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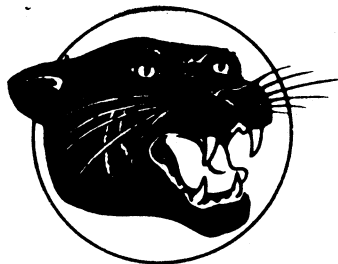
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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers will close the pre-Christmas portion of its schedule with home games against Augustana and William Penn within the next week.

EIU hosts the Augustana Vikings at 7:30 Saturday night (Dec. 8) and then closes with William Penn coming to Lantz Gym on Tuesday night (Dec. 11). Tipoff is 7:30 for both games.

Prior to a midweek game at Kent State, the Panthers were 1-1 following Saturday's 68-67 victory over Indiana State. Augustana has a 4-1 record while William Penn is 2-2.

Victories in these games would guarantee the Panthers an above .500 record entering the Christmas break as Eastern will be idle for over three weeks.

The next games are during a week long trip to Florida with a contest at Central Florida on January 2, and then a pair of games in the Florida Southern tournament on January 4-5.

* * * * * GAME NOTES * * * * *

THE GAMES: Eastern Illinois University (1-1) hosts Augustana (4-1) at 7:30, Saturday, Dec. 8; and hosts William Penn at 7:30, Tuesday, December 11 in Lantz Gym.

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 taped delay Saturday against Augustana but live for William Penn beginning with the Rick Samuels pre-game show at 7:20.

STARTERS:

	<u>EIU</u>				<u>AUGUSTANA</u>		
F	20	Jon Collins	6-4	Jr.	F	20	Ray Battle 6-4 Sr.
F	52	Dirk Androff	6-7	Sr.	F	32	Ken Harris 6-3 Jr.
C	00	Kevin Duckworth	7-0	Jr.	C	44	Dan Batka 6-6 Sr.
G	10	Doug Crook	6-1	Jr.	G	42	Rick Economos 6-3 Jr.
G	24	Troy Richardson	6-1	Sr.	G	30	Rick Keys 6-3 Jr.

WILLIAM PENN

F	33	Woodrow Wilson	6-5	Sr.
F	35	Carlos Carter	6-4	Jr.
C	51	Pat O'Bryant	6-5	Jr.
G	21	Ron Williams	6-2	Sr.
G	13	Derrick Willis	5-9	Sr.

THE COACHES: EIU's Rick Samuels, beginning his fifth year, has a 59-56 lifetime record, all at EIU . . . he has had four winning seasons . . . previously was an assistant and co-head coach at Iowa State . . . he is 0-0 vs. Augustana, 1-0 vs. William Penn.

Augie's Jim Leix, in his first year there, is 4-1 . . . he was 69-35 as head coach of Luther College the previous five seasons directing them into two NCAA III tournaments.

WP's Leon Richardson, in his 20th season as a head coach, all at William Penn, is 289-171 overall.

SERIES RECORD: This is only the third meeting between these two schools, each having won a game . . . Augie won the first encounter, 90-76, which eliminated EIU from the 1972 NAIA District 20 tournament . . . then the Panthers won, 77-67, here in Lantz in 1975 enroute to their NCAA II third place finish.

EIU leads William Penn, 2-0, last winning, 67-53, here during the 1981-82 season.

ABOUT AUGIE: The Vikings have started with a 4-1 record . . . all five starters are in double figures and account for 57 of AU's 69 point per game average so coach Jim Leix relies predominately on his first five . . . guard Rick Keys leads with a 12.8 average and had 16 including the game winning free throws in a 55-54 win over Beloit . . . Ken Harris, a 10.8 scorer, has been the top scorer in three of the five games . . . other wins were over Grand View College, Coe College and Simpson . . . the loss was 88-71 to Marycrest College in the championship of Augustana's Invitational last weekend . . . the Vikings are only allowing 60 points a game so are an above average defensive club.

ABOUT WM. PENN: The Statesmen were 2-2 with three games remaining prior to the EIU contest . . . they lost their first two at Southern Colorado and Regis and then won over Missouri Valley and Culver-Stockton . . . Ronnie Williams, an all-conference guard, is the leading scorer with a 15.2 average . . . Pat O'Bryant and Carlos Carter are both just under ten points a game . . . the team is averaging 60 points and allowing 70.

STAT CHAT: Junior Jon Collins (East St. Louis-Cahokia), as expected, is the team leader with a 22.5 scoring average prior to Wednesday's game at Kent State . . . he's hitting 63.3% of his shots (19-30) which, ironically, almost matches his free throw percentage of 63.6% . . . Troy Richardson (Dolton-Thornridge) is the team leader with seven steals and ten assists . . . 7-0 junior Kevin Duckworth (Dolton-Thornridge) is also in double figure scoring with a 14.5 average and leads in rebounding at 8.5 . . . while shooting just 47.9% from the field, the Panthers have relied on a solid floor game outrebounding opponents, 72-63, have more steals, 19-12, fewer turnovers, 34-31, and fewer fouls, 36-27.

ANDROFF'S BEST: Senior forward Dirk Androff (Decatur-Eisenhower) went from rags to riches in the season's first two games . . . after fouling out and playing only 13 minutes at Eastern Washington he responded with his best overall effort in his career against Indiana State . . . he had 14 points, 7-10 from the field, six rebounds, a team high five assists and three steals playing all but three minutes of the game.

SAMUELS ON EIU: "Obviously we want to go into the Christmas break above .500 and to do that we need to win these two upcoming home games . . . we played well defensively against Indiana State but didn't have one of our best nights offensively although we got good shots . . . (Dirk) Androff's game was probably the best all-around game he's played here and I was happy to see that we maintained our composure throughout a close game . . . although with a veteran club we should be expected to handle these type of pressure situations."

SAMUELS ON AUGUSTANA: "They have a junior-senior dominated lineup and have started off well so it appears they have made a successful transition with the change in coaches . . . we are just one of two Division I clubs on their schedule so I would anticipate they will be anxious to play well against us . . . their front line is in the 6-4 to 6-6 range so we will have a definite height advantage and hopefully can take advantage of that."

SAMUELS ON WILLIAM PENN: "At this point we don't know much about them other than they have three starters back from a team that was second in their league . . . last year they only lost by seven points at Western, so I see them coming here with an attitude similar to Augustana in that they'll be relaxed but mentally prepared to see if they can upset a Division I club."

1984-85 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL STATISTICS (1-1)

NAME	G(GS)	MIN	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	AVE	A	ST	B	PF(1)	TO	PTS	AVG	HIGH
Jon Collins	2(2)	81	19	30	.633	7	17	.636	12	6.0	2	4	-	1	5	45	22.5	26(EWT)
Kevin Duckworth	2(2)	69	11	32	.344	7	8	.875	17	8.5	3	1	2	2	8	29	14.5	17(EWT)
Doug Crook	2(1)	40	7	15	.467	-	-	-	3	1.5	2	1	-	1	4	14	7.0	8(EWT)
Troy Richardson	2(2)	66	4	10	.400	-	1	.000	5	2.5	10	7	-	4	5	8	4.0	4(EWT)
Tim Dykstra	2(1)	72	7	15	.467	5	6	.833	13	6.5	9	-	-	2	3	19	9.5	11(TST)
Dirk Androff	2(2)	50	8	12	.667	2	2	1.000	8	4.0	6	3	-	10	3	18	9.0	14(TST)
Steve Hopkins	2	35	2	6	.333	1	3	.333	5	2.5	-	3	-	4	2	5	2.5	3(EWT)
Paul Neidig	2	3	-	-	-	1	2	.500	1	0.5	-	-	-	2	2	1	0.5	1(EWT)
Vince Macciocchi	1	3	-	1	.000	-	-	-	1	1.0	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Norm Evans																		
EIU TOTALS	2	425	58	121	.479	23	39	.590	72	36.0	32	19	2	27(2)	31	139	69.5	71(EWT)
OPP TOTALS	2	425	64	125	.512	14	19	.737	63	31.5	38	12	6	36	34	142	71.0	75(EWT)

DEAD BALL REBOUNDS: EIU - 8 OPP - 2

EIU INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

FGA	19	Kevin Duckworth (Indiana State)
FG	11	Jon Collins (Eastern Washington)
FTA	11	Jon Collins (Eastern Washington)
FT	5	Kevin Duckworth (Eastern Washington)
FG%	.647	(11-17) Jon Collins (Eastern Washington)
FT%	.833	(5-6) Kevin Duckworth (Eastern Washington)
REB	9	Kevin Duckworth (Eastern Washington), Jon Collins & Tim Dykstra (Indiana State)
ASST	6	Troy Richardson (Eastern Washington)
PTS	26	Jon Collins (Eastern Washington)

OPP INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

FGA	24	John Williams (Indiana State)
FG	15	John Williams (Indiana State)
FTA	6	Leroy Dean (Eastern Washington)
FT	5	Leroy Dean (Eastern Washington)
FG%	.625	(15-24) John Williams (Indiana State)
FT%	.833	(5-6) Leroy Dean (Eastern Washington)
REB	13	Johnny Edwards (Indiana State)
ASST	8	Melvin Bradley (Eastern Washington)
PTS	30	John Williams (Indiana State)

EIU TEAM HIGHS

65	Indiana State
31	Indiana State
29	Eastern Washington
17	Eastern Washington
.482	(27-56) Eastern Washington
.600	(6-10) Indiana State
40	Indiana State

OPP TEAM HIGHS

65	Eastern Washington
33	Eastern Washington
10	Eastern Washington
9	Eastern Washington
.517	(31-60) Indiana State
.900	(9-10) Eastern Washington
36	Eastern Washington
24	Eastern Washington
75	Eastern Washington

EIU TEAM LOWS

56	Eastern Washington
27	Eastern Washington
10	Indiana State
6	Indiana State
.477	(31-65) Indiana State
.586	(17-29) Eastern Wash.
32	Eastern Washington

OPP TEAM LOWS

60	Indiana State
31	Indiana State
9	Indiana State
5	Indiana State
.508	(33-65) Eastern Wash.
.555	(5-9) Indiana State
27	Indiana State
14	Indiana State
67	Indiana State

GAME-BY-GAME SCORING/REBOUNDING

(At Home: 1-0		On Road: 0-1	Neutral: 0-0	AMCU: 0-0	AMCU Home: 0-0	AMCU Road: 0-0)					
<u>EIU</u>	<u>OPPONENTS</u>		<u>COLLINS</u>	<u>DUCKWORTH</u>	<u>CROOK</u>	<u>RICH</u>	<u>DYK</u>	<u>AND</u>	<u>HOP</u>	<u>NEIDIG</u>	<u>MACCIOCCHI</u>
L(OT) 71	75 Eastern Washington (A)	792	26/3	17/9	8/3	4/2	8/4	4/2	3/2	1/1	0/1
W 68	67 Indiana State (H)	4262	19/9	12/8	6/0	4/3	11/9	14/6	2/2	0/0	DNP