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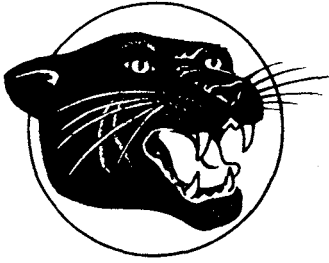
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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--A week long trip to Hawaii and games at NIT runner-up Purdue and Big Eight Champ Missouri highlight Eastern Illinois University's 1982-83 basketball schedule.

The Panthers, who begin their second NCAA Division I schedule, will play 15 games at Lantz Gym and 16 on the road including three early January contests on the Hawaiian Islands against the University of Hawaii, Hawaii Pacific and Brigham Young-Hawaii.

EIU will travel to Purdue, which lost to Bradley in the '82 NIT finals, on Monday, Nov. 29. Missouri, which was ranked No. 1 during several weeks last winter and lost in the Midwest Regional final, will host the Panthers on Monday, Dec. 13.

"I think this is the most prestigious schedule in the history of the school," said Coach Rick Samuels, who directed Eastern to a 14-13 record in its first major college season.

"The trip to Hawaii is obviously the most attractive part but getting successful Big Ten and Big Eight teams on the schedule like Purdue and Missouri indicates the direction the program is going."

The Panthers will open at Indiana State-Evansville on Saturday, Nov. 27. The home opener is Thursday, Dec. 2 against Morehead State of the Ohio Valley Conference.

Eastern will also play a road game at Ball State, the Mid-American Conference regular season champ, on Saturday, Dec. 18.

The Mid-Continent Conference season commences at home on January 22 against Western Illinois. Southwest Missouri, which is eligible for league play this season, and Northern Iowa are the other two MCC opponents.

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY 1982-83 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>
Saturday, Nov. 27	at Indiana State-Evansville	Evansville, IN
Monday, Nov. 29	at Purdue	West Lafayette, IN
Thursday, Dec. 2	MOREHEAD STATE	Lantz Gym
Saturday, Dec. 4	EASTERN KENTUCKY	Lantz Gym
Thursday, Dec. 9	LEWIS UNIVERSITY	Lantz Gym
Saturday, Dec. 11	at Southern Illinois	Carbondale, IL
Monday, Dec. 13	at Missouri	Columbia, MO
Saturday, Dec. 18	at Ball State	Muncie, IN
Wednesday, Dec. 22	at Illinois State	Normal, IL
Monday, Jan. 3	at Hawaii	Honolulu, HI
Thursday, Jan. 6	at Hawaii Pacific	Honolulu, HI
Friday, Jan. 7	at Brigham Young-Hawaii	Lae, HI
Saturday, Jan. 15	at Valparaiso	Valparaiso, IN
Monday, Jan. 17	SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	Lantz Gym
Wednesday, Jan. 19	WISCONSIN-GREEN BAY	Lantz Gym
Saturday, Jan. 22	WESTERN ILLINOIS	Lantz Gym
Thursday, Jan. 27	BAPTIST COLLEGE	Lantz Gym
Saturday, Jan. 29	NORTHERN IOWA	Lantz Gym
Monday, Jan. 31	CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY	Lantz Gym
Thursday, Feb. 3	at Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg, MI
Saturday, Feb. 5	at Northern Iowa	Cedar Falls, IA
Wednesday, Feb. 9	VALPARAISO	Lantz Gym
Saturday, Feb. 12	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS-EDWARDSVILLE	Lantz Gym
Monday, Feb. 14	HOWARD UNIVERSITY	Lantz Gym
Wednesday, Feb. 16	at Wisconsin-Green Bay	Green Bay, WI
Saturday, Feb. 19	CHICAGO CIRCLE	Lantz Gym
Monday, Feb. 21	at Southwest Missouri	Springfield, MO
Saturday, Feb. 26	at Western Illinois	Macomb, IL
Monday, Feb. 28	U. S. INTERNATIONAL	Lantz Gym
Wednesday, March 2	at Chicago Circle	Chicago, IL
Saturday, March 5	SOUTHWEST MISSOURI	Lantz Gym

* Mid-Continent Conference
Home Games Start at 7:30 CST