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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers close the pre-Christmas portion of their schedule with another road game at Butler on Saturday (Dec. 14). Tipoff is 6:30 CST at Hinkle Fieldhouse.

EIU has won two in a row, the most recent a 57-56 win at Pan American, and has improved its record to 4-3. Butler is 3-4 although also won its most recent game 83-70 over Indiana Central.

As expected the Panthers have been relying on their three senior starters, and all three are in double figures with Jon Collins (East St. Louis-Cahokia) at 19.3, Kevin Duckworth (Dolton-Thornridge) at 15.7 and Doug Crook (Vincennes, IN-Lincoln) at 12.6.

Following this game the Panthers will be idle until playing in the Brigham Young-Hawaii holiday tournament on December 28-30.

Although pairings have not been announced the two other teams are Brooklyn College, which is a recent replacement for Cal-Santa Barbara, and South Alabama.

### \* \* \* \* \* GAME NOTES \* \* \* \* \*

THE GAME: Eastern Illinois University (4-3) at Butler (3-4), 6:30 CST, Saturday, Dec. 21, Hinkle Fieldhouse, Indianapolis.

RADIO: All the action can be heard live on 50,000 watt WLBH-FM Mattoon beginning at approximately 9:40 . . . Marc Stuart calls the play-by-play.

#### TENTATIVE STARTERS:

	<u>EIU</u>	<u>BUTLER</u>
F 20 Jon Collins	6-4 Sr. 19.3	F 31 Chad Tucker 6-7 Sr. 19.7
F 30 Dave Vance	6-5 Fr. 2.8	F 20 Tony Gallahar 6-4 Jr. 10.9
C 00 Kevin Duckworth	7-0 Sr. 15.7	C 51 Mike Yeater 6-8 Jr. 5.7
G 10 Doug Crook	6-1 Sr. 12.6	G 21 Darrin Fitzgerald 5-9 Jr. 18.6
G 12 Norm Evans	6-0 So. 5.4	G 32 Chris Givens 6-2 Jr. 4.3

SERIES: EIU and Butler are tied 1-1 with the Panthers winning the last game, 88-74, during the '78-79 season.

COACHES: EIU's Rick Samuels, in his sixth year, is 82-68 overall with four winning seasons . . . he previously was an assistant at Iowa State and Eastern Washington, and is 0-0 vs. Butler.

Butler's Joe Sexson is in his 9th year as head coach after an 18 year stint as an assistant at Purdue . . . he has a 100-126 overall record and is 1-1 vs. EIU.

BUTLER: The Bulldogs are coming off a 19-10 season and berth in the National Invitational Tournament following a second place finish in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference . . . Butler lost to Indiana in a first round NIT game . . . thus far this winter the Bulldogs are 3-4 losing to Notre Dame, Ball State, Dayton and Indiana State (52-48) with wins over DePauw, Southwest Baptist and Indiana Central . . . similar to EIU, Butler has three returning starters led by AP Honorable Mention All-American Chad Tucker who is scoring 19.7 p/game with highs of 32 vs. Indiana Central and 29 vs. Southwest Baptist.

DEFENSE!/: Known more for their offensive prowess the past few years, the Panthers have become stingy on defense holding three straight opponents under 70 points with five of the seven also under that figure . . . the defense is only hitting 45% from the field.

A BOTTOMLESS GOAL: The Panthers haven't been able to maintain their early season field goal percentage hitting over 50% just once in the last five games, four of which were on the road, consequently the Panthers are only hitting 46.6% from the field.

REBOUNDING ADVANTAGE: Although rebounding was a preseason concern of Coach Rick Samuels, thus far the Panthers are holding a 39-34 margin through the first seven games . . . Kevin Duckworth leads with an 8.0 average followed by Jon Collins at 5.4 . . . Mike West (Warrensburg-Latham) and Dave Vance (Roselle-Lake Park), who are splitting time at power forward, have combined to average 7.7 with West getting a little over five.

MAGNIFICENT SEVEN: Coach Rick Samuels has settled on seven players who will dominate playing time . . . besides the three seniors, Collins, Duckworth and Crook, the other four are starters Norm Evans (Joliet-Central) and Dave Vance along with Jay Taylor (Aurora-East) as the No. 3 guard and Mike West at forward . . . Brian Murphy (Oswego) is emerging as the backup center to Duckworth and has played 18 minutes in his two appearances.

SAMUELS SEZ: "Butler is a team similar to us with three veteran starters back from a NIT team but then pretty young after that so I'm sure Coach (Joe) Sexson is trying to blend his youth with experience as we are . . . they've played a particularly tough schedule . . . Indiana State beat them by four at Butler and beat us by one at home so that is another indication that both of us are pretty evenly matched clubs but getting that road win at Pan American gives us some confidence."

1985-86 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL STATISTICS (4-3)

NAME	G(GS)	MIN	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	AVE	A	ST	B	PF(D)	TO	PTS	AVE	HI
Jon Collins	7(7)	231	54	108	.500	27	34	.794	38	5.4	19	5	1	10	14	135	19.3	25(WP)
Kevin Duckworth	7(7)	195	41	78	.526	28	39	.718	56	8.0	5	4	9	26(3)	16	110	15.7	24(IIT, UM)
Doug Crook	7(7)	210	37	80	.462	14	16	.875	18	2.6	22	18	-	18	9	88	12.6	14(IIT)
Jay Taylor	7	160	23	56	.411	9	12	.750	25	3.6	19	11	-	8	16	55	7.8	17(WP)
Norm Evans	7(7)	178	19	37	.513	0	4	.000	27	3.8	23	16	7	18(1)	16	38	5.4	10(IIT, ML)
Mike West	7(4)	147	9	22	.409	1	6	.167	37	5.3	7	-	2	14	9	19	2.7	6(ISU)
Dave Vance	7(3)	122	10	19	.526	-	1	-	17	2.4	12	1	1	9	10	20	2.8	10(ISU)
Jerry Strickland	6	38	4	13	.308	10	11	.909	7	1.2	5	2	-	5	2	18	3.0	8(CSU)
Drew Beck	5	35	1	3	.333	-	-	.000	8	1.6	5	-	-	1	-	2	0.4	2(IIT)
Brian Murphy	2	18	1	6	.167	4	6	.667	6	3.0	1	1	-	4	-	6	3.0	5(MIL)
Don Peavey	3	10	-	4	-	-	-	-	2	0.7	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-
Todd Emro	3	6	2	3	.667	2	4	.500	3	1.0	1	-	-	1	-	6	2.0	4(IIT)
*Ron Duckworth	4	50	4	11	.364	1	3	.333	9	2.2	2	-	2	7(1)	2	9	2.2	4(IIT)
Team Rebounds 25																		
EIU TOTALS	7	1400	205	440	.466	96	136	.706	278	39.7	121	58	22	123(5)	97	506	72.3	96(IIT)
OPP TOTALS	7	1400	189	425	.445	88	128	.687	239	34.1	113	49	20	89(2)	100	466	66.6	87(UM)

Dead Ball Rebounds: EIU - 16 OPP - 18

EIU INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

FGA	18	Jon Collins (Minnesota)
FG	11	Kevin Duckworth (Illinois Tech) Jon Collins (Minnesota)
FTA	10	Kevin Duckworth (William Penn, Minnesota)
FT	10	Kevin Duckworth (William Penn)
FG%	.687	(11-16) Kevin Duckworth (Illinois Tech)
FT%	1.000	(10-10) Kevin Duckworth (William Penn)
REB	16	Kevin Duckworth (Illinois Tech)
ASST	6	Jay Taylor (Illinois Tech) Norm Evans (William Penn)
ST	6	Doug Crook (Indiana State), Jay Taylor (Millikin)
PTS	25	Jon Collins (William Penn)

EIU TEAM HIGHS

76	Illinois Tech
41	Illinois Tech
33	Colorado State
20	William Penn
.539	(41-76) Ill. Tech
.952	(20-21) Wm. Penn
55	Illinois Tech
23	Illinois Tech
19	Millikin
96	Illinois Tech

EIU TEAM LOWS

53	Indiana State
22	Colorado State
12	Pan American
7	Minnesota
.328	(22-67) Colorado St.
.437	(7-16) Minnesota
28	Indiana State
12	Colorado State
5	Pan American
57	Pan American

OPP INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

FGA	16	Three tied
FG	10	John Shasky (MN), John Williams (Ind. St.)
FTA	7	John Dudley (CO St.), John Williams (Ind. St.)
FT	6	John Dudley (CO St.)
FG%	.667	(10-15) John Williams (Ind. St.)
FT%	1.000	(5-5) three players
REB	14	Jeff McComb (Indiana State)
ASST	8	Rory Brown (Ill. Tech), Jeff McComb (Ind. St.)
ST	4	Carlos Carter (William Penn)
PTS	25	John Williams (Indiana State)

OPP TEAM HIGHS

78	William Penn
38	Minnesota
35	Colorado State
27	Colorado State
.585	(38-65) Minnesota
.800	(4-5) Illinois Tech
38	Colorado State
18	Colorado State
11	William Penn
87	Minnesota

OPP TEAM LOWS

46	Indiana State
21	Pan American
5	Illinois Tech
4	Ill. Tech, Wm. Penn
.337	(21-56) Pan American
.560	(14-25) Pan American
30	Millikin
17	Millikin
6	Pan American
52	Illinois Tech

SEASON SUMMARY

At Home:	3-0	AMCU-8:	0-0
On Road:	1-3	AMCU-8 Home:	0-0
Neutral:	0-0	AMCU-8 Road:	0-0

Game-By-Game Scoring/Rebounding

<u>EIU</u>	<u>OPPONENTS</u>	<u>COLLINS</u>	<u>DUCK</u>	<u>CROOK</u>	<u>EVANS</u>	<u>TAYLOR</u>	<u>STRICK</u>	<u>VANCE</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>PEAVEY</u>	<u>MURPHY</u>
W 96 52	Illinois Tech (H) 1492	20/10	24/16	14/3	10/6	8/1	6/2	4/2	0/3	0/0	DNP
W 78 62	William Penn (H) 1213	25/7	18/10	14/6	0/1	17/2	DNP	0/1	2/5	DNP	DNP
L 69 87	Minnesota (A) 11,650	22/2	24/11	7/2	2/5	10/4	0/1	0/0	2/3	DNP	DNP
L 62 83	Colorado State (A) 4103	13/6	9/3	8/4	8/6	8/8	8/1	4/2	2/6	0/1	DNP
L 59 60	Indiana State (A) 4649	21/4	4/4	13/11	4/1	1/1	0/1	10/5	6/7	DNP	DNP
W 85 66	Millikin (H) 1972	20/3	18/5	20/0	10/5	4/5	2/0	2/4	2/7	0/1	5/1
W 57 56	Pan American (A) 3245	14/6	13/7	12/2	4/3	7/4	2/2	0/3	4/6	DNP	1/5