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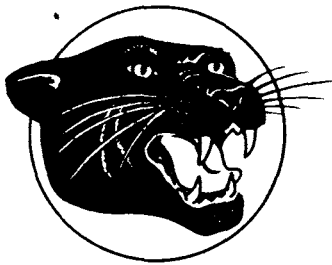
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CHARLESTON, IL, Oct. 22 -- 14 women student-athletes began practice Oct. 14 for the 1981-82 Eastern Illinois University women's basketball season, according to head coach Bobbie Hilke. 27 candidates attended the organizational meeting in Lantz Gym Sept. 24, and tryouts began Oct. 5. The squad was announced the day of practice commencement.

Eastern returns one starter from last season's 25-10 team that went to the AIAW Division II National Championships at Oskaloosa, Ia. Nancy Kassebaum, junior of Belleville (East) a 5-6 guard who averaged 15.3 ppg, 4.2 rebounds per game and handed out 218 assists over the 35-game schedule (6.2 average), is going to be the key for coach Hilke to build her squad around. Nancy's post-season honors include being named to the IIAAW All-Tournament and MAIAW Region V All-Tournament teams.

"The team's attitude about the upcoming season is great," commented coach Hilke recently. "We are running through fundamentals now and seeing just where our young people will fit into the lineup."

The Panthers return eight players from last season, however just one starter (Kassebaum) and two part-time starters, Jodi Corson, 5-6 sophomore guard (4.5 ppg and 2.2 rpg) of Baggs, Wyoming (Morrow) and Kathy Lanter, 5-7 junior guard (5.9 ppg and 2.2 rpg) of Georgetown, IL (Georgetown). The five remaining returning players which saw action coming off the bench are: Penny Berg, 5-7 senior forward (3.7 ppg and 2.0 rpg) of Denver, CO (Thornridge, IL); Angie DePesa, 5-8 senior forward (1.8 ppg and 1.3 rpg) of Glendale, AZ (Carl Sandburg, Orland Park, IL); Dede Edwards, 6-1 senior center (4.7 ppg and 3.0 rpg) of Lafayette, CO (Centarus and Western Wyoming Community College); Rhonda Morel, 5-11 senior forward (2.2 ppg and 2.0 rpg) of Peru, IL (Peru and Illinois Community College), and Kelly Waldrup, 5-4 junior guard (1.9 ppg and 0.7 rpg) of Coulterville, IL (Coulterville)

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Five freshmen and one junior comprise the remainder of the Eastern women's basketball roster: Toni Collins, 5-11 forward of Lincoln, IL (Jamaica of Sidell, IL); Lori Conine, 5-6 guard of Paris, IL (Kansas); Andrea Falter, 6-0 center of Chesterfield (Carlinville); Darla Farthing, 6-0 forward of Oakland, IL (Oakland) and Beth Sass, 5-7 forward of Elk Grove, IL (Elk Grove Village) are the freshman and Linda Walker, 5-8 forward of Chicago, IL (South Shore) is the new incoming upperclass woman.

Deanna D'Abbraccio begins her third season as Assistant Coach at EIU. Deanna is also the softball coach for the Panthers.

EIU begins its season in the River Roast Invitational, Nov. 27-28 at St. Louis, MO. The Panthers open against the University of Missouri-Rolla Nov. 27 at 9 a.m. Other teams competing in the Thanksgiving tourney are: Belmont (Tenn.) College, Harris-Stowe (St. Louis, MO), Lewis University, University of Missouri-St. Louis (host), Southeast Missouri State and Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Here is the 1981-82 Eastern Illinois University women's basketball schedule:

Fri-Sat., Nov. 27-28 -- At River Roast Invitational, St. Louis, MO
Fri-Sat., Dec. 4-5 -- At Peach Basket Invitational, Cedar Falls, IA
Tues., Dec. 8 -- At Purdue University, 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 12 -- At SIU-Edwardsville, 6:00 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 19 -- UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON, 5:15 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 6 -- BALL STATE, 5:15 P.M.*
Sat., Jan. 9 -- UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS, 7:00 P.M.
Wed., Jan. 13 -- At Indiana State, Terre Haute, IN, 7:00 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 15 -- BUTLER UNIVERSITY, 7:00 P.M.
Sat., Jan. 16 -- At Illinois Central College, East Peoria, 7:00 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 18 -- INDIANA STATE-EVANSVILLE, 5:15 P.M.
Fri-Sat., Jan. 22-23 -- HEATH CANDY CLASSIC
Tues., Jan. 26 - CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE, 7:00 P.M.
Fri., Jan. 29 -- NORTHERN KENTUCKY, 7:00 P.M. (PARENT'S WEEKEND)
Sat., Jan. 30 -- BRADLEY UNIVERSITY, 5:15 P.M.* (PARENT'S WEEKEND)
Fri., Feb. 5 -- LEWIS UNIVERSITY, 7:00 P.M.
Sat., Feb. 6 -- UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON, 7:00 P.M.
Mon., Feb. 8 -- SIU-CARBONDALE, 5:15 P.M.*
Fri., Feb. 12 - At College of St. Francis, 7:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 13 - At Northeastern Illinois University, 2:00 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 16 - At Western Illinois University, 5:00 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 19 -- At Chicago State University, 5:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 20 -- At University of Illinois-Chicago Circle, 2:00 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 23 - LOYOLA UNIVERSITY, 5:15 P.M.
Thur., Feb. 25 - INDIANA STATE (TERRE HAUTE, IN), 5:15 P.M.
Thur-Sat., Mar. 4-6 -- At IALAW Division II Tournament, Lewis University
(Romeoville, IL)
Thur-Sat., Mar. 11-13 - At MAIAW Division II Region V Championships, Loyola University
(Chicago, IL)

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* - Prelim to Men's game

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