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CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers will close out the pre-conference portion of their schedule hosting Augustana on Saturday (Jan 10) and Chicago State on Wednesday (Jan. 14).

All three teams have similar records. EIU is 3-5 prior to a Wednesday (Jan. 7) game with Indiana State.

Augustana is 5-5 with games vs. Millikin and Bishop (TX) University prior to the Panthers. Chicago State is also 5-5 with Eastern Washington McNeese State on the schedule before EIU.

Eastern recently snapped a five game losing streak defeating Southern Illinois, 58-57, in Carbondale. That win gives the Panthers some impetus with the three straight home games before the AMCU-8 race opens with Illinois-Chicago here on Saturday, Jan. 17.

"We'd certainly like to be back at the .500 mark when the conference race opens up," said Coach Rick Samuels, "because the way the AMCU teams have looked up to now the league is going to be ever more competitive than we imagined."

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

TIPOFF: Eastern Illinois University (3-5) hosts Augustana (5-5), 7:30, Saturday, Jan. 10; hosts Chicago State (5-5), 7:30, Wednesday, Jan. 14, Lantz Gym.

RADIO: All the action can be heard over 50,000 watt Mattoon WLBH-FM, 97 on the dial, with Marc Stuart and Mike Bradd calling the action.

SERIES: EIU leads Augustana, 2-1, winning the last meeting, 90-68 in 1985 . . . EIU leads Chicago State, 4-2, losing the most recent game, 92-76, last February.

COACHES: EIU's **RICK SAMUELS**, in his 7th year, won his 100th career victory at SIU last Saturday . . . he is 100-83, same overall . . . he's a former Iowa State assistant who has had five of six winning seasons . . . he is 1-0 vs. Augustana, 3-1 vs. Chicago State. . . Augie's **JIM LEIX** is 37-25 in his third year there, 106-60 overall and 0-1 vs. EIU. . . **BOB HALLBERG**, in his 10th year at Chicago State, is 218-71 at CSU, 345-134 overall, and 2-4 vs. EIU.

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TENTATIVE STARTERS:

<u>EIU</u>				<u>AUGUSTANA</u>			
F 34	Dave Stein	6-6	Jr.	F 35	Dave Stroud	6-5	Jr.
F 30	Dave Vance	6-6	So.	F 45	Brad Storm	6-5	Sr.
C 42	Mike West	6-8	So.	C 33	Tony Taylor	6-5	So.
G 24	Jay Taylor	6-3	So.	G 25	Eric Lundgren	6-3	Jr.
G 20	Norm Evans	6-0	Jr.	G 21	Mike Owens	6-0	Jr.

CSU

F 53	Darrin Guest	6-9	Jr.
F 44	Shawn Bell	6-7	Jr.
C 5	Laurent Crawford	7-0	So.
G 21	Shawn Balark	6-5	Sr.
G 30	Fred Shepard	6-4	Sr.

THE VIKINGS: Augustana has a 5-5 record with games vs. Wheaton (1/6) and Bishop (TX) College (1/8) prior to EIU .. only comparative score is Augie 83-80 loss to Millikin which beat EIU, 90-77 . . .lost to North Park, 86-70, in most recent outing .. has four of five starters in double figures **TONY TAYLOR** at 19.8, **BRAD STORM** at 13.7, **MIKE OWENS** at 12.5 and **DAVE STROUD** at 10.4 .. **TAYLOR** leads with eight rebounds p/game . . .Augustana is averaging 77.8 and allowing 75 p/game. ..**STORM** and **OWENS** are both lettermen but all five starters are new from last year.

THE COUGARS: Chicago State has had four straight 20 win seasons but to make that five in a row will have to win on the road as the EIU game is the second of nine consecutive away games for the Cougars . . . CSU is 5-5 with games vs. Eastern Washington (1/10) and McNeese State (1/12) before the Eastern contest . .the Cougars have already beaten two AMCU opponents, Illinois-Chicago (96-81) and Wisconsin-Green Bay (66-57) but did have their 75 game home court winning streak snapped by Mississippi Valley recently . . .**DARREN GUEST**, 6-9 transfer from Auburn, leads the team with a 17.8 average .. **SHAWN BELL**, a Californian, is at 16 ppg, **SHAWN BALARK** is at 13.2, **FRED SHEPARD** at 10.6 and 7-0 **LAURENT CRAWFORD**, a transfer from Texas-El Paso who prepped at Chicago King, is at 10.6.

THE PANTHERS: **JAY TAYLOR** will be reinserted into the lineup at guard in place of **TONY HEMPHILL**, who has started all eight games previously but is only shooting 34% from the field although is averaging 10.9 ... **TAYLOR**, who has come off the bench in the three previous games, is the leading scorer at 14 even . .guard **NORM EVANS** has displayed the most consistency statistically as he's tops in FG% at 54.1%, second in scoring at 11.3, tied for third in rebounds at 4.3, tops with 18 assists and 11 steals .. off to their poorest shooting start under Coach Rick Samuels, the Panthers are hitting just 42.5% from the field and have not been over 50% in any game with 49.1% vs. Northwest Missouri the best . . .concerned about rebounding at the start of the year, EIU does hold a statistical edge in that department, 38.3 to opponents 35.3. . . no one player is dominant as six are over four p/game with **HEMPHILL** high at 4.6.

COACH SAMUELS SEZ: "With these home games coming up we've put ourselves in position to get back to .500. The Southern win was a big one for our confidence as we displayed much better patience on offense although we still need to shoot much better. Our defense and rebounding was better at Southern, and those are two important items that have concerned us. We're also still searching for team consistency .. the right five guys who can best play together.

CUMULATIVE
Basketball Statistics -- Eastern Illinois 1986-87
(Includes 8 Games)

PLAYER	G/ GS	/- TOTAL -/			/- 3PT -/			FT/ FTA	FT%	PTS	AVG	REB	AVG	PF/ D	AST	TO	BLK	STL	MIN
		FG/ FGA	FG%	FG/ FGA	FG%														
Jay Taylor	8/ 5	42/ 86	.488	2/ 12	.167	26/ 37	.703	112	14.0	35	4.4	18/ 0	12	19	2	8	219		
Norm Evans	8/ 6	33/ 61	.541	3/ 5	.600	21/ 26	.808	90	11.3	34	4.3	23/ 0	18	18	2	11	237		
Tony Hemphill	8/ 8	31/ 91	.341	4/ 15	.267	21/ 25	.840	87	10.9	37	4.6	14/ 0	18	18	3	7	243		
Dave Vance	8/ 8	32/ 68	.471	1/ 5	.200	10/ 16	.625	75	9.4	34	4.3	12/ 0	12	16	0	4	233		
Vince Macciocchi	7/ 0	16/ 30	.533	0/ 0	.000	11/ 15	.733	43	6.1	27	3.9	16/ 0	0	10	0	1	98		
Dave Stein	8/ 4	19/ 59	.322	1/ 3	.333	10/ 13	.769	49	6.1	32	4.0	17/ 0	9	20	1	2	180		
Mike West	8/ 8	12/ 26	.462	0/ 0	.000	7/ 18	.389	31	3.9	34	4.3	24/ 1	10	10	2	4	171		
Cass White	6/ 1	9/ 24	.375	0/ 0	.000	3/ 5	.600	21	3.5	8	1.3	4/ 0	2	7	0	1	71		
Jerry Strickland	8/ 0	6/ 15	.400	0/ 0	.000	5/ 7	.714	17	2.1	19	2.4	5/ 0	3	9	0	2	79		
Brian Murphy	4/ 0	3/ 10	.300	0/ 0	.000	2/ 6	.333	8	2.0	10	2.5	13/ 0	0	3	1	0	34		
Don Reavey	3/ 0	1/ 7	.143	0/ 1	.000	0/ 1	.000	2	.7	4	1.3	0/ 0	3	2	0	1	19		
David Paul	4/ 0	1/ 5	.200	0/ 2	.000	0/ 0	.000	2	.5	2	.5	4/ 0	3	2	0	0	16		
Team Rebounds											30								
EIU	8/ 8	205/ 482	.425	11/ 43	.256	116/ 169	.686	537	67.1	306	38.3	150/ 1	90	134	11	41	—		
Team Rebounds											23								
Opponent Totals	8/ 8	225/ 474	.475	24/ 63	.381	112/ 164	.683	586	73.3	282	35.3	157/ 6	119	121	30	70	—		

PLAYER	/----- PER-GAME AVERAGES -----/													
	/-TOTAL-/		/- 3PT -/		FT	FTA	PTS	REB	AST	TO	BLK	STL	MIN	
FG	FGA	FG	FGA											
Jay Taylor	5.3	10.8	.3	1.5	3.3	4.6	14.0	4.4	1.5	2.4	.3	1.0	27.4	
Norm Evans	4.1	7.6	.4	.6	2.6	3.3	11.3	4.3	2.3	2.3	.3	1.4	29.6	
Tony Hemphill	3.9	11.4	.5	1.9	2.6	3.1	10.9	4.6	2.3	2.3	.4	.9	30.4	
Dave Vance	4.0	8.5	.1	.6	1.3	2.0	9.4	4.3	1.5	2.0	.0	.5	29.1	
Vince Macciocchi	2.3	4.3	.0	.0	1.6	2.1	6.1	3.9	.0	1.4	.0	.1	14.0	
Dave Stein	2.4	7.4	.1	.4	1.3	1.6	6.1	4.0	1.1	2.5	.1	.3	22.5	
Mike West	1.5	3.3	.0	.0	.9	2.3	3.9	4.3	1.3	1.3	.3	.5	21.4	
Cass White	1.5	4.0	.0	.0	.5	.8	3.5	1.3	.3	1.2	.0	.2	11.8	
Jerry Strickland	.8	1.9	.0	.0	.6	.9	2.1	2.4	.4	1.1	.0	.3	9.9	
Brian Murphy	.8	2.5	.0	.0	.5	1.5	2.0	2.5	.0	.8	.3	.0	8.5	
Don Reavey	.3	2.3	.0	.3	.0	.3	.7	1.3	1.0	.7	.0	.3	6.3	
David Paul	.3	1.3	.0	.5	.0	.0	.5	.5	.8	.5	.0	.0	4.0	
EIU	25.6	60.3	1.4	5.4	14.5	21.1	67.1	38.3	11.3	16.8	1.4	5.1	—	
Opponent Totals	28.1	59.3	3.0	7.9	14.0	20.5	73.3	35.3	14.9	15.1	3.8	8.8	—	

SCORE BY PERIOD	1	2	OT	OT	TOTAL	DEADBALL REBOUNDS
EIU	235	302	0	0	537	25
Opponent Totals	282	304	0	0	586	18

OVERALL TEAM RECORD	3- 5	CUMULATIVE ATTENDANCE	31479	TOTAL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	3935
AMCU-8	0- 0	HOME	4500	HOME AVERAGE	1500
Wolf Pack Classic	0- 2	AWAY	26979	AWAY AVERAGE	5396
AMCU-8 Tournament	0- 0				

GAME#	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTEND	LOC	HIGH SCORER	HIGH REBOUNDER	OPP HI SCORER	OPP HI REBOUNDER
1	Illinois Tech	85- 54 W	1000	H	Norm Evans 17	Dave Vance 10	Ryan Kirkland 12	Three Tied 6
2	Northwest Missouri	70- 62 W	1500	H	Jay Taylor 23	Hemp, West, Tay 7	Jeff Hutcheon 17	Hutcheon 11
3	Illinois	51- 85 L	13578	A	Dave Stein 11	Dave Vance 6	Ken Norman 21	Doug Altenberger 10
4	Millikin	77- 90 L	2000	H	Tony Hemphill 27	Tony Hemphill 10	Brian Horst 29	Bart Barnes 10
5	Wisconsin	68- 72 L	5042	A	Taylor 22	Stein 10	Weber 22	Ripley 11
6	+Northeast Louisiana	65- 74 L	3213	N	Norm Evans 13	Vince Macciocchi 6	Saulsberry 23	Kevin Collins 6
7	+North Texas	63- 92 L	2613	N	Macciocchi 20	Macciocchi 9	Tony Worrell 28	Tony Worrell 12
8	Southern Illinois	58- 57 W	2533	A	Dave Vance 16	Mike West 8	Steve Middleton 13	Doug Novsek 5

* AMCU-8

+ Wolf Pack Classic

AMCU-8 Tournament