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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's women's basketball team has come a long way in two seasons and has a long way to go this weekend.

The Lady Panthers will take their most extended road trip of the season as they continue to strive to prove themselves as one of the powers of the Gateway Collegiate Conference.

Eastern will take a 9-4 league record and resulting fourth-place standing to Springfield, MO and Wichita, KS to face GCAC foes Southwest Missouri and Wichita State on Thursday (Feb. 23) and Saturday (Feb. 25).

A sweep of the two contests would assure the Panthers of remaining in the league's top four behind perennial Division I powers Southern Illinois (12-1), Drake (11-2) and Illinois State (9-3). With Illinois State and Southern still remaining on the Lady Panther schedule, Eastern could move even higher in the league standings.

"We will garner a lot of prestige by being classified in the top four," EIU assistant coach Deanna D'Abbraccio said. "Considering that we've only been in Division I for two years, we're doing very well.

"I'd say we've definitely made the transition from Division II to Division I," she added.

Two Panther victories this week are essential for Eastern to remain among the league-leaders, but a pair of vastly different teams will try to block Eastern's path to greater respectability.

When the Lady Panthers take the floor against Southwest Missouri Thursday night, they will face a squad that likes to "run and gun.

"Southwest is very guard-oriented, except for (Jeanette) Tendai, who is definitely a factor inside. They have excellent guards," D'Abbraccio said.

"Then we have Wichita, which relies on its inside game with (Shannon) Luke and (Jenny) Parr.

"It's very hard to prepare for two games with two very different teams like that," D'Abbraccio said.

Eastern will counter with its well-balanced scoring attack that has produced a 73.2 point scoring average against GCAC competition, including three consecutive 80-plus point performances.

Forwards Chris Aldridge (Taylorville) and Toni Collins (Lincoln-Jamaica-Sidell) lead the way with 13.4 and 13.2 point averages in Gateway action. Guard Melanie Hatfield (Lawrenceburg, IN) is scoring at a 12.8 point clip in the conference and center Susan Hynd (Ottawa-Township) is coming off 24 and 22-point performances that raised her season average to 9.7.

Eastern split with this week's opponents in late January when the teams played in Lantz Gym. Collins tallied 24 points against Wichita, but 11 missed free throws resulted in the Lady Panthers dropping a 63-61 decision.

Southwest Missouri came to town two days later and Eastern rebounded with a 75-65 victory as Hatfield, Collins and Hynd scored in double figures and Aldridge led the way with 24 points.

Wichita State and Southwest Missouri rank fifth and sixth behind Eastern in the latest Gateway Conference standings after SWMS shocked the Shockers 73-70 in Wichita last Saturday. That loss dropped Wichita one-half game behind Eastern with an 8-4 mark. Southwest currently owns a 5-7 record in the Gateway.

1983-84 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STATISTICS (Overall: 15-8 Home: 7-5 Road: 8-2 Neutral: 0-1 GCAC: 9-4)

NAME	G(GS)	FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	REB	AVE	PTS	AVE	PF(D)	A	TO	B	S	HG	MIN
35 Toni Collins, Jr. F	23(23)	128-240	.533	53-74	.716	148	6.4	309	13.4	40	79	67	16	36	32	764
GCAC	13(13)	72-135	.533	28-41	.683	88	6.8	172	13.2	24	40	35	12	22	24	446
24 Chris Aldridge, So. F	23(20)	110-216	.509	59-101	.584	159	6.9	279	12.1	59(2)	24	58	3	33	26	660
GCAC	13(13)	69-135	.511	36-64	.563	103	7.9	174	13.4	38(2)	14	35	3	16	26	404
20 Melanie Hatfield, So. G	23(21)	95-218	.436	40-64	.625	91	4.0	230	10.0	59(2)	67	82	3	50	21	591
GCAC	13(13)	72-161	.447	23-36	.639	55	4.2	167	12.8	31	38	48	1	27	21	394
11 Lori Conine, Jr. G	23(15)	90-200	.450	22-34	.647	49	2.1	202	8.8	49(1)	67	67	0	48	16	572
GCAC	13(11)	41-101	.406	13-18	.722	23	1.8	95	7.3	29(1)	38	37	0	20	16	325
25 Susan Hynd, So. C	23(21)	91-160	.569	40-54	.741	96	4.2	222	9.7	44(1)	15	44	6	19	27	548
GCAC	13(11)	48-88	.545	18-23	.783	57	4.4	114	8.8	26(1)	8	29	4	9	24	305
22 Beth Sass, Jr. G	23(4)	29-67	.433	11-19	.579	46	2.0	69	3.0	25	21	22	0	15	10	269
GCAC	13(0)	12-29	.414	10-13	.769	21	1.6	34	2.6	15	9	11	0	6	10	140
21 Kim Maxey, Fr. G	22(1)	35-80	.438	17-26	.654	29	1.3	87	4.0	14	11	33	0	9	20	267
GCAC	12(1)	15-44	.341	13-19	.684	11	0.9	43	3.6	8	6	18	0	7	10	146
12 Jodi Corson, Sr. G	21(4)	23-64	.359	8-15	.533	19	0.9	54	2.6	20(1)	21	20	1	21	12	211
GCAC	11(0)	1-16	.063	1-2	.500	5	0.5	3	0.3	7	6	8	0	2	3	51
15 Pat Hamilton, Fr. G	16(1)	23-52	.442	12-16	.750	13	0.8	58	3.6	15	10	17	0	16	10	137
GCAC	8(1)	10-23	.435	4-4	1.000	6	0.8	24	3.0	7	5	9	0	6	10	63
32 Paula DeFrees, Fr. F	11(0)	2-13	.154	2-6	.333	7	0.6	6	0.5	2	3	6	0	3	4	70
GCAC	5(0)	0-9	.000	1-2	.500	4	0.8	1	0.2	0	2	1	0	1	1	28
33 Bonnie Fisk, Jr. F	8(0)	4-13	.308	0-1	.000	14	1.8	8	1.0	7	1	6	0	2	4	68
GCAC	6(0)	4-11	.364	0-0	.000	10	1.7	8	1.3	5	1	5	0	1	4	57
31 Cindy Streid, Fr. G	4(0)	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	1	0.3	4	1.0	1	2	4	0	0	2	15
GCAC	2(0)	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	0.0	2	1.0	1	1	2	0	0	2	6
**Darla Farthing, Jr. C	8(0)	3-12	.250	6-7	.857	19	2.4	12	1.5	8	3	6	1	1	4	72
GCAC	DNP															
**Stacy Cook, Jr. F	15(5)	55-108	.509	33-56	.589	93	6.2	143	9.5	29	5	37	0	21	24	355
GCAC	9(2)	33-69	.478	21-36	.583	63	7.0	87	9.7	20	4	22	0	12	24	235
EIU TOTALS	23(115)	690-1446	.477	303-474	.639	880	38.3	1683	73.2	372(7)	329	469	30	274		4600
GCAC	13(65)	378-822	.460	168-258	.651	507	39.0	924	71.1	211(4)	172	260	20	129		2600
OPP TOTALS	23(115)	620-1378	.450	226-327	.691	817	35.5	1466	63.7	450(19)	232	532	47	182		4600
GCAC	13(65)	363-783	.464	126-170	.741	451	34.7	852	65.5	260(16)	130	283	25	97		2600

**Out for the season with injuries

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SEASON MARKS THROUGH 23 GAMES

(15-8, 9-4 GCAC)

EIU INDIVIDUAL

Points: 32 Toni Collins v. BALL STATE (EIU Record)
 FGM: 12 Chris Aldridge v. WESTERN ILLINOIS
 FGA: 18 Chris Aldridge v. SOUTHWEST MISSOURI
 FTM: 10 Toni Collins v. BALL STATE
 FTA: 12 Toni Collins v. BALL STATE
 FG%: 1.000 Toni Collins v. Indiana State (8 for 8)
 FT%: 1.000 Susan Hynd v. DRAKE (6 for 6)
 Rebounds: 17 Chris Aldridge v. BRADLEY
 Assists: 9 Melanie Hatfield v. BRADLEY
 Blocks: 3 Toni Collins v. BRADLEY
 Steals: 7 Jodi Corson v. BUTLER, CHICAGO STATE

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL

35 Lorri Bauman of Drake
 16 Lorri Bauman of DRAKE
 25 Lorri Bauman of Drake
 10 Cindy Myers of WESTERN ILL.
 12 Tammy Keenan of WESTERN ILL.
 .909 Ward of Western, Ford of DRAKE
 1.000 Myers of WESTERN (10 for 10)
 20 Wanda Ford of DRAKE
 11 Kay Riek of Drake
 4 Tami Schebler of Northern Iowa
 5 Cathy Beesley of Illinois St.

EIU TEAM

Points: 102 v. Evansville
 FGM: 43 v. Evansville, BUTLER
 FGA: 79 v. NORTHERN IOWA
 FTM: 28 v. BALL STATE
 FTA: 36 v. BALL STATE
 FG%: .700 v. Indiana State (28 of 40)
 FT%: .842 v. Evansville (16 of 19)
 Rebounds: 59 v. NORTHERN IOWA
 Assists: 24 v. Memphis State
 Blocks: 7 v. BRADLEY
 Steals: 35 v. BUTLER

OPPONENT TEAM

88 by Memphis State
 39 by Memphis State
 86 by Memphis State
 23 by WESTERN ILLINOIS
 27 by WESTERN ILLINOIS
 .630 by SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (29/46)
 1.000 by SOUTHWEST MISSOURI (3/3)
 50 by CHICAGO STATE
 25 by Memphis State
 6 by CHICAGO STATE, Northern IA
 17 by Memphis State

GATEWAY CONFERENCE GAMES ONLY

EIU INDIVIDUAL

Points: 26 Chris Aldridge v. WESTERN ILLINOIS
 FGM: 12 Chris Aldridge v. WESTERN ILLINOIS
 FGA: 18 Chris Aldridge v. SOUTHWEST MISSOURI
 FTM: 7 Chris Aldridge v. Western Illinois
 FTA: 11 Chris Aldridge v. Western Illinois
 FG%: 1.000 Toni Collins v. Indiana State (8 for 8)
 FT%: 1.000 Susan Hynd v. DRAKE (6 for 6)
 Rebounds: 17 Chris Aldridge v. BRADLEY
 Assists: 9 Melanie Hatfield v. BRADLEY
 Blocks: 3 Toni Collins v. BRADLEY
 Steals: 5 Toni Collins v. Bradley

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EIU TEAM

Points: 88 v. BRADLEY, WESTERN ILLINOIS
 FGM: 39 v. Northern Iowa
 FGA: 79 v. NORTHERN IOWA
 FTM: 21 v. DRAKE
 FTA: 30 v. BRADLEY
 FG%: .700 v. Indiana State (28 of 40)
 FT%: .778 v. DRAKE (21 of 27)
 Rebounds: 59 v. NORTHERN IOWA
 Assists: 22 v. Northern Iowa
 Blocks: 7 v. BRADLEY
 Steals: 18 v. Bradley

OPPONENT TEAM

83 by WESTERN ILLINOIS
 33 by Drake
 78 by Indiana State
 23 by WESTERN ILLINOIS
 27 by WESTERN ILLINOIS
 .630 by SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (29/46)
 1.000 by SOUTHWEST MISSOURI (3/3)
 42 by BRADLEY
 25 by Drake
 6 by Northern Iowa
 16 by Bradley

CAPITALS INDICATE HOME GAMES

83-84 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL RESULTS (Overall: 15-8, Home: 7-5, Road: 8-2, Neutral: 0-1, GCAC: 9-4)

DATE	W-L	EIU	OPP	SCORER/REBOUNDER	FG%	FT%	
N22	W	102	56	at University of Evansville	Collins 21/Aldridge 12	.597	.842
N27	L	79	88	at Memphis State University *	Conine, Aldridge 16/Collins, Aldridge 8	.632	.700
N28	L	60	69	Southern Illinois *	Conine 16/Farthing, Collins 5	.409	.666
D 2	L	48	49	XAVIER UNIVERSITY #	Maxey 20/Collins 9	.370	.166
D 3	L	63	64	EASTERN MICHIGAN #	Aldridge 18/Collins 7	.425	.500
D 7	W	95	41	BUTLER UNIVERSITY	Conine 14/Maxey 5	.589	.529
D 9	W	82	73	at SIU-Edwardsville	Hynd 27/Hynd 9	.600	.533
D12	W	78	47	CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY	Corson 12/Sass 6	.462	.667
D17	W	94	77	BALL STATE UNIVERSITY	Collins 32/Aldridge 9	.516	.777
J 5	W	70	63	at Indiana State University +	Hatfield 20/Aldridge 7	.700	.667
J 7	W	61	60	at Illinois State University +	Conine 16/Collins 13	.490	.466
J12	W	77	51	UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA +	Cook 16/Cook 12	.379	.772
J14	L	59	70	DRAKE UNIVERSITY +	Collins 18/Collins, Hynd 6	.345	.777
J19	W	74	66	at Western Illinois +	Aldridge 17/Aldridge, Cook 9	.475	.667
J21	W	78	51	at Bradley University +	Cook 24/Cook 13	.483	.741
J26	L	61	63	WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY +	Collins 24/Collins 8	.416	.500
J28	W	75	65	SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE +	Aldridge 23/Aldridge 9	.391	.600
J30	W	58	50	at Illinois-Chicago	Cook 16/Aldridge 9	.391	.600
F 4	L	55	72	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS +	Hatfield 21/Cook 9	.355	.579
F 9	L	52	77	at Drake University +	Collins 18/Collins 9	.338	1.000
F11	W	86	57	at Northern Iowa +	Collins 21/Aldridge, Hynd 11	.591	.571
F16	W	88	74	BRADLEY UNIVERSITY +	Hynd 24/Aldridge 17	.500	.667
F18	W	88	83	WESTERN ILLINOIS +	Aldridge 26/Hynd 8	.526	.429

HOME GAMES ALL CAPS

* at Lady Tiger Invitational, Memphis State University

Third Annual Heath Candy Classic

+ Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference contests

NEXT ACTION:

Thursday, Feb. 23 at Southwest Missouri State, Springfield, MO, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 25 at Wichita State University, Wichita, KS, 2 p.m.