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EASTERN ILLINOIS BASKETBALL NOTES

TIPOFF: Eastern Illinois University (1-0) at the University of Illinois (2-0), 7:05, Monday, Dec. 8, Assembly Hall, Champaign.

RADIO: All the action can be heard over 50,000 watt Mattoon, WLBH-FM, 97 on the dial, with announcers Marc Stuart and Mike Bradd.

TELEVISION: The game will be televised live locally by Champaign, WCIA-TV, Channel 3.

SERIES: This is the first meeting

ASSEMBLY HALL APPEARANCES: The Panthers have fared well in the Assembly Hall as they finished 3rd in the Illini Classic in '79 and '83.

COACHES: EIU's RICK SAMUELS, in his 7th year, is 98-78 here and the same overall . . . he's a former Iowa State assistant, who has had five of six winning seasons . . . he's 0-0 vs. Illinois. . . UI's LOU HENSON, in his 12th year, is 220-119 at Illinois and 460-226 in 24 years which includes stops at New Mexico State and Hardin-Simmons.

TENTATIVE STARTERS:

<u>EIU</u>				<u>ILLINOIS</u>			
F	20	Tony Hemphill	6-5 Jr.	F	33	Ken Norman	6-8 Sr.
F	42	Mike West	6-8 So.	F	45	Lowell Hamilton	6-7 So.
F	30	Dave Vance	6-6 So.	C	54	Jens Kujawa	7-0 So.
G	20	Norm Evans	6-0 Jr.	G	10	Tony Wysinger	5-10 Sr.
G	24	Jay Taylor	6-3 So.	G	22	Doug Altenberger	6-4 Sr.

ABOUT THE ILLINI: Illinois is 2-0 opening with a Thanksgiving holiday championship in the BYU-Hawaii Classic defeating New Mexico State, 67-65, and Duke, 69-62 . . . KEN NORMAN had 22 points, 13 rebounds vs. the Blue Devils, who were NCAA runner-up last year . . . NORMAN leads the team with a 24 point average . . . DOUG ALTENBERGER is scoring 11.5 . . . top player off the bench is guard GLYNN BLACKWELL who had 17 vs. Duke . . . the Illini are rated No. 9 in the country.

THE PANTHERS: EIU won its opener, 85-54, over Illinois Tech and again displayed balanced scoring as the Panthers had four in double figures . . . NORM EVANS (JOLIET-CENTRAL) led with 17 points while DAVE VANCE (ROSELLE-LAKE PARK) had 14 points/10 rebounds . . . the Panthers finished up shooting slightly over 48% after hitting only 38.5% in the first half . . . EIU was 0-5 from three point range . . . as opposed to last year's starting lineup which featured three seniors, this year's group does not have a senior on the squad and starts three sophomores however there is some experience at EVANS is a two year letterman, TAYLOR, WEST and VANCE each lettered as frosh last season.

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