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Panther Sports News

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Feb. 24)

CHARLESTON, IL.-- Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers, attempting to stay out of last place in the AMCU-8 Conference, close the regular season against AMCU-8 conference opponents Valparaiso and Western Illinois.

The Panthers host Valparaiso Saturday (Feb. 28) and then finish at Western Illinois Monday (March 2). Game time is 7:30 for both games.

EIU is 7-17 overall and in 7th place in the AMCU-8 with a 2-10 record following a 65-55 victory over Northern Iowa Monday night.

Valparaiso dropped under .500 for the first time this year losing to Southwest Missouri Monday, 80-46. The Crusaders are 12-13 overall, 4-8 in the league and have lost seven of their last eight.

Western Illinois, which has lost seven straight conference games enroute to its last place 1-11 standing, is 11-14 overall. The Leathernecks started the year 5-0.

"We're playing better and wins in these last two conference games would give us some momentum going into the postseason tournament," said COACH RICK SAMUELS.

*****GAME NOTES*****

TIPOFF: Eastern Illinois University (7-17 2-10) hosts Valparaiso (12-13, 4-8), 7:30, Saturday, Feb. 28, Lantz Gym, Charleston, IL; EIU at Western Illinois (11-14, 1-11), 7:30, Monday, March 2, Western Hall, Macomb.

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 leads Valparaiso, 9-5, but lost earlier this year, 66-61, there . . . the Crusaders have won three of the last four games after the Panthers had previously won eight in a row. . . the Panthers trail WIU, 64-51, winning in Charleston, 76-68, two weeks ago . . . EIU has won four in a row vs. the Leathernecks.

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COACHES: EIU's RICK SAMUELS, in his seventh year, has a 104-96 overall record with five of the seven years above .500 . . .he is 9-3 vs. Valpo, 8-8 vs.WIU . . .Valpo's TOM SMITH, in his 7th year, is 72-120 at Valpo, 168-166 overall and 3-9 vs. EIU . . .WIU's JACK MARGANTHALER, in his 10th season, is 157-123 overall, is 10-12 vs. EIU.

TENTATIVE STARTERS:

No.	EIU	Ht.	Yr.	PPG		No.	Valpo	Ht.	Yr.	PPG
14	Tony Hemphill	6-5	Jr.	12.4	F	24	Harry Bell	6-4	Jr.	17.1
30	Dave Vance	6-6	So.	6.0	F	32	David Morgan	6-5	Jr.	8.4
42	Mike West	6-8	So.	4.7	C	23	Jerome Battle	6-6	Jr.	2.9
24	Jay Taylor	6-2	So.	14.5	G	10	Todd Smith	5-10	So.	4.5
20	Norm Evans	6-0	Jr.	10.1	G	12	Scott Anselm	6-0	So.	13.0
			No.	WIU						
		G	10	Eric Chinn		5-11	Jr.	7.0		
		G	23	Dwayne Scott		6-2	Jr.	10.4		
		C	45	Bobby Jordan		6-7	Sr.	7.9		
		F	13	Mike Ayers		6-4	Jr.	13.8		
		F	41	Bob Smith		6-5	Fr.	4.5		

EASTERN ILLINOIS: The Panthers snapped a four game losing streak in the 65-55 win over Northern Iowa . . .still EIU has lost 12 of its last 14 . . . Coach Rick Samuels has stayed with the same starting lineup three straight games and has indicated it will probably remain this way throughout the season . . . JAY TAYLOR (AURORA EAST) & TONY HEMPHILL (INDIANAPOLIS, IN-PARK TUDOR) have been averaging slightly over 17 points a game during the past six . . . NORM EVANS (JOLIET-CENTRAL), junior guard, scored 11 points vs. Northern Iowa, the fifth time in the last eight games he has scored that amount . . . EVANS still remains the most consistent player on the club as he leads the team in assists (67), steals (37), blocked shots (10), three point shots (54.6%), 2nd in shooting (48.4%), FT% (77.5%), third in scoring (10.1) and third in rebounding (4.3).

VALPARAISO: The Crusaders are just ahead of the Panthers in sixth place in the AMCU-8 with a 4-8 conference mark, 12-13 overall . . . it's still mathematically possible for EIU to catch Valpo in the standings. . . Valpo has road games left with EIU and Illinois-Chicago prior to the tournament . . . since defeating the Panthers, 66-61, a few weeks back, Valpo has lost 7-8 . . . they are led by HARRY BELL, a 6-4 junior, who is No. 4 in the conference in scoring (17.2), No. 4 in rebounding (7.6) and No. 3 in blocked shots (1.05) . . . guard SCOTT ANSELM is also in double figures at 13.0 . . . his running mate, TODD SMITH, son of the head coach, is 6th in the league in assists with 3.4 p/game.

WESTERN ILLINOIS: The Leathernecks have sole possession of last place as they lost to Wisconsin-Green Bay Monday night, 79-61 . . . WIU, which has lost seven in a row, all in the conference, is 1-11 in the AMCU-8, 11-14 overall . . . WIU has a Saturday (2/28) game at Northern Iowa prior to the EIU Monday (3/2) contest . . . Western was among the nation's leaders in scorers early in the year but have dropped nearly 30 points since the AMCU games started . . . WIU is scoring 66 points in league play . . . junior forward MIKE AYERS is the main scoring threat at nearly 14 ppg overall but getting 18.2 in AMCU-games . . . he had 29 of WIU's 61 vs. UWGB Monday.

AMCU-8 STANDINGS (Through Tuesday, Feb. 24)

	AMCU-8	Overall
Southwest Missouri	12-1	23-5
Cleveland State	8-4	20-6
Wisconsin-Green Bay	8-4	14-11
Illinois-Chicago	7-4	14-13
Northern Iowa	6-8	12-13
Valparaiso	4-8	12-13
EASTERN ILLINOIS	2-10	7-17
Western Illinois	1-11	11-14

COACH RICK SAMUELS SEZ: "We don't want to finish in last place and still have a chance to finish a notch higher than where we are now but need a little help from some other teams . . .at least that gives us some incentive going into the last two games . . . we've played better defensively lately plus getting some consistent scoring out of (Tony) Hemphill and (Jay) Taylor . . . and (Dave) Stein has come off the bench to give us some support."

CUMULATIVE
Basketball Statistics -- Eastern Illinois 1986-87
(Includes 24 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	23/ 13	125/ 249	.502	4/ 26	.154	79/ 106	.745	333	14.5	115	5.0	53/ 2	33	54	4	24	664		
Tony Hemphill	23/ 21	101/ 243	.416	14/ 41	.342	70/ 87	.805	286	12.4	97	4.2	43/ 0	63	75	7	35	708		
Norm Evans	24/ 22	91/ 188	.484	6/ 11	.546	55/ 71	.775	243	10.1	103	4.3	67/ 2	67	58	10	37	761		
Dave Vance	24/ 23	59/ 147	.401	1/ 11	.090	24/ 37	.649	143	6.0	77	3.2	50/ 0	34	58	0	9	667		
Dave Stein	24/ 7	49/ 129	.380	2/ 10	.200	37/ 46	.804	137	5.7	73	3.0	39/ 0	29	44	2	9	501		
Mike West	21/ 19	37/ 83	.446	0/ 0	.000	24/ 55	.436	98	4.7	128	6.1	51/ 3	26	30	8	13	497		
Vince Macciocchi	18/ 3	25/ 55	.455	0/ 0	.000	19/ 30	.633	69	3.8	51	2.8	37/ 0	4	21	1	7	245		
Cass White	18/ 2	30/ 70	.429	2/ 8	.250	5/ 10	.500	67	3.7	22	1.2	11/ 0	17	19	1	4	227		
Jerry Strickland	24/ 6	34/ 73	.466	1/ 3	.333	15/ 25	.600	84	3.5	49	2.0	21/ 0	17	24	3	11	281		
David Paul	12/ 2	15/ 41	.366	10/ 27	.370	0/ 0	.000	40	3.3	6	.5	13/ 0	12	6	0	1	93		
Brian Murphy	13/ 2	11/ 32	.344	0/ 0	.000	8/ 16	.500	30	2.3	32	2.5	30/ 0	4	9	1	3	142		
Don Peavey	8/ 0	3/ 14	.214	2/ 5	.400	0/ 3	.000	8	1.0	9	1.1	4/ 0	4	6	0	1	39		
Team Rebounds											95								

EIU	24/ 24	580/1324	.438	42/ 142	.296	336/ 486	.691	1538	64.1	857	35.7	419/ 7	310	404	37	154	—
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Team Rebounds											70						
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Opponent Totals	24/ 24	686/1433	.479	74/ 183	.404	308/ 448	.688	1754	73.1	813	33.9	454/11	371	314	88	221	—
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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	12/ 7	70/ 134	.522	2/ 11	.182	37/ 48	.771	179	14.9	57	4.8	29/ 2	16	27	2	12	344		
Tony Hemphill	12/ 11	56/ 120	.467	9/ 24	.375	37/ 47	.787	158	13.2	47	3.9	22/ 0	35	43	4	22	381		
Norm Evans	12/ 12	41/ 89	.461	3/ 6	.500	26/ 34	.765	111	9.3	47	3.9	32/ 2	39	32	4	18	397		
Dave Stein	12/ 1	20/ 45	.445	1/ 6	.167	14/ 17	.824	55	4.6	25	2.1	18/ 0	13	14	0	7	213		
David Paul	7/ 1	12/ 28	.429	8/ 19	.421	0/ 0	.000	32	4.6	4	.6	9/ 0	7	3	0	1	64		
Cass White	9/ 1	17/ 40	.425	1/ 6	.167	2/ 5	.400	37	4.1	12	1.3	5/ 0	13	11	1	3	125		
Mike West	10/ 8	15/ 37	.405	0/ 0	.000	10/ 24	.417	40	4.0	62	6.2	16/ 0	11	17	3	8	231		
Dave Vance	12/ 12	16/ 53	.302	0/ 4	.000	12/ 16	.750	44	3.7	31	2.6	30/ 0	14	31	0	2	312		
Jerry Strickland	12/ 3	17/ 38	.447	1/ 3	.333	4/ 10	.400	39	3.3	14	1.2	11/ 0	11	10	3	7	133		
Brian Murphy	7/ 1	8/ 18	.445	0/ 0	.000	6/ 10	.600	22	3.1	19	2.7	15/ 0	3	4	0	3	86		
Vince Macciocchi	7/ 3	7/ 19	.368	0/ 0	.000	7/ 12	.583	21	3.0	14	2.0	16/ 0	2	4	0	5	100		
Don Peavey	3/ 0	1/ 4	.250	1/ 3	.333	0/ 2	.000	3	1.0	3	1.0	4/ 0	1	3	0	0	14		
Team Rebounds											44								

EIU	12/ 12	280/ 625	.448	26/ 82	.317	155/ 225	.689	741	61.8	379	31.6	207/ 4	165	199	17	88	—
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Team Rebounds											29						
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Opponent Totals	12/ 12	343/ 690	.497	31/ 80	.388	161/ 224	.719	878	73.2	393	32.8	217/ 4	184	144	42	111	—
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SCORE BY PERIOD	1	2	OT	OT	TOTAL	DEADBALL REBOUNDS
EIU	666	862	10	0	1538	64
Opponent Totals	839	907	8	0	1754	47

OVERALL TEAM RECORD	7-17	CUMULATIVE ATTENDANCE	75480	TOTAL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	3145
AMCU-8	2-10	HOME	25274	HOME AVERAGE	2106
Wolf Pack Classic	0- 2	AWAY	50206	AWAY AVERAGE	4184
AMCU-8 Tournament	0- 0				

1986 GAME BY GAME SCORING/REBOUNDING
(7-17 Overall, 2-10 in AMCU-8)

At Home: 5-7 On Road: 2-8 Neutral: 0-2 AMCU Home: 1-5 AMCU Road: 1-5
 NCAA I: 4-16 NCAA II: 1-0 NCAA III/NAIA: 2-1

EIU	OPPONENT	TAY	EVANS	HEMP	VANCE	STEIN	WEST	MACC	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
L 59	94 St.Louis University (A) 3813	7/7	8/2	4/3	8/5	10/6	DNP	2/1	2/1	0/2	9/2
W 76	68 Western Illinois (H) 2120	25/3	11/6	11/2	13/3	0/2	DNP	7/4	2/0	1/1	6/2
L 78	83 Illinois-Chicago (A) 2189	18/7	11/3	24/8	4/5	4/5	0/3	5/3	2/1	6/6	4/3
L 67	92 Cleveland State (A) 2954	12/2	11/4	21/7	4/1	6/2	4/1	2/2	6/0	DNP	1/1
L 50	53 Wisconsin-Green Bay (H) 1000	11/6	8/6	18/2	2/4	3/3	2/6	DNP	2/1	DNP	0/1
L 54	56 Southwest Missouri (H) 1500	16/5	9/2	11/4	5/3	5/1	8/7	DNP	0/0	0/0	DNP
W 65	55 Northern Iowa (A) 2088	23/12	11/3	18/7	1/0	9/3	2/8	DNP	0/0	1/1	DNP

Wednesday, Feb. 25 (7:30) **COLORADO STATE**

Saturday, Feb. 28 (7:30) **VALPARAISO ***

Monday, March 2 (7:30) at Western Illinois *

Thurs-Sat., March 5-7 at AMCU-8 Post Season Tournament (Springfield, MO)