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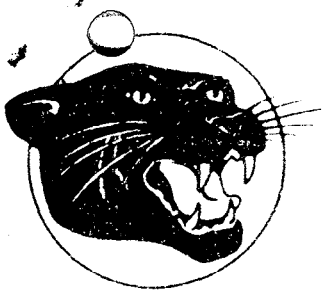
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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers make their last strenuous road trip of the season playing at Southwest Missouri on Saturday (Feb. 16) and at Illinois-Chicago on Monday (Feb. 18). Tipoff for both is 7:30 CST.

Prior to a midweek game with Illinois Tech, the Panthers were 12-7 overall, had won eight of the last ten, and were just half a game out of the conference lead at 6-2.

Southwest Missouri is 10-11 overall and in fourth place in the conference with a 5-5 mark. Illinois-Chicago dropped to 3-4 in the league with a loss to Cleveland State Monday, and evened its record at 10-10.

EIU defeated both Southwest Missouri (50-46) and Illinois-Chicago (74-64) earlier this year in Lantz Gym.

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

THE GAMES: Eastern Illinois (12-7, 6-2) at Southwest Missouri (10-11, 5-5), 7:30, Saturday, Feb. 16, Hammons Student Center, Springfield, MO; EIU at Illinois-Chicago (10-10, 3-4), 7:30, Monday, Feb. 18, UIC Pavilion, Chicago.

RADIO: Hear all the action on WLBH-FM, 97 on the dial, with Marc Stuart calling play-by-play . . . both games will be live beginning at 7:20 with the Rick Samuels pre-game show.

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

UIC

F 30 Brian Wilson	6-8 Sr.
F 22 Dick Knar	6-5 So.
C 41 Ivan Daniels	6-10 Sr.
G 34 Eric Longino	6-4 Fr.
G 10 Craig Lathen	6-2 Sr.

THE COACHES: EIU's Rick Samuels, in his fifth season, is 70-62 lifetime, all at EIU . . . he has had three winning seasons . . . previously was an assistant and co-head coach at Iowa State . . . he is 2-4 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 2-5 vs. Southwest Missouri.

Southwest's Charlie Spoonhour is now 27-22 in his second season at SWMO and overall as a college head coach . . . he formerly was an assistant at Oklahoma and Nebraska, and head coach at Moberly and Southwestern Iowa junior colleges . . . he is 2-1 vs. EIU.

UIC's Willie Little, also in his second season as a head collegiate coach, is 32-15 overall . . . he is 2-1 vs. EIU.

EIU BASKETBALL
ADD 1

SERIES RECORD: Southwest Missouri leads the series, 9-6 . . . EIU and Illinois-Chicago are tied at 4-4.

LAST MEETING: EIU whipped Southwest Missouri, 50-46, as Dirk Androff made two FTs with 19 seconds left and Norm Evans added two more with five seconds remaining to clinch the win . . . Androff had 14 points to lead all scorers.
EIU downed Illinois-Chicago, 74-64, behind the 25 point scoring of Jon Collins . . . his three point play at 7:44 broke a 54 tie and the Panthers never trailed thereafter.

LAST WIN AT SWMO & UIC: The Panthers were last victorious at Southwest Missouri, 84-70, during the 1979-80 season, and have lost three straight there . . . EIU has lost its only two games at UIC in '83 and '84.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI: The Bears kept alive their bid for a first division finish in the Mid-Continent by winning at Northern Iowa Monday night . . . Southwest is 5-5 in the conference with three of four remaining AMCU games at home . . . averaging just under 70 points and relying on a pattern offense, SWMO opened it up recently by scoring 88 vs. Wis-Green Bay and 101 vs. Illinois-Chicago in home victories . . . 6-2 guard Handy Johnson has become the leading scorer with a 14.5 average, and had 30 vs. UIC . . . guard Randy Stange, who averages 13, is the best shooter hitting 58%, mostly from long distance.

ILLINOIS-CHICAGO: The Flames lost to Cleveland State at home Monday night and fell under .500 at 3-4 in the conference . . . prior to EIU they host Western Illinois on 2/14 and play at Wis-Green Bay on 2/16 . . . all-conference center Ivan Daniels, who missed the EIU game with a sprained ankle, returned to the lineup and had 24 in a Saturday win at Valpo . . . freshman Eric Longino, who had 29 against EIU, is averaging 19 in conference play . . . forward Brian Wilson is still the top stat man at 18.6 ppg, 9.2 rbg.

DUCKWORTH HONORED: Kevin Duckworth (Dolton-Thornridge), 7-0 junior center, was picked AMCU 'co-player of the week' after getting 47 points, 28 rebounds, 11 blocks, and shooting 67% in three games last week . . . it's the first league honor for Duckworth.

AMCU LEADERS: The Panthers lead the conference in four categories . . . Dirk Androff (Decatur-Eisenhower) is first in shooting at 63.8% (81-127), Troy Richardson (Dolton-Thornridge) is tops in assists at 6.7 (127) and steals at 2.6 (50) and Kevin Duckworth (Dolton-Thornridge) leads in blocks at 1.6 (30).

RANKED SHOOTERS: Eastern cracked the top 15 in NCAA stats for field goal shooting . . . EIU ranks 12th with a 53.3% mark . . . during the last seven games the Panthers have hit 56.7% helped by the school record 71.7% (33-46) at Northern Iowa.

OFF THE ROAD: Monday's game at Illinois-Chicago will conclude a strenuous travel schedule that has seen the Panthers on the road for four of the last five games . . . EIU now returns for three straight league games to conclude the February schedule beginning with Western Illinois here on Thursday (2/21) followed by Valparaiso on Saturday (2/23) and Cleveland State on Monday (2/25).

AMCU-8 STANDINGS: (as of 2/12):

	<u>AMCU</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Western Illinois	6-1	9-9
EASTERN ILLINOIS	6-2	12-7
Cleveland State	6-2	15-6
Southwest Missouri	5-5	10-11
Illinois-Chicago	3-4	10-10
Valparaiso	3-6	7-13
Northern Iowa	3-6	9-13
Wis-Green Bay	1-7	3-17

AMCU-8 Games 2/13 -- Cleveland St. at Wis-Green Bay
 Illinois Tech at EIU (nc)

2/14 -- WIU at Ill-Chicago

2/16 -- EIU at Southwest Missouri
 Ill-Chicago at Wis-Green Bay
 N. Iowa at Cleveland State
 WIU at Valparaiso

2/18 -- EIU at Ill-Chicago
 WIU at Cleveland State
 N. Iowa at Valparaiso
 Southwest Missouri at Arkansas State

SAMUELS SAYS: "We can really help ourselves in regard to the conference race with a couple wins on this last tough road trip . . . victories would give us a big edge as then we return home for some games . . . Southwest and Illinois-Chicago are still much in the race for finishing among the leaders so I'm sure they're placing great emphasis on evening the field by knocking us off . . . right now everyone is playing pretty well for us . . . (Kevin) Duckworth has been doing a nice job of scoring and rebounding since the Evansville game . . . we got off to a slow start at Western and had to play catch up all night, then got off quickly at Northern Iowa and controlled the lead . . . I think everyone realizes we need to jump out quickly against Southwest so that we don't have to play their style since they broke loose for over 100 points against Illinois-Chicago . . . we just need to concentrate on doing well what we do best."

1984-85 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL STATISTICS (12-7)

NAME	G(GS)	MIN	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	AVE	A	ST	B	PF(D)	TO	PTS	AVE	HIGH
Jon Collins	19(19)	620	136	247	.551	61	86	.709	84	4.4	35	17	2	21	40	333	17.5	28(UNI)
	c- 8(8)	263	54	89	.607	26	34	.765	27	3.4	14	6	1	14	18	134	16.7	28(UNI)
Kevin Duckworth	19(13)	531	102	196	.520	52	74	.703	144	7.6	8	7	30	54(1)	39	256	13.5	20(CF)
	c- 8(7)	242	42	76	.553	13	20	.650	65	8.1	4	2	14	21	12	97	12.1	19(UNI)
Doug Crook	19(18)	607	93	190	.489	32	43	.744	46	2.4	61	32	-	32	31	218	11.5	19(VU)
	c- 8(8)	285	38	80	.475	22	28	.786	25	3.1	34	13	-	16	16	98	12.2	19(VU)
Dirk Androff	19(19)	596	81	127	.638	49	67	.731	95	5.0	36	16	3	53(2)	43	211	11.1	20(WGB)
	c- 8(8)	269	39	62	.629	21	29	.724	38	4.7	14	8	2	19	20	99	12.4	20(WGB)
Troy Richardson	19(19)	631	72	134	.537	33	46	.717	71	3.7	127	50	1	51(1)	62	177	9.3	18(WIU)
	c- 8(8)	271	30	58	.517	17	23	.739	29	3.6	49	18	-	19	28	77	9.6	18(WIU)
Steve Hopkins	19(4)	281	25	49	.510	12	28	.428	51	2.7	6	10	2	38	17	62	3.3	13(KS)
	c- 8	94	7	14	.500	3	9	.333	17	2.1	2	3	1	19	8	17	2.1	5(UIC)
Paul Neidig	15	107	9	13	.692	10	15	.667	15	1.0	2	2	-	9	8	28	1.9	7(WGB)
	c- 6	50	5	6	.833	7	8	.875	8	1.3	-	1	-	3	7	17	2.8	7(WGB)
Norm Evans	15	132	10	25	.400	21	29	.724	11	0.7	10	18	2	19(2)	20	41	2.7	7(VU)
	c- 8	82	8	16	.500	15	18	.833	4	0.5	4	17	-	15(2)	11	31	3.9	7(VU)
Vince Macciocchi	12	59	4	13	.308	5	13	.385	15	1.2	2	2	1	14	6	13	1.1	6(AUG)
	c- 6	21	-	6	.000	1	2	.500	6	1.0	1	2	-	8	2	1	0.2	1(UNI)
Jerry Strickland	9	31	8	14	.571	3	8	.375	1	0.1	3	1	-	4	3	19	2.1	8(WIU)
	c- 6	16	6	10	.600	1	4	.250	1	0.2	1	1	-	4	1	13	2.2	8(WIU)
Drew Beck	6	16	2	5	.400	-	1	.000	7	1.2	1	1	-	2	1	4	0.7	2(CF)
	c- 3	4	1	3	.333	-	-	-	3	1.0	-	1	-	-	-	2	0.7	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 68 (c29)																		
EIU TOTALS	19	3885	577	1082	.533	299	434	.689	649	34.1	329	167	42	315(7)	287	1453	76.5	100(WP)
	c- 8	1625	234	428	.547	129	179	.721	256	32.0	123	74	18	143(3)	124	597	74.6	90(UNI)
OPP TOTALS	19	3885	553	1155	.479	218	306	.712	593	31.2	299	130	45	373(7)	304	1324	69.7	83(CS)
	c- 8	1625	224	448	.500	94	139	.676	222	27.7	118	63	19	163(3)	128	542	67.7	83(CS)

* Injured - out for season

Dead Ball Rebounds: EIU - 50(c18) OPP - 38(c17)

Points by Half/OT

EIU - 671 768 14 - 1453

OPP - 606 688 30 - 1324