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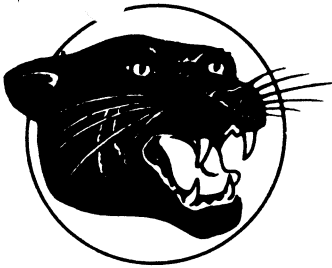
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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--An early battle for first place is at stake in the Mid-Continent when the Eastern Illinois University basketball Panthers and Illinois-Chicago Flames meet Saturday night (Feb. 2). Tipoff is 7:30 in EIU's Lantz Gym.

The Panthers are 8-6 overall but atop the league standings with a 3-1 record. UIC is 9-7 in all games but close back in the AMCU-8 at 2-1.

Eastern has a non-conference game at Evansville Thursday night (Jan. 31) while Illinois-Chicago is idle the entire week after losing a one-point Mid-Continent contest at Northern Iowa last Saturday.

Illinois-Chicago, the defending regular season champ, was officially picked in a league poll to successfully repeat as Mid-Continent champ while EIU was chosen for third place but as high as second in some national publications.

The Panthers will come right back on Monday (Feb. 4) hosting Wis-Green Bay in another AMCU-8 game giving EIU three games in five days.

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

THE GAMES: Eastern Illinois (8-6, 3-1) at Evansville (10-8), 7:30 CST, Thursday, Jan. 30 at Roberts Stadium, Evansville, IN; EIU hosts Illinois-Chicago (9-7, 2-1) at 7:30 CST, Saturday, Feb. 2, Lantz Gym, Charleston; EIU hosts Wis-Green Bay (3-13, 1-3) at 7:30 CST, Monday, Feb. 4, Lantz Gym.

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 on home games . . . pre-game starts at 7:20.

### STARTERS:

<u>EIU</u>				<u>EVANSVILLE</u>			
F 20	Jon Collins	6-4	Jr.	F 33	Bobby Mukes	6-7	Jr.
F 52	Dirk Androff	6-7	Sr.	F 34	Joe McAdoo	6-7	Sr.
C 00	Kevin Duckworth	7-0	Jr.	C 42	Richie Johnson	6-9	Sr.
G 10	Doug Crook	6-1	Jr.	G 15	Tyrone Scott	6-1	Sr.
G 24	Troy Richardson	6-1	Sr.	G 11	Michael Bradley	6-1	Fr.
<u>UIC</u>				<u>UWGB</u>			
F 30	Brian Wilson	6-8	Sr.	F 44	Dan Christel	6-6	Fr.
F 22	Dick Knar	6-5	So.	F 30	Dave Peterson	6-6	So.
C 41	Ivan Daniels	6-10	Sr.	C 52	Barry Wright	6-8	Jr.
G 34	Eric Longino	6-4	Fr.	G 10	Tom Brown	6-1	Sr.
G 10	Craig Lathen	6-2	Sr.	G 24	Richard Sims	6-3	So.

THE COACHES: EIU's Rick Samuels, in his fifth season, is 66-61 lifetime, all at EIU . . . he has had three winning seasons . . . previously he was an assistant and co-head coach at Iowa State . . . he is 0-0 vs. Evansville, 1-4 vs. Illinois-Chicago and 3-1 vs. Wis-Green Bay.

Evansville's Dick Walters, in his seventh season after a stint as head coach of the College of DuPage, is 111-79 overall . . . he is 0-0 vs. EIU.

UIC's Willie Little, in his second season after serving as an assistant, is 31-14 . . . he is 3-0 vs. EIU.

UWGB's Dick Lien, in his third year, is 21-51 . . . he previously was an assistant with the Phoenix, and is 1-3 vs. EIU.

SERIES RECORD: EIU leads the Evansville series, 4-3, but trails both Illinois-Chicago, 4-3, and Wis-Green Bay, 7-5.

REMEMBER '76: The last time EIU met the Evansville Purple Aces was the championship of the 1976 NCAA College Division Great Lakes Regional at storied Roberts Stadium in Evansville . . . the Panthers upset the Aces, 75-73, and went on to take third place in the nation with a 23-8 record.

LAST YEAR: EIU lost three games to Illinois-Chicago last season . . . the first one was 82-62 in the KOA Classic, a holiday tournament in Montana . . . the next one was 88-85 at Chicago where Jon Collins had 28 but other than an early one point lead in the second half, EIU could get no closer than two late in the game as Craig Lathen made a free throw with seven seconds left to clinch it . . . at EIU, Tim Wyss had 20 points and Duckworth and Collins each had 14 but the Panthers could again only remain close down the stretch and never got closer than three within the last two minutes . . . Darryl Rice led with 19 while Ivan Daniels had 18.

Eastern and Wis-Green Bay split games last winter, EIU winning 67-62 at home but losing at Green Bay, 60-57, in overtime . . . Richard Sims had 29 in UWGB's victory . . . Duckworth had 12 points, 10 rebounds for EIU . . . the home victory was cinched by two players no longer with EIU, Vincent Smelter and Derrick Spight, who each hit two free throws in the final seconds . . . Smelter and Jon Collins had 16 and 14 points, respectively for the Panthers.

EVANSVILLE: The Aces are 10-8 overall but just 2-5 in the Midwestern City Conference . . . best player is 6-9 senior Richie Johnson, who has played every position for the Aces and has made several All-American squads . . . averaging 14 points, 8.3 rebounds . . . leading scorer is his cousin, Bubby Mukes, a 6-7 junior, at 16.8 ppg . . . even though the Aces are 7th out of eight teams, they lead the league in rebounding and have held the edge in that department against 16 of 18 opponents . . . Johnson is the leader with 8.2 and had 21 rebounds earlier against Western Kentucky . . . this is the Aces first home game in two weeks following MCC losses at Loyola, Detroit and St. Louis.

UIC: The defending Mid-Continent champs were 22-7 last season but will be hard pressed to duplicate that effort this winter . . . the AMCU-8 'player of the year' in '84, Craig Lathen, has returned to the team after being academically ineligible in the fall . . . he is scoring 10 points with 6.2 assists . . . last year he led the nation with 9.5 assists . . . 6-8 Brian Wilson and 6-10 Ivan Daniels, both seniors, are leading the team, each scoring around the 18 point mark . . . conference wins have come at Cleveland State (75-72) and at home against Valparaiso (84-64) with the loss at Northern Iowa (74-73).

EIU BASKETBALL  
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UWGB: The Phoenix have the worst record in the league (3-13, 1-3) but the difficulty of their schedule soothes that a bit . . . they began the season with a four point (75-71) loss at Minnesota and then later pushed Missouri Valley teams, Drake and Illinois State, but were downed 68-61 and 52-49, respectively . . . UWGB is last in the conference in scoring with a 56.3 average but ranked third in defense at 64 per game . . . sophomore Richard Sims, a second team all-AMCU pick as a frosh, is scoring 13.3 . . . two other newcomers, JC transfer Barry Wright and freshman Dan Christel, are among the league's top rebounders, each averaging over six per game.

CROOK NOMINATED: Doug Crook (Vincennes, IN-Lincoln), 6-1 junior guard, was EIU's nominee for 'player of the week' . . . he scored 19 at Valpo (8-11 FGs, 3-3 FTs), six steals, five rebounds and four assists . . . after sitting out last season with a broken wrist, Crook has returned to average 11.5 points and shoot 51% from the field . . . after a slow start he has been in double figures in nine of the last 11 games.

RECORD SHOOTING: The Panthers are seriously headed towards shattering the season record for field goal accuracy . . . currently EIU is hitting 52.3% from the field . . . the record is 50.5% in 1980-81 . . . after a slow start the Panthers have been over 50% in eight of the last 11 games with a season high of 61% against Augustana . . . free throw accuracy has also improved of late as EIU is hitting 75.3% over the last four games.

AMCU-8 STANDINGS (as of 1-29):

	<u>AMCU</u>	<u>OVERALL</u>
EASTERN ILLINOIS	3-1	8-6
Cleveland State	4-2	12-6
Illinois-Chicago	2-1	9-7
Western Illinois	2-1	5-9
Northern Iowa	3-3	8-9
Southwest Missouri	2-4	7-10
Valparaiso	2-4	6-11
Wis-Green Bay	1-3	3-13

AMCU-8 Schedule . . . . 2/2 - Illinois-Chicago at EIU  
Wis-Green Bay at Southwest Mo.  
Cleveland State at Valparaiso  
Northern Iowa at Western Illinois

2/4 - Wis-Green Bay at EIU  
Illinois-Chicago at Southwest Missouri  
Akron at Cleveland State (nc)

SAMUELS SAYS: "The Evansville game is one we're looking forward to . . . both of us are trying to establish ourselves as Division I clubs after each having great success on the Division II level, and we should be playing each other on a regular basis since the two schools are so close . . . although it's early in the conference race, the game with Illinois-Chicago is for first place and that should be sufficient motivation for players and fans alike . . . UIC has some great players and they like to push the ball up the floor . . . we're certainly not opposed to a fast paced game . . . Wis-Green Bay is still pretty young but they gave both Illinois State and Minnesota a real run so we're not overlooking them . . . I'm really pleased with our shooting, and hope we can continue to work the ball inside like we were able to do at Valparaiso."

1984-85 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL STATISTICS (8-6)

NAME	G(GS)	MIN	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	AVE	A	ST	B	PF(D)	TO	PTS	AVE	HIGH
Jon Collins	14(14) c- 4(4)	443 122	96 24	181 40	.530 .600	43 14	62 16	.693 .875	72 20	5.1 5.0	28 8	13 2	1 -	16 9	29 9	235 62	16.8 15.5	28(UNI) 28(UNI)
Kevin Duckworth	14(8) c- 4(3)	367 110	73 16	149 34	.490 .470	40 8	59 14	.678 .571	94 28	6.7 7.0	7 3	4 -	18 5	43(1) 12	27 7	186 40	13.3 10.0	20(CF) 13(VU)
Doug Crook	14(13) c- 4(4)	433 147	73 22	143 44	.510 .500	15 6	22 9	.682 .667	32 13	2.3 3.2	35 13	25 7	- -	21 6	20 7	161 50	11.5 12.5	19(VU) 19(VU)
Dirk Androff	14(14) c- 4(4)	444 147	60 20	95 33	.631 .606	33 11	47 15	.702 .733	68 17	4.8 4.2	27 8	13 5	2 1	39(2) 8	28 10	153 51	10.9 12.7	17(PA) 16(VU)
Troy Richardson	14(14) c- 4(4)	449 125	52 13	96 26	.542 .500	20 6	29 8	.690 .750	52 14	3.7 3.5	87 16	41 10	1 -	41(1) 10	46 15	124 32	8.8 8.0	15(WP) 12(CS)
Steve Hopkins	14(4) c- 4	210 44	18 3	38 6	.474 .500	10 1	21 2	.476 .500	42 8	3.0 2.0	5 1	8 1	1 -	29 10	11 2	46 7	3.3 1.7	13(KS) 4(UNI)
Paul Neidig	10 c- 2	72 24	6 2	9 2	.667 1.000	5 2	10 3	.500 .667	11 4	1.1 2.0	1 -	1 1	- -	9 3	6 5	17 6	1.7 3.0	6(UNI) 6(UNI)
Norm Evans	10 c- 4	96 50	7 5	17 9	.412 .555	17 11	23 12	.739 .917	7 2	0.7 0.5	8 2	11 10	2 -	7 4	13 6	31 21	3.1 2.1	7(VU) 7(VU)
Vince Macciocchi	9 c- 3	50 12	4 -	10 3	.400 .000	5 1	13 2	.385 .500	13 4	1.4 1.3	1 -	2 2	1 -	12 6	5 1	13 1	1.4 0.3	6(AUG) 1(UNI)
Jerry Strickland	6 c- 3	24 9	3 1	8 4	.375 .250	2 -	4 -	.500 -	1 1	0.2 0.3	3 1	1 1	- -	3 3	3 1	8 2	1.3 0.7	3(AUG) 2(UNI)
Drew Beck	3 c- 1	14 2	1 -	3 1	.333 .000	- -	1 -	.000 -	5 1	1.7 1.0	1 -	- -	- -	2 -	1 -	2 -	0.7 -	2(CF) -
Todd Emro	2 c- 1	4 1	1 -	2 -	.500 -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	0.5 -	- -	1 1	- -	1 -	1 -	2 -	1.0 -	2(CF) -
Tim Dykstra *	10(3) c- 1(1)	269 26	34 4	67 8	.507 .500	21 3	24 4	.875 .750	40 4	4.0 4.0	38 -	10 1	1 -	17(1) 5(1)	16 1	89 11	8.9 11.0	14(WP) 11(CS)
Team Rebounds 52 (c16)																		
EIU TOTALS	14	2875	428	818	.523	211	315	.670	490	35.0	241	130	27	240(5)	206	106776.2	100(WP)	
OPP TOTALS	14	825	110	210	.524	63	85	.741	132	33.0	52	41	6	76(1)	64	283	70.7	82(UNI)
EIU TOTALS	14	2875	399	846	.472	175	235	.745	447	31.9	225	89	34	268(4)	232	973	69.5	83(CS)
OPP TOTALS	14	825	101	215	.470	56	76	.737	113	28.2	60	31	11	77(1)	65	258	64.5	83(CS)

Dead Ball Rebounds: EIU - 40(c9) OPP - 24(c5)

Points by Half/OT  
EIU - 497 556 14 - 1067  
OPP - 444 499 30 - 973

\* Injured - out for season

GAME-BY-GAME SCORING/REBOUNDING

	(At Home: 6-0	On Road: 2-4	Neutral: 0-2	AMCU: 3-1	AMCU Home: 2-0	AMCU Road: 1-1)														
FIU	OPPONENTS	COLLINS	DUCK	CROOK	RICH	DYKSTRA	ANDROFF	HOPKINS	NEIDIG	MACC	EVANS									
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									
W	71 Long Island (N) 251	17/4	18/5	16/0	4/4	4/4	12/7	0/1	0/0	DNP	DNP									
W	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	9/9									
W	79 Valparaiso (A) 1006	16/3	13/7	19/5	8/5	DNP	16/3	0/1	DNP	0/2	7/7									

\* 4th - Florida Southern Holiday Tournament