

# EASTERN ILLINOIS

## 2023 Football Quick Facts



EASTERN ILLINOIS.

### GENERAL

Name of School..... Eastern Illinois University  
 City/Zip ..... Charleston, IL 61920  
 Founded ..... 1895  
 Enrollment ..... 7,415  
 Nickname ..... Panthers  
 School Colors ..... Blue and Gray  
 Home Stadium..... O'Brien Field (10,000)  
 Affiliation..... NCAA Division I - FCS  
 Conference..... Ohio Valley  
 President ..... Dr. Jay Gatrell  
 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 ..... 523-565-43  
 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

### SPORTS INFORMATION

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### COACHING STAFF

Head Coach ..... Chris Wilkerson  
 Alma Mater/Year..... Eastern Illinois, 1995  
 Record at School/Years..... 2-9 (1)  
 OVC Record/Years..... 1-4 (1)  
 Career Record/Years..... 53-36 (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  
 - Clay Bignell (Montana State, 2011) - DC and SAF  
 - Turner Pugh (Northern Illinois, 2004) - RB & Recruit  
 - Andrew Brady (Wheaton College, 2019) - SAF  
 - John Cannova (North Central College, 2014) - OL  
 - Maurice Fleming (Iowa, 2016) - CB  
 - Colin Geier (Missouri, 2018) - LB  
 - Jordan Walsh (Iowa, 2015) - TE  
 - Fred Wyatt (Northwestern, 2018) - DL

### Support Staff

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

Tim Greene (GA - Offense), Steven Marks (GA - Defense),  
 Ryan DeMarois (QC - Defense), Jared Sutton (QC - Offense),  
 Austin Leake (Director of Player Personnel),  
 Reid Littleford (GA - Operations), Ryan Shepard (student)

### TEAM INFORMATION

Overall record (total)/home/away).... 2-9 (1-4 / 1-5)  
 Conference record/finish ..... 1-4 (6th)  
 Post Season ..... n/a  
 Final ranking last year ..... None  
 Lettermen returning / lost ..... 38 / 13  
 Starters returning / lost  
 Offense ..... 9 / 3  
 Defense ..... 6 / 6  
 Special Teams ..... 4 / 1  
 Basic Offense ..... Multiple  
 Basic Defense ..... Multiple

### 2023 SCHEDULE

A 31 at Indiana State ..... 5 pm  
 S 9 at Bowling Green ..... 1 pm  
**S 16 ILLINOIS STATE ..... 2 pm**  
**S 23 McNEESE ..... 2 pm**  
 S 30 at Northwestern State ..... 6 pm  
**O 7 • UT MARTIN (HC) ..... 2 pm**  
 O 14 • at Southeast Missouri ..... 2 pm  
**O 21 • BRYANT ..... 2 pm**  
 N 4 • at Lindenwood ..... 2 pm  
**N 11 • TENNESSEE STATE ..... 12 pm**  
 N 18 • at Robert Morris (Pa.) ..... TBA

• Ohio Valley Conference-Big South game

### MEDIA INFORMATION

Radio Station..... WEIU 88.9 FM (Charleston)  
 Network Stations ..... WHOW 1520 AM (Clinton)  
 WTIM 870 AM (Effingham)  
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# 2023 EASTERN ILLINOIS FOOTBALL



## PLAYER BREAKDOWN (YEAR LISTED FOR RETURNERS IS 2023) ...

### RETURNING OFFENSIVE STARTERS (6 GAMES STARTED OR MORE):

POS	PLAYER	Ht	Wt	YR	2022 STATS/NOTES
OL	Chad Strickland	6-5	295	Sr	2nd Team All-OVC, started eight games at left tackle
OL	Max Stineman	6-4	325	Jr	Started nine games - seven at left guard, two at center
OL	Jack Valente	6-4	310	Jr	Started all 11 games - made starts at right tackle, right guard, center
QB	Jonah O'Brien	6-4	210	Jr	853 yards passing, 9 touchdowns / 62 yards rushing, 5 TD
WR	Nile Hill	5-11	190	R-Jr	26 receptions, 239 yards, 2 touchdowns
WR	Cooper Willman	6-1	210	Jr	16 receptions, 199 yards
TE	Anthony Manaves	6-4	235	R-Jr	11 receptions, 63 yards

### RETURNING DEFENSIVE STARTERS (6 GAMES STARTED OR MORE):

POS	PLAYER	Ht	Wt	YR	2022 STATS/NOTES
LB	Elijawah Tolbert	6-1	230	Jr	1st Team All-OVC, 70 tackles, 6.5 TFL, 1.5 Sack, 3 INT
SAF	Nick Coates	5-10	180	Jr	2nd Team All-OVC, 67 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 0.5 Sack
SAF	Elijah Ball	6-1	205	Gr	34 tackles, 1 TFL, 1 INT
DB	Tyris Harvey	5-11	175	Jr	34 tackles, 3 TFL, 2 INT
DL	Colby Smith	6-0	290	Jr	23 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 1 INT

### RETURNING SPECIALISTS:

POS	PLAYER	Ht	Wt	YR	2022 STATS/NOTES
K	Stone Galloway	5-11	210	Sr	1st Team All-OVC, 11-of-12 on FG, 27-of-27 on XP
LS	Jack Valente	6-4	310	Jr	2nd Team All-OVC
KR	Mark Aitken	5-9	175	R-Jr	2nd Team All-OVC, 24.0 return average
PR	Cooper Willman	6-1	210	Jr	2nd Team All-OVC, 13.4 return average

### OTHER KEY RETURNING RESERVES (PLAYERS THAT STARTED AT LEAST TWO GAMES IN 2022)

POS	PLAYER	Ht	Wt	YR	2022 STATS/NOTES
WR	Justin Thomas	6-1	190	Gr	17 receptions, 210 yards, 2 touchdowns / 4 games started
WR	Justin Bowick	6-5	185	So	13 receptions, 250 yards, 3 touchdowns / 3 games started
WR	DeAirious Smith	5-11	180	Jr	12 receptions, 127 yards, 2 touchdowns / 2 games started
OL	Anthony Imperio	6-4	300	Sr	5 games started at right tackle
OL	Elkhanan Tanelus	6-2	335	R-Jr	2 games started at center
OL	Johnathan Arellano	6-3	300	R-So	3 games started at left tackle
DL	Tre'Jon Lewis	6-4	275	R-Jr	25 tackles, 7.5 TFL, 1 Sack / 4 games started
DL	Terence Simon Jr	6-1	275	Sr	17 tackles, 2.5 TFL, 1 Sack / 5 games started
DL	Joel Barrows	6-3	250	R-Jr	27 tackles, 5 TFL, 3 Sack / 2 games started
SAF	Kaelin Drakeford	6-4	205	R-So	17 tackles, 2 PBU / 3 games started
SAF	Mark Aitken	5-9	175	R-Jr	17 tackles, 1 TFL, 1 INT / 4 games started
DB	Ira Armstead II	6-4	225	Jr	7 tackles / 4 games started
DB	Russell Dandy	6-0	170	5th	9 tackles, 2 PBU / 4 games started

### STARTERS LOST (6 OR MORE GAMES STARTED)

POS	PLAYER	2022 STATISTICS
OL	Michael McNicholas	Started nine games between right guard and center
OL	Terence Shaw	Started six games between right guard and left guard
SAF	Jordan Vincent	2nd Team All-OVC, 84 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 3 INT
LB	Colin Bohanek	2nd Team All-OVC, 73 tackles, 7 TFL, 2 INT
CB	Elijah Benoit	30 tackles, 1 TFL, 4 PBU
DL	Tim Varga	29 tackles, 4.5 TFL, 1 Sack
DL	Cameron Leach	1st Team All-OVC, 22 tackles, 5.5 TFL, 3 Sacks
P	Trey Wilhoit	1st Team All-OVC, 44.0 punt average

### PLAYER NOTES



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 came 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.

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.

School	Year	Overall	Conference	Other
Univ. of Chicago	2013	6-4	1-2	
Univ. of Chicago	2014	8-0	3-0	UAA Champions
Univ. of Chicago	2015	6-4	5-3	
Univ. of Chicago	2016	4-6	4-4	
Univ. of Chicago	2017	6-4	3-2	
Univ. of Chicago	2018	7-3	4-1	
Univ. of Chicago	2019	6-3	3-1	
* Chicago did not compete in 2020				
Univ. of Chicago	2021	8-2	7-2	
Eastern Illinois	2022	2-9	1-4	
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<b>EIU Record</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>2-9</b>	<b>1-4</b>	
<b>Univ. of Chicago</b>	<b>2013-21 (9 Years)</b>	<b>51-27</b>	<b>39-15</b>	<b>2014 UAA Championship</b>
<b>Career Record</b>	<b>10 Years</b>	<b>53-36</b>	<b>40-19</b>	<b>1 Conference Title</b>

## **Eastern Illinois**

- \* Hired as 26th head coach in Eastern Illinois history on January 26, 2022
- \* Begins second year as head coach for 2023 season
- \* Coached team that featured two All-Americans in 2022
- \* Coached team that had 12 All-OVC selections in 2022 (four first-team selections)
- \* Team ranked 11th in FCS in fewest penalties in 2022
- \* Team ranked 16th in passes intercepted in 2022, 29th in turnovers gained
- \* Team ranked fifth in FCS in net punting
- \* Served as an assistant coach at Eastern Illinois from 1995-2001 under head coach Bob Spoo
- \* Coached special teams during entire tenure working on defensive staff (linebackers and defensive line)
- \* Served as defensive coordinator during final season on staff in 2001
- \* Helped coach team to four FCS playoff appearances
- \* Helped coach team to a pair of conference championships as team played in both the Gateway Football Conference and OVC
- \* Defense and Special Teams units regularly ranked in Top 20 in FCS in numerous categories

## **Prior To Eastern Illinois**

- \* Head football coach at University of Chicago from 2013-21
- \* Team posted a winning record in seven of eight seasons, 2020 year was not played due to COVID
- \* Coached an offensive unit that featured the leading rusher in NCAA Division III in 2021 as team posted 8-2 record
- \* Team also posted an 8-1 record in 2014 winning UAA Conference title
- \* Guided the University of Chicago program through three different conference alignments posting a 39-15 record in conference play
- \* Coached three Division III All-Americans
- \* Coached nine All-Region selections
- \* Coached four Conference Players of the Year
- \* Coached 94 All-Conference selections
- \* (University of Chicago Record – 51-27)
- \* Coached at Dartmouth College from 2005-13, serving as Associate Head Coach since 2007
- \* Served as Defensive Coordinator, Special Teams Coordinator, running backs coach and linebackers coach in tenure
- \* Team ranked in FCS Top 10 nationally in several categories including punt return average, blocked kicks, individual rushing average, fewest fumbles lost
- \* Dartmouth pass defense ranked 14th in the FCS in debut season as defensive coordinator
- \* Coached at San Jose State from 2002-04
- \* In 2003 was a nominee for Broyles Award, given annually to nation's top assistant coach

## **Personal**

- \* Played football at Eastern Illinois for head coach Bob Spoo
- \* Bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois in 1995
- \* He and wife Sharna (a former EIU softball player) have three children
- \* Native of Indianapolis, Indiana



**EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
PANTHER FOOTBALL ROSTER  
(Numerical)**

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/LAST)
0	Ira Armstead II	DB	6-4	225	JR	1	South Bend, Ind. (Adams / Univ. of Virginia)
1	Justin Bowick	WR	6-5	185	So	1	Powder Springs, Ga. (Pace Academy)
1	Elijawah Tolbert	LB	6-1	230	Jr	2	Country Club Hills, Ill. (Hillcrest)
2	DeWayne Cooks Jr	WR	6-2	160	5th	3	Tulsa, Okla. (Booker T. Washington)
2	Mark Aitken	DB	5-9	175	R-Jr	2	Chicago, Ill. (Kenwood Academy / Northern Illinois Univ.)
3	Russell Dandy	DB	6-0	170	5th	2	Hinesville, Ga. (Liberty County / Butte College)
3	Pierce Holley	QB	6-2	215	R-Jr	TR	Arvada, Colo. (Lakewood / Georgetown Univ.)
4	Blake Ruffin	DB	6-4	215	R-So	1	Louisville, Ky. (Trinity)
4	Justin Thomas	WR	6-1	190	R-Sr	RS	Wixom, Mich. (Walled Lake Western / Albion College)
5	Anthony Shockey	LB	6-1	235	R-Jr	2	Lombard, Ill. (Glenbard East)
5	Aaron Rice	WR	6-5	190	R-Fr	RS	Farmington Hills, Mich. (North Farmington)
6	Joel Barrows	DL	6-3	250	R-Jr	2	Chicago, Ill. (Brooks Prep)
6	Jonah O'Brien	QB	6-4	210	R-Jr	1	Bartlett, Ill. (Bartlett / Colorado State Univ.)
7	Tyriss Harvey	DB	5-11	175	Jr	3	Olympia Fields, Ill. (Rich Central)
7	Eli Mirza	WR	5-11	190	Jr	TR	Sacramento, Calif. (Monterey Trail / Sierra College)
8	Juwon Farri	RB	5-9	205	5th	TR	Germantown, Md. (Northwest HS / Monmouth Univ.)
8	Tienne Fridge	DB	6-2	200	Jr	TR	Sacramento, Calif. (Elk Grove / Sacramento City College)
9	Braylon Willis	DL	6-4	245	Sr	1	Lafayette, La. (Lafayette / East Los Angeles College)
9	Terrance Gipson	ATH	6-0	185	Jr	TR	Kingwood, Texas (Westfield / East Los Angeles College)
11	Anthony Manaves	TE	6-4	235	R-Jr	3	Chicago, Ill. (St. Patrick)
11	Alexandar Oyawale	LB	6-0	220	Sr	1	Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta / Riverside CC)
12	Nick Coates	DB	5-10	180	Jr	2	Louisville, Ky. (Male)
13	Alex Alteus	DL	6-1	220	5th	TR	Morehead City, NC (West Carteret / Stetson Univ.)
13	Cooper Willman	WR	6-1	210	Jr	3	Sterling, Ill. (Sterling)
14	Adonis Forest Jr	SAF	6-4	210	Jr	TR	Union City, Calif. (Moreau Catholic / Contra Costa College)
15	D'zjon Hal	SAF	6-1	180	Jr	TR	Henderson, Nev. (Green Valley / Ventura College)
16	Kevin Conway	QB	6-2	200	R-Fr	RS	New Lenox, Ill. (Providence Catholic / Diamond Football Academy)
20	MJ Flowers	RB	6-1	205	R-Fr	RS	Cincinnati, Ohio (Colerain)
21	Jay Pearson	RB	6-0	195	R-Fr	RS	McKees Rocks, Pa. (Sto-Rox Junior-Senior)
22	Kaelin Drakeford	DB	6-4	205	R-So	1	Harrodsburg, Ky. (Mercer County)
23	Kevin Daniels	RB	6-2	225	R-So	TR	Glendale, Ariz. (Glendale / Northern Arizona Univ.)
24	Collin Tyson	DB	6-0	190	R-So	1	Kansas City, Mo. (Platte County R-3)
25	Marcus Edwards	DB	5-11	180	R-So	TR	Bay City Texas (Bay City / Cisco College)
26	Tyler Clark	RB	5-10	205	R-So	1	Chicago, Ill. (Phillips)
27	Zay Gentry	DB	6-0	190	Jr	2	Anna, Texas (Anna)
28	Brandon Guido	DB	5-9	190	R-Jr	2	Naperville, Ill. (Waubonsie Valley)
29	Kendi Young	RB	5-11	200	Jr	2	Calumet City, Ill. (Thornton Fractional North)
30	Diego Oliver	DB	6-0	180	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Kenwood Academy)
31	Chris Williams	DB	6-2	190	R-So	1	Peoria, Ill. (Peoria)
32	Ty Schultz	RB	5-10	195	R-Fr	RS	Lockport, Ill. (Lockport Township)
33	Nile Hill	WR	5-11	190	R-Jr	2	Chicago, Ill. (Marist)
34	NiJhay Burt	SAF	5-11	165	So	1	Munhall, Pa. (Steel Valley)
35	Zeke Lewis	RB	6-0	220	R-So	SQ	Decatur, Ill. (Decatur St. Teresa)
36	Lazerick Eatman	WR	5-10	180	Sr	1	Willow Brook, Ill. (Immaculate Conception / College of DuPage)
37	William Orth	K	5-10	155	R-So	2	Ames, Iowa (Ames)
39	Elijah Ball	SAF	6-1	205	5th	1	Indianapolis, Ind. (Ben Davis / Purdue Univ.)
40	Phoenix Porter	LB	6-1	225	R-So	1	Fairfield, Ohio (Fairfield)
42	Henry Woods Jr.	DB	5-10	175	Jr	2	New Lenox, Ill. (Lincoln-Way Central)
43	Joe McNab	TE	6-6	215	R-So	SQ	Madison Heights, Mich. (Lamphere)
44	Terence Simon Jr	DL	6-1	275	Sr	1	Inglewood, Calif. (Cathedral / Cerritos College)
45	Jack Pilson	LB	6-0	210	R-Jr	TR	Mattoon, Ill. (Mattoon / Lehigh Univ.)
46	Trey Shaw III	DB	6-1	195	R-So	1	Nashville, Tenn. (East Nashville Magnet)
47	Shawn Pepp Jr	DB	6-2	180	R-So	RS	Allen, Texas (Liberty / Contra Costa College)

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48	Michael Jarosz	LB	6-1	245	R-Sr	2	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton North)
50	Luke Wagner	DL	6-4	230	R-So	RS	Washington, Pa. (McGuffey / Santa Barbara City College)
51	Payton Orth	LB	5-11	220	Jr	2	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East)
52	Jamari Johnson	DL	6-4	250	R-So	1	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle Institute)
53	Stone Galloway	K	5-11	210	Sr	4	Collinsville, Ill. (Althoff Catholic)
54	Drake Van Hyfte	DL	6-4	270	R-So	1	Annawan, Ill. (Annawan-Wethersfield)
55	Drew Wilder	OL	6-3	320	R-So	TR	Williamsburg, Va. (Jamestown / Iowa Western CC)
56	Tre'jon Lewis	DL	6-4	275	R-Jr	1	Manor, Texas (Manor / Texas Tech Univ.)
58	Anthony Imperio	OL	6-4	300	Sr	3	Auburn, Ala. (Auburn)
59	Zac Cowan	LS	6-4	225	Jr	TR	Nephi, Utah (Juab / Rochester Community Tech College)
60	Jason Jeanty Jr	OL	6-5	285	R-Fr	RS	Miami, Fla. (Washington)
61	Jonathan Arellano	OL	6-3	300	R-So	RS	Lancaster, Calif. (Bishop Alemany / College of the Canyons)
62	Brennan Anderson	OL	6-4	330	Jr	TR	Dallas Center, Iowa (Dallas Center-Grimes/Iowa Western CC)
64	Noah Howard	OL	6-4	340	Jr	TR	Clinton, Iowa (Clinton / Iowa Central College)
65	Carson Fichtel	OL	6-3	300	R-Fr	RS	Heath, Texas (Rockwall-Heath)
66	Jack Valente	OL/LS	6-4	310	Jr	2	Batavia, Ill. (Batavia)
67	Chad Strickland	OL	6-5	295	Sr	4	Salem, Ala. (Smiths Station)
68	Torris Robinson	OL	6-5	325	Jr	TR	Olive Branch, Miss. (Southaven / Coahoma CC)
69	Brett Galetti	DB/LS	6-1	220	R-So	SQ	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln Way East)
70	JJ Johnson	OL	6-4	360	R-So	SQ	Westerville, Ohio (Westerville Central)
71	Brody Rankin	OL	6-3	310	R-Fr	RS	Charleston, Ill. (Charleston)
72	Elkhanan Tanelus	OL	6-2	335	R-Jr	3	Naples, Fla. (Barron Collier)
73	Sebasitan Pares	OL	6-6	290	R-Jr	TR	Joliet, Ill. (Wheaton Academy / Univ. of Sioux Falls)
74	Haven Hatfield	OL	6-3	250	R-Fr	RS	Tuscola, Ill. (Tuscola)
75	Matthew Bean	OL	6-6	265	R-So	SQ	Lima, Ohio (Shanwee)
76	Bryce Burnett	OL	6-4	270	R-Fr	RS	Danville, Ill. (Westville)
77	Ivan Gleyzer	OL	6-4	290	R-Jr	2	Lincolnshire, Ill. (Stevenson)
78	Max Stineman	OL	6-4	325	Jr	1	Ewa, Haw. (Saint Joseph / Allan Hancock College)
79	Rasheed Anderson	OL	6-5	360	R-Fr	RS	Oak Park, Ill. (Fenwick)
81	Jaxson Isaac	TE	6-6	230	R-So	TR	Regina, Saskatchewan (Clearwater Acad. (Fla./College of Dupage)
83	Jake Fieldman	WR	5-11	180	R-Fr	RS	Joliet, Ill. (Joliet Catholic)
85	Will Shumpert	WR	6-6	220	R-Jr	1	St. Louis, Mo. (Belleville West)
87	Alex Ginnever	TE	6-5	225	R-Fr	RS	Wentzville, Mo. (Holt)
88	DeAirious Smith	WR	5-11	180	Jr	3	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Christian Academy)
89	Daniel Luoma	TE / K	6-2	225	Jr	2	Porvoo, Finland (Porvoo)
90	Zed Asowata	DL	6-3	250	5th	TR	Spring, Texas (Cypress Ridge / Midwestern State Univ.)
91	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace	DL	6-3	250	Jr	TR	Cambridge, Mass. (Cambridge Rindge & Latin School / Franklin Pierce Univ.)
92	Colby Smith	DL	6-0	290	Jr	1	Dunnellon, Fla. (Dunnellon, Fla. / Dodge City CC)
94	Alton Jefferson	DL	6-0	285	Jr	2	Louisville, Ky. (Trinity)
95	Cole Silzer	DL	6-3	250	R-Fr	RS	Lockport, Ill. (Lockport Township)
96	Cody Silzer	DL	6-3	250	R-Fr	RS	Lockport, Ill. (Lockport Township)
99	Jaron Hacha	DL	5-11	305	Jr	2	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East)
	Malik Rainey	DB	5-11	180	R-So	TR	Chicago, Ill. (Bolingbrook / Univ. of Cincinnati)
	Jesse Garza	LB	6-2	235	Jr	TR	Nipomo, Calif. (Nipomo / Allan Hancock College)
	Jamal Jeffers	WR	5-10	165	Jr	TR	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Putnam City North / Northeastern Oklahoma A&M)
	Akin Adigun	SAF	6-2	175	Fr	HS	Little Elm, Texas (Lone Star)
	Matthew Allen	OL	6-9	265	Fr	HS	Bourbonnais, Ill. (Bradley-Bourbonnais)
	Nic DiSanto	OL	6-4	310	Fr	HS	Wyandotte, Mich. (Gabriel Richard)
	Blainey Dowling	QB	6-2	185	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Mount Carmel)
	Panayiotis Mihalopoulos	OL	6-2	310	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Loyola Academy)
	Isaiah Richardson	ATH	6-5	195	Fr	HS	Suwanee, Ga. (Collins Hill)
	Peyton Wilkerson	DL	6-1	215	Fr	HS	Mokena, Ill. (Lincoln-Way Central)
	Makhi Wilson	SAF	6-0	185	Fr	HS	Bettendorf, Iowa (Pleasant Valley)
	Jordan "Jroy" Woods	WR	6-2	180	Fr	HS	Hammond, Ind. (Hammond Central)

**EASTERN ILLINOIS NCAA FCS PLAYOFFS HISTORY**

**2015**

1st Round @ Cedar Falls, Iowa -- Northern Iowa def. Eastern Illinois, 53-17

**2013**

2nd Round @ Charleston, Ill. -- Eastern Illinois def. Tennessee State, 51-10  
 Quarterfinal @ Charleston, Ill. -- Towson def. Eastern Illinois, 49-39

**2012**

1st Round @ Brookings, SD. -- South Dakota State def. Eastern Illinois, 58-10

**2009**

1st Round @ Carbondale, Ill. -- Southern Illinois def. Eastern Illinois, 48-7

**2007**

1st Round @ Carbondale, Ill. -- Southern Illinois def. Eastern Illinois, 30-11

**2006**

1st Round @ Charleston, Ill. -- Illinois State def. Eastern Illinois, 24-13

**2005**

1st Round @ Charleston, Ill. -- Southern Illinois def. Eastern Illinois, 21-6

**2002**

1st Round @ McComb, Ill. -- Western Illinois def. Eastern Illinois, 48-9

**2001**

1st Round @ Charleston, Ill. -- Northern Iowa def. Eastern Illinois, 49-43

**2000**

1st Round @ Missoula, Mont. -- Montana def. Eastern Illinois, 45-13

**1996**

1st Round @ Cedar Falls, Iowa -- Northern Iowa def. Eastern Illinois, 21-14

**1995**

1st Round @ Nacogdoches, Texas -- Stephen F. Austin def. Eastern Illinois, 34-29

**1989**

1st Round @ Moscow, Idaho -- Eastern Illinois def. Idaho, 38-21  
 Quarterfinal @ Missoula, Mont. -- Montana def. Eastern Illinois, 25-19

**1986**

1st Round @ Charleston, Ill. -- Eastern Illinois def. Murray State, 28-21  
 Quarterfinal @ Charleston, Ill. -- Eastern Kentucky def. Eastern Illinois, 24-22

**1983**

1st Round @ Terre Haute, Ind. -- Indiana State def. Eastern Illinois, 16-13 (2OT)

**1982**

1st Round @ Charleston, Ill. -- Eastern Illinois def. Jackson State, 16-13 (OT)  
 Quarterfinal @ Nashville, Tenn. -- Tennessee State def. Eastern Illinois, 20-19  
*TSU win later vacated due to use of ineligible player*

All-Time FCS Playoff Record: 4-16  
 Home Record: 3-5  
 Road Record: 1-11

**Division II Playoffs**

**1978 (National Champions)**

Eastern Illinois def. UC Davis, 35-31  
 Eastern Illinois def. Youngstown State, 26-22  
 Eastern Illinois def. Delaware, 10-9

**1980 (National Runners-up)**

Eastern Illinois def. Northern Colorado, 21-14  
 Eastern Illinois def. Northern Alabama, 56-31  
 Cal Poly def. Eastern Illinois, 21-13

\*\*\* Note \*\*\* Eastern Illinois has now made the NCAA FCS Playoffs 16 times since joining that level of football in 1981. The 16 playoff appearances currently ranks 9th all-time and sixth among active FCS schools.

**ALL-TIME NCAA PLAYOFF APPEARANCES  
 (By School - Active FCS members)**

<b><u>School</u></b> .....	<b><u># Appearances (Last)</u></b>
Montana .....	27 (2022)
Northern Iowa .....	22 (2021)
Eastern Kentucky .....	22 (2022)
Furman .....	19 (2022)
Delaware .....	18 (2022)
New Hampshire .....	17 (2022)
<b>EASTERN ILLINOIS .....</b>	<b>16 (2015)</b>
McNeese State .....	16 (2015)
Eastern Washington.....	15 (2021)
Villanova .....	14 (2021)
North Dakota State.....	13 (2022)

***Former FCS members now playing at FBS level***

* Appalachian State.....	20 (2012)
* Georgia Southern .....	19 (2012)
# James Madison.....	18 (2021)
Sam Houston State.....	13 (2021)

2022 EIU PANTHERS FOOTBALL  
EASTERN ILLINOIS Game Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	Ohio Valley Record	Time	Attend
Sep 1, 2022	at Northern Illinois	27-34 L	0-1		3:25	10,864
Sep 10, 2022	#10 CHATTANOOGA	20-38 L	0-2		3:15	6,565
Sep 17, 2022	at Illinois State	7-35 L	0-3		3:01	8,208
* Sep 24, 2022	at Murray State	W 35-21	1-3	1-0	3:06	10,112
Oct 8, 2022	NORTHWESTERN STATE	W 35-27	2-3	1-0	3:16	3,153
Oct 15, 2022	LINDENWOOD	34-37 L	2-4	1-0	3:27	6,875
* Oct 22, 2022	at Tennessee State	17-37 L	2-5	1-1	3:29	6,237
* Oct 29, 2022	TENNESSEE TECH	17-20 L	2-6	1-2	3:00	5,817
Nov 5, 2022	at McNeese	15-29 L	2-7	1-2	2:57	-
* Nov 12, 2022	#19 SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	7-31 L	2-8	1-3	2:50	1,831
* Nov 19, 2022	at #25 UT Martin	31-34 L	2-9	1-4	3:32	3,003

\* indicates Ohio Valley Conference game

2022 EASTERN ILLINOIS STARTERS

OPPONENT	WR	WR	RT	RG	C	LG	LT	WR	TE	RB	QB
Northern Illinois	N. Hill	Thomas	Imperio	Valente	Tanelus	Stineman	Strickland	Willman	Manaves	Pierre	O'Brien
Chattanooga	N. Hill	Thomas	Imperio	Valente	Tanelus	Stineman	Strickland	Willman	Manaves	Pierre	O'Brien
Illinois State	N. Hill	Thomas	Imperio	McNicholas	Valente	Stineman	Strickland	Willman	Manaves	Pierre	O'Brien
Murray State	Vallie	Thomas	Imperio	Valente	McNicholas	Stineman	Strickland	Willman	Manaves	Benefield	O'Brien
Northwestern St	N. Hill	D. Smith	Imperio	Valente	McNicholas	Stineman	Strickland	Willman	Manaves	Pierre	O'Brien
Lindenwood	N. Hill	I. Hill	Valente	Shaw	McNicholas	Stineman	Strickland	Willman	Manaves	Pierre	O'Brien
Tennessee State	N. Hill	Bowick	Valente	Shaw	McNicholas	Stineman	Strickland	Willman	Manaves	Benefield	O'Brien
Tennessee Tech	N. Hill	Bowick	Valente	McNicholas	Stineman	Shaw	Strickland	Willman	Vallie	Young	O'Brien
McNeese	Luoma	Bowick	Valente	Shaw	McNicholas	Burnett	Arellano	Willman	Vallie	Benefield	Shoffner
SE Missouri	Manaves	D. Smith	Valente	McNicholas	Stineman	Shaw	Arellano	Willman	Vallie	Flowers	Shoffner
UT Martin	Manaves	N. Hill	Valente	McNicholas	Fichtel	Shaw	Arellano	Willman	Vallie	Benefield	Shoffner

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

Eastern Illinois Panther Football  
 Eastern Illinois Overall Team Statistics (as of Nov 19, 2022)  
 All games

Team Statistics	EIU	OPP
SCORING	245	343
Points Per Game	22.3	31.2
Points Off Turnovers	42	85
FIRST DOWNS	188	237
Rushing	93	85
Passing	75	138
Penalty	20	14
RUSHING YARDAGE	1642	1704
Yards gained rushing	1990	1906
Yards lost rushing	348	202
Rushing Attempts	427	388
Average Per Rush	3.8	4.4
Average Per Game	149.3	154.9
TDs Rushing	12	21
PASSING YARDAGE	1609	2798
Comp-Att-Int	140-272-15	237-370-13
Average Per Pass	5.9	7.6
Average Per Catch	11.5	11.8
Average Per Game	146.3	254.4
TDs Passing	16	20
TOTAL OFFENSE	3251	4502
Total Plays	699	758
Average Per Play	4.7	5.9
Average Per Game	295.5	409.3
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	38-810	22-403
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	9-107	20-114
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	13-65	15-148
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	21.3	18.3
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	11.9	5.7
INT RETURN AVERAGE	5.0	11.4
FUMBLES-LOST	27-9	19-7
PENALTIES-Yards	49-420	68-607
Average Per Game	38.2	55.2
PUNTS-Yards	53-2330	45-1691
Average Per Punt	44.0	37.6
Net punt average	39.9	34.8
KICKOFFS-Yards	48-2613	65-3762
Average Per Kick	54.4	57.9
Net kick average	40.3	39.6
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	28:54	31:06
3RD-DOWN Conversions	54/149	65/150
3rd-Down Pct	36%	43%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	7/22	8/11
4th-Down Pct	32%	73%
SACKS BY-Yards	16-93	33-232
MISC YARDS	80	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	30	43
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	11-13	15-21
ON-SIDE KICKS	1-1	1-1
RED-ZONE SCORES	(27-32) 84%	(37-44) 84%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(18-32) 56%	(29-44) 66%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(28-28) 100%	(40-40) 100%
ATTENDANCE	24241	38424
Games/Avg Per Game	5/4848	6/6404
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Eastern Illinois	82	58	45	50	10	245
Opponents	62	120	68	80	13	343

Eastern Illinois Panther Football  
 Eastern Illinois Overall Individual Statistics (as of Nov 19, 2022)  
 All games

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Shoffner, Dom	8	104	492	67	425	4.1	5	27	53.1
Pierre, Markenz	8	79	385	18	367	4.6	0	42	45.9
Benefield, Jael	10	82	398	31	367	4.5	1	19	36.7
Young, Kendi	5	41	283	3	280	6.8	1	43	56.0
Flowers, MJ	4	32	132	14	118	3.7	0	22	29.5
O'Brien, Jonah	8	63	210	148	62	1.0	5	22	7.8
Willman, Cooper	11	2	23	0	23	11.5	0	17	2.1
Wilhoit, Trey	11	1	22	0	22	22.0	0	22	2.0
Conway, Kevin	1	3	12	1	11	3.7	0	8	11.0
Lewis, Zeke	5	5	8	0	8	1.6	0	3	1.6
Armstead, Ira	8	1	5	0	5	5.0	0	5	0.6
TEAM	7	2	0	2	-2	-1.0	0	0	-0.3
Kowalak, Justin	1	2	0	10	-10	-5.0	0	0	-10.0
Weir, Zach	3	10	20	54	-34	-3.4	0	13	-11.3
Total	11	427	1990	348	1642	3.8	12	43	149.3
Opponents	11	388	1906	202	1704	4.4	21	54	154.9

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
O'Brien, Jonah	8	126.73	87-136-8	64.0	853	9	42	106.6
Shoffner, Dom	8	107.84	42-98-6	42.9	626	7	84	78.2
Weir, Zach	3	55.79	9-27-1	33.3	96	0	19	32.0
Conway, Kevin	1	0.00	0-4-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Kowalak, Justin	1	43.90	1-4-0	25.0	9	0	9	9.0
TEAM	7	0.00	0-2-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Willman, Cooper	11	310.00	1-1-0	100.0	25	0	25	2.3
Total	11	109.54	140-272-15	51.5	1609	16	84	146.3
Opponents	11	138.39	237-370-13	64.1	2798	20	74	254.4

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Hill, Nile	11	26	239	9.2	2	31	21.7
Thomas, Justin	4	17	210	12.4	2	42	52.5
Willman, Cooper	11	16	199	12.4	0	34	18.1
Bowick, Justin	8	13	250	19.2	3	63	31.2
Benefield, Jael	10	13	185	14.2	2	84	18.5
Smith, DeAiriou	9	12	127	10.6	2	38	14.1
Vallie, Jay	11	12	113	9.4	2	26	10.3
Manaves, Anthon	9	11	63	5.7	0	18	7.0
Cooks Jr, Deway	6	8	83	10.4	1	21	13.8
Hill, Isaiah	2	5	77	15.4	0	25	38.5
Pierre, Markenz	8	4	26	6.5	1	13	3.2
Eatman, Lazeric	6	3	37	12.3	1	20	6.2
Total	11	140	1609	11.5	16	84	146.3
Opponents	11	237	2798	11.8	20	74	254.4

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Willman, Cooper	7	94	13.4	0	55
Tyson, Collin	1	13	13.0	0	0
Gentry, Zay	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	9	107	11.9	0	55
Opponents	20	114	5.7	0	27

  

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Vincent, Jordan	3	8	2.7	0	8
Tolbert, Elijah	3	20	6.7	0	20
Harvey, Tyris	2	12	6.0	0	12
Bohanek, Colin	2	21	10.5	0	20
Aitken, Mark	1	0	0.0	0	0
Smith, Colby	1	0	0.0	0	0
Ball, Elijah	1	4	4.0	0	4
Total	13	65	5.0	0	20
Opponents	15	148	9.9	2	40

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Aitken, Mark	17	408	24.0	0	80
Armstead, Ira	8	171	21.4	0	42
Gentry, Zay	5	72	14.4	0	21
Benefield, Jael	4	61	15.2	0	18
Eatman, Lazeric	2	65	32.5	0	38
Smith, DeAiriou	1	11	11.0	0	11
Guido, Brandon	1	22	22.0	0	22
Total	38	810	21.3	0	80
Opponents	22	403	18.3	0	40

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Oyawale, Alexan	1	40	40.0	1	40
Aitken, Mark	0	0	0.0	1	0
Total	1	40	40.0	2	40
Opponents	5	31	6.2	0	11

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dpx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Galloway, Stone	-	11-12	27-27	-	-	-	-	60	
Shoffner, Dom	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	
O'Brien, Jonah	5	-	-	-	-	1-1	-	30	
Bowick, Justin	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	
Benefield, Jael	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	
Hill, Nile	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	
Thomas, Justin	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Smith, DeAiriou	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Vallie, Jay	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Aitken, Mark	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Young, Kendi	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Pierre, Markenz	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Eatman, Lazeric	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Cooks Jr, Deway	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Oyawale, Alexan	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Orth, William	-	0-1	1-1	-	-	-	-	1	
Willman, Cooper	-	-	-	-	-	1-1	-	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>11-13</b>	<b>28-28</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>245</b>	
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>15-21</b>	<b>40-40</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>343</b>	

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Shoffner, Dom	8	202	425	626	1051	131.4
O'Brien, Jonah	8	199	62	853	915	114.4
Pierre, Markenz	8	79	367	0	367	45.9
Benefield, Jael	10	82	367	0	367	36.7
Young, Kendi	5	41	280	0	280	56.0
Flowers, MJ	4	32	118	0	118	29.5
Weir, Zach	3	37	-34	96	62	20.7
Willman, Cooper	11	3	23	25	48	4.4
Wilhoit, Trey	11	1	22	0	22	2.0
Conway, Kevin	1	7	11	0	11	11.0
Lewis, Zeke	5	5	8	0	8	1.6
Armstead, Ira	8	1	5	0	5	0.6
Kowalak, Justin	1	6	-10	9	-1	-1.0
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>1642</b>	<b>1609</b>	<b>3251</b>	<b>295.5</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>1704</b>	<b>2798</b>	<b>4502</b>	<b>409.3</b>

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Galloway, Stone	11-12	91.7	0-0	4-4	5-5	2-2	0-1	44	0
Orth, William	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Wilhoit, Trey	53	2330	44.0	62	5	11	14	12	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>2330</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1691</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>

FG Sequence	Eastern Illinois	Opponents
NIU	(34),(25)	(43),(38),43
Chattanooga	(36),(44)	50,(45)
Illinois State	-	-
Murray St.	(25),(32)	40
Northwestern State	-	-
Lindenwood	(31),(22)	(27)
Tennessee St.	(32)	(46),(42),(42)
Tennessee Tech	(21)	(20),37,(46)
McNeese	31	(39),(21),(31)
Southeast Missouri	51	22,27,(41)
UT Martin	(42)	(34),(27)

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Galloway, Stone	45	2475	55.0	11	2			
Green, Cody	3	138	46.0	0	0			
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>2613</b>	<b>54.4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>3762</b>	<b>57.9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>25</b>

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Benefield, Jael	10	367	185	0	61	0	613	61.3
Shoffner, Dom	8	425	0	0	0	0	425	53.1
Aitken, Mark	9	0	0	0	408	0	408	45.3
Pierre, Markenz	8	367	26	0	0	0	393	49.1
Willman, Cooper	11	23	199	94	0	0	316	28.7
Young, Kendi	5	280	0	0	0	0	280	56.0
Bowick, Justin	8	0	250	0	0	0	250	31.2
Hill, Nile	11	0	239	0	0	0	239	21.7
Thomas, Justin	4	0	210	0	0	0	210	52.5
Armstead, Ira	8	5	0	0	171	0	176	22.0
Smith, DeAiriou	9	0	127	0	11	0	138	15.3
Flowers, MJ	4	118	0	0	0	0	118	29.5
Vallie, Jay	11	0	113	0	0	0	113	10.3
Eatman, Lazeric	6	0	37	0	65	0	102	17.0
Cooks Jr, Dewa	6	0	83	0	0	0	83	13.8
Hill, Isaiah	2	0	77	0	0	0	77	38.5
Gentry, Zay	10	0	0	0	72	0	72	7.2
Manaves, Antho	9	0	63	0	0	0	63	7.0
O'Brien, Jonah	8	62	0	0	0	0	62	7.8
Wilhoit, Trey	11	22	0	0	0	0	22	2.0
Guido, Brandon	9	0	0	0	22	0	22	2.4
Bohanek, Colin	11	0	0	0	0	21	21	1.9
Tolbert, Elijaw	11	0	0	0	0	20	20	1.8
Tyson, Collin	11	0	0	13	0	0	13	1.2
Harvey, Tyris	10	0	0	0	0	12	12	1.2
Conway, Kevin	1	11	0	0	0	0	11	11.0
Lewis, Zeke	5	8	0	0	0	0	8	1.6
Vincent, Jordan	11	0	0	0	0	8	8	0.7
Ball, Elijah	11	0	0	0	0	4	4	0.4
TEAM	7	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-0.3
Kowalak, Justin	1	-10	0	0	0	0	-10	-10.0
Weir, Zach	3	-34	0	0	0	0	-34	-11.3
Total	11	1642	1609	107	810	65	4233	384.8
Opponents	11	1704	2798	114	403	148	5167	469.7

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 Eastern Illinois Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Nov 19, 2022)  
 All games

#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	no-yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf	
1D	Vincent, Jordan	11	57	27	84	3.5-7	.	3-8	5	1	.	2	1	.	
45	Bohanek, Colin	11	33	40	73	7.0-12	.	2-21	3	7	.	2	.	.	
43	Tolbert, Elijah	11	32	38	70	6.5-12	1.5-5	3-20	3	2	.	.	.	.	
12	Coates, Nick	11	41	26	67	3.5-7	0.5-2	.	5	2	.	1	.	.	
7D	Harvey, Tyris	10	24	10	34	3.0-8	.	2-12	3	.	.	.	.	.	
39	Ball, Elijah	11	21	13	34	1.0-1	.	1-4	1	.	.	.	.	.	
9D	Benoit, Elijah	11	26	4	30	1.0-5	.	.	4	.	.	1	.	.	
40	Porter, Phoenix	11	14	16	30	1.0-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
97	Varga, Tim	7	9	20	29	4.5-15	1.0-6	.	2	5	.	.	.	.	
6D	Barrows, Joel	10	15	12	27	5.0-21	3.0-18	.	.	3	.	1	.	.	
56	Lewis, Tre'Jon	11	13	12	25	7.5-26	1.0-6	.	.	4	1-0	1	.	.	
91	Miles, Jordan	10	13	10	23	6.0-22	3.0-18	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.	
92	Smith, Colby	11	8	15	23	3.5-8	.	1-0	.	2	.	.	.	.	
11	Oyawale, Alexan	10	10	12	22	1.0-10	1.0-10	.	.	5	1-40	1	.	.	
93	Leach, Cameron	11	8	14	22	5.5-30	3.0-22	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	
22	Drakeford, Kael	4	10	7	17	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	
57	Simon, Terence	11	11	6	17	2.5-6	1.0-3	.	1	2	1-0	.	.	.	
2D	Aitken, Mark	9	14	3	17	1.0-3	.	1-0	2	.	.	.	.	.	
94	Jefferson, Alto	11	7	9	16	2.0-4	.	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.	
14	Willis, Braylon	10	6	8	14	0.5-2	0.5-0	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	
5D	Shockey, Anthon	5	2	9	11	0.5-3	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
13	Shaw, Trey	6	8	2	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
27	Gentry, Zay	10	9	1	10	.	.	.	2	.	1-0	1	.	.	
3D	Dandy, Russell	4	6	3	9	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	
31	Williams, Chris	11	4	3	7	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
19	Armstead, Ira	8	5	2	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
23	Brown, Logan	11	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
28	Guido, Brandon	9	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
36	Lee, Chauncey	3	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
34	Burt, NiJhay	8	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
33	Hill, Nile	11	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
55	Shaw, Terrance	8	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
35	Lewis, Zeke	5	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
48	Jarosz, Michael	11	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
59	Hacha, Jaron	10	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
42	Woods, Henry	9	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	
8D	Jalloh, Foday	4	2	.	2	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
78	Stineman, Max	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
38	Wilhoit, Trey	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
TM	TEAM	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
50	Wagner, Luke	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
73	McNab,Joe	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
0	Shoffner, Dom	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
80	Vallie, Jay	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
2	Cooks Jr, Deway	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
3	Willman, Cooper	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
24	Tyson, Collin	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	
Total		11	433	336	769	68-206	16-93	13-65	35	38	7-40	10	2	.	
Opponents		11	436	250	686	77-327	33-232	15-148	45	39	9-31	12	1	.	

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TEAM STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Sep 01	at NIU	30	165	0	42	25	276	3	42	25-35-2	276	3	42	4	61	0	18	0	0	0	0	441
Sep 10	CHATTANOOGA	35	77	0	16	18	183	2	31	18-28-1	183	2	31	5	72	0	21	0	0	0	0	260
Sep 17	at Illinois State	38	40	0	10	17	127	1	31	17-26-3	127	1	31	6	104	0	29	0	0	0	0	167
Sep 24	at Murray St.	52	339	3	43	6	69	1	30	6-15-0	69	1	30	1	22	0	22	2	57	0	55	408
Oct 08	NORTHWESTERN STATE	61	340	4	27	6	48	1	12	6-9-1	48	1	12	1	80	0	80	0	0	0	0	388
Oct 15	LINDENWOOD	32	125	2	22	17	195	1	38	17-25-0	195	1	38	3	57	0	42	1	4	0	4	320
Oct 22	at Tennessee St.	31	73	0	19	10	115	2	29	10-29-3	115	2	29	3	68	0	27	2	33	0	19	188
Oct 29	TENNESSEE TECH	49	161	1	13	7	73	0	19	7-19-0	73	0	19	3	61	0	26	1	0	0	0	234
Nov 05	at McNeese	30	132	0	22	17	187	2	26	17-30-1	187	2	26	1	23	0	23	0	0	0	0	319
Nov 12	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	32	79	1	22	3	21	0	9	3-19-2	21	0	9	6	156	0	44	1	13	0	0	100
Nov 19	at UT Martin	37	111	1	17	14	315	3	84	14-37-2	315	3	84	5	106	0	38	2	0	0	0	426
Opponents		427	1642	12	43	140	1609	16	84	140-272-15	1609	16	84	38	810	0	80	9	107	0	55	3251
Opponents		388	1704	21	54	237	2798	20	74	237-370-13	2798	20	74	22	403	0	40	20	114	0	27	4502

Games: 11 • Avg/rush: 3.8 • Avg/catch: 11.5 • Pass effic: 109.54 • KR avg: 21.3 • PR avg: 11.9 • All purpose avg/game: 384.8 • Total offense avg/gm: 295.5

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT Attempts			off				
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts		
Sep 01	at NIU	20	52	72	2.0-2	1.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	2	5	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
Sep 10	CHATTANOOGA	33	32	65	4.0-8	0.0-0	0	1-0	1-1	4	3	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	6	20	
Sep 17	at Illinois State	34	22	56	6.0-20	1.0-8	0	0-0	2-12	7	2	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	7	
Sep 24	at Murray St.	38	24	62	6.0-9	0.0-0	0	1-0	4-28	1	4	0	3-3	0	1	0	15	35		
Oct 08	NORTHWESTERN STAT	49	14	63	8.0-31	4.0-23	2	1-0	2-0	8	4	0	5-5	0	0	0	7	35		
Oct 15	LINDENWOOD	62	26	88	7.0-34	5.0-32	2	2-40	2-24	10	3	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	34		
Oct 22	at Tennessee St.	56	28	84	12.0-44	4.0-25	0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	17		
Oct 29	TENNESSEE TECH	41	18	59	6.0-9	0.0-0	3	0-0	1-0	1	4	1	2-2	0	0	0	7	17		
Nov 05	at McNeese	33	38	71	5.0-16	1.0-5	1	1-0	0-0	0	0	0	1-1	0	1	0	0	15		
Nov 12	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	44	36	80	4.0-8	0.0-0	1	1-0	1-0	0	3	1	1-1	0	0	0	7	7		
Nov 19	at UT Martin	23	46	69	8.0-25	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	5	4	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	31		
Opponents		433	336	769	68.0-206	16.0-93	10	7-40	13-65	38	35	2	28-28	0	2	0	42	245		
Opponents		436	250	686	77.0-327	32.0-221	12	9-31	15-148	39	45	1	40-40	0	0	0	85	343		

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
Sep 01	at NIU	1	54	54.0	54	0	0	0	1	0	2-2	34	0	6	323	53.8	1	0	
Sep 10	CHATTANOOGA	6	276	46.0	62	0	1	2	3	1	2-2	44	0	5	289	57.8	1	1	
Sep 17	at Illinois State	6	269	44.8	56	0	0	4	1	2	0-0	0	0	2	105	52.5	1	0	
Sep 24	at Murray St.	4	166	41.5	57	0	1	1	1	1	2-2	32	0	7	385	55.0	2	0	
Oct 08	NORTHWESTERN STAT	5	193	38.6	48	0	1	1	0	2	0-0	0	0	6	329	54.8	1	0	
Oct 15	LINDENWOOD	5	215	43.0	59	0	1	1	1	2	2-2	31	0	5	250	50.0	1	0	
Oct 22	at Tennessee St.	7	310	44.3	52	0	0	1	2	1	1-1	32	0	3	193	64.3	0	0	
Oct 29	TENNESSEE TECH	4	204	51.0	59	0	0	0	3	1	1-1	21	0	3	145	48.3	1	0	
Nov 05	at McNeese	3	123	41.0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0-1	0	1	3	138	46.0	0	0	
Nov 12	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	8	333	41.6	47	0	1	0	0	3	0-1	0	0	2	106	53.0	1	1	
Nov 19	at UT Martin	4	187	46.8	49	0	0	1	0	1	1-1	42	0	6	350	58.3	2	0	
Opponents		53	2330	44.0	62	0	5	11	12	14	11-13	44	1	48	2613	54.4	11	2	
Opponents		45	1691	37.6	60	1	1	22	3	18	15-21	46	1	65	3762	57.9	15	4	

Eastern Illinois Panther Football  
Eastern Illinois Opponent Game-by-Game (as of Nov 19, 2022)  
All games

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off		
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds		td	lg
Sep 01	at NIU	34	187	3	54	14	192	1	38	14	22	0	192	1	38	4	66	0	26	1	4	0	4	379
Sep 10	CHATTANOOGA	35	193	4	41	17	278	1	51	17	27	1	278	1	51	2	51	0	35	2	2	0	7	471
Sep 17	at Illinois State	26	86	1	20	20	219	2	31	20	34	2	219	2	31	0	0	0	0	2	11	0	11	305
Sep 24	at Murray St.	23	73	0	12	28	334	3	32	28	46	4	334	3	32	3	48	0	17	1	8	0	8	407
Oct 08	NORTHWESTERN STATE	19	54	2	19	37	343	2	30	37	59	2	343	2	30	3	62	0	26	2	10	0	9	397
Oct 15	LINDENWOOD	52	199	2	16	28	302	3	37	28	42	2	302	3	37	2	21	0	21	1	8	0	8	501
Oct 22	at Tennessee St.	40	85	1	14	27	309	3	52	27	36	0	309	3	52	3	34	0	16	3	11	0	7	394
Oct 29	TENNESSEE TECH	35	183	0	30	20	181	2	21	20	31	1	181	2	21	0	0	0	0	3	15	0	20	364
Nov 05	at McNeese	41	242	1	25	18	273	2	33	18	27	0	273	2	33	2	39	0	29	1	-2	0	0	515
Nov 12	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	54	320	4	36	11	140	0	30	11	18	1	140	0	30	0	0	0	0	3	32	0	27	460
Nov 19	at UT Martin	29	82	3	14	17	227	1	74	17	28	0	227	1	74	3	82	0	40	1	15	0	15	309
Eastern Illinois		388	1704	21	54	237	2798	20	74	237	370	13	2798	20	74	22	403	0	40	20	114	0	27	4502
Eastern Illinois		427	1642	12	43	140	1609	16	84	140	272	15	1609	16	84	38	810	0	80	9	107	0	55	3251

Games: 11 • Avg/rush: 4.4 • Avg/catch: 11.8 • Pass effic: 138.39 • KR avg: 18.3 • PR avg: 5.7 • All purpose avg/game: 469.7 • Total offense avg/gm: 409.3

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT Attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
Sep 01	at NIU	28	54	82	4.0-20	2.0-11	0	0-0	2-0	2	1	0	4-4	0	0	0	7	34
Sep 10	CHATTANOOGA	46	10	56	13.0-69	6.0-54	1	1-0	1-12	4	1	0	5-5	0	0	0	7	38
Sep 17	at Illinois State	44	28	72	11.0-61	4.0-46	2	2-4	3-43	5	2	0	5-5	0	0	0	21	35
Sep 24	at Murray St.	45	20	65	8.0-24	1.0-6	0	0-0	0-0	3	3	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	21
Oct 08	NORTHWESTERN STAT	53	8	61	3.0-8	0.0-0	1	0-0	1-0	0	1	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	27
Oct 15	LINDENWOOD	43	12	55	1.0-7	1.0-7	1	1-11	0-0	1	4	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	37
Oct 22	at Tennessee St.	33	20	53	9.0-29	6.0-24	1	1-5	3-44	1	7	0	4-4	0	0	0	10	37
Oct 29	TENNESSEE TECH	53	8	61	8.0-40	4.0-31	2	2-11	0-0	1	6	0	2-2	0	0	0	3	20
Nov 05	at McNeese	24	36	60	4.0-15	2.0-2	0	0-0	1-0	4	7	1	2-2	0	0	0	3	29
Nov 12	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	35	10	45	7.0-26	3.0-19	0	0-0	2-2	5	4	0	4-4	0	0	0	14	31
Nov 19	at UT Martin	32	44	76	9.0-28	4.0-21	4	2-0	2-47	13	9	0	4-4	0	0	0	13	34
Eastern Illinois		436	250	686	77.0-327	32.0-221	12	9-31	15-148	39	45	1	40-40	0	0	0	85	343
Eastern Illinois		433	336	769	68.0-206	16.0-93	10	7-40	13-65	38	35	2	28-28	0	2	0	42	245

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
Sep 01	at NIU	2	85	42.5	44	0	0	2	0	0	2-3	43	0	7	441	63.0	3	0	
Sep 10	CHATTANOOGA	4	163	40.8	60	0	1	1	1	3	1-2	45	0	7	420	60.0	1	0	
Sep 17	at Illinois State	5	165	33.0	36	0	0	4	0	4	0-0	0	0	6	320	53.3	0	0	
Sep 24	at Murray St.	4	169	42.2	47	0	0	2	0	1	0-1	0	0	3	195	65.0	2	0	
Oct 08	NORTHWESTERN STAT	4	134	33.5	41	0	0	2	0	0	0-0	0	0	5	249	49.8	0	2	
Oct 15	LINDENWOOD	2	75	37.5	40	0	0	1	0	0	1-1	27	0	5	261	52.2	0	1	
Oct 22	at Tennessee St.	6	219	36.5	53	0	0	2	1	1	3-3	46	0	8	428	53.5	2	0	
Oct 29	TENNESSEE TECH	4	175	43.8	47	0	0	2	0	3	2-3	46	1	5	318	63.6	2	0	
Nov 05	at McNeese	2	82	41.0	42	0	0	2	0	1	3-3	39	0	6	381	63.5	4	1	
Nov 12	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	4	120	30.0	59	1	0	1	1	1	1-3	41	0	6	354	59.0	0	0	
Nov 19	at UT Martin	8	304	38.0	49	0	0	3	0	4	2-2	34	0	7	395	56.4	1	0	
Eastern Illinois		45	1691	37.6	60	1	1	22	3	18	15-21	46	1	65	3762	57.9	15	4	
Eastern Illinois		53	2330	44.0	62	0	5	11	12	14	11-13	44	1	48	2613	54.4	11	2	



**GAME 1 - Sept. 1, 2022**  
 Eastern Illinois ..... 27  
 Northern Illinois..... 34

DeKalb, Illinois  
 Huskie Stadium (10,864)

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

**FIRST QUARTER**

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

**SECOND QUARTER**

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

**THIRD QUARTER**

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

**FOURTH QUARTER**

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

**TEAM STATS .....EIU .....NIU**

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

**LEADERS**

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

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

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

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

**RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)**

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

**DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)**

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

**RECAP**

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



**GAME 2 - Sept. 10, 2022**  
 No. 10 Chattanooga ..... 38  
 Eastern Illinois ..... 20

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

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

**FIRST QUARTER**

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

**SECOND QUARTER**

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

**THIRD QUARTER**

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

**FOURTH QUARTER**

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

**TEAM STATS .....EIU .....CHAT**

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

**LEADERS**

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

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

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

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

**RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)**

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

**DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)**

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

**RECAP**

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



**GAME 3 - Sept. 17, 2022**  
 Eastern Illinois ..... 7  
 Illinois State ..... 35

Normal, Illinois  
 Hancock Stadium (8,208)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	7	0	0	0	7
Illinois State	7	14	14	0	35

**FIRST QUARTER**

ILS - Carter 17 pass from Annexstad (Takerian kick) - 6:56  
 EIU - Cooks 11 pass from O'Brien (Galloway kick) - 3:04

**SECOND QUARTER**

ILS - Sobkowicz 30 pass from Annexstad (Takerian kick) - 6:25  
 ILS - Bowers 40 interception return (Takerian kick) - 1:09

**THIRD QUARTER**

ILS - Lamont 3 interception return (Takerian kick) - 12:11  
 ILS - Annexstad 2 run (Takerian kick) - 5:53

**TEAM STATS .....EIU .....ILS**

First Downs	16	21
Rushes-Yards	40-38	26-86
Passing-Yards	127	219
Comp-Att-Int	17-26-3	20-34-2
Total Offense	167	305
Fumbles-Lost	7-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-67	8-60
Int Returns-Yards-TD	2-12-0	3-47-2
Time of Possession	31:20	28:40
Sacks-Yards	1-8	4-51

**LEADERS**

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

EIU - Shoffner (5-39-0), Young (9-32-0)  
 ILS - Lampkin (4-35-0), Borwn (8-28-0)

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

EIU - O'Brien (21-15-3-106-1), Weir (5-2-0-21-0)  
 ILS - Annexstad (33-19-2-212-2)

**RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)**

EIU - N. Hill (7-41-0), Cooks (3-24-1), Thomas (2-42-0)  
 ILS - Cater (4-56-1), Sobkowicz (3-49-1)

**DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)**

EIU - Vincent (6-2-1.5), Tolbert (4-3-0.5), Bohanek (1-6-0.5)  
 ILS - Vanderburgh (4-4-3), Jackson (4-1-1)

**RECAP**

Illinois State converted five Eastern Illinois turnovers into 21 points as the Redbirds beat the Panthers 35-7 in the 110th Mid-America Classic. Both teams opened with a first quarter touchdown as EIU scored with just over three minutes remaining in the opening quarter on a touchdown reception by DeWayne Cooks Jr. Illinois State would score two touchdowns on interception returns in the second and third quarter and set up a third score with a fumble recovery inside the EIU 10-yard line. Jordan Vincent led EIU with eight tackles including 1.5 tackles for loss. Elijahwah Tolbert and Tyrus Harvey both had interceptions. EIU played three quarterbacks in the game with Dom Shoffner closing the contest rushing for a team-high 39 yards.

**GAME 4 - Sept. 24, 2022**

Eastern Illinois ..... 35

Murray State ..... 21

Murray, Ky.  
Stewart Stadium (10,112)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	14	10	0	11	35
Murray State	7	7	0	7	21

**FIRST QUARTER**

MUR - Dallas 12 pass from Stinson (Baum kick) - 9:28  
 EIU - Shoffner 1 run (Galloway kick) - 6:41  
 EIU - Thomas 2 pass from Shoffner (Galloway kick) - 2:04

**SECOND QUARTER**

MUR - Shields 28 pass from Stinson (Baum kick) - 12:44  
 EIU - Galloway 25 field goal - 6:56  
 EIU - Young 36 run (Galloway kick) - 0:58

**FOURTH QUARTER**

MUR - Brooks 6 pass from Stinson (Baum kick) - 12:11  
 EIU - Galloway 32 field goal - 6:23  
 EIU - Shoffner 8 run (N. Hill pass from O'Brien) - 2:46

**TEAM STATS .....EIU .....MUR**

First Downs	20	22
Rushes-Yards	52-339	23-73
Passing-Yards	69	334
Comp-Att-Int	6-15-0	28-46-4
Total Offense	408	407
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	2-10	7-65
Int Returns-Yards-TD	4-28-0	0-0-0
Time of Possession	31:23	28:37
Sacks-Yards	0-0	1-6

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

EIU - Young (8-160-1), Shoffner (17-83-2)  
 MUR - Northington (16-64-0), Witherspoon (5-10-0)

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

EIU - Shoffner (14-5-0-74-1), O'Brien (1-1-0-(-5)-0)  
 MUR - Stinson (46-28-4-334-3)

**RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)**

EIU - Thomas (3-46-1), Benefield (2-7-0)  
 MUR - Dallas (9-97-1), Brooks (6-53-1)

**DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)**

EIU - Bohanek (4-6-3), Vincent (4-4-0), Varga (2-5-0.5)  
 MUR - Dailey (7-2-1), Bolden (7-1-0)

**RECAP**

Dom Shoffner and Kendi Young both sparked the Eastern Illinois offense while the Panthers defense forced five turnovers in a 35-21 win in the Ohio Valley Conference opener at Murray State. Shoffner entered at quarterback on the second series of the game and never left after leading the Panthers on a long touchdown drive. He would score two rushing touchdowns and pass for a third as the Panthers had 408 yards of total offense. Kendi Young paced the EIU ground game with 160 yards on eight carries including a 36-yard touchdown run at the end of the first half. EIU pounded out 339 yards on the ground, the most since the 2017 season. EIU's defense forced five turnovers with a pair of interceptions by Elijahaw Tolbert. Jordan Vincent and Mark Aitken each added a pick.

**GAME 5 - Oct. 8, 2022**

Northwestern State..... 27

Eastern Illinois ..... 35

Charleston, Ill.  
O'Brien Field (3,153)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Northwestern State	7	0	7	13	27
Eastern Illinois	21	14	0	0	35

**FIRST QUARTER**

EIU - O'Brien 10 run (Galloway kick) - 11:10  
 EIU - Shoffner 27 run (Galloway kick) - 6:51  
 NSU - Patterson 10 pass from Clement (Godina kick) - 4:01  
 EIU - O'Brien 11 run (Galloway kick) - 2:27

**SECOND QUARTER**

EIU - Shoffner 2 run (Galloway kick) - 12:36  
 EIU - Pierre 12 pass from Shoffner (Galloway kick) - 2:56

**THIRD QUARTER**

NSU - Clement 14 run (Godina kick) - 2:03

**FOURTH QUARTER**

NSU - Lacy 4 run (Godina kick) - 9:25  
 NSU - Patterson 17 pass from Clement (pass failed) - 4:44

**TEAM STATS .....EIU .....NSU**

First Downs	20	21
Rushes-Yards	61-340	19-54
Passing-Yards	48	343
Comp-Att-Int	6-9-1	37-59-2
Total Offense	388	397
Fumbles-Lost	4-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards	8-65	4-20
Int Returns-Yards-TD	2-0-0	1-0-0
Time of Possession	35:54	24:06
Sacks-Yards	4-23	0-0

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

EIU - Shoffner (18-134-2), Pierre (18-71-0), O'Brien (8-54-2)  
 NSU - Lacy (7-41-1), Johnson (4-3-0)

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

EIU - O'Brien (5-4-0-28-0), Shoffner (4-2-1-20-1)  
 NSU - Clement (59-37-2-343-2)

**RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)**

EIU - N. Hill (3-22-0), Pierre (1-12-1)  
 NSU - Patterson (12-167-2), Antonio (7-71-0)

**DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)**

EIU - Coates (5-1-0), Tolbert (5-1-0), Porter (3-3-0)  
 NSU - Valsin (9-1-1), Ward (6-1-0)

**RECAP**

Eastern Illinois defense came up with a stop when it needed it most as the Panthers held off a late comeback in a 35-27 win over Northwestern State. Jordan Vincent picked off a pass with 19 seconds left in the game to seal the win for EIU as the Panthers forced three turnovers in the game. The offense was the story for EIU in the opening half churning out 35 points with two rushing touchdowns each by quarterbacks Jonah O'Brien and Dom Shoffner. As a team EIU rushed for 340 yards with Shoffner leading the way with 134. It was the second straight 300-yard rushing day for the Panthers offense as they won two straight for the first time since the 2017 season.

**GAME 6 - Oct. 15, 2022**

Lindenwood ..... 37

Eastern Illinois ..... 34

Charleston, Ill.  
O'Brien Field (6,875)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
Lindenwood	0	14	0	10	13	37
Eastern Illinois	7	3	7	7	10	34

**FIRST QUARTER**

EIU - O'Brien 1 run (Galloway kick) - 3:30

**SECOND QUARTER**

LIN - Williams 5 run (Seibert kick) - 13:52  
 EIU - Galloway 31 field goal - 4:44  
 LIN - Haerr 20 pass from Brister (Seibert kick) - 0:09

**THIRD QUARTER**

EIU - Smith 13 pass from O'Brien (Galloway kick) - 4:51

**FOURTH QUARTER**

LIN - Seibert 27 field goal - 13:26  
 EIU - Oyawale 40 fumble recovery (Galloway kick) - 7:00  
 LIN - Brister 1 run (Seibert kick) - 3:09

**OVERTIME**

LIN - Rose 2 pass from Brister (Seibert kick)  
 EIU - O'Brien 1 run (Galloway kick)  
 EIU - Galloway 22 field goal  
 LIN - Smith 9 pass from Brister

**TEAM STATS .....EIU .....LIN**

First Downs	15	37
Rushes-Yards	32-125	52-199
Passing-Yards	195	302
Comp-Att-Int	17-25-0	28-42-2
Total Offense	320	501
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	6-65	4-33
Int Returns-Yards-TD	2-24-0	0-0-0
Time of Possession	23:38	36:22
Sacks-Yards	5-32	1-7

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

EIU - Pierre (15-79-0), O'Brien (10-38-2)  
 LIN - Brister (27-79-1), Williams (15-68-1)

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

EIU - O'Brien (21-14-0-152-1), Shoffner (3-2-0-18-0)  
 LIN - Brister (42-28-2-302-3)

**RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)**

EIU - I. Hill (5-77-0), Smith (5-73-1), N. Hill (4-27-0)  
 LIN - Smith (8-91-1), Rose (8-66-1)

**DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)**

EIU - Coates (9-1-0), Harvey (5-5-0), Tolbert (5-3-2)  
 LIN - Whittemore (6-3-0), Edwards (6-2-0)

**RECAP**

Lindenwood scored a touchdown on its second possession of overtime as the Lions beat Eastern Illinois 37-34 in a two overtime contest in the first-ever meeting between the two schools. Jonah O'Brien engineered three EIU touchdowns with two short rushing touchdowns and a touchdown pass to DeAirious Smith. The Panthers other score came on a defensive touchdown as Alexander Oyawale scooped up a fumble and raced 40-yards for a score. Cade Brister led the Lindenwood offense passing for 302 yards including the game winning touchdown pass to Kobe Smith.



**GAME 7 - Oct. 22, 2022**  
 Eastern Illinois ..... 17  
 Tennessee State..... 37

Nashville, Tenn.  
 Nissan Stadium (6,237)

<b>Scoring</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Final</b>
Eastern Illinois	0	0	14	3	17
Tennessee State	3	24	0	10	37

**FIRST QUARTER**

TSU - Mosely 46 field goal - 9:27

**SECOND QUARTER**

TSU - Mosley 42 field goal - 11:43  
 TSU - Bryant 1 run (Mosley kick) - 6:04  
 TSU - Brenson 12 pass from Ellis (Mosely kick) - 3:18  
 TSU - Starling 49 pass from Ellis (Mosley kick) - 0:31

**THIRD QUARTER**

EIU - N. Hill 29 pass from O'Brien (Galloway kick) - 13:22  
 EIU - Eatman 20 pass from O'Brien (Galloway kick) - 5:43

**FOURTH QUARTER**

TSU - Mosely 42 field goal - 14:21  
 TSU - Roberts 52 pass from Ellis (Mosely kick) - 10:05  
 EIU - Galloway 32 field goal - 2:44

**TEAM STATS .....EIU .....TSU**

First Downs	14	19
Rushes-Yards	31-73	40-85
Passing-Yards	115	309
Comp-Att-Int	10-29-3	27-36-0
Total Offense	188	394
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-30	10-78
Int Returns-Yards-TD	0-0-0	3-44-0
Time of Possession	22:46	37:14
Sacks-Yards	4-25	6-24

**LEADERS**

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

EIU - Flowers (6-36-0), Pierre (3-20-0)  
 TSU - Starling (14-58-0), Rouse (13-37-0)

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

EIU - O'Brien (22-9-2-103-2), Weir (7-1-1-12-0)  
 TSU - Ellis (36-27-0-309-3)

**RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)**

EIU - N. Hill (3-40-1), Manaves (2-11-0), Eatman (1-20-1)  
 TSU - Holloman (6-69-0), Davis (4-70-0)

**DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)**

EIU - Vincent (7-2-1), Benoit (7-1-1), Smith (3-3-1.5)  
 TSU - Allen (3-3-3), Poep (3-2-0.5)

**RECAP**

Tennessee State's defense limited Eastern Illinois to only one first down in the opening half as the Tigers took advantage of three Panther turnovers to jump out to a 27-0 lead at the half. EIU mounted a slight comeback in the third quarter with touchdown passes by Jonah O'Brien to Nile Hill and Lazerick Eatman. TSU would quickly counter and picked up the 37-17 win. Late in the game kicker Stone Galloway knocked home a 32-yard field goal as he improved to 9-for-9 on the season. Jordan Vincent led the Panthers defense with nine tackles while Jordan Miles had two of EIU's four sacks on defense.



**GAME 8 - Oct. 29, 2022**  
 Tennessee Tech ..... 20  
 Eastern Illinois ..... 17

Charleston, Ill.  
 O'Brien Field (5,817)

<b>Scoring</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Final</b>
Tennessee Tech	0	3	10	7	20
Eastern Illinois	3	14	0	0	17

**FIRST QUARTER**

EIU - Stone Galloway 21 field goal - 7:12

**SECOND QUARTER**

TTU - Olsen 20 field goal - 14:08  
 EIU - O'Brien 1 run (Galloway kick) - 7:10  
 EIU - Aitken 65 blocked field goal return (Galloway kick) - 0:00

**THIRD QUARTER**

TTU - Cross 16 pass from Oatsvall (Olsen kick) - 9:09  
 TTU - Olsen 46 field goal - 6:56

**FOURTH QUARTER**

TTU - Clark 7 pass from Oatsvall (Olsen kick) - 6:45

**TEAM STATS .....EIU ..... TTU**

First Downs	18	19
Rushes-Yards	49-161	35-183
Passing-Yards	73	181
Comp-Att-Int	7-19-0	20-31-1
Total Offense	234	364
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	5-0
Penalties-Yards	0-0	10-72
Int Returns-Yards-TD	1-0-0	0-0-0
Time of Possession	26:51	33:09
Sacks-Yards	0-0	4-31

**LEADERS**

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

EIU - Benefield (14-79-0), Flowers (12-43-0)  
 TTU - Gist (13-99-0), Allen (11-42-0)

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

EIU - O'Brien (4-1-0-10-0), Weir (15-6-0-63-0)  
 TTU - Oatsvall (31-20-1-181-2)

**RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)**

EIU - Willman (2-20-0), Vallie (2-13-0)  
 TTU - Gist (4-37-0), Cross (3-33-1)

**DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)**

EIU - Bohanek (12-3-1), Vincent (6-1-0), Tolbert (3-3-1)  
 TTU - Hudson (7-0-0), Carlisle (7-0-1)

**RECAP**

A tale of two halves unfolded on Saturday at O'Brien Field. EIU had a 17-3 lead at the half after the Panthers blocked a TTU field goal attempt on the final play of the first half. The blocked field goal by Jordan Vincent was scooped up by Mark Aitken and returned 65 yards for a touchdown to put EIU up 17-3. TTU scored 17 unanswered points in the second half to clinch a 20-17 win. The Golden Eagles defense stopped EIU twice on fourth down plays in the fourth quarter in TTU territory. The TTU defense closed the game with a sack and forced fumble allowing them to run out the clock. Vincent had seven tackles for EIU while Colin Bohanek led the unit with 15 stops.



**GAME 9 - Nov. 5, 2022**  
 Eastern Illinois ..... 15  
 McNeese ..... 29

Lake Charles, La.  
 Cowboy Stadium (N/A)

<b>Scoring</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Final</b>
Eastern Illinois	0	7	0	8	15
McNeese	10	9	7	3	29

**FIRST QUARTER**

MCN - Smith 39 field goal - 5:12  
 MCN - McCall 33 pass from McMahon (Smith kick) - 2:15

**SECOND QUARTER**

EIU - Vallie 26 pass from Shoffner (W. Orth kick) - 12:20  
 MCN - Pierce 32 pass from Roberts (run failed) - 8:38  
 MCN - Smith 21 field goal - 0:00

**THIRD QUARTER**

MCN - McMahon 3 run (Smith kick) - 3:40

**FOURTH QUARTER**

MCN - Smith 31 field goal - 5:55  
 EIU - Bowick 19 pass from Shoffner (N. Hill pass from Willman) - 3:13

**TEAM STATS .....EIU .....MCN**

First Downs	17	24
Rushes-Yards	30-132	41-242
Passing-Yards	187	273
Comp-Att-Int	17-30-1	18-27-0
Total Offense	319	515
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards	1-10	2-25
Int Returns-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-0-0
Time of Possession	26:51	33:09
Sacks-Yards	1-5	2-13

**LEADERS**

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

EIU - Shoffner (18-78-0), Benefield (5-31-0)  
 MCN - McMahon (26-211-1), Parker (8-38-0)

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

EIU - Shoffner (30-17-1-187-2)  
 MCN - Wood (5-4-0-58-0), Roberts (20-13-0-182-1)

**RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)**

EIU - Willman (7-82-0), Bowick (5-40-1), Vallie (4-63-1)  
 MCN - Pierce (8-150-1), Johnson (4-38-0)

**DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)**

EIU - Vincent (7-5-1), Coates (6-6-0.5), Tolbert (1-5-0)  
 MCN - Williams (6-8-1.5), Green (3-3-0)

**RECAP**

Dom Shoffner accounted for a large chunk of EIU's offense making his first collegiate start as he rushed for a team high 78 yards while passing for 187. Shoffner would hit Jay Vallie and Justin Bowick for touchdown passes in a 29-15 non-conference loss at McNeese. The Cowboys rushed for 242 yards against EIU with Deonta McMahon picking up 211 on the ground. EIU's defense would pick up its 18th turnover gained this season with a fumble forced by Jordan Vincent. Vincent and Nick Coates both finished with 12 tackles to lead EIU.



**GAME 10 - Nov. 12, 2022**  
**Southeast Missouri..... 31**  
**Eastern Illinois..... 7**

Charleston, Ill.  
 O'Brien Field (1,831)

<b>Scoring</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Final</b>
Southeast Missouri.....	0	21	3	7	31
Eastern Illinois.....	0	7	0	0	7

**SECOND QUARTER**

EIU - Benefield 4 run (Galloway kick) - 12:45  
 SEMO - Heitert 7 run (Pippin kick) - 9:45  
 SEMO - Hess 31 run (Pippin kick) - 8:44  
 SEMO - Hess 10 run (Pippin kick) - 6:46

**THIRD QUARTER**

SEMO - Pippin 41 field goal - 2:11

**FOURTH QUARTER**

SEMO - Hess 1 run (Pippin kick) - 9:15

**TEAM STATS .....EIU .....SEMO**

First Downs.....	6	21
Rushes-Yards.....	32-79	54-320
Passing-Yards.....	21	140
Comp-Att-Int.....	3-19-2	11-18-1
Total Offense.....	100	460
Fumbles-Lost.....	3-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards.....	3-13	2-10
Int Returns-Yards-TD.....	1-0-0	2-2-0
Time of Possession.....	24:08	35:52
Sacks-Yards.....	0-0	3-19

**LEADERS**

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

EIU - Flowers (8-38-0), Benefield (5-21-1)  
 SEMO - Hess (30-198-3), Robbins (6-42-0)

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

EIU - Shoffner (11-2-2-12-0), Kowalak (4-1-0-9-0)  
 SEMO - Heitert (17-11-1-140-0), Ogbonna (1-0-0-0-0)

**RECEIVING (No-Yds-TD)**

EIU - Vallie (2-13-0), N. Hill (1-8-0)  
 SEMO - King (4-55-0), Vick (3-39-0)

**DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)**

EIU - Drakeford (4-5-0), Lewis (4-5-1.5), Vincent (7-1-0)  
 SEMO - Norman (8-3-1), Johnson (6-0-1)

**RECAP**

Eastern Illinois played toe-to-toe with No. 19 ranked Southeast Missouri for the early portion of the game even taking a 7-0 lead on a Jaelin Benefield 4-yard touchdown run. After that score, SEMO put together a long offensive drive and surged to a 21-7 lead at the after taking advantage of two EIU turnovers. The Redhawks would handcuff EIU's offense to just 100 yards of total offense in a 31-7 win. The Panthers had several special teams highlights with a blocked punt by Collin Tyson and fumble recovery on another punt by Zay Gentry. Jordan Vincent would get his third interception of the season late in the game.



**GAME 11 - Nov. 19, 2022**  
**Eastern Illinois..... 31**  
**UT Martin..... 34**

Martin, Tenn.  
 Graham Stadium (3,003)

<b>Scoring</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Final</b>
Eastern Illinois.....	17	0	7	7	31
UT Martin.....	14	7	6	7	34

**FIRST QUARTER**

UTM - Franklin 4 run (Larco kick) - 11:06  
 EIU - Benefield 84 pass from Shoffner (Galloway kick) - 10:12  
 UTM - Wallace 1 run (Larco kick) - 9:19  
 EIU - Galloway 42 field goal - 4:46  
 EIU - Bowick 63 pass from Shoffner (Galloway kick) - 3:03

**SECOND QUARTER**

UTM - Dowell 52 pass from Winn (Larco kick) - 6:08

**THIRD QUARTER**

UTM - Larco 34 field goal - 11:04  
 UTM - Larco 27 field goal - 8:43  
 EIU - Bowick 40 pass from Shoffner (Galloway kick) - 4:46

**FOURTH QUARTER**

UTM - Winn 2 run (Larco kick) - 12:36  
 EIU - Shoffner 2 run (Galloway kick) - 8:24

**TEAM STATS .....EIU .....UTM**

First Downs.....	21	12
Rushes-Yards.....	37-111	29-82
Passing-Yards.....	315	227
Comp-Att-Int.....	14-37-2	17-28-0
Total Offense.....	426	309
Fumbles-Lost.....	4-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards.....	4-45	7-78
Int Returns-Yards-TD.....	0-0-0	2-47-0
Time of Possession.....	32:55	27:05
Sacks-Yards.....	0-0	4-21

**LEADERS**

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

EIU - Shoffner (24-64-1), Benefield (11-24-0)  
 UTM - Wallace (13-53-1), Franklin (13-30-1)

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

EIU - Shoffner (36-14-2-315-3)  
 UTM - Winn (28-17-0-227-1)

**RECEIVING (No-Yds-TD)**

EIU - Bowick (6-177-2), Willman (3-32-0)  
 UTM - Dowell (4-118-1), Smoot (3-86-0)

**DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)**

EIU - Vincent (2-4-0), Bohanek (0-6-0.5), Willis (2-3-0.5)  
 UTM - Ford (3-8-1), Hicks (3-7-0)

**RECAP**

Eastern Illinois pushed No. 25 UT Martin to the final whistle before falling 34-31 in the final game of the season. The difference in the game proved to be turnovers as the Skyhawks converted four EIU turnovers into 13 points while not turning the ball over themselves. Dom Shoffner passed for 315 yards connecting for long touchdown passes to Jaelin Benefield (84 yards) and Justin Bowick (63 yards). Bowick would haul in a second touchdown pass of 40 yards as he finished the day with six catches for 177 yards. EIU would have two interceptions and two fumbles providing the Skyhawks with a short field as they pulled out the win.