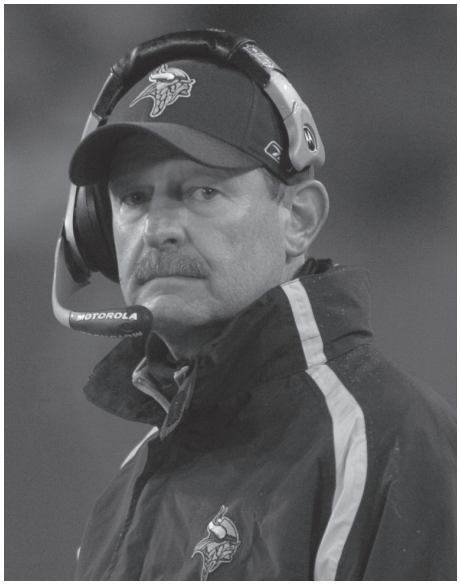
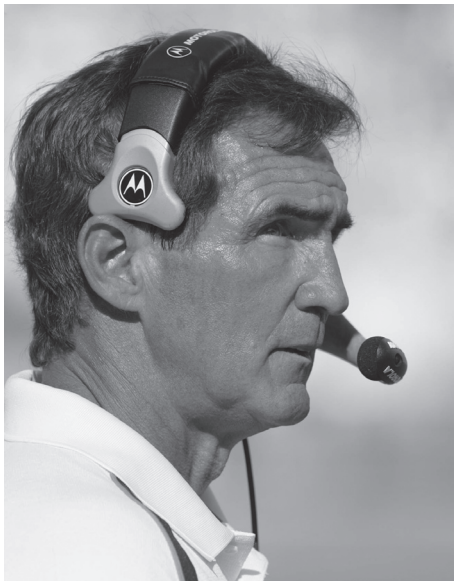
FORMER PANTHERS IN THE NFL



BRAD CHILDRESS
Head Coach
Minnesota Vikings



SEAN PAYTON
Head Coach - New Orleans Saints
2006 NFL Coach of the Year



MIKE SHANAHAN
Head Coach - Denver Broncos
1998 & 1999 Super Bowl Champions

EASTERN EARNS TITLE OF 'CRADLE OF COACHES' IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Eastern has the distinction of being the 'Cradle of Coaches' in the National Football League with three alumni serving as head coaches in the NFL and three more former players as assistant coaches.

Former All-American quarterback **Sean Payton,** Class of 1987, became the newest member of the distinguished club when he was named head coach of the **New Orleans Saints** early in 2006. He was an All-American quarterback with Eastern from 1983-86, and threw for a school record 10,655 yards. He still holds 11 single game, season and career passing records.

Mike Shanahan, Class of 1974, is the head coach of the two time Super Bowl champion **Denver Broncos.** He was a quarterback with the Panthers in the early 1970s, and then returned as offensive coordinator for the EIU team that won the 1978 NCAA Division II National Championship.

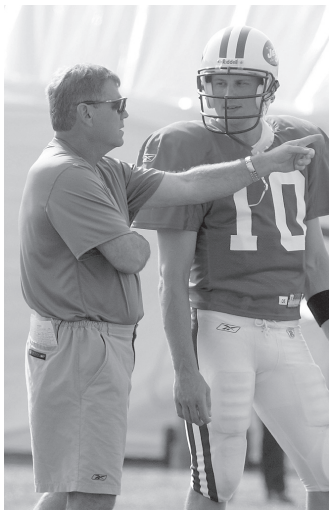
Brad Childress, a 1988 graduate, was named head coach of the **Minnesota Vikings**, following the 2005 season.

Mike Heimerdinger, Class of 1974, is the offensive coordinator with the **Tennessee Titans**. A former three year letter winner for the Panther baseball team, he still holds the school career stolen base record.

Randy Melvin, Class of 1981, is the defensive line coach with the **Cleveland Browns**. He was a Panther All-American defensive lineman from 1978-80, and a member of that same 1978 NCAA II championship team. He also returned to Eastern as an assistant coach from 1988-94.

Greg McMahon, Class of 1983, is an assistant special teams coach, with the **New Orleans Saints**.

Eastern has been a NCAA I-AA football program since 1981, and has been to the NCAA I-AA playoffs eleven times during that twenty-six year period.



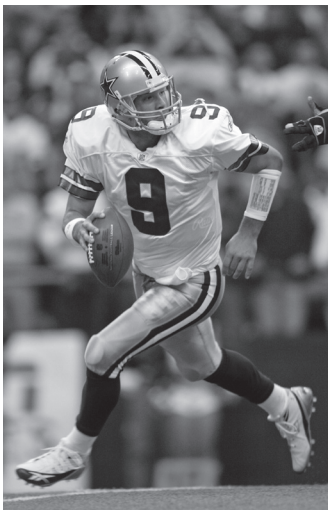
MIKE HEIMERDINGER
Offensive Coordinator
Tennessee Titans



GREG McMAHON
Asst. Special Teams Coach
New Orleans Saints



RANDY MELVIN
Defensive Line Coach
Cleveland Browns



TONY ROMO
Quarterback - Dallas Cowboys
2007 & 2008 Pro Bowl Selection

• - indicates played in at least one NFL Game
^ - indicates played in NFL during 1987 strike season
All other players released in training camps, members of practice squad or failed to play in an NFL Game during tenure with team.
Players Active in 2008 Season in Bold

ARIZONA / SAINT LOUIS CARDINALS:
- • Evan Arapostathis, P ..... 1986 ..... Free Agent
- Tom Moskal, DT ..... 1986 ..... Free Agent
- Dave Thomas, DT ..... 2000 ..... Free Agent

BUFFALO BILLS:
- Roy Banks, WR ..... 1990 ..... Free Agent
- • Chris Watson, CB 2000-02

CHICAGO BEARS:
- • Lenny High, End ..... 1920 &
- • Bill Glenn, QB ..... 1944 ..... Drafted - 19th Round
- Rod Butler, RB ..... 1964 ..... Drafted - 16th Round
- Roger Haberer, QB ..... 1966 ..... Drafted - 19th Round
- Kevin Gray, FS 1985
- ^ Sean Payton, QB 1987
- Tim Lance, DB ..... 1991 ..... Free Agent
- • Ray McElroy, CB 1999

CINCINNATI BENGALS:
- • Jeff Christensen, QB ..... 1983 ..... Drafted - 5th Round

CLEVELAND BROWNS:
- Ed Soergel, QB 1951
- • Jeff Gossett, P 1983-87
- • Ted Petersen, C 1984
- • Jeff Christensen, QB 1986
- • John Jurkovic, DT 1999

DALLAS COWBOYS:
- Ray Fisher, DT 1960
- **• Tony Romo, QB ..... 2003-Present ..... Free Agent**

DENVER BRONCOS:
- Evan Arapostathis, P ..... 1987 ..... Free Agent
- • Chris Watson, CB ..... 1999 ..... Drafted - 3rd Round

DETROIT LIONS:
- Lou Stivers, C 1951
- • Ray McElroy, CB 2001
- Kourtney Young, DB ..... 2002 ..... Free Agent
- Chris Watson, CB 2003

GREEN BAY PACKERS:
- Steve Turk, QB ..... 1980 ..... Free Agent
- ^ Chris Geile, OL 1987
- • John Jurkovic, DT 1990-95
- Chris Watson, CB 2004
- Tristan Burge, SS ..... 2007 ..... Free Agent

HOUSTON OILERS:
- • Jeff Gossett, P 1987

& - Lenny High made pro football history in 1920 as he was a member of George Halas' original Decatur Staleys team which preceeded the modern day Chicago Bears. High played in one game.

INDIANAPOLIS / BALTIMORE COLTS:
- • Steve Parker, OT ..... 1983-84 ..... Free Agent
- • Ted Petersen, C 1984
- • Roy Banks, WR ..... 1987-88 ..... Drafted - 5th Round
- Duane Conway, OL ..... 1995 ..... Free Agent
- • Ray McElroy, CB ..... 1995-98 ..... Drafted - 4th Round
- John Moyer, DE ..... 1997 ..... Free Agent

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS:
- • John Jurkovic, DT 1996-98

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS:
- • Jeff Gossett, P ..... 1981-82 ..... Free Agent
- Bob Rosenstiel, TE 1999

MIAMI DOLPHINS:
- John Jurkovic, DT ..... 1990 ..... Free Agent
- Dave Popp, OT 1990

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS:
- • Mel Black, LB ..... 1986-87 ..... Free Agent

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS:
- • Kevin Gray, FS ..... 1982-83 ..... Free Agent
- Frank Cutolo, WR ..... 2002 ..... Free Agent
- Pascal Matla, C ..... 2006 ..... Free Agent

NEW YORK GIANTS:
- Dave Popp, OT ..... 1989 ..... Drafted - 7th Round

NEW YORK JETS:
- Dirk Androff, TE ..... 1983 ..... Free Agent

OAKLAND / LOS ANGELES RAIDERS:
- James Warring, WR ..... 1980 ..... Free Agent
- • Jeff Gossett, P 1988-96
- • Bob Rosenstiel, TE 1997-98

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES:
- Jeff Christensen, QB 1985

PITTSBURGH STEELERS:
- • Ray Fisher, DT 1958-59
- • Ted Petersen, C ..... 1977-83 ..... Drafted - 4th Round
- • Robert Williams, FS ..... 1984-85 ..... Free Agent
- **Micah Rucker ..... 2008 ..... Free Agent**

SAINT LOUIS / LOS ANGELES RAMS:
- Tom Pettigrew, OT ..... 1980 ..... Drafted - 8th Round
- • Brad Fichtel, C ..... 1993-94 ..... Drafted - 7th Round
- Kory Lothe, DE ..... 2006 ..... Free Agent

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS:
- Jack Lafferty, C ..... 1980 ..... Free Agent

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS:
- Jerry Wright, FS ..... 1985 ..... Free Agent

WASHINGTON REDSKINS:
- Nate Anderson, RB ..... 1974 ..... Drafted - 16th Round

PRE-NCAA I-AA YEARLY RESULTS

1899
Otis Caldwell, head coach **0-2**

1900
Otis Caldwell, head coach **3-3**

1901
Otis Caldwell, head coach **6-0-3**
W ....28-0 .... Illinois State
W ....16-0 .... Indiana State

1902
Thornton Smallwood, head coach . **2-4**
L.....0-10 .... Northern Illinois
W ....21-0 .... at Indiana State
L.....0-10 .... Indiana State

1903
Thomas Briggs, head coach..... **5-2-2**
W ....29-0 .... Northern Illinois

1904
Joseph Brown, head coach **6-1-1**
W ....12-6 .... Indiana State
T.....5-5 ..... Indiana State

1905
Joseph Brown, head coach **1-6-1**
L.....4-6 ..... Illinois State
W ....11-0 .... at Indiana State

1906
Joseph Brown, head coach **2-1-1**
W ....11-5 .... Illinois State
W ....23-0 .... Indiana State

1907
Joseph Brown, head coach **3-1-3**
T.....6-6 ..... Illinois State
W ....32-5 .... Indiana State

1908
Joseph Brown, head coach **6-2-1**
L.....0-30 .... Illinois State

1909
Joseph Brown, head coach **0-3**

1910
Harold Railsback, head coach..... 2-3-1

1911
Charles Lantz, head coach **4-2**

1912
Charles Lantz, head coach **6-1**
W ....32-3 .... at Illinois State

1913
Charles Lantz, head coach **6-2**
W ....26-7 .... Illinois State

1914
Charles Lantz, head coach **8-0-1**
W ....13-6 .... Illinois State

1915
Charles Lantz, head coach **2-2-1**
T.....0-0 ..... Illinois State

1916
Charles Lantz, head coach **4-3**
W ....24-7 .... at Illinois State

1917
Charles Lantz, head coach **4-1-1**
W ....69-6 .... Illinois College
T.....0-0 ..... Illinois Wesleyan
W ....13-7 .... Illinois State
L.....7-55 .... Millikin
W ....24-0 .... Southern Illinois
W ....35-0 .... St. Viator

1918
No contests played

1919
Charles Lantz, head coach **3-5-1**
W ....53-0 .... Hillsboro (HS)
L.....0-4 ..... Shurtleff
L.....0-25 .... Rose Poly
L.....12-14 ... Illinois Wesleyan
W ....53-0 .... McKendree
W ....26-0 .... Lincoln
L.....0-32 .... Millikin
T.....0-0 ..... Blackburn
L.....6-14 .... St. Viator

1920
Charles Lantz, head coach **2-3**
L.....0-32 .... Shurtleff
W ....18-3 .... Lincoln
L.....0-28 .... Blackburn
L.....7-20 .... Illinois State
W ....81-0 .... Merom (IN)

1921
Charles Lantz, head coach **2-5-1**
L.....3-74 .... Illinois Wesleyan
T.....0-0 ..... Rose Poly
W ....59-6 .... Blackburn
L.....3-6 ..... Shurtleff
W ....28-0 .... Rose Poly
L.....3-43 .... Illinois State
L.....0-2 ..... Southern Illinois
L.....6-14 .... Lincoln

1922
Charles Lantz, head coach **4-0-2**
W .....7-0 ..... Rose Poly
W ...25-13 ... Blackburn
T.....0-0 ..... Shurtleff
W ...28-12 ... Southern Illinois
T.....0-0 ..... Illinois State
W .....3-0 ..... Lincoln

1923
Charles Lantz, head coach **4-2-2**
W ....15-0 .... Blackburn
L.....10-12 ... Millikin
W ...14-13 ... McKendree
T.....0-0 ..... Shurtleff
W ....16-0 .... at Indiana State
L.....0-13 .... at Illinois State
T.....0-0 ..... Lincoln
W ....23-0 .... Southern Illinois

1924
Charles Lantz, head coach **6-2**
L.....0-26 .... Millikin
W ....45-0 .... Blackburn
W ....15-0 .... Shurtleff
L.....0-17 .... McKendree
later forfeited to EIU
W .....3-0 ..... Illinois State
W ...25-13 ... Indiana State
L.....0-7 ..... Southern Illinois
W .....7-0 ..... Lincoln

1925
Charles Lantz, head coach **4-3-1**
W .....9-3 ..... Merom (IN)
W .....7-0 ..... Rose Poly
W ....60-0 .... Oakland City
L.....7-23 .... Shurleff
W .....7-6 ..... at Illinois State
L.....0-13 .... Evansville
T.....16-16 ... at Indiana State
L.....3-21 .... Millikin

1926
Charles Lantz, head coach **3-5-1**
T.....0-0 ..... Indiana State
L.....0-40 .... Millikin
L.....7-14 .... Evansville
L.....7-20 .... Shurtleff
W ....14-0 .... Rose Poly
L.....9-19 .... Saint Louis (Fr. Team)
L.....0-23 .... Southern Illinois
W .....7-0 ..... Lincoln
W ....12-0 .... Illinois State

1927
Charles Lantz, head coach **5-2**
W .....6-0 ..... at Illinois State
L.....0-13 .... Shurtleff
W ....25-0 .... Evansville
W ....26-0 .... Rose Poly
L.....6-7 ..... at Indiana State
W ....14-2 .... Southern Illinois
W ...33-13 ... Lincoln

1928
Charles Lantz, head coach **7-0-1**
T.....12-12 ... Millikin
W ....30-7 .... Shurtleff
W ....19-0 .... Indiana State
W ....39-2 .... Rose Poly
W ....26-0 .... St. Viator
W ....19-0 .... Illinois State
W ....18-0 .... Southern Illinois
W ....75-0 .... Lincoln

1929
Charles Lantz, head coach **6-1**
W ....34-0 .... at Illinois State
L.....0-13 .... Millikin
W ...19-12 ... Shurtleff
W ....19-0 .... McKendree
W .....7-6 ..... at Indiana State
W .....9-6 ..... Southern Illinois
W .....6-0 ..... St. Viator

1930
Charles Lantz, head coach **6-1-1**
W ....15-0 .... Illinois State
W ....26-0 .... Shurtleff
T.....0-0 ..... Bradley
W ....23-0 .... McKendree
W ....34-0 .... Indiana State
W ....13-0 .... St. Viator
L.....0-2 ..... Southern Illinois
W ....23-0 .... Western Illinois

1931
Charles Lantz, head coach **3-4**
W ....24-0 .... Shurtleff
W ....73-0 .... Indiana Central
L.....0-6 ..... Indiana State
L.....0-25 .... Millikin
W .....9-14 ... St. Viator
W .....7-6 ..... at Illinois State

1932
Charles Lantz, head coach **1-7**
L.....13-14 ... Shurtleff
L.....0-39 .... at Illinois State
W ....12-6 .... Indiana State
L.....0-40 .... Millikin
L.....0-26 .... St. Viator
L.....6-50 .... McKendree
L.....0-25 .... Southern Illinois
L.....0-20 .... Hanover

1933
Charles Lantz, head coach **1-8**
L.....7-14 .... Indiana Central
W ....28-6 .... Shurtleff
L.....6-32 .... Illinois State
L.....6-12 .... Northern Illinois
L.....6-19 .... Indiana State
L.....6-42 .... St. Viator
L.....0-58 .... McKendree
L.....0-19 .... Southern Illinois
L.....0-33 .... Hanover

1934
Charles Lantz, head coach **3-4**
W ....39-0 .... Oakland City
L.....0-40 .... Millikin
W ....19-0 .... Indiana State
W .....7-3 ..... Western Illinois
L.....0-13 .... Illinois State
L.....6-13 .... Southern Illinois
L.....12-18 ... Northern Illinois

1935
Winfield Angus, head coach..... **1-7**
W ....19-6 .... Oakland City
L.....13-32 ... Indiana State
L.....0-13 .... Illinois State
L.....0-3 ..... Western Illinois
L.....0-26 .... Illinois College
L.....2-18 .... Indiana Central
L.....9-13 .... Southern Illinois
L.....0-49 .... Northern Illinois

1936
Gilbert Carson, head coach..... **4-4**
L.....0-7 ..... Wheaton
W ....19-7 .... Oakland City
W ....12-0 .... Indiana State
L.....0-13 .... at Illinois State
W ....12-6 .... Illinois College
L.....2-6 ..... Western Illinois
L.....7-13 .... Southern Illinois
W .....7-0 ..... Eureka

1937
Gilbert Carson, head coach..... **3-4-1**
L.....6-7 ..... Wheaton
W ...20-13 ... Indiana State
W ....39-0 .... Oakland City
W ....48-0 .... Eureka
T.....0-0 ..... Illinois State
L.....6-24 .... Northern Illinois
L.....0-31 .... Western Illinois
L.....0-3 ..... Southern Illinois

1938
Harold Ave, head coach **5-3**
W .....6-0 ..... Indiana Central
L.....0-7 ..... Northern Illinois
W ....22-0 .... McKendree
L.....0-19 .... Illinois State
L.....0-18 .... Western Illinois
W ....19-7 .... at Indiana State
W ....19-0 .... Southern Illinois
W ....20-7 .... Rose Poly

1939
Gilbert Carson, head coach..... **4-3-1**
W ....16-0 .... Indiana Central
W .....9-0 ..... Elmhurst
W .....6-0 ..... Millikin
T.....0-0 ..... Illinois State
L.....7-20 .... Western Illinois
L.....6-7 ..... Indiana State
W ....12-7 .... Southern Illinois
L.....6-22 .... Northern Illinois

1940
Gilbert Carson, head coach..... **6-1-1**
W .....7-6 ..... Indiana Central
W ....19-6 .... Elmhurst
W ....12-8 .... Millikin
L.....12-30 ... at Illinois State
W ....20-7 .... Western Illinois
T.....7-7 ..... Indiana State
W ....25-6 .... Southern Illinois
W ....12-0 .... Northern Illinois

1941
Gilbert Carson, head coach..... **0-7**
L.....6-19 .... Indiana Central
L.....6-19 .... Indiana State
L.....6-27 .... Illinois State
L.....0-25 .... Western Illinois
L.....0-61 .... Millikin
L.....0-41 .... Southern Illinois
L.....0-19 .... Northern Illinois

1942
Clayton Miller, head coach **1-6**
L.....0-20 .... Manchester
L.....0-26 .... Indiana State
W .....7-0 ..... Indiana Central
L.....0-32 .... Illinois State
L.....0-45 .... Western Illinois
L.....6-56 .... Millikin
L.....7-27 .... Southern Illinois

1943
No contests played

1944
Charles Lantz, head coach **1-3**
W ....12-0 .... Western Illinois
L.....12-15 ... Southern Illinois
L.....6-25 .... Northern Illinois
L.....7-40 .... Illinois Wesleyan

1945
James Goff, head coach **2-3-2**
L.....6-26 .... Indiana State
L.....12-7 .... Butler
T.....0-0 ..... Southern Illinois
L.....0-20 .... Illinois Wesleyan
T.....6-6 ..... Western Illinois
L.....6-12 .... at Illinois State
W ...19-14 ... Northern Illinois

1946
'Pat' O'Brien, head coach..... **2-6**
L.....12-19 ... Butler
L.....0-26 .... Northern Illinois
W ...20-12 ... Western Illinois
W .....7-0 ..... Millikin
L.....13-26 ... Illinois State
L.....0-20 .... Southern Illinois
L.....0-13 .... Indiana State
L.....13-38 ... Murray State

1947
'Pat' O'Brien, head coach..... **2-6**
L.....13-21 ... Ball State
L.....13-14 ... Eastern Kentucky
L.....6-25 .... Northern Illinois
L.....13-33 ... Southern Illinois
L.....13-14 ... Millikin
W ....13-6 .... Illinois State
L.....13-14 ... Indiana State
W ....19-0 .... Western Illinois

1948
'Pat' O'Brien, head coach..... **7-3**
W ....19-6 .... Saint Joseph
L.....14-25 ... Eastern Kentucky
W ....12-0 .... Ball State
W .....7-0 ..... Western Illinois
W ....15-6 .... Northern Illinois
W ....13-7 .... at Illinois State
L.....20-21 ... Indiana State
W ....27-7 .... Millikin
W ....38-0 .... Southern Illinois
L.....0-6 ..... Illinois Wesleyan +
+ - 'Corn Bowl' participant

1949
'Pat' O'Brien, head coach..... **3-5**
L.....13-19 ... Quincy
L.....6-12 .... Saint Joseph
L.....7-6 ..... Illinois State
W ...26-13 ... Southern Illinois
W ....33-0 .... Indiana State
L.....0-14 .... Western Illinois
L.....14-40 ... Northern Illinois
L.....13-47 ... Ball State

1950
'Pat' O'Brien, head coach..... **5-3**
W ....35-6 .... Ball State
W ...28-25 ... Quincy
L.....0-18 .... Emporia
L.....21-23 ... at Illinois State
W ....47-0 .... Indiana State
W ....21-7 .... Southern Illinois
L.....0-13 .... Western Illinois
W ...34-13 ... Northern Illinois

1951
Rex Darling, head coach ... **4-2-2 / 2-2-2**
L.....7-21 .... Northern Illinois •
W ...19-12 ... Eastern Michigan •
L.....27-59 ... Central Michigan •
W ...28-21 ... Northwest Missouri
W ...47-19 ... Southern Illinois •
T.....21-21 ... Western Illinois •
T.....28-28 ... at Illinois State •
W ....46-6 .... Millikin
• - IIAC contest

1952
'Pat' O'Brien, head coach..... 2-**7 / 1-5**
W ...28-19 ... Millikin
L.....13-18 ... Scott Field
L.....7-13 .... Eastern Michigan •
L.....19-27 ... Northeast Missouri
L.....7-22 .... Southern Illinois •
L.....6-7 ..... Western Illinois •
L.....0-41 .... Central Michigan •
L.....26-27 ... Illinois •
W .....7-0 ..... Northern Illinois •
• - IIAC contest

1953
'Pat' O'Brien, head coach..... **1-8 / 0-6**
L.....0-30 .... Lincoln (MO)
L.....6-33 .... Central Michigan •
L.....6-34 .... Eastern Michigan •
L.....2-7 ..... Northeast Missouri
W ....20-6 .... Illinois-Chicago
L.....0-6 ..... Southern Illinois •
L.....12-19 ... Western Illinois •
L.....0-20 .... at Illinois State •
L.....6-19 .... Northern Illinois •
• - IIAC contest

1954
'Pat' O'Brien, head coach..**2-6-1 / 1-4-1**
L.....7-40 .... Indiana State
L.....7-19 .... Kalamazoo
L.....0-60 .... Central Michigan •
L.....0-33 .... Eastern Michigan •
W ....40-6 .... Illinois-Chicago
L.....6-20 .... Southern Illinois •
T.....13-13 ... Western Illinois •
L.....7-13 .... Illinois State •
W ....28-9 .... at Northern Illinois •
• - IIAC contest

1955
'Pat' O'Brien, head coach..... **3-6 / 1-5**
W ....15-0 .... Kalamazoo
L.....7-40 .... at Evansville
L.....13-16 ... at Illinois State •
L.....13-26 ... at Southern Illinois •
W ...33-13 ... Indiana State
L.....7-14 .... Eastern Michigan •
W ....14-0 .... Northern Illinois •
L.....14-48 ... at Central Michigan •
L.....7-13 .... Western Illinois •
• - IIAC contest

1956
Keith Smith, head coach ..... **2-7 / 2-4**
L.....7-14 .... at Indiana State
L.....13-46 ... at Southeast Missouri
W ....14-6 .... Illinois State •
L.....0-33 .... Southern Illinois •
L.....21-29 ... Evansville
L.....0-65 .... at Eastern Michigan •
W ....13-6 .... at Northern Illinois •
L.....7-38 .... Central Michigan •
L.....14-58 ... at Western Illinois •
• - IIAC contest

1957
Ralph Kohl, head coach ..... **0-8 / 0-6**
L.....0-14 .... at Indiana State
L.....0-41 .... Southeast Missouri
L.....20-27 ... Northern Illinois •
L.....6-27 .... Southern Illinois •
L.....0-39 .... Eastern Michigan •
L.....13-21 ... Western Illinois •
L.....6-61 .... Central Michigan •
L.....7-39 .... at Illinois State •
• - IIAC contest

1958
Ralph Kohl, head coach ..... **2-6 / 1-5**
W ....30-8 .... Indiana State
L.....6-21 .... at Austin Peay
L.....12-24 ... at Northern Illinois •
L.....8-29 .... Southern Illinois •
L.....0-33 .... at Eastern Michigan •
L.....0-34 .... at Western Illinois •
L.....8-27 .... Central Michigan •
W ...20-12 ... Illinois State •
• - IIAC contest

1959
Ralph Kohl, head coach .... **3-5-1 / 1-4-1**
W .....7-6 ..... at Indiana State
L.....8-12 .... Austin Peay
W ....12-8 .... Ball State
L.....6-38 .... Northern Illinois •
L.....0-7 ..... Southern Illinois •
L.....8-28 .... Western Illinois •
W ....32-6 .... Eastern Michigan •
L.....0-26 .... Central Michigan •
T.....6-6 ..... Illinois State •
• - IIAC contest

1960
Ralph Kohl, head coach ..... **2-7 / 1-5**
W ....14-0 .... Indiana State
L.....0-27 .... at Wittenberg (OH)
L.....6-14 .... at Ball State
L.....20-28 ... at Northern Illinois •
L.....8-52 .... Southern Illinois •
W .....8-0 ..... at Eastern Michigan •
L.....6-43 .... at Western Illinois •
L.....12-35 ... Central Michigan •
L.....6-26 .... Illinois State •
• - IIAC contest

1961
Ralph Kohl, head coach .... **4-3-1 / 3-2-1**
W ...23-20 ... at Indiana State
L.....0-14 .... Illinois State •
L.....16-20 ... Ferris State
T.....20-20 ... Northern Illinois •
L.....6-34 .... Southern Illinois •
W ...20-14 ... Eastern Michigan •
W ....12-0 .... Western Michigan •
W ...22-13 ... Central Michigan •
• - IIAC contest

1962
Ralph Kohl, head coach ..... **1-7 / 0-5**
W ....13-0 .... Indiana State
L.....0-6 ..... Illinois State •
L.....0-28 .... at Bradley
L.....0-21 .... at Northern Illinois •
L.....7-28 .... Hope College
L.....0-14 .... at Eastern Michigan •
L.....0-44 .... at Western Illinois •
L.....23-35 ... Central Michigan •
• - IIAC contest

1963
Ralph Kohl, head coach ..... **2-7 / 1-3**
L.....6-14 .... at Indiana State
L.....14-28 ... Central State (OH)
L.....15-35 ... at Central Michigan •
W ...14-13 ... at Illinois State •
W ....20-6 .... Ferris State
L.....0-43 .... Northern Illinois •
L.....7-14 .... at Hillsdale
L.....6-15 .... at Hope College
L.....7-22 .... Western Illinois •
• - IIAC contest

1964
Ralph Kohl, head coach ..... **3-6 / 1-3**
L.....14-25 ... Indiana State
W ...27-26 ... at Central State (OH)
W ...17-14 ... Central Michigan •
L.....7-8 ..... WI-Milwaukee
L.....23-25 ... Illinois State •
L.....14-35 ... at Northern Illinois •
L.....14-41 ... Hillsdale
W ....27-6 .... at Ferris State
L.....14-30 ... at Western Illinois •
• - IIAC contest

1965
Clyde Biggers, head coach..... **3-5 / 1-3**
L.....0-17 .... at Indiana State
W ...35-22 ... Ferris State
W ...28-24 ... at WI-Milwaukee
W .....8-7 ..... at Illinois State •
L.....7-42 .... Northwood Institute
L.....8-28 .... Western Illinois •
L.....11-20 ... Northern Illinois •
L.....6-48 .... at Central Michigan •
• - IIAC contest

1966
Clyde Biggers, head coach..... **1-6-1 / 1-1-1**
L.....0-32 .... Indiana State
L.....7-17 .... at Ferris State
L.....3-7 ..... WI-Milwaukee
T.....0-0 ..... Illinois State •
L.....27-34 ... at Northwood Institute
W ....16-6 .... at Western Illinois •
L.....10-30 ... Central Michigan •
L.....13-17 ... at Eastern Michigan
• - IIAC contest

1967
Clyde Biggers, head coach.. **2-6-1 / 1-2**
L.....6-41 .... at Indiana State
L.....6-31 .... at WI-Milwaukee
L.....12-28 ... Eastern Michigan
L.....0-21 .... at Central Michigan •
L.....6-28 .... Illinois State •
L.....12-20 ... at Bradley
L.....12-7 .... Western Illinois •
T.....6-6 ..... at Illinois-Chicago
W ...20-14 ... Wayne State
• - IIAC contest

1968
Clyde Biggers, head coach..... **4-5 / 1-2**
L.....0-23 .... Indiana State
W ...15-14 ... WI-Milwaukee
L.....0-6 ..... Fairmont State
L.....16-23 ... Central Michigan •
L.....14-41 ... at Illinois State •
L.....28-37 ... Bradley
W ....14-8 .... at Western Illinois •
W .....8-7 ..... at Illinois-Chicago
W ...60-19 ... at Wayne State
• - IIAC contest

1969
Clyde Biggers, head coach..... **2-7**
L.....6-41 .... at Indiana State
L.....20-21 ... at WI-Milwaukee
W ....52-6 .... Illinois-Chicago
L.....14-41 ... Central Missouri
W .....8-7 ..... at Northeast Missouri
L.....0-37 .... at Illinois State
L.....0-44 .... at Central Michigan
L.....6-44 .... Western Illinois
L.....14-24 ... Northern Michigan

1970
Clyde Biggers, head coach..... **2-8**
L.....18-28 ... Indiana State
W ...19-14 ... WI-Milwaukee
W ....20-6 .... at Illinois-Chicago
L.....17-27 ... at Central Missouri
L.....14-28 ... Northeast Missouri
L.....20-29 ... Illinois State
L.....34-58 ... Central Michigan
L.....14-31 ... at Western Illinois
L.....22-35 ... at Northern Michigan
L.....12-35 ... at Fairmont State (WV)
First season at O'Brien Stadium

1971
Clyde Biggers, head coach..... **4-6**
W ...27-10 ... WI-Stevens Point
L.....7-28 .... at Indiana State
L.....19-22 ... at WI-Milwaukee
W ...43-21 ... Illinois-Chicago
L.....6-17 .... at Illinois State
W ...19-14 ... Evansville
L.....14-47 ... at Central Michigan
W ...32-21 ... SW Missouri
L.....6-14 .... Western Illinois
L.....7-24 .... at Central Missouri

1972
Jack Dean, head coach **1-9**
L.....14-17 ... Indiana State
L.....16-17 ... WI-Milwaukee
W ...28-13 ... at Illinois-Chicago
L.....11-38 ... Illinois State
L.....20-31 ... at Evansville
L.....0-63 .... Central Michigan
L.....37-41 ... at SW Missouri
L.....14-56 ... at Quantico Marines
L.....14-35 ... Central Missouri
L.....13-42 ... at Western Illinois

1973
Jack Dean, head coach **2-9**
L.....20-21 ... at WI-Stevens Point
L.....0-17 .... Indiana State
L.....14-21 ... at WI-Milwaukee
W ....40-8 .... Illinois-Chicago
L.....17-47 ... at Delta State
L.....14-27 ... at Youngstown State
L.....0-17 .... at Illinois State
W ...34-14 ... Saint Joseph's (IN)
L.....10-14 ... Wayne State
L.....7-22 .... Northern Michigan
L.....13-56 ... Western Illinois

1974
Jack Dean, head coach **3-6-1**
L.....14-19 ... at Central Missouri
L.....6-21 .... at Indiana State
L.....0-33 .... WI-Milwaukee
L.....3-28 .... at Western Illinois
W ....13-3 .... Delta State
W ....14-9 .... Illinois State
T.....10-10 ... at Ferris State
L.....3-13 .... Youngstown State
W ....17-0 .... Missouri-Rolla
L.....0-13 .... at Murray State

1975
John Konstantinos, head coach . **3-5-2**
L.....8-14 .... at Northern Iowa
L.....22-38 ... at Northern Michigan
T.....7-7 ..... Southwest Missouri
L.....18-23 ... at Central Missouri
L.....0-37 .... at Tennessee Tech
T.....3-3 ..... Western Illinois
W ....17-3 .... Ferris State
W ...24-14 ... at Missouri-Rolla
W ....14-6 .... Murray State
L.....13-31 ... Illinois State

1976
John Konstantinos, head coach **5-6**
W ...17-16 ... Cameron
W ...24-14 ... at Northeast Missouri
W ....41-0 .... at Southwest Missouri
W ...41-14 ... Central Missouri
L.....14-41 ... Tennessee Tech
L.....10-14 ... at Western Illinois
W ....24-8 .... Central State (OH)
L.....10-30 ... Northern Michigan
L.....14-36 ... at Youngstown State
L.....27-28 ... at Butler
L.....8-13 .... Illinois State

1977
John Konstantinos, head coach .. **1-10**
L.....0-20 .... at Illinois State
L.....7-10 .... Northeast Missouri
L.....21-31 ... at Northern Iowa
L.....24-25 ... at Central State (OH)
L.....14-28 ... Western Illinois
L.....10-31 ... at Cameron (OK)
L.....14-24 ... Wayne State
L.....13-31 ... Butler
L.....22-52 ... at Youngstown State
L.....7-35 .... at Murray State
W ....17-0 .... Evansville

1978
Darrell Mudra, head coach.... **12-2 / 3-2**
W ...41-16 ... Central State (OH)
W ....42-3 .... at Butler
W ...38-22 ... Northern Iowa •
W ...29-12 ... Northeast Missouri
L.....16-17 ... at Akron •
L.....24-40 ... at Youngstown State •
W ...42-34 ... at Northern Michigan •
W ...34-14 ... at Wayne State
W ....42-7 .... Illinois State
W ...35-14 ... Murray State
W ...40-12 ... at Western Illinois •
W ...35-31 ... at California-Davis +
W ...26-22 ... Youngstown State +
W ....10-9 .... vs. Delaware +
• - AMCU contest
+ - NCAA II National Championship

NCAA II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
EIU 35 • UC Davis 31
November 25, 1978 • Davis, California

Leading just 14-10 at the half, the Panthers erupted for three third-quarter big-play touchdowns en route to a 35-31 first-round victory over California-Davis... in that quarter, Mark Campana returned a punt 72 yards for a TD, Scott McGhee caught a 42 yard halfback TD pass from Poke Cobb and Jeff Forster caught a 37 yarder from QB Steve Turk... earlier Turk (15-39-1 for 164 yards) had hit McGhee on a 25 yard TD pass... Cobb ran for 56 yards and caught three for 40 yards in addition to the TD pass... the Panthers' defense intercepted three passes and recovered three fumbles.

EIU 26 • Youngstown St. 22
December 2, 1978 • O'Brien Stadium

Mark Campana's game opening 90-yard-TD kickoff return set the tone as the Panthers knocked off Mid-Continent rival Youngstown State, 26-22, on a rainy and blustery day before an ABC-TV regional audience... trailing 22-14, Steve Turk hit James Warring for a 12 yard TD, pulling to 22-20... then on the first play following the kick-off, Tom Pettigrew recovered a fumble at the YSU 9... three plays later, Poke Cobb scored the winning TD at 4:04 from the 3 yard line... Warring, ABC-TV offensive "Player of the Game" caught 10 passes for 107 yards, while DE Pete Catan, with 10 tackles and two QB sacks, was defensive "Player of the Game"... DT Randy Melvin led with 17 tackles.

EIU 10 • Delaware 9
December 9, 1978 • Longview, Texas

The Panthers put the capstone on the most incredible season ever, winning the NCAA National Championship 10-9 in front of an ABC-TV national audience... EIU finished 12-2 after going 1-10 the previous year... Poke Cobb, who rushed for 101 yards, scored on a one yard TD run early in the fourth quarter to put the Panthers ahead but victory was not assured until Delaware's Brandt Kennedy missed a 45 FG with nine seconds... EIU's defense limited Delaware's vaunted Wing-T offense to just 155 yards rushing and forced five fumbles... LB Ray Jeske was in on 21 tackles... altogether the Panthers set 25 school records with Cobb, James Warring, and Pete Catan named All-Americans.

1979
Darrell Mudra, head coach..... **7-4 / 1-4**
W ...24-15 ... South Dakota
W ....38-0 .... Butler
W ...58-21 ... Wayne State
W ....46-3 .... at Northeast Missouri
W ...22-14 ... at Southern Illinois
L.....7-10 .... Western Illinois •
W ...39-21 ... at Northern Michigan •
L.....7-10 .... at Northern Iowa •
L.....21-49 ... Youngstown State •
W ....24-0 .... at Illinois State
L.....16-27 ... Akron •
• - AMCU contest

1980
Darrell Mudra, head coach.... **11-3 / 4-0**
W ...34-21 ... South Dakota
L.....35-37 ... at Southern Illinois
L.....0-14 .... at Indiana State
W ....41-7 .... Northeast Missouri
W ...31-14 ... Illinois State
W ...40-15 ... at Central State (OH)
W ....37-7 .... at Western Illinois •
W ....32-7 .... Youngstown State •
W ...35-28 ... at Northern Michigan •
W ....14-9 .... Northern Iowa •
W ...52-13 ... Augustana (SD)
W ...21-14 ... Northern Colorado +
W ...56-31 ... at North Alabama +
L.....13-21 ... vs. Cal Poly +
• - AMCU contest
+ - NCAA Division II National Runner-Up

NCAA II NATIONAL RUNNER-UP
EIU 21 • Northern Colorado 14
November 29, 1980 • O'Brien Stadium

The Panthers, ranked No. 1 in the nation and paced by a tenacious defense, held Northern Colorado to 144 yards and recorded 13 tackles for loss, including six QB sacks, in a 21-14 victory televised by ESPN... QB Chuck Wright threw a 13 yard TD pass to Scott McGhee and then scored on a one yard run...DT Randy Melvin had 11 tackles including three for a loss.

EIU 56 • North Alabama 31
December 6, 1980 • Florence, Alabama

Top-ranked EIU outscored No. 3 North Alabama, 28-7, in the second half to roll to a 56-31 semifinal victory...the Panthers had 489 yards total offense...Kevin Staple ran for TDs of 3 and 7 yards and rushed for 120...Otis Grant caught eight for 103 yards and one TD while Scott McGhee had four for 91 yards with two TDs...North Alabama had only 66 yard of total offense in the second half... DT Randy Melvin led the Panthers with 13 tackles… OT Steve Parker was the ABC-TV Offensive "Player of the Game."

Cal Poly 21 • EIU 13
December 13, 1980 • Albuquerque, NM

The dream of a second national title in three years came to an end as Cal Poly San Luis Obispo upset the Panthers 21-13...Cal Poly's Robbie Martin was a one-man wrecking crew...he returned eight punts for 97 yards including a 42 yarder for a TD, and then caught seven passes for 164 yards including TDs of 33 and 58 yards...the Panthers lost three scoring opportunities when they fumbled twice within the five yard line and were intercepted on the 15...Rod Slaughter caught six passes for 122 yards and ran for 75.

Complete results are incomplete and/or unavailable for the 1899-1916 seasons

KEY TO CONFERENCE AFFILIATIONS:
***AMCU** - Association of Mid-Continent Universities*
***IIAC** - Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Conference*

1978 NCAA Division II National Champions

A Cinderella Story... words that could easily describe the Eastern Illinois football program's rise from mediocrity to the top of the NCAA Division II football world.

The Panthers entered the 1978 season much like any other season mired in a 16-year string of consecutive losing seasons with only two winning seasons since 1951.

The first step in changing Panther football was the hiring of head coach Darrell Mudra who immediately hired former Eastern Illinois student and football team member Mike Shanahan as his offensive coordinator.

EIU opened the season on a roll with convincing wins over Central State, 42-16 and Butler, 42-3. A strong 38-22 win over Northern Iowa in a conference football game gave the program some confidence that things were headed in the right direction.

A 4-0 start followed the next week with a 29-12 win over Northeast Missouri giving the Panthers their second 4-0 start in three seasons. The 1976 squad also opened the year 4-0 but would win only one game the remainder of the year to finish at 5-6.

Shades of that season resonated in Panther fans minds as EIU dropped back-to-back games in weeks five and six to Akron and Youngstown State. However unlike their 1976 counterparts, this Panther squad would regroup and not taste defeat again.

Mike Shanahan's offensive unit continued to click as the Panthers put up 40 or more points in three of their next five victories with wins over Northern Michigan, Wayne State, Illinois State, Murray State and Western Illinois.

The following week EIU received only its second post-season bid as the Panthers were invited to the NCAA Division II playoffs as only the top eight teams received invitations. The Panthers only other post-season experience had been way back in 1948 when they lost in the Corn Bowl to Illinois Wesleyan, 6-0.

EIU hit the road to open the championship run with a 35-31 victory at UC Davis. The Panthers then returned home to face Youngstown State in the semifinals, a team that had defeated EIU earlier in the season 40-24 in Youngstown.

This time EIU had the home field advantage and the Panthers were able to hang on for a 26-22 win in front of a national audience as the game was carried nationwide on ABC. Following the game EIU fans stormed the field and dismantled the goal posts.

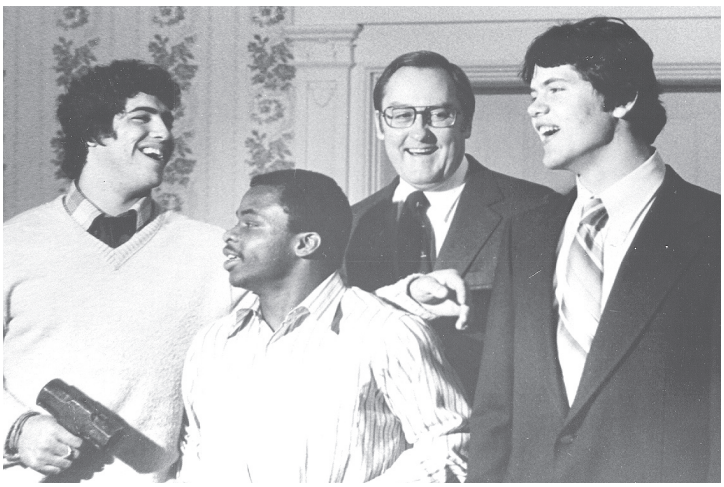
That win set up a with Division II power Delaware and after a tightly fought contest the game came down to a field goal by Delaware's Brandt Kennedy that sailed right from 45-yards. With that, "David had beaten Goliath" and Eastern Illinois had done the impossible with a 10-9 national championship victory in Longview, Texas.

Following the season EIU players earned All-American honors including running back Poke Cobb, wide receiver James Warring and defensive lineman Pete Catan. Catan, Cobb, Warring and quarterback Steve Turk all ranked among the national leaders in several statistical categories.

Darrell Mudra was later inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.







Top: Eastern Illinois NCAA Division II National Champions
Middle: EIU Coaching Staff.
Bottom: EIU team members shown here at the Governor's Mansion following Eastern's win over Delaware.

NCAA FCS YEARLY RESULTS

KEY TO CONFERENCE AFFILIATIONS:
AMCU - Association of Mid-Continent Universities
GFC - Gateway Football Conference
OVC - Ohio Valley Conference

1981

Darrell Mudra, head coach..**6-5 / 2-1**

S 5	W	19-17	at South Dakota
S 12	W	24-13	Southwest Missouri •
S 19	L	14-21	at Northeast Missouri
S 26	W	58-0	Central State (OH)
O 10	L	3-25	at Illinois State
O 17	W	20-8	Western Illinois •
O 24	L	16-48	at Youngstown State
O 31	L	17-38	at Northern Iowa •
N 7	W	42-14	Ferris State
N 14	L	14-27	Indiana State
N 21	W	24-16	Delaware State

• - AMCU contest
First season of competition in NCAA I-AA

1982

Darrell Mudra, head coach..**11-1-1 / 2-0-1**

S 4	W	27-14	Illinois State
S 11	W	18-17	Northeast Missouri
S 18	W	27-0	Wayne State
S 25	T	10-10	at Northern Iowa •
O 2	W	27-23	at Youngstown State
O 9	W	18-0	Akron
O 16	W	16-12	at Indiana State
O 23	W	31-7	at Western Illinois •
O 30	W	20-7	Southern Illinois
N 6	W	36-7	at SW Missouri •
N 13	W	73-0	Kentucky State
N 27	W	16-13 (OT)	Jackson State +
D 4	L	19-20	at Tennessee State +

• - AMCU contest
+ - NCAA I-AA Quarterfinalist

NCAA I-AA QUARTERFINALIST
EIU Panthers 16 • Jackson State 13 (overtime)
November 27, 1982 • O'Brien Stadium

In their first year in NCAA I-AA, the Panthers took a 10-0-1 record and No. 5 ranking into the playoffs and relied on Dave Strauch's 23 yard field goal in overtime to knock off No. 8 Jackson State, 16-13. Strauch redeemed himself after a missed 22 yard attempt with four seconds left in regulation...QB Jeff Christensen completed 26-50, a NCAA I-AA tournament record for passes attempted, for 308 yards and one TD...Jerry Wright caught 10 for 130 yards.

Tennessee State 20 • EIU Panthers 19
December 4, 1982 • Nashville, Tennessee

In another evenly matched playoff, the Panthers suffered a heartbreaking 20-19 loss to No. 4 ranked Tennessee State...QB Jeff Christensen (27-48-3 for 264 yards) had pulled the Panthers to within one with a six yard TD toss to Jerry Wright midway through the final quarter...but he was intercepted in the closing minutes on the TSU-20, and then the Panthers' Dave Strauch had a 44 yard field goal blocked with just seconds left...Kevin Staple ran for 112 yards, and Wright caught 19 for 136 yards... this game was later forfeited by TSU due to an ineligible player.

1983

Al Molde, head coach..... **9-3 / 3-0**

S 3	W	38-7	at Illinois State
S 10	L	14-17	at Southern Illinois
S 17	W	35-21	Grand Valley State
S 24	W	42-0	at NE Missouri
O 1	W	21-20	Youngstown State
O 8	W	10-7	at Akron
O 15	W	13-0	Northern Iowa •
O 22	W	20-0	Western Illinois •
O 29	L	13-17	Indiana State
N 5	W	12-3	Southwest Missouri •
N 12	W	34-14	at Western Kentucky
N 26	L	13-16 (2OT)	at Indiana State +

• - AMCU contest
+ - NCAA I-AA First Round

NCAA I-AA FIRST ROUND
Indiana State 16 • EIU Panthers 13 (double overtime)
November 26, 1983 • Terre Haute, Indiana

In one of the most dramatic I-AA playoff games in history, Indiana State eliminated the Panthers in double overtime, 16-13...trailing 7-0 in the 4th, Sean Payton came off the bench to toss a game tying 20 yard TD pass to Roger Holoman...ISU's Scott Bridges kicked an 18 yard FG with 3:12 left, but EIU's Henry Castellanos sent it into overtime with a 33 yard pressure FG with one second remaining... ISU got the ball first and Bridges kicked a 26 yarder, but Castellanos countered with a 40 yarder to conclude the first OT...EIU obtained first possession and Payton was intercepted...Bridges' 25 yard FG then won the game.

1984

Al Molde, head coach..... **6-5 / 2-1**

S 1	W	35-9	at Grand Valley State
S 8	L	17-24	at Indiana State
S 15	W	33-7	Northeast Missouri
S 22	L	17-38	at Toledo
S 29	W	44-33	Ferris State
O 6	L	21-34	Illinois State
O 13	L	40-48	Southern Illinois
O 20	W	14-0	at Western Illinois •
O 27	L	28-29	at Southwest Missouri •
N 3	W	27-17	Northern Iowa •
N 10	W	50-19	Western Kentucky

• - AMCU contest

1985

Al Molde, head coach..... **6-5 / 2-3**

S 7	L	24-31	at Northeast Missouri
S 14	W	39-7	Indiana State
S 21	W	35-27	Saginaw Valley
S 28	L	13-42	at Southern Illinois •
O 5	L	20-44	at Kansas
O 12	W	21-14	Illinois State •
O 19	W	28-27	Southwest Missouri •
O 26	L	20-34	Western Illinois •
N 2	W	27-12	Northern Michigan
N 9	L	20-21	at Northern Iowa •
N 16	W	14-13	at Western Kentucky

• - GFC contest
AMCU renamed as Gateway Football Conference



The 1982 Panthers run defense (shown here against Akron) set an NCAA record in EIU's final regular season win over Kentucky State. In that game, EIU held the Thorobreds offense to negative 12 yards of total offense during a 73-0 romp. That defensive unit registered 71 total sacks while ranking second in the NCAA in scoring defense at 8.8 points per game. The Panthers would climb to No. 5 in the final regular-season poll with six total All-Americans on that squad.

1986

Al Molde, head coach.....**11-2 / 5-1**

A 30	L	20-23	at Illinois State •
S 6	W	41-31	Northern Missouri
S 13	W	24-21	at Northern Michigan
S 20	W	52-7	Southern Illinois •
O 4	W	40-15	Liberty
O 11	W	31-30	Northern Iowa •
O 18	W	37-3	at Western Illinois •
O 25	W	34-20	at SW Missouri •
N 1	W	64-0	Winona State
N 8	W	31-14	at Indiana State •
N 15	W	35-18	Western Kentucky
N 29	W	28-21	Murray State +
D 7	L	22-24	Eastern Kentucky +

• - GFC contest
+ - NCAA I-AA Quarterfinalists

NCAA I-AA QUARTERFINALIST
EIU Panthers 28 • Murray State 21
November 29, 1986 • O'Brien Stadium

After losing the season opener, the Panthers won ten straight to enter the playoffs ranked No. 3, the highest ever in I-AA, but still needed a James Marble seven yard TD run with seven minutes to go to pull out a 28-21 win over Murray State...Sean Payton was 30-54 for 398 yards as EIU rolled up 537 yards total offense...Marable ran for 110 yards, Calvin Pierce caught 11 for 149 and Roy Banks had eight for 121...Dan Polewski led with 14 tackles while Aaron Thomas had 13.

Eastern Kentucky 24 • EIU Panthers 22
December 7, 1986 • O'Brien Stadium

The Panthers were eliminated in the closing seconds by Eastern Kentucky, 24-22, when a Sean Payton point after pass to DuWayne Pitts was incomplete...one official ruled a pass interference in the end zone, but another official overruled on the grounds the ball was not catchable... trailing 24-10, EIU rallied as Payton (24-40, 341 yards) hit Roy Banks on a 24 yard TD pass with 9:08 remaining... with 27 seconds left, Payton again hit Banks on a potential game-tying nine-yard TD pass...Banks caught nine for 117 and Calvin Pierce had eight catches for 177.

1987

Bob Spoo, head coach..... **5-6 / 3-3**

S 5	L	3-24	at San Jose State
S 12	W	16-10	at Northeast Missouri
S 19	W	15-9	Illinois State •
S 26	W	17-14	at Liberty
O 3	L	10-24	at Akron
O 10	L	12-21	Western Illinois •
O 17	W	20-14	Indiana State •
O 24	W	7-3	Southwest Missouri •
O 31	L	17-19	at Northern Iowa •
N 7	L	27-32	Southern Illinois •
N 14	L	15-30	at Western Kentucky

• - GFC contest

1988

Bob Spoo, head coach..... **5-6 / 2-4**

S3	W	16-7	at Illinois State •
S 10	W	44-0	Austin Peay
S 17	W	28-27	Liberty
S 24	L	13-33	Youngstown State
O 1	L	12-24	at Indiana State •
O 8	W	34-3	Southern Illinois •
O 15	L	8-45	at Western Illinois •
O 22	L	15-17	Northern Iowa •
O 29	L	21-41	at Southwest Missouri •
N 5	W	6-0	Western Kentucky
N 12	L	7-12	at Boise State

• - GFC contest

NCAA FCS YEARLY RESULTS

1989

Bob Spoo, head coach ..... **9-4 / 4-2**

S 2	W	36-0	at Austin Peay	
S 9	W	20-10	NW Louisiana	
S 16	L	17-20	at Southern Illinois	•
S 23	W	21-7	Indiana State	•
S 30	L	14-13	Illinois State	•
O 7	L	7-9	at Liberty	
O 14	W	21-17	Akron	
O 21	W	31-5	Western Illinois	•
O 28	L	28-31	at Northern Iowa	•
N 11	W	16-15	Southwest Missouri	•
N 18	W	10-7	at Western Kentucky	
N 25	W	38-21	at Idaho	+
D 2	L	19-25	at Montana	+

• - GFC contest
+ - NCAA I-AA Quarterfinalist

NCAA I-AA QUARTERFINALIST
EIU Panthers 38 • Idaho 21
November 25 • Moscow, Idaho

After two pressure-packed season-ending wins against SMS and WKU, the No. 15 ranked Panthers played one of their best games of the season, knocking off No. 4 ranked Idaho, 38-21 in the first round of the play-offs... Jamie Jones had a career high 154 yards rushing, 64 receiving, and 15 in kick-off returns to account for 233 all-purpose...EIU rushed for 230 and Eric Arnold passed for 211, including a game opening 74 yard TD to Jason Cook...the defense held Idaho to 14 points under its season average and intercepted four passes.

Montana 25 • EIU Panthers 19
December 2, 1989 • Missoula, Montana

A stout Montana defense held the Panthers to 258 yards total offense and held on for a 25-19 quarterfinal win to eliminate EIU from the NCAA-I AA playoffs...Jeff Mills led the defense, getting in on 17 tackles...Ray D'Alesio kicked a 31 yard field goal with 1:16 left in the game, but an on-side kick attempt failed to go ten yards, and Montana ran out the clock.

1990

Bob Spoo, head coach ..... **5-6 / 3-3**

S 1	L	17-28	at Northern Illinois	
S 8	W	23-22	at NW Louisiana	
S 15	L	7-15	McNeese State	
S 22	L	10-14	at Murray State	
S 29	L	7-28	at Illinois State	•
O 6	W	27-17	at Western Illinois	•
O 13	W	31-22	Indiana State	•
O 20	W	14-3	Southern Illinois	•
O 27	L	10-16	Northern Iowa	•
N 3	W	28-6	Western Kentucky	
N 10	L	6-48	at Southwest Missouri	•

• - GFC contest

1991

Bob Spoo, head coach ..... **4-7 / 2-4**

A 31	W	62-16	Lock Haven	
S 7	L	13-42	at Iowa State	
S 14	W	31-12	Eastern Washington	
S 21	L	27-28	at Murray State	
O 5	L	15-16	Western Illinois	•
O 12	L	15-16	at Indiana State	•
O 19	W	37-28	Illinois State	•
N 2	L	30-31	at Southern Illinois	•
N 9	L	26-28	at Western Kentucky	
N 16	W	35-29	Southwest Missouri	•
N 23	L	17-18	at Northern Iowa	•

• - GFC contest

1992

Bob Spoo, head coach ..... **5-6 / 2-4**

S 5	W	14-9	at Austin Peay	
S 12	L	28-63	at Marshall	
S 19	W	48-9	Murray State	
S 26	L	7-48	at Illinois State	•
O 3	L	46-47	Southern Illinois	•
O 10	W	31-28	Indiana State	•
O 17	L	24-28	at Western Illinois	•
O 24	L	10-13	at Southwest Missouri	•
O 31	L	19-28	at Youngstown State	
N 7	W	21-15	Northern Iowa	•
N 14	W	28-7	Western Kentucky	

• - GFC contest

1993

Bob Spoo, head coach ..... **3-7-1 / 2-3-1**

S 2 ^	W	34-17	at Murray State	
S 11	L	7-49	at McNeese State	
S 18	L	10-31	at Navy	
S 25	L	14-28	Western Illinois	•
O 2	L	24-27	at Indiana State	•
O 16	L	27-31	at Northern Iowa	•
O 23	T	17-17	Illinois State	•
O 30	W	35-13	Southwest Missouri	•
N 6	L	26-34	Northwestern Louisiana	
N 13	L	14-28	at Western Kentucky	
N 20	W	42-35	at Southern Illinois	•

• - GFC contest
^ - Thursday Game

1994

Bob Spoo, head coach ..... **6-5 / 4-2**

S 1 ^	L	15-31	Murray State	
S 10	L	20-22	at Texas-El Paso	
S 17	W	45-10	Lock Haven	
S 24	L	17-49	at Northern Illinois	
O 1	W	38-21	at Southwest Missouri	•
O 8	L	7-19	Northern Iowa	•
O 22	L	13-23	at Western Illinois	•
O 29	W	30-21	Indiana State	•
N 5	W	16-13	at Illinois State	•
N 12	W	28-20	Western Kentucky	
N 19	W	24-3	Southern Illinois	•

• - GFC contest
^ - Thursday Game

1995

Bob Spoo, head coach ..... **10-2 / 5-1**

A 31 ^	W	31-13	at Austin Peay	
S 9	W	34-18	Southeast Missouri	
S 16	W	30-22	Tennessee-Martin	
S 23	W	9-7	Southwest Missouri	•
S 30	W	33-27	Central State (OH)	
O 7	L	7-17	at Northern Iowa	•
O 14	W	35-9	at Western Kentucky	
O 28	W	31-10	Illinois State	•
N 4	W	20-17	Western Illinois	•
N 11	W	42-21	at Southern Illinois	•
N 18	W	27-6	at Indiana State	•
N 25	L	29-34	at Stephen F. Austin	+

• - GFC contest
^ - Thursday Game
+ - NCAA I-AA First Round

NCAA I-AA FIRST ROUND
Stephen F. Austin 34 • EIU Panthers 29
November 25, 1995 • Nacogdoches, Texas

The Panthers battled back from a 34-15 fourth quarter deficit but fell just short and were eliminated 34-29 in the first round of the I-AA playoffs...EIU scored twice in the last seven minutes and had the ball at midfield when Pete Mauch's pass was intercepted with 1:30 left...Willie High rushed 25 times for 182 yards and Mauch threw for 166 yards including the two fourth quarter TD passes of 10 and 25 yards to Charlie Roche and Tom Hess, respectively.

1996

Bob Spoo, head coach ..... **8-4 / 6-2**

A 29 ^	W	28-20	at Western Michigan	
S 7	W	41-31	Pittsburg State (KS)	
S 14	W	35-16	Indiana State	#
S 28	W	38-0	at Tennessee-Martin	•
O 12	L	7-10	Western Illinois	
O 19	L	28-35	Murray State	•
O 26	W	35-27	at Tennessee Tech	•
N 2	W	42-7	at Austin Peay	•
N 9	W	41-21	at Southeast Missouri	•
N 16	L	24-31	at Middle Tennessee	•
N 23	W	45-21	Eastern Kentucky	•
N 30	L	14-21	at Northern Iowa	+

• - OVC contest
- substitute OVC opponent
^ - Thursday Game
+ - NCAA I-AA First Round
First season in the Ohio Valley Conference

NCAA I-AA FIRST ROUND
Northern Iowa 21 • EIU Panthers 14
November 30, 1996 • Cedar Falls, Iowa

The Panthers again came up empty on their first round playoff game at the UNI-Dome, losing to Northern Iowa, 21-14...EIU had the ball for 41:20 minutes to UNI's 18:40, and had 80 plays to Northern Iowa's 51, but could not stop the big play...the Panthers turned the ball over three times in the fourth quarter but still had a chance at the end as they had a first and goal from the four yard line but could not get the ball into the endzone in three tried before time expired.

1997

Bob Spoo, head coach ..... **8-3 / 5-2**

A 28 ^	L	0-41	at Western Illinois	
S 6	W	42-6	Tennessee-Martin	•
S 13	W	41-20	Saint Joseph's (IN)	
S 20	W	25-14	at Illinois State	
S 27	W	10-7	at Tennessee Tech	•
O 4	W	32-7	at Southeast Missouri	•
O 18	W	30-17	Middle Tennessee	•
O 25	W	42-14	Austin Peay	
N 1	W	21-14	at Indiana State	#
N 8	L	17-24	at Murray State	•
N 22	L	7-49	Eastern Kentucky	•

• - OVC contest
- substitute OVC opponent
^ - Thursday Game

1998

Bob Spoo, head coach ..... **6-5 / 4-3**

S 3 ^	W	24-7	Saint Joseph's (IN)	
S 12	L	0-48	at Central Florida	
S 19	W	24-10	at Northern Illinois	
S 26	W	13-6	Tennessee Tech	•
O 3	W	35-33	Southeast Missouri	•
O 17	L	22-36	Illinois State	
O 24	W	35-32	at Middle Tennessee	•
O 31	L	21-27	Tennessee State	•
N 7	L	21-35	Murray State	•
N 14	W	56-35	at Tennessee-Martin	•
N 21	L	24-28	at Eastern Kentucky	•

• - OVC contest
^ - Thursday Game

1999

Bob Spoo, head coach ..... **2-10 / 2-5**

S 2 ^	L	17-33	at Central Michigan	
S 11	L	27-31	at Hawaii	
S 18	L	6-34	Southern Illinois	
S 25	W	42-21	Tennessee-Martin	•
O 2	L	21-31	at Central Florida	
O 9	L	25-43	at Tennessee State	•
O 16	L	32-37	at Murray State	•
O 23	L	7-14	Tennessee Tech	•
O 30	L	15-38	Western Kentucky	•
N 6	L	38-45	at Southeast Missouri	•
N 13	L	17-24	Illinois State	
N 20	W	20-14	at Eastern Kentucky	•

• - OVC contest
^ Thursday Game
100th year of Panther Football

2000

Bob Spoo, head coach ..... **8-4 / 6-1**

A 31 ^	W	42-24	at Indiana State	
S 9	W	72-0	Kentucky Wesleyan	
S 16	L	26-31	at Toledo	
S 23	W	42-7	at Tennessee-Martin	•
O 7	W	33-19	Tennessee State	•
O 14	W	48-7	Murray State	•
O 21	W	27-16	at Tennessee Tech	•
O 28	L	12-34	at Western Kentucky	•
N 4	W	38-9	Southeast Missouri	•
N 11L	41-44 (2-OT)		at Illinois State	
N 18	W	49-6	Eastern Kentucky	•
N 25	L	13-45	at Montana	+

• - OVC contest
^ - Thursday Game
+ - NCAA I-AA First Round

NCAA I-AA FIRST ROUND
Montana 45 • EIU Panthers 13
November 25, 2000 • Missoula, Montana

No. 1 ranked Montana ended the Panthers trip to the 2000 NCAA I-AA playoffs as the Grizzlies scored four second half touchdowns en route to a 45-13 victory... Eastern's Tony Romo threw for 212 yards and two TDs but the Panthers could only generate 99 yards rushing...Andre Raymond had 108 all-purpose yards and Nick Ricks had 10 tackles including three for loss...Obinno Coley intercepted two passes and knocked down three.

2001

Bob Spoo, head coach ..... **9-2 / 6-0**

S 8	W	44-14	Indiana State	
S 15	at Illinois State *(cancelled due to 9/11 tragedy)*			
S 22	W	21-14	at Eastern Kentucky	•
S 29	W	44-33	Tennessee Tech	•
O 6	L	7-40	at San Diego State	
O 13	W	12-0	Southeast Missouri	•
O 20	W	49-21	at Southern Illinois	
O 27	W	52-49	Tennessee State	•
N 1 ^	W	56-16	at Tennessee-Martin	•
N 10	W	38-10	at Florida Atlantic	
N 17	W	37-6	Murray State	•
N 24	L	43-49	Northern Iowa	+

• - OVC contest
^ - Thursday Game
+ - NCAA I-AA First Round

NCAA I-AA FIRST ROUND
Northern Iowa 49 • EIU Panthers 43
December 1, 2001 • O'Brien Stadium

Both teams marched up and down the field all day long but the Panthers came up just short losing to Northern Iowa, 49-43, in the first round of the 2001 NCAA I-AA playoffs at O'Brien Stadium. The two teams combined for 92 points and 1001 total yards but EIU could not contain Adam Benge who rushed for 177 yards and four touchdowns. Trailing 49-36, Eastern stopped the visiting purple Panthers at midfield with five minutes remaining and drove 49 yards in eight plays to score on a three yard pass from Tony Romo to Brandon Robinson to pull within six at 49-43 with 1:29 left in the game. But UNI recovered the onside kick and ran out the clock. Romo completed 22-34-2 for 386 yards and five touchdown passes. Frank Cutolo caught 11 passes for 217 yards and three TDs. J.R. Taylor ran 22 times for 154 yards and Robinson returned six kickoffs for 142 yards. Fred Miller led the defense with 15 tackles.

2002

Bob Spoo, head coach ..... **8-4 / 5-1**

A 31	L	36-61	at Hawai'i	
S 14	L	13-63	at Kansas State	
S 21	W	26-19	Indiana State	
S 28	W	45-10	Illinois State	
O 5	W	35-28	at Tennessee Tech	•
O 12	W	25-24	Eastern Kentucky	•
O 19	W	44-27	at Southeast Missouri	•
N 2	W	54-48	at Tennessee State	•
N 9	W	55-43	Tennessee-Martin	•
N 16	W	47-6	Florida Atlantic	
N 23	L	35-37	at Murray State	•
N 30	L	9-48	at Western Illinois	+

• - OVC contest
+ - NCAA I-AA First Round

NCAA I-AA FIRST ROUND
Western Illinois 48 • EIU Panthers 9
November 30, 2002 • Macomb, Illinois

The Panthers could not stop Western Illinois' No. 2 ranked Leathernecks resulting in a 48-9 first round loss in Macomb. The WIU defense held the Panthers offense to its lowest point total of the year. EIU had only 56 yards rushing and just one touchdown, a third quarter 30 yard pass from Tony Romo to Andre Raymond. He completed 21-44 passes for 220 yards but was sacked three times, fumbled once and threw an interception. Raymond had three kickoff returns for 108 yards and caught seven passes for 77 yards but had minus 29 yards rushing. J.R. Taylor, the nation's No. 2 rusher, had 88 yards on 18 carries. WIU (11-1) scored two of its seven touchdowns on punt returns, one of which came on a blocked punt. The Leathernecks had 365 yards total offense to 276 for EIU. Western had significant field position all day due partially to the cold, windy weather conditions. WIU's punter averaged 43.7 yards on six kicks while EIU had a 24.9 average for 12 punts. Nick Ricks led the defense with nine tackles while Terrance Sanders came off the bench to get eight.

2003

Bob Spoo, head coach ..... **4-8 / 3-5**

A 30	W	27-0	California (PA)	
S 13	L	0-37	at Missouri	
S 20	L	14-21	Illinois State	
S 27	L	7-23	at Indiana State	
O 4	L	17-30	at Southeast Missouri	•
O 11	L	0-41	Eastern Kentucky	•
O 18	W	27-17	at Murray State	•
O 25	W	29-12	Tennessee-Martin	•
N 1	L	14-24	at Tennessee State	•
N 8	W	37-10	Tennessee Tech	•
N 15	L	24-36	at Jacksonville State	•
N 22	L	14-17	Samford	•

• - OVC contest

2004

Bob Spoo, head coach ..... **5-6 / 4-4**

S 11	L	30-33 (OT)	Indiana State	
S 18	L	31-35	at Illinois State	
S 25	W	31-28	at Eastern Michigan	
O 2	W	35-28	Southeast Missouri	•
O 9	L	6-49	at Eastern Kentucky	•
O 16	W	24-9	Murray State	•
O 23	L	14-32	at Tennessee-Martin	•
O 30	W	34-24	Tennessee State	•
N 6	L	37-40 (OT)	at Tennessee Tech	•
N 13	L	21-31	Jacksonville State	•
N 20	W	28-14	at Samford	•

• - OVC contest

2005

Bob Spoo, head coach ..... **9-3 / 8-0**

S 1 ^	W	24-13	at Indiana State	
S 10	L	10-45	at Brigham Young	
S 17	L	6-27	Illinois State	
S 24	W	43-14	Samford	•
O 8	W	48-24	at Southeast Missouri	•
O 15	W	53-22	Eastern Kentucky	•
O 22	W	35-28	at Murray State	•
O 29	W	26-7	Tennessee-Martin	•
N 5	W	27-3	at Tennessee State	•
N 12	W	31-20	Tennessee Tech	•
N 19	W	10-6	at Jacksonville State	•
N 26	L	6-21	Southern Illinois	+

• - OVC contest
^ - Thursday Game
+ - NCAA I-AA First Round

NCAA I-AA FIRST ROUND
Southern Illinois 21 • EIU Panthers 6
November 26, 2005 • O'Brien Stadium

Eastern's defense held Southern Illinois to just 298 yards total yards but tailback Arkee Whitlock ran for three touchdowns as the Salukis eliminated the Panthers, 21-6, in the first round of the NCAA I-AA playoffs. Eastern took the opening drive and got on the scoreboard first with a 32 yard field goal by Zach Yates at 10:13 of the first quarter. Whitlock, who rushed for 89 yards, scored on a six yard run with one minute left to give SIU a 7-3 lead. His five yard run early in the third quarter put Southern up 14-3. The Panthers responded again with a 34 yard field goal by Tyler Wilke to cut the lead to 14-6. SIU's Craig Coffin missed a 39 yard field goal attempt but the Saluki defense forced Eastern into a fourth and five situation from its own 26 yard line with just under nine minutes remaining. The Panthers faked a punt but punter Tom Schofield's pass was incomplete giving SIU the ball. The Salukis drove 26 yards in just five plays with Whitlock scoring on a three yard run with 5:13 left in the game. The Panthers ran 72 plays to Southern's 55. Neither team could get much going on the ground as SIU had just 109 yards rushing compared to just 100 for the Eastern.

2006

Bob Spoo, head coach ..... **8-5 / 7-1**
Mark Hutson - acting head coach

S 2	L	17-42	at Illinois	
S 9	W	31-21	Indiana State	
S 16	L	30-44	at Illinois State	
S 23	W	24-13	at Samford	•
S 30	L	9-44	at Hawai'i	
O 7	W	21-0	Southeast Missouri	•
O 14	W	28-21	at Eastern Kentucky	•
O 21	W	20-10	Murray State	•
O 28	L	9-15	at Tennessee Martin	•
N 4	W	29-3	Tennessee State	•
N 11	W	38-14	at Tennessee Tech	•
N 18	W	28-24	Jacksonville State	•
N 25	L	13-24	Illinois State	+

• - OVC contest
+ - NCAA FCS First Round

NCAA FCS FIRST ROUND
Illinois State 24, EIU Panthers 13
November 25, 2006 • O'Brien Stadium

Eastern Illinois fans thought the Panthers had secured their first NCAA playoff win since the 1989 season when senior corner back Terrance Sanders scored on an 87 yard interception return in the fourth quarter. Illinois State (9-3) was able to battle back with a go ahead touchdown with just over two minutes remaining to crush the Panthers (8-5) dreams with a 24-13 win. In a day when offensive scoring was at a premium, Illinois State was able to score the game's only offensive touchdown as Pierre Rembert capped a four play, 49-yard drive with a 18 yard run up the middle. That gave the Redbirds a 17-13 lead. Eastern Illinois attempted to mount a game winning drive of its own but Jesse Caesar picked off a Cole Stinson pass and raced 45 yards for an insurance touchdown. Jason Tate had scored on a 41-yard interception return with 5:35 left in the second quarter to give ISU a 10-6 halftime lead.

NCAA FCS YEARLY RESULTS

2007

Bob Spoo, head coach ..... **8-4 / 7-1**

A 30^	W	45-25	Tennessee Tech	•
S 8	L	6-52	at Purdue	
S 15	L	21-24	Illinois State	
S 22	W	54-20	at Indiana State	
S 29	W	31-16	at Southeast Missouri	•
O 6	L	21-28	Eastern Kentucky	•
O 13	W	27-24	at Murray State	•
O 20	W	29-23	Tennessee Martin	•
O 27	W	38-35	at Tennessee State	•
N 10	W	37-23	at Jacksonville State	•
N 17	W	33-17	Samford	•
N 24	L	11-30	at Southern Illinois	+

• - OVC contest
^ - Thursday Game
+ - NCAA FCS First Round

NCAA FCS First Round
Southern Illinois 30, Eastern Illinois 11
November 24 • Carbondale, Illinois

Eastern Illinois made its third straight FCS playoff appearance and was matched against No. 4 national seed Southern Illinois. The Salukis converted two first half EIU turnovers into ten points and led 20-0 at the break en route to a 30-11 win. EIU scored on a Tyler Wilke field goal in the third quarter and Jordan Campanella touchdown reception midway through the fourth but never threatened. SIU outgained EIU 402-179 in total offense.



EASTERN ILLINOIS NCAA FCS PLAYOFF RECORDS

SINGLE GAME RECORDS

PASSING YARDS
398 ..... Sean Payton vs. Murray State (Nov. 29, 1986)

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS
5 ..... Tony Romo vs. Northern Iowa (Dec. 1, 2001)

PASSING COMPLETIONS
30 ..... Sean Payton vs. Murray State (Nov. 29, 1986)

RUSHING YARDS
182 ..... Willie High at Stephen F. Austin (Nov. 25, 1995)

TOUCHDOWNS
3 ..... Frank Cutolo vs. Northern Iowa (Dec. 1, 2001)

RECEPTIONS
11 ..... Frank Cutolo vs. Northern Iowa (Dec. 1, 2001)
..... Calvin Pierce vs. Murray State (Nov. 29, 1986)

RECEIVING YARDS
217 ..... Frank Cutolo vs. Northern Iowa (Dec. 1, 2001)

LONGEST FIELD GOAL
47 ..... Zach Yates vs. Illinois State (Nov. 25, 2006)

TACKLES
17 ..... Tristan Burge vs. Illinois State (Nov. 25, 2006)
..... Jeff Mills at Montana (Dec. 2, 1989)

SOLO TACKLES
8 ..... Donald Thomas at Southern Illinois (Nov. 24, 2007)
..... Clint Sellers vs. Southern Illinois (Nov. 26, 2005)
..... Fred Miller vs. Northern Iowa (Dec. 1, 2001)
..... Nick Ricks vs. Northern Iowa (Dec. 1, 2001)
..... Winston Taylor at Montana (Nov. 25, 2000)

SACKS
2 ..... Pierre Walters vs. Illinois State (Nov. 25, 2006)

INTERCEPTIONS
2 ..... Donald Thomas vs. Illinois State (Nov. 25, 2006)
..... Obinno Coley at Montana (Nov. 25, 2000)

CAREER RECORDS

PASSING YARDS
873 ..... Sean Payton (1983-86)

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS
8 ..... Tony Romo (2000-02)

PASSING COMPLETIONS
63 ..... Ton Romo (2000-02)

RUSHING YARDS
194 ..... J.R. Taylor (2000-01)

TOUCHDOWNS
3 ..... Frank Cutolo (2000-01)

RECEPTIONS
23 ..... Jerry Wright (1982-83)

RECEIVING YARDS
326 ..... Calvin Pierce (1986)

FIELD GOALS MADE
5 ..... Dave Straugh (1982)

TACKLES
43 ..... Jeff Mills (1986-89)

SOLO TACKLES
21 ..... Nick Ricks (2000-02)

SACKS
2 ..... Pierre Walters (2006-07)

INTERCEPTIONS
2 ..... Donald Thomas (2006-07)
..... Obinno Coley (2000)

EASTERN ILLINOIS POST-SEASON RESULTS

NCAA FCS Playoffs

2007 (First Round @ Carbondale, Ill.)
Southern Illinois def. Eastern Illinois, 30-11

2006 (First Round @ Charleston, Ill.)
Illinois State def. Eastern Illinois, 24-13

2005 (First Round @ Charleston, Ill.)
Southern Illinois def. Eastern Illinois, 21-6

2002 (First Round @ McComb, Ill.)
Western Illinois def. Eastern Illinois, 48-9

2001 (First Round @ Charleston, Ill.)
Northern Iowa def. Eastern Illinois, 49-43

2000 (First Round @ Missoula, Mont.)
Montana def. Eastern Illinois, 45-13

1996 (First Round @ Cedar Falls, Iowa)
Northern Iowa def. Eastern Illinois, 21-14

1995 (First Round @ Nacogdoches, Texas)
Stephen F. Austin def. Eastern Illinois, 34-29

1989 (First Round @ Moscow, Idaho)
Eastern Illinois def. Idaho, 38-21

1989 (Quarterfinals @ Missoula, Mont.)
Montana def. Eastern Illinois, 25-19

1986 (First Round @ Charleston, Ill.)
Eastern Illinois def. Murray State, 28-21

1986 (Quarterfinals @ Charleston, Ill.)
Eastern Kentucky def. Eastern Illinois, 24-22

1983 (First Round @ Terre Haute, Ind.)
Indiana State def. Eastern Illinois, 16-13 (2OT)

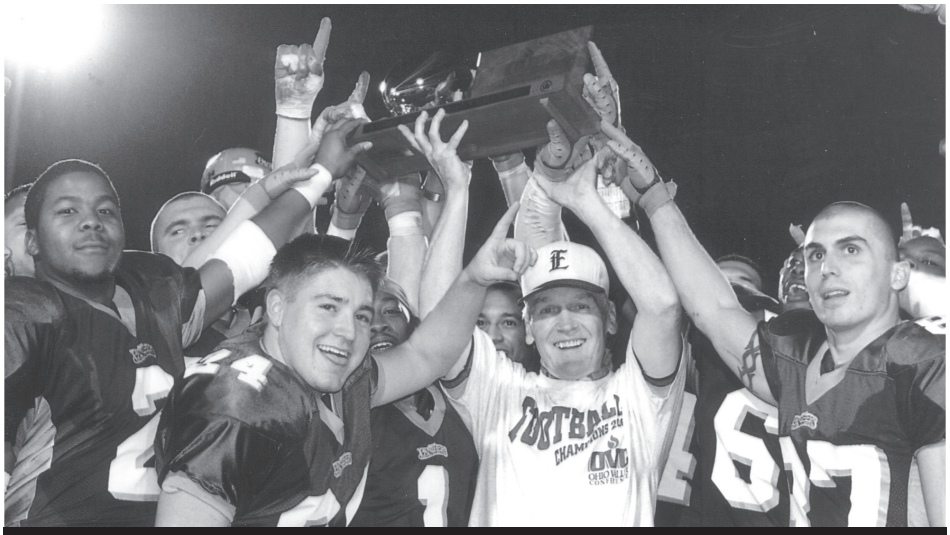
1982 (First Round @ Charleston, Ill.)
Eastern Illinois def. Jackson State, 16-13 (OT)

1982 (Quarterfinals @ Nashville, Tenn.)
Tennessee State def. Eastern Illinois, 20-19
win later vacated due to use of ineligible player

Division II Playoffs

1978 (National Champions)
Eastern Illinois def. UC Davis, 35-31
Eastern Illinois def. Youngstown State, 26-22
Eastern Illinois def. Delaware, 10-9

1980 (National Runners-up)
Eastern Illinois def. Northern Colorado, 21-14
Eastern Illinois def. Northern Alabama, 56-31
Cal Poly def. Eastern Illinois, 21-13



Coach **Bob Spoo** and the Panthers celebrate the first of four Ohio Valley Conference championships back in 2001. The 2001 EIU squad swept the OVC winning all six league games. It was Eastern's first undefeated conference title since the 1983 Panthers won every game in the former Mid-Continent Conference.

The Panthers repeated that undefeated feat in 2005, going 8-0 to run through the OVC and earn the league's automatic berth into the NCAA I-AA playoffs. EIU repeated as OVC Champions in 2006 giving them five playoff berths in seven years. The Panthers returned for a sixth playoff bid since 2000 with last season's appearance.

NCAA PLAYOFF APPEARANCES

School	# Appearances (Last)
Montana	18 (2007)
Eastern Kentucky	18 (2007)
Georgia Southern	16 (2005)
Furman	15 (2006)
Appalachian State	15 (2007)
Delaware	14 (2007)
McNeese State	13 (2007)
Northern Iowa	13 (2007)
EASTERN ILLINOIS	**12 (2007)**
Jackson State	12 (1997)
Youngstown State	11 (2006)
* Idaho	11 (1995)

Idaho currently plays at the NCAA I level

The NCAA Football Championship Subdivision playoffs (formerly I-AA) have been contested since 1978 when the NCAA broke into different levels for Division I football. Eastern Illinois played its first season of NCAA I-AA football in 1981 and currently ranks 9th among schools with 12 playoff appearances.

PANTHERS IN THE POLLS

1982 (NCAA)
1. Eastern Kentucky
2. Louisiana Tech
3. Delaware
4. Tennessee State
5. **EASTERN ILLINOIS**
6. Furman
7. South Carolina State
8. Jackson State
9. Colgate
10. Grambling
11. Idaho
12. Northern Illinois
13. Holy Cross
14. Bowling Green
15. Boise State
16. Western Michigan
17. Chattanooga
18. Northwestern State
19. Montana
20. Lafayette

1983 (NCAA)
1. Southern Illinois
2. Furman
3. Holy Cross
4. North Texas
5. Indiana State
6. **EASTERN ILLINOIS**
7. Colgate
8. Eastern Kentucky
9. Western Carolina
10. Grambling
11. Nevada
12. Idaho State
13. Boston University
    Louisiana Monroe
15. Jackson State
16. Middle Tennessee
17. Tennessee State
18. South Carolina State
19. Mississippi Valley State
20. New Hampshire

1986 (NCAA)
1. Nevada
2. Arkansas State
3. **EASTERN ILLINOIS**
4. Georgia Southern
5. Holy Cross
6. Appalachian State
7. Penn
8. William & Mary
9. Jackson State
10. Eastern Kentucky
11. Sam Houston State
12. Nicholls State
13. Delaware
14. Tennessee State
15. Furman
16. Idaho
17. Southern Illinois
18. Murray State
19. Connecticut
20. North Carolina A&T

1989 (NCAA)
1. Georgia Southern
2. Furman
3. Stephen F. Austin
4. Holy Cross
5. Idaho
6. Montana
7. Appalachian State
8. Maine
9. Southwest Missouri
10. Middle Tennessee
    William & Mary
12. Eastern Kentucky
13. Grambling
14. Youngstown State
15. **EASTERN ILLINOIS**
16. Villanova
17. Jackson State
18. Connecticut
19. Nevada-Reno
20. Northern Iowa

1995 (Sports Network)
1. Montana
2. Marshall
3. McNeese State
4. Stephen F. Austin
5. Appalachian State
6. Delaware
7. Troy State
8. Southern
9. Murray State
10. Hofstra
11. Georgia Southern
12. Eastern Kentucky
13. Northern Iowa
14. **EASTERN ILLINOIS**
15. James Madison
16. Jackson State
17. Florida A&M
18. Idaho
19. William & Mary
20. Richmond
21. Boise State
22. Northern Arizona
23. Connecticut
24. Indiana State
25. Middle Tennessee

1996 (Sports Network)
1. Marshall
2. Montana
3. Northern Iowa
4. Troy State
5. William & Mary
6. Murray State
7. E. Tennessee State
8. Northern Arizona
9. Furman
10. Delaware
11. Jackson State
12. Villanova
13. Western Illinois
14. Florida A&M
15. Nicholls State
16. **EASTERN ILLINOIS**
17. New Hampshire
18. Youngstown State
19. Dartmouth
20. Howard
21. Missouri State
22. Stephen F. Austin
23. James Madison
24. Dayton
25. Appalachian State

1997 Sports Network
1. Youngstown State
2. McNeese State
3. Delaware
4. Eastern Washington
5. Villanova
6. Western Illinois
7. Western Kentucky
8. Georgia Southern
9. Hampton
10. Florida A&M
11. Southern
12. Montana
13. Jackson State
14. Hofstra
15. Eastern Kentucky
16. Cal Poly
17. Northwestern State
18. Stephen F. Austin
19. South Carolina State
20. Liberty
21. **EASTERN ILLINOIS**
22. Appalachian State
23. Dayton
24. Northeastern
25. Colgate

2000 (Sports Network)
1. Georgia Southern
2. Montana
3. Delaware
4. Appalachian State
5. Western Kentucky
6. Richmond
7. Hofstra
8. Lehigh
9. Troy State
10. Furman
11. Youngstown State
12. Western Illinois
13. Grambling
14. Florida A&M
15. Portland State
16. McNeese State
17. **EASTERN ILLINOIS**
18. Weber State
19. Northern Iowa
20. Bethune-Cookman
21. North Carolina A&T
22. Tennessee Tech
23. Wofford
24. Illinois State
25. Texas State

2001 Sports Network
1. Montana
2. Furman
3. Georgia Southern
4. Northern Iowa
5. Lehigh
6. Appalachian State
7. Sam Houston State
8. Grambling
9. **EASTERN ILLINOIS**
10. Maine
11. Hofstra
12. Western Kentucky
13. McNeese State
14. Northwestern State
15. Youngstown State
16. Northern Arizona
17. William & Mary
18. Eastern Kentucky
19. Harvard
20. Villanova
21. Rhode Island
22. Florida A&M
23. Tennessee Tech
24. Penn
25. Tennessee State

2002 Sports Network
1. Western Kentucky
2. McNeese State
3. Georgia Southern
4. Villanova
5. Western Illinois
6. Maine
7. Montana
8. Grambling
9. Furman
10. Appalachian State
11. Northeastern
12. Fordham
13. **EASTERN ILLINOIS**
14. Wofford
15. Bethune-Cookman
16. Northwestern State
17. Penn
18. Idaho State
19. Montana State
20. Murray State
21. Eastern Kentucky
22. Gardner-Webb
23. Nicholls State
24. Southeast Missouri
25. Colgate

2005 Sports Network
1. Appalachian State
2. Northern Iowa
3. Furman
4. Texas State
5. New Hampshire
6. Cal Poly
7. Southern Illinois
8. Richmond
9. Georgia Southern
10. Hampton
11. Montana
12. Grambling
13. Eastern Washington
14. Youngstown State
15. Brown
16. **EASTERN ILLINOIS**
17. Nicholls State
18. Montana State
19. Massachusetts
20. South Carolina State
21. Lafayette
22. Illinois State
23. Colgate
24. Coastal Carolina
25. James Madison

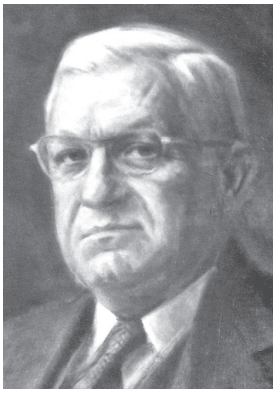
2006 Sports Network
1. Appalachian State
2. Massachusetts
3. Montana
4. Youngstown State
5. North Dakota State
6. New Hampshire
7. Southern Illinois
8. Illinois State
9. James Madison
10. Montana State
11. Hampton
12. Furman
13. Tennessee Martin
14. Coastal Carolina
15. **EASTERN ILLINOIS**
16. Cal Poly
17. Northern Iowa
18. Princeton
19. Portland State
20. San Diego
21. McNeese State
22. South Dakota State
23. Wofford
24. Central Arkansas
25. Yale

2007 Sports Network
1. Appalachian State
2. Delaware
3. Southern Illinois
4. Northern Iowa
5. Richmond
6. Wofford
7. Massachusetts
8. Eastern Washington
9. North Dakota State
10. Montana
11. McNeese State
12. James Madison
13. Eastern Kentucky
14. New Hampshire
15. Delaware State
16. Youngstown State
17. Georgia Southern
18. **EASTERN ILLINOIS**
19. South Dakota State
20. Fordham
21. Harvard
22. Yale
23. Elon
24. Cal Poly
25. Grambling State

Listed are Final FCS (I-AA) polls that Eastern Illinois has been ranked in since moving to that Division. The NCAA ranked teams from 1978 through 1992 and rankings are from final regular-season games - no post-season is included. The Sports Network took over for the NCAA in 1993 expanding the poll to 25 teams. Starting in 1998, rankings were done following the NCAA Playoffs.

All rankings taken from NCAA Record Book

EIU COACHING HISTORY



CHARLES LANTZ
1911-34, 1944



MAYNARD O'BRIEN
1946-50, 1952-55



Referred to as "Dr. Victory," **Darrell Mudra** (1978-82) is credited with saving Panther football. Taking over a moribund program that was 1-10 prior to his arrival in 1977, he directed EIU to one of the most incredible turnarounds in sports history as the 1978 Panthers went 12-2 and won the NCAA Division II National Championship in his first season. He was inducted into the College Football 'Hall of Fame' in August, 2000.



RALPH KOHL
1957-64



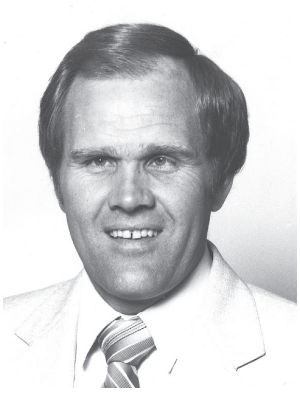
CLYDE BIGGERS
1965-71



JACK DEAN
1972-74



JOHN KONSTANTINOS
1975-77



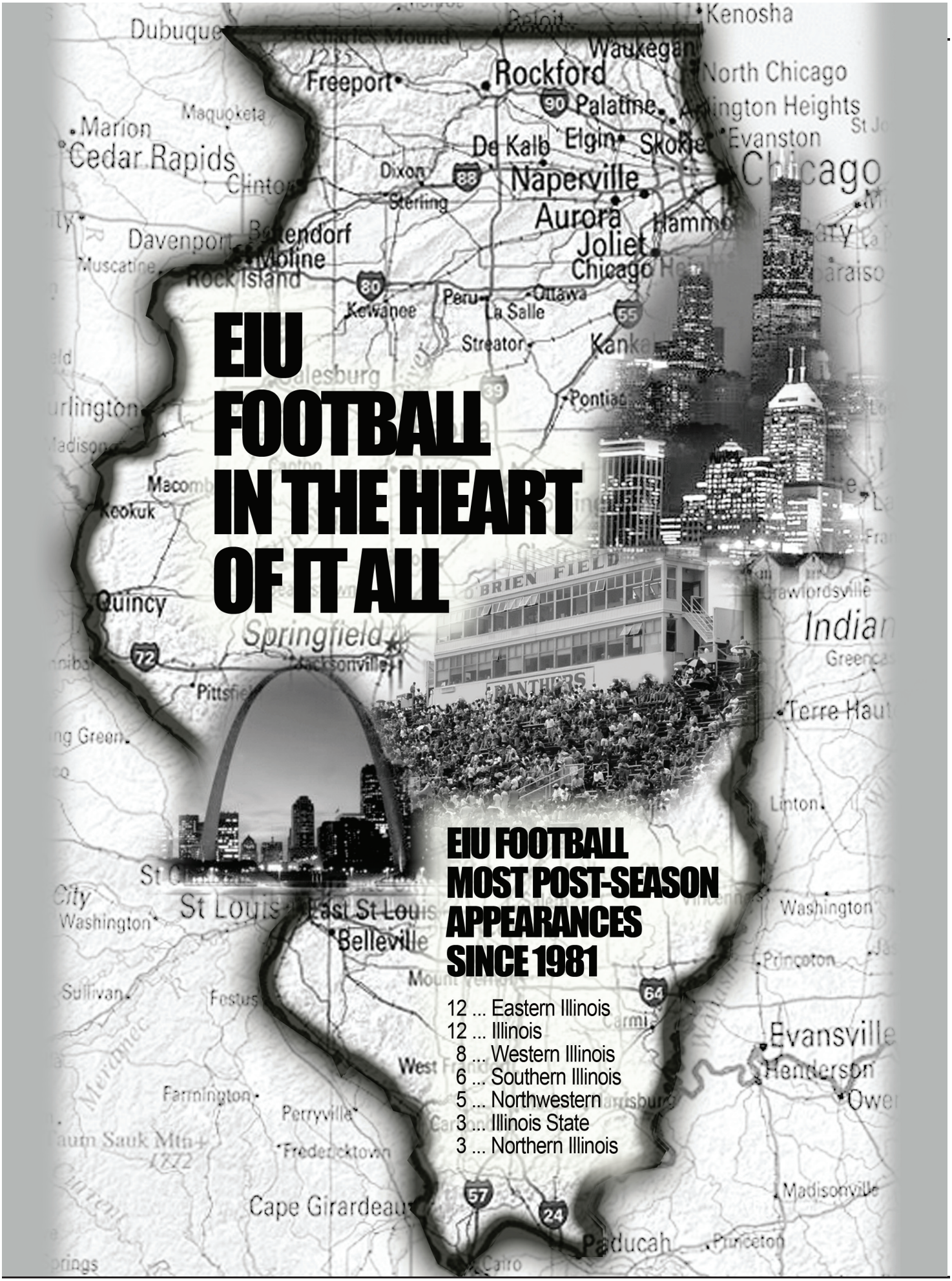
AL MOLDE
1983-86



BOB SPOO
1987-PRESENT

HEAD COACH	YEARS	TENURE	W-L-T	PCT.
Otis Caldwell	3	1899-1901	9-5-3	.618
Thornton Smallwood	1	1902	2-4	.333
Thomas Briggs	1	1903	5-2-2	.666
Joseph Brown	6	1904-09	18-14-7	.551
Harold Railsback	1	1910	2-3-1	.420
Charles Lantz	25	1911-34, 1944	96-65-13	.589
Winfield Angus	1	1935	1-7	.125
Gilbert Carson	5	1936-37, 1939-41	17-19-3	.474
Harold Ave	1	1938	5-3	.625
Clayton Miller	1	1942	1-6	.143
James Goff	1	1945	2-3-2	.429
Maynard O'Brien	9	1946-50, 1952-55	27-50-1	.353
Rex Darling	1	1951	4-2-2	.625
Keith Smith	1	1956	2-7	.222
Ralph Kohl	8	1957-64	17-49-2	.265
Clyde Biggers	7	1965-71	18-43-2	.302
Jack Dean	3	1972-74	6-24-1	.210
John Konstantinos	3	1975-77	9-21-2	.313
Darrell Mudra	5	1978-82	47-15-1	.754
Al Molde	4	1983-86	32-15	.681
BOB SPOO	**20**	**1987-Pres.**	**127-102-1**	**.552**
* Mark Hutson	1	2006	8-5	.615
TOTALS	105		447-461-43	.492

* Hutson served as acting head coach for the 2006 season as head coach Bob Spoo missed the season with a medical surgery.


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MOST POST-SEASON
APPEARANCES
SINCE 1981
12 ... Eastern Illinois
12 ... Illinois
8 ... Western Illinois
6 ... Southern Illinois
5 ... Northwestern
3 ... Illinois State
3 ... Northern Illinois
Dubuque
Freeport
Rockford
Waukegan
Kenosha
North Chicago
Palatine
Marion
Cedar Rapids
Clinton
Dixon
De Kalb
Elgin
Naperville
Evanston
Chicago
Sterling
Aurora
Davenport
Bettendorf
Moline
Rock Island
Joliet
Chicago
Muscatine
Kewanee
Peru
Ottawa
La Salle
Streator
Galesburg
Pontiac
Macomb
Keokuk
Quincy
Springfield
Jacksonville
Pittsfield
Crawfordsville
Terre Haute
Greencastle
Linton
Washington
St Louis
East St Louis
Belleville
Princeton
Sullivan
Mount Vernon
Evansville
Henderson
Farmington
Perryville
Fredericktown
Cape Girardeau
Madisonville
Paducah
Cairo
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