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Panther Sports News

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PREVIEWING THE WEEK (Feb. 22-29)

Thursday, Feb. 23 Women's Basketball at Southwest Missouri

Friday, Feb. 24 Wrestling at NCAA Western Regional (Terre Haute, IN)
Women's Track at Gateway Conference Tournament (Cedar Falls, IA)

Saturday, Feb. 25 MEN'S BASKETBALL hosts Western Illinois (7:30, Lantz Gym)
MEN'S TRACK hosts EIU Invitational (9:00 a.m., Lantz Field-house)
Women's Basketball at Wichita State

Monday, Feb. 27 MEN'S BASKETBALL hosts Valparaiso (7:30, Lantz Gym)

REVIEWING THE WEEKEND (Feb. 18-19)

MEN'S BASKETBALL: The Panthers evened their record at 11-11 by defeating Cleveland State, 95-80, Saturday night. EIU is now 4-6 in the AMCU-8 Conference and in sixth place. Eastern faces Western Illinois this Saturday with a chance to move into a tie in league standings with the Leathernecks who are 5-5.

JON COLLINS (East St. Louis-Cahokia), sophomore forward, scored a career high 32 points against Cleveland State hitting 12-20 from the field and 8-10 free throws. Collins still leads the team in scoring with an 18.9 average and has increased his FG% to 51.7%. If he stays on his current pace he will finish the year as the Panthers No. 5 all-time single season scorer. He needs to top 522 points to move ahead of Lloyd Ludwig (1956-57) for that position.

KEVIN DUCKWORTH (Dolton-Thornridge), 6-11 sophomore center, was in foul trouble most of Saturday night so only played 20 minutes. However he scored 13 points with five rebounds. He is now averaging 12.2 points, 7.3 rebounds and is hitting 58.7% from the field which is No. 3 in the AMCU-8.

TIM WYSS (Cissna Park), 6-5 sophomore guard, started at forward rather than guard Saturday night as Coach Rick Samuels changed the lineup slightly. Wyss had nine points and four assists. He is third on the team in scoring with an 11.8 average.

VINCENT SMELTER (Macon, GA-Northeast), 6-2 junior guard, scored 16 points with a season high 12 assists and also added five rebounds. Smelter hit 6-8 from the field boosting his season FG% to 51.3%. He also leads the team with 87 assists, 3.9 per game, and is averaging 8.6 points.

TROY RICHARDSON (Dolton-Thornridge), 6-0 junior guard, scored 10 points in the win over Cleveland State. Since getting back into the starting lineup he has scored in double figures in three of the last four games and boosted his scoring average to 7.9. He is scored on the team in assists with 84, 3.8 per game.

DIRK ANDROFF (Decatur-Eisenhower), 6-7 junior forward, did not start for the first time since being inserted in the starting lineup in the third game of the year. But he came off the bench early to play 36 minutes and contribute seven rebounds and four assists. Although only scoring 3.2 a game, he is getting 6.1 rebounds.

PAUL NEIDIG (Poseyville, IN-North Posey), 6-8 junior center, came off the bench to contribute eight points, the most he's scored since the fourth game of the season. He connected on 4-5 from the field in 16 minutes of action. Neidig is averaging 3.8 points.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: The Lady Panthers kept pace with the Gateway Conference leaders by defeating Bradley and Western Illinois Universities. Eastern's offense poured in 88 points each night as the Panthers downed Bradley 88-74 on Thursday (Feb. 16) and Western 88-83 on Saturday (Feb. 18). Southern Illinois leads the Gateway with a 12-1 mark followed by Drake at 11-2 and Illinois State at 9-3. Eastern moved into fourth place at 9-4 after Wichita State lost to Southwest Missouri and dropped to 8-4. Eastern's overall record is now 15-8.

CHRIS ALDRIDGE (Taylorville), a sophomore forward, turned in two sparkling performances, including a career-high 26 points against Western Illinois. Aldridge dropped in 21 points against the Lady Braves and pulled down a team season-high 17 rebounds in the contest. Aldridge raised her season scoring average to 12.1 and moved into the top spot among EIU scorers in conference play with a 13.4 average.

SUSAN HYND (Ottawa-Township), a sophomore center, performed brilliantly in Eastern's two contests last week as she raised her Gateway Conference scoring average to 8.8. Hynd scored 24 points in EIU's victory over Bradley and added 22 points against Western Illinois. She pulled down 14 rebounds and leads the team in both field goal shooting (.556) and free throw percentage (.741).

MELANIE HATFIELD (Lawrenceburg, IN), a sophomore guard, totaled 26 points in the two games and dished out 12 assists, including a team-high nine scoring passes against Bradley. She also grabbed seven rebounds in each of the contests to push her rebounding average to 4.2.

TONI COLLINS (Lincoln-Jamaica-Sidell), a junior forward, was held to 17 points in the two league contests, but she remains Eastern's leading scorer with a 13.9 point average. While the All-GCAC player had difficulty scoring herself, Collins dished out 10 assists to her teammates.

LORI CONINE (Paris-Kansas), a junior guard, came off the bench to score 16 points in Eastern's 88-83 victory over Western Illinois. She hit eight of 14 shots (.571) in that game and dished out five assists.

KIM MAXEY (Mattoon), a freshman guard, hit several crucial free throws in Eastern's win over Bradley. The Lady Braves trailed by only three points late in the game, but eight straight EIU points, including four free tosses by Maxey boosted the Lady Panthers to victory. Maxey nailed six of seven tries from the line that night, including two attempts after technical fouls.

PAT HAMILTON (Decatur-Eisenhower), a freshman guard, came off the bench to spark the Panther offense in its 88-83 victory over Western Illinois. She hit four of four free throws and two field goals for eight points and dished out three assists.

WOMEN'S TRACK: The Lady Panthers finished tied for 11th place at the 20-team Illinois Invitational in Champaign. Purdue won the meet with 73.5 points as Eastern and Western Illinois tied with 19 points.

GAIL STEPHENS (Evanston), a senior long sprinter, lowered her own school record by winning the 660 yard dash in 1:21.74. Her time bested the NCAA national qualifying time of 1:22.1, but she must still be accepted to the national indoor finals.

BARBRO HINES (South Holland-Thornridge), a senior high jumper, cleared the bar at 5 feet-7, her best leap of the season. Hines' effort earned her third place in the meet.

DEBBIE ZUBIK (Calumet City-Thornwood), a freshman shot putter, placed ninth in her specialty with a throw of 41'6½".

LAUREN LYNCH (Elmhurst-York), a freshman long sprinter, placed 14th in the 400 meters by finishing in 58.73.