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CHARLESTON, IL (Feb. 24, 1987)--Eastern Illinois University's basketball Lady Panthers hope to use their home-court advantage to qualify for the Gateway Conference post-season tournament with two league games at home this week.

The Lady Panthers, tied with Bradley and Illinois State for third place in the conference as all three schools have a league record of 9-7, host Wichita State on Thursday (Feb. 26) at 7:30 p.m. Eastern, 14-12 overall, will then host Southwest Missouri State on Saturday (Feb. 28) at 5:15 p.m. in the regular-season finale for both teams.

EIU, winner in nine of 10 games at Lantz Gym this season, will face two teams it split with earlier this season. The Lady Panthers lost 80-69 at Southwest Missouri on Dec. 28 but posted a 76-63 triumph at Wichita State on Dec. 30.

"The reason the coaches voted to have the conference tournament was to give the regular-season race some pizzazz," said Eastern coach Barbara Hilke. "Our kids are excited. One of our goals before the season began was to qualify for the conference tournament, and now we've got that chance."

The Lady Panthers have won four of their last five games, with an 81-58 non-conference victory Monday (Feb. 23) at Butler. Sophomore forward LISA TYLER (Aurora, IN-South Dearborn) had game highs of 20 points and 11 rebounds. Tyler also had five assists, two steals and two blocked shots. Sophomore guard SHERYL BONSETT (Scottsburg, IN) contributed a game-high 10 assists, nine points and five rebounds.

"Tyler had a really outstanding game all the way around," said Hilke. "We need to feel Lisa's presence on the boards, and she was there. Bonsett, particularly in assists, had a really great game."

CUMULATIVE
Basketball Statistics -- Eastern Illinois 1986-87
(Includes 26 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%														
Lisa Tyler	26/ 25	127/ 277	.459	0/ 3	.000	75/ 98	.765	329	12.7	197	7.6	53/ 1	81	82	9	42	793		
Pat Hamilton	25/ 13	149/ 276	.540	0/ 1	.000	18/ 29	.621	316	12.6	48	1.9	36/ 0	34	32	5	54	612		
Barb Perkes	26/ 24	119/ 298	.399	30/ 86	.349	59/ 86	.686	327	12.6	89	3.4	49/ 4	81	90	2	47	818		
Other	8/ 7	39/ 71	.549	0/ 0	.000	19/ 32	.594	97	12.1	54	6.8	19/ 2	11	18	0	10	246		
Laura Mill	26/ 26	75/ 157	.478	0/ 0	.000	51/ 77	.662	201	7.7	144	5.5	85/ 3	13	42	36	5	629		
Brenda Webb	26/ 0	80/ 155	.516	0/ 0	.000	31/ 45	.689	191	7.4	75	2.9	49/ 1	16	21	10	20	413		
Sheryl Bonsett	26/ 15	63/ 156	.404	0/ 8	.000	32/ 41	.781	158	6.1	53	2.0	53/ 2	77	80	1	22	514		
Ann Brown	26/ 17	46/ 132	.349	0/ 0	.000	24/ 53	.453	116	4.5	126	4.9	48/ 0	21	49	4	35	520		
Shelly Ethridge	24/ 2	19/ 62	.307	0/ 1	.000	34/ 47	.723	72	3.0	32	1.3	28/ 1	22	30	0	16	296		
Kerry Walsh	22/ 1	28/ 69	.406	0/ 1	.000	1/ 6	.167	57	2.6	63	2.9	26/ 0	21	24	3	9	264		
Liz Cavanagh	17/ 0	11/ 25	.440	0/ 1	.000	3/ 7	.429	25	1.5	18	1.1	9/ 0	1	9	0	12	95		
Team Rebounds											107								
EIU	26/ 26	756/1678	.451	30/ 101	.297	347/ 521	.666	1889	72.7	1006	38.7	455/14	378	477	70	272	—		
Team Rebounds											122								
Opponent Totals	26/ 26	764/1688	.453	20/ 67	.299	283/ 438	.646	1831	70.4	1060	40.8	468/14	344	511	69	230	—		

GATEWAY CONFERENCE GAMES
Basketball Statistics -- Eastern Illinois 1986-87
(Includes 16 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%														
Pat Hamilton	16/ 9	115/ 207	.556	0/ 1	.000	15/ 25	.600	245	15.3	34	2.1	24/ 0	28	24	4	42	465		
Barb Perkes	16/ 16	73/ 194	.376	27/ 79	.342	40/ 61	.656	213	13.3	57	3.6	38/ 4	61	54	0	33	527		
Lisa Tyler	16/ 15	63/ 156	.404	0/ 3	.000	44/ 59	.746	170	10.6	108	6.8	35/ 0	56	53	3	21	476		
Laura Mill	16/ 16	48/ 87	.552	0/ 0	.000	36/ 54	.667	132	8.3	83	5.2	48/ 3	9	27	29	1	383		
Brenda Webb	16/ 0	54/ 110	.491	0/ 0	.000	19/ 31	.613	127	7.9	54	3.4	30/ 1	14	14	7	17	289		
Sheryl Bonsett	16/ 8	46/ 106	.434	0/ 8	.000	20/ 24	.833	112	7.0	36	2.3	34/ 1	41	47	1	13	320		
Ann Brown	16/ 15	32/ 97	.330	0/ 0	.000	18/ 36	.500	82	5.1	95	5.9	29/ 0	15	33	2	26	391		
Kerry Walsh	14/ 1	17/ 44	.386	0/ 1	.000	0/ 2	.000	34	2.4	35	2.5	17/ 0	17	15	2	6	159		
Shelly Ethridge	15/ 0	10/ 23	.435	0/ 0	.000	10/ 13	.769	30	2.0	13	.9	16/ 1	5	9	0	4	134		
Liz Cavanagh	11/ 0	4/ 12	.333	0/ 1	.000	2/ 3	.667	10	.9	13	1.2	3/ 0	0	6	0	6	56		
Team Rebounds											63								
EIU	16/ 16	462/1036	.446	27/ 93	.290	204/ 308	.662	1155	72.2	591	36.9	274/10	246	282	48	169	—		
Team Rebounds											70								
Opponent Totals	16/ 16	488/1036	.471	19/ 61	.312	160/ 242	.661	1155	72.2	657	41.1	275/10	240	324	41	140	—		