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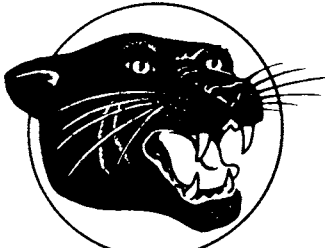
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# **Panther Sports News**

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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University will make its debut into 'big time' college basketball by opening at Kent State Saturday afternoon (Nov. 28).

The Panthers will return home to host Olivet Nazarene, one of just four non-NCAA Division I teams, at 7:30 p.m. Monday night (Nov. 30).

"We were ragged in an alumni game Friday night, but that's typical of those kind of games," said EIU Coach Rick Samuels. "But we have a lot to do before the Kent State game."

The Panthers are tentatively planning to start seniors Ricky Robinson (Aurora-East), Jim Williams (Monticello), Warren Patten (Memphis, TN-Westark, AR CC) and Eddie Jones (Chicago-Cregier/Lincoln CC) along with sophomore Tim Dykstra (Plymouth, IN-Laville).

"It will be tough to pinpoint starters since we have eight or nine so equal in ability . . . who starts will depend upon who we are playing," said Samuels.

Senior Leigh Hankins (South Beloit) will likely be the first one off the bench to go inside and JC transfer Kevin Jones (Indianapolis, IN-Kankakee CC) is the No. 3 guard.

Kent State, a member of the Mid-American Conference, was 7-19 last season and 5-11 in league play. However, the Golden Flashes return five starters although none averaged in double figures.

Olivet Nazarene is 3-1 already this season with victories over Northeastern Illinois, Loras College and Mid-American. The loss was to Avila College.

Pat Martin and John Allhands lead in scoring with 15 and 14 point averages, respectively