16/2	18/6	6/5	13/1	14/6	0/0	0/0	7/2	0/4
W 94	55	Roosevelt (H) 1186	14/3	7/6	2/4	24/6	10/3	9/5	10/1	7/4	5/6
L 52	53	Southwest Missouri (A) 3896	18/4	16/12	2/0	4/0	2/1	2/0	4/0	2/1	2/4

* 3rd at Illini Classic (Champaign)

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