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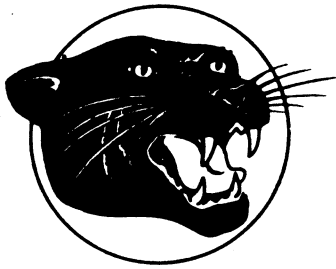
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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers will meet the Mid-Continent opponent they have had the most success against, Valparaiso, at the Crusaders new 4500 seat Athletics-Recreation Center Saturday (Jan. 26). Tipoff is 7:30 CDT.

EIU is 7-6 overall, 2-1 in the AMCU-8. Valpo is 5-10 and 1-3 in league play.

Since commencing league play three years ago, the Panthers have won all six games with Valparaiso. However five of the six have been close as only one victory margin as been over ten points.

The Panthers had won three in a row before Ball State snapped the streak with a 74-73 overtime victory Monday night.

Valparaiso has lost three in a row with two of those conference games at Western Illinois (77-62) and Northern Iowa (66-53) within the last four days.

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

THE GAME: Eastern Illinois University (7-6, 2-1) at Valparaiso (5-10, 1-3), 7:30 CDT, Saturday, Jan. 26, Athletics-Recreation Center, Valparaiso, IN.

RADIO: Hear all the action on WLBH-FM Mattoon, 97 on the dial, with Marc Stuart calling play-by-play . . . the radio description for the Valpo game will be tape delay commencing at approximately 9:40.

STARTERS:	<u>EIU</u>		<u>VALPO</u>	
F 20	Jon Collins	6-4 Jr.	F 32	John Geary 6-7 Sr.
F 52	Dirk Androff	6-7 Sr.	F 52	Larry Dougherty 6-4 Fr.
C 00	Kevin Duckworth	7-0 Jr.	C 40	Jim Stueve 6-7 Jr.
G 10	Doug Crook	6-1 Jr.	G 44	Curtis Rias 6-2 Fr.
G 24	Troy Richardson	6-1 Sr.	G 20	Brett Hughes 6-1 Jr.

THE COACHES: EIU's Rick Samuels, in his fifth year, is 65-61 lifetime, all at EIU . . . he has had three winning seasons . . . previously he was an assistant and co-head coach at Iowa State . . . he is 6-0 vs. Valparaiso.

Valpo's Tom Smith, also in his fifth season, is 48-77 at VU and 134-123 overall which includes an 86-46 record while at Central Missouri from 1976-80 . . . he is 0-6 vs. EIU.

SERIES RECORD: EIU leads the series, 6-3, winning the previous six contests . . . the last Panther loss was 79-78 at Valpo in 1973.

LAST YEAR: In the first game at Valpo last year, Jon Collins scored 21 points and Troy Richardson's driving layup with 18 seconds left clinched a 58-52 win . . . then at EIU, Jon Collins and Vincent Smelter each had 19 points and Dirk Androff had 17 with nine rebounds to lead the way in an 84-79 victory.

VALPO: The Crusaders have lost four of their last five games, all but one in Mid-Continent action, and have dropped into seventh place in the league . . . Starting two freshmen, Valpo is led in scoring by one of them, 6-4 Larry Dougherty who has a 12 point average . . . he has been their high scorer in four straight games with 19 against both Northern Iowa and Wis-Green Bay . . . the other freshman, 6-2 guard Curtis Rias, was the AMCU-8 'player of the week' three weeks ago . . . Valpo is shooting just 42% from the field and averaging only 62 points but also is giving up just 65 a game, and opponents are shooting only 44% against them.

NO OT, PLEASE: The Panthers lost their third overtime game of the season Monday night, 74-73, at Ball State . . . it's the eighth straight overtime loss for EIU . . . the last extra period victory was three years ago against Chicago State (86-78).

ANDROFF NOMINATED: Dirk Androff (Decatur-Esienhower), 6-7 senior forward, was nominated for conference 'player of the week' honors after leading the Panthers to a 50-46 win over Southwest Missouri last Saturday . . . Androff scored 14 points, hit 6-7 free throws, and had three assists . . . if he continues on his present pace, he could be the league's top shooter as he's hitting 60.9% but up until Monday night's game at Ball State had not scored enough to qualify.

RICHARDSON LEADS LEAGUE: Troy Richardson (Dolton-Thornridge), 6-1 senior guard, continues to lead the Mid-Continent in assists (6.5) and steals (3.1) . . . he kept his average intact by getting eight assists, three steals in the Ball State loss Monday.

AMCU-8 STANDINGS (as of 1/22)

	<u>AMCU</u>	<u>OVERALL</u>
Illinois-Chicago	2-0	9-6
Cleveland State	3-2	10-6
Eastern Illinois	2-1	7-6
Southwest Missouri	2-1	7-8
Western Illinois	2-1	5-9
Northern Iowa	2-2	7-8
Valparaiso	1-3	5-10
Wis-Green Bay	0-3	2-13

AMCU-8 Schedule . . . 1/26 - EIU at Valparaiso  
Southwest MO at Cleveland State  
Ill-Chicago at Northern Iowa  
WIU at Eastern Washington (nc)

1-28 - Northern Iowa at Wis-Green Bay  
Southwest MO at Valparaiso  
Kent State at Cleveland State (nc)

SAMUELS ON VALPO: "Valparaiso has been starting a couple freshmen and playing a couple other young players therefore have been up and down as would be expected but they've been playing well at home in their new arena and that undoubtedly gives them a lift . . . I expect they'll try to slow the tempo considerably . . . but we got a good dose of that from Southwest Missouri and seemed to handle it fairly well so that should help us in our preparation for Saturday."

SAMUELS ON EIU: "We played very well at Ball State and did just about everything we needed to do but get the ball in the basket at critical times . . . if there's any consolation in the loss, at least it wasn't a conference game so now we need to concentrate on getting a Mid-Continent win on the road . . . that should lift our spirits as much as anything because right now we only have one loss in league play and all but Illinois-Chicago also have at least one loss if not more so we're really bunched after the first week or so of play."

1984-85 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL STATISTICS (7-6)

NAME	G(CS)	MIN	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	AVE	A	ST	B	PF(D)	TO	PTS	AVE	HIGH	
Jon Collins	13(13)	419	89	170	.523	41	60	.683	69	5.3	27	13	1	13	29	219	16.8	28(UNI)	
	c- 3(3)	98	17	29	.586	12	14	.857	17	5.7	7	2	-	6	9	46	15.3	28(UNI)	
Kevin Duckworth	13(7)	330	67	137	.489	39	55	.709	87	6.7	6	4	17	41(1)	25	173	13.3	20(CF)	
	c- 3(2)	79	10	22	.454	7	10	.700	21	7.0	2	-	4	10	5	27	9.0	11(SWMO)	
Doug Crook	13(12)	397	65	132	.492	12	19	.631	27	2.1	31	19	-	20	18	142	10.9	18(CF)	
	c- 3(3)	111	14	33	.424	3	6	.500	8	2.7	9	1	-	5	5	31	10.3	13(CS)	
Dirk Androff	13(13)	405	53	87	.609	31	44	.704	65	5.0	24	12	2	38(2)	24	137	10.5	17(PA)	
	c- 3(3)	108	13	25	.520	9	12	.750	14	4.7	5	4	1	7	6	35	11.7	14(SWMO)	
Iroy Richardson	13(13)	422	49	90	.544	18	27	.667	47	3.6	84	40	1	40(1)	41	116	8.9	15(WP)	
	c- 3(3)	98	10	20	.500	4	6	.667	9	3.0	13	9	-	9	10	24	8.0	12(CS)	
Steve Hopkins	13(4)	202	18	36	.500	10	21	.476	41	3.1	4	8	1	26	10	46	3.5	13(KS)	
	c- 3	36	3	4	.750	1	2	.500	7	2.3	-	1	-	7	1	7	2.3	4(UNI)	
Paul Neidig	10	72	6	9	.667	5	10	.500	11	1.1	1	1	-	9	6	17	1.7	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	9	77	7	16	.437	10	16	.625	7	0.8	7	6	2	6	10	24	2.7	6(CS)	
	c- 3	31	5	8	.625	4	5	.800	2	0.7	1	5	-	3	3	14	4.7	6(CS)	
Vince Macciocchi	8	42	4	8	.500	5	13	.385	11	1.4	1	1	1	9	4	13	1.6	6(AUG)	
	c- 2	4	-	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 46 (c10)																			
EIU TOTALS	13	2675	397	765	.519	194	294	.660	458	35.2	227	116	26	225(5)	188	988	76.0	100(WP)	
	c- 3	625	79	157	.503	46	64	.719	100	33.3	38	27	5	61(1)	46	204	68.0	82(UNI)	
OPP TOTALS	13	2675	373	793	.470	161	215	.749	424	32.6	207	82	32	251(3)	212	907	69.8	83(CS)	
	c- 3	625	75	162	.463	42	56	.750	90	30.0	42	24	9	60	45	192	64.0	83(CS)	

\* Injured - out for season

Dead Ball Rebounds: EIU - 38(c7) OPP - 22(c3)

GAME-BY-GAME SCORING/REBOUNDING

(At Home:	6-0	On Road:	1-4	Neutral:	0-2	AMCU:	2-1	AMCU Home:	2-0	AMCU Road:	0-1)
<u>EIU</u>	<u>OPPONENTS</u>	<u>COLLINS</u>	<u>DUCK</u>	<u>CROOK</u>	<u>RICH</u>	<u>DYKSTRA</u>	<u>ANDROFF</u>	<u>HOPKINS</u>	<u>NEIDIG</u>	<u>MACC</u>	<u>EVANS</u>
L(OT)	71 Eastern Washington (A) 792	26/3	17/9	8/3	4/2	8/4	4/2	3/2	1/1	0/1	0/0
W	68 Indiana State (H) 4262	19/9	12/8	6/0	4/3	11/9	14/6	2/2	0/0	DNP	DNP
L	57 Kent State (A) 2367	9/4	4/2	6/2	8/2	8/2	9/8	13/10	0/0	0/0	DNP
W	90 Augustana (H) 2896	17/2	16/9	16/5	12/5	6/1	2/2	4/3	3/2	6/3	5/2
W	100 William Penn (H) 2213	14/7	16/10	11/1	15/1	14/3	15/7	3/7	3/1	5/4	2/0
W	97 Central Florida (A) 524	15/8	20/6	18/4	14/7	6/5	7/4	4/4	4/1	1/1	3/2
*L	71 Long Island (N) 251	17/4	18/5	16/0	4/4	4/4	12/7	0/1	0/0	DNP	DNP
*L	79 American University (N) 644	18/6	16/4	10/2	12/5	13/5	10/5	0/1	DNP	DNP	DNP
L(OT)	72 Cleveland State (A) 1064	8/4	8/7	13/1	12/4	11/4	11/4	3/2	0/1	0/1	6/0
W	78 Pan American (H) 2015	17/4	14/8	8/0	10/4	8/3	17/7	4/2	DNP	DNP	0/1
W	82 Northern Iowa (H) 3019	28/7	8/9	8/2	11/4	DNP	10/8	4/3	6/3	1/1	4/2
W	50 Southwest Missouri (H) 3105	10/6	11/5	10/5	1/1	DNP	14/2	0/2	DNP	DNP	4/0
L(OT)	73 Ball State (A) 4780	21/5	13/5	12/2	9/5	DNP	12/3	6/1	0/2	0/0	0/0