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Panther Sports News

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Jan. 13)

CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers will open AMCU-8 play hosting Illinois-Chicago Saturday (Jan. 17). Tipoff is 7:30 in Lantz Gym.

The Panthers, 5-5 and winner of three in a row, have a midweek game with Chicago State prior to UIC. The Flames come into the game with a 7-8 record, and this is the league opener for them also.

In a preseason poll by league athletic directors, coaches and sports information directors, UIC was picked third while the Panthers were a solid fourth place choice.

Although strength of preconference schedules vary considerably,

Eastern has the fifth best winning percentage among AMCU teams at this

point while Illinois-Chicago is sixth.

"We certainly want to get off on the right track in league play, and realize that if we're going to make any impact in the race that it's a necessity to win at home," said Coach Rick Samuels.

*****GAME NOTES****

TIPOFF: Eastern Illinois University (5-5, 0-0) hosts Illinois-Chicago (7-8, 0-0) at 7:30, Saturday, Jan. 17, Lantz Gym, Charleston.

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 the series, 6-5, and has won three of the last four games over the past two years including the most recent, 95-70, here last February.

COACHES: EIU's RICK SAMUELS, in his 7th year, is 102-83 at EIU, same overall ... he's former Iowa State assistant who has had five of six winning seasons . . . he is 4-5 vs. UIC ... the Flames WILLIE LITTLE, in his fourth year, is 56-45 at UIC, same overall and 3-3 vs. EIU.

TENTATIVE STARTERS	S:	EIU			UIC		
F 34	Dave Stein	6-6	Jr.	F 22	Dick Knar	6-6	Sr.
F 30	Dave Vance	6-6	So.	F 55	Derrick Johnson	6-8	So.
C 42	Mike West	6-8	So.	C 45	Nate Chambers	6-8	Jr.
G 24	Jay Taylor	6-3	So.	G 10	Bobby Locke	5-9	Sr.
G 20	Norm Evans	6-0	Jr.	G 12	Willie Jett	5-9	Jr.

THE FLAMES: Illinois-Chicago have been up and down enroute to their near .500 7-8 record ... twice they've lost three in a row and twice had three times won back-to-back games with the major victory a 74-65 conquest of Michigan State with 6-8 center NATHAN CHAMBERS getting 28 vs. the Spartans. . .CHAMBERS is the Flames No. 2 scorer (15.1) and top rebounder (7.5)UIC is led by a pair of 5-9 guards, BOBBY LOCKE and WILLIE JETT . . .LOCKE is UIC's leading scorer and No. 3 in the conference at 18.5 . . .JETT ranks third in the league in assists (4.9) and steals (2.4).

THE PANTHERS: EIU will hopefully be at full strength as the Panthers have been hampered by the flu bug (DAVE STEIN, TONY HEMPHILL) and a sprained ankle (JAY TAYLOR) . . .swingman JERRY STRICKLAND moved into the starting linup for TAYLOR and responded with 15 points vs. Augustana which was a career high . . .the Panthers also shot 51% from the field in that game, the first time they've been over .500 this year . . .MIKE WEST has increased his rebounding average to 5.4 based on totals of 8,8 and 12 during a three game win streak . .NORM EVANS remains the most consistent as he's No. 2 in scoring (11.1), No. 2 in rebounds (47), leads in assists (21), steals (16) and the only regular shooting 50% . .DAVE VANCE & MIKE WEST are the only two who have started all 10 games.

SAMUELS SEZ: "I'm definitely more pleased with the improvement in the record and the fact that we've shown some courage and intensity by winning some close games . . .but we still need improvement against pressure defenses which means, in part, that we have been standing around too much . . .we looked pretty good early against Augustana but then fell back into some old patterns although both STEIN and HEMPHILL were slowed by the flu and we're asking NORM (Evans) to play a full 40 minutes so some of that might be attributed to being tired . . .Illinois-Chicago seems to be similar to us in that they're looking for some consistency but definitely have talent as exhibited in the win over Michigan State . . . those two guards (Bobby Locke and Willie Jett) can make things happen so we need to lessen their role while keeping (Nate) Chambers under control around the basket."

CUMULATIVE Basketball Statistics -- Eastern Illinois 1986-87 (Includes 10 Games)

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Jay Taylor	9/ 6	48/ 101	.475	2/	12	.167	39/	54	.722	137	15.2	45	5.0	18/ 0	14	24	$\overline{2}$	10	262
Norm Evans	10/8	42/ 84	.500	3/	5	.600	24/	30	.800	111	11.1	47	4.7	31/0	21	21	4	16	315
Tony Hemphill	9/9	34/ 97	.351	4/	15	.267	27/	32	.844	99	11.0	41	4.6	16/ 0	21	24	3	12	270
Dave Vance	10/10	37/ 78	.474	1/	5	.200	12/	21	.571	87	8.7	39	3.9	17/0	14	24	0	5	300
Dave Shein	10/ 5	24/ 68	.353	1/	3	.333	15/	20	. 750	64	6.4	40	4.0	19/0	13	25	2	2	237
Vince Maccicochi	9/ 0	17/ 33	.515	0/	0	.000	12/	17	.706	46	5.1	35	3.9	20/0	2	14	1	2	132
Mike West	10/ 10	18/ 36	.500	0/	0	.000	11/	27	.407	47	4.7	54	5.4	30/2	13	12	5	5	232
Jerry Strickland	10/ 1	15/ 30	.500	0/	0	.000	10/	14	.714	40	4.0	28	2.8	9/ 0	5	12	0	3	124
Cass White	8/ 1	9/ 24	.375	0/	0	.000	3/	5	.600	21	2.6	8	1.0	5/ 0	3	8	0	1	79
Brian Murphy	5/ 0	3/ 11	.273	0/	0	.000	2/	6	.333	8	1.6	11	2.2	13/ 0	0	3	1	0	37
David Paul	4/ 0	1/ 5	.200	0/	2	.000	0/	0	.000	2	•5	2	•5	4/0	3	2	0	0	16
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Tony Hemphill	3.8	10.8	.5	1.7	3.0	3.6	11.0	4.6	2.3	2.7	.3	1.3	30.0
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