



# EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHER FOOTBALL

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## GAME 2



### COACHES:

**Adam Cushing (Univ. of Chicago, 2002)**

EIU Record..... 0-1 (1st)

OVC Record..... 1st Year

vs. Indiana ..... 0-0

**Tom Allen (Marantha Baptist, 1992)**

IU Record..... 11-15 (3rd)

Big Ten Record..... First Year

Overall Record ..... 4-14 (3rd)

vs. Eastern Illinois ..... 0-0

### SERIES

First Meeting

Last: N/A

### RANKINGS

Eastern Illinois ..... / ---

Indiana ..... / ---

..... *STATS Media/AFCAs Coaches*

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## Panthers Travel To Big Ten Member Indiana

Eastern Illinois at Indiana

Memorial Stadium (52,656) • Bloomington, Ind.

Sept. 7, 2019 • 2:30 p.m. • TV: Big Ten Network

### NOTES TO KNOW

• Eastern Illinois opened the 2019 season last Thursday with a 24-10 loss at Chattanooga. It marked the third straight season that EIU has opened the year on the road. It marked the head coaching debut for Adam Cushing who was hired as the 25th head coach in Eastern Illinois history in December of 2018.

• Eastern Illinois started three true freshmen on its offensive line in the season opener at Chattanooga. Chad Strickland, Elkhanan Tanelus and Anthony Sottosanto all began their collegiate careers as starters. The line helped the Panthers finish with 354 yards of total offense allowing only one sack which ranks 22nd in the FCS.

• Eastern Illinois defense forced two turnovers against Chattanooga as Raymond Crittenden and Bryce Dewberry both came up with interceptions for the Panthers. EIU currently ranks 20th in the FCS in turnovers gained. Last season the Panthers forced at least one turnover in seven of their 11 games finishing the year with 15 turnovers gained.

• Eastern Illinois will have several players returning to the Hoosier state when the Panthers play at Indiana on Saturday. It will be the first of two trips to the state for EIU this year with a return visit to Indiana State on Sept. 21. Kylan Cole, D'Mitri George, Eric Johnson Kirk Pinkston Jr., Courtney Rowell and Ben Solomon are all Indiana natives.

### THE SERIES

• Eastern Illinois and Indiana will be meeting for the first time in program history. This will be the ninth time that EIU has faced a member of the Big Ten Conference. The Panthers are 0-8 in previous meetings with the last match-up coming during the 2015 season when EIU lost at Northwestern with current Panthers head coach Adam Cushing on the Wildcats staff. This will be the third time Indiana has faced a team from the Ohio Valley Conference with previous wins over Eastern Kentucky and Murray State.

#### Eastern Illinois (0-1, 0-0 OVC)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Aug. 29	at Chattanooga	L 10-24
Sept. 7	at Indiana	2:30 pm
Sept. 14	ILLINOIS STATE	2 pm
Sept. 21	at Indiana State	12 pm
Sept. 28	• TENNESSEE TECH	4 pm
Oct. 5	• at Murray State	1 pm
Oct. 12	• JACKSONVILLE STATE	12 pm
Oct. 19	• at UT Martin	2 pm
Oct. 26	• EASTERN KENTUCKY	2 pm
Nov. 9	• at Tennessee State	2 pm
Nov. 16	• SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	12 pm
Nov. 23	• at Austin Peay	2 pm

• Ohio Valley Conference Game

All Times Central

#### Indiana (1-0, 0-0 Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Aug. 31	vs. Ball State	W 34-24
Sept. 7	EASTERN ILLINOIS	2:30 pm
Sept. 14	• OHIO STATE	12 pm
Sept. 21	CONNECTICUT	TBA
Sept. 28	• at Michigan State	3:30 pm
Oct. 12	• RUTGERS	12 pm
Oct. 19	• at Maryland	TBA
Oct. 26	• at Nebraska	TBA
Nov. 2	• NORTHWESTERN	TBA
Nov. 16	• at Penn State	TBA
Nov. 23	• MICHIGAN	TBA
Nov. 30	• at Purdue	TBA

• Big Ten Conference Games

All Times Central

**2019 STATS FCS MEDIA -- (Week 1)**

<b>Rk.</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>2019 Record</b>
1.	North Dakota State	1-0
2.	James Madison	0-1
3.	South Dakota State	0-1
4.	Eastern Washington	0-1
5.	UC Davis	0-1
6.	Maine	1-0
7.	Weber State	0-1
8.	Towson	1-0
9.	Kennesaw State	1-0
10.	Nicholls State	0-1
11.	Northern Iowa	0-1
12.	Southeast Missouri	1-0
13.	Montana State	0-1
14.	Indiana State	0-1
15.	North Carolina A&T	1-0
16.	Illinois State	0-1
17.	Furman	1-0
18.	Jacksonville State	0-1
19.	Wofford	0-1
20.	Central Arkansas	1-0
21.	Delaware	1-0
22.	Montana	1-0
23.	Southeastern Louisiana	1-0
24.	Villanova	1-0
25.	Sam Houston State	0-1

• Freshman Nick Stricker hauled in the first touchdown pass of the season for the Panthers as he scored on a 7-yard reception in the second quarter. Stricker was an offensive lineman in high school who was recruited to play the Super Back position for EIU. The touchdown was on a 4th and 4 play.

• Xander Richards was the Panthers top target in the season opener at Chattanooga. Richards hauled in five passes for 67 yards with a long reception of 20 yards. Last season as a redshirt freshman, Richards played in four games making two catches for a total of six yards. Both receptions last season were for three yards.

• Freshman running back Jaelin Hayes-Benefield led the Panthers offense in all-purpose yards in the opener. He was EIU's top rusher finishing with 49 yards on six carries for an 8.2 yards per carry average. Hayes-Benefield had a long run of 31 yards. He added two kick returns for 21 yards and two receptions for six yards.

• Eastern Illinois passing offense was balanced against Chattanooga as ten different players had at least one reception in the game. Xander Richards was the top target with five catches while Marques Ray, Kirk Pinkston and Robbie Lofton each finished with four catches. EIU had 26 total receptions for 224 yards and a touchdown.

• Eastern Illinois had to shift some duties around on offense and special teams for the season opener when Matt Reyna suffered an injury in practice on Monday. On offense Marques Ray moved into the starting role. Reyna's biggest impact was as a return specialist as EIU finished with negative six yards in punt returns and only 21 yards on kick returns.

• Eastern Illinois offense was able to control the tempo of the football game in the opener at Chattanooga. The Panthers held the football for 34:19 which ranks EIU 11th in the FCS for time of possession. Last season EIU averaged 27:49 per game for time of possession with only three contests over 30 minutes. The last time EIU held the ball for 34 minutes or longer in a game was Nov. 19, 2016 with 34:59 time of possession against Eastern Kentucky.

**2019 AFCA FCS COACHES -- (Week 1)**

<b>Rk.</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>2019 Record</b>
1.	North Dakota State (25)	1-0
2.	James Madison (1)	0-1
3.	South Dakota State	0-1
4.	UC Davis	0-1
5.	Eastern Washington	0-1
6.	Maine	1-0
7.	Kennesaw State	1-0
8.	Weber State	0-1
9.	Towson	1-0
10.	Nicholls State	0-1
11.	Furman	1-0
12.	Northern Iowa	0-1
13.	Southeast Missouri State	1-0
14.	North Carolina A&T	1-0
15.	Indiana State	0-1
16.	Illinois State	0-1
17.	Jacksonville State	0-1
18.	Central Arkansas	1-0
19.	Montana State	0-1
20.	Wofford	0-1
21.	Delaware	1-0
22.	Sam Houston State	0-1
23.	Montana	1-0
24.	Colgate	0-2
25.	Princeton	0-0

• Raymond Crittenden came up with the first interception of the season for the Panthers picking off a deflected pass on Chattanooga's opening drive. It was the first career interception for Crittenden who moved from safety to linebacker this season. He finished with five tackles in the game after ranking sixth in total tackles last year with 51.

• Bryce Dewberry stepped in front of pass in the third quarter and had his momentum carry him out of bounds for the Panthers second interception of the game against Chattanooga. It was the second career interception for the sophomore safety. Last season Dewberry earned OVC Newcomer of the Week honors following his performance against UT Martin in which he had seven tackles, a half tackle for loss and a 61-yard interception return for touchdown.

• Eastern Illinois used two quarterbacks in the season opener against Chattanooga as both Johnathan Brantley and Harry Woodbery saw time under center. Brantley finished the day 13-of-25 for 103 yards with a touchdown pass to Nick Stricker. Woodbery was 13-of-22 for 121 yards with one interception. Woodbery does currently rank 48th in the FCS in completion percentage (59.1 pct). Last season Woodbery completed 57.6 percent of his passes while Brantley had a completion percentage of 65.1 percent to rank 9th in the FCS.

• Linebacker Joe Caputo finished with a team high eight tackles against Chattanooga including a 1.5 tackles for loss. It was the third time in his career that Caputo has finished as the Panthers leading tackler in a game. Seven of his eight tackles were solo stops as he ranks 29th in the FCS in solo tackles. Caputo led EIU with 86 tackles last season.

• Eastern Illinois defense did not record a sack against Chattanooga in the season opener. It marked the third straight game dating back to last season that EIU has failed to bring down the opposing quarterback. EIU had ten total sacks last year ranking 108th in the FCS.

## 2019 OVC Standings

Team	OVC	Pct.	All	Pct.
Austin Peay	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
Eastern Kentucky	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
Murray State	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
Southeast Missouri	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
Tennessee State	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
Tennessee Tech	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
UT Martin	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
Eastern Illinois	0-0	.000	0-1	.000
Jacksonville State	0-0	.000	0-1	.000

## This Week In OVC Football

### Saturday, September 7

Tennessee Tech at Miami (Ohio)	1:30 pm
Central Arkansas at Austin Peay	2 pm
Eastern Illinois at Indiana	2:30 pm
Murray State at Georgia	3 pm
Chattanooga at Jacksonville State	6 pm
Eastern Kentucky at Louisville	6 pm
Tennessee State at Middle Tennessee	6 pm
UT Martin at Florida	6:30 pm
Southeast Missouri at Montana State	7 pm

## Eastern Illinois 2019 Captains

Eastern Illinois voted on team captains for the 2019 season with Jaylon Banks, Joe Caputo, Terrell Greer, Austin Johnson and James Sheehan being elected.

## OVC Predicted Order Of Finish

1. Jacksonville State (14)	126
2. Southeast Missouri (4)	115
3. Eastern Kentucky	98
4. Austin Peay	70
5. Murray State	61
6. Tennessee State	61
7. UT Martin	60
8. Eastern Illinois	35
9. Tennessee Tech	22

(first place votes in parenthesis)

## Eastern Illinois Players On All-OVC Preseason Team

Terrell Greer - Defensive Line

## 2018 OVC Players of the Week

Offensive	Alexander Hollins (Sept. 2)
Newcomer	Johnathan Brantley (Sept. 16)
Special Teams	Matt Reyna (Sept. 16)
Special Teams	Nick Bruno (Sept. 30)
Newcomer	Bryce Dewberry (Oct. 21)
Offensive	Isaiah Johnson (Nov. 11)

• While this will be the first meeting between Eastern Illinois and Indiana, current EIU head coach Adam Cushing has previously faced the Hoosiers as a member of the Northwestern coaching staff. While with the Wildcats, Northwestern posted a 7-1 record against Indiana with the last match-up coming in 2016 due to the Big Ten's unbalanced schedule.

• Eastern Illinois employed the skills of both long snappers on the Panthers roster during the season opener at Chattanooga. Stephen Elmore, the returning long snapper from 2018, handled duties on field goals and extra points. Bryce Coulson, a native of Australia, was the long snapper on the Panthers punt team.

• While the Panthers had two long snappers in action. EIU had one player handle all three kicking duties during the game. Sophomore Josh Delgado served as the kickoff specialist, place kicker and punter. He was 1-of-1 on field goals knocking home a 37-yard attempt. He averaged 33.5 yards per punt with two inside the 20 and no punt returns allowed. On kickoffs he averaged 46.7 yards per kick. The last time EIU had a player designated to handle all three roles for a game was Tyler Wilke during the 2007 season when he filled all three spots for the final two regular season games and the FCS playoff contest.

• Eastern Illinois rush defense was solid in the opener against Chattanooga. The Panthers allowed just 94 yards on 33 carries for a 2.8 yards per carry average. EIU's rush defense currently ranks 26th in the FCS. EIU registered five tackles for loss with Joe Caputo finishing with 1.5 TFL. The last time EIU held an opponent under 100 yards rushing was last Sept. 29 as they held Tennessee Tech to 98 yards on the ground.

• Eastern Illinois offense opened up the season going for it on fourth down on four different occasions. The result paid off half of the time as EIU was 2-of-4 on fourth down conversions including a touchdown pass on a 4th and 4. Last season, EIU went for it on fourth down four or more times in a game twice including a 3-of-4 effort against Arkansas.

• Eastern Illinois was a running back by committee effort in the opener at Chattanooga as starter Darshon McCullough missed the game. Courtney Rowell made his first collegiate start after moving back from defense last season. Rowell had one yard on eight carries. Jaelin Hayes-Benefield had 49 yards while Chris Walker rushed for 27. The Panthers finished with 130 yards on the ground at 3.6 yards per attempt.

• Senior Joe Caputo was named Eastern Illinois candidate for the 2019 William V. Campbell Trophy which is presented to the nation's top football scholar-athlete. Caputo currently holds a 3.89 grade point average in accounting and was named one of five team captains for the Panthers 2019 season.

• The National Football Foundation recognized three EIU student-athletes during the opening week as part of a group of 353 FCS football student-athletes that have already earned their degrees. The three players honored are defensive back Corneliuss Page, super back James Sheehan and running back Chris Walker. Page and Sheehan earned their degrees from EIU while Walker is a graduate transfer from Cornell.

• Redshirt junior quarterback Scotty Gilkey Jr., was named a nominee for this year's AFCA Good Works Team which recognizes football players for both their community service initiatives in addition to their athletic skill. Gilkey spearheaded a toy campaign to donate to area children during Christmas time in December 2017 & 2018 while adding a backpack & school supply drive at the start of the last two school years.

• The Eastern Illinois coaching staff has a distinct Northwestern feel as eight of the Panthers assistant coaches worked or played for the Big Ten program. Deonte' Gibson and Mark Philmore II were both players at Northwestern while Adam Cushing was on the staff. Chris Bowers, John Kuceyeski, Chris Batti, Dan Hernandez, Neal Renna and Jesse Walton all worked in some capacity with the NU program developing a relationship with Cushing. In addition Director of Football Performance Joe Orozco was on the strength staff with the Wildcats last year when they won the Big Ten West Division championship.

## EIU HEAD COACH ADAM CUSHING

Adam Cushing was hired as the 25th head coach in Eastern Illinois football history on Dec. 9, 2018. A Chicago native, Cushing made an immediate impact on the recruiting trail as the Panthers brought in more than 40 new players this season with a majority from the state of Illinois. Cushing came to EIU following a 15-year stint as an assistant coach at Northwestern where he coached the offensive line since 2009. He played collegiate football at the University of Chicago graduating in 2002. Complete Coach Adam Cushing bio available on page 6 of EIU game notes...

## INDIANA HEAD COACH TOM ALLEN

Tom Allen is in his third season as the head coach at Indiana. Hired in early December of 2016, Allen coached the Hoosiers in the 2016 Foster Farms Bowl Game. In two full seasons leading the program he has posted a 11-15 record with a 4-14 mark in the Big Ten Conference. He was a long time high school coach in both Florida and Indiana before breaking into the college ranks in 2007 as the secondary coach at Wabash College. He is a 1992 graduate of Marantha Baptist (Wis.).

## SCOUTING INDIANA

Indiana is coming off a 5-7 season last year that opened with a 4-1 record. The Hoosiers won their season opener last weekend beating Ball State 34-24 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. Versatile quarterback Michael Penix Jr., passed for 326 yards while adding a team high 67 yards on the ground. Kicker Logan Justus knocked home four field goals with three of them good from 48 yards or longer. The defense was led by Reakwon Jones with 11 tackles.

## ON THIS DATE IN EIU HISTORY

**Sept. 7, 2013** - Coming off a win over FBS member San Diego State the previous weekend, Eastern Illinois needed a 36 yard Cam Berra field goal in the second overtime to beat Southern Illinois 40-37. It marked the first time in program history that EIU had opened a season 2-0 on the road. Receivers Erik Lora and Adam Drake both finished with over 100 yards receiving while Taylor Duncan rushed for 100 yards as EIU finished with 622 yards of total offense.

## EIU AGAINST THE BIG TEN & FBS

This will be the ninth time that Eastern Illinois has faced a team from the Big Ten Conference. EIU is 0-8 in those previous contests. It will also mark the 42nd time that EIU has played a team from the FBS level. EIU is 6-35 all-time in those contests with the last win over an FBS school coming on Sept. 10, 2016, a 21-17 win at Miami (Ohio).

### Games Against Big Ten Schools

Sept. 2, 2006	Illinois 42, Eastern Illinois 17
Sept. 8, 2007	Purdue 52, Eastern Illinois 6
Sept. 5, 2008	Illinois 47, Eastern Illinois 21
Oct. 10, 2009	Penn State 52, Eastern Illinois 3
Sept. 4, 2010	Iowa 37, Eastern Illinois 7
Sept. 10, 2011	Northwestern 42, Eastern Illinois 21
Aug. 28, 2014	Minnesota 42, Eastern Illinois 20
Sept. 12, 2015	Northwestern 41, Eastern Illinois 0

### Wins over FBS Schools

Oct. 14, 1989	Eastern Illinois 21, Akron 17
Aug. 29, 1996	Eastern Illinois 28, Western Michigan 20
Sept. 19, 1998	Eastern Illinois 24, Northern Illinois 10
Sept. 25, 2004	Eastern Illinois 31, Eastern Michigan 28
Aug. 31, 2013	Eastern Illinois 40, San Diego State 19
Sept. 10, 2016	Eastern Illinois 21, Miami (Ohio) 17

## TALE OF THE TAPE



Points Per Game.....	10.....	34
Average Points Allowed.....	24.....	24
First Downs.....	22.....	25
Rushing Yards Per Game.....	130.....	148
Rushing Touchdowns.....	0.....	2
Passing Yards Per Game.....	224.....	326
Passing Touchdowns.....	1.....	1
Average Yards Per Game.....	354.....	474
Interceptions Thrown.....	1.....	2
Fumbles - Lost.....	3-2.....	0-0
Turnovers Gained.....	2.....	1
Punting Average.....	33.5.....	51.7
Field Goals (ATT/MADE).....	1-of-1.....	4-of-4
3rd Down Conversions.....	7-of-19 (37%).....	6-of-12 (50%)
4th Down Conversions.....	2-of-4 (50%).....	0-of-0 (0%)
Sacks By (Yards).....	0 (0).....	3 (24)
Penalties (Yards).....	5 (34).....	5 (65)
Time of Possession (Game).....	34:19.....	29:01

## Statistical Leaders

### RUSHING YARDS

EASTERN ILLINOIS	INDIANA
Jaelin Hayes-Benefield.....49	Michael Penix Jr.....67
Johnathan Brantley.....29	Stevie Scott III.....48

### PASSING YARDS

EASTERN ILLINOIS	INDIANA
Harry Woodberry.....121	Micahel Penix.....326
Johnathan Brantley.....103	.....

### RECEPTIONS (Yards)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	INDIANA
Xander Richards.....5 (67)	Whop Philyor.....6 (66)
Marques Ray.....4 (35)	Ty Fryfogle.....6 (41)
Kirk Pinkston Jr.....4 (30)	Nick Westbrook.....3 (103)

### TACKLES

EASTERN ILLINOIS	INDIANA
Joe Caputo.....8	Reakwon Jones.....11
Iziah Guley.....5	Marcelino Ball.....10
Antonio Crosby.....5	Devon Matthews.....9
Raymond Crittenden.....5	Cam Jones.....6
Cornelius Page.....4	Micah McFadden.....6

### TACKLES FOR LOSS / SACKS

EASTERN ILLINOIS	INDIANA
Joe Caputo.....1.5.....0	Jerome Johnson.....1.5.....1.5
Anthony Shockey.....1.....0	James Miller.....1.....0.5
Jayden O'Neal.....1.....0	Micah McFadden.....1.....0



### Eastern Illinois In The OVC/NCAA Stats

2019

#### TEAM

TEAM	NCAA	OVC
.....	.....	.....
Rushing Offense .....	50th	6th
Passing Offense .....	34th	5th
Passing Efficiency .....	83rd	8th
Total Offense .....	47th	7th
Scoring Offense .....	89th	8th
Rushing Defense .....	26th	4th
Pass Defense .....	64th	6th
Pass Efficiency Def. ....	54th	7th
Total Defense .....	34th	4th
Scoring Defense .....	37th	5th
Net Punting .....	68th	5th
Punt Returns .....	105th	8th
Kickoff Returns .....	101st	8th
Turnover Margin .....	70th	6th
Turnovers Gained .....	20th	2nd
Sacks .....	108th	9th
Tackles For Loss .....	55th	5th
Sacks Allowed .....	22nd	2nd
3rd Down Conversion .....	40th	5th
4th Down Conversion .....	31st	3rd
3rd Down Defense .....	48th	4th
Red Zone Offense .....	89th	6th
Red Zone Defense .....	30th	4th
Time of Possession .....	11th	2nd

#### INDIVIDUAL (Top 50)

.....	NCAA	OVC
Harry Woodbery (Comp. Pct.) .....	45th	5th
Nick Stricker (Touchdowns) .....	51st	7th
Josh Delgado (Field Goals).....	23rd	3rd
Josh Delgado (Field Goal Pct.) .....	1st	1st
Joe Caputo (Solo Tackles).....	29th	2nd
Raymond Crittenden (Interceptions).....	4th	2nd
Bryce Dewberry (Interceptions) .....	4th	2nd

### SHUT OUT STREAK ENDS

Eastern Illinois had a 139 game streak of not being shut out in a game end Sept. 12, 2015 at Northwestern during 41-0 loss. The last time EIU had been shut out was Oct. 11, 2003 during a 41-0 loss versus Eastern Kentucky. In the 2015 season opener EIU had its streak of consecutive games scoring a touchdown end at 65 after the Panthers were held out of the end zone. The last time EIU had failed to score a touchdown was October 10, 2009 at Penn State. EIU's longest streak of consecutive games without being shutout was 197 from 1977-1997 which ranks fourth all-time among FCS schools.

#### Longest EIU Streaks

197 (1997-97) ended 8/28/97 at Western Illinois  
139 (2003-15) ended 9/12/15 at Northwestern

### OVC SUCCESS

Eastern Illinois was the OVC's most successful school in terms of wins during the first decade of the 2000's as the Panthers posted 72 wins during that span. EIU leads the conference with the most post-season appearances since the Panthers joined the league in 1996.

#### (FCS Playoff Appearances Since 1996)

11 - Eastern Illinois  
8 - Jacksonville State  
5 - Eastern Kentucky  
3 - Tennessee State  
2 - Murray State  
2 - Southeast Missouri  
1 - UT Martin  
1 - Tennessee Tech  
1 - Western Kentucky

### EIU NCAA FBS TRANSFERS

11 - Johnathan Brantley (Tulane)  
84 - Ryan James (Purdue)  
89 - Eric Rooks (Hawai'i)

### ESPN3 OVC GAME OF THE WEEK

Eastern Illinois football has been selected for two OVC Football Game of the Week matchups for the 2019 season...

Sept. 28 EIU vs. Tennessee Tech at 4 pm



### NCAA PLAYOFF APPEARANCES

#### School.....# Appearances (Last)

Montana ..... 24 (2015)  
Eastern Kentucky ..... 21 (2014)  
Northern Iowa ..... 20 (2018)  
Appalachian State\* ..... 20 (2012)  
Georgia Southern\* ..... 19 (2012)  
Furman ..... 17 (2017)  
**EASTERN ILLINOIS ..... 16 (2015)**  
New Hampshire ..... 16 (2017)  
McNeese State ..... 16 (2015)  
Delaware ..... 16 (2018)  
James Madison ..... 15 (2018)

\* moved to the FBS level in 2013

#### FCS Division I Playoffs

1982 - Quarterfinals  
1983 - First Round  
1986- Quarterfinals  
1989 - Quarterfinals  
1995 - First Round  
1996 - First Round  
2000 - First Round  
2001 - First Round  
2002 - First Round  
2005 - First Round  
2006 - First Round  
2007 - First Round  
2009 - First Round  
2012 - First Round  
2013 - Quarterfinals  
2015 - First Round



#### Division II Playoffs

1978 (National Champions)  
1980 (National Runners-up)

### FCS PLAYOFF APPEARANCES SINCE 2000

#### School.....# Appearances (Last)

New Hampshire ..... 14 (2017)  
Montana..... 13 (2015)  
Northern Iowa ..... 11 (2018)  
Appalachian State \* ..... 11 (2012)  
**EASTERN ILLINOIS ..... 10 (2015)**  
Eastern Washington ..... 10 (2018)  
James Madison ..... 10 (2018)

\* moved to the FBS level in 2013



## ADAM CUSHING

Eastern Illinois  
Head Football Coach  
1st year at Eastern Illinois  
(University of Chicago, 2002)

### Eastern Illinois

- Hired as 25th head coach in program history – Dec. 9, 2018

### Northwestern

- Coached 15 years on NU Staff, 13 seasons under Coach Pat Fitzgerald
- Team won Big Ten Conference West Division in 2018 (8-1 record)
- Helped coach team to win over Utah in 2018 Holiday Bowl in final game at Northwestern
- Coached Offensive Line for Wildcats since 2009
- Coached Superbacks position in 2008
- Coached Tight Ends & H-Backs in 2005-07
- Served as recruiting coordinator from 2008-10
- Graduate assistant coach in 2004
- Twice named one of Big Ten Top Recruiters by Rivals.com & ESPN.com
- Coached Drake Dunsmore (Freshman All-Big Ten / 7th Round NFL Pick)
- Offensive Line Blocked For Five (5) 1,000 yard rushers
- Offensive Line allowed fewest sacks in Big Ten in 2012
- Coached two selections to the East-West Shrine Game
- Coached Three Academic All-Americans
- Coached Seven All-Big Ten Offensive Line Selections
- Helped coach team to Ten (10) post-season Bowl appearances
- Coached two-time Rimington Award candidate Ben Burkett
- Coached Brandon Vitabile, a finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy
- Coached offensive line that blocked for NCAA record plays vs. Auburn
- 115 offensive plays in 2010 Outback Bowl
- helped quarterback Mike Kafka set Outback Bowl record
- Coached offensive line unit that ranked in top four in Big Ten

### University of La Verne

- Assistant Coach in 2002 & 2003
- Coached Tight Ends in 2002
- Coached Offensive Line in 2003

### Personal

- Played collegiately at University of Chicago
- Three-time All-University Athletic Association Selection (1999-01) at Tight End
- Helped team win two UAA titles in 1998 & 2000
- Finished career with 72 receptions, 10th on University of Chicago all-time list
- Bachelor's Degree from University of Chicago in 2002 (Psychology)
- Master's Degree from University of La Verne in 2004
- Brother Matt Cushing played six years in National Football League (Pittsburgh)
- He and wife Dr. Jaime Cushing, DDS, have three children – Abigail, Dana and Alexander
- Native of Chicago, Illinois (attended Chicago Mt. Carmel HS)

### CAREER

Head Coach - Eastern Illinois (2019--)  
Offensive Line Coach - Northwestern (2009-18)  
Superbacks Coach - Northwestern (2008)  
Tight Ends Coach - Northwestern (2005-07)  
Graduate Assistant - Northwestern (2004)  
Offensive Line Coach - La Verne (2003)  
Tight Ends Coach - La Verne (2002)

### POST SEASON APPEARANCES

2018 - Holiday Bowl (Northwestern)  
2017 - Music City Bowl (Northwestern)  
2016 - Pinstripe Bowl (Northwestern)  
2015 - Outback Bowl (Northwestern)  
2012 - Gator Bowl (Northwestern)  
2011 - Mieneske Car Care Bowl of Texas (Northwestern)  
2010 - TicketCity Bowl (Northwestern)  
2009 - Outback Bowl (Northwestern)  
2008 - Alamo Bowl (Northwestern)  
2005 - Sun Bowl (Northwestern)

### PLAYING CAREER

Played at University of Chicago (1998-01)  
Tight End

1998 - UAA Champions

2000 - UAA Champions

1999-01 - 3-time All-UAA selection at tight end

### EDUCATION

Bachelor's - University of Chicago, 2002

Master's - University of La Verne, 2004

### FAMILY

Wife: Dr. Jaime Cushing

Children: Abigail, Dana, Alexander





**Adam Cushing**  
Head Coach  
(1st year)  
Univ. of Chicago, 2002



**Chris Bowers**  
Def. Coordinator  
(1st year)  
Wittenberg Univ., 1999



**John Kuceyeski**  
Off Cord. / Super Backs  
(1st year)  
Penn State, 2009



**Benny Boyd**  
Special Teams / Corners  
(1st year)  
Aurora Univ., 2000



**Chris Batti**  
Quarterbacks  
(1st year)  
Illinois, 2008



**Deonte' Gibson**  
Defensive Line  
(1st year)  
Northwestern, 2015



**Adam Gristick**  
Linebackers  
(2nd year)  
Eastern Illinois, 2015



**Dan Hernandez**  
Offensive Line  
(1st year)  
Upper Iowa, 2009



**Shane Kelly**  
Assistant Offensive Line  
(1st year)  
Eastern Illinois, 2012



**Mark Philmore II**  
Wide Receivers  
(1st year)  
Northwestern, 2006



**Neal Renna**  
Safeties  
(1st year)  
Heidelberg Univ., 2011



**Jesse Walton**  
Outside Linebackers  
(1st year)  
Butler, 2000



**Omar Young**  
Running Backs  
(1st year)  
Savannah State, 2005



**Collin Geier**  
Defensive Quality Control  
(1st year)  
Missouri, 2019



**Sergio Medina Jr**  
Offensive Quality Control  
(1st year)  
Eastern Illinois, 2012



**Joe Orozco**  
Dir. of Football Performance  
(1st year)  
North Central, 2012



**Matt Wright**  
Dir. Football Operations  
(3rd year)  
Florida State



**Jordan Sanders**  
Quality Control Recruiting  
(1st year)  
Emporia State, 2014



**Clint Bays**  
Equipment Manager  
(12th year)  
Eastern Illinois



**Jason Heiar**  
Football Athletic Trainer  
(6th year)  
Iowa, 2000



# EIU LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

## Eastern Illinois Football The Last Time It Happened....

### Passed for more than 300 yards...

Johnathan Brantley, 328, vs Murray State (Oct. 6, 2018)  
Harry Woodbery, 339, at Tennessee Tech (Sept. 29, 2018)

### Passed for more than 400 yards...

Johnathan Brantley, 443, vs. Indiana State (Sept. 15, 2018)

### Threw four touchdown passes...

Harry Woodbery, 5, at Tennessee Tech (Sept. 29, 2018)  
Johnathan Brantley, 4, vs. Indiana State (Sept. 15, 2018)

### Rushed for more than 200 yards...

Isaiah Johnson, 236, at Murray State (Oct. 14, 2017)

### Rushed for three touchdowns...

Isaiah Johnson, 3, vs. Austin Peay (Nov. 10, 2018)

### Rushed for four touchdowns...

J.R. Taylor, 4 vs. Florida Atlantic (Nov. 16, 2002)

### Had 12 Receptions...

Adam Drake, 13 at Eastern Kentucky (Oct. 11, 2014)  
Erik Lora, 21 vs. Murray State (Sept. 22, 2012) \*\* OVC & EIU Single Game Record  
Erik Lora, 18 vs. Towson (Dec. 13, 2013) \*\* FCS Playoff Single Game Record

### Had 3 touchdown receptions...

Alexander Hollins, 3, at Arkansas (Sept. 1, 2018)  
Alexander Hollins, 3, vs. Indiana State (Sept. 15, 2018)

### Had 200 yards receiving...

Erik Lora, 269 vs. Murray State (Sept. 22, 2012) \*\* EIU Single Game Record  
Adam Drake, 225 at UT Martin (Nov. 23, 2013)

### Returned a punt for a touchdown...

Erik Lora, 1, vs. Tennessee Tech (Nov. 2, 2013) - (80 yards)  
Shepard Little, 1, vs. Tennessee Tech (Nov. 2, 2013) - (75 yards)  
Shepard Little, 1 at San Diego State (Aug. 31, 2013) - (60 yards)

### Returned a kick-off for touchdown...

Matt Reyna, 1, vs. Indiana State (Sept. 15, 2018) - (96 yards)

### Returned an interception for touchdown...

Bryce Dewberry, 1, vs. UT Martin (Oct. 20, 2018) - (61 yards)

### Returned a fumble for touchdown...

Pono Choy, 1 at Southeast Missouri (Oct. 1, 2016) - (22 yards)

### Recorded a safety...

Robert Haynes, 1 at Illinois State (Sept. 13, 2014) - combined with Taylor  
Laquesse Taylor, 1 at Illinois State (Sept. 13, 2014) - combined with Haynes  
Team at UT Martin (Nov. 14, 2015) - blocked punt out of end zone

### Blocked a punt...

Julian Hess vs. Illinois State (Sept. 16, 2017) - returned for touchdown

### Returned a blocked punt for touchdown - blocked by...

Mack Weaver, 1 vs. Illinois State (Sept. 16, 2017)... - Julian Hess

### Blocked a field goal...

Terrell Greer & Mack Weaver, 1, at Murray State (Oct. 14, 2017)

### Returned a blocked field goal for touchdown - blocked by...

Rashad Haynes, 1 vs. Samford (Nov. 17, 2007) - Trevor Frericks

### \*\*\*Returned a point after attempt for 2-point conversion...

Bradley Dewberry at Western Illinois (Sept. 3, 2015) - first in school history

### EIU scored a two-point conversion

- (Rush) - J.R. Taylor, 2, at Murray State (Nov. 23, 2002)  
- (Pass) - Alexander Hollins from Harry Woodbery, at Southeast Missouri (Nov. 17, 2018)

### Won a game on a field goal...

Nick Bruno, 38 yards vs. UT Martin (Oct. 20, 2018) - overtime

### Had 15 or more tackles on defense...

Pono Choy, 15, at Miami of Ohio (Sept. 10, 2016)

### Had 3 or more sacks on defense...

Kory Lothe, 4 vs. Tennessee Tech (Nov. 8, 2003)

### Had 4 or more tackles for loss on defense...

Dytarious Johnson, 5.5 vs. UT Martin (Oct. 20, 2018)

### Recovered an onside kick...

Camden Meade, 1, at Southeast Missouri (Nov. 17, 2018)

### Offensive Lineman Scored a Touchdown

Scott Taylor 1, at Austin Peay (Oct. 3, 2015) --- picked up fumble for 12-yard TD rush

## 2019 EASTERN ILLINOIS TOUCHDOWNS

Qtr.....Play.....Opponent  
2.....Nick Stricker 7 pass from Johnathan Brantley .....Chattanooga

## EASTERN ILLINOIS NFL CONNECTION

### SAN FRANCISCO 49ers

Jimmy Garoppolo - Quarterback

### PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Kamu Grugier-Hill - Linebacker

### NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Sean Payton - Head Coach

### CHICAGO BEARS

Ryan Pace - General Manager

### HOUSTON TEXANS

Tim Kelly - Offensive Coordinator





## TEAM GAME RECORDS

### TOTAL OFFENSE:

739.....vs. Illinois State.....	Sept. 14, 2013
704.....at UT Martin.....	Nov. 23, 2013
683.....vs. Winona State.....	Nov. 1, 1986
676.....vs. Saginaw State.....	Sept. 21, 1985
671.....vs. Austin Peay.....	Sept. 29, 2012
665.....vs. Southeast Missouri.....	Oct. 19, 2013
656.....vs. Illinois-Chicago.....	Sept. 27, 1969
654.....vs. Murray State.....	Nov. 8, 2014
<b>643.....vs. Murray State.....</b>	<b>Oct. 6, 2018</b>
641.....vs. Austin Peay.....	Sept. 24, 2016

### RUSHING YARDAGE:

413.....vs. Austin Peay.....	Sept. 20, 2014
413.....vs. Jacksonville State.....	Nov. 16, 2013
398.....vs. St. Joseph.....	Oct. 27, 1973
384.....vs. Grand Valley State.....	Sept. 17, 1983
382.....at UT Martin.....	Nov. 1, 2001
379.....vs. Florida Atlantic.....	Nov. 16, 2002

### RUSHING ATTEMPTS:

72.....vs. Western Illinois.....	1976
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### PASSING YARDAGE:

509.....vs. Austin Peay.....	Sept. 29, 2012
509.....vs. Saginaw Valley.....	Sept. 21, 1985
501.....at UT Martin.....	Nov. 23, 2013
491.....vs. Illinois State.....	Sept. 14, 2013
486.....at Missouri State.....	Oct. 27, 1984
482.....vs. Western Kentucky.....	Nov. 10, 1984

### PASSING ATTEMPTS:

62.....vs. Murray State.....	Sept. 22, 2012
<b>61.....at Jacksonville State.....</b>	<b>Oct. 13, 2018</b>
<b>61.....vs. Murray State.....</b>	<b>Oct. 6, 2018</b>
61.....vs. Illinois State.....	Sept. 15, 2012
58.....at Southern Illinois.....	Sept. 7, 2013
.....(4 other games with 58 attempts)	

### PASSES COMPLETED:

40.....vs. Murray State.....	Sept. 22, 2012
40.....vs. Saginaw Valley.....	Sept. 21, 1985

### TOUCHDOWNS:

12.....vs. Merom Academy.....	1920
10.....at UT Martin.....	Nov. 23, 2013
10.....vs. Kentucky State.....	Nov. 13, 1982

### TOUCHDOWN PASSES:

7.....vs. Illinois State.....	Sept. 14, 2013
7.....vs. Southern Illinois.....	2012
6.....at UT Martin.....	Nov. 23, 2013
6.....at Northern Illinois.....	Sept. 21, 2013
.....(3 other games with 6 TD passes)	

### MOST EIU POINTS IN A QUARTER:

35.....vs. Jacksonville State.....	Nov. 16, 2013
30.....vs. Kentucky State.....	Nov. 13, 1982
30.....vs. Central State.....	Sept. 26, 1981

### MOST POINTS SCORED BY BOTH TEAMS:

105.....at Illinois State.....	Sept. 15, 2012
.....(ISU 54, EIU 51 - 2OT)	
102.....vs. Tennessee State.....	Nov. 2, 2002
.....(EIU 54; TSU 48)	

### POINTS

82.....Merom Academy.....	Nov. 18, 1920
73.....Kentucky State.....	Nov. 13, 1982
70.....at UT Martin.....	Nov. 23, 2013
69.....Illinois College.....	1917
65.....Austin Peay.....	Sept. 29, 2012
64.....Winona State.....	Nov. 1, 1986
63.....Austin Peay.....	Sept. 20, 2014
63.....at Austin Peay.....	Oct. 10, 2013
62.....Lock Haven.....	Aug. 31, 1991
60.....at Wayne State.....	Nov. 9, 1968
60.....Oakland City.....	Oct. 17, 1925

### EIU LOWEST OFFENSIVE TOTAL:

76.....at Youngstown State.....	Oct. 13, 1973
117.....Illinois State.....	Sept. 16, 2017
120.....Central Arkansas.....	Sept. 11, 2010
130.....at Central Michigan.....	Oct. 25, 1969
138.....at Northwestern.....	Sept. 12, 2015
138.....Illinois State.....	Nov. 25, 2006
142.....at McNeese State.....	Sept. 11, 1993
142.....at San Jose State.....	Sept. 5, 1987
142.....at Northern Iowa.....	Sept. 6, 1975

### EIU FEWEST RUSHING YARDS:

-12.....at Northern Iowa.....	Oct. 7, 1995
-6.....Tennessee Tech.....	Sept. 17, 2011
-5.....UT Martin.....	Oct. 22, 2011
-3.....at San Jose State.....	Sept. 5, 1987
-3.....at Toledo.....	Sept. 22, 1984
1.....Illinois State.....	Oct. 6, 1984

### EIU FEWEST PASSING YARDS:

-1.....at Murray State (2-of-6) +.....	Nov. 16, 1974
0.....Southeast Missouri *.....	Oct. 13, 2001
0.....Truman State (0-of-9).....	Sept. 10, 1977
5.....at Central Missouri (2-of-7).....	Oct. 4, 1975
10.....at Truman State (1-of-4).....	Sept. 11, 1976
10.....Fairmount State (1-of-13).....	Sept. 28, 1968
12.....at Indiana State (2-of-11).....	Nov. 18, 1995

\* EIU did not attempt a pass in the game

+ EIU completed one pass for 5 yards and one pass for negative 6 yards in the game.

### QUARTERBACK SACKS:

12.....vs. Southwest Missouri.....	1986
12.....vs. Kentucky State.....	1982

### TURNOVERS:

8.....vs. Youngstown State.....	1981
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### TURNOVERS CAUSED:

13.....vs. Northern Illinois.....	1940
9.....vs. Northeast Missouri.....	1983
9.....vs. Western Illinois.....	1980

## EIU OVERTIME GAMES

### DOUBLE OVERTIME

+ Nov. 26, 1983 at Indiana State.....	L 13-16
Nov. 11, 2000 at Illinois State.....	L 41-44
Sept. 15, 2012 at Illinois State.....	L 51-54
Sept. 14, 2013 at Southern Illinois.....	W 40-37
Sept. 30, 2017 at Tennessee State.....	W 19-16
Oct. 14, 2017 at Murray State.....	W 27-24

### OVERTIME

+ Nov. 27, 1982 vs. Jackson State.....	W 16-13
Sept. 11, 2004 vs. Indiana State.....	L 30-33
Nov. 6, 2004 at Tennessee Tech.....	L 37-40
Nov. 6, 2010 at Tennessee State.....	W 31-28
Sept. 22, 2012 vs. Murray State.....	W 50-49
Oct. 11, 2014 at Eastern Kentucky.....	L 33-36
Sept. 19, 2015 vs. Illinois State.....	L 31-34
Oct. 17, 2015 at Tennessee State.....	W 25-22
Nov. 4, 2017 vs. Eastern Kentucky.....	W 23-20
Oct. 20, 2018 vs. UT Martin.....	W 24-21

+ 1982 & 1983 games in FCS playoffs

### MOST PLAYS IN A GAME:

112.....at UT Martin.....	Nov. 23, 2013
106.....at Illinois State.....	2012
104.....vs. Murray State.....	Nov. 8, 2014

### MOST PLAYS IN A GAME BY BOTH TEAMS:

210.....vs. Murray State.....	2012
...Murray State (110), EIU (100)	

### OPPONENTS AGAINST EASTERN ILLINOIS

### TOTAL OFFENSE:

675.....Tennessee State.....	Nov. 2, 2002
674.....at Illinois State.....	Oct. 18, 1969
<b>658.....Murray State.....</b>	<b>Oct. 6, 2018</b>
656.....at Marshall.....	Sept. 12, 1992
631.....at Western Michigan.....	Sept. 8, 2012
629.....at San Diego State.....	Oct. 6, 2001
609.....at Northern Illinois.....	Sept. 24, 1994

### RUSHING YARDAGE:

490.....at Central Michigan.....	Oct. 23, 1971
472.....Towson.....	Dec. 13, 2013
468.....at Illinois State.....	Oct. 18, 1969
<b>449.....Murray State.....</b>	<b>Oct. 6, 2018</b>
434.....at South Dakota State.....	Nov. 24, 2012
432.....Eastern Michigan.....	Oct. 21, 1972
425.....Southern Illinois.....	Nov. 7, 1987
420.....Central Michigan.....	Oct. 24, 1970
418.....at Northern Illinois.....	Sept. 24, 1994
411.....at Southeast Missouri.....	Oct. 1, 2011

### PASSING YARDAGE:

529.....Hawai'i.....	Sept. 30, 2006
473.....Illinois State.....	Sept. 15, 2012
453.....Hawai'i.....	Aug. 31, 2002
452.....Hawai'i.....	Sept. 11, 1999
444.....Idaho.....	Nov. 25, 1989
435.....Tennessee State.....	Nov. 2, 2002
423.....Murray State.....	Sept. 22, 2012
419.....Truman State (NEMO.).....	Sept. 6, 1986

### POINTS

74.....Illinois Wesleyan.....	Sept. 30, 1921
63.....at Kansas State.....	Sept. 14, 2002
63.....at Marshall.....	Sept. 12, 1992
61.....at Hawai'i.....	Aug. 31, 2002
61.....Central Michigan.....	Nov. 2, 1957
61.....Millikin.....	Nov. 1, 1941
60.....Central Michigan.....	Oct. 2, 1954

### LOWEST OFFENSIVE TOTAL:

-12.....vs. Kentucky State.....	Nov. 13, 1982
47.....Butler.....	Sept. 8, 1979
50.....UT Martin.....	Sept. 25, 1996
61.....California (Pa.).....	Aug. 30, 2003
65.....Central State (Ohio).....	Sept. 26, 1981
66.....Illinois State.....	Nov. 10, 1979

### OPPONENT FEWEST RUSHING YARDS:

-67.....Kentucky State.....	Nov. 13, 1982
-23.....Eastern Kentucky.....	Nov. 18, 2000
-1.....Southeast Missouri.....	Nov. 9, 1996
-1.....Southern Illinois.....	Sept. 10, 1983
0.....Northern Michigan.....	Nov. 1, 1980

### OPPONENT FEWEST PASSING YARDS:

5.....Central State (OH) (4-of-16).....	Sept. 26, 1981
7.....Youngstown State (1-of-12).....	Dec. 2, 1978
10.....Missouri State.....	Oct. 24, 1992
13.....Northwestern (La.) State.....	Sept. 8, 1990
20.....Butler.....	Sept. 8, 1979
20.....Cameron (Okla.).....	Oct. 15, 1977
22.....Austin Peay.....	Nov. 2, 1996

**INDIVIDUAL GAME RECORDS****TOTAL OFFENSE:**

Sean Payton.....	507 vs. Saginaw Valley.....	1985
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	501 vs. Austin Peay.....	2012
Sean Payton.....	498 vs. SW Missouri.....	1984
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	476 at UT Martin.....	2013
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	469 vs. Illinois State.....	2013
<b>Johnathan Brantley ..</b>	<b>458 vs. Indiana State.....</b>	<b>2018</b>
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	442 at Southern Illinois.....	2013
Sean Payton.....	441 vs. W. Kentucky.....	1984

**RUSHING YARDAGE:**

J.R. Taylor .....	308 vs. Florida Atlantic.....	2002
Kevin Staple .....	283 vs. Grand Valley.....	1983
Nate Anderson .....	268 vs. St. Joseph.....	1973
Nate Anderson .....	259 vs. SW Missouri.....	1972
Shepard Little .....	245 vs. Jacksonville State.....	2013

**RUSHING ATTEMPTS:**

Willie High .....	48 vs. Northern Iowa.....	1993
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**PASSING YARDAGE:**

Sean Payton.....	509 vs. Saginaw Valley.....	1985
Sean Payton.....	486 vs. SW Missouri.....	1984
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	480 vs. Illinois State.....	2013
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	477 at UT Martin.....	2013
Sean Payton.....	461 vs. W. Kentucky.....	1984
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	453 vs. Austin Peay.....	2012
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	450 at Northern Illinois.....	2013
<b>Johnathan Brantley ..</b>	<b>443 vs. Indiana State.....</b>	<b>2018</b>

**PASSING ATTEMPTS:**

Jimmy Garoppolo ..	61 at Illinois State.....	2012
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	60 vs. Murray State.....	2012
Tony Romo.....	58 vs. Hawai'i.....	2002
Sean Payton.....	58 vs. Saginaw Valley.....	1985
Sean Payton.....	58 vs. Northern Iowa.....	1984

**PASSES COMPLETED:**

Sean Payton.....	40 vs. Saginaw Valley.....	1985
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	39 vs. Murray State.....	2012
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	38 vs. Towson.....	2013
<b>Johnathan Brantley ..</b>	<b>37 vs. Indiana State.....</b>	<b>2018</b>
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	37 at Illinois State.....	2012

**RECEIVING (CATCHES):**

Erik Lora.....	21 vs. Murray State.....	2012
* OVC Record		
Erik Lora.....	18 vs. Towson.....	2013
Erik Lora.....	17 at UT Martin.....	2012
Erik Lora.....	15 vs. SE Missouri.....	2012
Willie White .....	15 vs. Illinois State.....	1971
Adam Drake .....	14 at UT Martin.....	2013
Erik Lora.....	14 at Northern Illinois.....	2013
Andre Raymond .....	14 vs. Hawai'i.....	2002
Rob Mehlic.....	14 vs. Delaware State.....	1981

**RECEIVING (YARDS):**

Erik Lora.....	269 vs. Murray State.....	2012
Frank Cutolo.....	239 vs. Tennessee St.....	2001
Calvin Pierce.....	238 vs. SW Missouri.....	1986
Adam Drake.....	225 at UT Martin.....	2013
Chris Wright.....	217 at Tennessee State.....	2010
Frank Cutolo.....	217 vs. Northern Iowa.....	2001
Erik Lora.....	215 at UT Martin.....	2012
Ralph Stewart.....	201 vs. S. Illinois.....	1988

**ALL-PURPOSE RUSHING:**

Poke Cobb .....	336 vs. Butler.....	1976
Andre Raymond .....	335 vs. Hawai'i.....	2002

**TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS:**

Scott McGhee .....	4 vs. Northern Iowa.....	1978
James Warring .....	4 vs. Northern Michigan.....	1978

**RUSHING YARDS BY A QB:**

Jalen Whitlow .....	142 at UT Martin.....	2015
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**TOUCHDOWNS:**

Steve Turner.....	6 vs. Mecom Academy.....	1920
Kevin Staple.....	5 vs. Kentucky State.....	1982
Erik Lora.....	4 vs. Tennessee Tech.....	2013
J.R. Taylor .....	4 vs. Florida Atlantic.....	2002
J.R. Taylor .....	4 vs. Tennessee-Martin.....	2002
Kevin Staple.....	4 vs. Grand Valley.....	1983
James Warring .....	4 vs. Northern Michigan.....	1978
Scott McGhee .....	4 vs. Northern Iowa.....	1978

**TOUCHDOWN PASSES:**

Jimmy Garoppolo ..	7 vs. Illinois State.....	2013
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	6 at UT Martin.....	2013
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	6 at Northern Illinois.....	2013
Tony Romo.....	6 vs. Murray State.....	2000
Jeff Christensen ..	6 vs. Kentucky State.....	1982
<i>Others (5 touchdown passes in a game)</i>		
Jimmy Garoppolo (4), Sean Payton (2),		
Tony Romo (1), Steve Turk (1), Harry Woodbery (1)		

**SOLO TACKLES:**

Thomas Williams....	20 vs. St. Joseph.....	1997
Nick Ricks.....	18 vs. E. Kentucky.....	2002
Chris Nicholson.....	17 vs. SW Missouri.....	1983
Tim Lance.....	17 vs. Northern Iowa.....	1987
John Noll.....	15 vs. Northern Iowa.....	1987
Tim Lance.....	15 vs. W. Kentucky.....	1990
Jeff Mills.....	14 vs. Western Illinois.....	1988
Jeff Mills.....	14 vs. SW Missouri.....	1988

**TOTAL TACKLES:**

Tim Carver.....	31 vs. Texas-El Paso.....	1994
Jeff Mills.....	29 vs. SW Missouri.....	1988
Thomas Williams....	27 vs. St. Joseph.....	1997
Nick Ricks.....	25 vs. E. Kentucky.....	2002
Tyrone Covington ..	25 vs. Illinois State.....	1984
John Noll.....	23 vs. Northern Iowa.....	1988
Ray Jeske.....	21 vs. Delaware.....	1978

**TACKLES FOR LOSS:**

Trevor Frericks .....	7.0 vs. Tennessee State.....	2009
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**QUARTERBACK SACKS:**

John Jurkovic.....	6 vs. SW Missouri.....	1986
Pete Catan.....	6 vs. Southern Illinois.....	1979

**PASSES INTERCEPTED:**

Bill Glenn.....	5 vs. Northern Illinois.....	1940
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**MOST PASS RECEPTIONS BY A RUNNING BACK:**

Devin Church.....	10 at Northern Iowa.....	2015
DuWayne Pitts.....	9 vs. SW Missouri.....	1984

**LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS:**

Tony Romo to .....	98 vs. E. Kentucky.....	2000
Will Bumphus.....		

**LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN:**

Jimmy Lera.....	96 at Southeast Missouri.....	2014
Poke Cobb.....	96 vs. Tennessee Tech.....	1976

**LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR TD:**

Roosevelt Williams.	98 vs. Tennessee St.....	2001
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**LONGEST FUMBLE RETURN FOR TD:**

Anthony Goodman, 70 vs. Eastern Kentucky.....	2013
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**LONGEST FIELD GOAL:**

Rich Ehmke.....	58 vs. Northern Iowa.....	1986
Steve Largent.....	53 vs. SW Missouri.....	1993

**LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN:**

Chris Watson.....	100 vs. Northern Iowa.....	1995
Marcus Potts.....	100 vs. Youngstown St.....	1977

**LONGEST PUNT:**

Bob Babb.....	100 vs. Illinois State.....	1946
Kevin Cook.....	86 vs. Southeast Missouri.....	2010
(EIU Division I record)		

**LONGEST PUNT RETURN:**

Bob Babb.....	100 vs. Millikin.....	1949
Erik Lora.....	80 vs. Tennessee Tech.....	2013
Jermaine Mobley.....	80 vs. Tennessee State.....	2004
Frank Cutolo.....	80 at Central Florida.....	1999

**MOST BLOCKED KICKS:**

Kourtney Young.....	3 vs. Illinois State.....	2000
Scott Johnson.....	3 vs. Western Illinois.....	1988
Scott Johnson.....	3 vs. Western Kentucky.....	1988

**MOST CONSECUTIVE PASSES COMPLETED:**

Sean Payton.....	17 vs. Western Kentucky.....	1986
Tony Romo.....	16 vs. Indiana State.....	2001

**MOST FIELD GOALS:**

Rich Ehmke.....	5 vs. Winona State.....	1986
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**MOST FUMBLE RECOVERIES:**

Tied by many.....	2
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**MOST INTERCEPTIONS THROWN:**

Jeff Thorne.....	7 vs. McNeese State.....	1993
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All eyes are on **Rich Ehmke's (#6)** record-setting 58 yard field goal that gave the No. 8 ranked Panthers a 31-30 victory over No. 11 Northern Iowa on the last play of the game in 1986. Often described as the "most exciting game in EIU history," the Homecoming win in front of 11,000 plus fans propelled the Panthers on to the conference championship that season.

## HOW DO YOU SAY THAT - EIU Pronunciation Guide

5	NEE-COLA Wadsworth
7	ISAIAH Gulley
9	Jaylin Hayes BEN-uh-field
12	MARCUS Ray
13	X-ZAY-vur Shugars
16	Jo-ELL Barrows
20	Marcus BORN-slay-ter
22	Courtney Rowell (rhymes with "towel")
30	NILE (rhymes with "file") Hill
31	Anthony Muh-NAW-vez
38	Darius waw-DELL
42	Brandon GWEE-doe
46	Aw-MEER uh-KWELL
54	B. J. OH-Joe (like "mojo")
56	Christian Muh-SOOCH-ee
58	Anthony Im-PEER-ee-oh
59	James you-BOCK-ay
65	Nick ROSS-ler
66	Drew waw-LEE-guh
70	Bryce COAL-sun
72	EI-Cannon TAN-uh-luss
73	Dillon Zer-LAN-is
75	McKinley NEV-ull (rhymes with "devil")
77	Ivan GLAY-zer
79	Anthony So-toh-SAWN-toh
82	ZANDER Richards
83	Tuh-REEK Phillips
88	TRAY-von Brown
93	Roh-NELL DAY-oh

## EIU 2019 ROSTER BREAKDOWN BY STATE/YEAR

### EIU Roster By Home State

Illinois .....	53
Texas .....	8
Florida .....	6
Indiana .....	6
Arkansas .....	5
Missouri .....	5
Oklahoma .....	4
Alabama .....	3
Georgia .....	2
Kentucky .....	2
Ohio .....	2
California .....	1
Connecticut .....	1
Hawai'i .....	1
Tennessee .....	1
Australia .....	1

### EIU Roster By Class

Graduate Students .....	1
Senior .....	12
Junior .....	18
Sophomore .....	19
Redshirt Freshmen .....	11
Freshmen .....	38

## MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

### EASTERN ILLINOIS QUICK FACTS

LOCATION:	Charleston, Illinois
FOUNDED:	1895
ENROLLMENT:	7,415
COLORS:	Blue & Gray
CONFERENCE:	Ohio Valley
STADIUM:	O'Brien Field (10,000)
SURFACE:	Matrix Turf
PRESIDENT:	Dr. David Glassman
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:	Tom Michael

O'BRIEN PRESS BOX PHONE: (217) 581-7770

EIU TICKET OFFICE: (217) 581-2106

EIU SPORTS INFORMATION: (217) 581-7480

EIU WEBSITE: www.EIUpanthers.com

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#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/LAST)
1	Scotty Gilkey, Jr.	QB	6-4	240	R-Jr	1	Tulsa, Okla. (Edison)
2	Bryce Dewberry	SAF	5-10	210	So	1	McDonough, Ga. (Eagles Landing)
3	Cornelius Page	DB	6-1	165	R-Sr	3	Camden, Ark. (Camden Fairview)
4	Raymond Crittenden	SAF	6-1	205	R-Jr	2	Hallandale, Fla. (Hallandale)
4	Isaiah Hill	WR	5-11	190	R-So	TR	Shorewood, Ill. (Minooka/South Dakota State Univ.)
5	Matt Reyna	WR	5-8	170	Sr	1	Kingwood Park, Texas (Kingwood Park / Navarro JC)
5	Nikola Wadsworth	LB	6-2	220	R-Jr	TR	Darien, Ill. (Oswego East / Idaho State Univ.)
6	Edwyn Brown	DB	6-5	200	R-So	1	Belleville, Ill. (Althoff Catholic)
6	Jonah O'Brien	QB	6-3	200	Fr	HS	Bartlett, Ill. (Bartlett)
7	Iziah Gulley	LB	6-2	210	R-Jr	2	Camden, Ark. (Camden Fairview)
7	Payton Powell	WR	6-0	155	R-Fr	RS	Lake Zurich, Ill. (Lake Zurich)
8	Harry Woodbery	QB	6-2	195	R-Jr	1	The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands/Navarro JC)
8	Antonio Crosby	SAF	5-10	195	R-Jr	2	Chicago, Ill. (Simeon)
9	Jaelin Hayes-Benefield	RB	5-10	160	Fr	HS	Pearland, Texas (Pearland)
11	Johnathan Brantley	QB	6-1	195	Sr	1	Houston, Texas (CE King / Tulane Univ.)
12	Marques Ray	WR	6-0	185	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Simeon)
12	Joel Barrows	LB	6-3	215	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Brooks Prep)
13	Chris Walker	RB	6-1	210	GR	TR	Lewisburg, Tenn. (Marshall County/Cornell Univ.)
13	Xzavier Shugars	DB	5-10	180	R-Sr	2	Chamblee, Ga. (Chamblee)
14	Jaylon Banks	QB	6-1	190	R-So	SQ	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego East)
15	Will Shumpert	WR	6-6	215	Fr	HS	St. Louis, Mo. (Belleville West)
16	Donovan Perkins	DB	5-10	180	Fr	HS	Winnetka, Ill. (New Trier)
19	Robbie Lofton II	WR	6-3	185	R-Jr	1	Lexington, Ky. (Tates Creek)
20	Marcus Bornslater	SAF	6-3	200	R-So	SQ	Crossett, Ark. (Crossett)
21	Mark Williams	DB	6-0	175	R-Jr	2	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
22	Courtney Rowell	RB	6-2	200	R-So	1	South Bend, Ind. (St. Joseph)
23	JJ Ross	DB	6-2	195	Fr	HS	West Chester, Ohio (Lakota West)
24	Darshon McCullough	RB	5-9	190	Sr	3	Chicago, Ill. (Marist)
25	Charles Shelton IV	DB	5-11	160	R-Fr	RS	Maryland Heights, Mo. (Pattonville)
26	Jordan Jackson	DB	6-0	185	R-Jr	2	Blytheville, Ark. (Blytheville)
27	David Hardwick	RB	6-0	220	Fr	HS	Roselle, Ill. (Lake Park)
28	Skyler Mayes	LB	6-2	235	So	1	Paducah, Ky. (McCracken County)
29	Jonas Filer	DB	5-9	170	R-So	1	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Mt. Carmel)
30	Nile Hill	DB	5-11	175	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Marist)
31	Anthony Manaves	SB	6-4	225	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (St. Patrick)
32	Dylan Hughes	DB	5-11	170	Fr	HS	Milford, Ohio (Milford)
33	Austin Johnson	DL	6-3	245	R-So	1	St. Petersburg, Fla. (St. Petersburg)
35	Eric Johnson	RB	5-11	190	Fr	HS	Gary, Ind. (Morton)
36	TJ Davis	DB	5-10	170	Fr	HS	St. Louis, Mo. (Trinity Catholic)
37	Matt Ross	DB	6-0	180	Fr	HS	Lombard, Ill. (Montini Catholic)
38	Darius Waddell	SAF	6-0	170	R-Fr	RS	Sherwood, Ark. (Sylvan)
39	D.J. Perry	WR	5-10	180	R-Sr	RS	Aurora, Ill. (Oswego East / Concordia College Chicago)
40	Jordan Williams	DB	5-9	200	Fr	HS	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego East)
41	Robert Columbus	RB	6-2	205	R-Sr	3	Kirkwood, Mo. (Kirkwood)
42	Brandon Guido	DB	5-9	190	Fr	HS	Naperville, Ill. (Waubonsie Valley)
43	Connor Aldrich	DB	6-0	170	Fr	HS	Rockford, Ill. (Harlem)
44	Nick Stricker	SB	6-2	245	Fr	HS	Lemont, Ill. (Lemont)
45	Joe Caputo	LB	6-2	235	R-Sr	3	Mount Prospect, Ill. (John Hersey)
46	Ameer Aqel	LB	6-2	220	Fr	HS	Orland Hills, Ill. (Andrew)
47	Anthony Shockey	LB	6-1	210	Fr	HS	Lombard, Ill. (Glenbard East)
48	Alex Smith	SB	6-2	225	R-Jr	2	Pompano Beach, Fla. (Blanche Ely)
49	Grant Edwards	LB	6-1	225	Fr	HS	Springfield, Ill. (Sacred Heart Griffin)
50	Sean Williams	LB	6-2	245	R-Jr	2	Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park)
51	Dytarious Johnson	LB	6-1	270	Jr	2	Prattville, Ala. (Prattville/Alabama Prep)
52	Jason Johnson	LB	6-2	200	Fr	HS	Matteson, Ill. (Rich Central)
53	Stone Galloway	K	5-11	205	Fr	HS	Collinsville, Ill. (Althoff Catholic)
54	BJ Ojo	LB	6-3	215	R-Sr	1	Houston, Texas (Manvel / Riverside City College)
55	Charlie Brooks	DL	6-0	235	Fr	HS	Flossmoor, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor)



#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC)
56	Christiaan Masucci	K/P	5-9	160	Fr	HS	Wildwood, Mo. (Lafayette)
57	Aaron 'Tiger' Woods	DL	6-3	250	R-So	SQ	Chicago, Ill. (Hinsdale South)
58	Anthony Imperio	OL	6-4	275	Fr	HS	Auburn, Ala. (Auburn)
59	James Ubaik	OL	6-4	280	R-Jr	1	Meriden, Conn. (Maloney / ND College of Science)
60	Aaron Miller	OL	6-5	290	R-Jr	1	Kaneohe, Haw. (St. Louis Prep)
61	Ben Solomon	OL	6-2	300	R-So	1	Indianapolis, Ind. (Bishop Chatard)
63	Matt Keys	OL	6-3	260	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Uplift Community)
64	Jerit Medler	OL	6-2	265	Fr	HS	Assumption, Ill. (Central A&M)
65	Nick Roessler	K/P	5-11	220	R-Fr	RS	Rock Island, Ill. (Rock Island)
66	Drew Walega	OL	6-6	300	R-Jr	2	Chicago, Ill. (St. Rita)
67	Chad Strickland	OL	6-5	280	Fr	HS	Salem, Ala. (Smiths Station)
68	Luther Harris	OL	6-6	375	R-Jr	2	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Heritage Hall)
69	Stephen Elmore	LS	6-0	240	So	1	Belleville, Ill. (Belleville East)
70	Bryce Coulson	LS	6-3	275	R-Jr	SQ	Brisbane, Australia (John Paul/Pima College)
71	Jose Sanchez	OL	6-4	340	R-So	1	Melrose Park, Ill. (Westchester Saint Joseph)
72	Elkhanan Tanelus	OL	6-2	330	Fr	HS	Naples, Fla. (Barron Collier)
73	Dylan Czerlanis	OL	6-4	290	Fr	HS	Antioch, Ill. (Antioch)
74	Dylan Scaggs	OL	6-6	295	Fr	HS	West Plains, Mo. (West Plains)
75	McKinley Neville	DL	6-3	260	Fr	HS	Batavia, Ill. (Batavia)
76	Cole Hoover	OL	6-4	260	R-Jr	2	Charleston, Ill. (Charleston)
77	Ivan Gleyzer	OL	6-4	290	Fr	HS	Lincolnshire, Ill. (Stevenson)
79	Anthony Sottosanto	OL	6-0	285	Fr	HS	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East)
80	Bryce Walker	SB	6-4	200	R-Fr	1	Duncanville, Texas (Duncanville)
81	Jalen Johnson	WR	6-2	190	R-So	1	Owasso, Okla. (Owasso)
82	Xander Richards	WR	6-4	180	R-So	1	Burleson, Texas (Burleson Centennial)
83	Teriq Phillips	WR	6-3	185	So	1	Pompano Beach, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
84	Ryan James	WR	6-3	205	R-So	TR	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle Institute / Purdue Univ.)
85	Kirk Pinkston Jr.	WR	5-10	175	Fr	HS	Indianapolis, Ind. (Lawrence Central)
86	James Sheehan	SB	6-3	220	R-Sr	3	Flossmoor, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor)
87	DeWayne Cooks Jr	WR	6-2	155	R-Fr	RS	Tulsa, Okla. (Booker T. Washington)
88	Trevon Brown	WR	6-0	190	Fr	HS	Oak Park, Ill. (Oak Park-River Forest)
89	Eric Rooks	WR	6-3	195	R-Fr	TR	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle Institute / Univ. of Hawaii)
90	Josh Delgado	K	5-11	245	So	1	Duncanville, Texas (Duncanville)
91	D'Mitri George	DE	6-3	255	R-So	1	Lafayette, Ind. (Central Catholic)
92	Cameron Leach	DL	6-1	285	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Nazareth Academy)
93	Ronell Deo	DL	6-2	265	R-Sr	1	Elk Grove, Calif (Franklin/Sierra College)
94	Dominic Moore	DL	6-7	290	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Perspectives Charter)
95	Kylan Cole	DE	6-2	280	R-So	1	Zionsville, Ind. (Carmel)
96	Terrell Greer	DL	5-10	305	Sr	3	Chicago, Ill. (Mount Carmel)
97	Tim Varga	DL	6-3	240	Fr	HS	Elk Grove Village, Ill. (Elk Grove Village)
98	Anthony Lewis	LB	6-0	205	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (St. Laurence)
99	Jayden O'Neal	DL	6-1	275	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Simeon)

### EASTERN ILLINOIS ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

43.....Connor Aldrich.....DB	1.....Scotty Gilkey, Jr.....QB	28.....Skyler Mayes.....LB	25.....Charles Shelton IV.....DB
46.....Ameer Agel.....LB	77.....Ivan Gleyzer.....OL	24.....Darshon McCullough.....RB	47.....Anthony Shockey.....LB
14.....Jaylon Banks.....QB	96.....Terrell Greer.....DL	64.....Jerit Medler.....OL	13.....Xzavier Shugars.....DB
12.....Joel Barrows.....LB	42.....Brandon Guido.....DB	60.....Aaron Miller.....OL	15.....Will Shumpert.....WR
20.....Marcus Bornslater.....SAF	7.....Iziah Guley.....LB	94.....Dominic Moore.....DL	48.....Alex Smith.....SB
11.....Johnathan Brantley.....QB	27.....David Hardwick.....RB	75.....McKinley Neville.....DL	61.....Ben Solomon.....OL
55.....Charlie Brooks.....DL	68.....Luther Harris.....OL	6.....Jonah O'Brien.....QB	79.....Anthony Sottosanto.....OL
6.....Edwyn Brown.....DB	9.....Jaelin Hayes-Benefield.....RB	54.....BJ Ojo.....LB	44.....Nick Stricker.....SB
88.....Trevon Brown.....WR	4.....Isaiah Hill.....WR	99.....Jayden O'Neal.....DL	67.....Chad Strickland.....OL
45.....Joe Caputo.....LB	30.....Nile Hill.....DB	3.....Comeliuss Page.....DB	72.....Elkhanan Tanelus.....OL
95.....Kylan Cole.....DE	76.....Cole Hoover.....OL	16.....Donovan Perkins.....DB	58.....James Ubaik.....DL
41.....Robert Columbus.....RB	32.....Dylan Hughes.....DB	39.....D.J. Perry.....WR	97.....Tim Varga.....DL
87.....DeWayne Cooks Jr.....WR	58.....Anthony Imperio.....OL	83.....Teriq Phillips.....WR	38.....Darius Waddell.....SAF
70.....Bryce Coulson.....LS	26.....Jordan Jackson.....DB	85.....Kirk Pinkston Jr.....WR	5.....Nikola Wadsworth.....LB
4.....Raymond Crittenden.....SAF	84.....Ryan James.....WR	7.....Payton Powell.....WR	66.....Drew Walega.....OL
8.....Antonio Crosby.....SAF	33.....Austin Johnson.....LB	12.....Marques Ray.....WR	13.....Chris Walker.....RB
73.....Dylan Czerlanis.....OL	51.....Dytarious Johnson.....LB	5.....Matt Reyna.....WR	80.....Bryce Walker.....SB
36.....TJ Davis.....DB	35.....Eric Johnson.....RB	82.....Xander Richards.....WR	40.....Jordan Williams.....DB
90.....Josh Delgado.....K	81.....Jalen Johnson.....WR	65.....Nick Roessler.....K/P	21.....Mark Williams.....DB
93.....Ronell Deo.....DL	52.....Jason Johnson.....LB	89.....Eric Rooks.....WR	50.....Sean Williams.....LB
2.....Bryce Dewberry.....SAF	63.....Matt Keys.....OL	23.....JJ Ross.....DB	8.....Harry Woodbery.....QB
49.....Grant Edwards.....LB	92.....Cameron Leach.....DL	37.....Matt Ross.....DB	57.....Aaron 'Tiger' Woods.....DL
69.....Stephen Elmore.....LS	98.....Anthony Lewis.....DL	22.....Courtney Rowell.....RB	
29.....Jonas Filer.....DB	19.....Robbie Lofton II.....WR	71.....Jose Sanchez.....OL	
53.....Stone Galloway.....K	31.....Anthony Manaves.....SB	74.....Dyain Scaggs.....OL	
91.....D'Mitri George.....DE	56.....Christiaan Masucci.....K/P	86.....James Sheehan.....SB	

## EIU OFFENSE

### QUARTERBACK

11 ... Johnathan Brantley	6-1	195	Sr
or 8 ... Harry Woodbery	6-2	195	R-Jr

### RUNNING BACK

24 ... Darshon McCullough	5-9	190	Sr
22 ... Courtney Rowell	6-2	200	R-So
or 9 ... Jaelin Hayes-Benefield	5-10	160	Fr

### SUPER BACK

86 ... James Sheehan	6-3	220	R-Sr
31 ... Anthony Manaves	6-4	225	Fr

### LEFT TACKLE

67 ... Chad Strickland	6-5	270	Fr
58 ... Anthony Imperio	6-4	275	Fr

### LEFT GUARD

72 ... Elkhanan Tanelus	6-2	330	Fr
68 ... Luther Harris	6-6	375	R-Jr

### CENTER

61 ... Ben Solomon	6-2	300	R-So
71 ... Jose Sanchez	6-4	340	R-So

### RIGHT GUARD

79 ... Anthony Sottosanto	6-0	285	Fr
66 ... Drew Walega	6-6	300	R-Jr

### RIGHT TACKLE

76 ... Cole Hoover	6-4	260	R-Jr
60 ... Aaron Miller	6-5	290	R-Jr

### RECEIVER

5 ... Matt Reyna	5-8	170	Sr
12 ... Marques Ray	6-0	185	R-Fr

### RECEIVER

19 ... Robbie Lofton II	6-3	185	R-Jr
84 ... Ryan James	6-3	205	R-So

### RECEIVER

82 ... Xander Richards	6-4	180	R-So
85 ... Kirk Pinkston	5-10	175	Fr

## EIU COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach:** Adam Cushing (Univ. of Chicago, 2002 - 1st year)  
(Career Record 0-1; OVC Record 0-0)

**Defensive Coordinator:** Chris Bowers (1st year)

**Offensive Coordinator/SB's:** John Kuceyeski (1st year) -- booth

**Defensive Backs / Special Teams:** Benny Boyd (1st year)

**Safeties:** Neal Renna (1st year) -- booth

**Defensive Line:** Deonte Gibson (1st year)

**Linebackers:** Adam Gristick (2nd year) -- booth

**Outside Linebackers:** Jesse Walton (1st year)

**Running Backs:** Omar Young (1st year) -- booth

**Wide Receivers:** Mark Philmore II (1st year)

**Quarterbacks:** Chris Batti (1st year)

**Offensive Line:** Dan Hernandez (1st year)

**Assistant Offensive Line:** Shane Kelly (1st year)

**Director of Football Performance:** Joe Orozco (1st year)

**Trainer:** Jason Heiar (6th year)

**Football Operations:** Matt Wright (3rd year)

**Equipment Manager:** Clint Bays (11th year)

**Offensive Quality Control:** Sergio Medina Jr. (1st year)

**Defensive Quality Control:** Collin Geier (1st year)

**Recruiting Quality Control:** Jordan Sanders (1st year)

**Football Player Development:** Zach Mentzer (1st year)

## EIU DEFENSE

### DEFENSIVE END

33 ... Austin Johnson	6-3	245	R-So
55 ... Charlie Brooks	6-0	235	Fr

### NOSE TACKLE

96 ... Terrell Greer	5-10	305	Sr
92 ... Cameron Leach	6-1	285	Fr

### DEFENSIVE TACKLE

93 ... Ronell Deo	6-2	265	R-Sr
91 ... D'Mitri George	6-3	255	R-So

### DEFENSIVE END/LINEBACKER

51 ... Dytarious Johnson	6-1	270	Jr
28 ... Skyler Mayes	6-2	235	So

### LINEBACKER

45 ... Joe Caputo	6-2	235	R-Sr
47 ... Anthony Shockey	6-1	210	Fr

### LINEBACKER

7 ... Iziah Gulley	6-2	210	R-Jr
54 ... BJ Ojo	6-3	215	R-Sr

### LINEBACKER

4 ... Raymond Crittenden	6-1	205	R-Jr
46 ... Ameer Aqel	6-2	220	Fr

### CORNERBACK

23 ... JJ Ross	6-2	195	Fr
29 ... Jonas Filer	5-9	170	R-So

### FREE SAFETY

8 ... Antonio Crosby	5-10	195	R-Jr
20 ... Marcus Bornslater	6-3	200	R-So

### STRONG SAFETY

2 ... Bryce Dewberry	5-10	210	So
6 ... Edwyn Brown	6-5	200	R-So

### CORNERBACK

3 ... Corneliuss Page	6-1	165	R-Sr
25 ... Charles Shelton IV	5-11	160	R-Fr

## EIU SPECIALISTS

### KICKER

90 ... Josh Delgado	5-11	245	So
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### KICKOFF

90 ... Josh Delgado	5-11	245	So
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### PUNTER

90 ... Josh Delgado	5-11	245	So
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### HOLDER

86 ... James Sheehan	6-3	220	R-Sr
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### LONG SNAPPER \*

69 ... Stephen Elmore	6-0	240	So
70 ... Bryce Coulson	6-3	275	R-Jr

### PUNT RETURNS

2 ... Bryce Dewberry	5-10	210	So
or 5 ... Matt Reyna	5-8	170	Sr

### KICK RETURNS

9 ... Jaelin Hayes-Benefield	5-10	160	Fr
87 ... DeWayne Cooks	6-2	155	R-Fr
5 ... Matt Reyna	5-8	170	Sr

\* Coulson snaps on punts / Elmore snaps on FG & Extra Points



# GAME 1 - Aug. 29, 2019

Eastern Illinois ..... 10  
 Chattanooga ..... 24

Chattanooga, Tenn.  
 Finley Stadium (8,254)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	3	7	0	0	10
Chattanooga	7	10	7	0	24

## FIRST QUARTER

UTC - Tiano 1 run (Ulmo kick) - 5:14  
 EIU - Delgado 37 field goal - 0:25

## SECOND QUARTER

UTC - Nunnally 59 pass from Tiano (Ulmo kick) - 8:01  
 EIU - Stricker 7 pass from Brantley (Delgado kick) - 2:39  
 UTC - Ulmo 37 field goal - 0:00

## THIRD QUARTER

UTC - Ford 1 run (Ulmo kick) - 10:24

## TEAM STATS .....EIU ..... UTC

First Downs	22	14
Rushes-Yards	36-130	33-94
Passing-Yards	224	256
Comp-Att-Int	26-47-1	17-27-2
Total Offense	354	350
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-34	11-95
Int Returns-Yards-TD	2-15-0	1-19-0
Time of Possession	34:19	25:41
Sacks-Yards	0-0	1-3

## LEADERS

### RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Hayes-Benefield (6-49-0), Brantley (12-29-0)  
 UTC - Ford (12-50-1), Prcie (15-33-0)

### PASSING (Att-Cmp-Int-Yds-TD)

EIU - Brantley (25-13-0-103-1), Woodbery (22-13-1-121-0)  
 UTC - Tiano (27-17-2-256-1)

### RECEIVING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Richards (5-67-0), Ray (4-35-0), Pinkston (4-30-0)  
 UTC - Nunnally (6-100-1), Henderson (4-65-0)

### DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Caputo (7-1-1.5), Gulley (5-0-0), Crosby (5-0-1)  
 UTC - Cooper (7-3-0), Boeck (6-0-0), Maxwell (3-3-1.5)

## RECAP

Following two good defensive stands by Eastern Illinois, the Panthers had a fumble on special teams that was recovered by Chattanooga deep in EIU territory. The Mocs would convert that turnover into a 1-yard Nick Tiano touchdown as they beat the Panthers 24-10 in the coaching debut for EIU's Adam Cushing. The Panthers defense would allow only 94 yards on the ground and forced a pair of turnovers with interceptions by Raymond Crittenden and Bryce Dewberry. On offense, EIU had both of its quarterbacks pass for more than 100 yards. Johnathan Brantley, the game's starter, had the lone touchdown pass for EIU hitting Nick Stricker on a 4th and 4 for a seven-yard touchdown.

2019 EIU PANTHERS FOOTBALL  
EASTERN ILLINOIS Game Results  
All games

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	Ohio Valley Record	Time	Attend
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Aug 29, 2019	at Chattanooga	10-24 L	0-1	0-0	3:05	8,254

\* indicates Ohio Valley Conference game

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**2019 EASTERN ILLINOIS STARTERS**

OPPONENT	WR	WR	RT	RG	C	LG	LT	WR	SB	RB	QB
Chattanooga	Richards	Lofton	Hoover	Sottosanto	Solomon	Tanelus	Strickland	Ray	Sheehan	Rowell	Brantley

OPPONENT	DE	NT	DT	DE/LB	LB	LB	LB	CB	SAF	SAF	CB
Chattanooga	A. Johnson	Greer	Deo	D. Johnson	Caputo	Gulley	Crittenden	Page	Crosby	Dewberry	Ross



EASTERN ILLINOIS FOOTBALL  
Eastern Illinois Overall Team Statistics (as of Aug 31, 2019)  
All games

Team Statistics	EIU	OPP
SCORING	10	24
Points Per Game	10.0	24.0
Points Off Turnovers	0	7
FIRST DOWNS	23	14
Rushing	4	4
Passing	14	10
Penalty	5	0
RUSHING YARDAGE	130	94
Yards gained rushing	142	104
Yards lost rushing	12	10
Rushing Attempts	36	33
Average Per Rush	3.6	2.8
Average Per Game	130.0	94.0
TDs Rushing	0	2
PASSING YARDAGE	240	256
Comp-Att-Int	26-47-1	17-27-2
Average Per Pass	5.1	9.5
Average Per Catch	9.2	15.1
Average Per Game	240.0	256.0
TDs Passing	1	1
TOTAL OFFENSE	370	350
Total Plays	83	60
Average Per Play	4.5	5.8
Average Per Game	370.0	350.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	2-21	1-26
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	2--6	0-0
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	2-15	1-19
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	10.5	26.0
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	-3.0	0.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	7.5	19.0
FUMBLES-LOST	3-2	0-0
PENALTIES-Yards	5-34	11-119
Average Per Game	34.0	119.0
PUNTS-Yards	6-201	6-259
Average Per Punt	33.5	43.2
Net punt average	33.5	44.2
KICKOFFS-Yards	3-179	4-235
Average Per Kick	59.7	58.8
Net kick average	51.0	53.5
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	34:19	25:41
3RD-DOWN Conversions	8/20	6/15
3rd-Down Pct	40%	40%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	2/4	0/0
4th-Down Pct	50%	0%
SACKS BY-Yards	0-0	1-3
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	1	3
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	1-1	1-2
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(2-4) 50%	(3-4) 75%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(1-4) 25%	(2-4) 50%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(1-1) 100%	(3-3) 100%
ATTENDANCE	0	8254
Games/Avg Per Game	0/0	1/8254
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Eastern Illinois	3	7	0	0	0	10
Opponents	7	10	7	0	0	24

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Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
HAYES-BENEFIELD, J	1	6	49	0	49	8.2	0	31	49.0
BRANTLEY, Johnathan	1	12	33	4	29	2.4	0	6	29.0
WALKER, Chris	1	5	27	0	27	5.4	0	17	27.0
RAY, Marques	1	2	14	0	14	7.0	0	8	14.0
WOODBERRY, Harry	1	2	6	0	6	3.0	0	6	6.0
ROWELL, Courtney	1	9	13	8	5	0.6	0	4	5.0
Total	1	36	142	12	130	3.6	0	31	130.0
Opponents	1	33	104	10	94	2.8	2	14	94.0

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
BRANTLEY, Johnathan	1	105.18	13-25-0	52.0	119	1	24	119.0
WOODBERRY, Harry	1	96.20	13-22-1	59.1	121	0	20	121.0
Total	1	100.98	26-47-1	55.3	240	1	24	240.0
Opponents	1	140.01	17-27-2	63.0	256	1	59	256.0

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
RICHARDS,Xander	1	5	67	13.4	0	20	67.0
RAY, Marques	1	4	35	8.8	0	20	35.0
PINKSTON, Kirk	1	4	30	7.5	0	20	30.0
LOFTON, Robbie	1	4	24	6.0	0	9	24.0
SHEEHAN, James	1	3	54	18.0	0	24	54.0
HAYES-BENEFIELD, J	1	2	6	3.0	0	4	6.0
STRICKER, Nick	1	1	7	7.0	1	7	7.0
ROWELL, Courtney	1	1	7	7.0	0	7	7.0
JAMES, Ryan	1	1	5	5.0	0	5	5.0
WALKER, Chris	1	1	5	5.0	0	5	5.0
Total	1	26	240	9.2	1	24	240.0
Opponents	1	17	256	15.1	1	59	256.0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
PAGE,Corneliuss	1	-8	-8.0	0	0
DEWBERRY, Bryce	1	2	2.0	0	2
Total	2	-6	-3.0	0	2
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
DEWBERRY, Bryce	1	15	15.0	0	15
CRITTENDEN, Raymo	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	2	15	7.5	0	15
Opponents	1	19	19.0	0	19

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
HAYES-BENEFIELD, J	2	21	10.5	0	13
Total	2	21	10.5	0	13
Opponents	1	26	26.0	0	26

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

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Scoring			PAT						
	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
STRICKER, Nick	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
DELGADO, Josh	-	1-1	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	4
Total	1	1-1	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	10
Opponents	3	1-2	3-3	-	-	-	-	-	24

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
BRANTLEY, Johnathan	1	37	29	119	148	148.0
WOODBERRY, Harry	1	24	6	121	127	127.0
HAYES-BENEFIELD, J	1	6	49	0	49	49.0
WALKER, Chris	1	5	27	0	27	27.0
RAY, Marques	1	2	14	0	14	14.0
ROWELL, Courtney	1	9	5	0	5	5.0
Total	1	83	130	240	370	370.0
Opponents	1	60	94	256	350	350.0

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
DELGADO, Josh	1-1	100.0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	37	0

FG Sequence	Eastern Illinois	Opponents
Chattanooga	(37)	(37),36

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
DELGADO, Josh	6	201	33.5	44	0	6	2	0	0
Total	6	201	33.5	44	0	6	2	0	0
Opponents	6	259	43.2	55	0	2	2	2	0

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
DELGADO, Josh	3	179	59.7	0	0			
Total	3	179	59.7	0	0	26.0	51.0	14
Opponents	4	235	58.8	0	0	10.5	53.5	11

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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
HAYES-BENEFI	1	49	6	0	21	0	76	76.0
RICHARDS,Xan	1	0	67	0	0	0	67	67.0
SHEEHAN, Jam	1	0	54	0	0	0	54	54.0
RAY, Marques	1	14	35	0	0	0	49	49.0
WALKER, Chris	1	27	5	0	0	0	32	32.0
PINKSTON, Kirk	1	0	30	0	0	0	30	30.0
BRANTLEY, Joh	1	29	0	0	0	0	29	29.0
LOFTON, Robbi	1	0	24	0	0	0	24	24.0
DEWBERRY, Br	1	0	0	2	0	15	17	17.0
ROWELL, Court	1	5	7	0	0	0	12	12.0
STRICKER, Nick	1	0	7	0	0	0	7	7.0
WOODBERRY, H	1	6	0	0	0	0	6	6.0
JAMES, Ryan	1	0	5	0	0	0	5	5.0
PAGE,Cornelius	1	0	0	-8	0	0	-8	-8.0
Total	1	130	240	-6	21	15	400	400.0
Opponents	1	94	256	0	26	19	395	395.0



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#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
45	CAPUTO, Joe	1	7	1	8	1.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	GULLEY, Iziah	1	5	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4D	CRITTENDEN, Raymo	1	5	.	5	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
8D	CROSBY, Antonio	1	5	.	5	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3D	PAGE, Cornelius	1	3	1	4	0.5-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
47	SHOCKEY, Anthony	1	3	.	3	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2D	DEWBERRY, Bryce	1	3	.	3	.	.	1-15	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	ROSS, JJ	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	BROOKS, Charlie	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	O'NEAL, Jayden	1	2	.	2	1.0-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	GEORGE, D'Mitri	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	SHELTON, Charles	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	BROWN, Edwyn	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	LOFTON, Robbie	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	JOHNSON, Austin	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
51	JOHNSON, Dytarious	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
Total		1	44	2	46	5-10	0-0	2-15	2	1	.	.	.	.
Opponents		1	50	14	64	4-12	1-3	1-19	10	3	2-0	1	.	.