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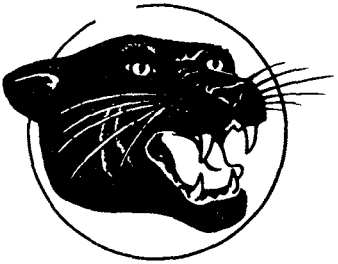
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CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers will open AMCU-8 play hosting Illinois-Chicago Saturday (Jan. 17). Tipoff is 7:30 in Lantz Gym.

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:

		<u>EIU</u>		<u>UIC</u>					
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 lineup 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)

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	9/ 6	48/ 101	.475	2/ 12	.167	39/ 54	.722	137	15.2	45	5.0	18/ 0	14	24	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 Hamphill	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 Stein	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 Macciocchi	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		
Gass 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		
Don Peavey	4/ 0	1/ 8	.125	0/ 1	.000	0/ 1	.000	2	.5	4	1.0	0/ 0	3	3	0	1	21		
Team Rebounds											44								
EIU	10/ 10	249/ 575	.433	11/ 43	.256	155/ 227	.683	664	66.4	398	39.8	182/ 2	112	172	18	57	—		
Team Rebounds											37								
Opponent Totals	10/ 10	274/ 608	.451	30/ 79	.380	127/ 196	.648	705	70.5	354	35.4	204/ 6	141	148	34	92	—		

PLAYER	PER-GAME AVERAGES													
	/— TOTAL —/			/— 3PT —/			FT	FTA	PTS	REB	AST	TO	BLK	STL
FG	FGA	FG%	FG	FGA	FG%									
Jay Taylor	5.3	11.2	.2	1.3	4.3	6.0	15.2	5.0	1.6	2.7	.2	1.1	29.1	
Norm Evans	4.2	8.4	.3	.5	2.4	3.0	11.1	4.7	2.1	2.1	.4	1.6	31.5	
Tony Hamphill	3.8	10.8	.5	1.7	3.0	3.6	11.0	4.6	2.3	2.7	.3	1.3	30.0	
Dave Vance	3.7	7.8	.1	.5	1.2	2.1	8.7	3.9	1.4	2.4	.0	.5	30.0	
Dave Stein	2.4	6.8	.1	.3	1.5	2.0	6.4	4.0	1.3	2.5	.2	.2	23.7	
Vince Macciocchi	1.9	3.7	.0	.0	1.3	1.9	5.1	3.9	.2	1.6	.1	.2	14.7	
Mike West	1.8	3.6	.0	.0	1.1	2.7	4.7	5.4	1.3	1.2	.5	.5	23.2	
Jerry Strickland	1.5	3.0	.0	.0	1.0	1.4	4.0	2.8	.5	1.2	.0	.3	12.4	
Gass White	1.1	3.0	.0	.0	.4	.6	2.6	1.0	.4	1.0	.0	.1	9.9	
Brian Murphy	.6	2.2	.0	.0	.4	1.2	1.6	2.2	.0	.6	.2	.0	7.4	
David Paul	.3	1.3	.0	.5	.0	.0	.5	.5	.8	.5	.0	.0	4.0	
Don Peavey	.3	2.0	.0	.3	.0	.3	.5	1.0	.8	.8	.0	.3	5.3	
EIU	24.9	57.5	1.1	4.3	15.5	22.7	66.4	39.8	11.2	17.2	1.8	5.7	—	
Opponent Totals	27.4	60.8	3.0	7.9	12.7	19.6	70.5	35.4	14.1	14.8	3.4	9.2	—	

		Eastern Illinois		Opponent	
Points 1st Half:	High	37 vs	Illinois Tech	44 bv	Wisconsin
	Low	19 vs	Illinois	22 bv	Southern Illinois
Points 2nd Half:	High	48 vs	Illinois Tech	52 bv	North Texas
	Low	27 vs	Indiana State	23 bv	Illinois Tech
Total Points:	High	85 vs	Illinois Tech	92 bv	North Texas
	Low	51 vs	Illinois	54 bv	Illinois Tech
Total Field Goals Made:	High	36 vs	Illinois Tech	37 bv	Illinois
	Low	19 vs	Illinois	20 bv	Illinois Tech
Total Field Goals Att:	High	75 vs	Illinois Tech	75 bv	Illinois
	Low	46 vs	Indiana State	46 bv	Wisconsin
Total FG Percentage:	High	.511 vs	Augustana	.660 by	Millikin
	Low	.317 vs	Illinois	.282 bv	Illinois Tech
3-Pt Field Goals:	High	3 vs	Northeast Louisiana	6 bv	Wisconsin
	Low	0 vs	Augustana	1 bv	Northwest Missouri
3-Pt FG Attempted:	High	9 vs	Northeast Louisiana	16 bv	North Texas
	Low	0 vs	Augustana	4 bv	Northwest Missouri
3-Pt FG Percentage:	High	.750 vs	Millikin	.667 bv	Millikin
	Low	.000 vs	Augustana	.188 bv	North Texas
Free Throws:	High	21 vs	Indiana State	25 by	Northeast Louisiana
	Low	6 vs	Wisconsin	3 by	Northwest Missouri
Free Throws Attempted:	High	33 vs	Indiana State	36 by	Northeast Louisiana
	Low	11 vs	Wisconsin	6 by	Northwest Missouri
Free Throw Percentage:	High	.800 vs	Southern Illinois	.750 bv	Southern Illinois
	Low	.546 vs	Wisconsin	.467 by	Indiana State
Total Rebounds:	High	58 vs	Illinois Tech	50 by	Illinois
	Low	31 vs	Northwest Missouri	26 bv	Northeast Louisiana
Assists:	High	18 vs	Wisconsin	28 bv	Illinois
	Low	8 vs	North Texas	5 by	Illinois Tech
Blocked Shots:	High	4 vs	Augustana	9 bv	Illinois
	Low	0 vs	Northeast Louisiana	0 by	Millikin
Steals:	High	10 vs	Wisconsin	19 bv	Illinois
	Low	0 vs	Southern Illinois	4 bv	Southern Illinois
Turnovers:	High	25 vs	Illinois	19 bv	Millikin
	Low	12 vs	Illinois Tech	7 by	Southern Illinois
Personal Fouls:	High	26 vs	Northeast Louisiana	27 by	Indiana State
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