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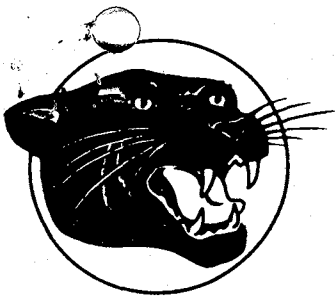
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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Indiana State and Eastern Illinois, two universities just 50 miles apart and each with a squad full of returning lettermen, meet at EIU's Lantz Gym Saturday (Dec. 1). Tipoff is 7:30 CST.

It's the home opener for the Panthers and the season opener for ISU's Sycamores, plus the first time in nearly nine years Indiana State will play in Lantz Gym.

Eastern is 0-1 following a 75-71 overtime loss at Eastern Washington this past Monday. The Panthers have eight returning lettermen, six of which are considered starters. Junior Jon Collins (East St. Louis-Cahokia), who scored 26 at Eastern Washington, is the Panthers All-American candidate.

The Sycamores, with seven returning vets, are led by junior John Sherman Williams, a 6-5 forward/guard, who is ISU's best player since Larry Bird.

A two-time Missouri Valley Conference Second Team pick, he's also been tabbed for HM All-American honors two straight years by the Sporting News. Last year he was second in the MVC with a 21.8 scoring average.

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

THE GAME: Eastern Illinois University (0-1) hosts Indiana State (0-0) at 7:30 CST, Saturday, Dec. 1, Lantz Gym, Charleston, IL.

RADIO: Hear all the action on WLBH-FM Mattoon, 97 on the dial, with Marc Stuart calling play-by-play and Mike Bradd providing commentary . . . the radio description will be tape delayed beginning with the pre-game show at approximately 9:30.

### STARTERS:

	<u>EIU</u>		<u>ISU</u>	
F	20 Jon Collins	6-4 Jr.	F	24 Johnny Edwards 6-6 So.
F	52 Dirk Androff	6-7 Sr.	F	34 Jeff McComb 6-4 Jr.
C	00 Kevin Duckworth	7-0 Jr.	C	50 Ralph Winters 6-9 Jr.
G	10 Doug Crook	6-1 Jr.	G	22 Bryan Kegerreis 6-2 So.
G	24 Troy Richardson	6-1 Sr.	G	44 John Williams 6-5 Jr.

**THE COACHES:** EIU's Rick Samuels, beginning his fifth year, has a 58-56 lifetime record, all at EIU . . . he has had four winning seasons . . . previously was an assistant and co-head coach at Iowa State . . . he is 0-2 vs. Indiana State.

ISU's Dave Schellhase, in his third year, is 23-33 at Indiana State . . . overall he is 159-98 which includes seven years as head coach at Moorhead (MN) State . . . he was a two-time consensus all-american (1965-66) at Purdue, leading the nation in scoring as a senior with a 32.5 average . . . he played briefly with the Chicago Bulls.

**LAST YEAR:** Indiana State downed EIU, 87-79, in Hulman Arena as the Sycamores' John Sherman Williams scored 22 and Dan Braun (now graduated) had 16 rebounds . . . EIU's Jon Collins had 22 points and Troy Richardson had 18.

**SERIES RECORD:** ISU holds a commanding 72-28 lead in this series, and has won the last two contests however the teams did not play between the 1975-76 season (see below) and 1980-81 when EIU advanced to Division I.

**LAST MEETING IN LANTZ:** On Saturday, Feb. 7, 1976, in one of the most exciting games ever played in Lantz Gym, EIU nipped the Sycamores, 63-61, in overtime on Jeff Furry's last second basket before 5200 fans . . . the Panthers were in the midst of a 15 game winning streak which eventually carried them to third place in the NCAA College Division tournament.

**ABOUT ISU:** Junior John Sherman Williams is not the whole show but certainly the most noticed . . . has moved to the backcourt after starting at forward previously . . . hit in double figures in 55 of 56 games with 41 straight . . . was Missouri Valley 'newcomer of the year' two years ago, Basketball Weekly's Second Team Freshman All-American . . . two time HM All-American by The Sporting News . . . two time MVC 2nd team . . . second in Valley in scoring at 21.8 last year . . . overall average is 20.2 . . . first ISU soph to score 1000 career points (1129) . . . 6-6 Johnny Edwards, a transfer from East Carolina, averaged 19 points, 9 rebounds while being named ECAC South All-Conference as ECU frosh two years ago . . . HM freshman All-American by Basketball Weekly . . . cousin of Phoenix Suns Walter Davis . . . guard Bryan Kegerreis and forward Jeff McComb, two lettermen who started some last year, are back . . . center is 6-9 Ralph Winters, a Crowder (MO) JC transfer who was all-district with 12 points, 11 rebounds.

**EIU'S COLLINS:** Junior Jon Collins picked up where he left off last year by leading the Panthers with 26 points Monday night in the Eastern Washington loss . . . Collins hit 11-17 from the field but was off at the free throw line connecting on only four of 11 . . . the league's 'Newcomer of the Year' last season, Collins was second in the Mid-Continent with an 18.3 scoring average . . . was in double figures in 27 of 28 games and over 20 points on ten occasions.

**SIR DUCK'S WORTH:** 7-0 Kevin 'Sir Duck' Duckworth probably had the best all-around offensive performance in Monday's opener . . . he scored 17 points with 6-13 field goals and 5-6 free throws . . . had a team high nine rebounds, six of which were defensive and three off the offensive boards . . . handed out three assists . . . played 41 of the 45 minutes, the most ever in a game . . . a preseason goal of the coaching staff was to keep him on the floor longer as he averaged only 23 minutes last season.

EIU NOTES: Bill Patterson, a 6-8 freshman from Galesburg, will be redshirted this season . . . 6-6 redshirt freshman Todd Emro of Hammond (IN)-Gavit underwent arthroscopic knee surgery in early November, and his future playing status is yet to be determined . . . other stat leaders in Monday's game were Troy Richardson with six assists, and he and Collins each had three steals . . . Dirk Androff was the only player on either team to foul out . . . Tim Dykstra had an all-around game for his first game in two years . . . he had eight points, four rebounds, five assists and only one turnover in 35 minutes.

SAMUELS ON EIU: "We were out rebounded and outhustled early in the game and had to come from too far back . . . from that standpoint I was disappointed with our inside play because we thought before the season started that one of our strengths would be our physical inside people . . . one game definitely does not make a season but it shows that we can't let people outhustle us for 10-12 straight possessions . . . I was pleased that we came back from a 14 point deficit and actually got the lead but having to do that on the road is very wearing, and something we can't afford to do."

SAMUELS ON ISU: "Indiana State is definitely a much better club than Eastern Washington . . . they don't have the size up front we do but certainly are a very quick team that has some explosive offensive players in John Sherman Williams and the transfer from East Carolina, Johnny Edwards . . . everyone on their team likes to push it up the floor as quickly as possible so it's to our advantage to make this a halfcourt game because we don't want to play transition basketball with them."