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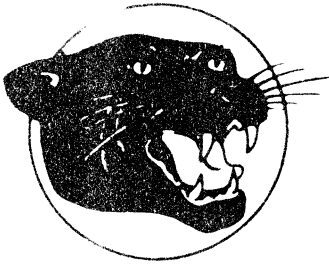
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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL (January 21, 1986)--0-o-o-o Baby!! Those Panthers are fun to watch. The Eastern Illinois men's basketball team may be the best-kept secret in the nation--next to the formula for Coca-Cola Classic. Coach Rick Samuels' crew is 12-4 overall and perched on top the AMCU-8 (with Cleveland State) with a 4-0 mark. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Eastern hosts Cleveland State Wednesday, January 23 at 7:30 p.m.).

Eastern Illinois entertains league rival Valparaiso Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. at Lantz Gym. The Crusaders are 4-11 on the season and 0-4 in the conference after dropping a 71-70 decision to Northern Iowa on Monday night.

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WLBH-radio (97FM) will broadcast the Eastern Illinois-Valparaiso game Saturday night beginning with the pre-game show at 7:20 p.m. Mark Stuart will call the action for the Eastern Illinois sports network.

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To say the Panthers have been playing well lately is an understatement. EIU has won five in a row and nine of its last 10 games. The only loss during the streak has been a 90-68 verdict at Northeast Louisiana. Eastern has also won seven consecutive games against AMCU-8 opponents.

After Eastern's dramatic 68-67 win at Southwest Missouri Monday night, Samuels and Company had a smile the size of a Cheshire cat. Senior pivot KEVIN DUCKWORTH (Dolton/Thornridge) tipped in a missed shot at the buzzer to provide the margin of victory.

"The win against Southwest Missouri was one of the biggest in my career here at Eastern," admits Samuels. "We have a very exciting conference and its extremely tough to win on the road...especially at Southwest.

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"Valparaiso will be a tough opponent for us. They are one of the most improved teams in the league and they are similar in style to Western Illinois. However, they are more patient than Western Illinois."

THERE IS NO

PLACE LIKE HOME: Eastern's Lantz Gym has become a terror for Panther opponents. The Panthers have won nine consecutive games at home and 19 of its last 21 at the "Friendly Confines." Cleveland State (77-70) and Western Illinois (70-69) both defeated Eastern at home a year ago.

RED-HOT DUCK: There may not be a better player in the AMCU-8--much less the Midwest --than 7-0 senior center KEVIN DUCKWORTH. "Sir Duck" has averaged nearly 22 points (21.8) and 10 rebounds a game over the past five contests. He scored the game-winning basket on a tipin at the buzzer to lead the Panthers to a 68-67 league victory over Southwest Missouri.

SAMUELS ON DUCKWORTH: "Kevin has been playing super lately...he has worked hard toward being one of the premier post players in the league. He is playing up to his abilities but I know he will just get better with time."

COLLINS UPTO

SIXTH ON SCORING

LIST: Senior forward JON COLLINS has moved to sixth-place on the all-time Eastern Illinois scoring list. He has 1385 points and is 23 shy of John Wilson. The All-American candidate is averaging nearly 20 points a game. He has scored in double figures in 36 consecutive games and 70 of the past 73 over the past two seasons.

EIU IN

LOOP PLAY: The Panthers are 4-0 in the AMCU-8. They have won two one-point contests against Southwest Missouri (68-67) and Northern Iowa (67-66) while also winning a couple of blowouts against Western Illinois (81-68) and Wisconsin-Green Bay (77-52).

PROBABLE

STARTING LINEUPS: Jon Collins, 6-4, Sr., 19.6 F Harry Bell, 6-4, So., 12.8
 Dave Vance, 6-5, Fr., 3.9 F Jerome Battle, 6-6, So., 3.3
 Kevin Duckworth, 7-0, Sr., 17.6 C Jim Steuve, 6-7, Sr., 9.3
 Norm Evans, 6-2, So., 6.2 G Brett Hughes, 6-1, Sr., 6.2
 Doug Crook, 6-1, Sr., 13.3 G Todd Smith, 5-11, Fr., 5.5

CUMULATIVE
Basketball Statistics -- Eastern Illinois 1985-86
(Includes 16 Games)

-PLAYER	G/ GS	FG/ FGA	FG%	FT/ FTA	FT%	PIS	AVG	REB	AVG	PF/ D	AST	TO	BLK	SIL	MIN-
Jon Collins	16/ 16	126/ 246	.512	62/ 82	.756	314	19.6	76	4.8	22/ 0	41	36	0	14	562
Kevin Duckworth	16/ 16	111/ 190	.584	59/ 79	.747	281	17.6	140	8.8	58/ 4	11	38	25	13	483
Doug Crook	16/ 16	91/ 186	.489	31/ 39	.795	213	13.3	42	2.6	38/ 0	52	29	0	31	524
Jay Taylor	13/ 0	35/ 87	.402	24/ 31	.774	94	7.2	39	3.0	15/ 0	35	25	1	16	256
Nom Evans	16/ 16	44/ 90	.489	11/ 19	.579	99	6.2	56	3.5	39/ 2	55	39	9	39	465
Dave Vance	15/ 11	20/ 42	.476	19/ 23	.826	59	3.9	50	3.3	18/ 0	30	22	1	5	347
Brian Murphy	9/ 0	6/ 17	.353	14/ 18	.778	26	2.9	20	2.2	13/ 0	2	1	1	4	82
Ronnie Duckworth	5/ 0	5/ 12	.417	1/ 3	.333	11	2.2	10	2.0	8/ 1	2	2	2	0	54
Mike West	16/ 5	16/ 38	.421	2/ 9	.222	34	2.1	58	3.6	30/ 0	11	20	3	4	283
Jerry Strickland	10/ 0	5/ 17	.294	10/ 11	.909	20	2.0	10	1.0	5/ 0	5	2	0	3	51
Don Peavey	6/ 0	4/ 12	.333	1/ 2	.500	9	1.5	5	.8	3/ 0	3	4	0	0	26
Draw Beck	9/ 0	3/ 8	.375	4/ 6	.667	10	1.1	15	1.7	3/ 0	6	3	0	0	58
Todd Euro	6/ 0	2/ 3	.667	2/ 4	.500	6	1.0	3	.5	2/ 0	1	0	0	0	9
Team Rebounds								29							
EIU	16/ 16	468/ 948	.494	240/ 326	.736	1176	73.5	553	34.6	254/ 7	254	221	42	129	--
Team Rebounds								30							
Opponent Totals	16/ 16	457/ 954	.479	173/ 248	.698	1087	67.9	532	33.3	290/ 4	253	223	49	111	--

-PER-GAME AVERAGES-

-PLAYER	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	PIS	REB	AST	TO	BLK	SIL	MIN-
Jon Collins	7.9	15.4	3.9	5.1	19.6	4.8	2.6	2.3	.0	.9	35.1
Kevin Duckworth	6.9	11.9	3.7	4.9	17.6	8.8	.7	2.4	1.6	.8	30.2
Doug Crook	5.7	11.6	1.9	2.4	13.3	2.6	3.3	1.8	.0	1.9	32.8
Jay Taylor	2.7	6.7	1.9	2.4	7.2	3.0	2.7	1.9	.1	1.2	19.7
Nom Evans	2.8	5.6	.7	1.2	6.2	3.5	3.4	2.4	.6	2.4	29.1
Dave Vance	1.3	2.8	1.3	1.5	3.9	3.3	2.0	1.5	.1	.3	23.1
Brian Murphy	.7	1.9	1.6	2.0	2.9	2.2	.2	.1	.1	.5	9.1
Ronnie Duckworth	1.0	2.4	.2	.6	2.2	2.0	.4	.4	.4	.0	10.8
Mike West	1.0	2.4	.1	.6	2.1	3.6	.7	1.3	.2	.3	17.7
Jerry Strickland	.5	1.7	1.0	1.1	2.0	1.0	.5	.2	.0	.3	5.1
Don Peavey	.7	2.0	.2	.3	1.5	.8	.5	.7	.0	.0	4.3
Draw Beck	.3	.9	.5	.7	1.1	1.7	.7	.3	.0	.0	6.5
Todd Euro	.3	.5	.3	.7	1.0	.5	.2	.0	.0	.0	1.5
EIU	29.3	59.3	15.0	20.4	73.5	34.6	15.9	13.8	2.6	8.1	---
Opponent Totals	28.6	59.6	10.8	15.5	67.9	33.3	15.8	13.9	3.1	6.9	---

SCORE BY PERIOD	1	2	OT	OT	TOTAL-	-DEADBALL REBOUNDS-
EIU	553	623	0	0	1176	27
Opponent Totals	515	572	0	0	1087	26

OVERALL TEAM RECORD	12- 4	CUMULATIVE ATTENDANCE	48955	TOTAL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	3060
AMU-8	4- 0	HOME	12267	HOME AVERAGE	2045
Savider Classic	2- 0	AWAY	36688	AWAY AVERAGE	3669

#	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTEND	LOC	HIGH SCORER	HIGH REBOUNDER	OPP HI SCORER	OPP HI REBOUND
1	Illinois Tech	96- 52 W	1492	H	K. Duckworth 24	K. Duckworth 16	Four players 8	Evans 7
2	William Penn	78- 62 W	1213	H	Collins 25	K. Duckworth 10	Brown 14	O'Bryant 7
3	Minnesota	69- 87 L	11650	A	K. Duckworth 24	K. Duckworth 11	Shasky 22	Shasky 6
4	Colorado State	62- 83 L	4103	A	Collins 13	Taylor 8	Turcotte 17	Dudley 10
5	Indiana State	59- 60 L	4649	A	Collins 21	West 7	Williams 25	McComb 14
6	Millikin	85- 66 W	1972	H	Collins20, Crock20	West 7	Barnes 18	Barnes 9
7	Pan American	57- 56 W	3245	A	Collins 14	K. Duckworth 7	Anderson 17	Johnson 9
8	Butler	81- 78 W	1214	A	Collins 21	K. Duckworth 11	Tucker 25	Gallahar 9
9	South Alabama	70- 61 W	851	N	Crock 20	K. Duckworth 7	Kortokrax 14	Kortokrax 13
0	BYU-Hawaii	77- 73 W	853	N	Collins 28	K. Duckworth 11	White 19	White 8
1	NE Louisiana	68- 90 L	730	A	Collins 22	K.Duckworth6, Coll16	James 19	Jenkins 10
2	Butler	81- 66 W	2508	H	Collins 24	K. Duckworth 17	Fitzgerald 22	Gallahar 8
3	Northern Iowa	67- 66 W	2602	A	K.Duckworth 22	K.Duckworth 9	Kraayenbrink 21	
4	Western Illinois	81- 68 W	2756	H	K. Duckworth 22	K. Duckworth 10	Wright 20	Presswood 7
5	Wisc.-Green Bay	77- 52 W	2326	H	K.Duckworth 20	Vance, K.Duck. 6	Cottrell 15	Cottrell 8
6	SW Missouri	68- 67 W	6791	A	K. Duckworth 23	K. Duckworth 7	Garland 26	Ward, Bell 5

AMOU-8

\$ Seaside Classic

ON HIGHS/LOWS-

		Eastern Illinois	Opponent
Points 1st Half:	High	48 vs Illinois Tech	49 by Minnesota
	Low	21 vs Colorado State	15 by Wisc.-Green Bay
Points 2nd Half:	High	48 vs Butler	54 by NE Louisiana
	Low	32 vs Pan American	22 by Illinois Tech
Total Points:	High	96 vs Illinois Tech	90 by NE Louisiana
	Low	57 vs Pan American	52 by Wisc.-Green Bay
Field Goals:	High	41 vs Illinois Tech	38 by Minnesota
	Low	22 vs Colorado State	21 by Pan American
Field Goals Attempted:	High	76 vs Butler	78 by William Penn
	Low	41 vs South Alabama	46 by Indiana State
Field Goal Percentage:	High	.674 vs SW Missouri	.585 by Minnesota
	Low	.333 vs Colorado State	.364 by Illinois Tech
Free Throws:	High	25 vs Butler	27 by Colorado State
	Low	6 vs SW Missouri	4 by Western Illinois
Free Throws Attempted:	High	34 vs Butler	35 by Colorado State
	Low	7 vs SW Missouri	5 by Illinois Tech
Free Throw Percentage:	High	.952 vs William Penn	.895 by BYU-Hawaii
	Low	.412 vs Northern Iowa	.375 by Wisc.-Green Bay
Total Rebounds:	High	52 vs Illinois Tech	42 by Northern Iowa
	Low	20 vs South Alabama	21 by South Alabama
Assists:	High	24 vs Butler	20 by Northern Iowa
	Low	9 vs NE Louisiana	7 by Wisc.-Green Bay
Blocked Shots:	High	4 vs Northern Iowa	8 by BYU-Hawaii
	Low	0 vs South Alabama	0 by SW Missouri
Steals:	High	19 vs Millikin	11 by NE Louisiana
	Low	4 vs SW Missouri	3 by Western Illinois
Turnovers:	High	19 vs Millikin	23 by Millikin
	Low	9 vs Indiana State	8 by SW Missouri
Personal Fouls:	High	28 vs Colorado State	25 by Butler
	Low	9 vs William Penn	13 by SW Missouri