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# Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers, limited to the role of spoiler in the AMCU-8, will have that opportunity Saturday (Feb. 21) as they host league leader Southwest Missouri State.

Then Monday (Feb. 23) EIU goes to Northern Iowa for a conference game before returning to host Colorado State Wednesday (Feb. 25) in a non-conference contest.

EIU, which has lost 11 of its last 12, is 6-16 overall and tied with Western Illinois for last in the AMCU-8 with a 1-9 record.

Southwest Missouri has already reached 20 victories (21-5) and is in first place in the AMCU at 10-1 following an important victory over Cleveland State Monday night.

"We want to redeem ourselves after losing by a wide margin at Southwest Missouri a few weeks back. The fact that we will be wearing the white (home) jerseys hopefully will make some difference in our play," said Coach RICK SAMUELS.

### \*\*\*\*\*GAME NOTES\*\*\*\*\*

**TIPOFF:** Eastern Illinois University (6-16, 1-9) hosts Southwest Missouri (21-5, 10-1), 7:30, Saturday, Feb. 21, Lantz Gym, Charleston; EIU at Northern Iowa (12-11, 6-4), 7:30, Monday, Feb. 23, UNI-Dome, Cedar Falls; EIU hosts Colorado State (12-13), 7:30, Wednesday, Feb. 25, Lantz Gym.

**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.

**SERIES:** EIU trails Southwest Missouri, 11-9 . . .leads UNI 18-6 . . .trails Colorado State, 1-0.

**COACHES:** EIU's RICK SAMUELS, in his seventh year, has a 103-93 overall record with five of six years above .500 . . .he is 5-8 vs. Southwest Missouri, 8-4 vs. UNI and 0-1 vs. Colorado State . . .CHARLIE SPOONHOUR, in his fourth year at SWMO, is 80-36 overall, 5-4 vs. EIU . . . UNI's ELDON MILLER, in his first year after a distinguished career at Wittenberg, Western Michigan and Ohio State, is 416-248 overall in 25 years, 1-0 vs. EIU.. Colorado State's TONY MCANDREWS, in his 7th year, is 79-117 overall, 1-0 vs. EIU.

**TENTATIVE STARTERS:**

No.	EIU	Ht.	Yr.	PPG		No.	SWMO	Ht.	Yr.	PPG
14	Tony Hemphill	6-5	Jr.	12.2	F	33	Stan Worthy	6-5	Jr.	8.4
30	Dave Vance	6-6	So.	6.2	F	34	Greg Bell	6-5	Sr.	9.9
42	Mike West	6-8	So.	4.6	C	42	Kelby Stuckey	6-7	So.	6.5
24	Jay Taylor	6-2	So.	14.0	G	22	Winston Garland	6-2	Sr.	20.4
20	Norm Evans	6-0	Jr.	10.1	G	00	Basil Robinson	5-10	Sr.	8.3
No.	UNI	Ht.	Yr.	PPG		No.	CSU	Ht.	Yr.	PPG
11	Mike Bailey	6-3	Jr.	5.7	F	44	Barry Bailey	6-5	Jr.	8.7
52	Greg McDermott	6-8	Jr.	13.8	F	20	Pat Durham	6-8	So.	18.0
00	Jason Reese	6-7	Fr.	14.0	C	40	Paco Larsen	6-9	Sr.	4.0
20	Maurice Newby	6-2	Fr.	14.0	G	14	Anthony Lee	6-3	Sr.	7.1
25	Nick Nurse	6-1	So.	5.5	G	25	David Turcotte	6-3	Jr.	15.9

**EASTERN ILLINOIS:** The Panthers have lost 11 of their last 12 games including three in a row . . . **TONY HEMPHILL** (INDIANAPOLIS, IN-PARK TUDOR), junior forward, was picked the AMCU-8 'Co-Player of the Week' after getting 45 points, 15 rebounds, 13 assists and nine steals in two games last week . . . led EIU with 18 vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay Monday night . . . has been in double figures in 10 of last 13 games . . . **JAY TAYLOR** (AURORA-EAST), sophomore guard who has been reinserted into the starting lineup, has been in double figures in five of last six games and over 20 points on two occasions . . . **NORM EVANS** (JOLIET-CENTRAL), junior guard, has scored 11 points in four of the last six games and hit eight points in those other two . . . after those three, no other Panther has been in double figures in the last three losses.

**SOUTHWEST MISSOURI:** The Bears have all but clinched their first AMCU-8 conference title after disposing of Cleveland State, 83-71, Monday night . . . **SWMO** is 21-5 overall (10-1 in the AMCU-8) and has won 14 of their last 15 including eight in a row . . . the Bears rank No. 1 in the nation in defense allowing just 55.8 p/game . . . the premier player is guard **WINSTON GARLAND** who is third in the league in scoring (20.2), third in 3-point FG percentage (47.3%), fifth in assists (4.1) and 8th in steals (1.8) . . . he is the only player in double figures although **GREG BELL** is just under ten . . . the Bears had major victories over Arkansas (56-49) and Brigham Young (62-61) and downed the Panthers, 87-46, earlier this year . . . they have allowed over 60 points only twice in the last nine games.

**NORTHERN IOWA:** The purple Panthers are attempting to finish in the 1st division in the AMCU-8 and have won six of the last seven games to ease over the .500 mark . . . **UNI** plays at Wisconsin-Green Bay on Saturday (2/21) prior to Monday's EIU game . . . all five starters were in double figures in the 89-85 win over 2nd place Illinois-Chicago Monday night . . . the leaders are two freshmen, **JASON REESE** & **MAURICE NEWBY**, who are averaging 14.0 p/game . . . junior **GREG MCDERMOTT** is scoring 13.8 and ranks near the top ten in the nation in FG percentage at 61.5%.

**COLORADO STATE:** The Rams are 12-13 with games vs. Hawaii (2/21) and New Mexico (2/23) prior to the EIU contest next Wednesday (2/25) . . . they are 6-8 and 7th in the Western Athletic Conference . . . **PAT DURHAM**, a 6-8 sophomore out of Dallas, TX, is the leader . . . he's No. 3 in the WAC in scoring (18.2), No. 3 in rebounding (9.0) and No. 5 in FG% (55.7%) . . . he has been in double figures in 20 of 23 games and over 20 points 14 times . . . at his current pace he will finish in the top ten all-time CSU single season scorers . . . also in double figures is junior **DAVID TURCOTTE**, a 6-3 guard, who is scoring 16.0 . . . this past week the Rams downed Air Force, 70-58, but then lost in three OTs at Wyoming, 81-78.

AMCU-8 BASKETBALL STANDINGS (Through Monday, Feb. 16):

	AMCU-8	Overall
Southwest Missouri	10-1	21-5
Illinois-Chicago	6-3	13-12
Cleveland State	6-4	17-6
Northern Iowa	6-4	12-11
Wisconsin-Green Bay	6-4	11-11
Valparaiso	4-6	12-11
Western Illinois	1-9	11-12
EASTERN ILLINOIS	1-9	6-16

COACH RICK SAMUELS SEZ: "We have been competitive the past few games but when it gets down to the end we haven't been able to get the big play . . . that basket when we need it to get over the hump . . . TONY HEMPHILL has played well lately and I'm pleased he was honored by the league . . . it reflects not only on his improvement in scoring but all-around play . . . I'm hopeful against Southwest Missouri that we can play with a lot of emotion . . . it's one of the last opportunities to achieve something this year, and I'm confident we're going to approach this game in a positive manner."