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Panther Sports News

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers return to Lantz Gym for three straight Mid-Continent games that will make or break their chances for first place in the conference.

EIU hosts Western Illinois on Thursday (Feb. 21), Valparaiso on Saturday (Feb. 23) and Cleveland State on Monday (Feb. 25). Tipoff for all three is 7:30.

The Panthers and Leathernecks are tied for second in the conference with 7-3 records. EIU is 14-8 overall and has won 10 of its last 13. Western is 10-11 and has lost two in a row at Valparaiso and Cleveland State.

Eastern moved into the second place tie by downing Illinois-Chicago, 76-57, there Monday night behind Jon Collins' (East St. Louis-Cahokia) 24 points and Kevin Duckworth's (Dolton-Thornridge) 16 points, 13 rebounds.

Valparaiso's opportunity for a first division finish was severely diminished with a 56-52 loss to Northern Iowa Monday. Valpo is 8-14 overall and tied for sixth in the AMCU with a 4-7 record.

Cleveland State is the league leader at 9-2 and plays at Southwest Missouri on Saturday prior to the Monday game with the Panthers. CSU, 18-6 overall, remained atop the league standings with a 78-69 overtime win over Western Illinois Monday.

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

THE GAMES: Eastern Illinois (14-8, 7-3) hosts Western Illinois (10-11, 7-3) 7:30 CST, Thursday, Feb. 21, Lantz Gym, Charleston; EIU hosts Valparaiso (8-14, 4-7), 7:30 CST, Saturday, Feb. 23; EIU hosts Cleveland State (18-6, 9-2), 7:30 CST, Monday, Feb. 25.

RADIO: Hear all the action on WLBH-FM, 97 on the dial, with Marc Stuart calling play-by-play and Mike Bradd providing commentary . . . pre-game starts at 7:20, and all three games are live.

STARTERS:

EIU		WIU	
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 Jordan	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.

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STARTERS CONTINUED:

<u>VALPO</u>			<u>CSU</u>		
F 23	Jerome Battle	6-5 Fr.	F 44	Clinton Ransey	6-4 So.
F 32	John Geary	6-7 Sr.	F 24	Clinton Smith	6-6 Jr.
C 40	Jim Stueve	6-7 Jr.	C 40	Bob Crawford	6-9 Jr.
G 12	Larry Dougherty	6-4 Fr.	G 22	Vince Richards	6-2 Jr.
G 20	Brett Hughes	6-1 Jr.	G 4	Shawn Hood	5-8 So.

THE COACHES: EIU's Rick Samuels, in his fifth season, is 72-63 lifetime, all at EIU . . . he has had three winning seasons . . . previously was an assistant and co-head coach at Iowa State . . . he is 4-7 vs. Western Illinois, 7-0 vs. Valparaiso and 1-2 vs. Cleveland State.

WIU's Jack Margenthaler, in his 8th year, is 129-91 overall and has had just one losing season . . . he is 9-8 vs. EIU.

Valpo's Tom Smith, in his fifth season, is 51-81 at VU and 137-127 overall which includes an 84-46 record while at Central Missouri from 1976-80 . . . he is 0-7 vs. EIU.

CSU's Kevin Mackey, in his second with the Vikings and overall as a head coach, is 32-22 . . . he is 2-1 vs. EIU.

SERIES RECORD: EIU trails WIU, 63-47, but leads Valparaiso, 7-3, and Cleveland State, 4-3.

LAST MEETING: The Panthers have played all of these teams previously this year on the road . . . EIU lost in overtime at Cleveland State, 83-72, as the Vikings scored the first ten points of the OT period . . . Clinton Ransey made 10-15 from the field to lead all scorers with 28 points . . . Doug Crook had 13 points to lead the Panthers . . . on 1/26 EIU won at Valpo, 79-66, behind Crook's 19 points, six steals, five rebounds and four assists . . . Jon Collins and Dirk Androff each had 16 . . . two weeks ago (2/7), Western downed the Panthers, 80-73, as J. D. Dykstra scored 27 on 10-12 from the field . . . Johnny Holman had 11 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists . . . Troy Richardson hit a season high 18 with eight assists and four steals.

WIU: The Leathernecks dropped out of first place with two recent road losses at Valparaiso (79-73) and Cleveland State (78-69) and come into Charleston with a 7-3 AMCU mark which puts them in a tie for second with EIU . . . WIU has home games with Wis-Green Bay and Illinois-Chicago . . . J. D. Dykstra, who is averaging around 25 points for the last eight games, leads the team with an 18.8 average . . . guard Johnny Holman is at 12.1 overall and second on the team with 5.2 rebounds . . . he also leads in assists and steals . . . all five starters are in double figures in conference action.

VALPO: The Crusaders knocked Western Illinois out of first place last Saturday but their chances for a first division finish dimmed with a 56-52 loss to Northern Iowa Monday . . . VU is 4-7 and tied for sixth in the conference . . . Larry Dougherty is the lone player in double figures with a 12.8 average . . . veteran Jim Stueve is at 8.4 overall, 10.3 in the conference, and leads with 5.7 rebounds . . . the Crusaders average just 61 points a game.

CSU: The Vikings have started to pull away with the Mid-Continent lead as they are in first place with a 9-2 AMCU record (18-6 overall), and have won eight straight and ten of the last 11 games . . . however they have two difficult road games at Southwest Missouri Saturday (2/23) and here at EIU on Monday (2/25) . . . they rank 13th in the nation with an 81 point scoring average and their pressing defense results in nearly 12 steals a game, almost three more a game than anyone else in the conference . . . Clinton Ransey is the top scorer at 19.1 with Clinton Smith and Vince

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CSU continued: Richards each around 12-13 points a game . . . their only conference losses were 75-72 by Illinois-Chicago at home and 84-77 at Western Illinois.

RICHARDSON'S RECORD: Guard Troy Richardson (Dolton-Thornridge) picked up six assists at Illinois-Chicago and broke the EIU single season record in the process . . . Richardson now has a league leading 150, two more than Derrick Scott's (1977-78) 148 . . . Richardson is averaging 6.8 p/game . . . he has 260 in his career trailing Scott's record of 347 (1975-78).

RANKED SHOOTERS: The Panthers are ranked in NCAA national stats in field goal shooting . . . EIU is hitting 53.5% which is No. 12 in the nation . . . Dirk Androff (Decatur-Eisenhower) would be ranked among the individual shooters at 65.1% except that he just barely fails to qualify for the minimum five shots made per game.

STAT CHAT: EIU continues to lead the Mid-Continent in several categories . . . Androff is the top shooter at 65.1% (97-149), Richardson is No. 1 in steals at 2.8 p/game and assists at 6.8, and Kevin Duckworth (Dolton-Thornridge) is tops in blocked shots with 41 (1.9 p/game).

COLLINS OVER 20: Jon Collins (East St. Louis-Cahokia) has scored over 20 points in four straight games averaging 22.7 during this stretch . . . he's had 24 in each of the last two road games at Southwest Missouri and Illinois-Chicago.

DUCK'S REBOUNDS: Kevin Duckworth has boosted his rebound average to 8.1 p/game, and is getting over ten a game during the last eight contests . . . his season highs have been 13, both times on the road, at Evansville and Illinois-Chicago.

AMCU-8 STANDINGS: (as of 2/19)

	<u>AMCU-8</u>	<u>OVERALL</u>
Cleveland State	9-2	18-6
EASTERN ILLINOIS	7-3	14-8
Western Illinois	7-3	10-11
Southwest Missouri	6-5	12-11
Illinois-Chicago	4-6	11-12
Northern Iowa	4-7	10-14
Valparaiso	4-7	8-14
Wis-Green Bay	1-9	3-19

AMCU-8 GAMES 2/21 -- WIU at EIU
Northern Iowa at Ill-Chicago
2/23 -- Valpo at EIU
Wis-Green Bay at WIU
Cleveland St. at Southwest MO
2/25 -- Cleveland St. at EIU
Wis-Green Bay at N. Iowa
Ill-Chicago at WIU
Valpo at Southwest Mo.

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SAMUELS SAYS: "We're in the position we wanted to be in . . . battling for first place and able to control our destiny with three conference games at home, two of which are against the league leader (Cleveland State) and the team we're tied with in second (Western Illinois) . . . we're playing with poise and patience, and when we can get some good outcourt shooting like we did against Illinois-Chicago then we're able to keep the zone defense honest . . . (Kevin) Duckworth continues to play exceptionally well . . . he had one of his best defensive games at Chicago . . . we're getting solid play from all the starters and seem to be peaking at the right time."

1984-85 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL STATISTICS (14-8)

NAME	G(GS)	MIN	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	AVE	A	ST	B	PF(D)	TO	PTS	AVE	HIGH
Jon Collins	22(22)	711	166	297	.559	69	98	.704	93	4.2	39	22	2	26	48	401	18.2	28(UNI)
	c-10(10)	333	76	124	.613	30	39	.769	32	3.2	16	9	1	18	25	182	18.2	28(UNI)
Kevin Duckworth	22(16)	637	121	230	.526	57	83	.687	178	8.1	12	8	41	64(2)	44	299	13.6	20(CF)
	c-10(9)	317	54	97	.557	15	26	.577	89	8.9	5	3	23	28(1)	14	123	12.3	19(UNI)
Doug Crook	22(21)	701	110	219	.502	38	50	.760	53	2.4	72	38	-	39	35	258	11.7	19(VU)
	c-10(10)	353	52	103	.505	26	33	.788	31	3.1	45	17	-	20	17	130	13.0	19(VU)
Dirk Androff	22(22)	681	97	149	.651	55	75	.733	105	4.8	41	17	3	57(2)	48	249	11.3	20(WGB)
	c-10(10)	333	49	77	.636	22	31	.710	44	4.4	19	9	2	23	23	120	12.0	20(WGB)
Troy Richardson	22(22)	720	82	159	.516	39	55	.709	84	3.8	150	61	2	57(1)	72	203	9.2	18(WIU)
	c-10(10)	331	36	74	.486	21	30	.700	37	3.7	63	25	1	23	37	93	9.3	18(WIU)
Steve Hopkins	22(4)	320	28	57	.491	12	28	.428	56	2.5	7	12	4	44	21	68	3.1	13(KS)
	c-10	118	8	18	.444	3	9	.333	20	2.0	2	4	2	24	10	19	1.9	5(UIC)
Paul Neidig	17	126	12	22	.545	12	19	.631	18	1.0	3	2	1	11	10	36	2.1	7(WGB, IIT)
	c- 7	53	5	8	.625	8	10	.800	9	1.3	-	1	-	3	8	18	2.6	7(WGB)
Norm Evans	18	168	14	33	.424	23	33	.697	17	0.9	16	23	2	25(2)	25	51	2.8	8(SWMO)
	c-10	102	11	22	.500	17	22	.773	8	0.8	6	21	-	20(2)	14	39	3.9	8(SWMO)
Vince Macciocchi	14	72	6	17	.353	7	15	.467	19	1.3	3	3	2	17	8	19	1.3	6(AUG)
	c- 7	24	-	6	.000	3	4	.750	6	0.8	1	3	1	8	3	3	0.4	1(UNI)
Jerry Strickland	12	51	10	18	.555	3	8	.375	3	0.2	5	2	-	6	4	23	1.9	8(WIU)
	c- 8	28	6	11	.545	1	4	.250	2	0.2	1	1	-	4	2	13	1.6	8(WIU)
Drew Beck	8	23	3	8	.375	-	1	.000	7	0.9	2	1	-	2	2	6	0.7	2(CF)
	c- 4	5	1	3	.333	-	-	-	3	0.7	-	1	-	-	-	2	0.5	2(WGB)
Todd Emro	4	6	1	2	.500	-	-	-	1	0.2	-	1	-	2	1	2	0.5	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 81 (c34)									
EIU TOTALS	22	4485	684	1278	.535	336	489	.687	755	34.3	388	200	58	367(8)	334	1704	77.4	100(WP)
	c-10	2025	302	551	.548	149	212	.703	319	31.9	158	96	30	176(4)	154	753	75.3	90(UNI)
OPP TOTALS	22	4485	643	1333	.482	259	364	.711	691	31.4	350	139	50	422(8)	358	1545	70.2	87(SWMO)
	c-10	2025	282	559	.504	122	177	.689	287	28.7	154	70	22	193(4)	160	686	68.6	87(SWMO)

* Injured - out of season

Points by Half/OT

EIU - 779 911 14 - 1704
 OPP - 711 804 30 - 1545

Dead Ball Rebounds: EIU - 55(c20) OPP - 40(c17)