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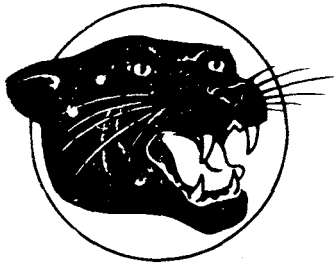
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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers have a Thursday home game before hitting the road on a two-game, three day trip this weekend.

The Panthers will host Lewis University Thursday (Dec. 9) at 7:30 in Lantz Gym. Then they face Southern Illinois University at Carbondale Saturday night (Dec. 11) and the University of Missouri in Columbia on Monday (Dec. 13).

Eastern is still searching for its first victory after dropping its second and third straight last weekend to Morehead State (72-65) and Eastern Kentucky (92-79).

"We've got to be intense every time we take the floor," said EIU Coach Rick Samuels. "Offensively I think we've played well but since we're not exceptionally quick we need to be intense and alert on defense so that people can't penetrate as they've done.

"Eastern Kentucky shot 61% against us. They shot well but it also means we're not doing something right to allow that. It's a tough time for us but not a panic time . . . it's still early in the season and with our youth we knew we'd have to hustle 40 minutes each time out."

Junior forward Tim Dykstra has probably been the most consistent player. He's averaging 10 points and six rebounds and "playing hard each time out," says Samuels. He only has six turnovers and the most playing time averaging 36 minutes.

"Kevin Jones has also done well. He took awhile to get started the other night (25 against Eastern Kentucky) but once he got going demonstrated his ability inside . . . and Tim Wyss showed his scoring potential."

Wyss had 14 against Eastern Kentucky hitting six of 11 from the field. Jones leads with a 16.7 average shooting nearly 70% from the field. He's also tops with 14 assists and 18 of 22 from the free throw line.

Although a NCAA II opponent, Lewis University may well be one of the best teams to face the Panthers this year as they return three starters from last year's 20-9 Division II tournament team.

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Thus far they are 4-0 including a 61-58 at Western Michigan. Larry Tucker, a 6-7 Division II Third Team All-American, is averaging 25 points a game. He had 20 against Western Michigan.

SIU-Carbondale started with an 87-44 win against the University of Charleston but then lost three straight to Northern Illinois (62-61), Murray State (63-41) and Southeast Missouri (55-50).

Guard Ken Byrd leads with a 19 point average scoring 28 against Charleston, 22 at Northern, 18 against Southeast Missouri and only eight at Murray State.

The Mizzou Tigers, 2-0, made their presence known on the national scene by knocking off North Carolina, the defending national champs, 64-60, in their opener.

The Tigers have three more games this week prior to the EIU contest but only Oregon State on Saturday would be expected to give them much trouble.

Led by All-American candidates Steve Stipanovich, 7-0 center, and guard Jon Sundvold, the Tigers will likely be among nationally ranked teams all year. Stipanovich is scoring 21 points a game with 9.5 rebounds while Sundvold is averaging 17.5.

TENTATIVE STARTERS

EASTERN ILLINOIS

F 22 Tim Dykstra 6-5 Jr.  
F 44 Kevin Jones 6-3 Sr.  
C 00 Kevin Duckworth 6-11 Fr. or  
50 Paul Neidig 6-8 So.  
G 24 Tim Wyss 6-5 Fr.  
G 10 Doug Crook 6-1 So.

SIU-CARBONDALE

F 24 Pie Walker 6-6 Jr.  
F 42 Darnall Jones 6-5 Sr.  
C 41 Harry Hunter 6-9 Jr.  
G 21 Dennis Goins 6-0 Sr.  
G 30 Ken Byrd 6-4 Sr.

LEWIS UNIVERSITY

F 43 Ron Lesiak 6-7 Jr.  
F 52 Larry Tucker 6-7 Sr.  
C 51 Ben Billups 6-7 Jr.  
G 23 Kevin Whittler 6-0 Sr.  
G 33 Charlie Niego 6-4 Fr.

MISSOURI

F 35 Greg Cavener 6-9 So.  
F 44 Ron Jones 6-4 Jr.  
C 40 Steve Stipanovich 6-11 Sr.  
G 20 Jon Sundvold 6-2 Sr.  
G 24 Mark Dressler 6-6 Sr.