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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--The Lady Panthers are on a roll. There are no ifs . . . ands . . . or buts about it. The Eastern Illinois women's basketball team has streaked to a sparkling 5-1 record while overwhelming opponents to a tune of 20.8 points a game.

Eastern--sporting a four-game winning streak--takes its show on the road this week as the Lady Panthers play at Ball State Wednesday night (6:00 p.m. CST) and Wisconsin Friday evening (8:00 p.m. CST).

"I feel like we are improving various aspects of our game every time we play," notes EIU mentor Barbara Hilke after notching her 110th career win for the Lady Panthers.

"We still are not playing up to our potential offensively, but I feel we have made great strides defensively. The balanced attack of our team is what has impressed me most this season. Everybody is contributing to the wins."

Five players are averaging in double figures for Hilke's squad. Junior forward Chris Aldridge (Taylorville) leads the scoring entourage with a 13.7 average. The diligent performer has been twice named to all-tournament teams this season. She is second on the team in rebounding with a 6.8 average. Aldridge pulled down 26 rebounds and scored 30 points as the Lady Panthers captured the fourth annual Heath Candy Classic this past weekend.

Cat-quick Melanie Hatfield (Lawrenceburg, Ind.) is second on the team in scoring with a 12.5 average. She contributed 20 points, five rebounds and four steals in EIU's thrilling triple overtime win against Eastern Washington in the Heath Classic title game.

Junior center Sue Hynd (Ottawa) has her scoring average up to 12.3 a game but she has seen most of her action coming off the bench in the last three contests. Hynd scored eight points in the third overtime to clinch Eastern Illinois' win over Eastern Washington. She also hit the game-tying free throw to send the game to the second extra session.

Two-time all-conference selection Toni Collins (Lincoln/Jamaica-Sidell) is the fourth member of the squad averaging in double figures (11.3). The southpaw leads the club in rebounding with a 7.5 average. She notched her 800th career rebound against Xavier in the

opening round of the tournament. Collins also needs only one point to eclipse 1,400 for her career.

Senior guard Lori Conine (Paris/Kansas) rounds out the scoring quintet for the Lady Panthers. The determined and intense player was named to the Heath Candy Classic all-tournament squad for her fine play last weekend. She scored 36 points--including a 17-footer from the right side with eight seconds left to send the game into the third OT. Conine is averaging 11 points a contest.

ALDRIDGE NAMED GATEWAY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Junior CHRIS ALDRIDGE (Taylorville) has been named the Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference player of the week for her performance last weekend at the fourth annual Heath Candy Classic.

The former Taylorville High School Standout scored 30 points, grabbed 26 rebounds, four steals and notched three assists as the Lady Panthers captured their third Heath title in four years. Aldridge was named to the all-tournament team for her efforts along with teammate Lori Conine.

She leads the team in scoring with a 13.7 average and is second in rebounds with a 6.8 average. Aldridge leads the team in field goals made (32), field goal percentage (.525), free throws made (18) and free throw percentage (.750).

HYND NAMED TO ATHLETES IN ACTION SQUAD

CHARLESTON, IL-- (Nov. 11, 1984)--Eastern Illinois junior SUE HYND (Ottawa) has been selected to participate in an Athletes in Action international basketball tour next summer. According to Hynd, she will probably be going to Australia to play.

"It will be a tremendous opportunity for Sue," lauds EIU head coach Barbara Hilke. "I'm extremely proud of her. The international experience should benefit her both on the court and off. Sue is an outstanding individual."

Hynd is averaging 12.3 points a game for the Lady Panthers and has been a vital cog in the squad's early-season 5-1 start. She is averaging 5.2 rebounds; Hynd is one of five players who are averaging in double figures for Eastern.

1984-85 EASTERN ILLINOIS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STATISTICS (5-1 overall) Home: 3-0, Away: 1-0, Neutral: 1-1

Name	ST-GM	MTS#	FGM-FGA	PCT	FTM-FTA	PCT	PTS	AVG	REB	AVG	PF-D	AST	BS	ST	T
Aldridge, Jr., Forward	6-6	126	32-61	.525	18-24	.750	82	13.7	41	6.8	16-1	5	2	9	18
Hatfield, Jr., Guard	5-6	137	31-70	.443	13-19	.684	75	12.5	25	4.2	19-2	25	0	17	27
Hynd, Jr., Center	3-6	99	31-63	.492	12-17	.706	74	12.3	31	5.2	10-0	0	5	3	7
Collins, Sr., Forward	6-6	120	27-65	.415	14-25	.560	68	11.3	45	7.5	12-0	13	8	8	16
Conine, Sr., Guard	4-6	155	30-66	.455	6-10	.600	66	11.0	19	3.2	7-0	17	4	17	18
Maxey, Jr., Guard	5-6	148	18-47	.383	6-11	.545	42	7.0	40	6.7	12-0	25	1	8	29
Walsh, Fr., Center	0-5	30	7-14	.500	4-5	.800	18	3.6	9	1.8	4-0	1	0	0	1
Newman, Fr., Forward	0-5	32	4-9	.444	6-6	1.000	14	2.8	7	1.4	1-0	1	0	1	2
Brown, Fr., Forward	0-4	26	4-15	.267	1-2	.500	9	2.3	12	3.0	3-0	2	1	3	2
Hamilton, So., Guard	1-1	#	2-10	.200	0-0	-	4	4.0	6	6.0	2-0	4	1	3	3
EASTERN ILLINOIS	6-6	875#	186-419	.444	80-119	.672	452	75.3	238	39.7	84-3	93	19	66	123
OPONENTS	6-6	875#	165-398	.415	44-76	.579	375	62.3	209	34.8	111-2	74	37	51	151

DEAD BALL REBOUNDS--EIU (17), OPPONENTS (20)
 # Minutes not available for Central Florida Tournament

GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

Date	W-L	EIU	OPP	HIGH SCORER	HIGH REBOUNDER
Nov. 23	W	77	73 (OT)	Aldridge	Hatfield
Nov. 24	L	49	75	Collins	Collins
Nov. 28	W	69	41	Hynd	Maxey
Dec. 1	W	76	56	Hatfield	Hatfield, Maxey
Dec. 7	W	87	44	Conine	Collins, Hynd
Dec. 8	W	94	85 (3OT)	Hynd	Aldridge

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 * at Central Florida *
 * at Butler
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 * XAVIER \$
 * EASTERN WASHINGTON \$

* Central Florida Sunroast Invitational
 * Heath Candy Classic