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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Feb. 3)

CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers, trying to snap a seven game losing streak, have another three-games-in-five-days schedule awaiting them.

Eastern will play a non-conference game at St. Louis University on Thursday (Feb. 5), host Western Illinois Saturday (Feb. 7) and go to Illinois-Chicago on Monday (Feb. 9). The latter two are AMCU-8 league games.

Eastern is 5-12 following its seventh straight loss at Valparaiso (66-61) on Monday and is 0-6 in the AMCU-8.

St. Louis University is 16-6 overall but has lost five of its last eight games. The Billikins, favored to win the Midwestern Collegiate Conference, are 3-4 in the league.

Western Illinois has a 11-8 mark and 1-5 in the AMCU-8. The Leathernecks lost to Northern Iowa at home Monday.

UIC pulled the league upset with a 100-89 win at Cleveland State and now is in third place in the league with a 4-1 mark. The Flames are 11-10 overall after losing to Illinois State Monday.

"We played harder at Valparaiso but donw the stretch made the same mistakes that have plagued us throughout the year," said Coach Rick Samuels.

GAME NOTES

TIPOFF: Eastern Illinois University (5-12, 0-6) at St. Louis University, 7:30, Thursday, Feb. 5, Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis; EIU hosts Western Illinois University (11-8, 1-5) at 7:30, Saturday, Feb. 7, Lantz Gym, Charleston; EIU at Illinois-Chicago (11-10, 4-1), 7:30, Monday, Feb. 9, UIC Pavilion.

RADIO: All the action can be heard live on Mattoon 50,000 watt WLBH-FM, 97 on the dial, with **MARC STUART** and **MIKE BRADD** describing the action.

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SERIES: This is the first meeting between EIU & St. Louis University . . . EIU trails WIU, 64-50, but has won three straight including both games last year, 81-68 and 74-68. . . EIU and UIC are tied 6-6 with the Panthers losing the first encounter this year, 89-69, in Lantz Gym.

CACHES: EIU's RICK SAMUELS, in his seventh season, has a 102-89 overall record with five of six years above .500 . . . he is 0-0 vs. St. Louis University, 7-6 vs. WIU and 4-6 vs. UIC . . . St. Louis's RICH GRAWER, in his fifth year after winning three state championships at St. Louis's DeSmet HS, is 64-70 overall, 0-0 vs. EIU . . . WIU's JACK MARGANTHALER, in his 10th year, is 157-119 overall, 10-11 vs. EIU . . . UIC's WILLIE LITTLE, in his 4th season, is 60-47 overall, 4-3 vs. EIU.

TENTATIVE STARTERS:

EIU					ST. LOUIS					
No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	
22	Jerry Strickland	6-4	Jr.	4.1	F	24	Roland Gray	6-6	So.	16.4
30	Dave Vance	6-6	So.	6.2	F	11	Ted Mimplitz	6-6	Jr.	6.5
50	Brian Murphy	6-9	So.	2.8	C	34	Anthony Bonner	6-7	Fr.	8.3
24	Jay Taylor	6-2	So.	13.8	G	14	Jim Roder	6-4	Sr.	6.8
20	Norm Evans	6-0	Jr.	10.2	G	32	Monroe Douglass	6-4	So.	14.9
WIU					UIC					
13	Mike Ayers	6-4	Jr.	12.6	F	22	Dick Knar	6-5	Sr.	10.8
55	D.J. Davie	6-8	Jr.	4.7	F	55	Derrick Johnson	6-8	So.	10.3
25	Tom Bragg	6-5	Jr.	3.9	C	45	Nate Chambers	6-8	Jr.	13.4
5	J.R. Crane	6-2	So.	1.9	G	33	Ed Hall	6-1	So.	9.1
23	Dwayne Scott	6-2	Jr.	10.7	G	10	Bobby Locke	5-9	Sr.	21.1

AMCU-8 STANDINGS (Thru Monday, Feb. 2)

	AMCU-8	Overall
Southwest Missouri	5-1	16-5
Illinois-Chicago	4-1	11-10
Cleveland State	4-2	15-4
Wisconsin-Green Bay	4-3	9-9
Valparaiso	3-3	11-6
Northern Iowa	3-3	9-10
Western Illinois	1-5	11-8
EASTERN ILLINOIS	0-6	5-12

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY: The Billikins are 16-6 overall following an 85-76 victory over Youngstown State Monday night but have lost five of the last eight . . . they are 3-4 in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference, and were the preseason pick to win the league . . . ANTHONY BONNER, just a freshman, led the team with 29 points and 16 rebounds vs. Youngstown, and remains the second leading rebounder among freshman nationally (9.5 p/game) . . . the leading scorer, ROLAND GRAY, is at 16.4 and has topped 20 points on seven occasions.. nationally the Billikins are third in field goal percentage, holding opponents to 40.3%, and 16th in scoring defense at 61.9 p/game . . . they have played five comparable opponents and defeated all of them, Northern Iowa (74-62), Western Illinois (103-75), Southwest Missouri (55-46), SIU-Carbondale (73-71) and Indiana State (67-64).

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY: The Leathernecks are just ahead of the Panthers in the AMCU-8 standings with a 1-5 league mark although are above .500 overall at 11-8 . . . they have won two of the last three since losing their top two scorers, Jeff Klingler, who quit the team, and Greg Akers who was suspended . . . JC transfer MIKE AYERS is now the scoring leader at 12.6 and has been around 20 points during the past eight games . . . in a recent

game vs. Chicago State he had 17 points/12 rebounds . . .the only senior expected to see much playing time is BOBBY JORDAN, a 6-7 center, who leads the team with 7.7 rebounds . . .point guard ERIC CHINN may be back in the lineup after being sidelined with a sprained ankle . . .he leads the league with nearly six assists p/game . . .the Leathernecks are 10th in the nation with an 88.3 ppg average, and have been over 100 on five occasions.

ILLINOIS-CHICAGO: The Flames are in second place in the AMCU-8 with a 4-1 record after pulling the league upset of the year with a 100-89 win at Cleveland State. . . however UIC hosted league leader Southwest Missouri State on Wednesday (2/4) . . .the Flames lost to Illinois State (95-84) in their most recent game as BOBBY LOCKE hit a career high 33 points . . . he has been over 30 in three of his last four games, and over 20 in eight straight . . .LOCKE is No. 2 in the league scoring race at 20.4, and No. 3 in both assists (4.8) and steals (2.3) . . .UIC is averaging 85.3 and has not been lower than 77 since December 16 . . . five times the Flames have been over 100 and are shooting right at 50% from the field . . .forward DERRICK JOHNSON leads the AMCU-8 in blocked shots with 1.4 p/game . . .besides the Southwest Missouri game, the Flames will play one more before hosting EIU . . . Saturday (2/7) they are at Valparaiso.

EASTERN ILLINOIS: EIU's seven game losing streak is the longest since the 1982-83 team opened the year with a school record 12 straight . . .the Panthers have also lost 12 of the last 15 since starting the year with two victories . . .MIKE WEST (WARRENSBURG-LATHAM, 6-8 sophomore center, has been sidelined with a back injury. . . he was leading the team with a 6.4 rebounding average . . .BRIAN MURPHY (OSWEGO), 6-9 sophomore, who has played very little will replace him . . .MURPHY has scored 14 points/10 rebounds in the last two games . . .with scoring a problem, JAY TAYLOR (AURORA EAST) added some spark as he came off the bench to get 21 at Valparaiso Monday . . .in AMCU-8 action, EIU is 0-6 and has been outscored 78-58 p/game, and shot 43.9% to opponents 52.2% . . . EIU was holding a large rebound margin prior to conference but has been outrebounded 34-30 in those six games.

COACH RICK SAMUELS SEZ: "We simply have not been very competitive lately so the first thing to do is find some players to want to concentrate and play hard. We did get after it better at Valparaiso but were still plagued by the same mistakes that have haunted us all year. We changed the lineup considerably and probably will continue to do that as we can't pinpoint anyone as a definite starter anymore. NORM EVANS has probably played as consistent as anyone on both ends of the floor. He's usually in double figures and around 50% from the field besides leading us in assists and steals so he's been alert."

CUMULATIVE
Basketball Statistics -- Eastern Illinois 1986-87
(Includes 17 Games)

PLAY R	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	16/ 10	83/ 165	.503	4/ 20	.200	51/ 70	.729	221	13.8	71	4.4	36/ 1	24	37	4	15	431		
Tory Hemphill	16/ 15	65/ 164	.396	9/ 29	.310	40/ 50	.800	179	11.2	64	4.0	30/ 0	38	49	4	20	477		
Norm Evans	17/ 15	68/ 136	.500	4/ 8	.500	34/ 45	.756	174	10.2	77	4.5	49/ 0	41	38	6	25	519		
Dave Vance	17/ 17	44/ 115	.383	1/ 9	.111	17/ 27	.630	106	6.2	56	3.3	32/ 0	23	39	0	7	484		
Dave Stein	17/ 6	37/ 94	.394	2/ 5	.400	24/ 30	.800	100	5.9	51	3.0	28/ 0	20	37	2	5	361		
Mike West	16/ 16	30/ 65	.462	0/ 0	.000	22/ 53	.415	82	5.1	103	6.4	43/ 3	21	23	7	12	399		
Jerry Strickland	17/ 4	27/ 58	.466	1/ 3	.333	15/ 24	.625	70	4.1	46	2.7	19/ 0	12	19	3	10	233		
Vince Macciocchi	14/ 0	20/ 41	.488	0/ 0	.000	13/ 20	.650	53	3.8	41	2.9	26/ 0	2	17	1	3	178		
David Paul	8/ 1	11/ 28	.393	8/ 18	.445	0/ 0	.000	30	3.8	5	.6	9/ 0	9	3	0	1	68		
Cass White	13/ 1	21/ 54	.389	1/ 6	.167	4/ 7	.571	47	3.6	14	1.1	6/ 0	12	14	0	2	165		
Brian Murphy	8/ 1	8/ 19	.421	0/ 0	.000	6/ 12	.500	22	2.8	22	2.8	22/ 0	1	5	1	2	77		
Don Peavey	6/ 0	2/ 12	.167	1/ 4	.250	0/ 3	.000	5	.8	7	1.2	3/ 0	4	6	0	1	33		
Team Rebounds											67								
EIU	17/ 17	416/ 951	.437	31/ 102	.304	226/ 341	.663	1089	64.1	624	36.7	303/ 4	207	287	28	103	—		
Team Rebounds											46								
Opponent Totals	17/ 17	485/1023	.474	57/ 136	.419	226/ 334	.677	1253	73.7	588	34.6	320/ 7	256	231	64	163	—		

AMCU-8 CONFERENCE GAMES
Basketball Statistics -- Eastern Illinois 1986-87
(Includes 6 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	6/ 4	31/ 58	.535	2/ 7	.286	10/ 14	.714	74	12.3	20	3.3	14/ 1	9	13	2	5	142		
Tory Hemphill	6/ 5	22/ 51	.431	4/ 12	.333	7/ 10	.700	55	9.2	17	2.8	10/ 0	12	19	1	8	170		
Norm Evans	6/ 6	22/ 46	.478	1/ 3	.333	5/ 8	.625	50	8.3	23	3.8	16/ 0	18	14	1	7	178		
David Paul	4/ 1	10/ 23	.435	8/ 16	.500	0/ 0	.000	28	7.0	3	.8	5/ 0	6	1	0	1	52		
Cass White	5/ 0	12/ 30	.400	1/ 6	.167	1/ 2	.500	26	5.2	6	1.2	1/ 0	9	6	0	1	86		
Mike West	5/ 5	8/ 19	.421	0/ 0	.000	8/ 22	.364	24	4.8	37	7.4	8/ 0	6	10	2	7	133		
Dave Stein	6/ 1	11/ 21	.524	1/ 2	.500	5/ 6	.833	28	4.7	9	1.5	9/ 0	6	11	0	3	108		
Brian Murphy	3/ 1	5/ 8	.625	0/ 0	.000	4/ 6	.667	14	4.7	11	3.7	9/ 0	1	2	0	2	40		
Jerry Strickland	6/ 2	11/ 26	.423	1/ 3	.333	4/ 9	.445	27	4.5	12	2.0	9/ 0	6	5	3	6	90		
Dave Vance	6/ 6	5/ 28	.179	0/ 3	.000	5/ 6	.833	15	2.5	15	2.5	14/ 0	6	13	0	1	148		
Vince Macciocchi	4/ 0	3/ 7	.429	0/ 0	.000	1/ 2	.500	7	1.8	5	1.3	6/ 0	0	2	0	1	41		
Don Peavey	2/ 0	1/ 4	.250	1/ 3	.333	0/ 2	.000	3	1.5	3	1.5	3/ 0	1	3	0	0	12		
Team Rebounds											21								
EIU	6/ 6	141/ 321	.439	19/ 55	.346	50/ 87	.575	351	58.5	182	30.3	104/ 1	80	99	9	42	—		
Team Rebounds											9								
Opponent Totals	6/ 6	182/ 349	.522	20/ 42	.476	87/ 118	.737	471	78.5	205	34.2	96/ 0	100	71	21	60	—		

1986-87 GAME-BY-GAME SCORING/REBOUNDING
(5-12 Overall, 0-6 in AMCU-8)

At Home: 4-5 On Road: 1-5 Neutral: 0-2 AMCU Home: 0-3 AMCU Road: 0-3
 NCAA I: 2-11 NCAA II: 1-0 NCAA III/NAIA: 2-1

ETU	OPPONENT	TAY	EVANS	HEMP	VANCE	STEIN	WEST	MCC	SIRICK	MURPH	WHITE
W 85	54 Illinois Tech (H) 1000	16/8	17/6	14/5	14/10	4/5	6/5	5/4	4/3	5/5	0/0
W 70	62 Northwest Missouri (H) 1500	23/7	11/2	10/7	11/3	3/2	6/7	DNP	6/2	DNP	DNP
L 51	85 Illinois (A) 13,578	8/3	10/4	8/0	2/6	11/3	1/5	2/1	0/2	1/3	4/1
L 77	90 Millikin (H) 2000	15/5	4/3	27/10	17/4	8/3	4/1	0/1	0/0	DNP	2/1
L 68	72 Wisconsin (A) 5042	22/4	15/4	7/4	2/0	0/3	0/3	10/5	0/0	DNP	4/1
L 65	74 Northeast Louisiana (N) 3213	10/2	13/5	11/4	11/4	6/4	5/2	6/6	1/4	DNP	2/2
L 63	92 North Texas State (N) 2600	7/3	5/7	7/3	2/2	4/1	5/3	20/9	2/2	2/2	9/3
W 58	57 Southern Illinois (A) 2533	11/3	15/3	3/4	16/5	5/4	4/8	0/1	4/6	DNP	DNP
W 61	59 Indiana State (H) 4123 (OT)	25/10	6/6	DNP	8/1	11/6	2/8	1/4	8/5	0/1	0/0
W 66	60 Augustana (H) 2481	DNP	15/7	12/4	4/4	4/2	14/12	2/4	15/4	DNP	0/0
L 74	77 Chicago State (H) 3850	10/6	13/7	25/6	4/2	8/2	11/12	0/1	3/6	DNP	DNP
L 69	89 Illinois-Chicago (H) 1800	13/3	15/8	11/3	2/4	7/2	8/15	0/1	2/2	DNP	11/2
L 57	64 Wisconsin-Green Bay (A) 3870	10/1	9/3	13/3	8/2	2/0	6/6	7/2	2/2	DNP	0/1
L 46	87 Southwest Missouri (A) 6360	13/2	0/1	10/1	2/3	4/0	5/3	0/1	0/0	0/1	3/1
L 52	69 Cleveland State (H) 2500	11/6	10/6	17/4	0/2	7/4	5/10	DNP	2/0	DNP	DNP
L 66	96 Northern Iowa (H) 1400	6/3	5/2	4/2	3/4	0/0	0/3	0/1	14/2	10/1	8/1
L 61	66 Valparaiso (A) 2043	21/5	11/3	0/5	0/0	8/3	DNP	DNP	7/6	4/9	4/1