



EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHER FOOTBALL

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GAME 1



COACHES:

Adam Cushing (Univ. of Chicago, 2002)

EIU Record..... 2-16 (3rd)

OVC Record..... 2-12 (3rd)

vs. Indiana State 0-1

Curt Mallory (Michigan, 1992)

INST Record12-22 (5th)

MVFC Record.....8-16 (5th)

Overall RecordSame

vs. Eastern Illinois 2-1

SERIES

87th meeting, EIU leads 43-39-4

Last: @INST 16, EIU 6 on Sept. 21, 2019

RANKINGS

Eastern Illinois--- / ---

Indiana State.....--- / ---

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

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Panthers Kick Off 2021 With Week Zero Game At Indiana State

Eastern Illinois at Indiana State

Memorial Stadium (12,764) • Terre Haute, Ind.

August 28, 2021 • 5 p.m. • TV: ESPN+

NOTES TO KNOW

• Eastern Illinois gets an early start to the 2021 season as the Panthers travel to Terre Haute, Ind., on Saturday night to face Indiana State in a Week Zero contest. The game is one of two FCS Week Zero contests and one of seven total overall Week Zero games. For Indiana State it will be the Sycamores first game in 644 days as they opted out of the 2020-21 season. For EIU it will continue a span of 17 games in nine months as EIU played six games in the spring of 2021.

• Jason Johnson was named a preseason first team All-Ohio Valley Conference selection after earning first team All-OVC honors last season at linebacker. The third year player led the OVC in tackles per game last season finishing the year with 66 tackles. His 11 tackles per game ranked ninth in the FCS. Johnson ended the season with a streak of four straight games with double figure tackles including 15 against Tennessee Tech.

• Matt Judd was named a preseason first team All-Ohio Valley Conference selection at kick returner. Last season he earned second team honors at the position leading the OVC in kick return average at 24.8 yards per return. Judd had a long return on the season of 53 yards at UT Martin. Judd also sees time at wide receiver hauling in eight passes for 109 yards and a touchdown in six games last season.

• The August 28 kickoff date marks the earliest calendar date EIU has ever opened a football season. This is the fourth time the EIU has played a season opener on August 28. The last time was in 2014 at Minnesota. EIU also has played Aug. 28 openers in 2008 at Central Michigan and 1997 at Western Illinois.

• Eastern Illinois scored 13 offensive touchdowns during its shortened spring 2021 season. Of those 13 scores, three were of the big play variety with two long touchdown runs and one pass play. DeWayne Cooks hauled in a 45-yard touchdown pass for one score. Kendi Young had a 72-yard touchdown run in the opener and the final score was an 80-yard touchdown run.

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

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Aug. 28	at Indiana State	5 pm
Sept. 4	at South Carolina	6 pm
Sept. 11	at Dayton	12 pm
Sept. 18	ILLINOIS STATE	6 pm
Sept. 25	• at Tennessee Tech	1:30 pm
Oct. 2	at Murray State	4 pm
Oct. 16	• UT MARTIN	2 pm
Oct. 23	• TENNESSEE STATE	2 pm
Oct. 30	• at Southeast Missouri	1 pm
Nov. 6	• at Austin Peay	2 pm
Nov. 20	• MURRAY STATE	12 pm

• Ohio Valley Conference Game All Times Central

Indiana State (0-0, 0-0 OVC)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Aug. 28	EASTERN ILLINOIS	5 pm
Sept. 11	at Northwestern	12 pm
Sept. 18	at Eastern Kentucky	7 pm
Sept. 25	• SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	1 pm
Oct. 2	• at South Dakota	3 pm
Oct. 9	• WESTERN ILLINOIS	1 pm
Oct. 16	• at Missouri State	3 pm
Oct. 23	• YOUNGSTOWN STATE	1 pm
Oct. 30	• at North Dakota State	3:30 pm
Nov. 13	• SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	1 pm
Nov. 20	• at Illinois State	1 pm

• Missouri Valley Football Conference Games All Times Central

STATS FCS MEDIA TOP 25

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	Sam Houston State (39)	10-0
2.	James Madison (8)	7-1
3.	South Dakota State (3)	8-2
4.	North Dakota State	7-3
5.	Delaware	7-1
6.	Weber State	5-1
7.	Southern Illinois	6-4
8.	North Dakota	5-2
9.	Montana	2-0
10.	Jacksonville State	10-3
11.	Eastern Washington	5-2
12.	Montana State	DNP
13.	Monmouth	3-1
14.	Central Arkansas	5-4
15.	Southeastern Louisiana	4-3
16.	Villanova	2-2
17.	VMI	6-2
18.	Chattanooga	3-2
19.	Kennesaw State	4-1
20.	Austin Peay	4-5
21.	North Iowa	3-4
22.	Nicholls State	4-3
23.	UC Davis	3-2
24.	Missouri State	5-5
25.	North Carolina A&T	DNP

• Eastern Illinois added a pair of NCAA Division II All-American transfers to the roster during the offseason with both players expected to provide an impact this season. Logen Neidhardt was a two-time All-American at punter in 2018 and 2019 at Ohio Dominican. He opted of playing in 2020. Justin Growel was an All-American at Lake Erie College in 2019 when he was a nominee for the Cliff Harris Award as a defensive lineman. The award is presented to the top small school defensive player in college football.

• Quarterback Otto Kuhns has been listed as the starter for the Week Zero game at Indiana State. Kuhns appeared in four games last making three starts. He finished the year passing for 509 yards and five touchdowns going 44-of-87 (50.6 pct). Kuhns added 86 yards rushing on the ground with a long run of 22 yards.

• Otto Kuhns will have company in the quarterback room as the Panthers brought in two FBS transfers and a high school quarterback to join Kuhns and Zach Weir. Chris Katrenick is a transfer from Duke where he appeared in eight games during a four-year career with the Blue Devils. Grant Ciccarone is a transfer from Colorado while Zach Trainor is a high school product from Michigan.

• Dynamic wide receiver Isaiah Hill is expected to return to the Panthers line-up this season after missing all of last year with an injury. In 2019 Hill earned All-OVC Newcomer Team honors as he led the Panthers in receiving with 58 catches for 571 yards in eight games played. He scored six touchdowns on the season with four receiving and two rushing.

• With Isaiah Hill out last season, EIU had three players finish with double figure receptions last season led by Univ. of Dayton transfer Jay Vallie. Playing the super back position he hauled in 18 passes for 190 yards and three touchdowns. Vallie will sit out this season due to injury. The Panthers two top returning receiving threats are DeWayne Cooks (15 catches / 241 yards) and Tyler Hamilton (13 catches / 80 yards).

• Eastern Illinois added some transfer depth at the wide receiver position as the Panthers brought in Tyler Ringwood from UNC Charlotte and Adarius Dent from Florida State. Ringwood caught 36 passes for 540 yards and three touchdowns in three seasons at Charlotte. He was the team's third leading receiver when the 49ers made a bowl game in 2019. Dent transferred to EIU during fall camp from FSU. He made three catches in two seasons seeing a good deal of his playing time on special teams.

• EIU returns two of its top three rushers from last season with Jaelin Benefield and Kendi Young. Benefield was second on the team with 258 yards rushing after leading the Panthers as a true freshman in 2019. Young was third on the team with 121 yards appearing in just three games. Benefield also added nine receptions out of the backfield.

• EIU added some size and experience to its running back corps with transfer Markenzky Pierre and freshman Harrison Bey-Buie. Pierre is a transfer from Syracuse where he had 59 carries over the past four seasons playing for former EIU head coach Dino Babers. Bey-Buie is in his second season as a Panther after missing the COVID-19 season due to injury. As a senior in high school he rushed for more than 2,000 yards and 32 touchdowns to be named a finalist for the All-Iowa football player of the year.

• Eastern Illinois returns four of its five starters on the offensive line from last season with all four players starting as a unit for all six games. Ivan Gleyzer (RG), Ben Solomon (C), Elkhanan Tanelus (LG) and Chad Strickland (LT) started with departed senior Cole Hoover. Solomon, Tanelus and Strickland all started during the 2019 season as well giving the Panthers a veteran unit heading into 2021.

• Ben Solomon has been named a nominee for this year's Allstate AFCA Good Works Team. Solomon is one of three nominee's from the Ohio Valley Conference and 17 players from the FCS ranks. Solomon has been a leader for the Panthers Uplifting Athletes Chapter spearheading two campaigns over the last two summers (Walk for Life & Lift for Life).

FCS COACHES TOP 25

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	Sam Houston State (18)	10-0
2.	James Madison (9)	7-1
3.	North Dakota State	7-3
4.	South Dakota State (1)	8-2
5.	Delaware	7-1
6.	Weber State	5-1
7.	North Dakota	5-2
8.	Jacksonville State	10-3
9.	Montana	2-0
10.	Southern Illinois	6-4
11.	Montana State	DNP
12.	Monmouth	3-1
13.	Central Arkansas	5-4
14.	Eastern Washington	5-2
15.	Villanova	2-2
16.	Northern Iowa	3-4
17.	Southeastern Louisiana	4-3
18.	Chattanooga	3-2
19.	VMI	6-2
20.	Kennesaw State	4-1
21.	UC Davis	3-2
22.	Richmond	3-1
23.	Nicholls State	4-3
24.	North Carolina A&T	DNP
25.	Austin Peay	4-5

2020 OVC Standings

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

This Week In OVC Football**Saturday - Aug. 28**

Eastern Illinois at Indiana State - 5 pm

Thursday - Sept. 2

Tennessee Tech at Samford - 6 pm

Southern Illinois at Southeast Missouri - 6:30 pm

Austin Peay at Chattanooga - 6:30 pm

Mississippi Valley State at Murray State - 7 pm

Saturday - Sept. 4

Eastern Illinois at South Carolina - 6 pm

UT Martin at Western Kentucky - 7 pm

Sunday - Aug. 5

Tennessee State vs. Grambling State - 3 pm

Eastern Illinois Captains

EIU captains will be selected on a game-by-game basis

OVC Predicted Order Of Finish

1. Murray State
2. Austin Peay
Southeast Missouri
4. UT Martin
5. Tennessee State
6. Tennessee Tech
7. Eastern Illinois

Eastern Illinois Players On All-OVC Preseason Team

Jason Johnson - Linebacker

Matt Judd - Kick Returner

**2020 OVC Players of the Week
(Played in Spring of 2021)**

March 23 - Jason Johnson (Defense)

March 30 - Jordan Smith (Newcomer)

• Linebacker Colin Bohanek came on strong at the end of last season as he finished second on the team in tackles as a true freshman. Bohanek had 40 tackles for the season with two tackles for loss. One of his biggest plays of the season came in the home win over Tennessee Tech as he intercepted a pass late in the fourth quarter to seal the victory. Bohanek ranked first among OVC freshmen in tackles last season.

• Eastern Illinois defense ranked fifth in the Ohio Valley Conference last season in tackles for loss and did most of that with a young front line. True freshmen Jordan Miles, Michael Young Jr., and Jaron Hacha combined to start ten games up front with all three starting together in one game. Miles would finish the season tied for the team lead in tackles for loss with six and was the team leader in sacks with two.

• Eastern Illinois pressure on the quarterback last season came from its younger players as five of the team's six sacks were collected by true freshmen. Jordan Miles led the team with two sacks. Colin Bohanek added 1.5 sacks with fellow linebacker Phoenix Porter collecting one sack. Safety Kaelin Drakeford was credited with a half sack.

• Eastern Illinois defense had one fumble recovery in its final game of the 2020-21 season against Jacksonville State as the Panthers had ten turnovers gained to rank 26th in the FCS. EIU has a streak of 16 straight games of forcing at least one turnover. The last time EIU didn't force a turnover in a game was Sept. 14, 2019 against Illinois State. In that 16 game span, two of those turnovers have been converted into touchdowns with an interception return for touchdown and fumble return for a score.

• EIU's defense will have two new starters at corner when the Panthers open the season at Indiana State. One of the two open spots is that of second team All-OVC corner Mark Williams who graduated in the spring. EIU has four players that have been battling for time during fall camp with junior college transfer Russell Dandy and second year player Tyrus Harvey currently listed as starters. Central Florida transfer Elijah Benoit and returner Charles Shelton IV are also in the mix.

• Last season EIU started two true freshmen at the safety positions with Kaelin Drakeford and Jordan Vincent. The two combined for 61 tackles ranking third and sixth on the team in total tackles. This fall EIU will welcome back Bryce Dewberry who was a starter at safety in 2019 and missed last season with an injury as the Panthers have built some depth at the position.

• Eastern Illinois special teams had a knack for blocking kicks last season as the Panthers blocked two punts and a field goal during the six game season. The blocked field goal came against Jacksonville State with blocked punts at UT Martin and Tennessee Tech. The UT Martin punt was blocked by DeAirious Smith and resulted in a safety. The TTU blocked punt by Marcus Bornslater was recovered for a touchdown.

• EIU split its kicking duties last season and looks to do so again this year. Stone Galloway served as the field goal kicker going 5-of-7 on field goal attempts with a long of 44 yards. Will Orth served as the place kicker on extra points and handled most of the kickoff duties.

• Over the last two seasons Eastern Illinois has been aggressive in terms of going for it on 4th down, in fact EIU ranks first in the FCS in fourth down attempts in the last two seasons with 82. The Panthers have converted on 38 of those 82 fourth down attempts good for 46.3 percent. The Citadel (47 conversions) and Davidson (43 conversions) are the only schools with more fourth down conversions in the last two seasons.

• Eastern Illinois ranked second in the FCS in kickoff return defense last season as opponents only averaged 10.2 yards per return against the Panthers

• Eastern Illinois led the OVC in fewest penalty yards per game last season as the Panthers ranked 5th in the FCS with only 31.1 penalty yards per game flagged against them.

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 that first 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 STATE HEAD COACH CURT MALLORY

Curt Mallory, the son of former long time college coach Bill Mallory, enters his fifth season at Indiana State. Mallory posted a 12-22 record in his first three seasons with the Sycamores opting out of the 2020-21 season with COVID-19 concerns. After going 0-11 in his first season the Sycamores improved to 7-4 in year two as he won MVFC Coach of the Year honors. The team was 5-7 during the 2019 campaign. Mallory played football at Michigan and had assistant coaching stops at Indiana, Illinois and Michigan before taking over in Terre Haute.

SCOUTING INDIANA STATE

Indiana State returns to action after not playing football in 644 calendar days. The Sycamores last played on Nov. 23, 2019 after missing all of 2020-21 due to COVID-19. Despite the long layoff the Sycamores return several key figures from their 2019 roster including quarterback Kurtis Wilderman and top running back Peterson Kerlegrand and top receiver Dante Hendrix. The ISU defense lost some players but does return Kaleb Brewer and Inoke Moala who both posted double figure tackles for loss in 2019.

THE SERIES

Eastern Illinois and Indiana State will be meeting for the 87th time when the two schools, separated by just 45 miles, open the year with a Week Zero Game on Aug. 28 in Terre Haute. Eastern Illinois leads the all-time series between the two schools 43-39-4. Indiana State has won the last two games in the series including a 2019 meeting in EIU head coach Adam Cushing's first season in Charleston. The two schools first met on the gridiron in 1902 with this the second most played series in EIU program history (trailing only the Mid-America Classic with Illinois State).

LAST TEN MEETINGS

<i>Sept. 21, 2019</i>	<i>INST 16, EIU 6 at INST</i>
<i>Sept. 15, 2018</i>	<i>INST 55, EIU 41 at EIU</i>
<i>Aug. 31, 2017</i>	<i>EIU 22, INST 20 at INST</i>
<i>Sept. 12, 2009</i>	<i>EIU 31, INST 0 at INST</i>
<i>Sept. 13, 2008</i>	<i>EIU 38, INST 3 at EIU</i>
<i>Sept. 22, 2007</i>	<i>EIU 54, INST 20 at INST</i>
<i>Sept. 9, 2006</i>	<i>EIU 31, INST 21 at EIU</i>
<i>Sept. 1, 2005</i>	<i>EIU 24, INST 13 at INST</i>
<i>Sept. 11, 2004</i>	<i>INST 33, EIU 30 (ot) at EIU</i>
<i>Sept. 27, 2003</i>	<i>INST 23, EIU 7 at INST</i>

TALE OF THE TAPE



Points Per Game.....	20.0	19.6
Average Points Allowed.....	33.5	22.8
First Downs.....	96	220
Rushing Yards Per Game	129.8	179.0
Rushing Touchdowns.....	5	16
Passing Yards Per Game	190.7	166.8
Passing Touchdowns	8	10
Average Yards Per Game	320.5	345.8
Interceptions Thrown	8	10
Fumbles - Lost	9-5	21-16
Turnovers Gained.....	10	20
Punting Average	36.9	40.1
Field Goals (ATT/MADE)	5-of-7	14-of-20
3rd Down Conversions	20-of-90 (22%)	61-of-165 (37%)
4th Down Conversions.....	10-of-31 (32%)	8-of-16 (50%)
Sacks By (Yards).....	6 (45)	27 (171)
Penalties (Yards)	29 (187)	57 (511)
Time of Possession (Game)	28:59	32:01

Statistical Leaders (Bold Returners)

RUSHING YARDS (Touchdowns)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	INDIANA STATE
Jordan Smith .....278 (2)	Peterson Kerlegrand..746 (3)
Jaelin Benefield.....258 (1)	Dominique Dafney.....439 (7)

PASSING YARDS (Touchdowns)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	INDIANA STATE
Harry Woodbery.....631 (3)	Kurtis Wilderman.....1170 (6)
Otto Kuhns .....509 (5)	Ryan Boyle.....508 (2)

RECEPTIONS (Yards)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	INDIANA STATE
Jay Vallie .....18 (190)	Dante Hendrix .....51 (653)
DeWayne Cooks .....14 (241)	Dante Jones II .....24 (236)
Tyler Hamilton .....13 (80)	Dakota Caton.....21 (221)

TACKLES

EASTERN ILLINOIS	INDIANA STATE
Jason Johnson.....66	Jonas Griffith.....106
Colin Bohanek .....40	Clayton Glasco.....86
Kaelin Drakeford .....36	Michael Thomas .....73
Raymond Crittenden .....33	Denzel Bonner .....60
Anthony Shockey .....26	Matt Thompson .....40

TACKLES FOR LOSS / SACKS

EASTERN ILLINOIS	INDIANA STATE
Jordan Miles .....6.....2	Clayton Glasco 15.5 .....4
Jason Johnson.....6.....1	Inoke Moala.....12.5...3.5
Raymond Crittenden .....5.....0	Kaleb Brewer.....10.5...2.5

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

TEAM	NCAA.....	OVC
.....	NCAA.....	OVC
Rushing Offense	52nd	4th
Passing Offense	56th	5th
Passing Efficiency	82nd	9th
Total Offense	58th	4th
Scoring Offense	61st	8th
Rushing Defense	39th	3rd
Pass Defense	82nd	9th
Pass Efficiency Def.	63rd	6th
Total Defense	70th	8th
Scoring Defense	82nd	9th
Net Punting	74th	7th
Punt Returns	21st	2nd
Kickoff Returns	24th	2nd
Turnover Margin	69th	8th
Turnovers Gained	26th	7th
Sacks	77th	8th
Tackles For Loss	56th	5th
Sacks Allowed	56th	5th
3rd Down Conversion	92nd	9th
4th Down Conversion	80th	8th
3rd Down Defense	61st	7th
Red Zone Offense	84th	9th
Red Zone Defense	61st	7th
Time of Possession	67th	8th

INDIVIDUAL (Top 40)

.....	NCAA.....	OVC
Matt Judd (Kick Returns).....	17th	2nd
Otto Kuhns (Passing TDs)	37th	7th
Jay Vallie (Touchdown Receptions).....	26th	5th
JJ Ross (Fumbles Recovered)	29th	6th
Dytarious Johnson (Fumbles Recovered)	29th	6th
Anthony Shockey (Fumbles Recovered).....	29th	6th
Cam Leach (Fumbles Recovered).....	29th	6th
Jason Johnson (Solo Tackles)	21st	1st
Jason Johnson (Tackles).....	9th	1st

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
9 - 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
* indicates team no longer in the OVC

NCAA PLAYOFF APPEARANCES

School.....# Appearances (Last)

Montana 24 (2019)
Eastern Kentucky 21 (2014)
Northern Iowa 21 (2019)
Appalachian State* 20 (2012)
Georgia Southern* 19 (2012)
Furman 18 (2019)
Delaware 17 (2020)
James Madison..... 17 (2020)
EASTERN ILLINOIS 16 (2015)
New Hampshire 16 (2017)
McNeese State 16 (2015)
Eastern Washington..... 14 (2020)

* 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
3rd year at Eastern Illinois
(University of Chicago, 2002)

Eastern Illinois

- Hired as 25th head coach in program history – Dec. 9, 2018 (enters third season in 2021)
- 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 nine All-OVC selections (two 1st team, four 2nd team, three All-Newcomer)
- Coached three Freshmen All-Americans
- Coached one Sophomore All-American
- Had biggest Illinois based recruiting class in more than 20 seasons (in 2019)
- Team ranked 30th in FCS in total defense in 2019
- Team ranked 18th in FCS in fewest penalties in 2019, improved to 5th in the FCS in 2020
- Team ranked 1st in FCS in fourth down conversions in 2019
- Team ranked in Top 25 in FCS in special teams in 2020 (2nd in kick return defense, 9th in blocked kicks, 22nd in punt returns, 23rd in kick returns)
- Team ranked 39th in FCS in rushing defense in 2020, 44th in turnovers gained
- FCS Coaches Poll Top 25 voter in 2020
- Named to Football Oversight Committee
- Career record (2-16, 2-12 in OVC)

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 Burckett
- 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

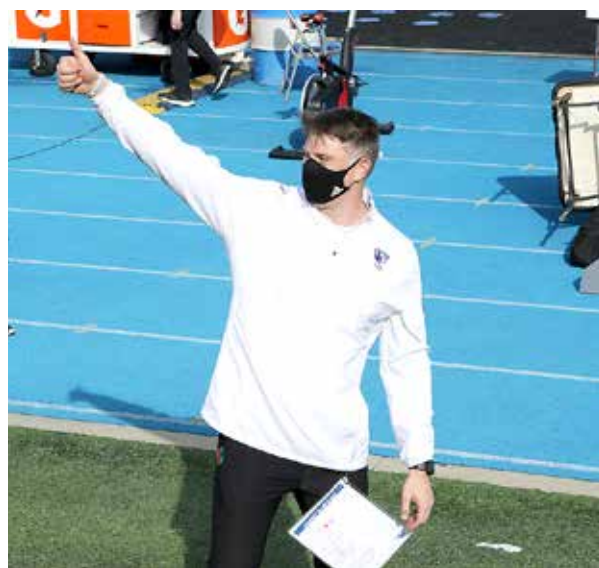
Bachelor's - University of Chicago, 2002

Master's - University of La Verne, 2004

FAMILY

Wife: Dr. Jaime Cushing

Children: Abigail, Dana, Alexander





Chris Bowers

Def. Coordinator
(3rd year)
Wittenberg Univ., 1999



John Kuceyeski

Off Cord. / Super Backs
(3rd year)
Penn State, 2009



Neal Renna

Safeties & co-Special Teams
(3rd year)
Heidelberg Univ., 2011



Omar Young

Running Backs & co-ST
(3rd year)
Savannah State, 2005



Chris Batti

Quarterbacks
(3rd year)
Illinois, 2008



Adam Gristick

Linebackers & Def. Run
Game Coordinator
(4th year)
Eastern Illinois, 2015



Dan Hernandez

Offensive Line
(3rd year)
Upper Iowa, 2009



Adam Morris

Defensive Line
(2nd year)
Ball State, 2013



Cliff Odom Jr.

Defensive Backs
(2nd year)
Baylor, 2011



Mark Philmore II

Wide Receivers
(2nd year)
Northwestern, 2006

FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF & QUALITY CONTROL

Graduate Assistant Coach - DefenseBrad Jarman
Graduate Assistant Coach - OffenseMark Gorogianis Jr
Quality Control Coach - Offense.....Rocky Zingale
Quality Control Coach - Defense.....Andrew Zimmer

Graduate Assistant - OperationsJimmy Muessling
Quality Control - Player PersonnelBrian Gorsky
Quality Control - RecruitingPayton Naylor
Quality Control - OperationsDJ Marquardt
Student Assistant CoachChris Rouse
Student Assistant - Data & AnalyticsJason Tabit

Football Athletic TrainerScott Goehner
Football Equipment ManagerClint Bays
Director of Football Operations / Asst. HC.....Jesse Walton
Football AcademicsZach Mentzer
NutritionTBA
Director of Football Performance.....Derek Stein
Graduate Assistant - Football Strength.....Dan Baur

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Head Athletic TrainerJim Nave
Assistant Football Athletic TrainerMichaela DeSantis
Football GA Athletic TrainerMaria Garcia
Football GA Athletic TrainerKevin Bravo
Orthopedic SurgeonSarah Bush Lincoln Sports Medicine
Team DoctorDr. Robert Biggs
Team Dentist.....Dr. Jennifer Kennedy

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Athletic DirectorTom Michael
Deputy Athletic DirectorMark Bonnstetter
Associate AD Compliance/SWAKiersten Klekner-Alt
Associate AD/DevelopmentMike Murray
Associate AD Media & PR.....Rich Moser
Assistant AD Academic Services.....Cindy Almon
Business Manager & TicketsBrian 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...

Mark Williams, 1, at Murray State (March 28, 2021) - (38 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
Marcus Bornslater (March 22, 2021) vs. Tennessee Tech

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

Marcus Bornslater, 1 vs. Tennessee Tech (March 21, 2021)... - Marcus Bornslater

Blocked a field goal...

Jestin Morrow, 1 vs Jacksonville State (Apr 3, 2021)

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...

Jason Johnson, 15, vs. Tennessee Tech (March 21, 2021)

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, 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
1.....	Marcus Bornslater 0 blocked punt recovery	Tennessee Tech
1.....	Jaelin Benefield 4 run.....	Tennessee Tech
2.....	Arron Foulkes 17 pass from Otto Kuhns	Tennessee Tech
3.....	Arron Foulkes 36 pass from Otto Kuhns	Tennessee Tech
2.....	Robbie Lofton 18 pass from Otto Kuhns.....	at Murray State
3.....	Mark Williams 38 interception return.....	at Murray State
3.....	Jordan Smith 80 run	at Murray State
2.....	Jordan Smith 6 run	Jacksonville State
2.....	Jay Vallie 7 pass from Hary Woodbery.....	Jacksonville State
3.....	Harry Woodbery 4 run	Jacksonville State

EASTERN ILLINOIS NFL CONNECTION

SAN FRANCISCO 49ers

Jimmy Garoppolo - Quarterback

HOUSTON TEXANS

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:

-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
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	Bryce Dewberry	SAF	5-10	210	Jr	2	McDonough, Ga. (Eagles Landing)
0	Arron Foulkes	WR	5-8	165	Fr	HS	Southfield, Mich. (Southfield A&T)
1	Jordan Vincent	DB	5-10	185	Fr	HS	Lincolnshire, Ill. (Stevenson)
1	Markenzy Pierre	RB	5-11	215	R-Jr	TR	Kissimmee, Fla. (Liberty / Syracuse Univ.)
2	DeWayne Cooks Jr	WR	6-2	155	R-So	1	Tulsa, Okla. (Booker T. Washington)
2	Mark Aitken	DB	5-9	175	R-Fr	TR	Chicago, Ill. (Kenwood Academy / Northern Illinois Univ.)
3	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	Otto Kuhns	QB	6-3	205	Fr	HS	Carroll, Ohio (Bloom Carroll)
4	Kobe Rodgers	DB	6-1	190	R-Sr	TR	Gaffney, SC (Gaffney/Gardner-Webb Univ.)
5	Matt Judd	WR	6-2	185	R-Fr	TR	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East/Univ. of Illinois)
5	Nick Coates	DB	5-10	175	Fr	HS	Louisville, Ky. (Male)
6	Joel Barrows	LB	6-3	215	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Brooks Prep)
6	Tyler Hamilton	DB	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	Zach Weir	QB	6-2	185	Fr	HS	Grafton, Wis. (Grafton)
8	Jason Johnson	LB	6-2	200	So	1	Matteson, Ill. (Rich Central)
9	Chris Katrenick	QB	6-3	215	R-So	TR	Algonquin, Ill. (Jacobs / Duke Univ.)
9	Elijah Benoit	DB	6-0	170	R-Jr	TR	Tampa, Fla. (Seffner Christian/Univ. of Central Florida)
11	Eric Rooks	WR	6-3	195	R-So	1	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle Institute / Univ. of Hawaii)
12	Zach Trainor	QB	6-1	205	Fr	HS	Milford, Mich. (Walled Lake Western)
12	Justin Growel	DL	6-4	260	R-Sr	TR	East Troy, Wis. (East Troy / Lake Erie College)
13	Trey Shaw III	S	6-1	170	Fr	HS	Nashville, Tenn. (East Nashville Magnet)
13	Cooper Willman	WR	6-1	180	Fr	HS	Sterling, Ill. (Sterling)
14	Kirk Pinkston Jr.	WR	5-10	175	So	1	Indianapolis, Ind. (Lawrence Central)
15	Will Shumpert	DL	6-6	215	R-Fr	RS	St. Louis, Mo. (Belleville West)
16	Grant Ciccarone	QB	6-2	205	R-Fr	TR	Aurora, Colo. (Cherokee Trail / Univ. of Colorado)
19	Robbie Lofton II	WR	6-3	185	R-Sr	2	Lexington, Ky. (Tates Creek)
20	Jason Moore Jr.	RB	5-10	190	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle Institute)
21	Tyler Ringwood	WR	6-2	215	R-Sr	TR	Buffalo, NY (Bishop-Timon-St. Jude / UNC Charlotte)
22	Kaelin Drakeford	S	6-4	185	Fr	HS	Harrodsburg, Ky. (Mercer County)
23	AJ Sanders	SAF	6-0	185	Fr	HS	Pickerington, Ohio (Pickerington Central)
24	Collin Tyson	DB	6-0	185	Fr	HS	Kansas City, Mo. (Platte County R-3)
25	Charles Shelton IV	DB	5-11	160	R-So	1	Maryland Heights, Mo. (Pattonville)
26	Tyler Clark	RB	5-10	175	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Phillips)
27	Zay Gentry	DB	6-0	165	Fr	HS	Anna, Texas (Anna)
28	Brandon Guido	DB	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	Matt Spofford	RB	6-1	200	Fr	HS	Painesville, Ohio (Riverside)
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	DB	5-11	175	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Marist)
34	Josh St. Preux	SAF	5-11	165	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Ag & Sciences)
35	Zeke Lewis	RB	6-0	190	Fr	HS	Decatur, Ill. (St. Teresa)
36	Chauncey Lee	DB	5-9	175	Fr	HS	Bellwood, Ill. (Immaculate Conception)
37	Devin Blakley	DB	5-10	175	R-Fr	TR	Broadview, Ill. (Nazareth Acad./South Dakota State Univ.)
38	Blake Ruffin	SAF	6-4	200	Fr	HS	Louisville, Ky. (Trinity)
39	Liam Conaghan	SB	6-3	240	Fr	HS	Glenview, Ill. (Loyola Academy)
40	Phoenix Porter	LB	6-1	210	Fr	HS	Fairfield, Ohio (Fairfield)
41	Zach Reddinger	SB	6-2	210	Fr	HS	Morris, Ill. (Morris Community)
42	Henry Woods Jr.	DB	5-10	165	Fr	HS	New Lenox, Ill. (Lincoln-Way Central)
43	Elijahwah Tolbert	LB	6-1	225	Fr	HS	Country Club Hills, Ill. (Hillcrest)
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	LB	6-2	220	So	1	Orland Hills, Ill. (Andrew)
47	Albert Pontrelli	DL	6-2	205	Fr	HS	Lemont, Ill. (Lemont)
48	Michael Jarosz	LB	6-1	255	R-So	RS	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton North)

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC)
49	Grant Edwards	SB	6-1	225	So	1	Springfield, Ill. (Sacred Heart Griffin)
50	Cam Mattox	DL	6-2	260	So	TR	Markham, Ill. (Hillcrest/Northern Illinois Univ.)
51	Payton Orth	LB	5-11	210	Fr	HS	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East)
52	Jeremy Gelino	LB	6-0	220	Fr	HS	Lombard, Ill. (Glenbard South)
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)
55	Dominic Moore	DL	6-7	290	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Perspectives Charter)
56	Daegan Bush	OL	6-3	275	Fr	HS	Versailles, Ky. (Woodford County)
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	Brock Griffin	OL	6-4	295	Fr	HS	Normal, Ill. (Normal Community)
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	Julian Patino	K	5-10	210	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Mount Carmel)
66	Jack Valente	OL/LS	6-4	250	Fr	HS	Batavia, Ill. (Batavia)
67	Chad Strickland	OL	6-5	280	So	1	Salem, Ala. (Smiths Station)
68	Simon France	OL	6-1	265	Fr	HS	Elyria, Ohio (Elyria)
69	Stephen Elmore	LS	6-0	240	Jr	2	Belleville, Ill. (Belleville East)
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	SB	6-6	265	Fr	TR	Lima, Ohio (Shanwe)
76	Dakota Kerr	OL	6-4	275	Fr	TR	Brownstown, Mich. (Woodhaven / College of DuPage)
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)
79	Demond Butcher	DL	6-1	260	Fr	HS	Lombard, Ill. (Lombard Montini)
80	Logen Neidhardt	P	6-2	220	Sr	TR	Hicksville, Ohio (Hicksville / Ohio Dominican Univ.)
80	Jay Vallie	SB	6-3	245	Gr.	TR	Grand Blanc, Mich. (Goodrich / Univ. of Dayton)
81	Demetrius Garrett Jr.	WR	5-11	155	Fr	HS	Michigan City, Ind. (Michigan City)
82	Xander Richards	WR	6-4	180	R-So	1	Burleson, Texas (Burleson Centennial)
83	Joe McNab	SB	6-6	215	Fr	HS	Madison Heights, Mich. (Lamphere)
84	Ryan James	WR	6-3	205	R-Jr	1	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle/Purdue Univ.)
85	Adarius Dent	WR	6-1	175	Jr	TR	Pahokee, Fla. (Pahokee/Florida State Univ.)
86	L'Den Skinner	WR	6-2	195	Fr	HS	Houston, Texas (Mayde Creek)
87	Eric Hoff	WR	5-7	155	Jr	TR	Pembroke Pines, Fla. (West Broward/Concordia College Chicago)
88	DeAirious Smith	WR	5-11	175	Fr	HS	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Christian Academy)
89	Daniel Luoma	SB	6-2	205	Fr	HS	Porvoo, Finland (Porvoo)
90	Michael Young Jr.	LB	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 Ubaike	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	Alton Jefferson	DL	6-0	260	Fr	HS	Louisville, Ky. (Trinity)
95	Kinstin Reaves	DL	6-0	285	Fr	HS	Statesville, NC (Statesville)
96	Ethan Roberts	DL	6-0	290	Fr	HS	Lumberton, NC (Saint Paul's)
97	Tim Varga	DL	6-3	240	So	1	Elk Grove Village, Ill. (Elk Grove Village)
98	Connor Corrigan	DL	6-3	230	Fr	HS	Naperville, Ill. (Naperville North)
99	Jaron Hacha	DL	5-11	255	Fr	HS	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East)
	Steven Frank	SB	6-4	225	R-Sr	TR	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego/Butler CC)
	Jamari Johnson	DL	6-4	220	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle Institute)
	Joshua Johnson	OL	6-4	310	Fr	HS	Westerville, Ohio (Westerville Central)
	Anthony Shockey	LB	6-1	210	So	1	Lombard, Ill. (Glenbard East)
	Chris Williams	DB	6-2	190	Fr	HS	Peoria, Ill. (Peoria)
	Sereno Winn	DB	6-1	165	Fr	HS	Cincinnati, Ohio (Walnut Hills)

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

2	Mark Aitken.....	DB	89	Daniel Luoma.....	SB
46	Ameer Aqel.....	LB	31	Anthony Manaves.....	SB
6	Joel Barrows.....	LB	50	Cam Mattox.....	DL
75	Matthew Bean.....	SB	83	Joe McNab.....	SB
3	Jaelin Benefield.....	RB	62	Michael McNicholas.....	OL
9	Elijah Benoit.....	DB	64	Jerit Medler.....	OL
32	Harrison Bey-Buie.....	RB	91	Jordan Miles.....	DE
37	Devin Blakely.....	DB	55	Dominic Moore.....	OL
45	Colin Bohanek.....	LB	20	Jason Moore Jr.....	RB
78	Bryson Broadway.....	OL	80	Logen Neidhardt.....	P
59	Logan Brown.....	LB	51	Payton Orth.....	LB
56	Daegan Bush.....	OL	63	William Orth.....	K
79	Demond Butcher.....	DL	65	Julian Patino.....	K
16	Grant Ciccarone.....	QB	1	Markenzy Pierre.....	RB
26	Tyler Clark.....	RB	14	Kirk Pinkston Jr.....	WR
5	Nick Coates.....	DB	47	Albert Pontrelli.....	DL
39	Liam Conaghan.....	SB	40	Phoenix Porter.....	LB
2	DeWayne Cooks Jr.....	WR	95	Kinstin Reaves.....	DL
98	Connor Corrigan.....	DL	74	William Redden.....	OL
73	Dylan Czerlanis.....	OL	41	Zach Reddinger.....	SB
3	Russell Dandy.....	DB	82	Xander Richards.....	WR
85	Adarius Dent.....	WR	21	Tyler Ringwood.....	WR
0	Bryce Dewberry.....	SAF	96	Ethan Roberts.....	DL
22	Kaelin Drakeford.....	SAF	4	Kobe Rodgers.....	DB
49	Grant Edwards.....	SB	11	Eric Rooks.....	WR
69	Stephen Elmore.....	LS	38	Blake Ruffin.....	SAF
0	Arron Foulkes.....	WR	23	AJ Sanders.....	SAF
68	Simon France.....	OL	13	Trey Shaw III.....	SAR
	Steven Frank.....	SB	25	Charles Shelton IV.....	DB
53	Stone Galloway.....	K		Anthony Shockey.....	LB
81	Demetrius Garrett Jr.....	WR	15	Will Shumpert.....	DL
52	Jeremy Gelino.....	LB	86	L'Den Skinner.....	WR
27	Zay Gentry.....	DB	88	DeAirious Smith.....	WR
77	Ivan Gleyzer.....	OL	61	Ben Solomon.....	OL
60	Brock Griffin.....	OL	30	Matt Spofford.....	RB
12	Justin Growel.....	DL	34	Josh St. Preux.....	SAF
28	Brandon Guido.....	DB	44	Nick Stricker.....	SB
99	Jaron Hacha.....	DL	67	Chad Strickland.....	OL
6	Tyler Hamilton.....	WR	72	Elkhanan Tanelus.....	OL
7	Tyris Harvey.....	DB	43	Elijahwah Tolbert.....	DB
7	Isaiah Hill.....	WR	12	Zach Trainor.....	QB
33	Nile Hill.....	DB	24	Collin Tyson.....	DB
87	Eric Hoff.....	WR	92	James Ubaike.....	DL
58	Anthony Imperio.....	OL	66	Jack Valente.....	OL/LS
84	Ryan James.....	WR		Jay Vallie.....	SB
48	Michael Jarosz.....	LB	54	Drake Van Hyfte.....	DL
94	Alton Jefferson.....	DL	97	Tim Varga.....	DL
	Jamari Johnson.....	DL	1	Jordan Vincent.....	DB
8	Jason Johnson.....	LB	8	Zach Weir.....	QB
	Joshua Johnson.....	OL		Chris Williams.....	DB
5	Matt Judd.....	WR	13	Cooper Willman.....	WR
9	Chris Katrenick.....	QB		Sereno Winn.....	DB
76	Dakota Kerr.....	OL	42	Henry Woods Jr.....	DB
4	Otto Kuhns.....	QB	29	Kendi Young.....	RB
93	Cameron Leach.....	DL	90	Michael Young Jr.....	LB
36	Chauncey Lee.....	DB			
19	Robbie Lofton II.....	WR			

MISC. SEASON NOTES & STATS

EIU NCAA FBS TRANSFERS

1 - Markenzy Pierre (Syracuse Univ.)
 2 - Mark Aitken (Northern Illinois Univ.)
 5 - Matt Judd (Univ. of Illinois)
 6 - Tyler Hamiton (Purdue Univ.)
 9 - Chris Katremick (Duke Univ.)
 9 - Elijah Benoit (Univ. of Central Florida)
 11 - Eric Rooks (Univ. of Hawai'i)
 16 - Grant Ciccarone (Univ. of Colorado)
 21 - Tyler Ringwood (UNC Charlotte)
 50 - Cam Mattox (Northern Illinois Univ.)
 62 - Michael McNicholas (Kent State Univ.)
 84 - Ryan James (Purdue Univ.)
 85 - Adarius Dent (Florida State Univ.)

EIU NCAA FCS TRANSFERS

4 - Kobe Rodgers (Gardner-Webb Univ.)
 7 - Isaiah Hill (South Dakota State Univ.)
 37 - Devin Blakely (South Dakota State Univ.)
 80 - Jay Vallie (Univ. of Dayton)

EIU ROSTER BY CLASS

Graduate Student / 5th Year 4
 Senior 4
 Junior..... 10
 Sophomore..... 26
 COVID-Freshman 32
 Freshman 27

EIU ROSTER BY STATE

Alabama 2
 Colorado 1
 Connecticut 1
 Florida 5
 Georgia 3
 Illinois 56
 Indiana 4
 Iowa 2
 Kentucky 7
 Michigan 6
 Missouri 2
 New York 1
 North Carolina 2
 Ohio 10
 Oklahoma 1
 Pennsylvania 1
 South Carolina 2
 Tennessee 1
 Texas 4
 Wisconsin 2

Finland 1

EIU OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

4 ... Otto Kuhns.....	6-3	205	.....Fr
9 ... Chris Katrenick.....	6-3	215	.....R-So

RUNNING BACK

3 ... Jaelin Benefield	5-10	160	.....So
1 ... Markenzy Piere.....	5-11	215	.....R-Jr

SUPER BACK

44 ... Nick Stricker.....	6-2	245	.....So
31 ... Antony Manaves.....	6-4	225	.....R-Fr

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
68 ... Simon France.....	6-1	265	.....Fr

CENTER

61 ... Ben Solomon	6-2	300	.....R-Jr
64 ... Jerit Medler.....	6-2	265	.....R-Fr

RIGHT GUARD

77 ... Ivan Gleyzer	6-4	290	.....So
62 ... Michael McNicholas	6-4	310	.....R-Fr

RIGHT TACKLE

58 ... Anthony Imperio	6-4	275	.....So
66 ... Jack Valente	6-4	250	.....Fr

RECEIVER

21 ... Tyler Ringwood.....	6-2	215	.....R-Sr
5 ... Matt Judd.....	6-2	185	.....R-Fr

RECEIVER

19 ... Robbie Lofton.....	6-3	185	.....R-Sr
82 ... Xander Richards	6-4	180	.....R-So

RECEIVER

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

EIU COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Adam Cushing (Univ. of Chicago, 2002 - 3rd year)
(Career Record 2-16; OVC Record 2-12)

Defensive Coordinator: Chris Bowers (3rd year)

Offensive Coordinator/SB's: John Kuceyeski (3rd year) -- booth

Defensive Backs: Cliff Odom (2nd year)

Safeties & co-Special Teams: Neal Renna (3rd year) -- booth

Defensive Line: Adam Morris (2nd year)

Linebackers: Adam Gristick (4th year) -- booth

Graduate Assistant Defensive Coach: Jim Phelps (1st year)

Running Backs & co-Special Teams: Omar Young (3rd year) -- booth

Wide Receivers: Mark Philmore II (3rd year)

Quarterbacks: Chris Batti (3rd year)

Offensive Line: Dan Hernandez (3rd year)

Graduate Assistant Offensive Coach: Mark Gorogianis (1st year)

Asst. Head Coach / Director of Football Ops: Jesse Walton (3rd year)

Director of Football Performance: Derek Stein (2nd year)

Trainer: Scott Goehner (1st year)

Equipment Manager: Clint Bays (13th year)

Quality Control Staff:

Jimmy Meussling, Brian Gorsky, Andrew Zimmer, DJ Marquard,
Payton Naylon, Chris Rouse, Andrew Tabit, Dan Bauer

EIU DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE END

91 ... Jordan Miles	6-2	215	.....Fr
90 ... Michael Young Jr.....	6-0	220	.....Fr

NOSE TACKLE

93 ... Cameron Leach.....	6-1	285	.....So
94 ... Alton Jefferson.....	6-0	260	.....Fr

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

92 ... James Ubaike.....	6-4	280	.....R-Sr
54 ... Drake Van Hyfte	6-4	240	.....Fr

DEFENSIVE END/LINEBACKER

97 ... Tim Varga	6-3	240	.....So
12 ... Justin Growel.....	6-4	260	.....R-Sr

LINEBACKER

45 ... Colin Bohanek	6-0	210	.....Fr
51 ... Payton Orth.....	5-11	210	.....Fr

LINEBACKER

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

CORNERBACK

3 ... Russell Dandy.....	6-0	175	.....Jr
25 ... Charles Shelton IV	5-11	160	.....R-So

SAFETY

2 ... Mark Aitken.....	5-9	175	.....R-Fr
37 ... Devin Blakely.....	5-10	175	.....R-Fr

FREE SAFETY

22 ... Kaelin Drakeford.....	6-4	185	.....Fr
0 ... Bryce Dewberry.....	5-10	210	.....Jr

STRONG SAFETY

1 ... Jordan Vincent	5-10	185	.....Fr
38 ... Blake Ruffin.....	6-4	200	.....Fr

CORNERBACK

7 ... Tyris Harvey	5-11	165	.....Fr
9 ... Elijah Benoit.....	6-0	170	.....R-Jr

EIU SPECIALISTS

KICKER

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

KICKOFF

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

80 ... Logen Neidhardt.....	6-2	220Sr
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HOLDER

13 ... Cooper Willman.....	6-1	180Fr
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LONG SNAPPER

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

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

KICK RETURNS

5 ... Matt Judd.....	6-2	185	.....R-Fr
13 ... Cooper Willman.....	6-1	180	.....Fr
88 ... DeAirious Smith.....	5-11	175	.....Fr

**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 Illinois0..... 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 Illinois0..... 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 Illinois3..... 14..... 0..... 3..... 20
Tennessee State3..... 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.

**GAME 4 - March 21, 2021**

Tennessee Tech 20
Eastern Illinois 28

Charleston, Ill.
O'Brien Field (1,282)

Scoring 1 2 3 4 **Final**
Tennessee Tech.....0.....10.....0.....10.....20
Eastern Illinois14.....7.....7.....0.....28

FIRST QUARTER

EIU - Bornslater 0 blocked punt return (Orth kick) - 13:13
EIU - Benefield 4 run (Orth kick) - 7:54

SECOND QUARTER

TTU - Worthy 30 pass from Fisher (Olsen kick) - 10:56
TTU - Olsen 51 field goal - 5:43
EIU - Foulkes 17 pass from Kuhns (Orth kick) - 0:28

THIRD QUARTER

EIU - Foulkes 36 pass from Kuhns (Orth kick) - 7:20

FOURTH QUARTER

TTU - Olsen 29 field goal - 12:51
TTU - Miller 2 run (Olsen kick) - 7:11

TEAM STATSEIU TTU

First Downs.....12.....19
Rushes-Yards.....37-114.....29-55
Passing-Yards.....153.....247
Comp-Att-Int.....12-19-1.....23-38-3
Total Offense.....267.....302
Fumbles-Lost.....2-2.....1-0
Penalties-Yards.....6-47.....4-40
Int Returns-Yards-TD.....3-75-0.....1-0-0
Time of Possession.....26:50.....33:10
Sacks-Yards.....3-21.....2-15

LEADERS**RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)**

EIU - Benefield (11-50-1), J. Smith (6-33-0)
TTU - Taylor Jr. (12-39-0), Worthy (7-16-0)

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

EIU - Kuhns (19-12-1-153-2)
TTU - Fisher (37-22-3-230-1), Fleming (1-1-0-17-0)

RECEIVING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Vallie (5-66-0), Foulkes (3-60-2)
TTU - Worthy (5-52-1), Cross (3-49-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - J. Johnson (10-5-2), Varga (4-4-1), Bohanek (4-4-0.5)
TTU - Tucker (4-3-1), McMeans (4-2-0)

RECAP

Marcus Bornslater blocked a punt and recovered it in the end zone on the first possession of the game to give Eastern Illinois an early lead. The Panthers would build the lead to 14-0 and lead 21-10 at the half as EIU won its first game of the 2021 Spring Season, 28-20 over Tennessee Tech. The Panthers defense had three interceptions including one by Colin Bohanek in the final minutes that helped seal the Panthers win. Arron Foulkes caught two touchdown passes for EIU while Jason Johnson led an active defense with 15 tackles.

**GAME 5 - March 28, 2021**

Eastern Illinois 27
Murray State 41

Murray, Ky.
Stewart Stadium (2,628)

Scoring 1 2 3 4 **Final**
Eastern Illinois0.....10.....17.....0.....27
Murray State7.....3.....17.....14.....41

FIRST QUARTER

MUR - Witherspoon 1 run (Baum kick) - 2:59

SECOND QUARTER

EIU - Lofton 18 pass from Kuhns (Orth kick) - 9:53
MUR - Baum 41 field goal - 5:19
EIU - Galloway 34 field goal - 1:00

THIRD QUARTER

EIU - Williams 38 interception return (Orth kick) - 14:49
MUR - Baum 58 field goal - 11:58
EIU - Smith 80 run (Orth kick) - 11:42
EIU - Galloway 29 field goal - 9:29
MUR - Dallas 15 pass from Rice (Baum kick) - 7:40
MUR - Rice 2 run (Baum kick) - 5:01

FOURTH QUARTER

MUR - Baum 26 field goal - 13:33
MUR - Baum 37 field goal - 8:17
MUR - Witherspoon 4 run (Moody reception) - 3:33

TEAM STATSEIUMUR

First Downs.....19.....16
Rushes-Yards.....40-241.....45-154
Passing-Yards.....172.....192
Comp-Att-Int.....13-36-2.....10-23-1
Total Offense.....413.....346
Fumbles-Lost.....3-1.....2-1
Penalties-Yards.....7-40.....4-52
Int Returns-Yards-TD.....1-38-1.....2-42-0
Time of Possession.....29:40.....30:20
Sacks-Yards.....0-0.....2-19

LEADERS**RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)**

EIU - J. Smith (13-142-1), Kuhns (13-64-0)
MUR - Witherspoon (19-72-2), Rice (12-46-1)

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

EIU - Kuhns (26-10-2-141-1), Woodberry (10-3-0-31-0)
MUR - Rice (23-10-1-192-1)

RECEIVING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Lofton (3-58-1), Pinkston (2-45-0)
MUR - Brooks (4-88-), Bell (3-42-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - J. Johnson (5-6-1), Drakeford (7-1-0)
MUR - Long (5-3-1), Samuta (2-6-0)

RECAP

Eastern Illinois built a 27-13 lead over No. 17 ranked Murray State early in a wild third quarter only to see an EIU turnover deep in the Panthers own territory swing the momentum. The Racers would score the final 28 points of the game to come from behind and remain undefeated on the season. Freshman running back Jordan Smith rushed for 142 yards on 13 carries including an 80-yard touchdown run early in the third quarter. EIU added touchdowns by Robbie Lofton on a TD reception and Mark Williams on a 38-yard interception return to open the third quarter.

**GAME 6 - April 3, 2021**

Jacksonville State..... 44
Eastern Illinois 23

Charleston, Ill.
O'Brien Field (1,312)

Scoring 1 2 3 4 **Final**
Jacksonville State7.....17.....7.....13.....44
Eastern Illinois0.....14.....9.....0.....23

FIRST QUARTER

JSU - Edwards 26 pass from Webb (Karajic kick) - 12:38

SECOND QUARTER

EIU - Webb 6 run (Orth kick) - 14:55
JSU - West 3 run (Karajic kick) - 7:47
JU - Petty 22 fumble recovery (Karajic kick) - 7:39
JSU - Karajic 46 field goal - 2:49
EIU - Vallie 7 pass from Woodberry (Orth kick) - 0:10

THIRD QUARTER

EIU - Galloway 44 field goal - 12:29
JSU - Webb 2 run (Karajic kick) - 9:40
EIU - Woodberry 4 run (rush failed) - 0:14

FOURTH QUARTER

JSU - Edwards 11 pass from Webb (Karajic kick) - 12:41
JSU - Samuel 10 run (Karajic kick) - 6:18

TEAM STATSEIUJSU

First Downs.....17.....22
Rushes-Yards.....40-76.....47-282
Passing-Yards.....224.....258
Comp-Att-Int.....15-31-0.....17-26-0
Total Offense.....300.....540
Fumbles-Lost.....1-1.....1-1
Penalties-Yards.....3-15.....9-76
Int Returns-Yards-TD.....0-0-0.....0-0-0
Time of Possession.....31:06.....28:54
Sacks-Yards.....2-20.....3-19

LEADERS**RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)**

EIU - Smith (14-51-1), Benefield (13-42-0)
JSU - Samuel (12-130-1), Webb (15-63-1)

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

EIU - Woodberry (30-14-0-220-1), Weir (1-1-0-4-0)
JSU - Webb (24-16-0-249-2), Newman (2-1-0-9-0)

RECEIVING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Cooks (4-103-0), Vallie (4-30-1)
JSU - Edwards (5-101-2), Charleston (2-51-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - J. Johnson (7-4-0), Morrow (7-2-0), Bohanek (4-5-1)
JSU - Swain (7-1-2), Harper (5-2-0), Clarke (5-2-1)

RECAP

Eastern Illinois pulled to within one score of No. 12 Jacksonville State in the second half on Saturday only to see the Gamecocks answer and win 44-23. EIU tied the game at 7-7 to open the second quarter on a short rushing touchdown by Jordan Smith. JSU gained momentum in the second quarter returning a fumble in the EIU backfield 22 yards for a touchdown. JSU would extend its second quarter lead to 24-7. EIU closed to 24-14 just before the half on a Jay Vallie touchdown reception and to 24-17 on the opening drive of the second half on Stone Galloway field goal. DeWayne Coooks caught four passes for 103 yards to lead EIU's offense. Jason Johnson had 11 tackles for this fourth straight double figure tackles game.

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

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	Ohio Valley Record	Time	Attend
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* 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
* Mar 21, 2021	TENNESSEE TECH	W 28-20	1-3	1-3	3:03	1,282
* Mar 28, 2021	at #17 Murray State	27-41 L	1-4	1-4	3:40	2,628
* Apr 3, 2021	#12 JACKSONVILLE STATE	23-44 L	1-5	1-5	3:12	1,312

* indicates Ohio Valley Conference game

2020 EASTERN ILLINOIS STARTERS (Spring 2021 season)

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
Tenn. Tech	J. Smith	Manaves	Hoover	Gleyzer	Solomon	Tanelus	Strickland	Judd	Vallie	Benefield	Kuhns
Murray State	Hamilton	Lofton	Hoover	Gleyzer	Solomon	Tanelus	Strickland	Judd	Stricker	J. Smith	Kuhns
Jacksonville St	Cooks	Lofton	Hoover	Gleyzer	Solomon	Tanelus	Strickland	Judd	Stricker	J. Smith	Woodbery

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
Tenn. Tech	Leach	Ubaike	Miles	Varga	Bohanek	J. Johnson	Crittenden	M. Williams	Drakeford	Vincent	Ross
Murray State	Leach	Ubaike	Miles	Varga	Bohanek	J. Johnson	Crittenden	M. Williams	Drakeford	Vincent	Ross
Jacksonville St	Leach	Ubaike	Miles	Varga	Bohanek	J. Johnson	Crittenden	M. Williams	Drakeford	Vincent	Morrow

Eastern Illinois Overall Team Statistics (as of May 26, 2021)
All games

Team Statistics	EIU	OPP
SCORING	120	201
Points Per Game	20.0	33.5
Points Off Turnovers	17	44
FIRST DOWNS	96	115
Rushing	36	42
Passing	44	68
Penalty	16	5
RUSHING YARDAGE	779	805
Yards gained rushing	942	931
Yards lost rushing	163	126
Rushing Attempts	206	226
Average Per Rush	3.8	3.6
Average Per Game	129.8	134.2
TDs Rushing	5	13
PASSING YARDAGE	1144	1550
Comp-Att-Int	98-204-8	122-200-5
Average Per Pass	5.6	7.8
Average Per Catch	11.7	12.7
Average Per Game	190.7	258.3
TDs Passing	8	8
TOTAL OFFENSE	1923	2355
Total Plays	410	426
Average Per Play	4.7	5.5
Average Per Game	320.5	392.5
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	14-308	16-164
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	4-41	9-105
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	5-113	8-140
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	22.0	10.2
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	10.2	11.7
INT RETURN AVERAGE	22.6	17.5
FUMBLES-LOST	9-5	9-5
PENALTIES-Yards	29-187	39-389
Average Per Game	31.2	64.8
PUNTS-Yards	27-997	23-769
Average Per Punt	36.9	33.4
Net punt average	32.3	30.8
KICKOFFS-Yards	26-1135	42-2244
Average Per Kick	43.7	53.4
Net kick average	36.4	39.0
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	28:59	31:01
3RD-DOWN Conversions	20/90	36/87
3rd-Down Pct	22%	41%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	10/31	7/13
4th-Down Pct	32%	54%
SACKS BY-Yards	6-45	13-99
MISC YARDS	5	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	15	24
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	5-7	12-15
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(13-20) 65%	(24-28) 86%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(9-20) 45%	(18-28) 64%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(13-13) 100%	(19-22) 86%
ATTENDANCE	3846	5983
Games/Avg Per Game	3/1282	3/1994
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Eastern Illinois	17	59	33	11	0	120
Opponents	31	71	49	50	0	201

Eastern Illinois Overall Individual Statistics (as of May 26, 2021)
All games

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
SMITH, Jordan	6	55	292	14	278	5.1	2	80	46.3
BENEFIELD, J	5	59	281	23	258	4.4	1	30	51.6
YOUNG, Kendi	3	25	123	2	121	4.8	1	72	40.3
KUHNS, Otto	4	37	157	71	86	2.3	0	22	21.5
PHILLIPS, Desean	4	8	26	0	26	3.2	0	8	6.5
WOODBERRY, Harry	5	15	39	32	7	0.5	1	10	1.4
HAMILTON, Tyler	5	2	14	8	6	3.0	0	14	1.2
FOULKES, Arron	5	3	9	4	5	1.7	0	6	1.0
CLARK, Tyler	1	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	1.0
WEIR, Zach	1	1	0	9	-9	-9.0	0	0	-9.0
Total	6	206	942	163	779	3.8	5	80	129.8
Opponents	6	226	931	126	805	3.6	13	64	134.2

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
WOODBERRY, Harry	5	95.57	53-115-3	46.1	631	3	67	126.2
KUHNS, Otto	4	109.49	44-87-4	50.6	509	5	41	127.2
WEIR, Zach	1	133.60	1-1-0	100.0	4	0	4	4.0
JUDD, Matt	6	-200.00	0-1-1	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	6	100.24	98-204-8	48.0	1144	8	67	190.7
Opponents	6	134.30	122-200-5	61.0	1550	8	50	258.3

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
VALLIE, Jay	6	18	190	10.6	3	41	31.7
COOKS, DeWayne	5	15	241	16.1	1	60	48.2
HAMILTON, Tyler	5	13	80	6.2	0	21	16.0
LOFTON, Robbie	6	9	180	20.0	1	67	30.0
BENEFIELD, J	5	9	60	6.7	0	12	12.0
JUDD, Matt	6	8	109	13.6	1	26	18.2
FOULKES, Arron	5	7	114	16.3	2	36	22.8
MANAVES, Anthony	6	4	57	14.2	0	31	9.5
RICHARDS, Xander	3	4	36	9.0	0	19	12.0
SMITH, Jordan	6	4	11	2.8	0	9	1.8
PINKSTON, Kirk	5	3	48	16.0	0	25	9.6
STRICKER, Nick	6	2	6	3.0	0	5	1.0
HUGHES, Dylan	3	1	8	8.0	0	8	2.7
WILLMAN, Cooper	6	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.7
Total	6	98	1144	11.7	8	67	190.7
Opponents	6	122	1550	12.7	8	50	258.3

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
JUDD, Matt	2	2	1.0	0	0
SMITH, DeAirious	1	23	23.0	0	0
BORNSLATER, M	1	16	16.0	1	0
Total	4	41	10.2	1	0
Opponents	9	105	11.7	0	48

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
WILLIAMS, Mark	2	63	31.5	1	38
BOHANEK, Colin	1	3	3.0	0	3
CRITTENDEN, Ray	1	0	0.0	0	0
SHOCKEY, A.	1	47	47.0	0	47
Total	5	113	22.6	1	47
Opponents	8	140	17.5	2	50

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
JUDD, Matt	12	298	24.8	0	53
BENEFIELD, J	1	10	10.0	0	10
SMITH, DeAirious	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	14	308	22.0	0	53
Opponents	16	164	10.2	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	1	22	22.0	1	22

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
VALLIE, Jay	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
GALLOWAY, Stone	-	5-7	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	16
SMITH, Jordan	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
ORTH, William	-	-	12-12	-	-	-	-	-	12
FOULKES, Arron	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
COOKS, DeWayne	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
WOODBERRY, Harry	1	-	-	0-1	-	0-1	-	-	6
YOUNG, Kendi	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
LOFTON, Robbie	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
BORNSLATER, M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
BENEFIELD, J	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
WILLIAMS, Mark	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
JUDD, Matt	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
TEAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Total	15	5-7	13-13	0-1	-	0-1	-	1	120
Opponents	24	12-15	19-22	-	1	1-2	-	-	201

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
WOODBERRY, Harry	5	130	7	631	638	127.6
KUHNS, Otto	4	124	86	509	595	148.8
SMITH, Jordan	6	55	278	0	278	46.3
BENEFIELD, J	5	59	258	0	258	51.6
YOUNG, Kendi	3	25	121	0	121	40.3
PHILLIPS, Desean	4	8	26	0	26	6.5
HAMILTON, Tyler	5	2	6	0	6	1.2
FOULKES, Arron	5	3	5	0	5	1.0
CLARK, Tyler	1	1	1	0	1	1.0
WEIR, Zach	1	2	-9	4	-5	-5.0
Total	6	410	779	1144	1923	320.5
Opponents	6	426	805	1550	2355	392.5

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
GALLOWAY, Stone	5-7	71.4	0-0	1-1	2-2	2-3	0-1	44	1

FG Sequence	Eastern Illinois	Opponents
Southeast Missouri	-	38,(32),(35)
UT Martin	53	-
Tennessee State	(41),47,(37)	(51),38,(62),(35)
Tennessee Tech	-	(51),(29)
Murray St.	(34),(29)	(41),(58),(26),(37)
Jacksonville State	(44)	(46),42

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
GALLOWAY, Stone	26	997	38.3	65	1	6	3	4	1
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	27	997	36.9	65	1	6	3	4	1
Opponents	23	769	33.4	53	1	11	11	2	2

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
ORTH, William	24	1037	43.2	1	2			
GALLOWAY, Stone	2	98	49.0	0	0			
Total	26	1135	43.7	1	2	10.2	36.4	28
Opponents	42	2244	53.4	12	1	22.0	39.0	26

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

Eastern Illinois Overall Individual Statistics (as of May 26, 2021)
All games

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
JUDD, Matt	6	0	109	2	298	0	409	68.2
BENEFIELD, J	5	258	60	0	10	0	328	65.6
SMITH, Jordan	6	278	11	0	0	0	289	48.2
COOKS, DeWay	5	0	241	0	0	0	241	48.2
VALLIE, Jay	6	0	190	0	0	0	190	31.7
LOFTON, Robbi	6	0	180	0	0	0	180	30.0
YOUNG, Kendi	3	121	0	0	0	0	121	40.3
FOULKES, Arro	5	5	114	0	0	0	119	23.8
HAMILTON, Tyl	5	6	80	0	0	0	86	17.2
KUHNS, Otto	4	86	0	0	0	0	86	21.5
WILLIAMS, Mar	6	0	0	0	0	63	63	10.5
MANAVES,Anth	6	0	57	0	0	0	57	9.5
PINKSTON, Kirk	5	0	48	0	0	0	48	9.6
SHOCKEY, A.	6	0	0	0	0	47	47	7.8
RICHARDS,Xan	3	0	36	0	0	0	36	12.0
PHILLIPS,Dese	4	26	0	0	0	0	26	6.5
SMITH,DeAiriou	5	0	0	23	0	0	23	4.6
BORNSLATER,	6	0	0	16	0	0	16	2.7
HUGHES, Dylan	3	0	8	0	0	0	8	2.7
WOODBERRY, H	5	7	0	0	0	0	7	1.4
STRICKER, Nick	6	0	6	0	0	0	6	1.0
WILLMAN, Coop	6	0	4	0	0	0	4	0.7
BOHANEK, Coli	6	0	0	0	0	3	3	0.5
CLARK, Tyler	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.0
WEIR, Zach	1	-9	0	0	0	0	-9	-9.0
Total	6	779	1144	41	308	113	2385	397.5
Opponents	6	805	1550	105	164	140	2764	460.7

Eastern Illinois Overall Defensive Statistics (as of May 26, 2021)
All games

##	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
8D	JOHNSON, Jason	6	37	29	66	6.0-13	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
45	BOHANEK, Colin	6	20	20	40	2.0-18	1.5-17	1-3	1	.	.	1	.	.
22	DRAKEFORD, K.	6	28	8	36	1.0-5	0.5-4	.	2	.	.	1	.	.
4	CRITTENDEN, Ray	6	22	11	33	5.0-13	.	1-0	1	1	.	.	.	.
23	SHOCKEY, A.	6	12	14	26	4.0-12	.	1-47	.	1	1-0	.	.	.
0	VINCENT, Jordan	6	12	13	25	2.5-4	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
91	MILES, Jordan	6	12	11	23	6.0-20	2.0-14	.	.	6	.	1	.	.
21	WILLIAMS, Mark	6	15	7	22	2.0-14	.	2-63	4	.	.	1	.	.
97	VARGA, Tim	5	11	9	20	1.0-1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
9	MORROW, Jestin	4	13	5	18	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	1	.
24	ROSS, JJ	6	16	2	18	.	.	.	5	.	1-9	.	.	.
93	LEACH, Cameron	6	6	10	16	2.0-3	.	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.
90	YOUNG, Michael	6	9	5	14	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	UBAIKE, James	6	2	12	14	0.5-2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
20	BORNSLATER, M	6	7	4	11	.	.	.	1	.	1-0	.	1	.
40	PORTER, Phoenix	6	4	5	9	2.0-8	1.0-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	BARROWS, Joel	5	2	5	7	1.5-10	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
51	JOHNSON, Dy	4	1	5	6	.	.	.	1	1	1-0	.	.	.
65	HACHA, Jaron	5	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	HARVEY, Tyris	5	.	3	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
33	HILL, Nile	5	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	JAROSZ, Michael	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	MOORE, Dominic	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	SHAW, Trey	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	SHUMPERT, Will	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4Q	KUHNS, Otto	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	JOHNSON, Jamari	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80	VALLIE, Jay	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
77	GLEYZER, Ivan	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
76	HOOVER, Cole	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
69	ELMORE, Stephen	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	JUDD, Matt	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	TEAM	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
27	SMITH,DeAirious	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
Total		6	242	182	424	36-124	6-45	5-113	22	13	5-9	5	3	1
Opponents		6	228	132	360	38-170	13-99	8-140	34	18	5-22	4	2	.