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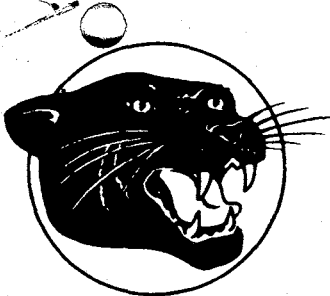
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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers will return home for the first time in a month when they host two games this week facing Pan American on Thursday (Jan. 10) and then Mid-Continent opponent Northern Iowa on Saturday (Jan. 12). Tipoff is 7:30 for both in Lantz Gym.

EIU last played at home on December 11 when it defeated William Penn, 100-62, and then was idle until the first of the year.

Now these two upcoming contests will be the fifth and sixth games in the last 11 days. The Panthers began 1985 by defeating Central Florida, 97-79, and then lost a pair of one-pointers, 72-71 to Long Island, 80-79 to American University, in the Florida Southern Tournament to even their record at 4-4.

Prior to these two coming up, Eastern did have a midweek game at Cleveland State on Tuesday (Jan. 8). That was the conference opener for both clubs.

Pan American is 7-3 while Northern Iowa is 4-4 but has home games with Missouri (Jan. 9) and Iowa State (Jan. 10) prior to the Panthers.

* * * * * GAME NOTES * * * * *

THE GAMES: Eastern Illinois University (4-4) hosts Pan American (7-3) at 7:30, Thursday, Jan. 10; hosts Northern Iowa (4-4) at 7:30 Saturday, Jan. 12 in Lantz Gym, Charleston, IL.

RADIO: Hear all the action on WLBH-FM Mattoon, 97 on the dial, with Marc Stuart calling play-by-play and Mike Bradd providing commentary . . . the radio description will begin with the pre-game show at 7:20 for Pan American but will be taped delay for the UNI contest starting at approximately 9:40.

STARTERS:

EIU

PAN AMERICAN

F 20	Jon Collins	6-4 Jr.	F 52	Phillip Bernard	6-7 Sr.
F 32	Steve Hopkins	6-8 Sr.	F 42	Duane Thornton	6-5 Sr.
C 52	Dirk Androff	6-7 Sr.	C 50	Jaime Gonzalez	6-7 Sr.
G 10	Doug Crook	6-1 Jr.	G 20	Kevin Johnson	6-4 Fr.
G 24	Troy Richardson	6-1 Sr.	G 11	Michael Anderson	6-0 Jr.

NORTHERN IOWA

F 33	Nathan Harris	6-6 Jr.
F 23	Jim McGrath	6-9 Jr.
C 43	Scott Stafford	6-7 Sr.
G 21	Lamont Robinson	6-1 Fr.
G 32	Randy Kraayenbrink	6-3 Jr.

THE COACHES: EIU's Rick Samuels, in his fifth year, has a 62-59 lifetime record, all at EIU . . . he has had three winning seasons . . . previously was an assistant and co-head coach at Iowa State . . . he is 0-0 vs. Pan American, 3-3 vs. Northern Iowa.

Pan Am's Lon Kruger, a former Big Eight 'Player of the Year' at Kansas State in the early 1970s, is in his third year as Bronc head coach . . . he has an overall record of 27-38.

UNI's Jim Berry, in his 12th year, is 128-179, and 186-218 overall in 17 years of collegiate coaching . . . he is 4-11 vs. EIU, and winless in seven games in Lantz Gym.

SERIES RECORD: EIU is 0-1 vs. Pan American having lost a 74-73 game in 1962-63 . . . the Panthers competed in the Pan American holiday tournament in 1966-67 but did not meet the Broncs.

EIU holds a 13-5 edge over the UNI purple Panthers.

LAST YEAR: The Panthers dropped a 65-60 contest at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls last year . . . but then finished off the regular season with a 100-64 victory as Troy Richardson and Kevin Duckworth each scored career high points of 22 and 21, respectively, at Lantz Gym.

BALANCE SCORING: The Panthers have their most balanced scoring attack in several years as the top six are either in double figures or near it . . . Jon Collins (East St. Louis-Cahokia) leads at 16.9 followed by Kevin Duckworth (Dolton-Thornridge) 14.9, Doug Crook (Vincennes, IN-Lincoln) 11.4 . . . near double figures are Troy Richardson (Dolton-Thornridge) and Dirk Androff (Decatur-Eisenhower), each at 9.1, and Tim Dykstra (LaGrange, IN-LaVille) at 8.7.

RICHARDSON HONORED: Senior guard Troy Richardson (Dolton-Thornridge) was picked the AMCU-8 'player of the week' . . . it's the first EIU player selected this season . . . during three games in Florida last week, Richardson averaged 10 points, eight assists, 3.4 steals, nearly five rebounds and shot 75% (12-18) from the field.

COLLINS ALL-TOURNAMENT: Junior forward Jon Collins (East St. Louis-Cahokia) was chosen to the Florida Southern All-Tournament Team . . . in two games against Long Island and Florida Southern, he scored a team high 35 points with 10 rebounds.

VICTORY/LOSING MARGIN: There is quite a difference between the average margin of points for winning and losing this winter . . . in its four wins, the Panthers have won by a 17 point average while in the four losses are going down to defeat by just three points a game . . . in the four losses, EIU has had a pair of one point games, a five pointer and a four pointer in overtime.

ABOUT PAN AM: Pan Am is one of the nation's most improved ball clubs . . . two years ago first year coach Lon Kruger raised the Broncs victory total by 40%, topped that with an additional 46% last season and now is 7-3 in his third season with nine lettermen and four starters back . . . Pan American has won its own holiday tournament and then took third in the Nevada-Las Vegas tournament just after Christmas . . . the Broncs have been idle for the past two weeks . . . 6-5 senior forward Duane Thornton is the leading scorer with a 14.3 average . . . he was picked MVP of the Pan Am tournament as he made 18-21 field goals, and then was selected to the UNLV all-tourney team . . . next is 6-7 senior Phillip Bernard, a 25 year old ex-army paratrooper, averaging 10.2 points and getting 5.3 rebounds, same as Thornton.

EIU BASKETBALL
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ABOUT UNI: The purple Panthers were 4-4 prior to midweek games with Missouri (1/9) and Iowa State (1/10) in the UNI-Dome . . . UNI has played only one road game losing 72-59 at Kansas State although did have two neutral site losses to Central Michigan and Howard University in the Evansville tournament . . . all-conference guard Randy Kraayenbrink, the AMCU's leading scorer last year, is hitting 18.7 this winter, and recently passed the 1000 career mark . . . he ranks No. 12 on Northern Iowa's scoring list with 1015 points . . . 6-7 senior Scott Stafford, who has shifted to center, is scoring 15.2 and leads with 8.7 rebounds . . . two transfers from Illinois State, Jim McGrath and Kirk Francis, both around 6-8, became eligible at the semester and McGrath already is listed as a starter.

AMCU-8 STANDINGS (as of 1/8):	<u>OVERALL</u>	<u>AMCU</u>
Illinois-Chicago	7-5	0-0
Cleveland State	6-4	0-0
EASTERN ILLINOIS	4-4	0-0
Northern Iowa	4-4	0-0
Southwest Missouri	5-6	0-0
Valparaiso	3-6	0-0
Western Illinois	3-7	0-0
Wis-Green Bay	2-9	0-0

AMCU-8 Games . . . 1/12 -- Northern Iowa at EIU
 Wis-Green Bay at Cleveland State
 Valparaiso at Ill-Chicago
 Western Illinois at Southwest Missouri

1/14 -- Wis-Green Bay at Valparaiso
 Ill-Chicago at Cleveland State
 Northern Iowa at Southwest Missouri

SAMUELS ON PAN AM: Coach (Lon) Kruger has made excellent progress down there and is now fielding a veteran team in his third season . . . he has a nice blend of junior college transfers plus players he's recruited out of high school and they seem to be playing very well together . . . (Duane) Thornton is their leading scorer but (Philip) Bernard is probably their top inside player . . . he's a veteran of three years in the Army, and at 25 may be the most physically mature player we go up against this year . . . since Coach Kruger played and coached for Jack Hartman at Kansas State, I anticipate he'll emphasize a strong defense and a team that is patient and willing to take a high percentage shot."

SAMUELS ON UNI: "(Randy) Kraayenbrink and (Scott) Stafford have been their top two statistically throughout the year so attention must be focused on them however with (Jim) McGrath and (Kirk) Francis eligible, they've added some depth to their squad so I foresee Northern Iowa improving as the season goes along . . . other than the Evansville tournament, this is only their second road game so it's tough to get a feel on how well they can play away from the UNI-Dome."

SAMUELS ON EIU: "We certainly haven't had any trouble scoring points and with the balance that we've displayed I anticipate we'll continue to be a very good offensive club . . . but we had some defensive shortcomings in the Florida tournament and need to be more consistent and aggressive on that end of the floor . . . I'm confident that coming back home coupled with the start of the conference season will give some new enthusiasm and help build some momentum."

1984-85 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL STATISTICS (4-4)

NAME	G(GS)	MIN	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	AVE	A	ST	B	PF(D)	TO	PTS	AVE	HIGH
Jon Collins	8(8)	251	55	111	.495	25	40	.625	43	5.4	14	9	1	4	18	135	16.9	26(EWU)
Kevin Duckworth	8(3)	195	46	96	.479	27	36	.750	53	6.6	3	3	11	22	17	119	14.9	20(CFU)
Doug Crook	8(7)	217	42	77	.545	7	9	.778	17	2.1	15	12	-	12	12	91	11.4	18(CFU)
Troy Richardson	8(8)	244	30	53	.566	13	16	.812	29	3.6	55	26	1	23	25	73	9.1	15(WP)
Tim Dykstra	8(2)	222	28	53	.528	14	16	.875	33	4.1	34	8	-	11	15	70	8.7	14(WP)
Dirk Androff	8(8)	223	27	46	.587	19	25	.760	41	5.1	17	6	1	24(2)	10	73	9.1	15(WP)
Steve Hopkins	8(4)	138	11	25	.440	7	13	.538	31	3.9	-	5	1	16	9	29	3.6	13(KS)
Paul Neidig	7	36	4	7	.571	3	7	.428	5	0.7	-	-	-	5	2	11	1.6	4(CF)
Vince Macciocchi	5	37	4	7	.571	4	11	.364	9	1.8	1	-	1	6	4	12	2.4	6(AUG)
Norm Evans	4	32	2	7	.286	6	11	.545	4	1.0	6	1	2	3	7	10	2.5	5(AUG)
Jerry Strickland	3	15	2	4	.500	2	4	.500	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	6	2.0	3(AUG)
Drew Beck	2	12	1	2	.500	-	1	.000	4	2.0	1	-	-	2	1	2	1.0	2(CF)
Todd Emro	1	3	1	2	.500	-	-	-	1	1.0	-	-	-	1	1	2	2.0	2(CF)
									Team Rebounds 34									
EIU TOTALS	8	1625	253	490	.516	127	189	.672	304	38.0	148	70	18	129(2)	123	633	79.1	100(WP)
OPP TOTALS	8	1625	235	520	.452	95	124	.766	270	33.7	131	50	18	147(1)	133	568	71.0	80(AU)

DEAD BALL REBOUNDS: EIU - 27 OPP - 12

EIU INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

FGA	19	Kevin Duckworth (Indiana State)
FG	11	Jon Collins (Eastern Washington)
FTA	11	Jon Collins (Eastern Washington)
FT	7	Dirk Androff (William Penn)
FG%	.778	(7-9) Tim Dykstra (William Penn)
FT%	1.000	(7-7) Dirk Androff (William Penn)
REB	10	Steve Hopkins (Kent State), Kevin Duckworth (Wm. Penn)
ASST	11	Troy Richardson (Augustana)
PTS	26	Jon Collins (Eastern Washington)

EIU TEAM HIGHS

73	William Penn	52	Kent State
37	William Penn, Central FL	23	Kent State
34	William Penn	10	Indiana State
26	William Penn	6	Indiana State
.610	(36-59) Augustana	.442	(23-52) Kent St.
.809	(17-21) American Univ.	.529	(9-17) Long Island
51	William Penn	26	Long Island
25	Central Florida	13	Kent State
100	William Penn	57	Kent State

OPP INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

FGA	24	John Williams (Indiana State)
FG	15	John Williams (Indiana State)
FTA	8	Terry Wearsch (Kent State), Dan Faison (Central Florida)
FT	6	Three players tied
FG%	.875	(7-8) Jim Lutz (American University)
FT%	1.000	(6-6) Stan Kimbrough (Central Florida)
REB	13	Johnny Edwards (Indiana State)
ASST	10	Frank Ross (American University)
PTS	30	John Williams (Indiana State)

OPP TEAM HIGHS

78	Central Florida	52	Kent State
33	Eastern Washington	23	Kent State
22	Kent State, Central FL	6	William Penn
18	American University	4	William Penn
.544	(31-57) American Univ.	.373	(28-75) Augustana
.875	(14-16) Long Island	.555	(5-9) Indiana State
40	Augustana	30	Kent State
24	Eastern Washington	10	Central Florida
80	American University	62	Kent St., Wm. Penn