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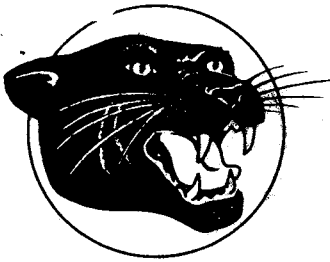
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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--(February 4, 1986)--The race for the Gateway Conference basketball title is at the half-way mark as the teams are coming around the clubhouse turn and going into the backstretch. Eastern Illinois' women's basketball team is presently 13-6 overall and 5-4 in the league after suffering a pair of losses last weekend to Northern Iowa (87-78 OT) and Drake (82-73).

The Lady Panthers travel to Southern Illinois to take on the Salukis Friday night at Carbondale. SIU is 15-3 overall and a perfect 9-0 in the loop after defeating Drake 70-68 a week ago.

"I believe the loss to Northern Iowa will have a sobering effect on us," explains Eastern Illinois head coach Barbara Hilke. "We have to be ready to play every game and I don't think we took Northern Iowa very seriously. Southern Illinois is in first-place in the league after beating Drake. We played them tough here earlier this season . . . I think we can do the same down there. Rebounding and running our offense is the key . . . we must not dig ourselves in a hole like at Northern Iowa."

A trio of senior starters lead the scoring parade for the Lady Panthers. CHRIS ALDRIDGE (Taylorville) is pacing the squad in scoring (16.5) and rebounding (7.4). The 5-foot-10 forward leads the club in field goal shooting (.468). She tallied 23 points and 5 rebounds in EIU's loss to UNI.

5-5 guard MELANIE HATFIELD (Lawrenceburg, Ind.) is second on the club in scoring with a 16.3 average. She has averaged nearly 23 points an outing over the past four games. The cat-quick playmaker is first in the league in assists (99) and steals (76).

Center SUE HYND (Ottawa) rounds out the triumverate of seniors for EIU. The slender 6-2 performer is averaging 11.1 points and 4.1 boards a game. She leads Eastern starters in field goal shooting with a .517 mark.

Freshmen LISA TYLER (Aurora, Ind./South Dearborn) and SHERYL BONSETT (Scottsburg, Ind.) round out EIU's starting line-ups. Tyler is second on the squad with a 6.3 mark. She pulled down a career-high 11 boards against Northern Iowa. Against the Purple Panthers, the 5-11 forward also scored the game-tying basket on a shot from underneath to send the game into overtime. Bonsett is averaging 7.4 points an outing and is hitting an impressive .794 from the free throw line.

CUMULATIVE
Basketball Statistics -- Eastern Illinois 1985-86
(Includes 19 Games)

PLAYER	G/ GS	FG/ FGA	FG%	FT/ FTA	FT%	PIS	AVG	REB	AVG	PF/ D	AST	TO	BLK	STL	MIN-
Chris Aldridge	19/ 19	131/ 280	.468	51/ 80	.638	313	16.5	140	7.4	49/ 0	60	66	2	45	653
Melanie Hatfield	19/ 19	131/ 294	.446	47/ 64	.734	309	16.3	90	4.7	56/ 4	99	65	8	76	653
Sue Hynd	17/ 17	75/ 145	.517	38/ 53	.717	188	11.1	70	4.1	45/ 1	17	23	2	18	469
Lisa Tyler	19/ 18	64/ 137	.467	23/ 34	.677	151	8.0	120	6.3	30/ 0	55	52	2	29	588
Sheryl Bonsett	18/ 16	53/ 118	.449	27/ 34	.794	133	7.4	30	1.7	36/ 0	59	7	0	37	492
Pat Hamilton	18/ 1	59/ 115	.513	7/ 13	.539	125	7.0	19	1.1	23/ 0	19	33	0	35	260
Brenda Webb	9/ 0	12/ 30	.400	12/ 15	.800	36	4.0	27	3.0	19/ 0	1	5	2	5	98
Ann Brown	15/ 0	19/ 40	.475	11/ 15	.733	49	3.3	38	2.5	16/ 0	6	13	2	1	141
Kerry Walsh	17/ 1	16/ 35	.457	12/ 28	.429	44	2.6	39	2.3	19/ 1	5	11	3	8	174
Michelle Newman	13/ 1	12/ 42	.286	9/ 14	.643	33	2.5	25	1.9	16/ 0	5	11	0	6	116
Shelly Ethridge	6/ 2	4/ 19	.211	6/ 6	1.000	14	2.3	7	1.2	7/ 0	9	14	1	5	92
Liz Cavanagh	12/ 0	12/ 40	.300	3/ 8	.375	27	2.3	7	.6	6/ 0	10	9	0	12	89
Team Rebounds								76							
EIU	19/ 19	538 1295	.454	246/ 364	.676	1422	74.8	688	36.2	322/ 6	345	379	22	277	—
Team Rebounds								63							
Opponent Totals	19/ 19	538/1177	.457	197/ 292	.675	1273	67.0	799	42.1	358/12	314	476	65	190	—

-PER GAME AVERAGES-

PLAYER	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	PIS	REB	AST	TO	BLK	STL	MIN-
Chris Aldridge	6.9	14.7	2.7	4.2	16.5	7.4	3.2	3.5	.1	2.4	34.4
Melanie Hatfield	6.9	15.5	2.5	3.4	16.3	4.7	5.2	3.4	.4	4.0	34.4
Sue Hynd	4.4	8.5	2.2	3.1	11.1	4.1	1.0	1.4	.1	1.1	27.6
Lisa Tyler	3.4	7.2	1.2	1.8	8.0	6.3	2.9	2.7	.1	1.5	31.0
Sheryl Bonsett	2.9	6.6	1.5	1.9	7.4	1.7	3.3	4.3	.0	2.1	27.3
Pat Hamilton	3.3	6.4	.4	.7	7.0	1.1	1.1	1.8	.0	1.9	14.4
Brenda Webb	1.3	3.3	1.3	1.7	4.0	3.0	.1	.6	.2	.6	10.9
Ann Brown	1.3	2.7	.7	1.0	3.3	2.5	.4	.9	.1	.1	9.4
Kerry Walsh	.9	2.1	.7	1.7	2.6	2.3	.3	.7	.2	.5	10.2
Michelle Newman	.9	3.2	.7	1.1	2.5	1.9	.4	.9	.0	.5	8.9
Shelly Ethridge	.7	3.2	1.0	1.0	2.3	1.2	1.5	2.3	.2	.8	15.3
Liz Cavanagh	1.0	3.3	.3	.7	2.3	.6	.8	.8	.0	1.0	7.4
EIU	31.0	68.7	13.0	19.2	74.8	36.2	18.2	20.0	1.2	14.6	—
Opponent Totals	28.3	62.0	10.4	15.4	67.0	42.1	16.5	25.1	3.4	10.0	—

-SEASON HIGHS/LOWS-

		Eastern Illinois	Opponent
Points 1st Half:	High	44 vs Wichita State	44 by Drake
	Low	22 vs Western Illinois	18 by St. Louis
Points 2nd Half:	High	56 vs Ball State	55 by Wichita State
	Low	26 vs Southern Illinois	24 by St. Louis
Total Points:	High	98 vs Ball State	87 by Northern Iowa
	Low	56 vs Southern Illinois	42 by St. Louis
Field Goals:	High	41 vs Ball State	35 by Northern Iowa
	Low	24 vs Wisconsin	19 by Miami
Field Goals Attempted:	High	86 vs SW Missouri State	72 by Xavier
	Low	53 vs Wichita State	52 by Western Illinois
Field Goal Percentage:	High	.679 vs Wichita State	.582 by St. John's
	Low	.338 vs Miami	.312 by Miami
Free Throws:	High	32 vs Xavier	18 by Miami
	Low	2 vs Bradley	2 by St. Louis
Free Throws Attempted:	High	45 vs Xavier	31 by Miami
	Low	5 vs Bradley	3 by Indiana State
Free Throw Percentage:	High	.933 vs Miami	1.000 by Indiana State
	Low	.400 vs Bradley	.462 by Ball State
Total Rebounds:	High	46 vs Western Illinois	58 by Miami
	Low	21 vs Wisconsin	30 by Tennessee
Assists:	High	27 vs SW Missouri State	20 by Drake
	Low	9 vs St. John's	11 by Xavier
Blocked Shots:	High	4 vs SW Missouri State	9 by St. Louis
	Low	0 vs Drake	0 by Western Illinois
Steals:	High	24 vs St. Louis	22 by St. John's
	Low	5 vs Southern Illinois	2 by Western Illinois
Turnovers:	High	30 vs Northern Iowa	34 by Northern Iowa
	Low	8 vs Wisconsin	13 by Drake
Personal Fouls:	High	26 vs Drake	33 by Xavier
	Low	10 vs SW Missouri State	9 by Southern Illinois

-SCORE BY PERIOD	1	2	OT	OT	TOTAL-	-DEADBALL REBOUNDS-
EUU	634	781	7	0	1422	40
Opponent Totals	592	665	16	0	1273	32

OVERALL TEAM RECORD	13- 6	CUMULATIVE ATTENDANCE	5696	TOTAL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	300
Gateway Collegiate	5- 4	HOME	2328	HOME AVERAGE	291
Badger Invitational	1- 1	AWAY	3368	AWAY AVERAGE	306
Fastbreak Fest	1- 1				

#	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTEND	LOC	HIGH SCORER	HIGH REBOUNDER	OPP HI SCORER	OPP HI REBOUNDER
	Xavier	80- 60 W	100	A	Aldridge 29	Aldridge 10	Fredrick, Long 16	Long 8
	Miami	64- 56 W	405	A	Aldridge 21	Hatfield, Tyler 9	Minson 14	Theis 14
	#St. John's	56- 73 L	217	A	Hatfield 14	Hatfield 10	Yard 15	Yard, Conley 9
	#Wisconsin	70- 64 W	320	A	Aldridge 32	Aldridge 11	Pomnell 18	Bonnell 16
	\$Northern Illinois	87- 65 W	225	A	Hatfield 20	Tyler 11	Owens 19	Roberts 9
	\$Tennessee	69- 75 L	245	A	Hynd 23	Tyler 8	Gordon 16	Frost 8
	Butler	81- 58 W	353	H	Hatfield 20	Aldridge 7	Muensteman 12	Muensteman 10
	St. Louis	75- 42 W	224	H	Aldridge 18	Aldridge 6	Aden 12	Lampe 7
	Ball State	98- 64 W	212	H	Hamilton 21	Aldridge 10	Jones 16	Jones 7
	*Wichita State	95- 80 W	273	H	Hatfield 21	Aldridge 9	Parr-Cook 32	Parr-Cook 8
	*SW Missouri State	86- 70 W	179	H	Aldridge 32	Aldridge 8	Tench 25	Verner 11
	Illinois-Chicago	70- 57 W	75	A	Aldridge 21	Aldridge 15	Sterlamp 17	Clark 9
	*Southern Illinois	56- 68 L	479	H	Hynd 16	Aldridge 9	Bonds 28	Bonds 8
	*Brantley	66- 72 L	400	A	Hatfield 14	Tyler 10	Harris 22	Harris 14
	*Western Illinois	69- 63 W	125	A	Hamilton 17	Aldridge 12	Jensen, Opp 17	Jensen 14
	*Illinois State	73- 64 W	179	H	Hatfield 27	Brown 8	Armstrong 17	Armstrong 10
	*Indiana State	76- 73 W	429	H	Hamilton, Hatf'd 20	Tyler 6	Hile 25	Hile 9
	*Northern Iowa	78- 87 L	100	A	Hatfield 26	Tyler 12	Smythe, Otter 16	Huffman 10
	*Drake	73- 82 L	1156	A	Hatfield 16	Aldridge 11	Ford 28	Ford 16

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Badger Invitational

\$ Fastbreak Fest