



EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHER FOOTBALL

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GAME 3



COACHES:

Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1995)

EIU Record..... 0-2 (1st)
OVC Record..... 0-0 (1st)
Career Record..... 51-29 (10th)
vs. Illinois State..... 0-0

Brock Spack (Purdue, 1983)

ILST Record..... 90-61 (14th)
MVFC Record..... 56-44 (14th)
Overall Record Same
vs. Eastern Illinois..... 8-4

SERIES

110th meeting, ILST leads 58-42-9
Last: ILST 31, @EIU 24 on Sept. 18, 2021

RANKINGS

Eastern Illinois / ---
Illinois State / ---
..... STATS Media/AFCAs Coaches

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Panthers / Redbirds Meet In Mid-America Classic

Eastern Illinois (0-2) at Illinois State (1-1)

Hancock Stadium (13,391) • Normal, Ill.

September 17, 2022 • 6:30 p.m. • TV: Marquee Network / ESPN+

NOTES TO KNOW

• Eastern Illinois and Illinois State will meet for the 110th time in the Mid-America Classic on Saturday night. The rivalry is the eighth longest played non-Ivy League FCS series between schools (16th overall among FCS schools counting Ivy League). The schools first met in 1901 with EIU winning 28-0. The schools began playing for a traveling trophy in the rivalry with the 100th meeting of the series on Sept. 1, 2011 (a 33-26 EIU win). The two schools have missed playing just three times since World War II - in 1996 due to conference realignment, in 2001 due to 9/11 and in 2020 due to COVID.

• Eastern Illinois head coach Chris Wilkerson and Illinois State head coach Brock Spack have a long standing relationship. When Spack was an assistant coach at Eastern Illinois under head coach Bob Spoo, he recruited Wilkerson to play at Eastern Illinois in 1990. Spack served as Wilkerson's position group coach when Wilkerson redshirted the 1990 season at EIU before Spack left for an assistant coaching stop at Purdue.

• Jonah O'Brien passed for two touchdowns in Saturday's loss to No. 10 Chattanooga as he passed for 183 yards. O'Brien now has five touchdown passes this season which ranks him 12th in the FCS in touchdown passes. O'Brien has connected with five different receivers for touchdown passes. Last season EIU's offense had just eight touchdown passes for the entire season with four different players scoring with touchdown receptions.

• Punter Trey Wilhoit had a solid day for the Panthers against No. 10 Chattanooga as he had six punts for an average of 46 yards per punt. He had a long punt of 62 yards while pinning another punt inside the 20-yard line. In the season opener at Northern Illinois, Wilhoit had one punt for 54 yards. He is one punt attempt shy of qualifying for the national FCS leaders where he would rank tied for second at 47.1 yards per punt.

• Colin Bohanek led the Panthers defense with ten tackles against No. 10 Chattanooga including a first quarter interception that led to the opening EIU score. It was the second career interception for the sophomore linebacker. The ten tackles marked the fourth time Bohanek has recorded double digit tackles in his EIU career. Last year he was second in the OVC with 89 tackles.

Eastern Illinois (0-2)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Sept. 1	at Northern Illinois	L 27-34
Sept. 10	No. 10 CHATTANOOGA	L 20-38
Sept. 17	at Illinois State	6:30 pm
Sept. 24	• at Murray State	4 pm
Oct. 8	NORTHWESTERN STATE	2 pm
Oct. 15	LINDENWOOD (HC)	2 pm
Oct. 22	• at Tennessee State	2 pm
Oct. 29	• TENNESSEE TECH	2 pm
Nov. 5	at McNeese State	6 pm
Nov. 12	• SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	2 pm
Nov. 19	• at UT Martin	2 pm
• Ohio Valley Conference Game		All Times Central

Illinois State (1-1)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Sept. 3	at Wisconsin	L 0-38
Sept. 10	VALPARAISO	W 28-21
Sept. 17	EASTERN ILLINOIS	6:30 pm
Oct. 1	• SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	6:30 pm
Oct. 8	• at Northern Iowa	4 pm
Oct. 15	• SOUTH DAKOTA (HC)	2 pm
Oct. 22	• at Indiana State	12 pm
Oct. 29	• at North Dakota State	2:30 pm
Nov. 5	• YOUNGSTOWN STATE	2 pm
Nov. 12	• at South Dakota State	2 pm
Nov. 19	8 WESTERN ILLINOIS	12 pm
• Missouri Valley Football Conference Game		All Times Central

STATS FCS MEDIA TOP 25

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	North Dakota State (52)	2-0
2.	South Dakota State (2)	1-1
3.	Montana	2-0
4.	Montana State	2-0
5.	Missouri State	2-0
6.	Incarnate Word	2-0
7.	Villanova	2-0
8.	Sacramento State	1-0
9.	Delaware	2-0
10.	Chattanooga	2-0
11.	Jackson State	2-0
12.	Weber State	2-0
13.	Holy Cross	2-0
14.	Eastern Washington	1-1
15.	William & Mary	2-0
16.	UT Martin	1-1
17.	Rhode Island	2-0
18.	East Tennessee State	1-1
19.	Eastern Kentucky	1-1
20.	Mercer	1-1
21.	Stephen F. Austin	1-2
22.	North Dakota	1-1
23.	Kennesaw State	0-2
24.	Samford	1-1
25.	New Hampshire	2-0

• Stone Galloway continued his hot start to the season as he knocked home both field goal attempts on Saturday against Chattanooga. Galloway is now 4-for-4 this season having made eight straight dating back to last season. Galloway ranks second in the FCS for field goals made and is 48th in the FCS in scoring with 17 points. His long field goal this season was 44 yards coming in the second half against Chattanooga.

• Elijah Ball, a transfer from Purdue, made his first start of the season for EIU sliding in at the safety spot for the injured Kaelin Drakeford. Ball responded with four tackles in the game. He made six tackles in his debut last week at Northern Illinois and currently ranks fifth on the team in tackles with ten, one of five Panthers currently in double figures.

• Tim Varga recorded 1.5 tackles for loss on Saturday against Chattanooga as part of his five tackle game against the Mocs. Last season Varga had six tackles for loss while tying for the team lead in sacks with four. Varga is one of the Panthers five team captains this season and was an Academic All-District selection last season. He has eight tackles and one pass break-up to go with his 1.5 tackles for loss this season.

• After rushing for 100 yards in the season opener at Northern Illinois, Markenzy Pierre was held to 66 yards on 17 carries on Saturday against Chattanooga. Pierre currently ranks 29th in the FCS in rushing yards and third in the OVC. He is averaging 5.4 yards per carry. Last season in eleven games Pierre rushed for 125 yards on 39 carries for a 3.2 yards per carry average.

• Justin Thomas was the Panthers leading receiver for the second straight game hauling in six passes for 39 yards against Chattanooga. Thomas leads EIU with 12 receptions for 122 yards this season with his 12 receptions ranking 23rd in the FCS. Thomas is a graduate transfer from Albion College where he earned Division III All-American honors last year and finished his career as the programs all-time leader in receiving yards and touchdown receptions.

• Eastern Illinois opened week one of the 2022 season going 8-of-12 on 3rd downs to rank second in the FCS. The Panthers were held to just 4-of-14 on 3rd down against Chattanooga last week but continue to lead the OVC in 3rd down conversions at 46.2 percent, a total that ranks 22nd in the FCS. Last season EIU converted at 25.2 percent on 3rd downs ranking 120th in the FCS.

• Eastern Illinois had two turnovers on Saturday against Chattanooga with a Colin Bohanek interception in the first quarter and Henry Woods Jr. fumble recovery in the third. EIU did not have any turnovers gained in the week one loss at Northern Illinois. Last season EIU ranked third in the OVC with 18 turnovers gained. The Panthers had five games with two or more turnovers gained in 2021.

• EIU had three pass break-ups on Saturday against Chattanooga as the Panthers now have eight for the season. Nick Coates, Russell Dandy and Mark Aitken all broke up a pass against the Mocs. Coates is now tied for the team lead in pass break-ups with Tyris Harvey with both players with two this season.

• Running back Jaelin Benefield went over the 900 yard mark for his career in Saturday's game with Chattanooga. Benefield now has 914 career yards serving as a versatile weapon able to both run and catch out of the backfield. As a freshmen in 2019 he was EIU's leading rusher with 402 yards. He battled injuries the next two seasons including the spring 2021 COVID year. Benefield has two career 100 yard games at EIU and would become the 30th back in Panther history over the 1,000 yard mark for his career.

• Nile Hill and DeAirious Smith both hauled in touchdowns on Saturday against Chattanooga on their lone receptions of the evening. Hill caught a 31-yard pass while Smith hauled in a 16-yard pass. It was Hill's first career touchdown pass as the converted defensive back has caught five passes for 70 yards this season. It was the first game of the season for Smith who last season caught 14 passes for 209 yards and a team-high three touchdowns.

• Zay Gentry took over as the Panthers primary kick returner on Saturday against Chattanooga. Gentry had five returns for 72 yards for an average of 14.4 yards per return. His long return was 21 yards. Gentry also plays as a back-up safety and on EIU's kick coverage team making one tackle in the contest.

• Eastern Illinois won the time of possession battle for the second straight week holding the ball for 31:36 against Chattanooga. EIU is 41st in the FCS in time of possession at 31:02 per game.

FCS COACHES TOP 25

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	North Dakota State (26)	2-0
2.	Montana (1)	2-0
3.	South Dakota State	1-1
4.	Montana State	2-0
5.	Villanova	2-0
6.	Missouri State	2-0
7.	Sacramento State	1-0
8.	Incarnate Word	2-0
9.	Chattanooga	2-0
10.	Delaware	2-0
11.	Jackson State	2-0
12.	Holy Cross	2-0
13.	Weber State	2-0
14.	Rhode Island	2-0
15.	Eastern Washington	1-1
16.	Stephen F. Austin	1-2
17.	William & Mary	2-0
18.	UT Martin	1-1
19.	East Tennessee State	1-1
20.	Mercer	1-1
21.	Fordham	2-0
22.	Kennesaw State	0-2
23.	Youngstown State	2-0
24.	Eastern Kentucky	1-1
25.	Samford	1-1

2022 OVC Standings

Team	OVC	Pct.	All	Pct.
Eastern Illinois	0-0	.000	0-2	.000
Lindenwood	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
Murray State	0-0	.000	0-2	.000
Southeast Missouri	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
Tennessee State	0-0	.000	0-2	.000
Tennessee Tech	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
UT Martin	0-0	.000	1-1	.500

This Week In OVC Football**Saturday - September 17**

Murray State at Ball State - 1 pm
 Nicholls State at Southeast Missouri - 2 pm
 UT Martin at Boise State - 3 pm
 Samford at Tennessee Tech - 6 pm
 Tennessee State at Middle Tennessee - 6 pm
 Keiser at Lindenwood - 6 pm
 Eastern Illinois at Illinois State - 6:30 pm

Saturday - September 24

Central Arkansas at Southeast Missouri - 2 pm
 * Eastern Illinois at Murray State - 4 pm
 * Lindenwood at UT Martin - 6 pm

* Ohio Valley Conference Games

Eastern Illinois Captains

1 - Jordan Vincent
 3 - Jaelin Benefield
 45 - Colin Bohanek
 80 - Jay Vallie
 97 - Tim Varga

OVC Predicted Order Of Finish

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

Eastern Illinois Players On All-OVC Preseason Team

- 1 - Jordan Vincent (Safety)
 3 - Russell Dandy (Defensive Back)
 7 - Isaiah Hill (Wide Receiver)
 80 - Jay Vallie (Tight End)
 91 - Jordan Miles (Defensive Line)
 97 - Tim Varga (Defensive Line)

2022 OVC Players of the Week

Sept. 4 - Stone Galloway (Special Teams)

• Eastern Illinois head coach Chris Wilkerson is familiar with the Mid-America Classic both as a player and an assistant coach with the Panthers as he embarks on his first rivalry game meeting as EIU's head coach. Wilkerson was 2-1-1 in the series as a player while posting a 2-3 record against Illinois State as an assistant coach. EIU assistant coaches Adam Gristick and DJ Bland also both appeared in four Mid-America Classic games each as players.

• Henry Woods Jr. helped EIU secure one of its two turnovers in Saturday's game against Chattanooga. Woods recovered a muffed punt in the second half which set up a Panthers third quarter field goal. Last season Woods appeared in six games primarily on special teams finishing the year with two tackles.

• Eastern Illinois offensive line has gained experience over the last couple of years with several players starting as true freshmen in 2019 and playing against more experienced defensive players. Three of EIU's projected starting linemen - Elkhanan Tanelus, Chad Strickland and Anthony Imperio have all played for the last three years with Tanelus and Strickland set to be starters for their fourth seasons for the Panthers.

• EIU added five FBS transfers to the Panthers roster for this upcoming season. Joining EIU are quarterbacks Dom Shoffner (Charlotte) and Jonah O'Brien (Colorado State) along with Ira Armstead (Virginia) who transferred to EIU in the spring as a quarterback but has moved to wide receiver. On the defensive side EIU added Tre'jon Lewis (Texas Tech) and Elijah Ball (Purdue). The Panthers now have nine total FBS transfers on the roster.

• EIU added 12 junior college transfers to the roster this season with a number of them expected to make an immediate impact. Listed in the Panthers first two-deep of the season are incoming junior college players Max Stineman (OL), Terrance Shaw (OL), Colby Smith (DL), Braylon Willis (DL), Alexandar Oyawale (LB) and Trey Wilhoit (P).

• Eastern Illinois had six players named to the preseason All-Ohio Valley Conference team heading into this season. Wide receiver Isaiah Hill and tight end Jay Vallie were selected on the offensive side of the ball. Defensive linemen Jordan Miles and Tim Varga were joined on the defensive preseason All-OVC team by safety Jordan Vincent and corner Russell Dandy. Transfer Foday Jalloh was named a top newcomer to watch this season.

• Eastern Illinois has two legacy players on its roster this season with freshmen Carson Fichtel and Mike Smith Jr. Fichtel's father Brad was an All-American lineman for the Panthers in the early 1990's. Smith's father Mike was a defensive back for the Panthers in the early 1990's. Both fathers were teammates of current EIU head coach Chris Wilkerson.

• Eastern Illinois football once again has jumped into the international pool of players as part of their 2022 roster. Already returning to the team was Daniel Luoma who is from Finland. Last year, Luoma who is a reserve tight end served as the Panthers kickoff specialist averaging 59.2 yards per kick with eight touchbacks. The Panthers added Jaxson Isaac to the roster just before fall camp. Isaac is from Regina, Saskatchewan and played at the College of DuPage last season. Prior to Luoma the last European player on the EIU roster was Pascal Matla from Holland in the early 2000's. The last EIU player from Canada was Conrad Praamsma in the mid-1990's.

• Eastern Illinois has announced its team captains for the 2022 season as voted on by the team during the spring. Defensive players Jordan Vincent, Colin Bohanek and Tim Varga were selected along with offensive players Jaelin Benefield and Jay Vallie.

• The Ohio Valley Conference is celebrating its 75th anniversary this season and the conference football alignment has a new member with Lindenwood joining. EIU will host Lindenwood this year as the Panthers homecoming opponent on Oct. 15 but their meeting will not count as an OVC game due to a late adjustment to the OVC schedule and teams only playing five conference games. The OVC and Big South have announced a future scheduling agreement which will include schedules for the 2023 and 2024 seasons.

• Eastern Illinois football has seven players on its current roster that already have earned their undergraduate degree as they prepare to play this upcoming season. The seven graduate players are Elijah Benoit, Bryce Dewberry, Isaiah Hill, Foday Jalloh, Markenzy Pierre, Justin Thomas and Jay Vallie. They are part of the 810 players at the FCS level competing this season with their degree already in-hand.

EIU HEAD COACH CHRIS WILKERSON

Chris Wilkerson was hired as the 26th head coach in Eastern Illinois football history on Jan. 26, 2022. A former player and assistant coach at Eastern Illinois, Wilkerson returns home and becomes the first EIU alumnus to serve as the Panthers head football coach. Wilkerson played and coached under OVC/EIU Hall of Fame Coach Bob Spoo. A 1995 graduate of EIU, Wilkerson coached at EIU until the 2001 season. He had assistant stops at San Jose State and Dartmouth before serving the last ten years as the head coach at the University of Chicago. Wilkerson has a 51-27 career record entering the 2022 season. Complete Coach Chris Wilkerson bio available on page 6 of EIU game notes...

ILLINOIS STATE HEAD COACH BROCK SPACK

Brock Spack is in his 14th year as head coach at Illinois State coaching the Redbirds. Spack is a former assistant coach at Eastern Illinois where he worked under former head coach Bob Spoo. Spack is 8-4 in previous meetings against EIU and has a 90-61 overall record, the 90 wins are the most in ISU history. He was an All-Big Ten linebacker for the Boilermakers in the early 1980's before embarking on a coaching career that has included stops at Eastern Illinois, Wyoming and Purdue. Spack has led ISU to five FCS playoff appearances including the 2014 FCS National Championship Game.

SCOUTING ILLINOIS STATE

Illinois State enters at 1-1 on the season with a loss at Big Ten member Wisconsin to open the year before a home win over Valparaiso last weekend. Zeke Vandenburg leads an aggressive Redbirds defense with 22 tackles this season including four sacks. Dillon Gearhart has added three sacks and Sy Dabney two sacks. On offense running back Wenkers Wright has rushed for a team high 117 yards with quarterback Zack Annexstad passing for 382 yards.

THE SERIES

Eastern Illinois and Illinois State will be meeting for the 110th time in the Mid-America Classic. Illinois State leads the all-time series 58-42-9 and has won four straight in the series following a 31-24 Redbirds win in 2021. The two schools first met in 1901 with a 28-0 EIU victory and have met one time in the FCS playoffs with Illinois State winning that 2006 match-up 24-13. EIU and ISU did not meet in 2020 as both schools elected to only play conference games, it was the first time since 2001 that the two schools did not meet on the gridiron and only the third time since World War II (did not meet in 1996).

LAST TEN MEETINGS

<i>Sept. 18, 2022</i>	<i>Illinois State 31, EIU 24 at EIU</i>
<i>Sept. 14, 2019</i>	<i>Illinois State 21, EIU 3 at EIU</i>
<i>Sept. 8, 2018</i>	<i>Illinois State 48, EIU 10 at ISU</i>
<i>Sept. 16, 2017</i>	<i>Illinois State 44, EIU 13 at EIU</i>
<i>Sept. 17, 2016</i>	<i>EIU 24, Illinois State 21 at ISU</i>
<i>Sept. 19, 2015</i>	<i>Illinois State 36, EIU 33 (ot) at EIU</i>
<i>Sept. 13, 2014</i>	<i>Illinois State 34, EIU 15 at ISU</i>
<i>Sept. 14, 2013</i>	<i>EIU 57, Illinois State 24 at EIU</i>
<i>Sept. 15, 2012</i>	<i>Illinois State 54, EIU 51 (2ot) at ISU</i>
<i>Sept. 1, 2011</i>	<i>EIU 33, Illinois State 26 at EIU</i>

TALE OF THE TAPE



Points Per Game.....	23.5	14
Average Points Allowed.....	36	29.5
First Downs.....	41	30
Rushing Yards Per Game	121	93
Rushing Touchdowns	0	1
Passing Yards Per Game	229.5	191
Passing Touchdowns	5	2
Average Yards Per Game	350.5	284
Interceptions Thrown	3	3
Fumbles - Lost	1-1	2-1
Turnovers Gained.....	2	3
Punting Average	47.1	35.9
Field Goals (ATT/MADE)	4-of-4	0-of-1
3rd Down Conversions	12-of-26 (46%)	10-of-25 40%
4th Down Conversions.....	0-of-3 (0%)	0-of-2
Sacks By (Yards).....	1 (1)	9 (78)
Penalties (Yards)	13 (120)	12 (104)
Time of Possession (Game)	31:01	27:48

Statistical Leaders

RUSHING YARDS (Touchdowns)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS STATE
Markenzy Pierre..... 166 (0)	Wenkers Wright..... 117 (0)
Jaelin Benefield..... 83 (0)	Pha'leak Brown..... 39 (0)

PASSING YARDS (Touchdowns)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS STATE
Jonah O'Brien..... 459 (5)	Zack Annexstad 382 (2)
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RECEPTIONS (Yards)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS STATE
Justin Thomas 12 (122)	Bryson Deming 5 (33)
Anthony Manaves 7 (46)	Tanner Taula..... 4 (46)
Jaelin Benefield..... 6 (70)	Brock Annexstad 4 (45)

TACKLES

EASTERN ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS STATE
Elijahwah Tolbert..... 18	Zeke Vandenburg 22
Colin Bohanek 17	Jeremiah Jordan 17
Jordan Vincent..... 15	Deandre Lamont..... 10
Nick Coates..... 11	Franky West 10
Elijah Ball 10	Jude Okolo 9

TACKLES FOR LOSS / SACKS

EASTERN ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS STATE
Tim Varga..... 1.5	Zeke Vandenburg 4
Elijahwah Tolbert..... 1	Dillon Gearhart..... 3
Nick Coates..... 1	Sy Dabney..... 2

Eastern Illinois In The OVC/NCAA Stats

2022

TEAM

TEAM	NCAA	OVC
.....
Rushing Offense	69th	4th
Passing Offense	37th	3rd
Passing Efficiency	31st	2nd
Total Offense	50th	3rd
Scoring Offense	50th	2nd
Rushing Defense	79th	4th
Pass Defense	62nd	2nd
Pass Efficiency Def.	80th	3rd
Total Defense	69th	2nd
Scoring Defense	77th	3rd
Net Punting	8th	1st
Punt Returns	89th	3rd
Kickoff Returns	99th	6th
Turnover Margin	87th	5th
Turnovers Gained	80th	4th
Sacks	109th	7th
Tackles For Loss	102nd	5th
Sacks Allowed	89th	3rd
3rd Down Conversion	22nd	1st
4th Down Conversion	88th	5th
3rd Down Defense	76th	3rd
Red Zone Offense	1st	1st
Red Zone Defense	89th	5th
Time of Possession	41st	3rd

INDIVIDUAL (Top 60)

.....	NCAA	OVC
Jaelin Benefield (All Purpose Yds).....	60th	4th
Jonah O'Brien (Completion Pct)	13th	1st
Jonah O'Brien (Pass Efficiency)	28th	2nd
Jonah O'Brien (Passing TDs)	12th	2nd
Jonah O'Brien (Passing Yards)	29th	3rd
Jonah O'Brien (Total Offense).....	41st	3rd
Justin Thomas (Receptions).....	23rd	4th
Markenzy Pierre (Rushing Yards).....	29th	3rd
Stone Galloway (Field Goals).....	2nd	1st
Stone Galloway (Scoring).....	48th	3rd
Henry Woods (Fumble Rec.).....	5th	1st
Colin Bohanek (Interceptions).....	26th	3rd

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 (1977-97) 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
2 - UT Martin
1 - Tennessee Tech
1 - Western Kentucky *
1 - Austin Peay *
* indicates team no longer in the OVC

COVID YOUTH

With the NCAA granting a COVID year of eligibility to players active during the 2020 season, EIU was in a rebuilding phase so the Panthers have a large number of players who are listed as sophomores on their active roster. A total of 29 of those players are in their third year in the program with the added COVID year with an additional amount true sophomores in their second year in the program.

NCAA PLAYOFF APPEARANCES

School.....# Appearances (Last)

Montana 25 (2021)
Northern Iowa 22 (2021)
Eastern Kentucky 21 (2014)
Appalachian State* 20 (2012)
Georgia Southern* 19 (2012)
Furman 18 (2019)
James Madison..... 18 (2021)
Delaware 17 (2020)
EASTERN ILLINOIS 16 (2015)
New Hampshire 16 (2017)
McNeese State 16 (2015)
Eastern Washington..... 15 (2021)
Villanova 14 (2021)

* moved to the FBS level in 2013

transitioning to FBS level in 2022

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)



CHRIS WILKERSON

Eastern Illinois
Head Football Coach
1st year at Eastern Illinois
(Eastern Illinois, 1995)

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Eastern Illinois football is bringing one of its own back home as Panthers Athletic Director Tom Michael has announced the hiring of Chris Wilkerson as the 26th head coach in EIU football history.

Wilkerson played for the Panthers from 1991-94 earning his degree from EIU in 1995. He began his coaching career on the staff of Bob Spoo working with the Panthers from 1995-2001. He led the special teams unit all seven years and also had stints as defensive coordinator, linebackers coach and defensive line coach. The Panthers reached the NCAA FCS playoffs four times and won a pair of conference championships during his tenure. Wilkerson's defenses and special teams were regularly ranked in the national top 20 in numerous categories.

Wilkerson comes to EIU after a successful run as the head coach at the University of Chicago where he has posted winning seasons in seven of his eight seasons including an 8-2 record this past season with an offense that featured the leading rusher in Division III football. He has a 51-27 record in nine seasons as the UChicago head coach with the team not competing during the 2020 season due to COVID-19.

"I'm excited to welcome Chris Wilkerson back home as the next head football coach at Eastern Illinois," said Michael. "The passion with which Chris played the game as a Panther, the passion with which he speaks about EIU, show what a truly special place EIU is. He brings with him a proven track record of building a program with success on both sides of the football. I have no doubt that Chris will bring that same passion back to this program on the field when the Panthers suit up this fall."

"My family and I are extremely humbled and honored to be coming home to Eastern Illinois University and look forward to leading our football family into the future! This opportunity is something I have dreamed about since 1995. I understand the passion, and pride the EIU Football family has for our program. We understand the accomplishments of our football alumni as well as the storied tradition of Panther Football. Our staff will work tirelessly, thoughtfully and with passion to help our collegiate athletes reach their fullest potential," said Wilkerson. "Eastern Illinois University represents excellence in academics and athletics but most importantly excellent PEOPLE! I want to thank President Glassman, Joe Dively, Athletic Director Tom Michael, Deputy Athletic Director Mark Bonnsetter, Tony Romo and all those involved in the search process for this amazing opportunity and a chance to come HOME! I look forward to building relationships with our current players and reconnecting those Panther Football Alumni and together resurrecting our proud Football Tradition."

"Chris was on Coach Spoo's staff when I was a student-athlete. I thought very highly of him at that time and have followed his coaching career," said former EIU All-American quarterback and recent College Football Hall of Fame inductee Tony Romo. "He has the football knowledge on both sides of the ball that will enable the EIU program to be successful. He is the right person to lead our program and I'm excited to have him back home as our next head football coach."

"I am thrilled to learn of Chris Wilkerson being hired as head football coach at Eastern Illinois University. There is not anyone who has more invested in Panther football than Chris – having been a player; graduate assistant; full-time assistant; and defensive coordinator for the Panthers, Chris not only has an unparalleled knowledge of what it takes to be successful at EIU, his love and loyalty for Eastern athletics is real and authentic. Simply put, Chris Wilkerson is the right guy, with the right skill set, at the right time to lead Panther football. Chris, his wife Sharna and family will be wonderful representatives of Eastern Illinois University and Panther athletics as the "first family" of Panther football," said former EIU offensive coordinator and current Syracuse football Director of Player Personnel, Roy Wittke.

His teams have excelled on the field and in the class room at UChicago since Wilkerson took over the program in 2013. His first season the Maroons posted a 6-4 record including the second 4-0 start to a season in the program's modern era. He has guided the school through three different conference affiliations with a 39-15 record in conference play. In all Wilkerson has coached three Division III All-Americans, five Academic All-Americans, nine All-Region selections, four Conference Players of the Year and 94 All-Conference selections during his time at UChicago.

Prior to his arrival at UChicago, he previously served on Dartmouth College's coaching staff from 2005-13 and was named Associate Head Coach in 2007. During his tenure at Dartmouth, Wilkerson's broad range of responsibilities included defensive coordinator, special teams coordinator, running backs coach, linebackers coach and recruiting coordinator. The team was ranked in the top 10 nationally in a number of categories, including punt return average, blocked kicks, individual rushing average and fewest fumbles lost. His pass defense ranked 14th in the country in his debut season.

Wilkerson coached the defense and special teams at San Jose State University from 2002-04. In 2003, he was a nominee for the Broyles Award, given annually to the nation's top assistant coach.

Wilkerson and his wife, Sharna (a former EIU softball player), have three children – Isabella, Peyton and Charlotte.

University of Chicago Record					
Year	Overall	Pct.	Conf.	Pct.	
2021	8-2	.800	7-2 (MWC)	.778	
2020	*Season cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic				
2019	6-3	.667	6-1 (MWC)	.857	
2018	7-3	.700	7-1 (MWC)	.875	
2017	6-4	.600	6-2 (MWC)	.750	
2016	4-6	.400	4-4 (SAA)	.500	
2015	6-4	.600	5-3 (SAA)	.625	
2014	8-1	.889	3-0 (UAA)	1.000	UAA title
2013	6-4	.600	1-2 (UAA)	.333	
Totals	51-27	.654	39-15	.722	9 years



Kyle Derickson
Assoc HC / ST / WR
(1st year)
Butler, 2003



Joe Davis
Off Cord. / QBs
(1st year)
Adrian College, 2002



Adam Gristick
Def. Cord. / Linebackers
(5th year)
Eastern Illinois, 2015



Clay Bignell
Def Pass Game Cord. / Safeties
(1st year)
Montana State, 2011



DJ Bland
Defensive Backs
(1st year)
Eastern Illinois, 2014



John Cannova
Offensive Line
(1st year)
North Central College, 2014



Collin Geier
Outside Linebackers
(3rd year)
Missouri, 2018



Adam Morris
Defensive Line
(3rd year)
Ball State, 2013



Turner Pugh
Running Backs
(1st year)
Northern Illinois, 2004



Gunnard Twyner
Tight Ends
(1st year)
Western Illinois, 1996

FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF & QUALITY CONTROL

Graduate Assistant Coach - Defense Andrew Brady
Graduate Assistant Coach - Offense Cole Hoover
Quality Control Coach - Offense Jackson King
Quality Control Coach - Defense Beau Snuggs
Quality Control Coach - Special Teams Tim Greene

Graduate Assistant - Operations Reid Littleford
Quality Control - Recruiting Payton Naylor
Student Assistant Coach Matt Judd
Student Assistant Coach Cam Mattox

Football Athletic Trainer Scott Goehner
Football Equipment Manager Clint Bays
Director of Football Operations Caleb Selk
Football Academics Nicole Jackson
Nutrition TBA
Director of Football Performance Derek Stein
Graduate Assistant - Football Strength Dan Baur

ADDITIONAL FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF

Head Strength Coach Joe Neihaus
Head Athletic Trainer Jim Nave
Assistant Football Athletic Trainer Michaela DeSantis
Football GA Athletic Trainer Alyce Borkenhagen
Football GA Athletic Trainer Kevin Bravo
Orthopedic Surgeon Sarah Bush Lincoln Sports Medicine
Team Doctor Dr. Robert Biggs
Team Dentist Dr. Jennifer Kennedy

EIU ADMINISTRATION

University President Dr. David Glassman
Athletic Director Tom Michael
Deputy Athletic Director Mark Bonnstetter
Associate AD/Development Mike Murray
Associate AD Media & PR Rich Moser
Assistant AD Compliance/SWA Dr. Tonya Sawyer
Assistant AD Academic Services Cindy Almon
Ticket Manager Cindy Bayes

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
Isaiah Hill, 207 at Southeast Missouri (Oct. 30, 2021)

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...

Tyris Harvey, 1, at Austin Peay (November 6, 2021) - (29 yards)

Returned a fumble for touchdown...

Bryce Dewberry, 1, at Tennessee Tech (Sept. 25, 2021) - (90 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...

Charles Shelton IV (Sept. 18, 2021) vs. Illinois State

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

DeAirious Smith, 1 vs. Illinois State (Sept. 18, 2021)... - Charles Shelton IV

Blocked a field goal...

Jordan Miles, 1 vs. Illinois State (Sept. 18, 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) - DeWayne Cooks from Otto Kuhns, at Tennessee Tech (Sept. 25, 2021)

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, 16, at Tennessee Tech (Sept. 25, 2021)

Had 3 or more sacks on defense...

Jordan Miles, 3, at Tennessee Tech (Sept. 25, 2021)

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

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

Had 2 or more interceptions

Russell Dandy, 2, at Murray State (Oct. 2, 2021)

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

2022 EASTERN ILLINOIS TOUCHDOWNS

3.....Jaelin Benefield 24 pass from Jonah O'Brien..... at Northern Illinois
4.....Justin Thomas 13 pass from Jonah O'Brien at Northern Illinois
4.....Jay Vallie 8 pass from Jonah O'Brien at Northern Illinois
1.....Nile Hill 31 pass from Jonah O'Brien Chattanooga
3.....DeAirious Smith 16 pass from Jonah O'Brien Chattanooga

2021 EASTERN ILLINOIS TOUCHDOWNS

2.....Harrison Bey-Buie 2 run at Indiana State
3.....Tyler Hamilton 4 run..... at Indiana State
4.....Otto Kuhns 1 run..... at Indiana State
4.....Robbie Lofton 7 pass from Otto Kuhns at Dayton
2.....Robbie Lofton 5 pass from Otto Kuhns Illinois State
3.....DeAirious Smith 7 blocked punt return Illinois State
4.....Harrison Bey-Buie 2 run Illinois State
2.....DeAirious Smith 7 pass from Otto Kuhns at Tennessee Tech
2.....DeAirious Smith 16 pass from Otto Kuhns at Tennessee Tech
3.....Arron Foulkes 24 run at Tennessee Tech
4.....Bryce Dewberry 90 fumble return at Tennessee Tech
4.....Arron Foulkes 54 pass from Chris Katrenick at Murray State
2.....Otto Kuhns 1 run..... UT Martin
2.....DeAirious Smith 6 pass from Otto Kuhns UT Martin
1.....Isaiah Hill 5 run at SE Missouri
4.....Isaiah Hill 16 pass from Otto Kuhns..... at SE Missouri
1.....Tyris Harvey 29 interception return at Austin Peay
2.....Harrison Bey-Buie 2 run..... at Austin Peay
4.....Isaiah Hill 15 pass from Zach Weir..... at Austin Peay

EASTERN ILLINOIS NFL CONNECTION

SAN FRANCISCO 49ers

Jimmy Garoppolo - Quarterback
Nick Kray - Assistant to the Head Coach

HOUSTON TEXANS

Kamu Grugier-Hill - Linebacker

TENNESSEE TITANS

Tim Kelly - Pass Game Coordinator

ATLANTA FALCONS

Ryan Pace - Senior Personnel Executive

BROADCAST

Tony Romo - CBS Color Analyst with Jim Nantz
Sean Payton - FOX Sports NFL Studio Show

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
109.....at South Carolina.....	Sept. 4, 2021
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:

Bryce Dewberry, 90 at Tennessee Tech.....	2021
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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	DB	5-10	215	Grad	3	McDonough, Ga. (Eagles Landing)
0	Dom Shoffner	QB	6-1	210	Sr	TR	Cary, NC (Middle Creek / UNC Charlotte)
1	Jordan Vincent	DB	5-10	195	So	2	Lincolnshire, Ill. (Stevenson)
1	Markenzy Pierre	RB	5-11	230	Grad	1	Kissimmee, Fla. (Liberty / Syracuse Univ.)
2	DeWayne Cooks Jr	WR	6-2	160	R-Jr	2	Tulsa, Okla. (Booker T. Washington)
2	Mark Aitken	DB	5-9	175	R-So	1	Chicago, Ill. (Kenwood Academy / Northern Illinois Univ.)
3	Russell Dandy	DB	6-0	170	Sr	1	Hinesville, Ga. (Liberty County / Butte College)
3	Jaelin Benefield	RB	5-10	170	R-So	2	Pearland, Texas (Pearland)
4	Blake Ruffin	DB	6-4	215	So	1	Louisville, Ky. (Trinity)
4	Justin Thomas	WR	6-1	190	Grad	TR	Wixom, Mich. (Walled Lake Western / Albion College)
5	Anthony Shockey	LB	6-1	235	R-So	2	Lombard, Ill. (Glenbard East)
5	Aaron Rice	WR	6-5	190	Fr	HS	Farmington Hills, Mich. (North Farmington)
6	Joel Barrows	DL	6-3	250	R-So	1	Chicago, Ill. (Brooks Prep)
6	Jonah O'Brien	QB	6-4	210	R-So	TR	Bartlett, Ill. (Bartlett / Colorado State Univ.)
7	Tyris Harvey	DB	5-11	175	So	2	Olympia Fields, Ill. (Rich Central)
7	Isaiah Hill	WR	5-11	190	Grad	1	Shorewood, Ill. (Minooka/South Dakota State Univ.)
8	Zach Weir	QB	6-3	200	R-Fr	RS	Grafton, Wis. (Grafton)
8	Foday Jalloh	LB	6-2	220	Grad	TR	West Lawn, Pa. (Wilson / Central Connecticut State Univ.)
9	Elijah Benoit	DB	6-0	180	Grad	1	Tampa, Fla. (Seffner Christian/Univ. of Central Florida)
9	James Cooper Jr	QB	5-11	180	R-Fr	TR	Loves Park, Ill. (Harlem / Iowa Western CC)
11	Anthony Manaves	TE	6-4	235	R-So	2	Chicago, Ill. (St. Patrick)
11	Alexandar Oyawale	LB	6-0	220	Jr	TR	Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta / Riverside CC)
12	Ira Armstead II	WR	6-4	225	So	TR	South Bend, Ind. (Adams / Univ. of Virginia)
12	Nick Coates	DB	5-10	180	So	1	Louisville, Ky. (Male)
13	Trey Shaw III	DB	6-1	195	R-Fr	RS	Nashville, Tenn. (East Nashville Magnet)
13	Cooper Willman	WR	6-1	210	So	2	Sterling, Ill. (Sterling)
14	Kirk Pinkston Jr.	WR	5-10	170	Jr	3	Indianapolis, Ind. (Lawrence Central)
14	Braylon Willis	DL	6-4	245	Jr	TR	Lafayette, La. (Lafayette / East Los Angeles College)
15	Will Shumpert	WR	6-6	220	R-So	1	St. Louis, Mo. (Belleville West)
16	Kevin Conway	QB	6-2	200	Fr	HS	New Lenox, Ill. (Providence Catholic / Diamond Football Academy)
19	Justin Kowalak	QB	6-0	180	Fr	HS	Crystal Lake, Ill. (Crystal Lake South)
20	MJ Flowers	RB	6-1	205	Fr	HS	Cincinnati, Ohio (Colerain)
21	Jay Pearson	RB	6-0	195	Fr	HS	McKees Rocks, Pa. (Sto-Rox Junior-Senior)
22	Kaelin Drakeford	DB	6-4	205	So	1	Harrodsburg, Ky. (Mercer County)
23	Logan Brown	LB	6-2	215	So	1	Effingham, Ill. (Effingham)
24	Collin Tyson	DB	6-0	190	R-Fr	RS	Kansas City, Mo. (Platte County R-3)
25	AJ Sanders	DB	6-0	195	R-Fr	RS	Pickerington, Ohio (Pickerington Central)
26	Tyler Clark	RB	5-10	205	So	1	Chicago, Ill. (Phillips)
27	Zay Gentry	DB	6-0	190	So	1	Anna, Texas (Anna)
28	Brandon Guido	DB	5-9	190	R-So	1	Naperville, Ill. (Waubonsie Valley)
29	Kendi Young	RB	5-11	200	So	2	Calumet City, Ill. (Thornton Fractional North)
30	Diego Oliver	DB	6-0	180	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Kenwood Academy)
31	Chris Williams	DB	6-2	190	R-Fr	RS	Peoria, Ill. (Peoria)
32	Ty Schultz	RB	5-10	195	Fr	HS	Lockport, Ill. (Lockport Township)
33	Nile Hill	WR	5-11	190	R-So	1	Chicago, Ill. (Marist)
34	NiJhay Burt	SAF	5-11	165	Fr	HS	Munhall, Pa. (Steel Valley)
35	Zeke Lewis	RB	6-0	220	R-Fr	RS	Decatur, Ill. (Decatur St. Teresa)
36	Chauncey Lee	DB	5-9	175	R-Fr	HS	Bellwood, Ill. (Immaculate Conception)
37	William Orth	K	5-10	155	So	2	Ames, Iowa (Ames)
38	Trey Wilhoit	P	5-10	175	So	TR	Tallahassee, Fla. (Lawton Chiles / Dodge City CC)
39	Elijah Ball	SAF	6-1	205	Sr	TR	Indianapolis, Ind. (Ben Davis / Purdue Univ.)
40	Phoenix Porter	LB	6-1	225	R-Fr	RS	Fairfield, Ohio (Fairfield)
41	Mike Smith	DB	6-0	170	Fr	HS	Rockford, Ill. (Guilford)
41	Jordyn Turner	WR	6-5	230	R-Fr	TR	Bothell, Wash. (Bothell / Weber State Univ.)
42	Henry Woods Jr.	DB	5-10	175	So	1	New Lenox, Ill. (Lincoln-Way Central)
43	Elijahwah Tolbert	LB	6-1	230	So	1	Country Club Hills, Ill. (Hillcrest)
45	Colin Bohanek	LB	6-0	240	So	1	Chicago, Ill. (Marist)
46	Ameer Aqel	DL	6-2	250	R-So	1	Orland Hills, Ill. (Andrew)
47	Shawn Pepp Jr	DB	6-2	180	So	TR	Allen, Texas (Liberty / Contra Costa College)
48	Michael Jarosz	LB	6-1	245	R-So	1	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton North)

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC)
49	Grant Edwards	DL	6-1	245	R-So	1	Springfield, Ill. (Sacred Heart Griffin)
50	Luke Wagner	DL	6-4	230	So	TR	Washington, Pa. (McGuffey / Santa Barbara City College)
51	Payton Orth	LB	5-11	220	So	1	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East)
52	Jamari Johnson	DL	6-4	250	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle Institute)
53	Stone Galloway	K	5-11	210	Jr	3	Collinsville, Ill. (Althoff Catholic)
54	Drake Van Hyfte	DL	6-4	270	So	1	Annawan, Ill. (Annawan-Wethersfield)
55	Terrance Shaw	OL	6-3	300	Jr	TR	Clearwater, Fla. (Clearwater / Coffeyville CC)
56	Tre'jon Lewis	DL	6-4	275	R-So	TR	Manor, Texas (Manor / Texas Tech Univ.)
57	Terence Simon Jr	DL	6-1	275	Jr	TR	Inglewood, Calif. (Cathedral / Cerritos College)
58	Anthony Imperio	OL	6-4	300	Jr	2	Auburn, Ala. (Auburn)
60	Jason Jeanty Jr	OL	6-5	285	Fr	HS	Miami, Fla. (Booker T. Washington)
61	Jonathan Arellano	OL	6-3	300	So	TR	Lancaster, Calif. (Bishop Alemany / College of the Canyons)
62	Michael McNicholas	OL	6-4	315	R-So	1	Lombard, Ill. (Lombard Montini / Kent State Univ.)
63	Cody Green	K/P	5-11	170	Fr	HS	Little Elm, Texas (Lone Star)
65	Carson Fichtel	OL	6-3	300	Fr	HS	Heath, Texas (Rockwall-Heath)
66	Jack Valente	OL/LS	6-4	310	So	1	Batavia, Ill. (Batavia)
67	Chad Strickland	OL	6-5	295	Jr	3	Salem, Ala. (Smiths Station)
69	Brett Galetti	DB/LS	6-1	220	R-Fr	RS	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln Way East)
70	JJ Johnson	OL	6-4	360	R-Fr	RS	Westerville, Ohio (Westerville Central)
71	Brody Rankin	OL	6-3	310	Fr	HS	Charleston, Ill. (Charleston)
72	Elkhanan Tanelus	OL	6-2	335	Jr	3	Naples, Fla. (Barron Collier)
74	Haven Hatfield	OL	6-3	250	Fr	HS	Tuscola, Ill. (Tuscola)
75	Matthew Bean	OL	6-6	265	R-Fr	RS	Lima, Ohio (Shanwee)
76	Bryce Burnett	OL	6-4	270	Fr	HS	Danville, Ill. (Westville)
77	Ivan Gleyzer	OL	6-4	290	Jr	2	Lincolnshire, Ill. (Stevenson)
78	Max Stineman	OL	6-4	325	So	TR	Ewa, Haw. (Saint Joseph / Allan Hancock College)
79	Rasheed Anderson	OL	6-5	360	Fr	HS	Oak Park, Ill. (Fenwick)
80	Jay Vallie	TE	6-3	255	Grad	1	Grand Blanc, Mich. (Goodrich / Univ. of Dayton)
81	Jaxson Isaac	TE	6-6	230	So	TR	Regina, Saskatchewan (Clearwater Acad. (Fla./College of Dupage)
82	Justin Bowick	WR	6-5	185	Fr	HS	Powder Springs, Ga. (Pace Academy)
83	Joe McNab	TE	6-6	215	R-Fr	RS	Madison Heights, Mich. (Lamphere)
84	Cam Thompson	WR	6-0	185	Fr	HS	Boardman, Ohio (Boardman)
85	Josh St. Preux	WR	5-11	190	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Ag & Sciences)
86	Lazerick Eatman	WR	5-10	180	Jr	TR	Willow Brook, Ill. (Immaculate Conception / College of DuPage)
87	Alex Ginnever	TE	6-5	225	Fr	HS	Wentzville, Mo. (Holt)
88	DeAirious Smith	WR	5-11	180	So	2	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Christian Academy)
89	Daniel Luoma	TE / K	6-2	225	So	1	Porvoo, Finland (Porvoo)
91	Jordan Miles	LB	6-2	240	So	2	Indianapolis, Ind. (Decatur Central)
92	Colby Smith	DL	6-0	290	So	TR	Dunnellon, Fla. (Dunnellon, Fla. / Dodge City CC)
93	Cameron Leach	DL	6-1	295	Jr	3	Chicago, Ill. (Nazareth Academy)
94	Alton Jefferson	DL	6-0	285	So	1	Louisville, Ky. (Trinity)
95	Cole Silzer	DL	6-3	250	Fr	HS	Lockport, Ill. (Lockport Township)
96	Cody Silzer	DL	6-3	250	Fr	HS	Lockport, Ill. (Lockport Township)
97	Tim Varga	DL	6-3	255	Jr	3	Elk Grove Village, Ill. (Elk Grove Village)
98	Connor Corrigan	LB	6-3	250	So	1	Naperville, Ill. (Naperville North)
99	Jaron Hacha	DL	5-11	305	So	2	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East)

EASTERN ILLINOIS FOOTBALL PRONUNCIATIONS

2 Mark ATE-ken
 6 Jo-ELL Barrows
 8 Fo-day JOLL-oh
 9 Elijah Ben-WAW
 11 Anthony Muh-NAW-vezz
 11 Alex-an-DAR Oh-yuh-WALL-ay
 22 KAY-lin Drakeford
 28 Brandon GWEE-doh
 34 Nye-ZHAY Burt
 43 Ee-LIE-juh-wuh Tolbert
 45 Collin Bo-HAN-ek

46 Uh-MEER Uh-KELL
 48 Michael JAIR-ohs
 54 Drake Van Hefty
 56 TRAY-zhon Lewis
 61 Johnathan AR-ee-ON-oh
 65 Carson FICK-tul
 66 Jack Vuh-LEN-tay
 69 Brett Guh-LETTY
 72 El-cannon TAN-uh-lus
 77 Ivan GLAY-zur
 78 Max STINE-mun

80 Jay Valley
 82 Justin BO-wick
 85 Josh Saint Prew
 86 LAZ-er-ick Eatman
 87 Alex Juh-NEVER
 88 Dee-AIR-ee-us Smith
 89 Daniel Loo-OH-muh
 99 Jaron HOTCH-uh

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

2	Mark Aitken.....	DB	11	Anthony Manaves.....	TE
79	Rasheed Anderson.....	OL	83	Joe McNab	TE
46	Ameer Aqel.....	DL	62	Michael McNicholas	OL
61	Jonathan Arellano.....	OL	91	Jordan Miles	LB
12	Ira Armstead II	QB	6	Jonah O'Brien.....	QB
39	Elijah Ball.....	SAF	30	Diego Oliver.....	DB
6	Joel Barrows.....	DL	51	Payton Orth	LB
75	Matthew Bean	OL	37	William Orth	K
3	Jaelin Benefield	RB	11	Alexandar Oyawale	LB
9	Elijah Benoit	DB	21	Jay Pearson	RB
45	Colin Bohanek	LB	1	Markenzy Pierre	RB
82	Justin Bowick.....	WR	47	Shawn Pepp Jr.	DB
23	Logan Brown	LB	14	Kirk Pinkston Jr.....	WR
76	Bryce Burnett.....	OL	40	Phoenix Porter.....	LB
34	NiJhay Burt.....	SAF	71	Brody Rankin	OL
26	Tyler Clark	RB	5	Aaron Rice.....	WR
12	Nick Coates	DB	4	Blake Ruffin	DB
16	Kevin Conway	QB	25	AJ Sanders.....	DB
2	DeWayne Cooks Jr.....	WR	32	Ty Schultz.....	RB
9	James Cooper Jr	QB	55	Terrance Shaw	OL
98	Connor Corrigan.....	LB	13	Trey Shaw III	DB
3	Russell Dandy	DB	5	Anthony Shockey	LB
0	Bryce Dewberry.....	DB	0	Dom Shoffner	QB
22	Kaelin Drakeford.....	DB	15	Will Shumpert	WR
86	Lazerick Eatman.....	WR	96	Cody Silzer	DL
49	Grant Edwards	DL	95	Cole Silzer	DL
65	Carson Fichtel	OL	57	Terence Simon Jr	DL
20	MJ Flowers	RB	92	Colby Smith	DL
69	Brett Galetti	DB/LS	88	DeAirious Smith.....	WR
53	Stone Galloway	K	41	Mike Smith.....	DB
27	Zay Gentry.....	DB	78	Max Stineman	OL
87	Alex Ginnever.....	TE	85	Josh St. Preux	WR
77	Ivan Gleyzer	OL	67	Chad Strickland	OL
63	Cody Green	K/P	72	Elkhanan Tanelus	OL
28	Brandon Guido	DB	4	Justin Thomas	WR
99	Jaron Hacha	DL	84	Cam Thompson	WR
7	Tyris Harvey	DB	43	Elijawah Tolbert	LB
74	Haven Hatfield.....	OL	41	Jordyn Turner	WR
7	Isaiah Hill.....	WR	24	Collin Tyson	DB
33	Nile Hill	WR	66	Jack Valente	OL/LS
58	Anthony Imperio	OL	80	Jay Vallie	TE
81	Jaxson Isaac	TE	54	Drake Van Hyfte	DL
8	Foday Jalloh	LB	97	Tim Varga	DL
48	Michael Jarosz	LB	1	Jordan Vincent.....	DB
60	Jason Jeanty Jr.	OL	50	Luke Wagner	DL
94	Alton Jefferson.....	DL	8	Zach Weir	QB
52	Jamari Johnson	DL	38	Trey Wilhoit III.....	P
70	JJ Johnson	OL	31	Chris Williams.....	DB
19	Justin Kowalak	QB	14	Braylon Willis.....	DL
93	Cameron Leach.....	DL	13	Cooper Willman.....	WR
36	Chauncey Lee	DB	42	Henry Woods Jr.....	DB
56	Tre'jon Lewis	DL	29	Kendi Young	RB
35	Zeke Lewis	RB			
89	Daniel Luoma	TE / K			

MISC. SEASON NOTES & STATS

EIU NCAA FBS TRANSFERS

0 - Dom Shoffner (UNC Charlotte)
 1 - Markenzy Pierre (Syracuse Univ.)
 2 - Mark Aitken (Northern Illinois Univ.)
 6 - Jonah O'Brien (Colorado State Univ.)
 9 - Elijah Benoit (Univ. of Central Florida)
 12 - Ira Armstead II (Univ. of Virginia)
 39 - Elijah Ball (Purdue Univ.)
 56 - Tre'jon Lewis (Texas Tech Univ.)
 62 - Michael McNicholas (Kent State Univ.)

EIU NCAA FCS TRANSFERS

7 - Isaiah Hill (South Dakota State Univ.)
 8 - Foday Jalloh (Central Connecticut State Univ.)
 41 - Jordyn Turner (Weber State Univ.)
 80 - Jay Vallie (Univ. of Dayton)

EIU ROSTER BY CLASS

Graduate Student / 5th Year 7
 Senior 3
 Junior..... 15
 Sophomore 45
 RS-Freshman 15
 Freshman 21

EIU ROSTER BY STATE

Alabama 2
 California 3
 Florida 7
 Georgia 3
 Hawai'i..... 1
 Illinois 48
 Indiana 4
 Iowa 1
 Kentucky 5
 Louisiana..... 1
 Michigan 4
 Missouri 3
 North Carolina 1
 Ohio 6
 Oklahoma 1
 Pennsylvania 4
 Tennessee 1
 Texas 6
 Washington..... 1
 Wisconsin 2

 Canada..... 1
 Finland 1

EIU OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

6 ... Jonah O'Brien.....	6-4	210	R-So
8 ... Zach Weir	6-3	200	R-Fr
or 0 ... Dom Shoffner	6-1	210	Sr

RUNNING BACK

1 ... Markenzy Pierre	5-11	230	Grad
3 ... Jaelin Benefield	5-10	170	Jr

TIGHT END

11 ... Anthony Manaves.....	6-4	235	R-So
80 ... Jay Vallie	6-3	255	Grad

LEFT TACKLE

67 ... Chad Strickland	6-5	295	Jr
78 ... Max Stineman.....	6-4	325	So

LEFT GUARD

78 ... Max Stineman.....	6-4	325	So
77 ... Ivan Gleyzer	6-4	290	Jr

CENTER

72 ... Elkhanan Tanelus.....	6-2	335	Jr
62 ... Michael McNicholas	6-4	315	R-So

RIGHT GUARD

66 ... Jack Valente	6-4	310	So
76 ... Bryce Burnett.....	6-4	270	Fr

RIGHT TACKLE

58 ... Anthony Imperio	6-4	300	Jr
55 ... Terrance Shaw	6-3	300	Jr

RECEIVER

13 ... Cooper Willman.....	6-1	210	So
2 ... DeWayne Cooks Jr	6-2	160	R-Jr

RECEIVER

33 ... Nile Hill	5-11	190	R-So
88 ... DeAirious Smith.....	5-11	180	So

RECEIVER

4 ... Justin Thomas.....	6-1	190	Gr
82 ... Justin Bowick	6-5	185	Fr

EIU COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1994)
(Career 51-29 (9), EIU Record 0-2 (1); OVC Record 0-0)

Associate HC/ST/Wide Receivers: Kyle Derickson (1st year)

Offensive Coordinator/QB's: Joe Davis (1st year)

Offensive Line: John Cannova (1st year)

Running Backs: Turner Pugh (1st year)

Tight Ends: Gunnard Twyner (1st year)

Graduate Assistant Offensive Coach: Cole Hoover (1st year)

Defensive Coordinator/LB's: Adam Gristick (5th year)

Defensive Pass Game Cord/Safeties: Clay Bignell (1st year)

Defensive Backs: DJ Bland (2nd year)

Defensive Line: Adam Morris (3rd year)

Outside Linebackers: Collin Geier (1st year)

Graduate Assistant Defesive Coach: Andrew Brady (1st year)

Director of Football Ops: Caleb Selk (1st year)

Director of Football Performance: Derek Stein (3rd year)

Trainer: Scott Goehner (2nd year)

Equipment Manager: Clint Bays (14th year)

Quality Control Staff:

Reid Littleford (Ops), Jackson King (Off.), Beau Snuggs (Def.),

Tim Greene (ST), Peyton Naylor (Recruiting), Dan Baur (S&C)

EIU DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE END

97 ... Tim Varga	6-3	255	Jr
14 ... Braylon Willis.....	6-4	245	Jr

NOSE TACKLE

92 ... Colby Smith.....	6-0	290	So
99 ... Jaron Hacha	5-11	305	So

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

93 ... Cameron Leach.....	6-1	295	Jr
56 ... Tre'jon Lewis	6-4	275	R-So

DEFENSIVE END/LINEBACKER

6 ... Joel Barrows	6-3	250	R-So
91 ... Jordan Miles	6-2	240	So

LINEBACKER

45 ... Colin Bohanek	6-0	240	So
5 ... Anthony Shockey	6-1	235	R-So

LINEBACKER

43 ... Elijahwah Tolbert	6-1	230	So
40 ... Phoenix Porter	6-1	225	R-Fr

CORNERBACK

3 ... Russell Dandy.....	6-0	170	Sr
9 ... Elijah Benoit.....	6-0	180	Sr

SAFETY

12 ... Nick Coates	5-10	180	So
13 ... Trey Shaw III.....	6-1	195	R-Fr

FREE SAFETY

39 ... Elijah Ball	6-1	205	Sr
24 ... Collin Tyson	6-0	190	R-Fr

STRONG SAFETY

1 ... Jordan Vincent	5-10	195	So
27 ... Zay Gentry.....	6-0	190	So

CORNERBACK

7 ... Tyris Harvey	5-11	175	So
2 ... Mark Aitken.....	5-9	175	R-So

EIU SPECIALISTS

KICKER

53 ... Stone Galloway	5-11	210	Jr
37 ... Will Orth.....	5-10	155	So

KICKOFF

53 ... Stone Galloway	5-11	210	Jr
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PUNTER

36 ... Trey Wilhoit.....	5-10	175	So
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HOLDER

36 ... Trey Wilhoit.....	5-10	175	So
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LONG SNAPPER

66 ... Jack Valente	6-4	310	So
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PUNT RETURNS

13 ... Cooper Willman.....	6-1	210	So
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KICK RETURNS

27 ... Zay Gentry.....	6-0	190	So
2 ... Mark Aitken.....	5-9	175	R-So
3 ... Jaelin Benefield	5-10	170	R-So



GAME 1 - Sept. 1, 2022

Eastern Illinois 27
Northern Illinois 34

DeKalb, Illinois
Huskie Stadium (10,864)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	3	3	7	14	27
Northern Illinois	7	14	7	6	34

FIRST QUARTER

NIU - Waylee 1 run (Richardson kick) - 10:41
EIU - Galloway 34 field goal - 0:20

SECOND QUARTER

NIU - Blakemore 19 rush (Richardson kick) - 11:48
NIU - Brown 35 rush (Richardson kick) - 11:27
EIU - Galloway 25 field goal - 0:04

THIRD QUARTER

NIU - Soraghan 13 pass from Lombardi (Richardson kick) - 5:59
EIU - Benefield 24 pass from O'Brien (Galloway kick) - 2:43

FOURTH QUARTER

NIU - Richardson 43 field goal - 12:15
EIU - Thomas 13 pass from O'Brien (Galloway kick) - 9:58
NIU - Richardson 38 field goal - 3:39
EIU - Vallie 8 pass from O'Brien (Galloway kick) - 2:04

TEAM STATSEIUNIU

First Downs	25	19
Rushes-Yards	30-185	34-189
Passing-Yards	276	192
Comp-Att-Int	25-35-2	14-22-0
Total Offense	441	379
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-70	7-73
Int Returns-Yards-TD	0-0-0	2-0-0
Time of Possession	30:27	29:26
Sacks-Yards	1-1	2-11

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Pierre (14-100-0), Benefield (10-63-0)
NIU - Waylee (14-83-1), Brown (13-70-1)

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

EIU - O'Brien (34-25-2-276-3)
NIU - Lombardi (22-14-0-192-1)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Thomas (6-83-1), Manaves (5-22-0), Benefield (4-57-1)
NIU - Thorton (6-81-0), Tucker (4-67-0), Soraghan (1-13-1)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Tolbert (1-10-1.5), Vincent (2-6-0), Bohanek (1-6-0)
NIU - Rayner (4-10-0.5), Dolphin (2-7-0.5)

RECAP

Eastern Illinois played to the final whistle against the defending Mid-American Conference Champions as the Panthers lost 37-24 at Northern Illinois to open the Chris Wilkerson era. EIU trailed 21-6 at the half but had two fourth quarter touchdown passes by Jonah O'Brien to pull within one score. O'Brien hit Justin Thomas with 9:58 left in the game and then connected with Jay Vallie with 2:04 left in game. After a failed onside kick, EIU got the ball back with less than a minute remaining after a missed field goal by NIU. The Panthers would have the clock run out on them with the ball at the NIU 38. O'Brien threw for 276 yards and three touchdowns while Markenzey Pierre rushed for 100 yards. Elijahwah Tolbert paced the defense with 11 and 1.5 tackles for loss.



GAME 2 - Sept. 10, 2022

No. 10 Chattanooga 38
Eastern Illinois 20

Charleston, Illinois
O'Brien Field (6,565)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Chattanooga	7	7	14	10	38
Eastern Illinois	10	0	10	0	20

FIRST QUARTER

EIU - Galloway 36 field goal - 9:43
CHAT - Hutchinson 20 run (Southard kick) - 6:17
EIU - N. Hill 31 pass from O'Brien (Galloway kick) - 0:26

SECOND QUARTER

CHAT - Ford 4 run (Southard kick) - 12:32

THIRD QUARTER

CHAT - Whatley 51 pass from Hutchinson (Southard kick) - 13:46
EIU - Galloway 44 field goal - 10:13
CHAT - Ford 21 run (Southard kick) - 7:19
EIU - D. Smith 16 pass from O'Brien (Galloway kick) - 0:47

FOURTH QUARTER

CHAT - Southard 45 field goal - 13:00
CHAT - Hutchinson 14 run (Southard kick) - 4:32

TEAM STATSEIUCHAT

First Downs	16	21
Rushes-Yards	35-77	35-193
Passing-Yards	183	278
Comp-Att-Int	18-28-1	17-27-1
Total Offense	260	471
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-50	7-93
Int Returns-Yards-TD	1-1-0	1-12-0
Time of Possession	31:36	28:24
Sacks-Yards	0-0	6-54

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Pierre (17-71-0), Benefield (6-20-0)
CHAT - Ford (20-73-2), Hutchinson (6-64-2)

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

EIU - O'Brien (28-18-1-183-2)
CHAT - Hutchinson (27-17-1-278-1)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Thomas (6-39-0), Cooks (2-27-0), Manaves (2-24-0)
CHAT - Mayes (6-61-0), Whatley (4-79-1)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Bohanek (4-6-0), Coates (3-5-0.5), Vincent (6-1-0)
CHAT - Boeck (10-1-1.5), Jones (5-2-0)

RECAP

Eastern Illinois led No. 10 Chattanooga after one quarter of play and trailed 14-10 at the half. In the second half the Moes scored on their opening drive and kept EIU behind the remainder of the game with the Panthers able to close to eight points twice in the game. Stone Galloway knocked home two field goals while Jonah O'Brien had two touchdown passes connecting with Nile Hill and DeAirious Smith. Colin Bohanek had 10 tackles to lead EIU including a first quarter interception that set up the Panthers opening score.

2022 EIU PANTHERS FOOTBALL
EASTERN ILLINOIS Game Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	Ohio Valley Record	Time	Attend
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Sep 1, 2022	at Northern Illinois	27-34 L	0-1		3:25	10,864
Sep 10, 2022	#10 CHATTANOOGA	20-38 L	0-2		3:15	6,565
Sep 17, 2022	at Illinois State					
* Sep 24, 2022	at Murray State					
Oct 8, 2022	NORTHWESTERN STATE					
Oct 15, 2022	LINDENWOOD					
* Oct 22, 2022	at Tennessee State					
* Oct 29, 2022	TENNESSEE TECH					
Nov 5, 2022	at McNeese State					
* Nov 12, 2022	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI					
* Nov 19, 2022	at UT Martin					

* indicates Ohio Valley Conference game

2022 EASTERN ILLINOIS STARTERS

OPPONENT	WR	WR	RT	RG	C	LG	LT	WR	TE	RB	QB
Northern Illinois	N. Hill	Thomas	Imperio	Valente	Tanelus	Stineman	Strickland	Willman	Manaves	Pierre	O'Brien
Chattanooga	N. Hill	Thomas	Imperio	Valente	Tanelus	Stineman	Strickland	Willman	Manaves	Pierre	O'Brien
Illinois State											
Murray State											
Northwestern St											
Lindenwood											
Tennessee State											
Tennessee Tech											
McNeese State											
SE Missouri											
UT Martin											

OPPONENT	DE	NT	DT	DT/DL	LB/DE	LB	LB/SAF	SAF	SAF	SAF	CB
Northern Illinois	Varga	Hacha	Leach	C. Smith	Barrows	Bohanek	Tolbert	Benoit	Vincent	Drakeford	Dandy
Chattanooga	Varga	Leach	C. Smith	Barrows	Tolbert	Bohanek	Coates	Harvey	Vincent	Ball	Dandy
Illinois State											
Murray State											
Northwestern St											
Lindenwood											
Tennessee State											
Tennessee Tech											
McNeese State											
SE Missouri											
UT Martin											

Eastern Illinois Panther Football
Eastern Illinois Overall Team Statistics (as of Sep 10, 2022)
All games

Team Statistics	EIU	OPP
SCORING	47	72
Points Per Game	23.5	36.0
Points Off Turnovers	6	14
FIRST DOWNS	41	40
Rushing	13	14
Passing	24	23
Penalty	4	3
RUSHING YARDAGE	242	380
Yards gained rushing	318	390
Yards lost rushing	76	10
Rushing Attempts	65	69
Average Per Rush	3.7	5.5
Average Per Game	121.0	190.0
TDs Rushing	0	7
PASSING YARDAGE	459	470
Comp-Att-Int	43-63-3	31-49-1
Average Per Pass	7.3	9.6
Average Per Catch	10.7	15.2
Average Per Game	229.5	235.0
TDs Passing	5	2
TOTAL OFFENSE	701	850
Total Plays	128	118
Average Per Play	5.5	7.2
Average Per Game	350.5	425.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	9-133	6-117
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	1-0	3-6
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	1-1	3-12
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	14.8	19.5
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	0.0	2.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	1.0	6.0
FUMBLES-LOST	1-1	1-1
PENALTIES-Yards	13-120	14-166
Average Per Game	60.0	83.0
PUNTS-Yards	7-330	6-248
Average Per Punt	47.1	41.3
Net punt average	43.4	38.0
KICKOFFS-Yards	11-612	14-861
Average Per Kick	55.6	61.5
Net kick average	40.5	44.9
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	31:01	28:59
3RD-DOWN Conversions	12/26	10/22
3rd-Down Pct	46%	45%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	0/3	0/0
4th-Down Pct	0%	0%
SACKS BY-Yards	1-0	8-65
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	5	9
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	4-4	3-5
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(6-6) 100%	(7-7) 100%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(3-6) 50%	(6-7) 86%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(5-5) 100%	(9-9) 100%
ATTENDANCE	6565	10864
Games/Avg Per Game	1/6565	1/10864
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Eastern Illinois	13	3	17	14	0	47
Opponents	14	21	21	16	0	72

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Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Pierre, Markenz	2	31	172	6	166	5.4	0	42	83.0
Benefield, Jael	2	16	91	8	83	5.2	0	19	41.5
O'Brien, Jonah	2	18	55	62	-7	-0.4	0	16	-3.5
Total	2	65	318	76	242	3.7	0	42	121.0
Opponents	2	69	390	10	380	5.5	7	54	190.0

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
O'Brien, Jonah	2	148.48	43-62-3	69.4	459	5	42	229.5
TEAM	1	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	2	146.12	43-63-3	68.3	459	5	42	229.5
Opponents	2	153.22	31-49-1	63.3	470	2	51	235.0

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Thomas, Justin	2	12	122	10.2	1	42	61.0
Manaves, Anthon	2	7	46	6.6	0	18	23.0
Benefield, Jael	2	6	70	11.7	1	24	35.0
Hill, Nile	2	5	70	14.0	1	31	35.0
Cooks Jr, Deway	2	5	59	11.8	0	21	29.5
Willman, Cooper	2	3	53	17.7	0	34	26.5
Vallie, Jay	2	2	14	7.0	1	8	7.0
Pierre, Markenz	2	2	9	4.5	0	13	4.5
Smith, DeAriou	1	1	16	16.0	1	16	16.0
Total	2	43	459	10.7	5	42	229.5
Opponents	2	31	470	15.2	2	51	235.0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Coates, Nick	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	1	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	3	6	2.0	0	7

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Bohanek, Colin	1	1	1.0	0	1
Total	1	1	1.0	0	1
Opponents	3	12	4.0	0	12

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Gentry, Zay	5	72	14.4	0	21
Benefield, Jael	4	61	15.2	0	18
Total	9	133	14.8	0	21
Opponents	6	117	19.5	0	35

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	1	0	0.0	0	0

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Galloway, Stone	-	4-4	5-5	-	-	-	-	-	17
Vallie, Jay	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Hill, Nile	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Thomas, Justin	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Smith, DeAiriou	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Benefield, Jael	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	5	4-4	5-5	-	-	-	-	-	47
Opponents	9	3-5	9-9	-	-	-	-	-	72

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
O'Brien, Jonah	2	80	-7	459	452	226.0
Pierre, Markenz	2	31	166	0	166	83.0
Benefield, Jael	2	16	83	0	83	41.5
Total	2	128	242	459	701	350.5
Opponents	2	118	380	470	850	425.0

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Galloway, Stone	4-4	100.0	0-0	1-1	2-2	1-1	0-0	44	0

FG Sequence	Eastern Illinois	Opponents
NIU	(34),(25)	(43),(38),43
Chattanooga	(36),(44)	50,(45)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Wilhoit, Trey	7	330	47.1	62	1	2	1	4	0
Total	7	330	47.1	62	1	2	1	4	0
Opponents	6	248	41.3	60	1	2	3	1	0

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Galloway, Stone	11	612	55.6	2	1			
Total	11	612	55.6	2	1	19.5	40.5	24
Opponents	14	861	61.5	4	0	14.8	44.9	20

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 All games

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Benefield, Jael	2	83	70	0	61	0	214	107.0
Pierre, Markenz	2	166	9	0	0	0	175	87.5
Thomas, Justin	2	0	122	0	0	0	122	61.0
Gentry, Zay	2	0	0	0	72	0	72	36.0
Hill, Nile	2	0	70	0	0	0	70	35.0
Cooks Jr, Dewa	2	0	59	0	0	0	59	29.5
Willman, Cooper	2	0	53	0	0	0	53	26.5
Manaves, Antho	2	0	46	0	0	0	46	23.0
Smith, DeAiriou	1	0	16	0	0	0	16	16.0
Vallie, Jay	2	0	14	0	0	0	14	7.0
Bohanek, Colin	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.5
O'Brien, Jonah	2	-7	0	0	0	0	-7	-3.5
Total	2	242	459	0	133	1	835	417.5
Opponents	2	380	470	6	117	12	985	492.5

Eastern Illinois Panther Football
Eastern Illinois Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Sep 10, 2022)
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	
43	Tolbert, Elijah	2	5	13	18	1.0-1	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Bohanek, Colin	2	5	12	17	.	.	1-1	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
1D	Vincent, Jordan	2	8	7	15	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Coates, Nick	2	4	7	11	1.0-3	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	.
39	Ball, Elijah	2	5	5	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	Varga, Tim	2	3	5	8	1.5-4	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.
40	Porter, Phoenix	2	2	6	8	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6D	Barrows, Joel	2	2	2	4	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Miles, Jordan	2	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7D	Harvey, Tyris	2	2	2	4	1.0-1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	Simon, Terence	2	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Willis, Braylon	2	1	3	4	.	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Leach, Cameron	2	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Drakeford, Kael	1	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Smith, Colby	2	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
9D	Benoit, Elijah	2	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Oyawale, Alexan	2	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3D	Dandy, Russell	2	1	2	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Cooks Jr, Deway	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Hacha, Jaron	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Gentry, Zay	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Shaw, Trey	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Lewis, Zeke	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Brown, Logan	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Jarosz, Michael	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Woods, Henry	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
33	Hill, Nile	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2D	Aitken, Mark	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		2	53	84	137	6-10	1-0	1-1	8	6	1-0	.	.	.	.
Opponents		2	75	62	137	17-89	8-65	3-12	2	6	1-0	1	.	.	.

Eastern Illinois Panther Football
Eastern Illinois Team Game-by-Game (as of Sep 10, 2022)
All games

TEAM STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Sep 01	at NIU	30	165	0	42	25	276	3	42	25-35-2	276	3	42	4	61	0	18	0	0	0	0	441
Sep 10	CHATTANOOGA	35	77	0	16	18	183	2	31	18-28-1	183	2	31	5	72	0	21	1	0	0	0	260
Eastern Illinois		65	242	0	42	43	459	5	42	43-63-3	459	5	42	9	133	0	21	1	0	0	0	701
		69	380	7	54	31	470	2	51	31-49-1	470	2	51	6	117	0	35	3	6	0	7	850

Games: 2 • Avg/rush: 3.7 • Avg/catch: 10.7 • Pass effic: 146.12 • KR avg: 14.8 • PR avg: 0.0 • All purpose avg/game: 417.5 • Total offense avg/gm: 350.5

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT Attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
Sep 01	at NIU	20	52	72	2.0-2	1.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	2	5	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	27
Sep 10	CHATTANOOGA	33	32	65	4.0-8	0.0-0	0	1-0	1-1	4	3	0	2-2	0	0	0	6	20
Eastern Illinois		53	84	137	6.0-10	1.0-0	0	1-0	1-1	6	8	0	5-5	0	0	0	6	47
		75	62	137	17.0-89	8.0-65	1	1-0	3-12	6	2	0	9-9	0	0	0	14	72

		Punting									Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Sep 01	at NIU	1	54	54.0	54	0	0	0	1	0	2-2	34	0	6	323	53.8	1	0
Sep 10	CHATTANOOGA	6	276	46.0	62	0	1	2	3	1	2-2	44	0	5	289	57.8	1	1
Eastern Illinois		7	330	47.1	62	0	1	2	4	1	4-4	44	0	11	612	55.6	2	1
		6	248	41.3	60	0	1	2	1	3	3-5	45	0	14	861	61.5	4	0

Eastern Illinois Panther Football
Eastern Illinois Opponent Game-by-Game (as of Sep 10, 2022)
All games

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Sep 01	at NIU	34	187	3	54	14	192	1	38	14-22-0	192	1	38	4	66	0	26	1	4	0	4	379
Sep 10	CHATTANOOGA	35	193	4	41	17	278	1	51	17-27-1	278	1	51	2	51	0	35	2	2	0	7	471
Opponents		69	380	7	54	31	470	2	51	31-49-1	470	2	51	6	117	0	35	3	6	0	7	850
		65	242	0	42	43	459	5	42	43-63-3	459	5	42	9	133	0	21	1	0	0	0	701

Games: 2 • Avg/rush: 5.5 • Avg/catch: 15.2 • Pass effic: 153.22 • KR avg: 19.5 • PR avg: 2.0 • All purpose avg/game: 492.5 • Total offense avg/gm: 425.0

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT Attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
Sep 01	at NIU	28	54	82	4.0-20	2.0-11	0	0-0	2-0	2	1	0	4-4	0	0	0	7	34
Sep 10	CHATTANOOGA	47	8	55	13.0-69	6.0-54	1	1-0	1-12	4	1	0	5-5	0	0	0	7	38
Opponents		75	62	137	17.0-89	8.0-65	1	1-0	3-12	6	2	0	9-9	0	0	0	14	72
		53	84	137	6.0-10	1.0-0	0	1-0	1-1	6	8	0	5-5	0	0	0	6	47

		Punting									Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Sep 01	at NIU	2	85	42.5	44	0	0	2	0	0	2-3	43	0	7	441	63.0	3	0
Sep 10	CHATTANOOGA	4	163	40.8	60	0	1	0	1	3	1-2	45	0	7	420	60.0	1	0
Opponents		6	248	41.3	60	0	1	2	1	3	3-5	45	0	14	861	61.5	4	0
		7	330	47.1	62	0	1	2	4	1	4-4	44	0	11	612	55.6	2	1

Eastern Illinois Panther Football
Eastern Illinois Game Superlatives (as of Sep 10, 2022)
All games

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	17	Pierre, Markenz vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Yards Rushing	100	Pierre, Markenz at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Long Rush	42	Pierre, Markenz at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Pass attempts	34	O'Brien, Jonah at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Pass completions	25	O'Brien, Jonah at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Yards Passing	276	O'Brien, Jonah at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
TD Passes	3	O'Brien, Jonah at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Long Pass	42	O'Brien, Jonah at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Receptions	6	Thomas, Justin at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
	6	Thomas, Justin vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Yards Receiving	83	Thomas, Justin at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
TD Receptions	1	Thomas, Justin at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
	1	Benefield, Jael at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
	1	Vallie, Jay at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
	1	Hill, Nile vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
	1	Smith, DeAiriou vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Long Reception	42	Thomas, Justin at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Field Goals	2	Galloway, Stone at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
	2	Galloway, Stone vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Long Field Goal	44	Galloway, Stone vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Punts	6	Wilhoit, Trey vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Punting Avg	54.0	Wilhoit, Trey at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Long Punt	62	Wilhoit, Trey vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Punts inside 20	1	Wilhoit, Trey vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Long Kickoff Return	21	Gentry, Zay vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Tackles	11	Tolbert, Elijah at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Sacks	0.5	Willis, Braylon at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
	0.5	Tolbert, Elijah at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Tackles For Loss	1.5	Varga, Tim vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Interceptions	1	Bohanek, Colin vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)

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Eastern Illinois Game Superlatives (as of Sep 10, 2022)
All games

TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	35	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Yards Rushing	165	at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Yards Per Rush	5.5	at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Pass attempts	35	at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Pass completions	25	at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Yards Passing	276	at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Yards Per Pass	7.9	at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
TD Passes	3	at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Total Plays	65	at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Total Offense	441	at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Yards Per Play	6.8	at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Points	27	at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Sacks By	1	at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
First Downs	25	at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Penalties	8	at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Penalty Yards	70	at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Turnovers	2	at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
	2	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Interceptions By	1	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Punts	6	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Punting Avg	54.0	at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Long Punt	62	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Punts inside 20	1	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)

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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	20	Ford, Ailym, vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Yards Rushing	83	Waylee,Harrison, at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
TD Rushes	2	Ford, Ailym, vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
	2	Hutchinson, Pre, vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Long Rush	54	Waylee,Harrison, at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Pass attempts	27	Hutchinson, Pre, vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Pass completions	17	Hutchinson, Pre, vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Yards Passing	278	Hutchinson, Pre, vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
TD Passes	1	Lombardi,Rocky, at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
	1	Hutchinson, Pre, vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Long Pass	51	Hutchinson, Pre, vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Receptions	6	Thornton,Shemar, at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
	6	Mayes, Jamoi, vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Yards Receiving	81	Thornton,Shemar, at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
TD Receptions	1	Soraghan,Liam, at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
	1	Whatley, Javin, vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Long Reception	51	Whatley, Javin, vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Field Goals	2	Richardson,John, at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Long Field Goal	45	Southard, Andre, vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Punts	2	Foley,Tom, at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
	2	Pierce, Jason, vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
	2	Hutchinson, Pre, vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Punting Avg	51.0	Pierce, Jason, vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Long Punt	60	Pierce, Jason, vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Punts inside 20	2	Hutchinson, Pre, vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Long Punt Return	7	Mayes, Jamoi, vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Long Kickoff Return	35	Whatley, Javin, vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Tackles	14	Rayner,Daveren, at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Sacks	2.0	Person, Jay, vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
	2.0	Brewton, Ben, vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Tackles For Loss	2.5	Person, Jay, vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Interceptions	2	Rogers,Eric, at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)

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OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	35	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Yards Rushing	193	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Yards Per Rush	5.5	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
TD Rushes	4	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Pass attempts	27	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Pass completions	17	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Yards Passing	278	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Yards Per Pass	10.3	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
TD Passes	1	at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
	1	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Total Plays	62	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Total Offense	471	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Yards Per Play	7.6	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Points	38	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Sacks By	6	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
First Downs	21	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Penalties	7	at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
	7	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Penalty Yards	93	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Turnovers	2	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Interceptions By	2	at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Punts	4	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Punting Avg	42.5	at NIU (Sep 01, 2022)
Long Punt	60	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Punts inside 20	3	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)
Long Punt Return	7	vs Chattanooga (Sep 10, 2022)

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3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
Sep 01, 2022	at NIU	L 27-34	8-12 66.7	3-5 60.0	3-4 75.0	1-2 50.0	1-1 100.0	
Sep 10, 2022	CHATTANOOGA	L 20-38	4-14 28.6	2-4 50.0	2-4 50.0	0-3 0.0	0-3 0.0	
	Eastern Illinois		12-26 46.2	5-9 55.6	5-8 62.5	1-5 20.0	1-4 25.0	0-0 0.0
	Opponents		10-22 45.5	2-4 50.0	2-4 50.0	3-4 75.0	3-10 30.0	0-0 0.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
Sep 01, 2022	at NIU	L 27-34	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	
Sep 10, 2022	CHATTANOOGA	L 20-38	0-2 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	
	Eastern Illinois		0-3 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
	Opponents		0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
Sep 01, 2022	at NIU	L 27-34	30:27	8:51	8:56	7:50	4:50	
Sep 10, 2022	CHATTANOOGA	L 20-38	31:36	9:33	7:14	7:32	7:17	
	Eastern Illinois	Total	62:03	18:24	16:10	15:22	12:07	0:00
		Avg.	31:01	9:12	8:05	7:41	6:03	0:00
	Opponents	Total	57:57	11:36	13:50	14:38	17:53	0:00
		Avg.	28:58	5:48	6:55	7:19	8:56	0:00

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total		Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
Sep 01, 2022	at NIU	L 27-34	4	4	24	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 10, 2022	CHATTANOOGA	L 20-38	3	3	21	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Totals		7	7	45	6	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
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