

## EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL

2023 Roster Additions - 1/9/2023

### **Coach Wilkerson - 2023 Roster Additions Quote:**

"We're excited to add more talented players to our roster as we start the New Year. Each of these players bring immense value to our program, and I'm confident they will make an impact from Day One. We couldn't be more thrilled to have this group join our EIU Family!"

Alteus	Frantz (Alex)	DL	6-1	220	Morehead City, NC	Stetson University
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### **Quote from Adam Gristick (EIU Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers Coach):**

"Alex is a dynamic pass-rusher combined with strong numbers in the weight room. We're very excited to watch him rush the passer and get after it this upcoming season."

Asowata	Edemwen (Zed)	DL	6-7	240	Spring, TX	Midwestern State University
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### **Quote from Adam Gristick (EIU Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers Coach):**

"Zed is an every down edge defender that has potential to be a dominant force in Charleston. Great combination of athleticism and physicality".

Daniels	Kevin	RB	6-2	225	Glendale, AZ	Northern Arizona University
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### **Quote from Turner Pugh (EIU Running Backs Coach):**

"Kevin is a big, physical and powerful downhill RB with elusive speed. EIU fans will love him and we're pumped to have him join us in Charleston!"

Farri	Barr (Juwon)	RB	5-10	205	Germantown, MD	Monmouth University
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### **Quote from Turner Pugh (EIU Running Backs Coach):**

"Juwon is a big play RB with a combination of vision & speed with the ability to break tackles and make defenders miss in the open field. He comes from a great football pedigree already and is poised to make a major impact at EIU. We're looking forward to having him on campus!"

Forrest Jr.	Adonis	S	6-4	210	Union City, CA	Contra Costa College
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### **Quote from Clay Bignell (EIU Defensive Pass Game Coordinator/Safeties Coach):**

"Adonis has all the physical traits we are looking for in a safety. He has the length and physicality to make an immediate impact in our defensive backfield. Great addition to the Panther family!"

Hal	D'zjon	S	6-1	180	Henderson, NV	Ventura College
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### **Quote from Clay Bignell (EIU Defensive Pass Game Coordinator/Safeties Coach):**

"D'zjon is a fluid athlete with great range. He brings tremendous coverage ability and athleticism to our safety room. He has the ability to come in and make an immediate impact on our defense. Excited to have him join the Panther family!"

Holley	Pierce	QB	6-3	220	Arvada, CO	Georgetown University
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### **Quote from Joe Daniels (EIU Offensive Coordinator/Quarterback Coach):**

"Pierce rose to the top of a deep group of transfer QBs we evaluated. He has improved every year as a QB and we feel his best football is ahead of him."

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Oliveira-Chace	Nicholas	DL	6-4	265	Cambridge, MA	Franklin Pierce University
<b>Quote from Adam Gristick (EIU Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers Coach):</b> "OC is a terrific pass rusher, capable of disrupting the QB as an every down DE. He will provide us with a lethal combination of size and strength."						

Pares	Sebastian	OL	6-5	300	Joliet, IL	University of Sioux Falls
<b>Quote from John Cannova (EIU Offensive Line Coach):</b> "Sebastian is coming to us from the University of Sioux Falls and Wheaton Academy High School in West Chicago, IL. Sebastian will bring veteran experience and work ethic to the OL room. Since graduating HS, Sebastian has developed into an athletic and physical presence with the ability to have an immediate impact at multiple positions on the EIU OL."						

Wilder	Drew	OL	6-3	320	Williamsburg, VA	Navy / Iowa Western CC
<b>Quote from John Cannova (EIU Offensive Line Coach):</b> "Drew is coming to us from Iowa Western CC. He just competed in and won the NJCAA National Championship. Drew is an extremely intelligent and reliable player. His leadership and ability paved the way for a great Junior College career. He comes from a great football pedigree and will be able to compete for the center position from the moment he walks on campus."						

### **WALK-ONS**

Anderson	Brennan	OL	6-4	330	Dallas Center, IA	Iowa Western Community College
Cowan	Zachary (Zac)	LS	6-4	225	Nephi, UT	Rochester Community Tech College
Pilson	Jack	MLB	6-0	210	Mattoon, IL	Lehigh University / Lake Land College