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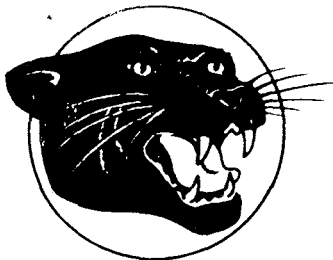
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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University basketball coach Rick Samuels spent the first week of basketball practice introducing his players to each other.

With nine of the 15 players either freshmen or sophomores and only three players back with much playing time, it'll be an inexperienced group that opens the season on Saturday, Nov. 27 at Purdue.

"Practice has been good so far and I'm pleased with the disciplined attitude towards work," said Samuels, "but we're so young we still need to broaden our work capabilities.

"Our older players, (Kurt) Lorenzen, (Kevin) Jones, (Tim) Dykstra, have set a good example and our sophomores have gained some maturity . . . I think they better understand the level of intensity needed to play at this caliber of college basketball."

Jones (Indianapolis-IN-Marshall/Kankakee CC), a 6-3 all-conference swingman, is the top returning scorer and rebounder with 12.6 and 5.1 averages. He hit 50.2% from the field, led with 67 assists and scored in double figures 18 times.

Lorenzen (Calumet City-Crete/Monee) asserted himself as a starting guard the latter half of the campaign scoring a career high 19 points in the season finale win over Western Illinois which assured EIU a 14-13 winning record in its first year of NCAA Division I play.

Dykstra (Plymouth, IN-LaVille), a 6-4 swingman, was a league all-academic choice. He scored six a game but had only 28 turnovers, the fewest of the top eight regulars.

Samuels says, though, that Eastern will deploy a different style of attack this season. "We'll slow the tempo down some and play more of a power game now that we have some size and can utilize a low post player . . . we vacated the post the past two years.

"I think this is better for our point guards, too . . . a better tempo for them to play although we still want to push the ball when we can and take advantage of a transition offense."

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The most height is supplied by 6-11 freshman Kevin Duckworth (Dolton-Thornridge) however 6-8 sophomores Steve Hopkins (Chicago-Kenwood) and Paul Neidig (Poseyville, IN-North Posey) both have the advantage of a year's experience in EIU's system.

Three other highly touted freshmen are 6-5 Tim Wyss (Cissna Park), 6-7 J. T. Coleman (Chicago Heights-Bloom Trail) and 6-6 Jeff Hippen (Chadwick).

Pushing Lorenzen at the point guard spot is sophomore Doug Crook (Vincennes, IN-Lincoln), former Indiana all-stater.

Two other lettermen, Mark Tarner (South Bend, IN-Clay) and Vincent Smelter (Macon, GA-Northeast) will sit out this season.

Smelter will definitely be redshirted while Tarner, who underwent knee surgery in the off-season, will not be able to compete before January when a decision will be made on his playing status.

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<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>HOMETOWN (High School/JC)</u>
00	Kevin Duckworth	C	6-11	280	Fr.	Dolton, IL (Thornridge)
10	Doug Crook	G	6-1	165	So.	Vincennes, IN (Lincoln)
12	Mark Tarner *	G	6-2	180	Jr.	South Bend, IN (Clay)
14	Mike Steed	G/F	6-3	190	Sr.	Chicago, IL (Kenwood/Olney CC)
20	Kurt Lorenzen *	G	6-3	185	Sr.	Calumet City, IL (Crete-Monee)
22	Tim Dykstra **	F	6-5	185	Jr.	Plymouth, IN (LaVille)
24	Tim Wyss	G/F	6-5	190	Fr.	Cissna Park, IL
30	J. T. Coleman	F	6-7	200	Fr.	Chicago Heights, IL (Bloom Trail)
32	Steve Hopkins	F	6-8	190	So.	Chicago, IL (Kenwood)
34	Dennis Ward	F	6-7	200	Fr.	Roselle, IL (Lake Park)
40	Drew Beck	F	6-7	190	Fr.	Streator, IL
42	Jeff Hippen	F	6-6	195	Fr.	Chadwick, IL
44	Kevin Jones *	G/F	6-3	175	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN (Marshall/Kankakee CC)
50	Paul Neidig	C	6-8	210	So.	Poseyville, IN (North Posey)
52	Dirk Androff	F/C	6-7	225	Jr.	Decatur, IL (Eisenhower)