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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers, picked in many quarters to be among the elite of the AMCU-8, open the 1984-85 season Monday (Nov. 26) at Eastern Washington.

Tipoff is 9:30 p.m. (CST) at Cheney, WA, which is located just south of Spokane. Eastern Washington opens its season at Montana State on Saturday.

The Panthers, who are in their fourth year in Division I, have had winning seasons in two of the previous three years and with eight returning lettermen are highly regarded among Mid-Continent teams.

Basketball Times, a national publication, picks EIU to win the AMCU-8, Street & Smith's preseason publication tabs the Panthers for second, The Sporting News lists EIU a co-favorite with Illinois-Chicago while the league's official poll predicts a third place finish.

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

THE GAME: Eastern Illinois (0-0) at Eastern Washington (0-0), 9:30 CST, Monday, Nov. 26, HPERA Complex, Cheney, WA.

RADIO: All the action can be heard live on WLBH-FM Mattoon, 97 on the dial, beginning with the pregame show at 9:20.

#### TENTATIVE STARTERS:

#### EIU

#### EWU

20 Jon Collins	F	6-4	Jr.	34 Matt Piper	F	6-6	Sr.
52 Dirk Androff	F	6-7	Sr.	32 Rob Otis	F	6-6	Jr.
00 Kevin Duckworth	C	7-0	Jr.	50 Tony Chrisman	C	6-9	Sr.
10 Doug Crook	G	6-1	Jr.	12 Melvin Bradley	G	6-1	Sr.
24 Troy Richardson	G	6-1	Sr.	24 Leroy Dean	G	6-2	Jr.

THE COACHES: EIU's Rick Samuels, beginning his fifth year, has a 58-55 lifetime record, all at EIU . . . he has had four winning seasons . . . previously was an assistant and co-head coach at Iowa State, and an assistant at Eastern Washington during the 1975-76 season.

EWU's Jerry Krause begins his 17th season, all at Eastern Washington, with a lifetime record of 250-181.

LAST YEAR: Kevin Duckworth's 20 points, seven rebounds and Jon Collins 16 points paced the Panthers to a 75-68 victory over Eastern Washington in Lantz Gym . . . this was the first meeting between these two schools.

ABOUT EWU: The Eagles, a NCAA Division I independent, was 4-22 last year . . . center Tony Chrisman is the top returning scorer with a 17 point average . . . other returning starters in double figures are guard Melvin Bradley at 10.5 and forward Matt Piper at 13.8 however Piper's stats are from the '83 season since he missed last year with an injury . . . the Eagles have won 14 straight home openers.

ABOUT EIU: Although it's the opening game officially for the Panthers, they did lose a 101-100 preseason game to an Iowa AAU team . . . Jon Collins led with 23 points while Dirk Androff had 17 points, eight rebounds . . . 7-0 center Kevin Duckworth starts the year as EIU's leader in career points among current players on the roster . . . in two years he has 613 followed by Tim Dykstra who has 564 in three years and Jon Collins with 513, all last season . . . freshman Bill Patterson from Galesburg will be redshirted this season . . . redshirt freshman Todd Emro is recovering from arthoscopic knee surgery . . . junior Drew Beck and freshman Jerry Strickland were the only players who did not see action in the AAU game.

UPCOMING GAME: The Panthers open the home season Saturday, Dec. 1 hosting Indiana State . . . it's the first visit to Lantz Gym since 1976 when EIU downed the Sycamores, 63-61, in overtime on a last second basket by Jeff Furry.

SAMUELS ON EIU: "Right now we're working hard to fine tune all parts of our game and getting mentally sharp for the opener . . . I think our players will be ready . . . we seemed to peak a week or so ago in an intrasquad scrimmage, and I'm confident we'll get back to that point shortly."

SAMUELS ON EWU: "They're a good, challenging opponent to open with . . . Tony Chrisman is a quality center and had a good game against us last year, and played well against some big name opponents like Nebraska and Kansas State . . . Matt Piper was their MVP two years ago, and if he returns to form after the injury last year, will be a handful for us."