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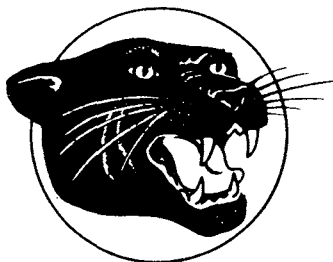
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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's women's basketball team closes the pre-Christmas portion of its schedule with a 5:15 p.m. Saturday (Dec. 19) game with the University of Dayton.

That contest will follow the men's game against Illinois State. The women, 4-3 following Saturday's 79-56 win over SIU-Edwardsville, will be idle until Wednesday, Jan. 6 when they host Ball State.

Junior guard Nancy Kassebaum (Belleville-East) continues to lead the team with a 17 point average plus handing out nearly six assists per contest.

She had 19 in the win over SIU-Edwardsville and is just two shy of the 1100 mark for her career.

Also averaging in double figures are Toni Collins (Lincoln-Jamaica) and Kathy Lanter (Georgetown) with 14.7 and 10.9, respectively.

Coach Barbara Hilke cited the recent play of center Dede Edwards (Lafayette, CO-Centarus/Western Wyoming CC). "She played an inspired game against Edwardsville . . . but then we were really pleased with the team's overall effort.

"Our team defense was great . . . our passing (30 assists) helped control the game and reflected a good week of practice. We are starting to look for each other better on offense."