



EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHER FOOTBALL

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GAME 1



COACHES:

Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1995)

EIU Record..... 0-0 (1st)
OVC Record..... 0-0 (1st)
Career Record..... 51-27 (10th)
vs. Northern Illinois 0-0

Thomas Hammock (Northern Illinois, 2002)

NIU Record 14-18 (4th)
MAC Record 10-12 (4th)
Overall Record Same
vs. Eastern Illinois 0-0

SERIES

38th meeting, NIU leads 26-10-1

Last: @NIU 38, EIU 10 on Sept. 9, 2017

RANKINGS

Eastern Illinois / ---
Northern Illinois / ---
..... *STATS Media/AFC Coaches*

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EIU Opens Wilkerson Era At Northern Illinois

Eastern Illinois (1-10, 1-5 OVC) at Northern Illinois (9-5, 6-2 MAC)

O'Brien Field (10,000) • DeKalb, Ill.

September 1, 2022 • 7 p.m. • TV: ESPN+

NOTES TO KNOW

• Eastern Illinois begins the Chris Wilkerson era as the Panthers open the 2022 season at Northern Illinois. Wilkerson is a former EIU player (1991-94, 1995 graduate) who was hired as the 26th head coach in program history in January 2022. Wilkerson was an assistant coach under Bob Spoo from 1995-2001 and most recently served as the head coach at the University of Chicago posting a 51-27 record in nine seasons.

• Eastern Illinois will open the season against an FBS opponent for the fourth time in the last ten seasons when the Panthers kickoff at Northern Illinois on Thursday night. EIU last opened a season against an FBS opponent in 2018 at Arkansas. EIU played in 2014 at Minnesota after opening the 2013 season with a win at San Diego State. EIU has opened a season against an FBS opponent a total of 11 times with a 2-9 record in those openers (1996 win at Western Michigan).

• 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 led the Ohio Valley Conference in team tackles for loss last season making 71 which ranked 33rd in the FCS during the regular season. The Panthers return the two OVC co-leaders in individual tackles for loss from last season in linebacker Colin Bohanek and defensive end Jordan Miles. Both players had 11 tackles for loss to tie for the conference lead. Bohanek was also second on both the EIU roster and OVC in total tackles with 89.

• Wide receiver Isaiah Hill ended last season with three straight games with double figure catches and 100 or more yards receiving. After missing a large portion of the year with injury he returned in the final five games and led EIU with 39 catches for 493 yards. Hill became the 34th player in program history to pass the 1,000 yard receiving mark for his career and enters the 2022 season ranked 29th on the career chart with 1,062 yards on 96 receptions with 14 touchdowns.

Eastern Illinois			Northern Illinois		
Date	Opponent	Score/Time	Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Sept. 1	at Northern Illinois	7 pm	Sept. 1	EASTERN ILLINOIS	7 pm
Sept. 10	CHATTANOOGA	6 pm	Sept. 10	at Tulsa	6 pm
Sept. 17	at Illinois State	6:30 pm	Sept. 17	VANDERBILT	2:30 pm
Sept. 24	• at Murray State	4 pm	Sept. 24	at Kentucky	TBA
Oct. 8	NORTHWESTERN STATE	2 pm	Oct. 1	• at Ball State	TBA
Oct. 15	LINDENWOOD (HC)	2 pm	Oct. 8	• TOLEDO (HC)	2:30 pm
Oct. 22	• at Tennessee State	2 pm	Oct. 15	• at Eastern Michigan	TBA
Oct. 29	• TENNESSEE TECH	2 pm	Oct. 22	• at Ohio	TBA
Nov. 5	at McNeese State	6 pm	Nov. 2	• CENTRAL MICHIGAN	6 pm
Nov. 12	• SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	2 pm	Nov. 9	• at Western Michigan	6 pm
Nov. 19	• at UT Martin	2 pm	Nov. 16	• MIAMI (OHIO)	6 pm
• Ohio Valley Conference Game All Times Central			Nov. 26	• AKRON	TBA
			• Mid-American Conference Game All Times Central		

STATS FCS MEDIA TOP 25

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	North Dakota State (52)	14-1
2.	South Dakota State (2)	11-4
3.	Montana	10-3
4.	Montana State	12-3
5.	Missouri State	8-4
6.	Villanova	10-3
7.	Sacramento State	9-3
8.	Kennesaw State	11-2
9.	Southern Illinois	8-5
10.	Stephen F. Austin	8-4
11.	East Tennessee State	11-2
12.	Chattanooga	6-5
13.	Eastern Washington	10-3
14.	Incarnate Word	10-3
15.	Jackson State	11-2
16.	Holy Cross	10-3
17.	Southeastern Louisiana	9-4
18.	UT Martin	10-3
19.	Delaware	5-6
20.	Weber State	6-5
21.	Northern Iowa	6-6
22.	Rhode Island	7-4
23.	Mercer	7-3
24.	Richmond	6-5
25.	UC Davis	8-4

FCS COACHES TOP 25

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	North Dakota State (24)	14-1
2.	Montana	10-3
3.	South Dakota State (1)	11-4
4.	Montana State	12-3
5.	Villanova	10-3
6.	Kennesaw State	11-2
7.	Sacramento State	9-3
8.	Missouri State	8-4
9.	Southern Illinois	8-5
10.	Stephen F. Austin	8-4
11.	East Tennessee State	11-2
12.	Eastern Washington	10-3
13.	Chattanooga	6-5
14.	Incarnate Word	10-3
15.	UT Martin	10-3
16.	Southeastern Louisiana	9-4
17.	Jackson State	11-2
18.	Holy Cross	10-3
19.	Delaware	5-6
20.	Weber State	6-5
21.	Northern Iowa	6-6
22.	UC Davis	8-4
23.	Mercer	7-3
T24.	Rhode Island	7-4
T24.	Richmond	6-5

• Eastern Illinois scored three non-offensive touchdowns last season as the Panthers had a total of 20 touchdowns overall for the season. Bryce Dewberry had a 90 yard fumble return for touchdown in the road win at Tennessee Tech. Tyris Harvey had a 29 yard interception return for touchdown at Austin Peay. DeAirious Smith returned a block punt seven yards against Illinois State for a special teams touchdown.

• Tim Varga and Jordan Miles both tied for the team lead in sacks last season with both player recording four which ranked both players tied for fourth in the OVC. Varga had 46 total tackles for the year ranking fourth on the team while Miles was sixth with 38 tackles. Colin Bohanek was the only other player on the EIU roster with more than one sack last season finishing with 3.5. As a team EIU had 16 sacks for a total of 117 yards spread among eight players.

• Running back Jaelin Benefield was limited to only four games played last season due to an early season injury. Benefield finished with 171 yards to rank second on the team while catching eight passes for 29 yards. When healthy during the 2019 and 2020 seasons he was the team's leading rusher and second leading receiver in 2019. He was second on the team in rushing yards in the COVID shortened 2020 season. For his career Benefield has rushed for 831 yards and six touchdowns. He has caught 56 passes for 388 yards and two scores.

• 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.

• Eastern Illinois defense ranked third in the OVC last season in turnovers gained as the Panthers finished the year with 18 turnovers gained. The Panthers had four interceptions and 14 fumble recoveries. Russell Dandy returns as the team leader with two interceptions. Bryce Dewberry and Blake Ruffin return as the team leaders with two fumble recoveries each.

• Eastern Illinois managed just four interceptions last season but the Panthers did provide good pass coverage with 30 pass break-ups. Tyris Harvey was the team leader with six pass break-ups and one interception returned for a touchdown at Austin Peay. Blake Ruffin was second on the team with five pass break-ups. Six total EIU players had multiple pass break-ups last season.

• Defensive back Mark Aitken will be heading back to face his former school in the season opener. Aitken began his college career playing at Northern Illinois starting in the 2019 season opener before suffering a season ending injury. After not playing in the COVID 2020 season he returned to the field suiting up for EIU in 2021 making 21 tackles with 2.5 tackles for loss and four pass break-ups.

• Following Isaiah Hill in the line-up, EIU lost its next three top pass catchers from last season. DeAirious Smith and DeWayne Cooks both return after ranking fifth and sixth on the team in receptions last season for a combined 27 receptions for 350 yards and three touchdowns. EIU does regain the services of tight end Jay Vallie who missed 2021 due to injury. The graduate transfer from Dayton was the Panthers top receiver during the 2020 COVID shortened season with 18 receptions for 190 yards and three touchdowns.

• 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), Alexander Oyawale (LB) and Trey Wilhoit (P).

• Eastern Illinois will be looking to snap a four game season opening losing streak when they kickoff the season on Thursday at Northern Illinois. EIU's last season opening win was in 2017 when the Panthers beat Indiana State 22-20 on a last second touchdown pass. EIU is 1-7 in openers since the 2013 season when EIU had run off a streak of three straight season opening wins in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

2022 OVC Standings

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

This Week In OVC Football**Thursday - September 1**

Western Illinois at UT Martin - 6:30 pm
 Eastern Illinois at Northern Illinois - 7 pm

Friday - September 2

Tennessee Tech at Kansas - 7 pm

Saturday - September 3

Southeast Missouri at Iowa State - 1 pm
 Tennessee State at Eastern Washington - 3 pm
 Murray State at Texas Tech - 7 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)

2021 OVC Players of the Week

Sept. 12 - Logen Neidhardt (Special Teams)
 Sept. 26 - Jordan Miles (Defense)
 Oct. 4 - Russell Dandy (Defense)
 Oct. 4 - Russell Dandy (Newcomer)

• Stone Galloway had two field goals in the Panthers final game of 2021 against Murray State hitting from 28 and 30 yards. For the season he was 8-of-13 making his last four kicks and six of his last seven attempts. His season long was 44 yards against Illinois State. Galloway is 13-of-20 for his career and needs three field goals this season to move into the EIU career top ten. Galloway led the Panthers in scoring last season with 38 points marking the first time since the 2014 season that a kicker had led EIU in scoring (Nick Bruno).

• Zach Weir returns as the most experienced quarterback on the EIU roster after appearing in four games last season with one start. He passed for 386 yards and one touchdown. EIU has two transfer quarterbacks on the roster in Jonah O'Brien and Dom Shoffner. O'Brien began his career at EIU and was on the roster at Colorado State the last two years. As a freshman in 2019 he passed for 84 yards in one game at EIU. Shoffner transferred from Charlotte where he last played in 2020 passing for 32 yards. He began his career in 2018 at North Carolina Central passing for 350 yards and then had one year in junior college.

• 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 will be playing a FBS team for the 44th time when the Panthers kickoff the season on Thursday night. EIU is 6-37 all-time in previous games against FBS opponents. Five of the six FBS wins for EIU have come against teams in the Mid-American Conference including the most recent, a 21-17 win at Miami (Ohio) in 2016. EIU has additional FBS wins against Akron (1989), Western Michigan (1996), Northern Illinois (1998), Eastern Michigan (2004) and San Diego State (2013).

• Eastern Illinois head coach Chris Wilkerson has faced Northern Illinois on two other occasions while at EIU. He was a player on the Panthers 1994 team that lost at NIU. He was an assistant coach on the 1998 team that beat Northern Illinois, 24-10. EIU assistant coaches Adam Gristick and DJ Bland were both starters on the Panthers 2013 team that lost a thrilling game at Northern Illinois. EIU was led by quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo, the 2013 Walter Payton Award winner, while NIU was led by quarterback Jordan Lynch, a candidate for the Heisman Trophy that season.

• Eastern Illinois will be opening the football season on a Thursday night for the 20th time in school history. The Panthers are 11-8 in those previous Thursday night season openers including 10-5 against FCS programs. EIU's last Thursday night opener was in 2019 when the Panthers opened the season at Chattanooga. EIU's last Thursday night opening win was in 2017 when EIU beat Indiana State, 22-20 with a last second touchdown pass.

• 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 six players on its current roster that already have earned their undergraduate degree as they prepare to play this upcoming season. The six graduate players are Elijah Benoit, 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...

NORTHERN ILLINOIS HEAD COACH THOMAS HAMMOCK

Thomas Hammock enters his fourth season leading his alma mater with the Huskies coming off an appearance in the Tailgreeter Cure Bowl and Mid-American Conference Championship. A former running back at Northern Illinois, Hammock was a long time assistant coach with stops in the Big Ten at Wisconsin and Minnesota along with a stint in the NFL with the Baltimore Ravens. He is a 2002 graduate of NIU and enters the 2022 season with a 14-18 career record.

SCOUTING NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Northern Illinois is coming off a 9-5 season where the Huskies were the Mid-American Conference Champions and played Coastal Carolina in the Tailgreeter Cure Bowl. Quarterback Rocky Lombardi passed for nearly 2,600 yards last season with 15 touchdowns and is on the preseason Unitas Award Watch list. He returns two of his top three targets from last year in Trayvon Rudolph (51 rec/892 yds/7 TD) and Cole Tucker (41 rec/575 yds/3 TD). C.J. Brown the Huskies leading tackler last year with 109 tackles returns to guide the defense.

THE SERIES

Eastern Illinois and Northern Illinois will be meeting for the 38th time when the two schools kickoff the 2022 season Thursday night. NIU holds a 26-10-1 all-time lead in the series with five of the contests played against the Huskies as an FBS member. EIU does have one win over NIU at the FBS level, a 24-10 win in DeKalb in 1998. NIU has won eight of the last night meetings which date back to the time when the schools were both members of the IIAAC.

LAST TEN MEETINGS

<i>Sept. 9, 2017</i>	<i>Northern Illinois 38, EIU 10 at NIU</i>
<i>Sept. 21, 2013</i>	<i>Northern Illinois 43, EIU 39 at NIU</i>
<i>Sept. 19, 1998</i>	<i>EIU 24, Northern Illinois 10 at NIU</i>
<i>Sept. 24, 1994</i>	<i>Northern Illinois 49, EIU 17 at NIU</i>
<i>Sept. 1, 1990</i>	<i>Northern Illinois 28, EIU 17 at NIU</i>
<i>Oct. 30, 1965 *</i>	<i>Northern Illinois 20, EIU 11 at EIU</i>
<i>Oct. 24, 1964 *</i>	<i>Northern Illinois 35, EIU 14 at NIU</i>
<i>Oct. 26, 1963 *</i>	<i>Northern Illinois 43, EIU 0 at EIU</i>
<i>Oct. 13, 1962 *</i>	<i>Northern Illinois 21, EIU 0 at NIU</i>
<i>Oct. 14, 1961 *</i>	<i>EIU 20, Northern Illinois 20 at EIU</i>

* Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Games (IIAC)

TALE OF THE TAPE



Points Per Game.....	14.5	32.2
Average Points Allowed.....	28.4	33.7
First Downs.....	175	320
Rushing Yards Per Game	92.4	241.4
Rushing Touchdowns	9	36
Passing Yards Per Game	193.2	187.4
Passing Touchdowns	8	15
Average Yards Per Game	285.5	428.8
Interceptions Thrown	17	8
Fumbles - Lost	11-6	18-10
Turnovers Gained.....	18	12
Punting Average	39.5	43.5
Field Goals (ATT/MADE)	8-of-13	25-30
3rd Down Conversions	40-of-163 (25%)	74-of-193 (38%)
4th Down Conversions.....	16-of-35 (46%)	25-of-30 (83%)
Sacks By (Yards).....	16 (117)	19 (107)
Penalties (Yards)	65 (572)	70 (634)
Time of Possession (Game)	28:28	33:30

Statistical Leaders (Returning In 2022 in BOLD)

RUSHING YARDS (Touchdowns)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Harrison Bey-Buie.....479 (4)	Jay Ducker .....1184 (3)
Jaelin Benefield.....171 (0)	Harrison Waylee.....573 (4)

PASSING YARDS (Touchdowns)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Otto Kuhns.....1134 (6)	Rocky Lombardi ....2597 (15)
Zach Weir.....386 (1)	Ethan Hampton.....23 (0)

RECEPTIONS (Yards)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Isaiah Hill.....39 (493)	Trayvon Rudolph ....51 (892)
Arron Foulkes .....26 (311)	Tyrice Richie.....44 (540)
Robbie Lofton .....15 (128)	Cole Tucker .....41 (575)

TACKLES

EASTERN ILLINOIS	NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Jason Johnson.....112	C.J. Brown .....109
Colin Bohanek .....89	Lance DeVeaux .....75
Jordan Vincent .....60	Nick Rattin.....72
Tim Varga .....46	Dillon Thomas.....62
Kaelin Drakeford .....41	Jordan Hansen .....58

TACKLES FOR LOSS / SACKS

EASTERN ILLINOIS	NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Jordan Miles.....11.....4	Lance DeVeaux.....8.....1.5
Colin Bohanek .....11.....3.5	Jaden Dolphin.....6.....2.5
Jason Johnson.....8.....0.5	Dillon Thomas.....5.5.....3

Eastern Illinois In The OVC/NCAA Stats

2021

TEAM

TEAM	NCAA	OVC
.....
Rushing Offense	110th	7th
Passing Offense	79th	3rd
Passing Efficiency	121st	7th
Total Offense	109th	7th
Scoring Offense	115th	7th
Rushing Defense	85th	5th
Pass Defense	18th	3rd
Pass Efficiency Def.	82nd	6th
Total Defense	47th	4th
Scoring Defense	75th	5th
Net Punting	79th	5th
Punt Returns	46th	4th
Kickoff Returns	91st	4th
Turnover Margin	101st	5th
Turnovers Gained	53rd	3rd
Sacks	95th	4th
Tackles For Loss	33rd	1st
Sacks Allowed	92nd	7th
3rd Down Conversion	120th	7th
4th Down Conversion	69th	4th
3rd Down Defense	53rd	4th
Red Zone Offense	114th	7th
Red Zone Defense	37th	1st
Time of Possession	96th	7th

INDIVIDUAL (Top 60)

.....	NCAA	OVC
Bryce Dewberry (Fumbles Recovered).....	11th	1st
Jason Johnson (Fumbles Recovered).....	1st	1st
Jason Jonnson (Tackles).....	18th	1st
Jason Johnson (Solo Tackles)	13th	1st
Jordan Miles (Tackles for Loss).....	53rd	1st
Colin Bohanek (Tackles).....	56th	2nd
Logen Neidhardt (Punting)	27th	1st
DeAirious Smith (Punt Return TD)	3rd	1st

SHUT OUT STREAK ENDS

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

Longest EIU Streaks

197 (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.	
W-L			W-L		
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...

Charles Shelton, 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

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

HOUSTON TEXANS

Kamu Grugier-Hill - Linebacker

TENNESSEE TITANS

Tim Kelly - Pass Game Coordinator

TEAM GAME RECORDS

TOTAL OFFENSE:

739.....vs. Illinois State.....	Sept. 14, 2013
704.....at UT Martin.....	Nov. 23, 2013
683.....vs. Winona State.....	Nov. 1, 1986
676.....vs. Saginaw State.....	Sept. 21, 1985
671.....vs. Austin Peay.....	Sept. 29, 2012
665.....vs. Southeast Missouri.....	Oct. 19, 2013
656.....vs. Illinois-Chicago.....	Sept. 27, 1969
654.....vs. Murray State.....	Nov. 8, 2014
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	Sr	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)
44	Nick Stricker	TE	6-2	245	Jr	3	Lemont, Ill. (Lemont)
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)

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC)
48	Michael Jarosz	LB	6-1	245	R-So	1	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton North)
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)
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	44 Nick StrickerTE.....
63 Cody Green K/P	67 Chad Strickland OL
28 Brandon Guido DB	72 Elkhanan Tanelus OL
99 Jaron Hacha DL	4 Justin Thomas WR
7 Tyris Harvey DB	84 Cam Thompson WR
74 Haven Hatfield..... OL	43 Elijahwah Tolbert LB
7 Isaiah Hill..... WR	41 Jordyn Turner WR
33 Nile Hill WR	24 Collin Tyson DB
58 Anthony Imperio OL	66 Jack Valente OL/LS
81 Jaxson Isaac TE	80 Jay Vallie TE
8 Foday Jalloh LB	54 Drake Van Hyfte DL
48 Michael Jarosz LB	97 Tim Varga DL
94 Alton Jefferson..... DL	1 Jordan Vincent..... DB
52 Jamari Johnson DL	50 Luke Wagner DL
70 JJ Johnson OL	8 Zach Weir QB
19 Justin Kowalak QB	38 Trey Wilhoit III..... P
93 Cameron Leach..... DL	31 Chris Williams..... DB
36 Chauncey Lee DB	14 Braylon Willis..... DL
56 Tre'jon Lewis DL	13 Cooper Willman..... WR
35 Zeke Lewis RB	42 Henry Woods Jr. DB
89 Daniel Luoma TE / K	29 Kendi Young RB

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 6
 Senior 4
 Junior 16
 Sophomore 45
 RS-Freshman 15
 Freshman 20

EIU ROSTER BY STATE

Alabama 2
 California 3
 Florida 6
 Georgia 3
 Hawai'i 1
 Illinois 49
 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
or 0 ... Dom Shoffner	6-1	210	Sr
8 ... Zach Weir	6-3	200	R-Fr

RUNNING BACK

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

TIGHT END

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

LEFT TACKLE

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

LEFT GUARD

77 ... Ivan Gleyzer	6-4	290	Jr
66 ... Jack Valente	6-4	310	So

CENTER

72 ... Elkhanan Tanelus.....	6-2	335	Jr
77 ... Ivan Gleyzer	6-4	290	Jr

RIGHT GUARD

78 ... Max Stineman.....	6-4	325	So
62 ... Michael McNicholas	6-4	315	R-So

RIGHT TACKLE

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

RECEIVER

13 ... Cooper Willman.....	6-1	210	So
12 ... Ira Armstead II.....	6-4	225	So

RECEIVER

7 ... Isaiah Hill	5-11	190	R-Jr
33 ... Nile Hill	5-11	190	R-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 51-27 (9), EIU Record 0-0 (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

91 ... Jordan Miles	6-2	240	So
6 ... Joel Barrows.....	6-3	250	R-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
11 ... Alexandar Oyawale	6-0	220	Jr

CORNERBACK

3 ... Russell Dandy.....	6-0	170	Sr
7 ... Tyris Harvey	5-11	175	So

SAFETY

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

FREE SAFETY

22 ... Kaelin Drakeford.....	6-4	205	So
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

9 ... Elijah Benoit.....	6-0	180	Sr
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

13 ... Cooper Willman.....	6-1	210	So
3 ... Russell Dandy.....	6-0	170	Sr
3 ... Jaelin Benefield	5-10	170	Jr



GAME 1 - Aug. 28, 2021

Eastern Illinois 21
Indiana State 26

Terre Haute, Ind.
Memorial Field (5,540)

Scoring 1 2 3 4 Final
Eastern Illinois 0 7 7 7 21
Indiana State 7 3 7 9 26

FIRST QUARTER

INS - Kerlegrand 3 run (Selzer kick) - 9:12

SECOND QUARTER

INS - Selzer 48 field goal - 13:01
EIU - Bey-Buie 2 run (Galloway kick) - 6:56

THIRD QUARTER

INS - Haupt 44 run (Selzer kick) - 13:59
EIU - Hamilton 4 run (Galloway kick) - 11:49

FOURTH QUARTER

INS - Thomas 75 interception return (Selzer kick) - 13:16
EIU - Kuhns 1 run (Galloway kick) - 2:56
INS - Moala safety - 0:00

TEAM STATSEIU INS

First Downs 21 13
Rushes-Yards 40-125 33-158
Passing-Yards 253 87
Comp-Att-Int 14-29-2 13-23-0
Total Offense 378 245
Fumbles-Lost 1-1 0-0
Penalties-Yards 9-79 9-79
Int Returns-Yards-TD 0-0-0 2-75-0
Time of Possession 35:32 24:28
Sacks-Yards 0-0 5-35

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Bey-Buie (11-57-1), Pierre (11-46-0)
INS - Kerlegrand (19-73-1), Haupt (5-59-1)

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

EIU - Kuhns (29-14-2-253-0)
INS - Thompson (23-13-0-87-0)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Ringwood (5-116-0), Lofton (4-35-0)
INS - Morgan (6-26-0), Hendrix (5-52-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - J. Johnson (4-4-0.5), Bohanek (2-4-0)
INS - Thomas (7-3-0), Stephen (2-6-1)

RECAP

Indiana State took advantage of two key Eastern Illinois turnovers as the Sycamores slid past the Panthers 26-21 in a Week Zero contest. Trailing 17-14, EIU fumbled the ball inside the redzone midway through the third quarter. Following a defensive stand that gave EIU the ball back, Michael Thomas ended a Panthers drive with a 75-yard interception return for touchdown which put ISU up 24-14 early in the fourth quarter. EIU would go on a 19-play drive to get within one score with just under three minutes remaining and the defense would get the ball back one final time for EIU. On the final play of the game, ISU recorded a safety to end the scoring. Tyler Ringwood had a nice EIU debut hauling in five passes for 116 yards.



GAME 2 - Sept. 4, 2021

Eastern Illinois 0
South Carolina 46

Columbia, SC
Williams-Brice Stadium (64,868)

Scoring 1 2 3 4 Final
Eastern Illinois 0 0 0 0 0
South Carolina 15 14 3 14 46

FIRST QUARTER

SC - Muse 4 pass from Noland (Muse rush) - 10:23
SC - Bell 3 pass from Noland (White kick) - 3:25

SECOND QUARTER

SC - Vann 12 pass from Noland (White kick) - 11:49
SC - White 10 pass from Noland (White kick) - 0:34

THIRD QUARTER

SC - White 36 field goal - 3:10

FOURTH QUARTER

SC - White 63 run (Jeter kick) - 10:24
SC - Burch 61 interception return (Jeter kick) - 7:44

TEAM STATSEIU SC

First Downs 8 21
Rushes-Yards 22-31 47-254
Passing-Yards 78 174
Comp-Att-Int 13-21-2 18-27-0
Total Offense 109 428
Fumbles-Lost 0-0 2-1
Penalties-Yards 5-45 8-61
Int Returns-Yards-TD 0-0-0 2-66-1
Time of Possession 25:20 34:40
Sacks-Yards 1-11 2-14

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Bey-Buie (5-12-0), Pierre (6-11-0)
SC - Z. White (12-128-1), Lloyd (14-55-0)

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

EIU - Katrenick (21-13-2-78-0)
SC - Noland (21-13-0-110-4), Brown (5-4-0-45-0)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Hamilton (5-32-0), Manaves (2-21-0)
SC - Z. White (4-39-1), Vann (2-27-1)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Vincent (5-4-0.5), Drakeford (5-0-1), Varga (5-0-0)
SC - Smith (4-0-1), Staley (3-1-0)

RECAP

After Eastern Illinois defense forced a three-and-out on the opening possession of the game, South Carolina picked off a tipped pass on the Panthers first offensive play which eventually set up an early Gamecocks touchdown. Pressure on special teams would give South Carolina good field position on two more first half possessions as they beat Eastern Illinois 46-0. It was just the second time in program history that EIU has faced a team from the Southeastern Conference. EIU would have two good drives in the second half but both came up short including one turned away by an interception returned for a score in the fourth quarter. Jordan Vincent had nine tackles to lead EIU's defense while Kaelin Drakeford had a sack that resulted in a forced fumble for the Panthers.



GAME 3 - Sept. 11, 2021

Eastern Illinois 10
Dayton 17

Dayton, Ohio
Weclome Stadium (2,008)

Scoring 1 2 3 4 Final
Eastern Illinois 0 3 0 7 10
Dayton 0 0 17 0 17

SECOND QUARTER

EIU - Galloway 37 field goal - 12:12

THIRD QUARTER

DAY - Chisholm 10 pass from Cook (Webster kick) - 7:32
DAY - Cook 1 run (Webster kick) - 4:38
DAY - Webster 31 field goal - 0:31

FOURTH QUARTER

EIU - Lofton 7 pass from Kuhns (Galloway kick) - 0:19

TEAM STATSEIU DAY

First Downs 14 19
Rushes-Yards 23-130 43-132
Passing-Yards 171 134
Comp-Att-Int 17-39-1 18-32-0
Total Offense 301 266
Fumbles-Lost 2-1 0-0
Penalties-Yards 7-63 4-33
Int Returns-Yards-TD 0-0-0 1-0-0
Time of Possession 19:06 38:06
Sacks-Yards 0-0 1-4

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Kuhns (4-42-0), Foulkes (3-35-0)
DAY - Chisholm (27-84-0), Cook (10-46-1)

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

EIU - Katrenick (27-12-1-111-0), Kuhns (12-5-0-60-1)
DAY - Cook (32-18-0-134-1)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Lofton (5-56-1), Richards (3-43-0)
DAY - Chisholm (9-65-1), Mintz (3-22-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Bohanek (4-10-1.5), Vincent (10-2-0)
DAY - Easterling (4-4-0.5), Smith (6-1-0)

RECAP

Eastern Illinois was limited to just five offensive plays in the third quarter as Dayton held the ball for more than 13-minutes in the quarter scoring 17 points during a 17-10 win over EIU. EIU led 3-0 at the half following a Stone Galloway 36-yard field goal. Dayton opened the second half with a long touchdown drive and then forced a turnover on the first EIU play of the quarter. That turnover was converted into a touchdown to give the Flyers a 14-3 lead. Brandon Easterling had a big punt return at the end of the quarter which set Dayton up with a short field that they converted into a field goal. EIU would score in the final minutes but failed on the onside kick attempt allowing Dayton to run out the clock.



GAME 4 - Sept. 18, 2021 **Illinois State..... 31** **Eastern Illinois..... 24**

Charleston, Ill.
O'Brien Field (6,424)
Family Weekend

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Illinois State.....	7.....	3.....	14.....	7.....	31
Eastern Illinois.....	0.....	7.....	10.....	7.....	24

FIRST QUARTER

ILS - White 15 run (Bresnahan kick) - 9:02

SECOND QUARTER

ILS - Bresnahan 33 field goal - 13:39
EIU - Lofton 5 pass from Kuhns (Galloway kick) - 0:20

THIRD QUARTER

ILS - Jackson 95 interception return (Bresnahan kick) - 10:51
EIU - Galloway 44 field goal - 7:57
EIU - Smith 7 blocked punt return (Galloway kick) - 6:46
ILS - Waring 8 run (Bresnahan kick) - 5:21

FOURTH QUARTER

EIU - Bey-Buie 2 run (Galloway kick) - 13:05
ILS - Brown 3 run (Bresnahan kick) - 1:54

TEAM STATSEIU ILS

First Downs.....	20.....	21
Rushes-Yards.....	36-109.....	45-239
Passing-Yards.....	168.....	54
Comp-Att-Int.....	16-35-1.....	7-10-0
Total Offense.....	277.....	293
Fumbles-Lost.....	1-1.....	2-1
Penalties-Yards.....	6-67.....	7-75
Int Returns-Yards-TD.....	0-0-0.....	1-95-1
Time of Possession.....	32:09.....	27:51
Sacks-Yards.....	0-0.....	2-14

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Pierre (9-39-0), Bey-Buie (14-36-1)
ILS - Mueller (16-144-0), Brown (9-53-1)

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

EIU - Kuhns (32-16-1-168-1), Weir (3-0-0-0-0)
ILS - Waring (7-5-0-33-0), Jefferson (3-2-0-21-0)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Cooks (4-53-0), Pinkston (3-31-0)
ILS - Carter (1-15-0), Nagel (1-11-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - J. Johnson (5-3-0), Bohanek (3-3-1), Aitken (5-0-0)
ILS - Vanderburgh (8-3-1), Deming (8-2-4)

RECAP

A night that was filled with big plays ended up bouncing the direction of Illinois State as the Redbirds held off Eastern Illinois 31-24 in the 109th playing of the Mid-America Classic. Pha'leak Brown's 3-yard run with 1:54 left in the game proved to be the deciding score after EIU had tied the game at 24-24 early in the 4th quarter on a touchdown run by Harrison Bey-Buie. ISU led 10-7 at the half and extended its lead to 17-7 on a 95-yard interception return for touchdown by Jarrel Jackson on the opening drive of the second half. EIU cut into the margin with a Stone Galloway field goal and would tie the game at 17-17 on a blocked punt by Charles Shelton IV that was scooped up and returned for a 7-yard touchdown by DeAirious Smith. EIU blocked another late field goal attempt by ISU and had four final chances with 34 seconds remaining for a final drive.



GAME 5 - Sept. 25, 2021 **Eastern Illinois 28** **Tennessee Tech 14**

Cookeville, Tenn.
Tucker Stadium (3,125)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois.....	0.....	14.....	7.....	7.....	28
Tennessee Tech.....	7.....	0.....	7.....	0.....	14

FIRST QUARTER

TTU - Cross 62 pass from Martin (Olsen kick) - 3:43

SECOND QUARTER

EIU - Smith 7 pass from Kuhns (kick failed) - 6:37
EIU - Smith 16 pass from Kuhns (Cooks reception) - 0:16

THIRD QUARTER

EIU - Foulkes - 24 run (Galloway kick) - 5:54
TTU - Gist 1 run (Olsen kick) - 2:21

FOURTH QUARTER

EIU - Dewberry 90 fumble return (Galloway kick) - 8:22

TEAM STATSEIU TTU

First Downs.....	13.....	22
Rushes-Yards.....	29-121.....	36-64
Passing-Yards.....	183.....	315
Comp-Att-Int.....	15-26-1.....	26-38-1
Total Offense.....	304.....	379
Fumbles-Lost.....	1-0.....	6-3
Penalties-Yards.....	7-55.....	6-60
Int Returns-Yards-TD.....	1-0-0.....	1-0-0
Time of Possession.....	23:39.....	36:21
Sacks-Yards.....	5-25.....	0-0

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Bey-Buie (19-79-0), Foulkes (1-24-1)
TTU - Gist (16-62-1), Brown (6-15-0)

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

EIU - Kuhns (26-15-1-183-2)
TTU - Martin (38-26-1-315-1)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Smith (6-109-2), Cooks (4-19-0)
TTU - Cross (7-140-1), Gist (7-43-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - J. Johnson (9-7-0), Vincent (7-0-2), Varga (6-1-3)
TTU - Washington (6-2-0), Warwick (5-3-1)

RECAP

The turnover battle bounced Eastern Illinois direction, literally, as a fumble bounced into the hands of Bryce Dewberry who then raced a school record 90 yards to give the Panthers a 28-14 lead that stood up in the OVC win. EIU had built a 21-7 lead with DeAirious Smith hauling in a pair of touchdown passes from Otto Kuhns and Arron Foulkes rushing in for a touchdown. TTU had cut the margin to 21-14 and was inside the 10-yard line when the game-changing fumble took place giving EIU the momentum midway through the fourth quarter. Jordan Miles then had strip sacks on back-to-back TTU possessions as EIU recovered the fumbles on both plays to seal the win. Miles earned OVC Defensive Player of the Week honors for his efforts.



GAME 6 - Oct. 2, 2021 **Eastern Illinois 6** **Murray State 22**

Murray, Ky.
Stewart Stadium (9,502)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois.....	0.....	0.....	0.....	6.....	6
Murray State.....	3.....	10.....	6.....	3.....	22

FIRST QUARTER

MUR - Baum 46 field goal - 10:53

SECOND QUARTER

MUR - Williams 14 run (Baum kick) - 9:33
MUR - Baum 41 field goal - 3:19

THIRD QUARTER

MUR - Witherspoon 5 run (pass failed) - 11:45

FOURTH QUARTER

EIU - Foulkes 54 pass from Katrenick (pass failed) - 13:34
MUR - Baum 46 field goal - 4:43

TEAM STATSEIUMUR

First Downs.....	16.....	23
Rushes-Yards.....	28-75.....	45-177
Passing-Yards.....	212.....	170
Comp-Att-Int.....	16-45-0.....	13-25-2
Total Offense.....	287.....	347
Fumbles-Lost.....	1-1.....	3-1
Penalties-Yards.....	6-75.....	5-82
Int Returns-Yards-TD.....	2-0-0.....	0-0-0
Time of Possession.....	26:06.....	33:54
Sacks-Yards.....	3-33.....	3-18

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Bey-Buie (13-41-0), K. Young (5-28-0)
MUR - Witherspoon (27-141-1), Castille (8-31-0)

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

EIU - Kuhns (10-4-0-37-0), Katrenick (35-12-0-175-1)
MUR - Rice (25-13-2-170-0)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Foulkes (7-132-1), Smith (4-48-0)
MUR - Brooks (5-60-0), Honeycutt (3-56-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Bohanek (10-2-1), J. Johnson (9-3-2.5), Dandy (7-0-1)
MUR - Roberts (6-1-0), Metheny (4-2-0)

RECAP

Murray State was able to hold Eastern Illinois in check as the Racers beat the Panthers 22-6 in a non-conference contest. EIU was turned away on two trips deep in Murray State territory on its first two drives of the game and came away without points on four total drives into scoring territory. Murray State converted its first drive of the game with the first of three Aaron Baum field goals. The Racers added a pair of rushing touchdowns to hold on for the win. EIU's one score came early in the fourth quarter as back-up quarterback Chris Katrenick hit Arron Foulkes streaking up the sideline for a 54-yard touchdown pass. Russell Dandy had two interceptions and a forced & recovered fumble for the EIU defense.



GAME 7 - Oct. 16, 2021 **UT Martin..... 28** **Eastern Illinois..... 17**

Charleston, Ill.
O'Brien Field (3,189)
Hall of Fame

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
UT Martin	7	7	0	14	28
Eastern Illinois	3	14	0	0	17

FIRST QUARTER

UTM - Stephens 34 blocked punt return (Larco kick) - 5:36
EIU - Galloway 33 field goal - 3:24

SECOND QUARTER

EIU - Kuhns 1 run (Galloway kick) - 13:21
EIU - Smith 6 pass from Kuhns (Galloway kick) - 7:48
UTM - Wallace 3 run (Larco kick) - 1:37

FOURTH QUARTER

UTM - D. Williams 11 pass from Howard (Larco kick) - 14:06
UTM - Wallace 2 run (Larco kick) - 2:35

TEAM STATSEIUUTM

First Downs	16	20
Rushes-Yards	31-130	49-227
Passing-Yards	151	166
Comp-Att-Int	14-30-1	12-21-0
Total Offense	271	393
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	2-24	6-64
Int Returns-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-0-0
Time of Possession	26:16	33:44
Sacks-Yards	1-6	2-15

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Bey-Buie (17-99-0), Katrenick (2-13-0)
UTM - Wallace (21-125-2), Logan (16-58-0)

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

EIU - Kuhns (29-13-1-145-1), Katrenick (1-1-0-6-0)
UTM - Howard (21-12-0-166-1)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Foulkes (5-32-0), Judd (3-34-0)
UTM - Logan (3-41-0), D. Williams (3-40-1)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - J. Johnson (9-5-0.5), Varga (6-2-0.5), Bohanek (2-6-2)
UTM - Ford (9-3-0.5), Sims (4-2-0)

RECAP

Eastern Illinois held a 17-14 lead at the half but could not hold off a fourth quarter rally that lifted No. 16 UT Martin to a 28-17 win over the Panthers. EIU was limited to just six offensive plays in the third quarter as UT Martin was able to take the lead early in the fourth on a touchdown pass by Keon Howard. Zak Wallace rushed for 125 yards and two touchdowns after entering the game due to an injury. EIU's offense came from Harrison Bey-Buie who finished with 99 yards on the ground. Otto Kuhns rushed for one score and hit DeAirious Smith for a 6-yard strike for the other. Jason Johnson led the Panthers defense with 14 tackles.



GAME 8 - Oct. 23, 2021 **Tennessee State..... 28** **Eastern Illinois..... 0**

Charleston, Ill.
O'Brien Field (6,300)
Homecoming

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Tennessee State	0	7	7	14	28
Eastern Illinois	0	0	0	0	0

SECOND QUARTER

TSU - Hickbottom 1 run (Zita kick) - 11:22

THIRD QUARTER

TSU - Hickbottom 18 run (Zita kick) - 4:12

FOURTH QUARTER

TSU - Thornton 16 pass from Hickbottom (Zita kick) - 13:02
TSU - Starling 7 run (Zita kick) - 9:47

TEAM STATSEIUTSU

First Downs	11	18
Rushes-Yards	31-72	39-147
Passing-Yards	115	161
Comp-Att-Int	15-35-3	14-24-0
Total Offense	187	308
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-25	7-52
Int Returns-Yards-TD	0-0-0	3-47-0
Time of Possession	27:56	32:04
Sacks-Yards	1-6	4-23

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Benefield (7-56-0), Bey-Buie (9-33-0)
TSU - Starling (25-122-1), Hickbottom (8-38-2)

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

EIU - Kuhns (25-10-3-79-0), Weir (6-3-0-26-0)
TSU - Hickbottom (24-14-0-161-1)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - I. Hill (3-17-0), Richards (3-15-0), Manaves (2-38-0)
TSU - Thornton (4-76-1), Dodson (3-32-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Leach (3-6-0.5), Vincent (6-2-1), J. Johnson (4-5-0)
TSU - James Green (5-1-1), Chambers (4-1-0)

RECAP

Tennessee State took advantage of four Eastern Illinois turnovers as the Tigers blanked the Panthers, 28-0, during homecoming at O'Brien Field. TSU picked off one pass in the endzone to stop a first half EIU scoring drive. A second first-half interception was returned to the two yard line setting up TSU's first score of the game. Jeremy Hickbottom would rush for two touchdowns and pass for a third as TSU added two fourth quarter touchdowns to put the game out of reach. Jaelin Benefield led EIU with 56 yards rushing in his first action of the season. Cameron Leach led the EIU defense with nine tackles.



GAME 9 - Oct. 30, 2021 **Eastern Illinois..... 15** **Southeast Missouri..... 38**

Cape Girardeau, Mo.
Houck Field (3,773)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	6	3	0	6	15
Southeast Missouri	0	7	17	14	38

FIRST QUARTER

EIU - Hill 5 run (pass failed) - 8:01

SECOND QUARTER

SEMO - Hess 17 run (Doak kick) - 9:58
EIU - Galloway 41 field - 6:31

THIRD QUARTER

SEMO - Davis 86 kickoff return (Doak kick) - 14:50
SEMO - Doak 36 field goal - 6:33
SEMO - Ogbonna 24 run (Doak kick) - 1:18

FOURTH QUARTER

SEMO - King 33 pass from Ogbonna (Doak kick) - 9:26
EIU - Hill 16 pass from Kuhns (pass failed) - 7:13
SEMO - Palmer 23 pass from Ogbonna (Doak kick) - 4:31

TEAM STATSEIUSEMO

First Downs	17	16
Rushes-Yards	38-87	44-167
Passing-Yards	275	197
Comp-Att-Int	17-38-0	9-16-0
Total Offense	362	364
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards	3-15	3-20
Int Returns-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Time of Possession	30:19	29:41
Sacks-Yards	2-17	3-29

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Benefield (12-33-0), Bey-Buie (13-23-0)
SEMO - Hess (28-107-1), Ogbonna (10-34-1)

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

EIU - Kuhns (30-14-0-211-1), Weir (8-3-0-64-0)
SEMO - Ogbonna (16-9-0-197-2)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - I. Hill (11-207-1), Cooks (2-39-0)
SEMO - Jester (2-55-0), Palmer (2-29-1)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - J. Johnson (4-10-0.5), Bohanek (3-6-0), Vincent (3-5-0.5)
SEMO - Mincey (4-4-0.5), Douglas (0-8-0.5)

RECAP

Shabari Davis returned the opening kickoff 86 yards for a touchdown to begin the second half as Southeast Missouri erased a 9-7 Eastern Illinois halftime lead en route to a 38-15 win over the Panthers. The Redhawks rattled off 17 points in the third quarter and 24 straight points to open up a 31-9 lead midway through the fourth quarter. Isaiah Hill was a bright spot for the Panthers offense as he hauled in 11 passes for 207 yards and a touchdown in just his third game back since the 2019 season. Hill accounted for both EIU touchdowns in the game scoring on a 5-yard rush in the first quarter for the game's first score. Jason Johnson continued his excellent season on defense leading the way with 14 tackles.



GAME 10 - Nov. 6, 2021 Eastern Illinois 26 Austin Peay 42

Clarksville, Tenn.
 Fortera Stadium (4,088)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	13	7	0	67	26
Austin Peay	7	21	7	7	42

FIRST QUARTER

EIU - Galloway 26 field goal - 12:14
 EIU - Harvey 29 interception return (Galloway kick) - 11:57
 AP - McCray 32 pass from Layman (Trujillo kick) - 9:03
 EIU - Galloway 43 field goal - 3:59

SECOND QUARTER

AP - Snead 1 run (Trujillo kick) - 14:29
 EIU - Bey-Buie 2 run (Galloway kick) - 9:13
 AP - McCray 43 pass from Ellis (Trujillo kick) - 5:53
 AP - Evans 33 pass from Ellis (Trujillo kick) - 0:43

THIRD QUARTER

AP - Minter 59 pass from Ellis (Trujillo kick) - 1:07

FOURTH QUARTER

AP - Snead 10 run (Trujillo kick) - 13:45
 EIU - I. Hill 15 pass from Weir (pass failed) - 2:07

TEAM STATSEIUAP

First Downs	21	18
Rushes-Yards	31-72	37-132
Passing-Yards	303	359
Comp-Att-Int	28-56-6	17-31-1
Total Offense	375	491
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-3
Penalties-Yards	9-69	9-84
Int Returns-Yards-TD	1-29-1	6-109-0
Time of Possession	36:37	23:23
Sacks-Yards	1-6	5-39

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Benefield (6-61-0), Bey-Buie (12-28-1)
 AP - Snead (17-93-2), Tanner (14-39-0)

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

EIU - Weir (49-26-4-296-1), Kuhns (7-2-2-7-0)
 AP - Ellish (22-11-0-278-3), Layman (9-6-1-81-1)

RECEIVING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - I. Hill (10-140-1), Foulkes (5-43-0)
 AP - McCray (6-137-2), Minter (3-132-1)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Bohanek (7-1-1), Ruffin (5-2-0), J. Johnson (4-2-0)
 AP - McDonald (7-2-2.5), Perry (5-1-0.5)

RECAP

Eastern Illinois jumped out to an early lead in the first collegiate start for quarterback Zach Weir, but six interceptions would prove costly for the EIU offense in a 42-26 loss. EIU had 13 first quarter points with a pair of Stone Galloway field goals and a 29-yard interception return for touchdown by Tyrus Harvey. APSU would take a 28-20 lead to the locker room at the half as they added a score with 43 seconds left in the half. Weir would pass for 296 yards and threw a touchdown pass to Isaiah Hill in the fourth quarter. Hill finished with double figure receptions for the second straight game hauling in 10 passes for 140 yards. APSU had two receivers over the century mark with Drae McCary (137 yards / 2 TDs) and Eugene Minter (132 yards / 1 TD).



GAME 11 - Nov. 20, 2021 Murray State 20 Eastern Illinois 13

Charleston, Ill.
 O'Brien Field (1,850)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Murray State	6	7	7	0	20
Eastern Illinois	7	6	0	0	13

FIRST QUARTER

EIU - Bey-Buie 8 run (Galloway kick) - 9:11
 MUR - Baum 43 field goal - 5:27
 MUR - Baum 58 field goal - 0:28

SECOND QUARTER

EIU - Galloway 28 field goal - 12:40
 MUR - Witherspoon 15 run (Baum kick) - 1:47
 EIU - Galloway 30 field goal - 0:07

THIRD QUARTER

MUR - Jones 26 run (Baum kick) - 11:15

TEAM STATSEIUMUR

First Downs	18	16
Rushes-Yards	26-74	44-284
Passing-Yards	216	59
Comp-Att-Int	24-43-0	7-14-0
Total Offense	290	343
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	2-2
Penalties-Yards	7-55	7-93
Int Returns-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Time of Possession	30:03	29:57
Sacks-Yards	2-13	1-5

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Bey-Buie (12-47-1), Benefield (10-21-0)
 MUR - Witherspoon (16-135-1), Williams (13-83-0)

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

EIU - Katrenick (42-24-0-216-0)
 MUR - Williams (14-7-0-59-0)

RECEIVING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - I. Hill (13-110-0), Lofton (3-44-0)
 MUR - Honeycutt (3-42-0), Bell (2-14-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - J. Johnson (9-3-2), Bohanek (4-6-2), Ruffin (5-0-1)
 MUR - Powell (6-3-0.5), Roberts (5-1-1)

RECAP

Murray State had the only score of the second half as Cortez Jones scored on a 26-yard run with 11:15 remaining in the third quarter to give the Racers a 20-13 lead that would hold on to be Eastern Illinois on the Panthers senior day. In a contrast of styles for the day, EIU passed for 216 yards with graduate student Chris Katrenick going 24-of-42 in the game. Isaiah Hill was the top target with 13 catches for 110 yards. Harrison Bey-Buie had the lone EIU touchdown with a first quarter 8-yard run. Murray State rushed for 284 yards on the day with Damonta Witherspoon adding the Racers other touchdown in the second quarter. Both kickers - Stone Galloway (EIU) and Aaron Baum (MUR) added a pair of first half field goals, Baum hitting for 58 yards out. Jason Johnson and Colin Bohanek led the EIU defense with both players collecting double figure tackles.

2021 EIU PANTHERS FOOTBALL
EASTERN ILLINOIS Game Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	Ohio Valley Record	Time	Attend
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Aug 28, 2021	at Indiana State	21-26 L	0-1	0-0	3:26	5,540
Sep 4, 2021	at South Carolina	0-46 L	0-2	0-0	3:07	64,868
Sep 11, 2021	at Dayton	10-17 L	0-3	0-0	2:35	2,008
Sep 18, 2021	ILLINOIS STATE	24-31 L	0-4	0-0	3:00	6,424
* Sep 25, 2021	at Tennessee Tech	W 28-24	1-4	1-0	3:14	3,125
Oct 2, 2021	at Murray State	6-22 L	1-5	1-0	3:05	9,502
* Oct 16, 2021	#16 UT MARTIN	17-28 L	1-6	1-1	3:14	3,189
* Oct 23, 2021	TENNESSEE STATE	0-28 L	1-7	1-2	3:10	6,300
* Oct 30, 2021	at Southeast Missouri	15-38 L	1-8	1-3	3:12	3,773
* Nov 6, 2021	at Austin Peay	26-42 L	1-9	1-4	3:38	4,088
* Nov 20, 2021	MURRAY STATE	13-20 L	1-10	1-5	3:10	1,850

* indicates Ohio Valley Conference game

2021 EASTERN ILLINOIS STARTERS

OPPONENT	WR	WR	RT	RG	C	LG	LT	WR	SB/WR	RB	QB
Indiana State	Lofton	Hamilton	Broadway	Gleyzer	Solomon	Tanelus	Strickland	Ringwood	Cooks	Pierre	Kuhns
South Carolina	Lofton	Hamilton	Broadway	Gleyzer	Solomon	Tanelus	Strickland	Richards	Cooks	Bey-Buie	Katrenick
Dayton	Pinkston	Hamilton	Broadway	Gleyzer	Solomon	McNicholas	Strickland	Richards	Stricker	Bey-Buie	Katrenick
Illinois State	Lofton	Ringwood	Broadway	Solomon	Gleyzer	McNicholas	Strickland	Cooks	Stricker	Bey-Buie	Kuhns
Tennessee Tech	Lofton	D. Smith	Imperio	Solomon	Gleyzer	Tanelus	Broadway	Cooks	Stricker	Bey-Buie	Kuhns
Murray State	Lofton	D. Smith	Broadway	Solomon	Gleyzer	Tanelus	Strickland	Foulkes	Manaves	Bey-Buie	Kuhns
UT Martin	Lofton	Richards	Broadway	Solomon	Gleyzer	Tanelus	Strickland	Foulkes	Stricker	Bey-Buie	Kuhns
Tennessee State	I. Hill	Richards	Broadway	France	Gleyzer	Solomon	Strickland	Foulkes	Manaves	Bey-Buie	Kuhns
SE Missouri	I. Hill	Hamilton	Broadway	France	Solomon	Tanelus	Strickland	Willman	Manaves	Bey-Buie	Kuhns
Austin Peay	I. Hill	Willman	Broadway	France	Solomon	Tanelus	Strickland	Foulkes	Stricker	Bey-Buie	Weir
Murray State	I. Hill	Hamilton	Broadway	France	Solomon	Tanelus	Strickland	Lofton	Manaves	Benefield	Katrenick

OPPONENT	DE	NT	DT	DE	LB	LB	CB	SAF	SAF	SAF	CB
Indiana State	Growel	Leach	Varga	Miles	Bohanek	J. Johnson	Dandy	Dewberry	Drakeford	Vincent	Harvey
South Carolina	Growel	Leach	Varga	Miles	Bohanek	J. Johnson	Dandy	Dewberry	Aitken	Vincent	Harvey
Dayton	Growel	Leach	Varga	Miles	Bohanek	J. Johnson	Benoit	Aitken	Drakeford	Vincent	Harvey
Illinois State	Growel	Leach	Varga	Jefferson	Bohanek	J. Johnson	Dandy	Dewberry	Drakeford	Vincent	Harvey
Tennessee Tech	Hacha	Leach	Varga	Miles	Bohanek	J. Johnson	Dandy	Dewberry	Drakeford	Vincent	Aitken
Murray State	Jefferson	Leach	Varga	Miles	Bohanek	J. Johnson	Dandy	Dewberry	Drakeford	Vincent	Aitken
UT Martin	Jefferson	Leach	Varga	Miles	Bohanek	J. Johnson	Harvey	Dewberry	Drakeford	Vincent	Aitken
Tennessee State	Growel	Leach	Varga	Miles	Bohanek	J. Johnson	Dandy	Dewberry	Drakeford	Vincent	Aitken
SE Missouri	Growel	Leach	Varga	Miles	Bohanek	J. Johnson	Dandy	Dewberry	Drakeford	Vincent	Aitken
Austin Peay	Growel	Leach	Varga	Miles	Bohanek	J. Johnson	Dandy	Dewberry	Drakeford	Vincent	Aitken
Murray State	Growel	Leach	Young	Ubaike	Bohanek	J. Johnson	Dandy	Dewberry	Ruffin	Blakely	Harvey

Eastern Illinois Panther Football
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All games

Team Statistics	EIU	OPP
SCORING	160	312
Points Per Game	14.5	28.4
Points Off Turnovers	54	78
FIRST DOWNS	175	207
Rushing	58	102
Passing	88	87
Penalty	29	18
RUSHING YARDAGE	1016	1981
Yards gained rushing	1346	2239
Yards lost rushing	330	258
Rushing Attempts	335	462
Average Per Rush	3.0	4.3
Average Per Game	92.4	180.1
TDs Rushing	9	21
PASSING YARDAGE	2125	1876
Comp-Att-Int	189-397-17	154-261-4
Average Per Pass	5.4	7.2
Average Per Catch	11.2	12.2
Average Per Game	193.2	170.5
TDs Passing	8	14
TOTAL OFFENSE	3141	3857
Total Plays	732	723
Average Per Play	4.3	5.3
Average Per Game	285.5	350.6
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	12-205	18-296
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	7-58	22-207
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	4-29	17-317
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	17.1	16.4
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	8.3	9.4
INT RETURN AVERAGE	7.2	19.8
FUMBLES-LOST	11-6	23-14
PENALTIES-Yards	65-572	71-703
Average Per Game	52.0	63.9
PUNTS-Yards	62-2449	49-1841
Average Per Punt	39.5	37.6
Net punt average	34.9	36.0
KICKOFFS-Yards	38-1917	60-3348
Average Per Kick	50.4	55.8
Net kick average	37.4	39.9
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	28:28	31:17
3RD-DOWN Conversions	40/163	55/148
3rd-Down Pct	25%	37%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	16/35	14/18
4th-Down Pct	46%	78%
SACKS BY-Yards	16-117	28-196
MISC YARDS	15	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	20	40
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	8-13	10-20
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-1	1-1
RED-ZONE SCORES	(20-31) 65%	(28-36) 78%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(15-31) 48%	(24-36) 67%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(14-15) 93%	(38-38) 100%
ATTENDANCE	17763	92904
Games/Avg Per Game	4/4441	7/13272
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Eastern Illinois	29	61	24	46	0	160
Opponents	59	79	92	82	0	312

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All games

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
BEY-BUIE, Harrison	11	132	518	39	479	3.6	4	50	43.5
BENEFIELD, Jaelin	4	35	180	9	171	4.9	0	35	42.8
PIERRE,Markenzy	11	39	135	10	125	3.2	0	16	11.4
YOUNG, Kendi	8	23	101	22	79	3.4	0	26	9.9
FOULKES, Arron	10	6	75	0	75	12.5	1	28	7.5
KUHNS, Otto	9	55	193	135	58	1.1	2	39	6.4
KATRENICK,Chris	6	23	91	52	39	1.7	0	14	6.5
SMITH,DeAirious	9	1	11	0	11	11.0	0	11	1.2
HAMILTON, Tyler	9	1	4	0	4	4.0	1	4	0.4
COOKS, DeWayne	8	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.1
HILL, Isaiah	5	5	9	8	1	0.2	1	5	0.2
SOLOMON, Ben	10	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.2
TEAM	7	2	0	9	-9	-4.5	0	0	-1.3
WEIR, Zach	4	11	28	44	-16	-1.5	0	10	-4.0
Total	11	335	1346	330	1016	3.0	9	50	92.4
Opponents	11	462	2239	258	1981	4.3	21	63	180.1

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
KUHNS, Otto	9	94.03	93-200-10	46.5	1134	6	61	126.0
KATRENICK,Chris	6	86.25	64-130-3	49.2	605	1	54	100.8
WEIR, Zach	4	90.49	32-66-4	48.5	386	1	42	96.5
WILLMAN, Cooper	11	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	11	90.65	189-397-17	47.6	2125	8	61	193.2
Opponents	11	134.02	154-261-4	59.0	1876	14	62	170.5

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
HILL, Isaiah	5	39	493	12.6	2	44	98.6
FOULKES, Arron	10	26	311	12.0	1	54	31.1
LOFTON, Robbie	8	18	172	9.6	2	30	21.5
RINGWOOD, Tyler	7	15	199	13.3	0	61	28.4
SMITH,DeAirious	9	14	209	14.9	3	56	23.2
COOKS, DeWayne	8	13	141	10.8	0	34	17.6
HAMILTON, Tyler	9	12	124	10.3	0	23	13.8
WILLMAN, Cooper	11	11	108	9.8	0	20	9.8
RICHARDS,Xander	5	10	127	12.7	0	33	25.4
BENEFIELD, Jaelin	4	8	29	3.6	0	10	7.2
MANAVES,Anthony	11	6	68	11.3	0	31	6.2
PINKSTON, Kirk	6	5	48	9.6	0	18	8.0
PIERRE,Markenzy	11	5	43	8.6	0	23	3.9
JUDD, Matt	4	4	39	9.8	0	22	9.8
BEY-BUIE, Harrison	11	2	11	5.5	0	6	1.0
YOUNG, Kendi	8	1	3	3.0	0	3	0.4
Total	11	189	2125	11.2	8	61	193.2
Opponents	11	154	1876	12.2	14	62	170.5

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
WILLMAN, Cooper	6	32	5.3	0	18
SHELTON, Charles	1	19	19.0	0	0
SMITH,DeAirious	0	7	0.0	1	7
Total	7	58	8.3	1	18
Opponents	22	207	9.4	1	34

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
DANDY, Russell	2	0	0.0	0	0
HARVEY, Tyris	1	29	29.0	1	29
DRAKEFORD, Kaelin	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	4	29	7.2	1	29
Opponents	17	317	18.6	2	95

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
JUDD, Matt	4	72	18.0	0	24
CLARK, Tyler	3	42	14.0	0	18
WILLMAN, Cooper	2	48	24.0	0	27
VAN HYFTE,Drake	1	0	0.0	0	0
MANAVES,Anthony	1	21	21.0	0	21
FOULKES, Arron	1	22	22.0	0	22
Total	12	205	17.1	0	27
Opponents	18	296	16.4	1	86

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
DEWBERRY, Bryce	2	96	48.0	1	90
VINCENT, Jordan	1	51	51.0	0	51
RUFFIN, Blake	1	2	2.0	0	2
Total	4	149	37.2	1	90
Opponents	1	75	75.0	1	75

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
GALLOWAY, Stone	-	8-13	14-15	-	-	0-1	-	-	38
SMITH, DeAirious	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
BEY-BUIE, Harrison	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
HILL, Isaiah	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
FOULKES, Arron	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
KUHNS, Otto	2	-	-	-	-	1-2	-	-	12
LOFTON, Robbie	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
HARVEY, Tyris	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
HAMILTON, Tyler	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
DEWBERRY, Bryce	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
COOKS, DeWayne	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
WEIR, Zach	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	0
KATRENICK, Chris	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	0
Total	20	8-13	14-15	-	1	1-5	-	-	160
Opponents	40	10-20	38-38	1-1	-	0-1	-	1	312

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
KUHNS, Otto	9	255	58	1134	1192	132.4
KATRENICK, Chris	6	153	39	605	644	107.3
BEY-BUIE, Harrison	11	132	479	0	479	43.5
WEIR, Zach	4	77	-16	386	370	92.5
BENEFIELD, Jaelin	4	35	171	0	171	42.8
PIERRE, Markenzy	11	39	125	0	125	11.4
YOUNG, Kendi	8	23	79	0	79	9.9
FOULKES, Arron	10	6	75	0	75	7.5
SMITH, DeAirious	9	1	11	0	11	1.2
HAMILTON, Tyler	9	1	4	0	4	0.4
COOKS, DeWayne	8	1	1	0	1	0.1
HILL, Isaiah	5	5	1	0	1	0.2
SOLOMON, Ben	10	1	-2	0	-2	-0.2
TEAM	7	2	-9	0	-9	-1.3
Total	11	732	1016	2125	3141	285.5
Opponents	11	723	1981	1876	3857	350.6

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
GALLOWAY, Stone	8-13	61.5	0-0	2-2	3-5	3-6	0-0	44	0

FG Sequence	Eastern Illinois	Opponents
Indiana St.	46	(48), 40
South Carolina	-	(36)
Dayton	(37)	40, (31)
Illinois State	(44)	(33), 32
Tennessee Tech	42, 38	31
Murray St.	37	(46), (41), (46)
UT Martin	(33)	45, 39
Tennessee State	-	52, 54, 43
Southeast Missouri	(41), 40	51, (36)
Austin Peay	(26), (43)	-
Murray St.	(28), (30)	(43), (58)

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
NEIDHARDT, Logen	59	2449	41.5	72	4	20	19	15	1
TEAM	3	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	62	2449	39.5	72	4	20	19	15	2
Opponents	49	1841	37.6	76	1	16	17	7	1

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
LUOMA, Daniel	24	1421	59.2	8	2			
ORTH, William	14	496	35.4	0	2			
Total	38	1917	50.4	8	4	16.4	37.4	27
Opponents	60	3348	55.8	30	1	17.1	39.9	25

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

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 All games

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
HILL, Isaiah	5	1	493	0	0	0	494	98.8
BEY-BUIE, Harri	11	479	11	0	0	0	490	44.5
FOULKES, Arro	10	75	311	0	22	0	408	40.8
SMITH,DeAiriou	9	11	209	7	0	0	227	25.2
BENEFIELD, Ja	4	171	29	0	0	0	200	50.0
RINGWOOD, Ty	7	0	199	0	0	0	199	28.4
WILLMAN, Coop	11	0	108	32	48	0	188	17.1
LOFTON, Robbi	8	0	172	0	0	0	172	21.5
PIERRE,Marken	11	125	43	0	0	0	168	15.3
COOKS, DeWay	8	1	141	0	0	0	142	17.8
HAMILTON, Tyl	9	4	124	0	0	0	128	14.2
RICHARDS,Xan	5	0	127	0	0	0	127	25.4
JUDD, Matt	4	0	39	0	72	0	111	27.8
MANAVES,Anth	11	0	68	0	21	0	89	8.1
YOUNG, Kendi	8	79	3	0	0	0	82	10.2
KUHNS, Otto	9	58	0	0	0	0	58	6.4
PINKSTON, Kirk	6	0	48	0	0	0	48	8.0
CLARK, Tyler	7	0	0	0	42	0	42	6.0
KATRENICK,Ch	6	39	0	0	0	0	39	6.5
HARVEY, Tyris	11	0	0	0	0	29	29	2.6
SHELTON, Char	11	0	0	19	0	0	19	1.7
SOLOMON, Ben	10	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-0.2
TEAM	7	-9	0	0	0	0	-9	-1.3
WEIR, Zach	4	-16	0	0	0	0	-16	-4.0
Total	11	1016	2125	58	205	29	3433	312.1
Opponents	11	1981	1876	207	296	317	4677	425.2

Eastern Illinois Panther Football
Eastern Illinois Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Nov 20, 2021)
All games

#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
8D	JOHNSON, Jason	11	63	49	112	8.0-15	0.5-4	.	2	2	4-0	1	.	.
45	BOHANEK, Colin	11	44	45	89	11.0-43	3.5-29	.	1	.	.	2	.	.
1D	VINCENT, Jordan	10	46	14	60	5.0-16	.	.	3	2	1-51	2	.	.
97	VARGA, Tim	11	28	18	46	6.0-28	4.0-25	.	.	9	.	.	.	.
22	DRAKEFORD, Kaelin	11	26	15	41	2.5-14	1.0-11	1-0	3	.	.	1	.	.
91	MILES, Jordan	11	19	19	38	11.0-37	4.0-26	.	.	11	1-0	2	1	.
0D	DEWBERRY, Bryce	10	20	15	35	4.5-19	.	.	.	.	2-96	.	.	.
93	LEACH, Cameron	11	13	19	32	1.5-1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
3D	DANDY, Russell	10	26	5	31	2.5-7	.	2-0	1	.	1-0	1	.	.
38	RUFFIN, Blake	11	20	11	31	2.0-9	.	.	5	.	2-2	.	.	.
7D	HARVEY, Tyris	11	16	11	27	1.0-2	.	1-29	6	.	.	.	.	.
12	GROWEL, Justin	11	16	10	26	6.0-16	1.0-9	.	.	4	.	1	.	.
2D	AITKEN, Mark	11	13	8	21	2.5-8	1.0-6	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
90	YOUNG, Michael	11	12	5	17	1.0-2	.	.	1	4	1-0	.	.	.
94	JEFFERSON, Alton	11	9	5	14	1.5-8	1.0-7	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
37	BLAKELY, Devin	10	8	6	14	.	.	.	1	1	1-0	1	.	.
99	HACHA, Jaron	8	8	6	14	1.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	UBAIKE, James	6	5	8	13	1.0-2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
9D	BENOIT, Elijah	3	3	6	9	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
40	PORTER, Phoenix	2	3	4	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	SHELTON, Charles	11	4	1	5	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
43	TOLBERT, Elijawah	7	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	JAROSZ, Michael	10	5	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	CONAGHAN, Liam	10	2	2	4	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	ORTH, Payton	10	4	.	4	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5D	COATES, Nick	8	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4D	RODGERS, Kobe	7	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	WOODS, Henry	6	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	HILL, Nile	10	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	CORRIGAN, Connor	8	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	GUIDO, Brandon	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	PIERRE, Markenzy	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	KATRENICK, Chris	6	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	GENTRY	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89	LUOMA, Daniel	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
88	SMITH, DeAirious	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	REAVES, Kinstin	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	KUHNS, Otto	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	FOULKES, Arron	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
66	VALENTE, Jack	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	SHUMPERT, Will	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
Total		11	433	288	721	71-233	16-117	4-29	30	36	14-149	11	2	.
Opponents		11	392	213	605	78-303	28-196	17-317	52	48	6-75	6	2	1

Eastern Illinois Panther Football
Eastern Illinois Team Game-by-Game (as of Nov 20, 2021)
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	
Aug 28	at Indiana St.	40	125	3	20	14	253	0	61	14-29-2	253	0	61	2	33	0	20	2	9	0	5	378
Sep 04	at South Carolina	22	31	0	11	13	78	0	12	13-21-2	78	0	12	1	21	0	21	0	0	0	0	109
Sep 11	at Dayton	23	130	0	39	17	171	1	23	17-39-1	171	1	23	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	301
Sep 18	ILLINOIS STATE	36	109	1	17	16	168	1	24	16-35-1	168	1	24	1	27	0	27	1	26	1	7	277
Sep 25	at Tennessee Tech	29	121	1	24	15	183	2	56	15-26-1	183	2	56	1	22	0	22	1	0	0	0	304
Oct 02	at Murray St.	28	75	0	26	16	212	1	54	16-45-0	212	1	54	1	24	0	24	0	0	0	0	287
Oct 16	UT MARTIN	31	120	1	50	14	151	1	24	14-30-1	151	1	24	2	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	271
Oct 23	TENNESSEE STATE	31	72	0	35	15	115	0	31	15-35-3	115	0	31	1	21	0	21	2	21	0	18	187
10-30-21	at Southeast Missouri	38	87	1	17	17	275	1	44	17-38-0	275	1	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	362
Nov 06	at Austin Peay	31	72	1	32	28	303	1	42	28-56-6	303	1	42	2	33	0	18	0	0	0	0	375
Nov 20	MURRAY ST.	26	74	1	17	24	216	0	33	24-43-0	216	0	33	1	9	0	9	0	0	0	0	290
		335	1016	9	50	189	2125	8	61	189-397-17	2125	8	61	12	205	0	27	7	58	1	18	3141
Opponents		462	1981	21	63	154	1876	14	62	154-261-4	1876	14	62	18	296	1	86	22	207	1	34	3857

Games: 11 • Avg/rush: 3.0 • Avg/catch: 11.2 • Pass effic: 90.65 • KR avg: 17.1 • PR avg: 8.3 • All purpose avg/game: 312.1 • Total offense avg/gm: 285.5

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks		Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT Attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds		int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
Aug 28	at Indiana St.	31	26	57	3.0-4	0.0-0	0	0-0		0-0	5	3	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	21
Sep 04	at South Carolina	46	22	68	6.0-20	1.0-11	1	1-0		0-0	2	1	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 11	at Dayton	40	34	74	6.0-12	0.0-0	0	0-0		0-0	3	6	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	10
Sep 18	ILLINOIS STATE	33	26	59	6.0-10	0.0-0	0	1-0		0-0	2	1	2	3-3	0	0	0	7	24
Sep 25	at Tennessee Tech	47	24	71	11.0-50	5.0-25	2	3-90		1-0	6	1	0	2-3	0	1	0	15	28
Oct 02	at Murray St.	47	16	63	10.0-44	3.0-33	1	1-0		2-0	1	3	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	6
Oct 16	UT MARTIN	44	26	70	6.0-15	1.0-6	1	2-6		0-0	4	4	0	2-2	0	0	0	7	17
Oct 23	TENNESSEE STATE	39	30	69	7.0-21	1.0-6	0	0-0		0-0	6	4	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
10-30-2	at Southeast Missouri	27	50	77	3.0-18	2.0-17	2	1-51		0-0	2	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	6	15
Nov 06	at Austin Peay	43	10	53	6.0-17	1.0-6	3	3-0		1-29	1	3	0	2-2	0	0	0	16	26
Nov 20	MURRAY ST.	36	24	60	7.0-22	2.0-13	1	2-2		0-0	4	4	0	1-1	0	0	0	3	13
		433	288	721	71.0-233	16.0-117	11	14-149		4-29	36	30	2	14-15	0	1	0	54	160
Opponents		392	213	605	78.0-303	28.0-196	6	6-75		17-317	48	52	2	38-38	1	0	1	78	312

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20		md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Aug 28	at Indiana St.	4	173	43.2	45	0	0	2	0	1		0-1	0	0	4	242	60.5	2	0
Sep 04	at South Carolina	8	250	31.2	56	1	0	4	2	4		0-0	0	0	1	44	44.0	0	0
Sep 11	at Dayton	6	312	52.0	72	0	3	0	3	1		1-1	37	0	3	135	45.0	1	1
Sep 18	ILLINOIS STATE	2	104	52.0	52	0	0	2	2	1		1-1	44	0	5	281	56.2	3	1
Sep 25	at Tennessee Tech	6	225	37.5	51	0	0	1	1	3		0-2	0	0	5	248	49.6	0	0
Oct 02	at Murray St.	5	192	38.4	52	0	0	3	1	2		0-1	0	0	2	128	64.0	1	0
Oct 16	UT MARTIN	7	252	36.0	60	1	0	2	2	2		1-1	33	0	4	221	55.2	1	1
Oct 23	TENNESSEE STATE	9	342	38.0	43	0	0	4	0	2		0-0	0	0	1	56	56.0	0	1
10-30-2	at Southeast Missouri	5	165	33.0	48	0	0	0	0	0		1-2	41	0	3	171	57.0	0	0
Nov 06	at Austin Peay	4	164	41.0	52	0	0	0	1	2		2-2	43	0	6	224	37.3	0	0
Nov 20	MURRAY ST.	6	270	45.0	68	0	1	2	3	1		2-2	30	0	4	167	41.8	0	0
		62	2449	39.5	72	2	4	20	15	19		8-13	44	0	38	1917	50.4	8	4
Opponents		49	1841	37.6	76	1	1	16	7	17		10-20	58	1	60	3348	55.8	30	1

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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	
Aug 28	at Indiana St.	33	158	2	44	13	87	0	25	13-23-0	87	0	25	2	50	0	27	1	14	0	14	245
Sep 04	at South Carolina	47	254	1	63	18	174	4	19	18-27-0	174	4	19	1	3	0	3	2	9	0	6	428
Sep 11	at Dayton	43	132	1	15	18	134	1	19	18-32-0	134	1	19	1	12	0	12	2	45	0	29	266
Sep 18	ILLINOIS STATE	45	239	3	33	7	54	0	15	7-10-0	54	0	15	1	18	0	18	0	0	0	0	293
Sep 25	at Tennessee Tech	36	64	1	24	26	315	1	62	26-38-1	315	1	62	4	35	0	13	3	2	0	15	379
Oct 02	at Murray St.	45	177	2	24	13	170	0	44	13-25-2	170	0	44	1	18	0	16	2	13	0	8	347
Oct 16	UT MARTIN	49	227	2	29	12	166	1	44	12-21-0	166	1	44	0	0	0	0	2	47	1	34	393
Oct 23	TENNESSEE STATE	39	147	3	30	14	161	1	26	14-24-0	161	1	26	0	0	0	0	5	55	0	24	308
10-30-21	at Southeast Missouri	44	167	2	24	9	197	2	40	9-16-0	197	2	40	3	127	1	86	2	1	0	4	364
Nov 06	at Austin Peay	37	132	2	34	17	359	4	59	17-31-1	359	4	59	2	3	0	2	1	7	0	7	491
Nov 20	MURRAY ST.	44	284	2	49	7	59	0	20	7-14-0	59	0	20	3	30	0	12	2	14	0	11	343
Eastern Illinois		462	1981	21	63	154	1876	14	62	154-261-4	1876	14	62	18	296	1	86	22	207	1	34	3857
		335	1016	9	50	189	2125	8	61	189-397-17	2125	8	61	12	205	0	27	7	58	1	18	3141

Games: 11 • Avg/rush: 4.3 • Avg/catch: 12.2 • Pass effic: 134.02 • KR avg: 16.4 • PR avg: 9.4 • All purpose avg/game: 425.2 • Total offense avg/gm: 350.6

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks		Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT Attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds		int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
Aug 28	at Indiana St.	39	30	69	9.0-46	5.0-35	1	1-75		2-0	7	4	0	3-3	0	0	1	7	26
Sep 04	at South Carolina	28	12	40	5.0-25	2.0-14	0	0-0		2-66	3	1	1	5-5	1	0	0	15	46
Sep 11	at Dayton	28	18	46	4.0-10	1.0-4	1	1-0		1-0	0	4	0	2-2	0	0	0	7	17
Sep 18	ILLINOIS STATE	43	15	58	6.0-21	2.0-14	0	0-0		1-95	8	3	0	4-4	0	0	0	7	31
Sep 25	at Tennessee Tech	30	22	52	7.0-15	0.0-0	0	0-0		1-0	1	1	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	14
Oct 02	at Murray St.	34	18	52	8.0-24	3.0-18	1	1-0		0-0	6	11	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	22
Oct 16	UT MARTIN	36	18	54	5.0-19	2.0-15	0	0-0		1-0	5	4	1	4-4	0	0	0	7	28
Oct 23	TENNESSEE STATE	34	16	50	10.0-43	4.0-23	1	1-0		3-47	4	7	0	4-4	0	0	0	14	28
10-30-2	at Southeast Missouri	30	44	74	10.0-42	3.0-29	0	0-0		0-0	1	7	0	5-5	0	0	0	0	38
Nov 06	at Austin Peay	50	8	58	9.0-47	5.0-39	0	0-0		6-109	9	5	0	6-6	0	0	0	21	42
Nov 20	MURRAY ST.	40	12	52	5.0-11	1.0-5	2	2-0		0-0	4	5	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	20
Eastern Illinois		392	213	605	78.0-303	28.0-196	6	6-75		17-317	48	52	2	38-38	1	0	1	78	312
		433	288	721	71.0-233	16.0-117	11	14-149		4-29	36	30	2	14-15	0	1	0	54	160

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20		md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Aug 28	at Indiana St.	7	265	37.9	49	0	0	2	0	1		1-2	48	0	5	262	52.4	1	0
Sep 04	at South Carolina	2	84	42.0	50	0	0	2	1	0		1-1	36	0	8	453	56.6	5	0
Sep 11	at Dayton	7	251	35.9	53	0	1	0	1	2		1-2	31	0	4	260	65.0	4	0
Sep 18	ILLINOIS STATE	2	79	39.5	40	1	0	0	0	2		1-2	33	1	6	400	66.7	5	0
Sep 25	at Tennessee Tech	6	188	31.3	39	0	0	5	0	1		0-1	0	0	3	139	46.3	0	0
Oct 02	at Murray St.	4	154	38.5	52	0	0	1	1	2		3-3	46	0	6	369	61.5	3	1
Oct 16	UT MARTIN	4	129	32.2	43	0	0	3	0	1		0-2	0	0	4	182	45.5	1	0
Oct 23	TENNESSEE STATE	5	224	44.8	61	0	0	1	1	1		0-3	0	0	5	299	59.8	3	0
10-30-2	at Southeast Missouri	3	164	54.7	76	0	0	1	2	2		1-2	36	0	7	330	47.1	2	0
Nov 06	at Austin Peay	4	153	38.2	54	0	0	1	1	2		0-0	0	0	7	353	50.4	2	0
Nov 20	MURRAY ST.	5	150	30.0	46	0	0	0	0	3		2-2	58	0	5	301	60.2	4	0
Eastern Illinois		49	1841	37.6	76	1	1	16	7	17		10-20	58	1	60	3348	55.8	30	1
		62	2449	39.5	72	2	4	20	15	19		8-13	44	0	38	1917	50.4	8	4

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INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	19	BEY-BUIE, Harrison at Tennessee Tech (Sep 25, 2021)
Yards Rushing	99	BEY-BUIE, Harrison vs UT Martin (Oct 16, 2021)
TD Rushes	1	KUHNS, Otto at Indiana St. (Aug 28, 2021)
	1	HAMILTON, Tyler at Indiana St. (Aug 28, 2021)
	1	BEY-BUIE, Harrison at Indiana St. (Aug 28, 2021)
	1	BEY-BUIE, Harrison vs Illinois State (Sep 18, 2021)
	1	FOULKES, Arron at Tennessee Tech (Sep 25, 2021)
	1	KUHNS, Otto vs UT Martin (Oct 16, 2021)
	1	HILL, Isaiah at Southeast Missouri (10-30-21)
	1	BEY-BUIE, Harrison at Austin Peay (Nov 06, 2021)
	1	BEY-BUIE, Harrison vs Murray St. (Nov 20, 2021)
Long Rush	50	BEY-BUIE, Harrison vs UT Martin (Oct 16, 2021)
Pass attempts	49	WEIR, Zach at Austin Peay (Nov 06, 2021)
Pass completions	26	WEIR, Zach at Austin Peay (Nov 06, 2021)
Yards Passing	296	WEIR, Zach at Austin Peay (Nov 06, 2021)
TD Passes	2	KUHNS, Otto at Tennessee Tech (Sep 25, 2021)
Long Pass	61	KUHNS, Otto at Indiana St. (Aug 28, 2021)
Receptions	13	HILL, Isaiah vs Murray St. (Nov 20, 2021)
Yards Receiving	207	HILL, Isaiah at Southeast Missouri (10-30-21)
TD Receptions	2	SMITH,DeAirious at Tennessee Tech (Sep 25, 2021)
Long Reception	61	RINGWOOD, Tyler at Indiana St. (Aug 28, 2021)
Field Goals	2	GALLOWAY, Stone at Austin Peay (Nov 06, 2021)
	2	GALLOWAY, Stone vs Murray St. (Nov 20, 2021)
Long Field Goal	44	GALLOWAY, Stone vs Illinois State (Sep 18, 2021)
Punts	9	NEIDHARDT,Logen vs Tennessee State (Oct 23, 2021)
Punting Avg	52.0	NEIDHARDT,Logen at Dayton (Sep 11, 2021)
	52.0	NEIDHARDT,Logen vs Illinois State (Sep 18, 2021)
Long Punt	72	NEIDHARDT,Logen at Dayton (Sep 11, 2021)
Punts inside 20	4	NEIDHARDT,Logen at South Carolina (Sep 04, 2021)
Long Punt Return	18	WILLMAN, Cooper vs Tennessee State (Oct 23, 2021)
Long Kickoff Return	27	WILLMAN, Cooper vs Illinois State (Sep 18, 2021)
Tackles	16	JOHNSON, Jason at Tennessee Tech (Sep 25, 2021)
Sacks	3.0	MILES, Jordan at Tennessee Tech (Sep 25, 2021)
Tackles For Loss	3.0	MILES, Jordan at Tennessee Tech (Sep 25, 2021)
	3.0	VARGA, Tim at Tennessee Tech (Sep 25, 2021)
Interceptions	2	DANDY, Russell at Murray St. (Oct 02, 2021)

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TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	40	at Indiana St. (Aug 28, 2021)
Yards Rushing	130	at Dayton (Sep 11, 2021)
Yards Per Rush	5.7	at Dayton (Sep 11, 2021)
TD Rushes	3	at Indiana St. (Aug 28, 2021)
Pass attempts	56	at Austin Peay (Nov 06, 2021)
Pass completions	28	at Austin Peay (Nov 06, 2021)
Yards Passing	303	at Austin Peay (Nov 06, 2021)
Yards Per Pass	8.7	at Indiana St. (Aug 28, 2021)
TD Passes	2	at Tennessee Tech (Sep 25, 2021)
Total Plays	87	at Austin Peay (Nov 06, 2021)
Total Offense	378	at Indiana St. (Aug 28, 2021)
Yards Per Play	5.5	at Tennessee Tech (Sep 25, 2021)
Points	28	at Tennessee Tech (Sep 25, 2021)
Sacks By	5	at Tennessee Tech (Sep 25, 2021)
First Downs	21	at Indiana St. (Aug 28, 2021)
	21	at Austin Peay (Nov 06, 2021)
Penalties	9	at Indiana St. (Aug 28, 2021)
	9	at Austin Peay (Nov 06, 2021)
Penalty Yards	79	at Indiana St. (Aug 28, 2021)
Turnovers	6	at Austin Peay (Nov 06, 2021)
Interceptions By	2	at Murray St. (Oct 02, 2021)
Punts	9	vs Tennessee State (Oct 23, 2021)
Punting Avg	52.0	at Dayton (Sep 11, 2021)
	52.0	vs Illinois State (Sep 18, 2021)
Long Punt	72	at Dayton (Sep 11, 2021)
Punts inside 20	4	at South Carolina (Sep 04, 2021)
Long Punt Return	18	vs Tennessee State (Oct 23, 2021)

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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	28	HESS, Geno, at Southeast Missouri (10-30-21)
Yards Rushing	144	Mueller, Cole, vs Illinois State (Sep 18, 2021)
TD Rushes	2	WALLACE, Zak, vs UT Martin (Oct 16, 2021)
	2	HICKBOTTOM, Ger, vs Tennessee State (Oct 23, 2021)
	2	Snead,Brian, at Austin Peay (Nov 06, 2021)
Long Rush	63	White,Zaquandre, at South Carolina (Sep 04, 2021)
Pass attempts	38	MARTIN, Drew, at Tennessee Tech (Sep 25, 2021)
Pass completions	26	MARTIN, Drew, at Tennessee Tech (Sep 25, 2021)
Yards Passing	315	MARTIN, Drew, at Tennessee Tech (Sep 25, 2021)
TD Passes	4	Noland,Zeb, at South Carolina (Sep 04, 2021)
Long Pass	62	MARTIN, Drew, at Tennessee Tech (Sep 25, 2021)
Receptions	9	Chisholm,Jake, at Dayton (Sep 11, 2021)
Yards Receiving	140	CROSS, Quinton, at Tennessee Tech (Sep 25, 2021)
TD Receptions	2	McCray,Drae, at Austin Peay (Nov 06, 2021)
Long Reception	62	CROSS, Quinton, at Tennessee Tech (Sep 25, 2021)
Field Goals	3	Baum,Aaron, at Murray St. (Oct 02, 2021)
Long Field Goal	58	Baum,Aaron, vs Murray St. (Nov 20, 2021)
Punts	7	Reiner,Travis, at Indiana St. (Aug 28, 2021)
Punting Avg	54.7	HAYNES, Zach, at Southeast Missouri (10-30-21)
Long Punt	76	HAYNES, Zach, at Southeast Missouri (10-30-21)
Punts inside 20	3	Halton,Lewis, vs Murray St. (Nov 20, 2021)
Long Punt Return	34	STEPHENS, D'Car, vs UT Martin (Oct 16, 2021)
Long Kickoff Return	86	DAVIS, Shabari, at Southeast Missouri (10-30-21)
Tackles	12	FORD, John, vs UT Martin (Oct 16, 2021)
Sacks	2.5	Allen,Terrell, at Austin Peay (Nov 06, 2021)
Tackles For Loss	4.0	Deming, Braydon, vs Illinois State (Sep 18, 2021)
Interceptions	3	Edwards,Johnath, at Austin Peay (Nov 06, 2021)

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OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	49	vs UT Martin (Oct 16, 2021)
Yards Rushing	284	vs Murray St. (Nov 20, 2021)
Yards Per Rush	6.5	vs Murray St. (Nov 20, 2021)
TD Rushes	3	vs Illinois State (Sep 18, 2021)
	3	vs Tennessee State (Oct 23, 2021)
Pass attempts	38	at Tennessee Tech (Sep 25, 2021)
Pass completions	26	at Tennessee Tech (Sep 25, 2021)
Yards Passing	359	at Austin Peay (Nov 06, 2021)
Yards Per Pass	12.3	at Southeast Missouri (10-30-21)
TD Passes	4	at South Carolina (Sep 04, 2021)
	4	at Austin Peay (Nov 06, 2021)
Total Plays	75	at Dayton (Sep 11, 2021)
Total Offense	491	at Austin Peay (Nov 06, 2021)
Yards Per Play	7.2	at Austin Peay (Nov 06, 2021)
Points	46	at South Carolina (Sep 04, 2021)
Sacks By	5	at Indiana St. (Aug 28, 2021)
	5	at Austin Peay (Nov 06, 2021)
First Downs	23	at Murray St. (Oct 02, 2021)
Penalties	9	at Indiana St. (Aug 28, 2021)
	9	at Austin Peay (Nov 06, 2021)
Penalty Yards	93	vs Murray St. (Nov 20, 2021)
Turnovers	4	at Tennessee Tech (Sep 25, 2021)
	4	at Austin Peay (Nov 06, 2021)
Interceptions By	6	at Austin Peay (Nov 06, 2021)
Punts	7	at Indiana St. (Aug 28, 2021)
	7	at Dayton (Sep 11, 2021)
Punting Avg	54.7	at Southeast Missouri (10-30-21)
Long Punt	76	at Southeast Missouri (10-30-21)
Punts inside 20	3	vs Murray St. (Nov 20, 2021)
Long Punt Return	34	vs UT Martin (Oct 16, 2021)

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3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
Aug 28, 2021	at Indiana St.	L 21-26	4-13	30.8	1-4	25.0	1-2	50.0	0-2	0.0	2-5	40.0		
Sep 04, 2021	at South Carolina	L 0-46	0-9	0.0	0-2	0.0	0-2	0.0	0-2	0.0	0-3	0.0		
Sep 11, 2021	at Dayton	L 10-17	5-15	33.3	0-3	0.0	3-7	42.9	0-1	0.0	2-4	50.0		
Sep 18, 2021	ILLINOIS STATE	L 24-31	5-14	35.7	0-1	0.0	2-5	40.0	1-3	33.3	2-5	40.0		
Sep 25, 2021	at Tennessee Tech	W 28-14	2-11	18.2	1-4	25.0	1-3	33.3	0-2	0.0	0-2	0.0		
Oct 02, 2021	at Murray St.	L 6-22	3-16	18.8	1-4	25.0	0-3	0.0	1-4	25.0	1-5	20.0		
Oct 16, 2021	UT MARTIN	L 17-28	3-15	20.0	1-6	16.7	1-4	25.0	0-2	0.0	1-3	33.3		
Oct 23, 2021	TENNESSEE STATE	L 0-28	2-17	11.8	1-4	25.0	0-3	0.0	0-4	0.0	1-6	16.7		
10-30-21	at Southeast Missouri	L 15-38	7-20	35.0	2-5	40.0	1-3	33.3	1-5	20.0	3-7	42.9		
Nov 06, 2021	at Austin Peay	L 26-42	5-17	29.4	0-3	0.0	2-6	33.3	1-3	33.3	2-5	40.0		
Nov 20, 2021	MURRAY ST.	L 13-20	4-16	25.0	2-4	50.0	1-6	16.7	0-2	0.0	1-4	25.0		
Eastern Illinois			40-163	24.5	9-40	22.5	12-44	27.3	4-30	13.3	15-49	30.6	0-0	0.0
Opponents			55-148	37.2	14-37	37.8	14-40	35.0	19-37	51.4	8-34	23.5	0-0	0.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
Aug 28, 2021	at Indiana St.	L 21-26	2-2	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	2-2	100.0		
Sep 04, 2021	at South Carolina	L 0-46	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0		
Sep 11, 2021	at Dayton	L 10-17	0-2	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0		
Sep 18, 2021	ILLINOIS STATE	L 24-31	1-5	20.0	0-0	0.0	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	0-3	0.0		
Sep 25, 2021	at Tennessee Tech	W 28-14	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0		
Oct 02, 2021	at Murray St.	L 6-22	3-7	42.9	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	0-2	0.0	2-3	66.7		
Oct 16, 2021	UT MARTIN	L 17-28	2-3	66.7	0-0	0.0	2-2	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0		
Oct 23, 2021	TENNESSEE STATE	L 0-28	3-3	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	3-3	100.0		
10-30-21	at Southeast Missouri	L 15-38	3-6	50.0	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	2-4	50.0		
Nov 06, 2021	at Austin Peay	L 26-42	0-4	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-3	0.0		
Nov 20, 2021	MURRAY ST.	L 13-20	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-1	0.0		
Eastern Illinois			16-35	45.7	2-4	50.0	3-6	50.0	1-3	33.3	10-22	45.5	0-0	0.0
Opponents			14-18	77.8	4-4	100.0	5-6	83.3	2-3	66.7	3-5	60.0	0-0	0.0

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
Aug 28, 2021	at Indiana St.	L 21-26	35:32		7:15		9:06		6:42		12:29			
Sep 04, 2021	at South Carolina	L 0-46	25:20		4:36		6:29		7:46		6:29			
Sep 11, 2021	at Dayton	L 10-17	19:06		5:18		5:52		1:56		6:00			
Sep 18, 2021	ILLINOIS STATE	L 24-31	32:09		1:55		7:44		12:24		10:06			
Sep 25, 2021	at Tennessee Tech	W 28-14	23:39		6:45		6:20		6:48		3:46			
Oct 02, 2021	at Murray St.	L 6-22	26:06		7:58		4:16		7:51		6:01			
Oct 16, 2021	UT MARTIN	L 17-28	26:16		8:02		8:08		2:47		7:19			
Oct 23, 2021	TENNESSEE STATE	L 0-28	27:56		9:29		7:11		5:43		5:33			
10-30-21	at Southeast Missouri	L 15-38	30:19		8:56		5:01		8:51		7:31			
Nov 06, 2021	at Austin Peay	L 26-42	36:37		8:59		11:07		8:38		7:53			
Nov 20, 2021	MURRAY ST.	L 13-20	30:03		8:56		7:28		5:50		7:49			
Eastern Illinois			Total	313:03	78:09		78:42		75:16		80:56		0:00	
			Avg.	28:27	7:06		7:09		6:50		7:21		0:00	
Opponents			Total	344:09	86:51		83:30		89:44		84:04		0:00	
			Avg.	31:17	7:53		7:35		8:09		7:38		0:00	

				Times	Times	Total		Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
Date	Opponent	Score		In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
Aug 28, 2021	at Indiana St.	L 21-26		2	1	7	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 04, 2021	at South Carolina	L 0-46		5	5	32	4	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 11, 2021	at Dayton	L 10-17		3	3	17	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 18, 2021	ILLINOIS STATE	L 24-31		5	4	24	3	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 25, 2021	at Tennessee Tech	W 28-14		3	1	7	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Oct 02, 2021	at Murray St.	L 6-22		2	2	13	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 16, 2021	UT MARTIN	L 17-28		5	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Oct 23, 2021	TENNESSEE STATE	L 0-28		6	4	28	4	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
10-30-21	at Southeast Missouri	L 15-38		2	2	10	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 06, 2021	at Austin Peay	L 26-42		2	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 20, 2021	MURRAY ST.	L 13-20		1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals				36	28	180	24	17	7	4	4	2	0	2	0	0
28 of 36 (77.8%)																

EASTERN ILLINOIS

2022 Football Quick Facts



EASTERN ILLINOIS

GENERAL

Name of School..... Eastern Illinois University
City/Zip Charleston, IL 61920
Founded 1895
Enrollment 8,608
Nickname Panthers
School Colors Blue and Gray
Home Stadium..... O'Brien Field (10,000)
Affiliation NCAA Division I - FCS
Conference..... Ohio Valley
President Dr. David M. Glassman
Faculty Athletics Representative.... Dr. Jim Davis
Athletics Director Tom Michael
Senior Woman Administrator Dr. Tonya Sawyer
Athletic Department
Phone Number (217) 581-2319
Ticket Office Phone (217) 581-2106

HISTORY

First year of football..... 1899
Overall all-time record 521-556-43
All-Time Playoff Record (FCS)..... 4-16
Years In Post Season..... 16
Last Post Season Appearance..... 2015
..... Lost to 17-53 at Northern Iowa (1st Rd)
OVC Championships/Last..... 7 / 2013

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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach Chris Wilkerson
Alma Mater/Year..... Eastern Illinois, 1995
Record at School/Years..... First Year
OVC Record/Years..... First Year
Career Record/Years..... 51-27 (9)
Football Office Phone..... (217) 581-5031

Assistant Coaches (Alma Mater/Year)

- Kyle Derickson (Butler, 2003) - Assoc. HC, ST and WR
- Joe Davis (Adrian College, 2002) - OC and QBs
- Adam Gristick (Eastern Illinois, 2015) - DC / LB
- Clay Bignell (Montana State, 2011) - PG Cord and SAF
- DJ Bland (Eastern Illinois, 2014) - DB
- John Cannova (North Central College, 2014) - OL
- Colin Geier (Missouri, 2018) - OLB
- Adam Morris (Ball State, 2013) - DL and Recruit
- Turner Pugh (Northern Illinois, 2004) - RB
- Gunnard Twynner (Western Illinois, 1996) - TE

Support Staff

- Derek Stein, Strength Coach
- Caleb Selk, Director of Football Operations
- Scott Goehner, Athletic Trainer
- Clint Bays, Equipment Manager
- Nicole Jackson, Academics

Andrew Brady (GA / Def), Cole Hoover (GA / Off),
Reid Littleford (GA / Ops), Jackson King (QC / Off),
Beau Snuggs (QC / Def), Tim Greene (QC / ST),
Peyton Naylor (QC / Recruiting), Ryan Shepard
(student), Cam Mattox (student), Matt Judd
(student), Rob Sutton (student)

TEAM INFORMATION

Overall record (total/home/away)..... 1-10 (0-4 / 1-6)
Conference record/finish..... 1-5 (7th)
Post Season n/a
Final ranking last year None

Lettermen returning / lost

Offense 17 / 9
Defense 23 / 7
Special Teams 2 / 2

Starters returning / lost

Offense 4 / 7
Defense 10 / 2
Special Teams 1 / 2

Basic Offense Multiple
Basic Defense Multiple

2022 SCHEDULE

S 1 at Northern Illinois..... 7 pm
S 10 CHATTANOOGA..... 6 pm
S 17 at Illinois State 6:30 pm
S 24 * at Murray State..... 4 pm
O 8 NORTHWESTERN STATE 2 pm
O 15 LINDENWOOD (HC) 2 pm
O 22 * at Tennessee State 2 pm
O 29 * TENNESSEE TECH..... 2 pm
N 5 at McNeese State 7 pm
N 12 * SOUTHEAST MISSOURI 2 pm
N 19 * at UT Martin 2 pm

* Ohio Valley Conference game

MEDIA INFORMATION

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2022 EASTERN ILLINOIS FOOTBALL



PLAYER BREAKDOWN (YEAR LISTED FOR RETURNERS IS 2022) ...

RETURNING OFFENSIVE STARTERS:

POS	PLAYER	Ht	Wt	YR	2021 STATS/NOTES
OL	Chad Strickland	6-5	295	Jr	Started 10 games at left tackle
OL	Ivan Gleyzer	6-4	290	Jr	Started 8 games at right guard and center
OL	Elkhanen Tanelus	6-2	335	Jr	Started 9 games at left guard
TE	Nick Stricker	6-2	245	Jr	Started 6 games at tight end (blocking back)

RETURNING DEFENSIVE STARTERS:

POS	PLAYER	Ht	Wt	YR	2021 STATS/NOTES
DL	Cameron Leach	6-1	295	Jr	32 tackles / 1.5 TFL
DL	Tim Varga	6-3	255	Jr	46 tackles / 6 TFL / 4 Sacks / 2nd Team All-OVC
DE	Jordan Miles	6-2	240	So	38 tackles / 11 TFL / 4 Sacks / 2nd Team All-OVC
LB	Colin Bohanek	6-0	240	So	89 tackles / 11 TFL / 3.5 Sacks
DB	Russell Dandy	6-0	170	Sr	31 tackles / 2.5 TFL / 2 INT / All-OVC Newcomer Team
SAF	Bryce Dewberry	5-10	215	Sr	35 tackles / 4.5 TFL / 2 FR
SAF	Jordan Vincent	5-10	195	So	60 tackles / 5.0 TFL / 2 FF / 2nd Team All-OVC
SAF	Kaelin Drakeford	6-4	205	So	41 tackles / 2.5 TFL / 1 INT
DB	Tyris Harvey	5-11	175	So	27 tackles / 1 TFL / 6 PBU
DB	Mark Aitken	5-9	175	R-So	21 tackles / 2.5 TFL / 4 PBU

RETURNING SPECIALISTS:

POS	PLAYER	Ht	Wt	YR	2021 STATS/NOTES
K	Stone Galloway	5-11	210	Jr	8-of-13 on FG / 14-of-15 on XP / Long 44

OTHER KEY RETURNING RESERVES (PLAYERS THAT STARTED AT LEAST ONE GAME IN 2021)

POS	PLAYER	Ht	Wt	YR	2021 STATS/NOTES
WR	Isaiah Hill	5-11	190	R-Sr	39 rec / 493 yds / 2 TD / 2nd team All-OVC / 4 starts
WR	DeWayne Cooks Jr	6-2	160	R-Jr	13 rec / 141 yds / 4 starts
WR	Kirk Pinkston	5-10	170	Jr	5 rec / 48 yds / 1 start
WR	Cooper Willman	6-1	210	So	11 rec / 108 yds / 2 starts
WR	DeAirious Smith	5-11	180	So	14 rec / 209 yds / 3 TD / 2 starts
OL	Michael McNicholas	6-4	315	R-So	started two games at left guard (injured in 3rd game)
OL	Simon France	6-1	270	So	started four games at right guard
OL	Anthony Imperio	6-4	300	Jr	started one game at right tackle
QB	Zach Weir	6-3	200	R-Fr	386 yds passing / 1 TD / 1 start
TE	Anthony Manaves	6-4	235	R-So	6 rec / 68 yds / 4 starts
TE	# Jay Vallie	6-3	255	Grad	18 rec / 190 yds / 3 TD / spring 2021 COVID season
RB	Jaelin Benefield	5-10	170	R-So	171 yds rushing / 1 start
RB	Markenzy Pierre	5-11	230	R-Sr	125 yds rushing / 1 start
DL	Jaron Hacha	5-11	305	So	14 tackles / 1.5 TFL / 1 start
DL	Alton Jefferson	6-0	285	So	14 tackles / 1.5 TFL / 3 starts
DL	Michael Young, Jr	6-0	240	So	17 tackles / 1 TFL / 1 start
DB	Elijah Benoit	6-0	180	R-Sr	9 tackles / 1 PBU / 1 start (injured in 3rd game)
SAF	Blake Ruffin	6-4	215	So	31 tackles / 2 TFL / 5 PBU / 1 start
LB	# Anthony Shockey	6-1	235	R-So	26 tackles / 4 TFL / 1 INT / spring 2021 COVID season

STARTERS LOST

POS	PLAYER	2021 STATS/NOTES
OL	Bryson Broadway	Made 11 starts
OL	Ben Solomon	Made 11 starts
QB	Otto Kuhns	1,134 yds passing / 6 TD
RB	Harrison Bey-Buie	479 yds rushing / 4 TD
WR	Robbie Lofton	18 rec / 172 yds / 2 TD
WR	Tyler Hamilton	12 rec / 124 yds / 0 TD
LB	Jason Johnson	1st Team All-OVC / 112 tackles / 8 TFL
DL	Justin Growel	26 Tackles / 6 TFL / 4 QB hurries
P	Logen Neidhardt	41.5 yards per punt (15 over 50+ yards)

PLAYER NOTES

Jay Vallie missed 2021 season with injury

Anthony Shockey missed 2021 season with injury