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# **Panther Sports News**

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CHARLESTON, ILL. (March 14, 1986)--The Eastern Illinois men's basketball team ended the 1985-86 season with a 19-13 record and a second-place finish in the AMCU-8 Post-Season Tournament. The Panthers concluded the league season with an 8-6 mark--good enough for third-place.

Coach Rick Samuels' squad went to the championship game of the AMCU-8 tourney for the second consecutive year in a row before dropping a 70-66 verdict to regular-season kingpin Cleveland State. The Vikings received the conference's first-ever berth in the NCAA Tournament while defeating Big Ten power Indiana in the first-round of the post-season classic.

Senior All-American forward **JON COLLINS** led Eastern in scoring with a 19.7 average while also being named the league's Player of the Year for the second year in a row. He finished his Eastern career as the school's all-time leading scorer with 1702 points. The 6-4 forward scored in double figures in 53 consecutive games and 87 of 90 over his three-year career. Collins also received all-league laurels three years running.

Another player Samuels will need to replace will be 7-0, 280-pound center **KEVIN DUCKWORTH**. "Sir Duck" emerged as the Panthers second-leading scorer with a 19.5 average and the team's leading rebounder with a 9.1 mark. He was named the **MOST IMPROVED PLAYER IN THE COUNTRY** in a poll conducted by **CBS SPORTS** and the National Association of Basketball Coaches. The Dolton, Ill. product was among the nation's leaders in field goal shooting with a .631 mark. Duckworth received first-team all-league accolades while also being named the Most Valuable Player of the Post-Season Tournament. He was edged out by one point by Collins as the AMCU-8's regular season MVP.

Fifth-year senior **DOUG CROOK** is the third senior starter that will be graduating. The Vincennes, Ind. native averaged 13.3 points and 3.3 rebounds a game for the Panthers. He is EIU's 10th-all-time leading scorer with 1178 points while being over-shadowed by Collins' and Duckworth's exploits. Crook finished third on the team in assists (98) and second in steals (53).

The future is bright for the Panthers however. Eastern will return three players who tallied 49 starts between the three of them this season. Sophomore **NORM EVANS** saw action in all 32 games while starting 26 contests at the point guard. The Joliet, Ill. native led the team in steals (59) and assists (110). Evans also averaged 4.9 points and 2.8 boards a game.

A pair of freshmen--**DAVE VANCE** and **JAY TAYLOR**--started for the Panthers in the stretch drive for their post-season tournament title. Vance--a sky-walking 6-5 forward--started in 17 games despite also battling a stress fracture during the mid-season. The Roselle, Ill. native averaged 3.9 points and 3.7 rebounds a game. His cool and collected demeanor impressed many observers.

Taylor ended up being the team's fourth-leading scorer with a 8.1 average. Eventhough starting just the final six games of the year. The Aurora, Ill. native was second on the team in assists (105) and third in steals (37).

Freshman **MIKE WEST** (Warrensburg/W-Latham) and sophomore **RONNIE DUCKWORTH** (Chicago/Harper) started eight and seven games, respectively, at forward in 1985-86. West averaged 1.6 points and 2.7 rebounds a game while R. Duckworth tallied 3.9 boards a game. R. Duckworth sparked the home-crowd during the season with some amazing athletic slam dunks and blocked shots.

6-8 freshman center **BRIAN MURPHY** (Oswego) saw action in 22 games while spelling "Sir Duck" in the pivot. He averaged 2.1 points and 1.4 rebounds a game.

Guards **DON PEAVEY** (W. Frankfort) and **JERRY STRICKLAND** (Mounds/Meridian) saw action coming in off the bench. Peavey scored 18 points in 11 games while Strickland registered 26 points in 16 contests.

Senior **DREW BECK** (Streator) and sophomore **TODD EMRO** (Hammond, Ind./Gavit) played in 13 and eight games, respectively.

Final Cumulative  
Basketball Statistics -- Eastern Illinois 1985-86  
(Includes 32 Games)

-PLAYER	G/ GS	FG/ FGA	FG%	FT/ FTA	FT%	PIS	AVG	REB	AVG	PF/ D	AST	TO	BLK	SIL	MIN-
Jon Collins	32/ 32	262/ 517	.507	107/ 138	.775	631	19.7	149	4.7	63/ 0	73	88	2	28	1158
Kevin Duckworth	32/ 32	250/ 396	.631	125/ 164	.762	625	19.5	290	9.1	112/ 7	21	67	42	23	1023
Doug Crook	32/ 32	188/ 398	.472	48/ 62	.774	424	13.3	105	3.3	78/ 0	98	49	0	53	1104
Jay Taylor	29/ 6	94/ 207	.454	48/ 66	.727	236	8.1	80	2.8	46/ 1	105	63	1	37	649
Norm Evans	32/ 26	67/ 141	.475	22/ 37	.595	156	4.9	88	2.8	69/ 2	110	60	11	59	782
Dave Vance	25/ 17	33/ 69	.478	32/ 40	.800	98	3.9	92	3.7	35/ 0	44	37	1	9	618
Ronnie Duckworth	20/ 7	26/ 53	.491	12/ 25	.480	64	3.2	77	3.9	36/ 3	14	20	8	4	334
Brian Murphy	22/ 0	14/ 32	.438	17/ 23	.739	45	2.1	30	1.4	28/ 0	3	4	2	5	146
Don Peavey	11/ 0	6/ 14	.429	6/ 9	.667	18	1.6	8	.7	4/ 0	4	7	0	1	40
Mike West	27/ 8	20/ 48	.417	4/ 15	.267	44	1.6	72	2.7	39/ 0	13	34	4	8	396
Jerry Strickland	16/ 0	8/ 21	.381	10/ 11	.909	26	1.6	12	.8	8/ 0	5	7	0	3	63
Drew Beck	13/ 0	4/ 10	.400	4/ 6	.667	12	.9	16	1.2	5/ 0	9	7	0	0	75
Todd Emro	8/ 0	2/ 3	.667	2/ 4	.500	6	.8	3	.4	2/ 0	2	2	0	0	12
Team Rebounds															94

EIU 32/ 32 974/1909 .510 437/ 600 .728 2385 74.5 1116 34.9 525/13 501 445 71 230 —

Team Rebounds 80

Opponent Totals 32/ 32 963/1964 .490 358/ 517 .693 2284 71.4 1045 32.7 566/10 507 410 83 243 —

-PER GAME AVERAGES-

-PLAYER	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	PIS	REB	AST	TO	BLK	SIL	MIN-
Jon Collins	8.2	16.2	3.3	4.3	19.7	4.7	2.3	2.8	.1	.9	36.2
Kevin Duckworth	7.8	12.4	3.9	5.1	19.5	9.1	.7	2.1	1.3	.7	32.0
Doug Crook	5.9	12.4	1.5	1.9	13.3	3.3	3.1	1.5	.0	1.7	34.5
Jay Taylor	3.2	7.1	1.7	2.3	8.1	2.8	3.6	2.2	.0	1.3	22.4
Norm Evans	2.1	4.4	.7	1.2	4.9	2.8	3.4	1.9	.3	1.8	24.4
Dave Vance	1.3	2.8	1.3	1.6	3.9	3.7	1.8	1.5	.0	.4	24.7
Ronnie Duckworth	1.3	2.7	.6	1.3	3.2	3.9	.7	1.0	.4	.2	16.7
Brian Murphy	.6	1.5	.8	1.1	2.1	1.4	.1	.2	.1	.2	6.6
Don Peavey	.6	1.3	.6	.8	1.6	.7	.4	.6	.0	.1	3.6
Mike West	.7	1.8	.2	.6	1.6	2.7	.5	1.3	.2	.3	14.7
Jerry Strickland	.5	1.3	.6	.7	1.6	.8	.3	.4	.0	.2	3.9
Drew Beck	.3	.8	.3	.5	.9	1.2	.7	.5	.0	.0	5.8
Todd Emro	.3	.4	.3	.5	.8	.4	.3	.3	.0	.0	1.5

EIU 30.4 59.7 13.7 18.8 74.5 34.9 15.7 13.9 2.2 7.2 —

Opponent Totals 30.1 61.4 11.2 16.2 71.4 32.7 15.8 12.8 2.6 7.6 —

Conference  
Basketball Statistics — Eastern Illinois 1985-86  
(Includes 14 Games)

-PLAYER	G/ GS	FG/ FGA	FG%	FT/ FTA	FT%	PIS	AVG	REB	AVG	PF/ D	AST	TO	BLK	SIL	MIN-
Kevin Duckworth	14/ 14	120/ 177	.678	59/ 81	.728	299	21.4	135	9.6	47/ 1	12	33	17	11	471
Jon Collins	14/ 14	114/ 235	.485	38/ 49	.776	266	19.0	62	4.4	29/ 0	33	41	1	14	527
Doug Crock	14/ 14	84/ 183	.459	11/ 18	.611	179	12.8	57	4.1	36/ 0	43	16	0	21	500
Jay Taylor	14/ 3	44/ 83	.530	15/ 26	.577	103	7.4	28	2.0	24/ 1	57	31	1	15	299
Dave Vance	8/ 6	16/ 27	.593	16/ 19	.842	48	6.0	34	4.3	9/ 0	13	14	0	2	212
Norm Evans	14/ 11	22/ 51	.431	12/ 17	.706	56	4.0	33	2.4	28/ 0	49	18	3	26	311
Ronnie Duckworth	10/ 4	13/ 27	.482	8/ 16	.500	34	3.4	39	3.9	21/ 1	4	12	2	1	179
Don Peavey	4/ 0	3/ 3	1.000	5/ 7	.714	11	2.8	4	1.0	0/ 0	3	0	0	1	12
Brian Murphy	12/ 0	8/ 17	.471	7/ 8	.875	23	1.9	13	1.1	16/ 0	2	4	1	2	81
Mike West	12/ 4	9/ 19	.474	2/ 4	.500	20	1.7	23	1.9	12/ 0	4	19	0	3	161
Drew Beck	4/ 0	1/ 4	.250	4/ 4	1.000	6	1.5	5	1.3	2/ 0	2	7	0	0	30
Jerry Strickland	5/ 0	3/ 5	.600	0/ 0	.000	6	1.2	3	.6	2/ 0	0	1	0	1	15
Todd Emro	2/ 0	0/ 0	.000	0/ 0	.000	0	.0	0	.0	0/ 0	1	1	0	0	2
Team Rebounds								49							
ETU	14/ 14	437/ 831	.526	177/ 249	.711	1051	75.1	485	34.6	226/ 3	223	197	25	97	—
Team Rebounds								40							
Opponent Totals	14/ 14	431/ 866	.498	149/ 225	.662	1011	72.2	460	32.9	245/ 4	224	173	25	102	—

-PER-GAME AVERAGES-

-PLAYER	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	PIS	REB	AST	TO	BLK	SIL	MIN-
Kevin Duckworth	8.6	12.6	4.2	5.8	21.4	9.6	.9	2.4	1.2	.8	33.6
Jon Collins	8.1	16.8	2.7	3.5	19.0	4.4	2.4	2.9	.1	1.0	37.6
Doug Crock	6.0	13.1	.8	1.3	12.8	4.1	3.1	1.1	.0	1.5	35.7
Jay Taylor	3.1	5.9	1.1	1.9	7.4	2.0	4.1	2.2	.1	1.1	21.4
Dave Vance	2.0	3.4	2.0	2.4	6.0	4.3	1.6	1.8	.0	.3	26.5
Norm Evans	1.6	3.6	.9	1.2	4.0	2.4	3.5	1.3	.2	1.9	22.2
Ronnie Duckworth	1.3	2.7	.8	1.6	3.4	3.9	.4	1.2	.2	.1	17.9
Don Peavey	.8	.8	1.3	1.8	2.8	1.0	.8	.0	.0	.3	3.0
Brian Murphy	.7	1.4	.6	.7	1.9	1.1	.2	.3	.1	.2	6.8
Mike West	.8	1.6	.2	.3	1.7	1.9	.3	1.6	.0	.3	13.4
Drew Beck	.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.3	.5	1.8	.0	.0	7.5
Jerry Strickland	.6	1.0	.0	.0	1.2	.6	.0	.2	.0	.2	3.0
Todd Emro	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.5	.5	.0	.0	1.0
ETU	31.2	59.4	12.6	17.8	75.1	34.6	15.9	14.1	1.8	6.9	—
Opponent Totals	30.8	61.9	10.6	16.1	72.2	32.9	16.0	12.4	1.8	7.3	—

-SEASON HIGHS/LOWS-

		Eastern Illinois	Opponent
Points 1st Half:	High	48 vs Illinois Tech	49 by Cleveland State
	Low	21 vs Colorado State	15 by Wisc.-Green Bay
Points 2nd Half:	High	55 vs Illinois-Chicago	63 by Cleveland State
	Low	32 vs Wis.-Green Bay	22 by Illinois Tech
Total Points:	High	96 vs Illinois Tech	112 by Cleveland State
	Low	57 vs Pan American	52 by Northern Iowa
Field Goals:	High	41 vs Illinois Tech	42 by Cleveland State
	Low	20 vs Wis.-Green Bay	21 by Pan American
Field Goals Attempted:	High	76 vs Butler	80 by Northern Iowa
	Low	39 vs Wis.-Green Bay	46 by Indiana State
Field Goal Percentage:	High	.674 vs SW Missouri	.619 by Valparaiso
	Low	.333 vs Colorado State	.364 by Illinois Tech
Free Throws:	High	25 vs Butler	28 by Cleveland State
	Low	4 vs Cleveland State	4 by Illinois-Chicago
Free Throws Attempted:	High	34 vs Butler	38 by Cleveland State
	Low	5 vs Cleveland State	5 by Illinois Tech
Free Throw Percentage:	High	.952 vs William Penn	.895 by BYU-Hawaii
	Low	.412 vs Northern Iowa	.375 by Wisc.-Green Bay
Total Rebounds:	High	52 vs Illinois Tech	54 by Northern Iowa
	Low	20 vs South Alabama	21 by Wisc.-Green Bay
Assists:	High	24 vs Butler	25 by Valparaiso
	Low	9 vs NE Louisiana	7 by Wisc.-Green Bay
Blocked Shots:	High	5 vs Evansville	8 by BYU-Hawaii
	Low	0 vs Illinois-Chicago	0 by Southwest Missouri
Steals:	High	19 vs Millikin	18 by Cleveland State
	Low	3 vs Cleveland State	3 by Western Illinois
Turnovers:	High	25 vs Cleveland State	23 by Millikin
	Low	8 vs NE Louisiana	6 by Chicago State
Personal Fouls:	High	28 vs Colorado State	25 by Butler
	Low	9 vs William Penn	8 by Cleveland State

-SCORE BY PERIOD	1	2	OT	OT	TOTAL-	-DEADBALL REBOUNDS-
EIU	1092	1293	0	0	2385	49
Opponent Totals	1072	1212	0	0	2284	48

OVERALL TEAM RECORO	19-13	CUMULATIVE ATTENDANCE	90430	TOTAL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	2826
AMCU-8	8- 6	HOME	34013	HOME AVERAGE	2616
Seasider Classic	2- 0	AWAY	56417	AWAY AVERAGE	2969
AMCU-8 Post-Season Tour.	2- 1				

OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTEND	LOC	HIGH SCORER	HIGH REBOUNDER	OPP HI SCORER	OPP HI REBOUNDER-
Illinois Tech	96- 52 W	1492	H	K. Duckworth 24	K. Duckworth 16	Four players 8	Evans 7
William Penn	78- 62 W	1213	H	Collins 25	K. Duckworth 10	Brown 14	O'Bryant 7
Minnesota	69- 87 L	11650	A	K. Duckworth 24	K. Duckworth 11	Shasky 22	Shasky 6
Colorado State	62- 83 L	4103	A	Collins 13	Taylor 8	Turcotte 17	Dudley 10
Indiana State	59- 60 L	4649	A	Collins 21	West 7	Williams 25	McQuib 14
Millikin	85- 66 W	1972	H	Collins 20, Crock 20	West 7	Barnes 18	Barnes 9
Pan American	57- 56 W	3245	A	Collins 14	K. Duckworth 7	Anderson 17	Johnson 9
Butler	81- 78 W	1214	A	Collins 21	K. Duckworth 11	Tucker 25	Gallahar 9
§South Alabama	70- 61 W	500	N	Crock 20	K. Duckworth 7	Kortokrax 14	Kortokrax 13
§EMU-Hawaii	77- 73 W	853	N	Collins 28	K. Duckworth 11	White 19	White 8
NE Louisiana	68- 90 L	730	A	Collins 22	K. Duckworth 6, Coll 6	James 19	Jenkins 10
Butler	81- 66 W	2508	H	Collins 24	K. Duckworth 17	Fitzgerald 22	Gallahar 8
§Northern Iowa	67- 66 W	2602	A	K. Duckworth 22	K. Duckworth 9	Kraayenbrink 21	McDemott 11
§Western Illinois	81- 68 W	2756	H	K. Duckworth 22	K. Duckworth 10	Wright 20	Presswood 7
§Wis.-Green Bay	77- 52 W	2326	H	K. Duckworth 20	Vance, K. Duck. 6	Cottrell 15	Cottrell 8
§S* Missouri	68- 67 W	6791	A	K. Duckworth 23	K. Duckworth 7	Garland 26	Ward, Bell 5
§Cleveland State	89-112 L	6235	H	Collins 33	K. Duckworth 13	Smith 25	Mudd 8
§Valparaiso	80- 88 L	2563	H	K. Duckworth 26	K. Duckworth 10	Bell 24	Bell 9
§Illinois-Chicago	79- 85 L	1044	A	Crock 24	K. Duck 5, Coll 5	Locke 26	Knar 10, Charb. 10
Evansville	84- 72 W	1424	H	Collins, Crock, 19	K. Duckworth 8	Jones 18	Friehauf 7
§Northern Iowa	68- 52 W	2406	H	K. Duckworth 17	K. Duckworth 12	Kraayenbrink 19	Nurse 6
§Western Illinois	74- 68 W	2988	A	K. Duckworth 22	K. Duckworth 11	Presswood 21	Presswood 10
NE Louisiana	69- 73 L	2423	H	K. Duckworth 25	R. Duckworth 8	Jenkins 33	Jenkins 15
§Southwest Missouri	72- 74 L	2487	H	K. Duckworth 27	Crock 8	Garland 20	Three players w/3
§Wis.-Green Bay	59- 58 W	1008	A	Collins 22	K. Duckworth 10	Cottrell 22	Nardi 6
Chicago State	76- 92 L	2249	A	Collins 23	K. Duckworth 8	Bell 26	Bell, Jones 6
§Valparaiso	74- 75 L	1250	A	K. Duckworth 21	K. Duckworth 9	Steuve 21	Bell 9
§Cleveland State	68- 76 L	3689	A	Collins 20	K. Duckworth 14	Smith 13	Mudd 10
§Illinois-Chicago	95- 70 W	4208	H	K. Duckworth 31	K. Duckworth 12	Locke 16	Johnson 7
*Valparaiso	85- 65 W	308	N	K. Duckworth 19	K. Duckworth 11	Steuve 16	Steuve, Bell 6
*SW Missouri	71- 67 W	4807	A	K. Duckworth 24	Collins 6	Garland 23	Bell, Ward 4
*Cleveland State	66- 70 L	2737	N	K. Duckworth 27	K. Duckworth 14	McFadden 13	Smith 11