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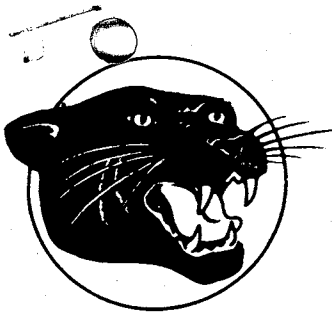
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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers will go for their third straight win when they host Mid-Continent opponent Southwest Missouri Saturday night (Jan. 19). Tipoff is 7:30 in Lantz Gym.

Following this game the Panthers will take a break from league play to travel to Muncie, IN to take on the Ball State Cardinals Monday night (Jan. 21). Game time is 6:30 CST.

EIU pushed its record over the .500 mark at 6-5 with an 82-63 conference victory over Northern Iowa this past Saturday night, and evened its AMCU-8 record at 1-1. Eastern will be idle until Saturday, a nice break after playing six games in 11 days.

The EIU-Southwest Missouri matchup figures to be a dandy as these two teams were picked in the preseason poll to finish third and fourth, respectively, in the league race.

Southwest is 6-7 overall and currently tied with EIU, Northern Iowa and Valparaiso at third place in the conference with a 1-1 record.

Monday's opponent, Ball State, a member of the Mid-American Conference, is 5-7 but has games with Northern Illinois and Kent State prior to the EIU game.

### \* \* \* \* \* GAME NOTES \* \* \* \* \*

THE GAMES: Eastern Illinois University (6-5) hosts Southwest Missouri (6-7), 7:30, Saturday, Jan. 19, Lantz Gym, Charleston, IL; EIU at Ball State (5-7), 6:30 CST, Monday, Jan. 21, University Gym, Muncie, IN.

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 begins with the pregame show at 7:20 for the Southwest Missouri contest and 6:20 for the Ball State game.

### STARTERS:

<u>EIU</u>		<u>SWMO</u>	
F 20 Jon Collins	6-4 Jr.	F 30 Chris Ward	6-4 Jr.
F 52 Dirk Androff	6-7 Sr.	F 33 Derek Thomas	6-6 Sr.
C 00 Kevin Duckworth	7-0 Jr.	C 52 Scott Hickox	6-4 So.
G 10 Doug Crook	6-1 Jr.	G 12 Randy Stange	5-11 Sr.
G 24 Troy Richardson	6-1 Sr.	G 10 Brian Smith	6-0 Sr.

### BALL STATE

F 34 Mike Chesser	6-5 Sr.
F 31 Jon Luedke	6-7 Jr.
C 5 Dan Palombizio	6-8 Jr.
G 20 Larry Reed	6-4 Jr.
G 40 Chris Shelton	6-3 Jr.

THE COACHES: EIU's Rick Samuels, in his fifth year, is 64-60 lifetime, all at EIU . . . he has had three winning seasons . . . previously he was an assistant and co-head coach at Iowa State . . . he is 1-5 vs. Southwest Missouri, 0-2 vs. Ball State.

Southwest's Charlie Spoonhour, in his second year as head coach, 25-16 overall . . . he was 18-10 last year, 9-5 in the league . . . he previously was an assistant at Southwest Missouri, Oklahoma and Nebraska and coached Moberly (MO) JC and Southeastern (IA) JC into several national juco tournaments finishing third once . . . he is 2-0 vs. EIU.

BS' Al Brown, in his third season, is 30-38 . . . he was 8-19 and 17-12 the past two years, and formerly was an assistant at Ball State and Purdue . . . he is 2-0 vs. EIU.

SERIES RECORD: Southwest Missouri leads the series 9-4 and has won five of the last six games . . . the last EIU victory was in the final game of the 1983 season, 82-67, in Lantz Gym.

Ball State holds a 12-4 edge and has won the last six in a row . . . the last EIU victory was 84-75 in 1966.

LAST YEAR: The Bears won both games, 53-52 in Springfield and 78-73 in overtime here in Lantz Gym . . . Jon Collins led the Panthers with 39 points in the two games.

Ball State also won a close one last year, 77-67, in overtime as guard Chris Shelton made two baskets within the last minute, the winner coming on a rebound with five seconds remaining.

THE BEARS: Southwest Missouri is 6-7 dropping under .500 when the Bears were upset by Northern Iowa on their home court, 62-57, Monday night . . . SWMO did beat Western Illinois, 61-55, last Saturday so have a 1-1 conference record . . . the two guards, Randy Stange and Brian Smith, are the steadying influence for Coach Charlie Spoonhour who runs a deliberate offense that rarely beats itself . . . Stange, a senior who transferred from Hutchinson JC, is averaging 14.4 per game . . . he was picked to the AMCU's 'all-newcomer' team last season . . . Smith, an academic all-league choice, is scoring 6.7 per contest . . . Handy Johnson, a transfer from Nebraska, comes off the bench to get 12 points a game . . . he originally played for Spoonhour at Southeastern (IA) CC . . . the other one in double figures is 6-4 junior Chris Ward, a Three Rivers (MO) CC transfer, getting 11.1 per game.

THE CARDINALS: Ball State is 5-7 overall, 2-2 in the Mid-American with games at Northern Illinois (1/16) and home against Kent State (1/19) prior to the Monday contest with EIU . . . the Cardinals have the nation's leading scorer in 6-8 junior Dan Palombizio who is averaging 27.9 points . . . he's also the top rebounder at 11.1, and has led the Cardinals in scoring and rebounding in EVERY game . . . his top point production was 36 against Georgia State, and top rebounding effort was 20 last Saturday against Toledo . . . he is a transfer from Purdue, and formerly was an Indiana 'Mr. Basketball' prepping at Michigan City Rogers HS . . . Chris Shelton, a 6-3 junior guard from Danville (IL), who was picked the team's Most Improved Player last season, is scoring 11.6, and had the winning basket in Ball State's 77-76 win over EIU last year . . . one common opponent, Indiana State, beat Ball State, 91-86 but lost to EIU, 68-67.

COLLINS HONORED: Junior forward Jon Collins (East St. Louis-Cahokia) was picked as the AMCU 'player of the week' last Monday . . . in the previous week he scored the winning basket in the last second against Pan American and then had a season high 28 points against Northern Iowa . . . Collins is scoring 17.1, shooting 53.9% from the field, averaging 5.3 rebounds

COLLINS HONORED CONT: and 2.0 assist . . . during the previous week he shot 70% (21-30) from the field, and has been in double figures in all but two games.

BALANCED SCORING: Eastern continues to spread the scoring among everyone as four of the five starters are averaging in double figures with the fifth, Troy Richardson, close at 9.6 . . . in eight of the 11 games, EIU has had at least four players in double figures and twice had six against William Penn and American University.

DYKSTRA OUT: Tim Dykstra (LaGrange, IN-LaVille), 6-5 senior forward, chipped a bone in his wrist in the Pan American win and is "probably out for the rest of the season," says team physician Jerry Heath . . . the cast will probably not be removed for six weeks and then normal rehabilitation would take beyond the end of EIU's season on March 10 . . . through ten games Dykstra averaged 8.9 points, 4.0 rebounds, shot 50.7% from the field, 87.5% from the line and 3.8 assists.

AMCU-8 STANDINGS (as of 1/15)	<u>OVERALL</u>	<u>AMCU</u>
Illinois-Chicago	9-6	2-0
Cleveland State	7-5	2-1
EASTERN ILLINOIS	6-5	1-1
Southwest Missouri	6-7	1-1
Northern Iowa	5-7	1-1
Valparaiso	5-7	1-1
Western Illinois	3-8	0-1
Wis-Green Bay	2-11	0-2

AMCU-8 Schedule . . . . 1/19 - Cleveland State at UNI  
Southwest MO at EIU  
Valpo at WIU

1/21 - Southwest MO at Wis-Green Bay  
Cleveland State at WIU  
Valpo at Northern Iowa  
EIU at Ball State (nc)

SAMUELS ON SOUTHWEST: "They've given us fits the past few years, and I suspect our players remember losing a couple close ones to them last season . . . we should be pumped up because a win would at least keep us in third place in the league . . . we'll have a decided height advantage but Southwest's players all know their roles and play within their capabilities therefore we must not let them play their game . . . we need to control the tempo and force the play inside."

SAMUELS ON BALL STATE: "Comparing their score with Indiana State (ISU beat Ball State by five, lost to EIU by one) it should be a close match . . . we need to keep (Dan) Palombizio from having an extraordinary game and don't get so caught up in stopping him that someone else has an above average game . . . if we can do that, then it's anyone's game."

SAMUELS ON EIU: "We certainly needed the close win over Pan American and the more comfortable margin over Northern Iowa to boost our confidence . . . with (Tim) Dykstra out we'll be going deeper into our bench . . . I thought (Norm) Evans really helped us defensively the other night and (Jon) Collins broke loose and played the way he can."

1984-85 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL STATISTICS (6-5)

NAME	G(GS)	MIN	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	AVE	A	ST	B	PF(D)	TO	PTS	AVE	HIGH
Jon Collins	11(11)	338	76	141	.539	36	55	.654	58	5.3	22	10	1	12	24	188	17.1	28(UNI)
	c-2(2)	58	13	17	.765	10	12	.833	11	5.5	5	-	-	5	6	36	18.0	28(UNI)
Kevin Duckworth	11(5)	264	58	122	.475	33	46	.717	77	7.0	5	3	16	34(1)	23	149	13.5	20(CF)
	c-2(1)	46	6	15	.400	4	6	.667	16	8.0	1	-	3	7	4	16	8.0	8(UNI)
Doug Crook	11(10)	315	55	111	.495	10	17	.588	20	1.8	22	16	-	19	17	120	10.9	18(CF)
	c-2(2)	73	9	24	.375	3	6	.500	3	1.5	6	-	-	5	5	21	10.5	13(CS)
Dirk Androff	11(11)	331	43	72	.597	25	35	.714	60	5.4	21	11	2	32(2)	19	111	10.0	17(PA)
	c-2(2)	68	9	17	.529	3	5	.600	12	6.0	2	3	1	4	5	21	10.5	11(CS)
Troy Richardson	11(11)	346	45	79	.570	16	22	.727	41	3.7	75	36	1	32	37	106	9.6	15(WP)
	c-2(2)	66	10	17	.588	3	4	.750	8	4.0	12	8	-	6	9	23	11.5	12(CS)
Steve Hopkins	11(4)	180	16	33	.485	8	16	.500	38	3.4	1	6	1	24	10	40	3.6	13(KS)
	c-2	29	3	4	.750	1	2	.500	5	2.5	-	1	-	7	1	7	3.5	4(UNI)
Paul Neidig	9	60	6	9	.667	5	10	.500	9	1.0	-	1	-	6	6	17	1.9	6(UNI)
	c-2	24	2	2	1.000	2	3	.667	4	2.0	-	1	-	3	5	6	3.0	6(UNI)
Norm Evans	7	66	6	15	.400	8	14	.571	7	1.0	7	5	2	6	9	20	2.8	6(CS)
	c-2	21	4	7	.571	2	3	.667	2	1.0	1	4	-	3	2	10	5.0	6(CS)
Vince Macciocchi	7	41	4	8	.500	5	13	.385	11	1.6	1	1	1	9	4	13	1.8	6(AUG)
	c-2	4	0	1	.000	1	2	.500	2	1.0	-	1	-	3	-	1	0.5	1(UNI)
Jerry Strickland	5	22	3	8	.375	2	4	.500	1	0.2	3	1	-	3	3	8	1.6	3(AUG)
	c-2	7	1	4	.250	-	-	-	1	0.5	1	1	-	3	1	2	1.0	2(UNI)
Drew Beck	3	14	1	3	.333	-	1	.000	5	1.7	1	-	-	2	1	2	0.7	2(CF)
	c-1	2	-	1	.000	-	-	-	1	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Todd Emro	2	4	1	2	.500	-	-	-	1	0.5	-	1	-	1	1	2	1.0	2(CF)
	c-1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
* Tim Dykstra	10(3)	269	34	67	.507	21	24	.875	40	4.0	38	10	1	17(1)	16	89	8.9	14(WP)
	c-1(1)	26	4	8	.500	3	4	.750	4	4.0	-	1	-	5(1)	1	11	11.0	11(CS)
Team Rebounds 44(c7)																		
EIU TOTALS	11	2250	348	670	.519	169	257	.657	412	37.4	196	101	25	197(4)	170	865	78.6	100(WP)
	c-2	425	61	117	.521	32	47	.681	76	38.0	28	21	4	51(1)	39	154	77.0	82(UNI)
OPP TOTALS	11	2250	318	692	.459	151	199	.759	372	33.8	173	76	29	215(3)	185	787	71.5	83(CS)
	c-2	425	53	120	.442	40	54	.741	69	34.5	28	22	8	42	33	146	73.0	83(CS)

\* Injured

Dead Ball Rebounds: EIU -34(c6) OPP - 14(c2)