



EASTERN ILLINOIS

EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHER FOOTBALL

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GAME 4



COACHES:

Adam Cushing (Univ. of Chicago, 2002)
 EIU Record.....1-14 (2nd)
 OVC Record.....1-10 (2nd)
 vs. Tennessee Tech 0-1

Dewayne Alexander (Tennessee Tech, 1989)
 TTU Record8-18 (3)
 OVC Record.....5-14 (3)
 Overall Record49-51 (11)
 vs. Eastern Illinois 1-1

SERIES

27th meeting, EIU leads 19-7
Last: TTU 40, @EIU 29 on Sept. 28, 2019

RANKINGS

Eastern Illinois / ---
 Tennessee Tech / ---
 *STATS Media/AFCA Coaches*

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EIU Returns Home To Host Tennessee Tech After Tough Road Loss

Eastern Illinois vs Tennessee Tech
 O'Brien Field (10,000) • Charleston, Ill.
 March 21, 2021 • 1 p.m. • TV: ESPN+

NOTES TO KNOW

- Superback Jay Vallie hauled in a pair of second quarter touchdown passes on Sunday at Tennessee State from quarterback Otto Kuhns. Vallie, a graduate transfer from Dayton, made touchdown catches of four and 13 yards. It was the second straight year that a Panther had caught a pair of touchdown passes against TSU as last season superback James Sheehan had two touchdown receptions. Vallie has eight catches for 86 yards this season and his two touchdown receptions are 26th in the FCS.

- Freshman quarterback Otto Kuhns made his first career start on Sunday at Tennessee State becoming the first true freshman quarterback to start a game at that position since 2010 when Jimmy Garoppolo started against No. 4 ranked Jacksonville State. In that game Garoppolo was 8-of-19 for 106 yards leaving the game with an injury on Sept. 25, 2010. In his debut as a true freshman starter Kuhns was 19-of-30 for 145 yards with two touchdown passes.

- Freshman defensive lineman Jordan Miles has made an impact on the Panthers front line as he finished with two tackles including a sack, tackle for loss and forced fumble on Sunday at Tennessee State. On the season Miles leads the team with 4.5 tackles for loss and had made eight total tackles. He has the lone sack on the Panthers roster and is one of four players with a forced fumble this season. He ranks 36th in the FCS in tackles for loss and second in the OVC.

- Jason Johnson had big day making tackles at Tennessee State as he finished with 14 tackles (eight solo) against the Tigers. It was his second career double figure tackles game after posting a 12 tackle day last year against Southeast Missouri. Johnson now has 29 tackles on the year to lead EIU, that total ranks 41st in the FCS and second in the OVC. Johnson earned All-OVC Newcomer honors last year and was the Panthers leading tackler over the final five games of 2019.

- With the 2020 schedule still underway, EIU announced this week that it will play its 2021 season opener in a Week Zero game on August 28, 2021 at Indiana State.

Eastern Illinois (0-3, 0-3 OVC)				Tennessee Tech (1-2, 1-2 OVC)			
Date	Opponent	Score/Time		Date	Opponent	Score/Time	
Feb 21	at UT Martin	PPD		Feb 21	AUSTIN PEAY	W 27-21	
Feb 28	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	L 7-47		Feb 28	at Jacksonville State	L 10-27	
Mar 7	at UT Martin	L 15-28		Mar 14	MURRAY STATE	L 31-36	
Mar 14	at Tennessee State	L 20-21		Mar 21	at Eastern Illinois	1 pm	
Mar 21	TENNESSEE TECH	1 pm		Mar 28	at Southeast Missouri	2 pm	
Mar 28	at Murray State	2 pm		Apr 3	TENNESSEE STATE	1:30 pm	
Apr 3	JACKSONVILLE STATE	1 pm		Apr 11	at UT Martin	3 pm	
Apr 11	AUSTIN PEAY	1 pm					

• Ohio Valley Conference Game
All Times Central

2020 STATS FCS MEDIA -- (March 15)

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	James Madison (28)	3-0
2.	North Dakota (10)	4-0
3.	Weber State (2)	2-0
4.	North Dakota State	4-1
5.	Southern Illinois	4-1
6.	South Dakota State	3-1
7.	Sam Houston State	2-0
8.	Jacksonville State	6-1
9.	Kennesaw State	2-0
10.	Northern Iowa	2-2
11.	Chattanooga	2-1
12.	Delaware	2-0
13.	Furman	3-1
14.	Villanova	1-1
15.	Eastern Washington	2-1
16.	Southeastern Louisiana	2-1
17.	Nicholls State	3-1
18.	Albany	1-1
19.	VMI	3-0
20.	New Hampshire	0-1
21.	UC Davis	1-1
22.	Incarnate Word	2-0
23.	Richmond	2-0
24.	Jackson State	3-0
25.	Murray State	3-0

-- record listed may include games played in Fall 2020

FCS COACHES TOP 25 (March 15)

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	James Madison (14)	3-0
2.	North Dakota (5)	3-0
3.	Weber State (1)	2-0
4.	North Dakota State	4-1
5.	Southern Illinois	4-1
6.	Sam Houston State	2-0
7.	South Dakota State	3-1
8.	Jacksonville State	6-1
9.	Kennesaw State	2-0
10.	Delaware	2-0
11.	Furman	3-1
T12.	Chattanooga	2-1
T12.	Eastern Washington	2-1
T14.	Northern Iowa	2-2
T14.	Villanova	1-1
16.	Nicholls State	3-1
17.	Southeastern Louisiana	2-1
18.	VMI	3-0
19.	Albany	1-1
20.	Incarnate Word	2-0
21.	Jackson State	3-0
22.	Richmond	2-0
23.	New Hampshire	0-1
24.	Murray State	3-0
25.	UC Davis	1-1

-- record listed may include games played in Fall 2020

• Running back Jaelin Benefield had his second career 100-yard rushing game on Sunday at Tennessee State finishing the game with 120 yards on 16 carries. Both of Benefield's 100-yard games have now come against TSU as last season he rushed for 105 yards on 14 carries with a two touchdowns in the Panthers road win. Benefield leads EIU in rushing this season with 166 yards which ranks 64th in the FCS.

• Eastern Illinois offense did a good job of spreading the ball around to its receivers on Sunday at Tennessee State. Seven different players had at least one reception led by Xander Richards and Tyler Hamilton both with four catches. Richards had 36 yards receiving while Hamilton finished with 19 yards receiving. On the season 12 different players have caught at least one pass. DeWayne Cooks, who did not play at TSU, is the team leader on the season with ten catches for 129 yards and a touchdown.

• JJ Ross had one pass break-up at Tennessee State to go with three solo tackles. Ross leads the Panthers this season with three pass break-ups which ranks 40th in the FCS. Last season he was a Freshman All-American at corner finishing the year with a team high four interceptions, including two in the final game against Austin Peay. He added two pass break-ups and 24 tackles. This season Ross has made 14 tackles with one fumble recovery.

• Eastern Illinois run defense played well again on Sunday against Tennessee State. On the season EIU leads the OVC in run defense allowing 104.7 yards per game, which is 24th in the FCS. The Panthers have not allowed an individual rusher to gain 100 or more yards in seven straight games. The last running back to crack the century mark was Peyton Logan for UT Martin with 109 yards on Oct. 19, 2019.

• Eastern Illinois defense forced and recovered a fumble at Tennessee State on Sunday. It was the fourth turnover gained this season by the Panthers defense with three of those fumble recoveries by Anthony Shockey, JJ Ross and Dytariious Johnson. EIU's other turnover gained this year was an interception by Raymond Crittenden. EIU has now forced at least one turnover in all three games this season and has a streak of 12 straight games with at least one turnover forced. The last game EIU did not create a turnover was Sept. 14, 2019 in the Mid-America Classic with Illinois State.

• Stone Galloway served as the Panthers field goal kicker on Sunday at Tennessee State going 2-for-3 on field goal attempts. Galloway was good on attempts from 37 and 41 yards with a 47-yard attempt blocked. At UT Martin, Galloway had attempted a 53-yard field goal attempt which hit off the cross bar. Last season EIU kickers were 5-of-8 on field goal attempts with a long of 37 yards. Prior to Sunday, Nick Bruno was the last EIU kicker with a field goal over 40 yards making a 48-yard kick on Sept. 22, 2018 against Tennessee State.

• Freshman linebacker Colin Bohanek has been active this spring for the Panthers as he made nine tackles with six solo stops on Sunday at Tennessee State. For the season Bohanek is tied for second on the Panthers roster with 21 tackles including a pass break-up and a half-tackle for loss. Bohanek currently ranks ninth in the OVC in tackles and first among OVC freshmen. The next ranked freshman in the OVC in total tackles in Bohanek's EIU teammate Kaelin Drakeford at 21st with 17 tackles.

• Last season Eastern Illinois led the FCS ranks in fourth down attempts and fourth down conversions as the Panthers were 28-of-51 for a 55 percent conversion rate. That same mentality has carried over this season of going for it on fourth down as the Panthers are fourth overall in the FCS with 15 total attempts. However that stat is a little misleading as the three teams in front of them all played games in the fall - The Citadel (21 attempts in seven games), Stephen F. Austin (20 attempts in ten games) and Austin Peay (17 attempts in six games). EIU is 4-of-15 this spring on 4th down.

2020 OVC Standings

Team	OVC	Pct.	All	Pct.
Jacksonville State	3-0	1.000	6-1	.857
Murray State	3-0	1.000	3-0	1.000
Austin Peay	2-1	.667	2-4	.333
Southeast Missouri	1-2	.333	1-3	.250
Tennessee Tech	1-2	.333	1-2	.333
UT Martin	1-2	.333	1-2	.333
Tennessee State	1-2	.333	1-2	.333
Eastern Illinois	0-3	.000	0-3	.000

This Week In OVC Football

Sunday - March 21

Tennessee Tech at Eastern Illinois	1 pm
Tennessee State at Murray State	2 pm
Southeast Missouri at Jacksonville State	2 pm
UT Martin at Austin Peay	2 pm

Sunday - March 28

Eastern Illinois at Murray State	2 pm
Austin Peay at Jacksonville State	2 pm
Tennessee Tech at Southeast Missouri	2 pm
UT Martin at Tennessee State	2 pm

Eastern Illinois Captains

EIU captains will be selected on a game-by-game basis for the Spring 2021 season.

OVC Predicted Order Of Finish

1. Austin Peay (16)
 2. Jacksonville State
 3. UT Martin (1)
 4. Southeast Missouri (1)
 5. Tennessee Tech
 6. Murray State
 7. Tennessee State
 8. Eastern Illinois
- Eastern Kentucky not playing spring OVC season
(first place votes in parenthesis)

Eastern Illinois Players On All-OVC Preseason Team

Isaiah Hill - Wide Receiver
Dytarious Johnson - Linebacker/Defensive Line

2019 OVC Players of the Week

Nov. 10 - Jaelin Benefield (Newcomer)
Nov. 17 - Isaiah Hill (Offensive)

• Otto Kuhns was not the first EIU true freshman to start at quarterback since Jimmy Garoppolo, but was the first quarterback to start at that position. Last season in the final game of the season at Austin Peay, freshman running back Jaelin Benefield opened the game at quarterback in a wildcat formation with running back Darshon McCullough. Due to injuries the Panthers played most of the game without a true quarterback available on the roster. Benefield and superback James Sheehan took snaps at center.

• Last Sunday Tennessee State did not have a kickoff that was returned by Eastern Illinois. The Panthers currently feature the OVC's top kickoff return specialist in redshirt freshman Matt Judd. Judd ranks 8th in the FCS averaging 26.2 yards per kick return this season. As a team this season, EIU ranks 14th in the FCS in kickoff returns while leading the OVC at 24.4 yards per return.

• Eastern Illinois has started the same group of offensive linemen in all three games this season. Entering last week's game at Tennessee State, EIU had allowed only one sack in the first two games. Last season EIU had eight different starting offensive line combinations with no group starting more than two consecutive games together.

• Eastern Illinois had a young team on the field once again on Sunday as the Panthers roster currently features 77 underclassmen including 36 true freshmen. From that group five true freshmen started against Tennessee State, the second straight week that five true freshman have been on the field to start a game. Michael Young Jr., and Jordan Miles started on the defensive line with the pair combining for five tackles and one tackle for loss. Kaelin Drakeford and Jordan Vincent both started at the safety positions with the pair combining for nine tackles. On the offensive side of the ball, Otto Kuhns made the start at quarterback passing for 145 yards and two touchdowns.

• Harry Woodbery is in his third year as a quarterback at Eastern Illinois and is slowly working his way up the EIU career passing charts. Woodbery moved ahead of Pete Mauch for 14th on the EIU career passing yards list last at UT Martin. Woodbery entered the season as only the 15th EIU quarterback with 3,000 career yards at 3,107. He now has 3,386. Woodbery needs 434 yards to crack the Top 10.

• Senior offensive lineman Cole Hoover was selected as a 2020 Lincoln Student Laureate Award Winner which is presented to the top students representing Illinois' colleges and universities. Hoover will be a third year starter for the Panthers and has seen time at all three offensive line positions (center, guard & tackle). Hoover is majoring in Early Childhood Special Education and holds a 3.83 grade point average.

• Senior quarterback Harry Woodbery was a semifinalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy in the fall despite EIU not participating in football in 2020. Woodbery was one of two players from the Ohio Valley Conference (Blake Mitchell - Austin Peay) to be selected as semifinalists for the award. He earned his Bachelor's Degree with a 3.70 grade point average in Philosophy and is currently enrolled in EIU's MBA program.

• In addition to the Panthers Week Zero season opener at Indiana State, EIU will have also announced three other non-conference games for the 2021 season. The Panthers will play on Sept. 4 at South Carolina and Sept. 11 at Dayton. EIU's home opener for the 2021 season will be Sept. 18 against Illinois State in the 109th Mid-America Classic.

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...

TENNESSEE TECH HEAD COACH DEWAYNE ALEXANDER

Dewayne Alexander is in his third season as the head coach at Tennessee Tech. Alexander played football at TTU and earned his degree from the school in 1989. He later served three different stints as an assistant coach for the program, most recently under head coach Watson Brown. He returned to Cookeville after working the 2017 season as the offensive line coach at East Tennessee State. He was a head coach at NAIA member Cumberland University from 2006-13 posting a 41-33 record. Last season Tennessee Tech posted a 1-10 record including a 1-7 record in the OVC. Last year TTU got off to a 4-1 start, the best start since the 2011 season. The Golden Eagles are now 8-18 under Alexander.

SCOUTING TENNESSEE TECH

Tennessee Tech opened the spring OVC season with a win over Austin Peay which vaulted the Golden Eagles into the FCS Top 25 rankings. TTU has lost the last two weeks to stand at 1-2 on the year. Quarterback Bailey Fisher guided TTU to that season opening win but has been out the last two weeks giving way to Willie Miller. Miller has rushed for a team-high 120 yards while passing for 334 yards with one touchdown and six interceptions. Metrius Fleming (149 yds) and Justin Oden (128 yds) are both over 100 yards receiving this year. Seth Carlisle is the team's leading tackler with 25 tackles while Chris Tucker has 16 tackles with 4.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks.

THE SERIES

Eastern Illinois and Tennessee Tech will be meeting for the 27th time as the two schools meet this Sunday. EIU holds a 19-7 all-time series lead but Tennessee Tech snapped a seven game win streak in the series by EIU last year, winning 40-29 in Charleston. EIU holds a 9-4 all-time series lead in games played at O'Brien Field. The first meeting between the two schools was in 1975.

LAST TEN MEETINGS

- Sept. 28, 2019... TTU 40, EIU 29 at EIU*
- Sept. 29, 2018... EIU 52, TTU 38 at TTU*
- Oct. 7, 2017... EIU 24, TTU 23 at EIU*
- Oct. 15, 2016... EIU 30, TTU 24 at TTU*
- Oct. 24, 2015... EIU 51, TTU 20 at EIU*
- Nov. 1, 2014... EIU 41, TTU 10 at TTU*
- Nov. 2, 2013... EIU 56, TTU 21 at EIU*
- Nov. 3, 2012... EIU 31, TTU 24 at TTU*
- Sept. 17, 2011... TTU 31, EIU 20 at EIU*
- Oct. 16, 2010... TTU 34, EIU 20 at TTU*

TALE OF THE TAPE



Points Per Game.....	14.0	22.7
Average Points Allowed.....	32.0	28.0
First Downs.....	48	54
Rushing Yards Per Game	116	104
Rushing Touchdowns.....	1	5
Passing Yards Per Game	198.3	157
Passing Touchdowns	4	2
Average Yards Per Game	314.3	261
Interceptions Thrown	5	6
Fumbles - Lost	3-1	8-4
Turnovers Gained.....	4	7
Punting Average	34.6	35.5
Field Goals (ATT/MADE)	2-of-4	4-of-6
3rd Down Conversions	11-of-46 (24%)	13-of-38 (34%)
4th Down Conversions.....	4-of-15 (27%)	2-of-4 (50%)
Sacks By (Yards).....	1 (4)	4 (12)
Penalties (Yards)	13 (85)	25 (212)
Time of Possession (Game)	28:46	34:33

Statistical Leaders (Returning)

RUSHING YARDS (Touchdowns)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	TENNESSEE TECH
Jaelin Benefield.....166	Willie Miller.....120 (2)
Kendi Young .....88 (1)	Kurt Taylor Jr. ....104 (0)

PASSING YARDS (Touchdowns)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	TENNESSEE TECH
Harry Woodbery.....380 (2)	Willie Miller.....334 (1)
Otto Kuhns .....215 (2)	Bailey Fisher .....137 (1)

RECEPTIONS (Yards)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	TENNESSEE TECH
DeWayne Cooks.....10 (129)	Kurt Taylor Jr., .....14 (75)
Tyler Hamilton .....9 (54)	Metrius Fleming.....8 (149)
Jay Vallie.....8 (86)	Justin Oden.....8 (128)

TACKLES

EASTERN ILLINOIS	TENNESSEE TECH
Jason Johnson.....29	Seth Carlisle .....25
Colin Bohanek .....21	Jack Warwick .....21
Anthony Shockey.....21	Josh Reliford .....20
Raymond Crittenden .....20	Jamaal Thompson .....19
Kaelin Drakeford .....17	Chris Tucker.....16

TACKLES FOR LOSS / SACKS

EASTERN ILLINOIS	TENNESSEE TECH
Jordan Miles.....4.5	Chris Tucker .....4.5
Jason Johnson.....3	Henry Karimu .....2
Raymond Crittenden .2.5	Marcus McMeans.....1.5

**Eastern Illinois In The
OVC/NCAA Stats**
2020 (Spring 2021)

TEAM	NCAA	OVC
.....	NCAA	OVC
Rushing Offense	55th	6th
Passing Offense	44th	5th
Passing Efficiency	75th	9th
Total Offense	54th	5th
Scoring Offense	75th	9th
Rushing Defense	24th	1st
Pass Defense	82nd	9th
Pass Efficiency Def.	61st	8th
Total Defense	64th	8th
Scoring Defense	72nd	7th
Net Punting	76th	8th
Punt Returns	2nd	1st
Kickoff Returns	14th	1st
Turnover Margin	62nd	6th
Turnovers Gained	32nd	8th
Sacks	82nd	8th
Tackles For Loss	41st	5th
Sacks Allowed	46th	5th
3rd Down Conversion	84th	9th
4th Down Conversion	68th	8th
3rd Down Defense	66th	8th
Red Zone Offense	81st	9th
Red Zone Defense	36th	5th
Time of Possession	57th	7th

INDIVIDUAL (Top 40)

TEAM	NCAA	OVC
.....	NCAA	OVC
Matt Judd (Kick Returns).....	8th	1st
Jay Vallie (Touchdown Receptions).....	26th	6th
Harry Woodbery (Passing Yards).....	38th	6th
JJ Ross (Fumbles Recovered)	15th	4th
JJ Ross (Passes Defended).....	40th	3rd
Dytarious Johnson (Fumbles Recovered)....	15th	4th
Anthony Shockey (Fumbles Recovered) 15th.....	4th	
Jordan Miles (Tackles For Loss).....	36th	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
- 3 - Southeast Missouri
- 2 - Murray State
- 1 - UT Martin
- 1 - Tennessee Tech
- 1 - Western Kentucky
- 1 - Austin Peay

EIU NCAA FBS TRANSFERS

- 5 - Matt Judd (Univ. of Illinois)
- 6 - Tyler Hamiton (Purdue Univ.)
- 9 - Jestin Morrow (Marshall Univ.)
- 11 - Eric Rooks (Univ. of Hawai'i)
- 47 - Mark Aitken (Northern Illinois Univ.)
- 62 - Michael McNicholas (Kent State Univ.)
- 84 - Ryan James (Purdue Univ.)

EIU NCAA FCS TRANSFERS

- 7 - Isaiah Hill (South Dakota State Univ.)
- 37 - Devin Blakely (South Dakota State Univ.)
- 79 - Justin Wallace (Western Illinois Univ.)
- 80 - Jay Vallie (Univ. of Dayton)

NCAA PLAYOFF APPEARANCES

School# Appearances (Last)

Montana	25 (2019)
Eastern Kentucky	21 (2014)
Northern Iowa	21 (2019)
Appalachian State*	20 (2012)
Georgia Southern*	19 (2012)
Furman	18 (2019)
EASTERN ILLINOIS	16 (2015)
New Hampshire	16 (2017)
McNeese State	16 (2015)
Delaware	16 (2018)
James Madison.....	16 (2019)

* 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)



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
- * First career win on Nov. 9, 2019 - 49-38 at Tennessee State
- * Posted 1-11 record, 1-7 in Ohio Valley Conference in first year
- * Coached six All-OVC selections (one 1st team, two 2nd team, three All-Newcomer)
- * Coached three Freshmen All-Americans
- * Had biggest Illinois based recruiting class in more than 20 seasons (in 2019)
- * Team ranked 30th in FCS in total defense
- * Team ranked 18th in FCS in fewest penalties
- * Team ranked 1st in FCS in fourth down conversions

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 - Mieneke 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



Chris Bowers
Def. Coordinator
(2nd year)
Wittenberg Univ., 1999



John Kuceyeski
Off Cord. / Super Backs
(2nd year)
Penn State, 2009



Neal Renna
Safeties & co-Special Teams
(2nd year)
Heidelberg Univ., 2011



Omar Young
Running Backs & co-ST
(2nd year)
Savannah State, 2005



Chris Batti
Quarterbacks
(2nd year)
Illinois, 2008



Adam Gristick
Linebackers
(3rd year)
Eastern Illinois, 2015



Dan Hernandez
Offensive Line
(2nd year)
Upper Iowa, 2009



Adam Morris
Defensive Line
(1st year)
Ball State, 2013



Cliff Odom Jr.
Defensive Backs
(1st year)
Baylor, 2011



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

**FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF
& QUALITY CONTROL**

Graduate Assistant Coach - Defense Collin Geier
 Graduate Assistant Coach - Offense Neal Davis
 Quality Control Coach - Offense..... Sam Costantino
 Quality Control Coach - Defense..... Jim Phelps
 Quality Control Coach - Special Teams..... Mark Gorogianis Jr.

 Graduate Assistant - Operations Zach Mentzer
 Quality Control - Video & Operations Jimmy Muessling
 Quality Control - Player Personnel Austin Black
 Quality Control - Recruiting Brian Gorsky
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 Football Equipment Manager Clint Bays
 Director of Football Operations..... Jesse Walton
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 Nutrition Nicole Cirrencione
 Director of Football Performance..... Derek Stein
 Graduate Assistant - Football Strength..... Vinny Porreca

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 Football GA Athletic Trainer Michael Turner
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 Team Doctor Dr. Robert Biggs
 Team Dentist..... Dr. Jennifer Kennedy

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 Deputy Athletic Director Mark Bonnstetter
 Associate AD Compliance/SWA Kiersten Klekner-Alt
 Associate AD Media & PR Rich Moser
 Assistant AD Academic Services..... Cindy Almon
 Director of Athletic Development Mike Murray
 Business Manager & Tickets Brian Carlin

EIU LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

Passed for more than 300 yards...

Harry Woodbery, 334, vs. Tennessee Tech (Sept. 28, 2019)

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...

Isaiah Hill 15, at UT Martin (Oct. 19, 2019)
Isaiah Hill 13, vs. Southeast Missouri (Nov. 16, 2019)
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...

Raymond Crittenden, 1, at UT Martin (Oct. 19, 2019) - (51 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 (March 7, 2021) - blocked punt out of back of end zone

Blocked a punt...

DeAirious Smith (March 7, 2021) at UT Martin

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...**

Cornelius Page vs Southeast Missouri (Nov. 16, 2019)

EIU scored a two-point conversion

- (Rush) - J.R. Taylor, 2, at Murray State (Nov. 23, 2002)
- (Pass) - Isaiah Hill from Harry Woodbery, at UT Martin (Oct. 19, 2019)

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...

Dytarius Johnson, 4 at UT Martin (Oct. 19, 2019)

Had 2 or more interceptions

JJ Ross, 2, at Ausitn Peay (Nov. 23, 2019)

Recovered an onside kick...

Charles Shelton, 1, at Tennessee State (Nov. 9, 2019)

Offensive Lineman Scored a Touchdown

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

2020 EASTERN ILLINOIS TOUCHDOWNS

Qtr.....	Play	Opponent
2.....	Kendi Young 72 run	vs Southeast Missouri
2.....	Matt Judd 6 pass from Harry Woodbery	at UT Martin
4.....	DeWayne Cooks 45 pass from Harry Woodbery	at UT Martin
2.....	Jay Vallie 4 pass from Otto Kuhns.....	at Tennessee State
2.....	Jay Vallie 13 pass from Otto Kuhns.....	at Tennessee State

EASTERN ILLINOIS NFL CONNECTION

SAN FRANCISCO 49ers

Jimmy Garoppolo - Quarterback

MIAMI DOLPHINS

Kamu Grugier-Hill - Linebacker

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Sean Payton - Head Coach

CHICAGO BEARS

Ryan Pace - General Manager

HOUSTON TEXANS

Tim Kelly - Offensive Coordinator

CLEVELAND BROWNS

Alexander Hollins - Wide Receiver

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
643.....vs. Murray State.....	Oct. 6, 2018
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
61.....at Jacksonville State.....	Oct. 13, 2018
61.....vs. Murray State.....	Oct. 6, 2018
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
89.....Eastern Kentucky.....	Oct. 26, 2019
116.....at Indiana.....	Sept. 7, 2019
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:

-1.....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
658.....Murray State.....	Oct. 6, 2018
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
449.....Murray State.....	Oct. 6, 2018
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
441.....Indiana.....	Sept. 7, 2019
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
14.....Eastern Kentucky.....	Oct. 26, 2019
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
Johnathan Brantley.....	458 vs. Indiana State.....	2018
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
Johnathan Brantley.....	443 vs. Indiana State	2018

PASSING ATTEMPTS:

Harry Woodbery ... 68 vs. Tennessee Tech 2019		
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
Johnathan Brantley.....	37 vs. Indiana State	2018
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
Isaiah Hill	15 at UT Martin	2019
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 Mehalic	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
Last - Dytarious Johnson at Murray State	2019

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.

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/LAST)
0	Jordan Vincent	SAF	5-10	185	Fr	HS	Lincolnshire, Ill. (Stevenson)
1	Matt Reyna	WR	5-8	170	R-Sr	1	Kingwood Park, Texas (Kingwood Park / Navarro JC)
2	DeWayne Cooks Jr	WR	6-2	155	R-So	1	Tulsa, Okla. (Booker T. Washington)
2	Russell Dandy	DB	6-0	175	Jr	TR	Hinesville, Ga. (Liberty County / Butte College)
3	Jaelin Benefield	RB	5-10	160	So	1	Pearland, Texas (Pearland)
4	Raymond Crittenden	SAF	6-1	205	R-Sr	2	Hallandale, Fla. (Hallandale)
4	Otto Kuhns	QB	6-3	205	Fr	HS	Carroll, Ohio (Bloom Carroll)
5	Iziah Gulley *	SAF	6-2	210	R-Jr	2	Camden, Ark. (Camden Fairview)
5	Matt Judd	WR	6-2	185	R-Fr	TR	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East/Univ. of Illinois)
6	Joel Barrows	DL	6-3	215	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Brooks Prep)
6	Tyler Hamilton	WR	5-9	175	R-Jr	TR	Hilton Head, S.C. (Hilton Head / Purdue Univ.)
7	Isaiah Hill	WR	5-11	190	R-Jr	1	Shorewood, Ill. (Minooka/South Dakota State Univ.)
7	Tyris Harvey	DB	5-11	165	Fr	HS	Olympia Fields, Ill. (Rich Central)
8	Harry Woodbery	QB	6-2	195	R-Sr	2	The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands/Navarro JC)
8	Jason Johnson	LB	6-2	200	So	1	Matteson, Ill. (Rich Central)
9	Courtney Rowell	RB	6-2	200	R-Jr	2	South Bend, Ind. (St. Joseph)
9	Jestin Morrow	DB	5-10	165	R-Sr	TR	Hilton Head, S.C. (Hilton Head / Marshall Univ.)
11	Eric Rooks	WR	6-3	195	R-So	1	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle Institute / Univ. of Hawaii)
12	Dylan Hughes	WR	5-11	170	So	1	Milford, Ohio (Milford)
12	Connor Aldrich	DB	6-0	170	R-Fr	RS	Rockford, Ill. (Harlem)
13	Trey Shaw III	SAF	6-1	170	Fr	HS	Nashville, Tenn. (East Nashville Magnet)
13	Zach Weir	QB	6-2	185	Fr	HS	Grafton, Wis. (Grafton)
14	Tyler Selvig	QB	6-2	200	R-So	TR	Elk Grove Village, Ill. (Elk Grove / Antelope Valley College)
15	Will Shumpert	WR	6-6	215	R-Fr	RS	St. Louis, Mo. (Belleville West)
16	Steven Frank	QB	6-4	225	R-Sr	TR	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego/Butler CC)
19	Robbie Lofton II	WR	6-3	185	R-Sr	2	Lexington, Ky. (Tates Creek)
20	Marcus Bornslater *	SAF	6-3	200	R-So	1	Crossett, Ark. (Crossett)
21	Mark Williams	DB	6-0	175	R-Sr	3	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
22	Kaelin Drakeford	SAF	6-4	185	Fr	HS	Harrodsburg, Ky. (Mercer County)
23	Anthony Shockey	LB	6-1	210	So	1	Lombard, Ill. (Glenbard East)
24	JJ Ross	DB	6-2	195	So	1	West Chester, Ohio (Lakota West)
25	Charles Shelton IV	DB	5-11	160	R-So	1	Maryland Heights, Mo. (Pattonville)
26	Jordan Jackson	SAF	6-0	185	R-Sr	3	Blytheville, Ark. (Blytheville)
27	DeAirious Smith	WR	5-11	175	Fr	HS	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Christian Academy)
28	Brandon Guido	SAF	5-9	190	R-Fr	RS	Naperville, Ill. (Waubonsie Valley)
29	Kendi Young	RB	5-11	185	Fr	HS	Calumet City, Ill. (Thornton Fractional North)
30	Desean Phillips	RB	5-11	210	So	TR	Albertville, Minn. (St. Michael-Albertville/North Dakota St. Coll. Of Science)
31	Anthony Manaves	SB	6-4	225	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (St. Patrick)
32	Harrison Bey-Buie	RB	5-10	205	Fr	HS	Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf)
33	Nile Hill	SAF	5-11	175	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Marist)
35	Jordan Smith	RB	5-9	180	Fr	HS	Las Vegas, Nev. (Centennial)
36	Cooper Willman	WR	6-1	180	Fr	HS	Sterling, Ill. (Sterling)
37	Devin Blakely	DB	5-10	175	R-Fr	TR	Broadview, Ill. (Nazareth Academy/South Dakota State Univ.)
38	Darius Waddell	DB	6-0	170	R-So	SQ	Sherwood, Ark. (Sylvan)
39	Eric Hoff	WR	5-7	155	Jr	TR	Pembroke Pines, Fla. (West Broward/Concordia College Chicago)
40	Phoenix Porter	LB	6-1	210	Fr	HS	Fairfield, Ohio (Fairfield)
41	Zach Reddinger	LB	6-2	210	Fr	HS	Morris, Ill. (Morris Community)
42	Tyler Clark	RB	5-10	175	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Phillips)
43	Josh St. Preux	SAF	5-11	165	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Ag & Sciences)
44	Nick Stricker	SB	6-2	245	So	1	Lemont, Ill. (Lemont)
45	Colin Bohanek	LB	6-0	210	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Marist)
46	Ameer Aqel	DL	6-2	220	So	1	Orland Hills, Ill. (Andrew)
47	Mark Aitken	DB	5-9	175	R-Fr	TR	Chicago, Ill. (Kenwood Academy/Northern Illinois Univ.)
48	Michael Jarosz	SB	6-1	255	R-So	RS	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton North)
49	Grant Edwards	LB	6-1	225	So	1	Springfield, Ill. (Sacred Heart Griffin)
51	Dytarious Johnson	DL	6-1	270	Sr	3	Prattville, Ala. (Prattville/Alabama Prep)
53	Stone Galloway	K	5-11	205	So	1	Collinsville, Ill. (Althoff Catholic)
54	Drake Van Hyfte	DL	6-4	240	Fr	HS	Annawan, Ill. (Annawan-Wethersfield)
56	Daegan Bush	OL	6-3	275	Fr	HS	Versailles, Ky. (Woodford County)
57	Dominic Moore	DL	6-7	290	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Perspectives Charter)

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC)
58	Anthony Imperio	OL	6-4	275	So	1	Auburn, Ala. (Auburn)
59	Logan Brown	LB	6-2	195	Fr	HS	Effingham, Ill. (Effingham)
60	Daniel Tabiti	OL	6-2	260	Fr	HS	South Holland, Ill. (Thornwood)
61	Ben Solomon	OL	6-2	300	R-Jr	2	Indianapolis, Ind. (Bishop Chatard)
62	Michael McNicholas	OL	6-4	310	R-Fr	TR	Lombard, Ill. (Lombard Montini / Kent State Univ.)
63	William Orth	K	5-10	150	Fr	HS	Ames, Iowa (Ames)
64	Jerit Medler	OL	6-2	265	R-Fr	RS	Assumption, Ill. (Central A&M)
65	Jaron Hacha	DL	5-11	255	Fr	HS	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East)
66	Drew Walega	OL	6-6	300	R-Sr	2	Chicago, Ill. (St. Rita)
67	Chad Strickland	OL	6-5	280	So	1	Salem, Ala. (Smiths Station)
69	Stephen Elmore	LS	6-0	240	Jr	2	Belleville, Ill. (Belleville East)
70	Joshua Johnson	OL	6-4	310	Fr	HS	Westerville, Ohio (Westerville Central)
71	Dylan Goodsell	LS	6-4	250	Fr	HS	Orland Park, Ill. (Carl Sandburg)
72	Elkhanan Tanelus	OL	6-2	330	So	1	Naples, Fla. (Barron Collier)
73	Dylan Czerlanis	OL	6-4	290	R-Fr	RS	Antioch, Ill. (Antioch)
74	William Redden	OL	6-6	300	Fr	HS	Malvern, Pa. (Malvern Prep)
75	Matthew Bean	OL	6-6	265	Fr	TR	Lima, OH (Shawnee)
76	Cole Hoover	OL	6-4	260	R-Sr	3	Charleston, Ill. (Charleston)
77	Ivan Gleyzer	OL	6-4	290	So	1	Lincolnshire, Ill. (Stevenson)
78	Bryson Broadway	OL	6-5	255	Fr	HS	Dawsonville, Ga (Dawson County)
80	Jay Vallie	SB	6-3	245	Grad	TR	Grand Blanc, Mich. (Goodrich / Univ. of Dayton)
81	Arron Foulkes	WR	5-8	165	Fr	HS	Southfield, Mich. (Southfield A&T)
82	Xander Richards	WR	6-4	180	R-So	1	Burleson, Texas (Burleson Centennial)
84	Ryan James	WR	6-3	205	R-Jr	1	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle/Purdue Univ.)
85	Kirk Pinkston Jr.	WR	5-10	175	So	1	Indianapolis, Ind. (Lawrence Central)
86	Demetrius Garrett Jr.	WR	5-11	155	Fr	HS	Michigan City, Ind. (Michigan City)
87	Bron Hill	WR	6-5	195	R-Jr	1	Lansing, Ill. (Thornton Fractional South)
89	Daniel Luoma	SB	6-2	205	Fr	HS	Porvoo, Finland (Porvoo)
90	Michael Young Jr.	DL	6-0	220	Fr	HS	Warren, Mich. (De La Salle Collegiate)
91	Jordan Miles	DE	6-2	215	Fr	HS	Indianapolis, Ind. (Decatur Central)
92	James Ubaikie	DL	6-4	280	R-Sr	2	Meriden, Conn. (Maloney / ND College of Science)
93	Cameron Leach	DL	6-1	285	So	1	Chicago, Ill. (Nazareth Academy)
94	Brock Griffin	DL	6-4	295	Fr	HS	Normal, Ill. (Normal Community)
95	Kylan Cole	DE	6-2	280	R-Jr	2	Zionsville, Ind. (Carmel)
96	Jamari Johnson	DL	6-4	220	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle Institute)
97	Tim Varga	DL	6-3	240	So	1	Elk Grove Village, Ill. (Elk Grove Village)
98	Sean Morris	DL	6-3	290	Fr	HS	Lansdowne, Pa. (St. Joseph/The Peddle School)
99	Jayden O'Neal	DL	6-1	275	R-So	1	Chicago, Ill. (Simeon)
	Bryce Dewberry	SAF	5-10	210	Jr	2	McDonough, Ga. (Eagles Landing)
	Ben Mason	OL	6-3	290	R-So	TR	Lucas, Texas (Lovejoy / Navarro College)

EASTERN ILLINOIS ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

#.....PLAYER.....POS	53 Stone Galloway K	93 Cameron Leach DL	15 Will Shumpert WR
47 Mark Aitken DB	86 Demetrius Garrett Jr. WR	19 Robbie Lofton II WR	88 DeAirious Smith WR
12 Connor Aldrich DB	77 Ivan Gleyzer OL	89 Daniel Luoma SB	35 Jordan Smith RB
46 Ameer Aqel DL	71 Dylan Goodsell LS	31 Anthony Manaves SB	61 Ben Solomon OL
6 Joel Barrows DL	94 Brock Griffin OL	..... Ben Mason OL	43 Josh St. Preux SAF
75 Matthew Bean OL	28 Brandon Guido SAF	62 Michael McNicholas OL	44 Nick Stricker SB
3 Jaelin Benefield RB	5 Iziah Gulley * SAF	64 Jerit Medler OL	67 Chad Strickland OL
32 Harrison Bey-Buie RB	65 Jaron Hacha DL	91 Jordan Miles DE	60 Daniel Tabiti OL
37 Devin Blakely DB	6 Tyler Hamilton WR	57 Dominic Moore DL	72 Elkhanan Tanelus OL
45 Colin Bohanek LB	7 Tyris Harvey DB	98 Sean Morris DL	92 James Ubaikie DL
20 Marcus Bornslater * SAF	87 Bron Hill WR	9 Jestin Morrow DB	80 Jay Vallie SB
78 Bryson Broadway OL	7 Isaiah Hill WR	99 Jayden O'Neal DL	54 Drake Van Hyfte DL
59 Logan Brown LB	33 Nile Hill SAF	63 William Orth K	97 Tim Varga DL
56 Daegan Bush OL	39 Eric Hoff WR	30 Desean Phillips RB	0 Jordan Vincent SAF
42 Tyler Clark RB	76 Cole Hoover OL	85 Kirk Pinkston Jr. WR	38 Darius Waddell DB
95 Kylan Cole DE	12 Dylan Hughes WR	40 Phoenix Porter LB	66 Drew Walega OL
2 DeWayne Cooks Jr WR	58 Anthony Imperio OL	82 Xander Richards WR	13 Zach Weir QB
4 Raymond Crittenden SAF	26 Jordan Jackson SAF	74 William Redden OL	21 Mark Williams DB
73 Dylan Czerlanis OL	84 Ryan James WR	41 Zach Reddinger LB	36 Cooper Willman WR
2 Russell Dandy DB	48 Michael Jarosz SB	1 Matt Reyna WR	8 Harry Woodbery QB
..... Bryce Dewberry SAF	51 Dytarious Johnson DL	11 Eric Rooks WR	29 Kendi Young RB
22 Kaelin Drakeford SAF	96 Jamari Johnson DL	24 JJ Ross DB	90 Michael Young Jr DL
49 Grant Edwards SB	8 Jason Johnson LB	14 Tyler Selvig QB	
69 Stephen Elmore LS	70 Joshua Johnson OL	13 Trey Shaw III SAF	
81 Arron Foulkes WR	5 Matt Judd WR	25 Charles Shelton IV DB	
16 Steven Frank QB	4 Otto Kuhns QB	23 Anthony Shockey LB	

EIU OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

4 ... Otto Kuhns.....	6-3	205	Fr
8 ... Harry Woodbery	6-2	195	R-Sr

RUNNING BACK

3 ... Jaelin Benefield	5-10	160	So
35 ... Jordan Smith.....	5-9	180	Fr
29 ... Kendi Young.....	5-11	185	Fr

SUPER BACK

80 ... Jay Vallie	6-3	245	Gr
44 ... Nick Stricker.....	6-2	245	So

LEFT TACKLE

67 ... Chad Strickland	6-5	280	So
78 ... Bryson Broadway	6-5	255	Fr

LEFT GUARD

72 ... Elkhanan Tanelus.....	6-2	330	So
73 ... Dylan Czerlanis	6-4	290	R-Fr

CENTER

61 ... Ben Solomon	6-2	300	R-Jr
76 ... Cole Hoover.....	6-4	260	R-Sr

RIGHT GUARD

77 ... Ivan Gleyzer	6-4	290	So
56 ... Daegan Bush.....	6-3	275	Fr

RIGHT TACKLE

76 ... Cole Hoover.....	6-4	260	R-Sr
58 ... Anthony Imperio	6-4	275	So

RECEIVER

5 ... Matt Judd.....	6-2	185	R-Fr
82 ... Xander Richards	6-4	180	R-So

RECEIVER

19 ... Robbie Lofton.....	6-3	185	R-Sr
12 ... Dylan Hughes	5-11	170	So

RECEIVER

6 ... Tyler Hamiton.....	5-9	175	Fr
2 ... Dewayne Cooks Jr.....	6-2	155	R-So

EIU COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Adam Cushing (Univ. of Chicago, 2002 - 2nd year)
(Career Record 1-14; OVC Record 1-10)

Defensive Coordinator: Chris Bowers (2nd year)

Offensive Coordinator/SB's: John Kuceyeski (2nd year) -- booth

Defensive Backs: Cliff Odom (1st year)

Safeties & co-Special Teams: Neal Renna (2nd year) -- booth

Defensive Line: Adam Morris (1st year)

Linebackers: Adam Gristick (3rd year) -- booth

Assistant Defensive Coach: Collin Geier (2nd year)

Running Backs & co-Special Teams: Omar Young (2nd year) -- booth

Wide Receivers: Mark Philmore II (2nd year)

Quarterbacks: Chris Batti (2nd year)

Offensive Line: Dan Hernandez (2nd year)

Assistant Offensive Line: Neal Davis (1st year)

Director of Football Performance: Derek Stein (1st year)

Trainer: Jason Heiar (7th year)

Football Operations: Jesse Walton (2nd year)

Equipment Manager: Clint Bays (12th year)

Quality Control Staff:

Sam Costantion (Off), Mark Grogianis Jr. (ST), Jim Phelps (Def), Zach Mentzer (Ops), Jimmy Muessling (Video), Austin Black (Personnel), Brian Gorsky (Recruiting), Jason Tabit (Data)

EIU DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE END

91 ... Jordan Miles	6-2	215	Fr
97 ... Tim Varga	6-3	240	So

NOSE TACKLE

92 ... James Ubaike.....	6-4	280	R-Sr
65 ... Jaron Hacha	5-11	255	Fr

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

93 ... Cameron Leach.....	6-1	285	So
96 ... Jamari Johnson	6-4	220	Fr

DEFENSIVE END/LINEBACKER

90 ... Michael Young Jr.....	6-0	220	Fr
51 ... Dytarious Johnson	6-1	270	Sr

LINEBACKER

23 ... Anthony Shockey	6-1	210	Fr
45 ... Colin Bohanek	6-0	210	Fr

LINEBACKER

8 ... Jason Johnson	6-2	200	Fr
40 ... Phoenix Porter	6-1	210	Fr

CORNERBACK

21 ... Mark Williams	6-0	175	R-Sr
25 ... Charles Shelton IV	5-11	160	R-So

SAFETY

20 ... Marcus Bornslater	6-3	200	R-So
4 ... Raymond Crittenden.....	6-1	205	R-Sr

FREE SAFETY

22 ... Kaelin Drakeford	6-4	185	Fr
13 ... Trey Shaw III.....	6-1	170	Fr

STRONG SAFETY

0 ... Jordan Vincent	5-10	185	Fr
33 ... Nile Hill.....	5-11	175	R-Fr

CORNERBACK

24 ... JJ Ross	6-2	195	So
9 ... Jestin Morrow	5-10	165	R-Sr

EIU SPECIALISTS

KICKER

63 ... Will Orth.....	5-10	150	Fr
53 ... Stone Galloway	5-11	205	So

KICKOFF

63 ... Will Orth.....	5-10	150	Fr
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PUNTER

53 ... Stone Galloway	5-11	205	So
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HOLDER

5 ... Matt Judd.....	6-2	185	R-Fr
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LONG SNAPPER

69 ... Stephen Elmore	6-0	240	Jr
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PUNT RETURNS

5 ... Matt Judd.....	6-2	185	R-Fr
36 ... Cooper Willman.....	6-1	180	Fr

KICK RETURNS

5 ... Matt Judd.....	6-2	185	R-Fr
36 ... Cooper Willman.....	6-1	180	Fr
3 ... Jaelin Benefield	5-10	160	So



GAME 1 - Feb. 28, 2021
Southeast Missouri..... 47
Eastern Illinois 7

Charleston, Ill.
 O'Brien Field (1,252)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Southeast Missouri	7	27	7	7	47
Eastern Illinois	0	7	0	0	7

FIRST QUARTER

SE - Custis 9 run (Doak kick) - 5:57

SECOND QUARTER

SE - Hess 1 run (Doak kick) - 14:55
 SE - Custis 1 run (Doak kick) - 11:31
 SE - Doak 32 field goal - 10:02
 SE - Doak 35 field goal - 6:36
 EIU - Young 72 run (Orth kick) - 1:16

THIRD QUARTER

SE - Hess 8 run (kick failed) - 8:18

FOURTH QUARTER

SE - Young 25 interception return (Doak kick) - 00:58

TEAM STATSEIUSEMO

First Downs.....	9.....	20
Rushes-Yards.....	27-124.....	42-147
Passing-Yards.....	171.....	327
Comp-Att-Int.....	13-38-3.....	24-43-0
Total Offense.....	295.....	474
Fumbles-Lost.....	2-1.....	1-1
Penalties-Yards.....	2-10.....	9-75
Int Returns-Yards-TD.....	0-0-0.....	3-42-1
Time of Possession.....	24:35.....	35:25
Sacks-Yards.....	0-0.....	0-0

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Young (11-88-1), Benefield (6-17-0)
 SEMO - Custis (15-52-2), Hess (11-41-2)

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

EIU - Woodbery (26-10-2-101-0), Kuhns (12-3-1-70-0)
 SEMO - Bunch (37-23-0-302-1), Buie (6-2-0-25-0)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Cooks (5-62-0), Vallie (3-26-0), Foulkes (2-39-0)
 SEMO - King (7-115-1), Smith (6-75-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Crittenden (6-3-1.5), Shockey (4-5-2)
 SEMO - McCauley (3-2-0), Lewis (3-2-0), Terrell (2-3-0)

RECAP

Southeast Missouri scored 27 points in the second quarter to break open the Ohio Valley Conference opener as teams play in the spring of 2021. EIU cracked the scoreboard late in the second quarter on a 72-yard touchdown run by Kendi Young. The Panthers defense contained a potent SEMO rushing game limiting the Redhawks to just 147 total yards on the ground. EIU committed four turnovers leading directly to 17 SEMO points.



GAME 2 - March 7, 2021
Eastern Illinois 15
UT Martin..... 28

Martin, Tenn.
 Graham Stadium (1,500)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	0	7	0	8	15
UT Martin	7	14	7	0	28

FIRST QUARTER

UTM - R. Williams 21 pass from Bachus (Larco kick) - 3:02

SECOND QUARTER

UTM - D. Williams 16 pass from Bachus (Larco kick) - 9:07
 UTM - Ford 50 interception return (Larco kick) - 8:11
 EIU - Judd 6 pass from Woodbery (Galloway kick) - 2:11

THIRD QUARTER

UTM - R. Williams 15 pass from Bachus (Larco kick) - 8:36

FOURTH QUARTER

EIU - Cooks 45 pass from Woodbery (pass failed) - 14:14
 EIU - Team Safety

TEAM STATSEIUUTM

First Downs.....	17.....	19
Rushes-Yards.....	25-59.....	27-57
Passing-Yards.....	279.....	269
Comp-Att-Int.....	26-49-1.....	26-38-1
Total Offense.....	338.....	326
Fumbles-Lost.....	0-0.....	3-1
Penalties-Yards.....	5-40.....	5-55
Int Returns-Yards-TD.....	1-0-0.....	1-50-1
Time of Possession.....	30:32.....	29:28
Sacks-Yards.....	0-0.....	1-7

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Benefield (13-29-0), Smith (9-24-0)
 UTM - Logan (13-41-0), Young (3-16-0)

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

EIU - Woodbery (49-26-1-279-2)
 UTM - Bachus (36-24-1-259-3), Winn (2-2-0-10-0)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Judd (5-73-1), Cooks (5-67-1), Hamilton (5-35-0)
 UTM - R. Williams (8-95-2), Dowell (6-45-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - J. Johnson (3-5-1.5), Shockey (1-7-0)
 UTM - Jackson (3-6-1), Sims (3-6-0.5)

RECAP

UT Martin built a 21-0 lead as the Skyhawks held on for a 28-15 win over Eastern Illinois. Leading 14-0, John Ford stepped in front of a pass to intercept the ball and raced 50 yards for a touchdown to put UTM up 21-0. EIU closed to 21-7 on a Matt Judd 6-yard touchdown pass after a big kickoff return by Judd set up EIU at the UTM 35-yard line. The Panthers added a 45-yard touchdown reception by DeWayne Cooks and a team safety for the final scores. EIU had two fourth down chances to move the ball in the fourth quarter but could not convert.



GAME 3 - March 14, 2021
Eastern Illinois 20
Tennessee State..... 21

Nashville, Tenn.
 Hale Stadium (1,855)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	3	14	0	3	20
Tennessee State	3	0	12	6	21

FIRST QUARTER

EIU - Galloway 41 field goal - 5:19
 TSU - Zita 51 field goal - 0:49

SECOND QUARTER

EIU - Vallie 4 pass from Kuhns (Galloway kick) - 11:31
 EIU - Vallie 13 pass from Kuhns (Orth kick) - 0:47

THIRD QUARTER

TSU - McColley 3 run (kick failed) - 12:35
 TSU - Starling 1 run (pass failed) - 6:15

FOURTH QUARTER

TSU - Zita 62 field goal - 4:10
 EIU - Galloway 37 field goal - 0:47
 TSU - Zita 35 field goal - 0:00

TEAM STATSEIUTSU

First Downs.....	22.....	19
Rushes-Yards.....	37-165.....	36-110
Passing-Yards.....	145.....	257
Comp-Att-Int.....	19-31-1.....	21-32-0
Total Offense.....	310.....	367
Fumbles-Lost.....	1-0.....	1-1
Penalties-Yards.....	6-35.....	8-91
Int Returns-Yards-TD.....	0-0-0.....	1-6-0
Time of Possession.....	31:12.....	28:48
Sacks-Yards.....	1-4.....	5-39

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Benefield (16-120-0), Smith (6-18-0)
 TSU - Starling (23-80-1), Green (8-28-0)

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

EIU - Kuhns (30-19-0-145-2)
 TSU - Green (32-21-0-257-0)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Richards (4-36-0), Vallie (3-37-2)
 TSU - Wyche (6-125-0), Trueheart (6-63-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - J. Johnson (8-6-1), Bohanek (6-3-0), Drakeford (5-1-0)
 TSU - Andrews (7-1-0), Hawkins (4-3-3.5)

RECAP

Antonio Zita knocked home a 35-yard field goal as time expired to lift Tennessee State to a 21-20 win over Eastern Illinois at Hale Stadium. EIU had taken a 20-18 lead with 41 seconds left in the contest on a Stone Galloway 37-yard field goal. Zita's field goal was his third of the day as he made a 51-yard kick in the first half and tied the OVC record with a 62-yard boot in the fourth that gave TSU a 18-17 lead at the time. The Panthers led 17-3 at the half after two first half touchdown passes from Otto Kuhns to Jay Vallie. Kuhns, a true freshman, made the start going 19-of-30 for 145 yards. He is the first true freshman to start a game at quarterback since Jimmy Garoppolo in 2010.

2020 EIU PANTHERS FOOTBALL
 EASTERN ILLINOIS Game Results
 All games played in Spring 2021

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	Ohio Valley Record	Time	Attend
* Feb 28, 2021	#21 SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	7-47 L	0-1	0-1	3:17	1,252
* Mar 7, 2021	at UT MARTIN	15-28 L	0-2	0-2	3:15	1,500
* Mar 14, 2021	at Tennessee State	20-21 L	0-3	0-3	3:24	1,855

* indicates Ohio Valley Conference game

2019 EASTERN ILLINOIS STARTERS

OPPONENT	WR	WR	RT	RG	C	LG	LT	WR	SB/WR	RB	OB
SE Missouri	Cooks	Lofton	Hoover	Gleyzer	Solomon	Tanelus	Strickland	Manaves	Vallie	Benefield	Woodbery
UT Martin	Cooks	Lofton	Hoover	Gleyzer	Solomon	Tanelus	Strickland	Judd	Vallie	Benefield	Woodbery
Tenn. State	Hamilton	Lofton	Hoover	Gleyzer	Solomon	Tanelus	Strickland	Judd	Vallie	Benefield	Kuhns

OPPONENT	DE	NT	DT	DE/LB	LB	LB	LB/SAF	CB	SAF	SAF	CB
SE Missouri	Leach	Hacha	Varga	M. Young	Shockey	J. Johnson	Crittenden	M. Williams	Drakeford	Vincent	Ross
UT Martin	Leach	Hacha	Miles	M. Young	Shockey	J. Johnson	Crittenden	M. Williams	Drakeford	Vincent	Ross
Tenn. State	Leach	Ubaike	Miles	M. Young	Shockey	J. Johnson	Bornslater	M. Williams	Drakeford	Vincent	Ross

Eastern Illinois Overall Team Statistics (as of Mar 14, 2021)
All games

Team Statistics	EIU	OPP
SCORING	42	96
Points Per Game	14.0	32.0
Points Off Turnovers	0	24
FIRST DOWNS	48	58
Rushing	14	16
Passing	26	41
Penalty	8	1
RUSHING YARDAGE	348	314
Yards gained rushing	425	367
Yards lost rushing	77	53
Rushing Attempts	89	105
Average Per Rush	3.9	3.0
Average Per Game	116.0	104.7
TDs Rushing	1	6
PASSING YARDAGE	595	853
Comp-Att-Int	58-118-5	72-113-1
Average Per Pass	5.0	7.5
Average Per Catch	10.3	11.8
Average Per Game	198.3	284.3
TDs Passing	4	4
TOTAL OFFENSE	943	1167
Total Plays	207	218
Average Per Play	4.6	5.4
Average Per Game	314.3	389.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	9-220	4-51
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	1-23	7-57
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	1-0	5-98
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	24.4	12.8
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	23.0	8.1
INT RETURN AVERAGE	0.0	19.6
FUMBLES-LOST	3-1	5-3
PENALTIES-Yards	13-85	22-221
Average Per Game	28.3	73.7
PUNTS-Yards	14-484	12-427
Average Per Punt	34.6	35.6
Net punt average	30.5	32.0
KICKOFFS-Yards	10-404	20-1032
Average Per Kick	40.4	51.6
Net kick average	35.3	38.1
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	28:46	31:14
3RD-DOWN Conversions	11/46	21/45
3rd-Down Pct	24%	47%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	4/15	2/6
4th-Down Pct	27%	33%
SACKS BY-Yards	1-4	6-46
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	5	12
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	2-4	5-7
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(5-9) 56%	(12-15) 80%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(3-9) 33%	(9-15) 60%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(4-4) 100%	(9-11) 82%
ATTENDANCE	1252	3355
Games/Avg Per Game	1/1252	2/1678
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Eastern Illinois	3	28	0	11	0	42
Opponents	17	41	25	13	0	96

Eastern Illinois Overall Individual Statistics (as of Mar 14, 2021)
All games

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
BENEFIELD, J	3	35	189	23	166	4.7	0	30	55.3
YOUNG, Kendi	1	11	89	1	88	8.0	1	72	88.0
SMITH, Jordan	3	22	63	11	52	2.4	0	10	17.3
HAMILTON, Tyler	2	1	14	0	14	14.0	0	14	7.0
KUHNS, Otto	2	14	48	35	13	0.9	0	17	6.5
WOODBERRY, Harry	3	5	16	7	9	1.8	0	10	3.0
PHILLIPS, Desean	2	1	6	0	6	6.0	0	6	3.0
Total	3	89	425	77	348	3.9	1	72	116.0
Opponents	3	105	367	53	314	3.0	6	16	104.7

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
WOODBERRY, Harry	3	91.36	36-75-3	48.0	380	2	45	126.7
KUHNS, Otto	2	106.33	22-42-1	52.4	215	2	31	107.5
JUDD, Matt	3	-200.00	0-1-1	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	3	94.22	58-118-5	49.2	595	4	45	198.3
Opponents	3	137.04	72-113-1	63.7	853	4	48	284.3

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
COOKS, DeWayne	3	10	129	12.9	1	45	43.0
HAMILTON, Tyler	2	9	54	6.0	0	21	27.0
VALLIE, Jay	3	8	86	10.8	2	20	28.7
BENEFIELD, J	3	7	29	4.1	0	10	9.7
JUDD, Matt	3	6	90	15.0	1	26	30.0
LOFTON, Robbie	3	5	55	11.0	0	21	18.3
RICHARDS, Xander	1	4	36	9.0	0	19	36.0
MANAVES, Anthony	3	3	54	18.0	0	31	18.0
FOULKES, Arron	2	2	39	19.5	0	26	19.5
SMITH, Jordan	3	2	10	5.0	0	9	3.3
HUGHES, Dylan	3	1	8	8.0	0	8	2.7
STRICKER, Nick	3	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.7
Total	3	58	595	10.3	4	45	198.3
Opponents	3	72	853	11.8	4	48	284.3

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
SMITH, DeAirious	1	23	23.0	0	0
Total	1	23	23.0	0	0
Opponents	7	57	8.1	0	18

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
CRITTENDEN, Ray	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	1	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	5	98	19.6	2	50

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
JUDD, Matt	8	210	26.2	0	53
BENEFIELD, J	1	10	10.0	0	10
Total	9	220	24.4	0	53
Opponents	4	51	12.8	0	25

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
ROSS, JJ	1	9	9.0	0	9
Total	1	9	9.0	0	9
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
VALLIE, Jay	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
GALLOWAY, Stone	-	2-4	2-2	-	-	-	-	8	
COOKS, DeWayne	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
JUDD, Matt	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
YOUNG, Kendi	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
ORTH, William	-	-	2-2	-	-	-	-	2	
TEAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	
WOODBERRY, Harry	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	0	
Total	5	2-4	4-4	-	-	0-1	-	42	
Opponents	12	5-7	9-11	-	-	0-1	-	96	

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
WOODBERRY, Harry	3	80	9	380	389	129.7
KUHNS, Otto	2	56	13	215	228	114.0
BENEFIELD, J	3	35	166	0	166	55.3
YOUNG, Kendi	1	11	88	0	88	88.0
SMITH, Jordan	3	22	52	0	52	17.3
HAMILTON, Tyler	2	1	14	0	14	7.0
PHILLIPS, Desean	2	1	6	0	6	3.0
Total	3	207	348	595	943	314.3
Opponents	3	218	314	853	1167	389.0

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
GALLOWAY, Stone	2-4	50.0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-2	0-1	41	1

FG Sequence	Eastern Illinois	Opponents
Southeast Missouri	-	38,(32),(35)
UT Martin	53	-
Tennessee State	(41),47,(37)	(51),38,(62),(35)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
GALLOWAY, Stone	13	484	37.2	53	0	2	1	1	1
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	14	484	34.6	53	0	2	1	1	1
Opponents	12	427	35.6	53	1	7	7	2	1

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
ORTH, William	9	364	40.4	0	1			
GALLOWAY, Stone	1	40	40.0	0	0			
Total	10	404	40.4	0	1	12.8	35.3	29
Opponents	20	1032	51.6	2	1	24.4	38.1	26

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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
JUDD, Matt	3	0	90	0	210	0	300	100.0
BENEFIELD, J	3	166	29	0	10	0	205	68.3
COOKS, DeWay	3	0	129	0	0	0	129	43.0
YOUNG, Kendi	1	88	0	0	0	0	88	88.0
VALLIE, Jay	3	0	86	0	0	0	86	28.7
HAMILTON, Tyl	2	14	54	0	0	0	68	34.0
SMITH, Jordan	3	52	10	0	0	0	62	20.7
LOFTON, Robbi	3	0	55	0	0	0	55	18.3
MANAVES,Anth	3	0	54	0	0	0	54	18.0
FOULKES, Arro	2	0	39	0	0	0	39	19.5
RICHARDS,Xan	1	0	36	0	0	0	36	36.0
SMITH,DeAiriou	2	0	0	23	0	0	23	11.5
KUHNS, Otto	2	13	0	0	0	0	13	6.5
WOODBERRY, H	3	9	0	0	0	0	9	3.0
HUGHES, Dylan	3	0	8	0	0	0	8	2.7
PHILLIPS,Dese	2	6	0	0	0	0	6	3.0
STRICKER, Nick	3	0	5	0	0	0	5	1.7
Total	3	348	595	23	220	0	1186	395.3
Opponents	3	314	853	57	51	98	1373	457.7

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##	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles			tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot			int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
8D	JOHNSON, Jason	3	15	14	29	3.0-6	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
45	BOHANEK, Colin	3	11	10	21	0.5-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
23	SHOCKEY, A.	3	7	14	21	2.0-5	.	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.
4	CRITTENDEN, Ray	3	13	7	20	2.5-5	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	DRAKEFORD, K.	3	13	4	17	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
0	VINCENT, Jordan	3	7	8	15	1.5-3	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
24	ROSS, JJ	3	12	2	14	.	.	.	3	.	1-9	.	.	.
21	WILLIAMS, Mark	3	8	4	12	2.0-14	.	.	2	.	.	1	.	.
93	LEACH, Cameron	3	4	6	10	1.0-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
90	YOUNG, Michael	3	4	5	9	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	MILES, Jordan	3	5	3	8	4.5-9	1.0-4	.	.	2	.	1	.	.
97	VARGA, Tim	2	5	2	7	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
9	MORROW, Jestin	2	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	UBAIKE, James	3	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
20	BORNSLATER, M	3	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	JOHNSON, Dy	1	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.
6	BARROWS, Joel	3	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
40	PORTER, Phoenix	3	1	1	2	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	HARVEY, Tyris	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
65	HACHA, Jaron	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	HILL, Nile	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
76	HOOVER, Cole	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4Q	KUHNS, Otto	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	JOHNSON, Jamari	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	SHAW, Trey	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	MOORE, Dominic	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
77	GLEYZER, Ivan	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
69	ELMORE, Stephen	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	TEAM	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
27	SMITH, DeAirious	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
	Total	3	121	100	221	19-47	1-4	1-0	10	7	3-9	4	1	1
	Opponents	3	107	72	179	23-86	6-46	5-98	16	9	1-0	1	2	.