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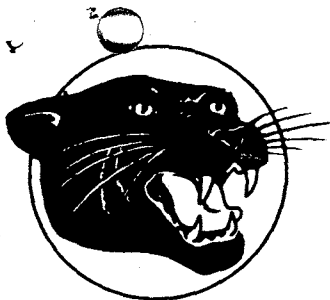
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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers, clinging to a half-game lead in the Mid-Continent, will face the AMCU's No. 2 team, Western Illinois, on Thursday, and then face Northern Iowa on Saturday.

Both games are on the road, and will tipoff at 7:30 CST. EIU has won four straight, seven of its last eight and is 11-6 overall but, most important, is in first place in the conference with a 5-1 record.

Western Illinois, which started slow but has won four straight, is right behind the Panthers with a 4-1 AMCU mark and 7-9 overall.

Northern Iowa, which plays a midweek non-conference game at Pan American, is in the second division with a 3-3 league mark and 9-10 overall.

This is the first time the Panthers have met the Leathernecks this season while a month ago defeated UNI, 82-63, at home.

The Panthers vaulted into first place in the Mid-Continent with a 77-58 victory over tailender Wis-Green Bay Monday night as Dirk Androff (Decatur-Eisenhower) hit 20 points, 10 rebounds.

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

THE GAMES: Eastern Illinois (11-6, 5-1) at Western Illinois (7-9, 4-1), 7:30 CST, Thursday, Feb. 7, Western Hall, Macomb; EIU at Northern Iowa (9-10, 3-3), 7:30, Saturday, Feb. 9, UNI-Dome, Cedar Falls.

RADIO: Hear all the action on WLBH-FM, 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 for the WIU contest but the UNI game is tape delay with the broadcast commencing at approximately 9:40.

STARTERS:

<u>EIU</u>		<u>WIU</u>	
F 20 Jon Collins	6-4 Jr.	F 41 J. D. Dykstra	6-7 Sr.
F 52 Dirk Androff	6-7 Sr.	F 35 Cedric Wright	6-5 Jr.
C 00 Kevin Duckworth	7-0 Jr.	C 45 Bobby Johnson	6-7 So.
G 10 Doug Crook	6-1 Jr.	G 3 Johnny Holman	6-0 Sr.
G 24 Troy Richardson	6-1 Sr.	G 10 Daryl Reed	6-3 Jr.

UNI

F 22 Todd Lumsden	6-5 So.
F 43 Scott Stafford	6-7 Sr.
C 52 Greg McDermott	6-8 Fr.
G 32 Randy Kraayenbrink	6-3 Jr.
G 20 Rob Williams	6-0 Jr.

THE COACHES: EIU's Rick Samuels, in his fifth season, is 69-61 lifetime, all at EIU . . . he has had three winning seasons . . . previously was an assistant and co-head coach at Iowa State . . . he is 4-3 vs. Northern Iowa, 4-6 vs. Western Illinois.

WIU's Jack Margenthaler, in his 8th year, is 126-89 overall and has had just one losing season . . . he is 8-8 vs. EIU.

UNI's Jim Berry, in his 12th year, is 133-185 there, and 191-224 overall in 17 years of collegiate coaching . . . he is 4-12 vs. EIU.

SERIES RECORD: EIU trails WIU, 62-47, but leads UNI 14-5.

LAST MEETING: The Panthers and Leathernecks met four times last season with each team winning two games . . . EIU won in the Illini Classic, 73-70, and at home, 92-76, but lost at WIU 78-65, and then in the first round of the post-season tournament, 81-65, as Todd Hutcheson (now graduated) had 28 points and seven rebounds.

EIU downed UNI, 82-63, a month ago in Lantz Gym with Jon Collins getting a season high 28 points . . . Randy Kraayenbrink scored a season high 30 for the Purple Panthers.

LAST WIN AT WIU & UNI: The last time the Panthers won at Western Hall and the UNI-Dome was five years ago (1979-80) when EIU was enroute to a 22-7 record and a berth in the NCAA Division II tournament . . . Eastern defeated the Leathernecks there, 72-69, and beat Northern Iowa in the dome, 47-46.

WIU: The Leathernecks lost nine of their first 12 with the only victories over three Division II or NAIA clubs but have since bounced back strong with four straight conference victories over Cleveland State, Valparaiso, Northern Iowa and Wis-Green Bay . . . the 4-1 league mark (loss at Southwest Missouri) puts WIU just back of EIU . . . senior forward J. D. Dykstra, the AMCU 'player of the week' leads the team with a 16.5 average . . . last week he scored 56 points in two games and has currently made 24 consecutive free throws . . . after shooting under 40% at the start of the season the 'Necks have been hitting 50.5% in conference action . . . guard Johnny Holman is also in double figures with a 12.5 average.

UNI: The purple Panthers have been around the .500 mark all year never winning more than two straight but never losing more than three in a row . . . guard Randy Kraayenbrink leads the league with a 20.1 scoring average . . . his high game was 30 vs. EIU earlier this year . . . Scott Stafford is averaging 15.3 and scored 32 vs. Valparaiso when he was the conference 'player of the week' . . . ten different players have started at one time or another this winter.

ANDROFF LEADS LEAGUE: Dirk Androff (Decatur-Eisenhower) is leading the Mid-Continent with a 63.5% shooting average . . . he has helped this considerably the last five games by making 30-38 (78.9%) and averaging 15 points a game including a career high 20 vs. Wis-Green Bay.

TEAM ACCURACY: The Panthers have been over 50% as a team for five straight games boosting their record pace percentage to 52.5% . . . in the last five games they have been shooting at a 55% clip.

DUCK'S BLOCKS: Kevin Duckworth (Dolton-Thornridge), 7-0 junior center, set a school record with five blocked shots vs. Wis-Green Bay Monday night . . . he now has 28 in 17 games, and leads the league with a 1.6 average.

CROOK & RICHARDSON: The improved play of EIU's backcourt duo of Doug Crook (Vincennes, IN-Lincoln) and Troy Richardson (Dolton-Thornridge) has been a major factor in the team's success, says coach Rick Samuels . . . in the last five games Crook is averaging 6.4 assists and Richardson is just under seven per contest . . . Crook has a high of nine vs. Illinois-Chicago while Richardson twice has reached eight.

AMCU-8 STANDINGS: (as of 2/5):	<u>AMCU</u>	<u>OVERALL</u>
EASTERN ILLINOIS	5-1	11-6
Western Illinois	4-1	7-9
Cleveland State	5-2	14-6
Southwest Missouri	4-4	9-10
Northern Iowa	3-3	9-10
Illinois-Chicago	2-3	9-9
Valparaiso	2-5	6-12
Wis-Green Bay	1-6	3-16

AMCU-8 Games . . . 2/7 -- EIU at WIU

2/9 -- EIU at Northern Iowa
Illinois-Chicago at Valpo
Southwest Mo. at WIU

2-11 -- Valpo at Wis-Green Bay
Cleveland State at Ill-Chicago
Southwest Mo. at Northern Iowa

SAMUELS SAYS: "We're getting good play out of Richardson and Crook at guard . . . we're playing team basketball and they're a major reason as they're looking to get it inside to Collins, Androff and Duckworth . . . Dirk (Androff) has played particularly well of late and with him becoming an offensive threat it has relieved some of the pressure from Collins who has been shooting very well . . . over 60% for the last few games . . . now we need to prove we're a first place team by winning some of the tougher ones on the road . . . the Western game is always a great one regardless of where the teams stand in the conference . . . I'm sure they'll have a great crowd, particularly because they are playing better of late . . . it should be an emotion packed atmosphere."

1984-85 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL STATISTICS (11-6)

NAME	G(GS)	MIN	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	AVE	A	ST	B	PF(D)	TO	PTS	AVE	HIGH
Jon Collins	17(17)	545	123	224	.549	54	76	.710	82	4.8	33	14	1	19	37	300	17.6	28(UNI)
	c- 6(6)	188	41	66	.621	19	24	.792	25	4.2	12	3	-	12	15	101	16.8	28(UNI)
Kevin Duckworth	17(11)	469	86	174	.494	51	72	.708	124	7.3	7	6	28	49(1)	37	223	13.7	20(CF)
	c- 6(5)	180	26	54	.481	12	18	.667	45	7.5	3	1	12	16	10	64	10.7	14(WGB)
Doug Crook	17(16)	546	83	174	.477	20	28	.714	44	2.6	57	31	-	25	27	186	10.9	19(VU)
	c- 6(6)	224	28	64	.437	10	13	.769	23	3.8	30	12	-	9	12	66	11.0	19(VU)
Dirk Androff	17(17)	542	77	118	.652	46	64	.719	90	5.3	31	15	3	46(2)	39	200	11.8	20(WGB)
	c- 6(6)	215	35	53	.660	18	26	.692	33	5.5	9	7	2	12	16	88	14.7	20(WGB)
Troy Richardson	17(17)	553	61	115	.530	29	41	.707	66	3.9	110	45	1	46(1)	58	151	8.9	15(WP)
	c- 6(6)	193	19	39	.487	13	18	.722	24	4.0	32	13	-	14	24	51	8.5	12(CS)
Steve Hopkins	17(4)	253	23	45	.511	11	24	.458	48	2.8	6	9	1	34	15	57	3.3	13(KS)
	c- 6	66	5	10	.500	2	5	.400	14	2.3	2	2	-	15	6	12	2.0	5(UIC)
Paul Neidig	13	91	8	12	.667	8	13	.615	14	1.1	2	2	-	9	7	24	1.8	7(WGB)
	c- 4	34	4	5	.800	5	6	.833	7	1.7	-	1	-	3	6	13	3.2	7(WGB)
Norm Evans	13	115	8	21	.381	17	25	.680	11	0.8	8	15	2	9	16	33	2.5	7(VU)
	c- 6	65	6	12	.500	11	14	.786	4	0.7	2	14	-	5	7	23	3.8	7(VU)
Vince Macciocchi	10	55	4	12	.333	5	13	.385	15	1.5	2	2	1	12	6	13	1.3	6(AUG)
	c- 4	17	-	5	.000	1	2	.500	6	1.5	1	2	-	6	2	1	0.2	1(UNI)
Jerry Strickland	7	26	3	8	.375	2	5	.400	1	0.1	3	1	-	3	3	8	1.1	3(AUG)
	c- 4	11	1	4	.250	-	1	.000	1	0.2	1	1	-	3	1	2	0.5	2(UNI)
Drew Beck	5	16	2	5	.400	-	1	.000	7	1.4	1	1	-	2	1	4	0.8	2(CF, WGB)
	c- 2	4	1	3	.333	-	-	-	3	1.5	-	1	-	-	-	2	1.0	2(WGB)
Todd Emro	3	5	1	2	.500	-	-	-	1	0.5	-	1	-	1	1	2	0.7	2(CF)
	c- 2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	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 64(c25)																		
EIU TOTALS	17	3485	513	977	.525	264	386	.684	607	35.7	298	152	38	272(5)	263	1290	75.9	100(WP)
	c- 6	1225	170	323	.526	94	131	.717	214	35.7	92	59	14	100(1)	100	434	72.3	82(UNI)
OPP TOTALS	17	3485	485	1042	.465	192	267	.719	532	31.3	275	121	40	327(6)	270	1162	68.3	83(CS)
	c- 6	1225	156	335	.466	68	100	.680	161	26.8	94	54	14	117(2)	94	380	63.3	83(CS)

* Injured - out for season

Dead Ball Rebounds: EIU - 46(c14) OPP - 33(c12)

Points by Half/OT

EIU - 603 673 14 - 1290
 OPP - 533 599 30 - 1162