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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers, tabbed as a legitimate contender in the Mid-Continent race, will open preseason workouts Monday (October 17).

The Panthers will open the season at Lantz Gym on Wednesday, Nov. 30 hosting Kent State.

However, Coach Rick Samuels will hold public intrasquad games from 11 a.m. until noon prior to each EIU home football game on October 22, 29 and Nov. 5 with an exhibition game scheduled here against Airliner-Converse on Saturday, Nov. 19.

Samuels, beginning his fourth season, will welcome 14 varsity candidates to the first workouts. There are no seniors on the club however he does have two returning starters showing up Monday, 6-2 Doug Crook (Vincennes, IN-Lincoln) and 6-11 Kevin Duckworth (Dolton-Thornridge). Dirk Androff (Decatur-Eisenhower), the other returning starter, will report following the football season.

"We're going to approach our preseason practices with a great deal of intensity," says Samuels. "We need to take a big step from where we were last year, and believe we can with a greater number of experienced players back."

Crook is the top returning scorer with a 12.1 average. He shot 49% last year playing point guard. Duckworth started all but two games as a freshman averaging 9.6 points and six rebounds but improved in league play coming up with 10 points, 10 rebounds per game. Androff was second in the league in shooting at 57.4% with 6.4 rebounds.

Besides these three starters, the Panthers return five other lettermen, 6-8 junior Steve Hopkins (Chicago-Kenwood), 6-8 junior Paul Neidig (Poseyville, IN-North Posey), 6-2 junior Vincent Smelter (Macon, GA-Northeast), 6-2 junior Mark Turner (South Bend, IN-Clay) and 6-5 sophomore Tim Wyss (Cissna Park).

"We'll make some minor adjustments to utilize our strengths, but overall we'll spend more time on details rather than implementing any major changes," said Samuels.

"I think our players have a better idea of our ultimate goals, and will be prepared to work towards those from day one."

Besides the veterans Samuels has two transfers who sat out last year, Jon Collins (East St. Louis), 6-4 forward who prepped at Cahokia after starting at Northern Illinois University as a freshman, and Troy Richardson (Dolton), a 6-0 guard who played two years at North Dakota State and was a high school teammate of Duckworth's at Thornridge.

Of the incoming freshmen the most likely to play some this year is 6-6 Derrick Spight (Indianapolis, IN-Marshall), who made several Indiana all-state teams.