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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers will meet the Ft. Hood Tankers in an exhibition game Friday night (Nov. 21) in Lantz Gym. Tipoff is 7:30.

This is a tuneup for the regular season opener which is on Monday, Dec. 1 at home against Illinois Tech.

Coach Rick Samuels will start four returning lettermen but only two were starters at the end of the 1985 season.

"Obviously we're going to play a lot of people in this one," said Samuels, "and we'll be going with a three forward offense."

The front line will be composed of 6-8 sophomore **MIKE WEST** (Warrensburg-Latham), 6-6 sophomore **DAVE VANCE** (Roselle-Lake Park) and 6-5 junior **TONY HEMPHILL** (Indianapolis, IN-Park Tudor).

Guards are 6-0 junior **NORM EVANS** (Joliet-Central) and 6-3 sophomore **JAY TAYLOR** (Aurora-East).

Samuels said that 6-6 junior **DAVE STEIN** (Crete-Monee/Parkland CC) and 6-4 freshman **CASS WHITE** (Cincinnati, OH-Mt. Healthy) will play "early inside and on the perimeter", respectively.

Also expected to see considerable playing time are 6-4 junior **JERRY STRICKLAND** (Mounds-Meridian), 6-9 sophomore **BRIAN MURPHY** (Oswego), 6-7 sophomore **VINCE MACCIOCCHI** (Hinsdale-Central) and 6-5 sophomore **DON PEAHEY** (West Frankfort).

"We're not as intense as I'd like us to be but we're picking up a new offense and we're beginning to show signs of being able to run it," said Samuels.

"We've shot well in all practices and scrimmages that we've statted. I hope that means we are a good shooting team and not that our defense is lax."