



# EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHER FOOTBALL

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## GAME 10



### COACHES:

**Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1995)**  
 EIU Record.....8-12 (2nd)  
 OVC Record.....3-6 (2nd)  
 Career Record.....59-39 (11th)  
 vs. Tennessee State..... 0-1

### Eddie George (Ohio State)

TSU Record..... 15-16 (3rd)  
 OVC Record..... 7-8 (3rd)  
 Overall Record.....Same  
 vs. Eastern Illinois..... 2-0

### SERIES

27th meeting - EIU leads 15-11  
**Last:** @TSU 37, EIU 17 on Oct. 22, 2022

### RANKINGS

Eastern Illinois ..... --- / RV  
 Tennessee State ..... RV / ---  
 ..... *STATS Media/AFC A Coaches*

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## Panthers Senior Day May Have Playoff Implications

Eastern Illinois vs. Tennessee State

O'Brien Field (10,000) • Charleston, Ill.

November 11, 2023 • 12 p.m. • TV: ESPN+

### NOTES TO KNOW

• Eastern Illinois and Tennessee State meet on Saturday at O'Brien Field with both teams still eyeing a possible at-large bid to the FCS playoffs at the end of the month. EIU clinched its first winning season since the 2017 campaign with a road win at Lindenwood last Saturday improving to 6-3 on the season, 2-2 in the Big South-OVC. Tennessee State had its four-game win streak snapped with a road loss at Charleston Southern as the Tigers fell to 6-3 overall, 2-2 in the Big South-OVC. Both teams enter the week receiving votes in the two major FCS Top 25 polls.

• Eastern Illinois defense came up with three turnovers gained on Saturday as the Panthers are once again tied for the national lead in takeaways this season with 23 (tied with Richmond). EIU had three interceptions in the game marking the third time this season that they have three or more picks in a game with a season high of four in the opener at Indiana State. The Panthers have been balanced in their types of turnovers with 13 interceptions and ten fumble recoveries. It is the highest team turnovers gained total since the 2015 season when EIU ranked second in the nation with 31 turnovers gained.

• Blake Ruffin added his fourth interception of the season in the fourth quarter at Lindenwood as he has the most interceptions in a season since Jourdan Wickliffe had five picks during the 2015 season. Ruffin leads the Big South-OVC in interceptions and is fourth in the FCS. The sophomore safety has also been one of the Panthers top tacklers this year with 57 tackles which ranks second on the team. 39 of those 57 tackles have been solo stops which is sixth in the league. Ruffin has tacked on four tackles for loss, one sack, three pass break-ups, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery to his season totals.

• Pierce Holley passed for more than 240 yards for the fifth consecutive game and the eighth time this season as the Panthers picked up a 16-10 road win at Lindenwood. Holley was 18-of-34 for 245 yards including one touchdown pass. The graduate transfer ranks 11th in the FCS in passing yards with 2,394 and needs 189 more this season to crack the EIU single season top ten. He is 33rd in the FCS with 14 touchdown passes. Including his two years as a starter at Georgetown, Holley has passed for 6,571 career yards (14th among active FCS QBs) and 35 career touchdowns.

• Russell Dandy added two more pass break-ups to his season total as the fifth year player continues to be one of the top corners in the Big South-OVC this season. Dandy now has 15 pass break-ups this season which ties him for second on the EIU single season record list, one behind record holder Ben Brown (2004). With his one interception this season added in, Dandy currently ranks second in the FCS in passes defended. A preseason All-Conference player, Dandy has 30 tackles this season with two fumble recoveries.

### Eastern Illinois (6-3, 2-2 Conf.)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Aug. 31	at Indiana State	W 27-0
Sept. 9	at Bowling Green	L 15-38
Sept. 16	#25 ILLINOIS STATE	W 14-13
Sept. 23	McNEESE	W 31-28
Sept. 30	at Northwestern State	W 19-10
Oct. 7	• UT MARTIN (HC)	L 27-28 (ot)
Oct. 14	• at Southeast Missouri	L 28-35
Oct. 21	• BRYANT	W 25-24 (ot)
Nov. 4	• at Lindenwood	W 16-10
Nov. 11	• TENNESSEE STATE	12 pm
Nov. 18	• at Robert Morris	11 am

• Big South-OVC Game All Times Central

### Tennessee State (6-3, 2-2 Conf.)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Sept. 2	at Notre Dame	L 3-56
Sept. 9	vs. Arkansas Pine Bluff	W 24-14
Sept. 16	• GARDNER-WEBB	W 27-25
Sept. 30	• at UT Martin	L 10-20
Oct. 7	at Kennesaw State	W 27-20
Oct. 14	NORFOLK STATE	W 24-17
Oct. 21	LINCOLN (Calif.)	W 54-0
Oct. 28	• LINDENWOOD	W 43-20
Nov. 4	• at Charleston Southern	L 21-35
Nov. 11	• at Eastern Illinois	12 pm
Nov. 18	• TENNESSEE TECH	2 pm

• Big South-OVC All Times Central

**STATS FCS MEDIA TOP 25**  
**(November 6)**

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	South Dakota State (56)	9-0
2.	Furman	8-1
3.	Montana	8-1
4.	Idaho	7-2
5.	Montana State	7-2
6.	South Dakota	7-2
7.	North Carolina Central	8-1
8.	Delaware	7-2
9.	Sacramento State	6-3
10.	North Dakota	6-3
11.	Southern Illinois	6-3
12.	North Dakota State	6-3
T13.	Florida A&M	8-1
T13.	Villanova	7-2
15.	Northern Iowa	6-3
16.	Incarnate Word	7-2
17.	Western Carolina	6-3
18.	UAlbany	7-3
19.	Chattanooga	7-3
20.	Austin Peay	7-2
21.	UT Martin	7-2
22.	Youngstown State	6-3
23.	Mercer	7-2
24.	Harvard	7-1
25.	Lafayette	7-2

RV - Tennessee State

**FCS COACHES TOP 25**  
**(November 6)**

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	South Dakota State (26)	9-0
2.	Furman	8-1
3.	Montana	8-1
4.	Idaho	7-2
5.	Montana State	7-2
6.	South Dakota	7-2
7.	North Carolina Central	8-1
8.	Delaware	7-2
9.	Florida A&M	8-1
10.	Incarnate Word	7-2
11.	Sacramento State	6-3
12.	North Dakota	6-3
13.	North Dakota State	6-3
14.	Austin Peay	7-2
15.	Southern Illinois	6-3
16.	UT Martin	7-2
17.	Chattanooga	7-3
18.	Villanova	7-2
19.	Harvard	7-1
20.	Northern Iowa	6-3
21.	Western Carolina	6-3
22.	Holy Cross	6-3
23.	Lafayette	7-2
24.	Central Arkansas	6-3
25.	UAlbany	7-3

RV - Eastern Illinois

• Eastern Illinois defense was able to get home to the quarterback on Saturday at Lindenwood as the Panthers recorded a season-high six sacks in the contest. It was the highest number of sacks in a game for EIU since the Panthers had six on Oct. 31, 2009 against Murray State. EIU's season high last season was five sacks also against Lindenwood. Phoenix Porter led the way in the game with two sacks while Nicholas Oliveira-Chace had 1.5 sacks. Drake Van Hyfte and Colby Smith were each credited with a solo sack while Joel Barrows had a half-sack. EIU now has 18 teams sacks with Porter and Barrows tied for the team lead with three each.

• Junior wide receiver Eli Mirza continues to be one of the Panthers most consistent receivers this year as he was tied for the team lead with five receptions on Saturday at Lindenwood. Mirza had five catches for 73 yards and one score. For the season Mirza leads the Panthers in both receptions (50) and receiving yards (566) with both totals ranking fourth in the Big South-OVC. He is 26th nationally in receptions.

• Justin Thomas had five receptions for 82 yards on Saturday at Lindenwood as the former NCAA Division III All-American has now caught at least one pass in 34 consecutive games. Thomas has 32 catches for 421 yards with four touchdowns this season. He ranks 11th among all active college football players with 3,235 receiving yards and in the top 20 in both career receptions (211) and touchdowns (46).

• Team captain Mark Aitken had his best day as a kick returner this season on Saturday at Lindenwood with two returns for 71 yards including a season long return of 52 yards. Aitken is averaging 22 yards per return for his career and needs 72 more yards to move into the EIU career top ten for kick return yards. He is also a starter at safety ranking fourth on the team this season with 34 tackles.

• NiJhay Burt came up big on defense again on Saturday as the reserve safety had his third interception of the season to seal the Panthers sixth win of the season. Burt now ranks 30th in the FCS and third in the Big South-OVC in interceptions. He opened the year with a 67-yard interception return for touchdown at Indiana State.

• Junior safety Nick Coates had his first career interception on Saturday finishing the day with four solo tackles. An All-OVC selection last season Coates has made seven starts this season making 26 tackles with two tackles for loss and three pass break-ups.

• Eastern Illinois had its best offensive start of the season on Saturday at Lindenwood scoring three times for 16 points with 176 yards of total offense in the first quarter. EIU's best scoring offensive quarter this season was 17 points in the fourth quarter against McNeese. Last season EIU had two games with three scores in the opening quarter with 21 points against Northwestern State and 17 points at UT Martin.

• Kendi Young has come off the bench the last couple of weeks to provide some offensive punch in the Panthers backfield. Against Bryant he was called into action late in the second quarter and finished the game as EIU's leading rusher with 11 carries for 69 yards. On Saturday at Lindenwood he was the number two running back but again finished as the Panthers leading rusher with 45 yards on nine carries. In his collegiate debut in the COVID spring of 2021, Young ripped off a 72-yard touchdown in his opening game against Southeast Missouri. Last season he rushed for 160 yards on eight carries in a road win at Murray State.

• DeAirious Smith continues to make the most of his receptions this season as the junior had five catches for 67 yards in Saturday's road win at Lindenwood. Smith is currently fourth on the Panthers team with 24 receptions but second in receiving yards with 453. His 18.9 yards per reception rank him 15th in the FCS.

• Linebacker Anthony Shockey posted his second double figure tackle game of the season as he led EIU with ten tackles on Saturday at Lindenwood. Shockey made nine solo stops with one tackle for loss. He is currently third on the team with 46 total tackles. His season high was 11 tackles in the Panthers game at Bowling Green.

• Freshman punter Jacob Horvath was effective in placing the ball in Saturday's road win at Lindenwood. Horvath had five punts on the afternoon with for a 38.2 yard average. Of the five punts, three were downed inside the five yard line with two of them pinned at the one-yard line. For the season Horvath is averaging 37.7 yards per punt with 14 of his 44 punts this season inside the 20-yard line. His season long is 57 yards.

• Defensive lineman Nicholas Oliveira-Chace made an impact up front on Saturday against Lindenwood finishing with four tackles and 1.5 sacks. A transfer from Division II Franklin Pierce, Oliveira-Chace is fifth on the Panthers roster with 33 tackles with a team-high seven tackles for loss and two fumble recoveries.

• Linebacker Phoenix Porter made five tackles in Saturday's win at Lindenwood with two sacks and three tackles for loss. Porter is now tied with Joel Barrows for the team lead in sacks with three. He is sixth on the Panthers roster with 31 tackles this year. The last EIU player with two or more sacks in a game was Jordan Miles with two last season at Tennessee State. The last Panther with three or more tackles for loss was Tre'jon Lewis with three last season at McNeese.

• Eastern Illinois football clinched its first winning season since the 2017 campaign with Saturday's win over Lindenwood. It was the Panthers sixth win of the season. With one more win in its two remaining games EIU would get to the seven win plateau for the first time since the 2015 season when they went 7-4 in the regular season before losing at Northern Iowa in the opening round of the FCS playoffs. Two wins in the final two games would give EIU eight wins for the first time since 2013 when they finished at 12-2.

## 2023 Big South-OVC Football Standings

Team	CONF	Pct	All	Pct
UT Martin	4-1	800	7-2	778
Gardner-Webb	3-1	750	5-4	556
Southeast Missouri	3-1	750	4-5	444
Eastern Illinois	2-2	500	6-3	667
Tennessee State	2-2	500	6-3	667
Bryant	2-2	500	4-5	444
Charleston Southern	2-2	500	4-5	444
Tennessee Tech	1-3	250	3-6	333
Robert Morris	1-3	250	3-6	333
Lindenwood	1-4	200	3-6	333

## This Week In Big South-OVC Football

### Saturday - November 11

- \* Charleston Southern at Robert Morris - 11 am
- \* Tennessee State at Eastern Illinois - 12 pm
- \* Bryant at Lindenwood - 1 pm
- \* Gardner-Webb at Tennessee Tech - 1:30 pm
- \* Southeast Missouri at UT Martin - 2 pm

### Saturday - November 18

- \* Eastern Illinois at Robert Morris - 11 am
- UT Martin at Samford - 12 pm
- \* Charleston Southern at Gardner-Webb - 12 pm
- \* Southeast Missouri at Bryant - 1 pm
- Tennessee Tech at Tennessee State - 2 pm

\* Big South-OVC Football Association Games

## Eastern Illinois Captains

- 2 - Mark Aitken
- 4 - Justin Thomas
- 53 - Stone Galloway
- 56 - Tre'jon Lewis
- 67 - Chad Strickland

## Big South-OVC Order Of Finish

1. Southeast Missouri (6)
2. Gardner-Webb (2)
3. UT Martin (1)
4. Tennessee Tech (1)
5. Tennessee State
6. Bryant
7. Lindenwood
8. Eastern Illinois
9. Charleston Southern
10. Robert Morris



## Eastern Illinois Players On Preseason Team

- 1 - Elijahwah Tolbert (LB)
- 2 - Mark Aitken (KR)
- 3 - Russell Dandy (DB)
- 4 - Justin Thomas (WR)
- 8 - Juwon Farri (RB)
- 12 - Nick Coates (NICK)
- 13 - Cooper Willman (PR)
- 53 - Stone Galloway (K)
- 66 - Jack Valente (LS)
- 67 - Chad Strickland (OL)

• MJ Flowers was named to the mid-season Watch List for the Jerry Rice FCS Freshman of the Year Award. Flowers leads the Panthers in rushing yards with 474 this season which ranks sixth in the Big South-OVC and eighth nationally among FCS freshmen. He has also been a target out of the backfield with 29 catches for 161 yards giving him 635 all-purpose yards (tenth nationally among FCS freshmen). Flowers has the third best rushing game performance in the FCS this season with 272 yards against McNeese, that total ranking third best all-time in EIU history.

• Stone Galloway knocked home one field goal in the win over Lindenwood as the senior moved up another spot on the Eastern Illinois career field goals made list. Galloway now has 28 career made field goals and is fourth on the EIU career list. Steve Largent holds the school record with 46 made field goals followed by Nick Bruno (43) and Cameron Berra (34). One of Galloway's made kicks this year was from 56 yards which was the second longest field goal in school history. He had his streak of 43 consecutive points without a miss snapped with a blocked PAT as he is now 10-of-11 on extra points this season and has 53 extra points for his career.

• Eastern Illinois will honor a large group of players prior to this Saturday's game with Tennessee State. The following players are included in this year's class - Mark Aitken, Alex Alteus, Zed Asowata, Elijah Ball, DeWayne Cooks, Russell Dandy, Lazerick Eatman, Juwon Farri, Stone Galloway, Brandon Guido, Nile Hill, Anthony Imperio, Michael Jarosz, Daniel Luoma, Anthony Manaves, Jonah O'Brien, William Orth, Alex Oyawale, Anthony Shockey, Chad Strickland, Elkhanan Tanelus, Justin Thomas, Braylon Willis and student assistant coach Ryan Shepard.

• Eastern Illinois faced Bowling Green for the Panthers FBS contest this season as the Panthers played a team from the Mid-American Conference for the second straight year. With the 2024 schedule allowing for 12-games, EIU is scheduled to play two FBS games next season with trips to Illinois and Northwestern. Other future FBS games on the EIU schedule include a trip to play at Alabama in 2025 and Minnesota in 2026.

• Eastern Illinois offensive lineman Chad Strickland was a semifinalist for the NFF Campbell Trophy, the academic Heisman Trophy. Strickland, a preseason All-Big South-OVC Football selection, earned his undergraduate degree in pre-physical therapy with a 3.82 GPA and is currently enrolled in the master's program. He was one of 39 players selected from the FCS level and one of three from the Big South-OVC Football Association joining William McRainey from Gardner-Webb and Bradley Clark from Tennessee Tech.

• The Ohio Valley Conference and Big South Conference have merged into a joint conference for the sport of football with ten member schools for the 2023 season. The new Big South-OVC Football Association features OVC member schools Eastern Illinois, Lindenwood, Southeast Missouri, Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech and UT Martin. The Big South is represented by Charleston Southern and Gardner-Webb with affiliate members Bryant and Robert Morris (Pa.) also playing previously in the Big South. Next season (2024) will again see membership change with Western Illinois joining as a football playing member and Bryant exiting the conference.

• Eastern Illinois has several legacy players on its roster this season with offensive lineman Carson Fichtel, linebacker Jared Pilson and defensive lineman Peyton Wilkerson. Fichtel's father Brad was an All-American lineman for the Panthers in the early 1990's. Pilson's father Jamie was a running back for the Panthers in the early 1990's while Wilkerson's father Chris is the Panthers head coach and a former EIU defensive lineman in the 1990's. All three were teammates under head coach Bob Spoo.

• Eastern Illinois football has expanded its international pool of players as part of their 2023 roster. Already returning to the team was Daniel Luoma who is from Finland and Jaxson Isaac from Canada. The last two seasons Luoma was a reserve tight end and served as the Panthers kickoff specialist averaging 59.2 yards per kick with eight touchbacks in 2021. Isaac, another tight end, joined the roster last season using a redshirt season after playing in four games. Isaac is from Regina, Saskatchewan and played at the College of DuPage in 2021. The newest international Panther is punter Jacob Horvath from Australia. 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. The last player from Australia to play for the Panthers was long snapper Bryce Coulson in 2019.

• Eastern Illinois has announced its team captains for the 2023 season with five players in total selected. Mark Aitken (SAF) and Chad Strickland (OL) were voted team captains in the spring following the spring game. Joining that list following fall camp are Justin Thomas (WR), Stone Galloway (K) and Tre'jon Lewis (DL).

• Eastern Illinois football has 12 players on its current roster that already have earned their undergraduate degree as they prepare to play this upcoming season. The seven graduate players are Alex Alteus, Zed Asowata, DeWayne Cooks Jr., Russell Dandy, Juwon Farri, Pierce Holley, Anthony Imperio, Jonah O'Brien, Sebastian Pares, Chad Strickland, Elkhanan Tanelus and Justin Thomas.

**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 returned home and became 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 59-39 career record. Complete Coach Chris Wilkerson bio available on page 6 of EIU game notes...

**TENNESSEE STATE HEAD COACH EDDIE GEORGE**

Former Heisman Trophy winner and NFL running back Eddie George is in his third season as the head coach at Tennessee State and has the Tigers in the FCS playoff hunt this season. This is George's first coaching job and he has led the Tigers to a 15-16 record heading into the final weeks of his third season including a 7-8 record in conference games. George was the 1995 Heisman Trophy winner playing at Ohio State. He would go on to have a long career primarily with the Tennessee Titans rushing for more than 10,000 career yards.

**SCOUTING TENNESSEE STATE**

Tennessee State had its three game win streak snapped last Saturday as the Tigers lost on the road at Charleston Southern falling to 6-3 overall, 2-2 in the Big South-OVC. Terrell Allen has been a force leading the TSU defense earning conference player of the week honors three straight weeks and FCS National Defensive Player of the Week honors two weeks ago. He has 53 tackles with 24.5 tackles for loss and 14.5 sacks. Monroe Beard III leads the Tigers with 95 total tackles. Jordan Gant has come on to lead the ground game with 490 yards and ten touchdowns. Draylen Ellis is an experienced signal caller with 928 passing yards.

**THE SERIES**

Eastern Illinois and Tennessee State will be meeting for the 27th time as the Tigers play a road game in a town named Charleston for the second consecutive week. TSU lost at Charleston Southern last weekend. EIU holds a 15-11 all-time lead in the series but TSU has won the last three in the series and four of the last five meetings. Prior to a TSU win in 2018, EIU had won six straight in the series.

**LAST TEN MEETINGS**

*Oct. 22, 2022... TSU 37, EIU 17 at TSU*

*Oct. 23, 2021... TSU 28, EIU 0 at EIU*

*March 14, 2021... TSU 21, EIU 20 at TSU*

*Nov. 9, 2019... EIU 49, TSU 38 at TSU*

*Sept. 22, 2018... TSU 41, EIU 40 at EIU*

*Sept. 30, 2017... EIU 19, TSU 16 at TSU (2 OT)*

*Oct. 8, 2016... EIU 35, TSU 34 at EIU*

*Oct. 17, 2015... EIU 25, TSU 22 at TSU (OT)*

*Oct. 25, 2014... EIU 28, TSU 3 at EIU*

*Dec. 7, 2013... EIU 51, TSU 10 at EIU (FCS Playoffs)*

**OVC CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

The Ohio Valley Conference is celebrated its 75th anniversary during the 2022-23 academic year. The OVC is the eighth oldest NCAA Division I conference. Eastern Illinois is entering its 28th season as a member of the OVC. The EIU football team has won seven OVC championships with former head coach Bob Spoo one of two EIU members of the OVC Hall of Fame. EIU has had four OVC Defensive Players of the Year and four OVC Offensive Players of the Year including 2002 Walter Payton Award winner Tony Romo and 2013 Walter Payton Award winner Jimmy Garoppolo.

**TALE OF THE TAPE**

Points Per Game.....	22.4	25.9
Average Points Allowed.....	20.7	23.0
First Downs.....	180	161
Rushing Yards Per Game .....	108.3	160.3
Rushing Touchdowns .....	11	21
Passing Yards Per Game .....	266.0	163.7
Passing Touchdowns .....	14	6
Average Yards Per Game .....	374.3	324.0
Interceptions Thrown .....	7	5
Fumbles - Lost .....	6-2	15-7
Turnovers Gained.....	23	11
Punting Average .....	37.7	38.1
Field Goals (ATT/MADE) .....	6-of-14	11-of-13
3rd Down Conversions .....	50-of-132 (38%)	50-of-130 (38%)
4th Down Conversions.....	11-of-25 (44%)	3-of-6 (50%)
Sacks By (Yards).....	18 (92)	27 (200)
Penalties (Yards) .....	55 (489)	64 (546)
Time of Possession (Game) .....	31:15	26:49

**Statistical Leaders****RUSHING YARDS (Touchdowns)**

<b>EASTERN ILLINOIS</b>	<b>TENNESSEE STATE</b>
MJ Flowers.....474 (3)	Jordan Gant .....490 (10)
Kevin Daniels.....297 (2)	Jalen Rouse .....366 (2)

**PASSING YARDS (Touchdowns)**

<b>EASTERN ILLINOIS</b>	<b>TENNESSEE STATE</b>
Pierce Holley.....2,394 (14)	Draylen Ellis .....928 (5)
.....	Deveon Bryant .....545 (1)

**RECEPTIONS (Yards)**

<b>EASTERN ILLINOIS</b>	<b>TENNESSEE STATE</b>
Eli Mirza .....50 (566)	Dayron Johnson .....33 (296)
Justin Thomas .....32 (421)	Karate Brenson.....17 (197)
Justin Bowick.....31 (446)	Da'Shon Davis .....13 (371)

**TACKLES**

<b>EASTERN ILLINOIS</b>	<b>TENNESSEE STATE</b>
Elijahwah Tolbert.....71	Monroe Beard III .....95
Blake Ruffin .....57	Terrell Allen .....53
Anthony Shockey.....46	James Green .....48
Mark Aitken.....34	Jeremiah Josephs.....46
Nicholas Oliveira-Chace.....33	Josh Green.....37

**TACKLES FOR LOSS / SACKS**

<b>EASTERN ILLINOIS</b>	<b>TENNESSEE STATE</b>
Nicholas Oliveria-Chace....7.....2.5	Terrell Allen .....24.5.14.5
Elijahwah Tolbert.....6.....0	Chris Walker.....9.....5
Phoenix Porter.....5.....3	Bryce Phillips.....5.....0

### Eastern Illinois In The OVC/NCAA Stats 2023

#### TEAM

.....	NCAA	CONF
Rushing Offense .....	101st	7th
Passing Offense .....	17th	1st
Passing Efficiency .....	59th	4th
Total Offense .....	50th	3rd
Scoring Offense .....	77th	6th
Rushing Defense .....	47th	5th
Pass Defense .....	81st	5th
Pass Efficiency Def. ....	30th	2nd
Total Defense .....	61st	6th
Scoring Defense .....	24th	1st
Net Punting .....	59th	7th
Punt Returns .....	116th	10th
Kickoff Returns .....	93rd	8th
Turnover Margin .....	1st	1st
Turnovers Gained .....	1st	1st
Sacks .....	51st	7th
Tackles For Loss .....	57th	7th
Sacks Allowed .....	115th	10th
3rd Down Conversion .....	62nd	5th
4th Down Conversion .....	89th	6th
3rd Down Defense .....	69th	6th
Red Zone Offense .....	106th	9th
Red Zone Defense .....	46th	2nd
Time of Possession .....	36th	4th

#### INDIVIDUAL (Top 50)

.....	NCAA	CONF
Pierce Holley (Comp. Pct.) .....	46th	3rd
Pierce Holley (Passing Touchdowns) .....	33rd	4th
Pierce Holley (Passing Yards) .....	11th	1st
Pierce Holley (Total Offense) .....	20th	3rd
Justin Bowick (TD Receptions) .....	32nd	1st
Eli Mirza (Receiving Yards) .....	49th	4th
Eli Mirza (Receptions) .....	26th	4th
DeAirious Smith (Yards Per Reception) ..	15th	1st
MJ Flowers (Yards Per Carry) .....	50th	3rd
Russell Dandy (Fumble Recovery) .....	9th	1st
Russell Dandy (Passes Defended) .....	2nd	1st
Blake Ruffin (Interceptions) .....	4th	1st
Nijhay Burt (Interceptions) .....	30th	3rd
Joel Barrows (Forced Fumbles) .....	9th	2nd
Kaelin Drakeford (Fumble Recovery) .....	9th	1st
Nicholas Oliveria-Chace (Fumble Rec.) ..	9th	1st

### SHUT OUT STREAK ENDS

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

#### Longest EIU Streaks

197 (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 \*  
4 - Southeast Missouri  
3 - Tennessee State  
2 - Murray State  
2 - UT Martin  
1 - Tennessee Tech  
1 - Western Kentucky \*  
1 - Austin Peay \*  
\* indicates team no longer in the OVC

### 2023 WEEKLY AWARDS

#### *Week 1 - Elijawah Tolbert (Defense) \**

Week 1 - Jacob Horvarth (Freshman)

Week 3 - MJ Flowers (Freshman)

#### *Week 4 - MJ Flowers (Freshman) \**

Week 4 - Stone Galloway (Special)

Week 5 - Blake Ruffin (Defense)

Week 5 - MJ Flowers (Freshman)

Week 6 - Pierce Holley (Offense)

Week 8 - Pierce Holley (Offense)

\* Indicates National Player of the Week

### NCAA PLAYOFF APPEARANCES

#### School .....# Appearances (Last)

Montana ..... 27 (2022)  
Northern Iowa ..... 22 (2021)  
Eastern Kentucky ..... 22 (2022)  
Furman ..... 19 (2022)  
Delaware ..... 18 (2022)  
New Hampshire ..... 17 (2022)  
**EASTERN ILLINOIS .... 16 (2015)**  
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)

#### 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

### Head Coach

2nd year at Eastern Illinois as Head Coach

(9th season at EIU overall)

Eastern Illinois, 1995

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#### 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				
Year	Overall	Pct.	Conf.	Pct.
	W-L		W-L	
2023	6-3	.667	2-2 (BSOVC)	.500
2022	2-9	.182	1-4 (OVC)	.200
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8-12</b>	<b>.400</b>	<b>3-6</b>	<b>.333</b>
University of Chicago Record				
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
2013	6-4	.600	1-2 (UAA)	.333
<b>Totals</b>	<b>51-27</b>	<b>.654</b>	<b>39-15</b>	<b>.722</b>
				<b>9 years</b>
<b>Career</b>	<b>59-39</b>	<b>.602</b>	<b>42-21</b>	<b>.667</b>



**Kyle Derickson**  
Assoc HC / ST / WR  
(2nd year)  
Butler, 2003



**Joe Davis**  
Off Cord. / QBs  
(2nd year)  
Adrian College, 2002



**Clay Bignell**  
Def Cord. / Safeties  
(2nd year)  
Montana State, 2011



**Andrew Brady**  
Outside Linebackers  
(2nd year)  
Wheaton College, 2019



**John Cannova**  
Offensive Line  
(2nd year)  
North Central College, 2014



**Maurice Fleming**  
Defensive Backs  
(1st year)  
Iowa, 2016



**Collin Geier**  
Linebackers  
(2nd year)  
Missouri, 2018



**Turner Pugh**  
Running Backs  
(2nd year)  
Northern Illinois, 2004



**Jordan Walsh**  
Tight Ends  
(1st year)  
Iowa, 2015



**Fred Wyatt**  
Defensive Line  
(1st year)  
Northwestern, 2018

## FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF & QUALITY CONTROL

Graduate Assistant Coach - Defense ..... Steven Marks  
Graduate Assistant Coach - Offense ..... Tim Greene  
Quality Control Coach - Offense..... Jared Sutton  
Quality Control Coach - Defense..... Ryan DeMarois  
Student Assistant Coach ..... Bryce Dewberry  
Student Assistant Coach ..... Ryan Shepard  
Graduate Assistant - Operations ..... Reid Littleford

Football Athletic Trainer ..... Scott Goehner  
Football Equipment Manager ..... Clint Bays  
Director of Football Operations ..... David Brubaker  
Football Academics ..... Nicole Jackson  
Nutrition ..... Danielle D'Alesio  
Director of Football Performance..... Derek Stein  
Graduate Assistant - Football Strength..... Jon Suppelsa

## ADDITIONAL FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF

Head Strength Coach ..... Joe Neihaus  
Head Athletic Trainer ..... Jim Nave  
Assistant Football Athletic Trainer ..... Alexis Fenrick  
Assistant Football Athletic Trainer ..... Samantha Reinert  
Football GA Athletic Trainer ..... Alyce Borkenhagen  
Orthopedic Surgeon ..... Sarah Bush Lincoln Sports Medicine  
Team Doctor ..... Dr. Andy Bays  
Team Dentist..... Dr. Jennifer Kennedy

## EIU ADMINISTRATION

University President..... Dr. Jay Gatrell  
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  
Assistant AD Marketing / Fan Engagement..... James Baird  
Assistant AD Sports Performance / Wellness..... Jim Nave  
Ticket Manager ..... Cindy Bayes

# EIU LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

## Passed for more than 300 yards...

Pierce Holley, 346, at Southeast Missouri (Oct. 14, 2023)  
Pierce Holley, 359, vs. UT Martin (Oct. 7, 2023)

## Passed for more than 400 yards...

Johnathan Brantley, 443, vs. Indiana State (Sept. 15, 2018)

## Threw four touchdown passes...

Pierce Holley, 4, vs. UT Martin (Oct. 7, 2023)

## Rushed for more than 150 yards...

Kendi Young, 160, at Murray State (Sept. 24, 2022)

## Rushed for more than 200 yards...

MJ Flowers, 272, vs. McNeese (Sept. 23, 2023)

## Rushed for three touchdowns...

Pierce Holley, 3 vs. Bryant (Oct. 21, 2023)

## 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 Indiana State (Aug. 31, 2023) - (19 yards)  
Nijhay Burt, 1, at Indiana State (Aug. 31, 2023) - (67 yards)

## Returned a fumble for touchdown...

Alexandar Oyawale, 1, vs. Lindenwood (Oct. 15, 2022) - (40 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 Indiana State (Aug. 31, 2023) - punt snap out of back of end zone

## Blocked a punt...

Collin Tyson, 1, vs. Southeast Missouri (Nov. 12, 2022)

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

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

## Blocked a field goal...

Tre'jon Lewis, 1 vs. Bryant (Oct. 21, 2023)

## Returned a blocked field goal for touchdown - blocked by...

Mark Aitken, 1 vs. Tennessee Tech (Oct. 29, 2022) - Jordan Vincent (65 yards return)

## \*\*\*Returned a point after attempt for 2-point conversion...

Cornelius Page vs Southeast Missouri (Nov. 16, 2019)

## EIU scored a two-point conversion

- (Rush) - Pierce Holley vs. Bryant (Oct. 21, 2023)  
- (Pass) - Nile Hill from Cooper Willman, at McNeese (Nov. 5, 2022)

## Won a game on a field goal...

Stone Galloway, 56, vs McNeese (Sept. 23, 2023)

## Had 15 or more tackles on defense...

Colin Bohanek, 15, vs. Tennessee Tech (Oct. 29, 2022)

## 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...

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

## Had 2 or more interceptions

Elijahwah Tolbert, 2, at Murray State (Sept. 24, 2022)

## Recovered an onside kick...

Cooper Willman, 1, at Tennessee State (Oct. 22, 2022)

## Offensive Lineman Scored a Touchdown

Scott Taylor 1, at Austin Peay (Oct. 3, 2015) --- picked up fumble for 12-yard TD rush

## 2023 EASTERN ILLINOIS TOUCHDOWNS

### Otr.....Touchdown.....Opponent

1.....Justin Bowick 35 pass from Pierce Holley ..... at Indiana State  
2.....Tyris Harvey 19 interception return ..... at Indiana State  
2.....Nijhay Burt 67 interception return ..... at Indiana State  
3.....Anthony Manaves 2 pass from Pierce Holley..... at Indiana State  
1.....Kevin Daniels 15 pass from Pierce Holley .....at Bowling Green  
2.....DeAirious Smith 31 pass from Pierce Holley.....at Bowling Green  
2.....Justin Thomas 31 pass from Pierce Holley.....Illinois State  
4.....Justin Thomas 25 pass from Pierce Holley.....Illinois State  
1.....Pierce Holley 1 run ..... McNeese  
2.....Eli Mirza 12 run ..... McNeese  
4.....MJ Flowers 6 run ..... McNeese  
4.....Juwon Farri 19 run ..... McNeese  
2.....Justin Bowick 52 pass from Pierce Holley ..... at Northwestern State  
3.....Kevin Daniels 6 run ..... at Northwestern State  
1.....Justin Bowick 13 pass from Pierce Holley ..... UT Martin  
2.....Eli Mirza 10 pass from Pierce Holley..... UT Martin  
4.....Justin Bowick 14 pass from Pierce Holley ..... UT Martin  
OT.....Justin Thomas 21 pass from Pierce Holley..... UT Martin  
1.....Justin Bowick 7 pass from Pierce Holley ..... at SE Missouri  
2.....Kevin Daniels 1 run ..... at SE Missouri  
3.....MJ Flowers 7 run ..... at SE Missouri  
4.....Justin Thomas 21 pass from Pierce Holley..... at SE Missouri  
1.....Pierce Holley 2 run ..... Bryant  
2.....Pierce Holley 1 run ..... Bryant  
OT.....Pierce Holley 2 run ..... Bryant  
1.....Eli Mirza 38 pass from Pierce Holley..... at Lindenwood  
1.....MJ Flowers 4 run ..... at Lindenwood

## EASTERN ILLINOIS NFL CONNECTION

### LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

Jimmy Garoppolo - Quarterback

### CAROLINA PANTHERS

Kamu Grugier-Hill - Linebacker

### DENVER BRONCOS

Sean Payton - Head Coach

### TENNESSEE TITANS

Tim Kelly - Offensive Coordinator  
Matt Jones - Offensive Line Assistant

### NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Adam Gristick - Linebackers Assistant

### CLEVELAND BROWNS

Steven Bravo Brown - Special Teams Assistant

### ATLANTA FALCONS

Ryan Pace - Senior Personnel Executive

### BROADCAST

Tony Romo - CBS Color Analyst with Jim Nantz



**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
100.....	Southeast Missouri .....	Nov. 12, 2022
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
Oct. 15, 2022	vs. Lindenwood .....	L 34-37

**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
Oct. 7, 2023	vs. UT Martin .....	L 27-28
Oct. 21, 2023	vs. Bryant .....	W 25-24

+ 1982 &amp; 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

**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
<b>MJ Flowers.....</b>	<b>272 vs. McNeese.....</b>	<b>2023</b>
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

**INDIVIDUAL GAME RECORDS****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:**

<b>Pierce Holley....</b>	<b>20 vs. Illinois State..</b>	<b>2023</b>
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	Ira Armstead II	DB	6-4	230	Jr	1	South Bend, Ind. (Adams / Univ. of Virginia)
0	Jordan "Jroy" Woods	WR	6-2	180	Fr	HS	Hammond, Ind. (Hammond Central)
1	Justin Bowick	WR	6-5	195	So	1	Powder Springs, Ga. (Pace Academy)
1	Elijahwah Tolbert	LB	6-1	230	Jr	2	Country Club Hills, Ill. (Hillcrest)
2	DeWayne Cooks Jr	WR	6-2	165	Gr	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	175	Gr	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	205	R-So	1	Louisville, Ky. (Trinity)
4	Justin Thomas	WR	6-1	205	Gr	RS	Wixom, Mich. (Walled Lake Western / Albion College)
5	Anthony Shockey	LB	6-1	230	R-Jr	2	Lombard, Ill. (Glenbard East)
5	Terrance Gipson	ATH	6-0	195	Jr	TR	Kingwood, Texas (Westfield / East Los Angeles College)
6	Joel Barrows	DL	6-3	230	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	Tyris 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	195	5th	TR	Germantown, Md. (Northwest HS / Monmouth Univ.)
8	Tienne Fridge	DB	6-2	210	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	Aaron Rice	WR	6-5	200	R-Fr	RS	Farmington Hills, Mich. (North Farmington)
11	Anthony Manaves	TE	6-4	230	R-Jr	3	Chicago, Ill. (St. Patrick)
11	Alexandar Oyawale	LB	6-0	215	Sr	1	Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta / Riverside CC)
12	Tyler Clark	RB	5-10	205	R-So	1	Chicago, Ill. (Phillips)
12	Nick Coates	DB	5-10	180	Jr	2	Louisville, Ky. (Male)
13	Alex Alteus	DL	6-1	240	Gr	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	215	Jr	TR	Union City, Calif. (Moreau Catholic / Contra Costa College)
14	Blainey Dowling	QB	6-2	195	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Mount Carmel)
15	Malik Rainey	DB	5-11	190	R-So	TR	Chicago, Ill. (Bolingbrook / Univ. of Cincinnati)
16	Kevin Conway	QB	6-2	210	R-Fr	RS	New Lenox, Ill. (Providence Catholic / Diamond Football Academy)
19	Phoenix Porter	LB	6-1	220	R-So	1	Fairfield, Ohio (Fairfield)
20	MJ Flowers	RB	6-1	195	R-Fr	RS	Cincinnati, Ohio (Colerain)
21	Jay Pearson	RB	6-0	200	R-Fr	RS	McKees Rocks, Pa. (Sto-Rox Junior-Senior)
22	Kaelin Drakeford	DB	6-4	215	R-So	1	Harrodsburg, Ky. (Mercer County)
23	Kevin Daniels	RB	6-2	230	R-So	TR	Glendale, Ariz. (Glendale / Northern Arizona Univ.)
24	Collin Tyson	DB	6-0	180	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	Makhi Wilson	SAF	6-0	180	Fr	HS	Bettendorf, Iowa (Pleasant Valley)
27	Zay Gentry	DB	6-0	195	Jr	2	Anna, Texas (Anna)
28	Brandon Guido	DB	5-9	185	R-Jr	2	Naperville, Ill. (Waubonsie Valley)
29	Kendi Young	RB	5-11	195	Jr	2	Calumet City, Ill. (Thornton Fractional North)
30	Diego Oliver	DB	6-0	175	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Kenwood Academy)
31	Chris Williams	DB	6-2	175	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)
33	Christopher Sharp	CB	5-11	170	Fr	HS	St. Louis, Mo. (DeSmet Jesuit)
34	NiJhay Burt	SAF	5-11	170	So	1	Munhall, Pa. (Steel Valley)
35	Zeke Lewis	RB	6-0	195	R-So	SQ	Decatur, Ill. (Decatur St. Teresa)
36	Lazerick Eatman	WR	5-10	185	Sr	1	Willow Brook, Ill. (Immaculate Conception / College of DuPage)
37	Scottie McMillon	DB	6-0	170	Gr	TR	Bryans Road, Md. (Lackey / Clarion Univ.)
38	Akin Adigun	SAF	6-2	180	Fr	HS	Little Elm, Texas (Lone Star)
39	Elijah Ball	SAF	6-1	220	Gr	1	Indianapolis, Ind. (Ben Davis / Purdue Univ.)
40	Isaiah Richardson	ATH	6-5	205	Fr	HS	Suwanee, Ga. (Collins Hill)
41	Peyton Wilkerson	DL	6-1	240	Fr	HS	Mokena, Ill. (Lincoln-Way Central)
42	Henry Woods Jr.	DB	5-10	175	Jr	2	New Lenox, Ill. (Lincoln-Way Central)
43	William Orth	K	5-10	165	R-So	2	Ames, Iowa (Ames)
44	Terence Simon Jr	DL	6-1	285	Sr	1	Inglewood, Calif. (Cathedral / Cerritos College)
45	Jack Pilson	LB	6-0	230	R-Jr	TR	Mattoon, Ill. (Mattoon / Lehigh Univ.)
46	Trey Shaw III	DB	6-1	190	R-So	1	Nashville, Tenn. (East Nashville Magnet)
47	Shawn Pepp Jr	DB	6-2	190	R-So	RS	Allen, Texas (Liberty / Contra Costa College)
48	Michael Jarosz	LB	6-1	235	R-Sr	2	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton North)

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC)
49	Jesse Garza	LB	6-2	235	Jr	TR	Nipomo, Calif. (Nipomo / Allan Hancock College)
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	Nic DiSanto	OL	6-4	320	Fr	HS	Wyandotte, Mich. (Gabriel Richard)
55	Drew Wilder	OL	6-3	305	R-So	TR	Williamsburg, Va. (Jamestown / Iowa Western CC)
56	Tre'jon Lewis	DL	6-4	285	R-Jr	1	Manor, Texas (Manor / Texas Tech Univ.)
57	Panayiotis Mihalopoulos	OL	6-2	310	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Loyola Academy)
57	Caden Tellenson	LB	5-11	205	Fr	HS	Redondo Beach, Calif. (Redondo Union)
58	Anthony Imperio	OL	6-4	310	Sr	3	Auburn, Ala. (Auburn)
59	Liam Carr	LB	6-0	190	R-So	TR	Okemos, Mich. (Okemos / Michigan State Univ.)
61	Jonathan Arellano	OL	6-3	305	R-So	RS	Lancaster, Calif. (Bishop Alemany / College of the Canyons)
62	Brennan Anderson	OL	6-4	345	Jr	TR	Dallas Center, Iowa (Dallas Center-Grimes/Iowa Western CC)
63	Noah Howard	OL	6-4	315	Jr	TR	Clinton, Iowa (Clinton / Iowa Central College)
64	Trevon Piggee-Blake	DL	6-1	285	Fr	HS	St. Louis, Mo. (DeSmet Jesuit)
65	Carson Fichtel	OL	6-3	315	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	315	Gr	4	Salem, Ala. (Smiths Station)
68	Matthew Allen	OL	6-9	270	Fr	HS	Bourbonnais, Ill. (Bradley-Bourbonnais)
69	Braden Hunter	OL	6-5	280	Fr	HS	Sandwich, Ill. (Aurora Christian)
70	JJ Johnson	OL	6-4	340	R-So	SQ	Westerville, Ohio (Westerville Central)
71	Sebastian Pares	OL	6-6	300	R-Jr	TR	Joliet, Ill. (Wheaton Academy / Univ. of Sioux Falls)
72	Elkhanan Tanelus	OL	6-2	340	Gr	3	Naples, Fla. (Barron Collier)
73	Brody Rankin	OL	6-3	340	R-Fr	RS	Charleston, Ill. (Charleston)
74	Haven Hatfield	OL	6-3	280	R-Fr	RS	Tuscola, Ill. (Tuscola)
75	Matthew Bean	OL	6-6	275	R-So	SQ	Lima, Ohio (Shanwee)
76	Bryce Burnett	OL	6-4	300	R-Fr	RS	Danville, Ill. (Westville)
77	Torris Robinson	OL	6-5	330	Jr	TR	Olive Branch, Miss. (Southaven / Coahoma CC)
78	Max Stineman	OL	6-4	345	Jr	1	Ewa, Haw. (Saint Joseph / Allan Hancock College)
79	Rasheed Anderson	OL	6-5	360	R-Fr	RS	Oak Park, Ill. (Fenwick)
80	Quenton Rodgers	WR	6-2	190	Fr	HS	Mahomet-Seymour, Ill. (Mahomet-Seymour)
81	Jaxson Isaac	TE	6-6	245	R-So	TR	Regina, Saskatchewan (Clearwater Acad. (Fla./College of Dupage)
82	Joe McNab	TE	6-6	245	R-So	SQ	Madison Heights, Mich. (Lamphere)
83	Jake Fieldman	WR	5-11	180	R-Fr	RS	Joliet, Ill. (Joliet Catholic)
84	Eyasu Palmore	TE	6-5	210	Fr	HS	Sandy Spring, Md. (Sherwood)
85	Christian Banks	WR	6-1	210	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Olympia (Fla.))
86	Jamal Jeffers	WR	5-10	175	Jr	TR	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Putnam City North / Northeastern Oklahoma A&M)
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	240	Jr	2	Porvoo, Finland (Porvoo)
90	Zed Asowata	DL	6-3	250	Gr	TR	Spring, Texas (Cypress Ridge / Midwestern State Univ.)
91	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace	DL	6-3	275	Jr	TR	Cambridge, Mass. (Cambridge Rindge & Latin School / Franklin Pierce Univ.)
92	Colby Smith	DL	6-0	285	Jr	1	Dunnellon, Fla. (Dunnellon, Fla. / Dodge City CC)
93	Jacob Horvath	P	6-1	190	Fr	HS	Bentleigh, Australia
94	Alton Jefferson	DL	6-0	285	Jr	2	Louisville, Ky. (Trinity)
95	Drake Van Hyfte	DL	6-4	265	R-So	1	Annawan, Ill. (Annawan-Wethersfield)
96	Julian Patino	K	5-10	200	R-So	SQ	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Mount Carmel)
97	Cole Silzer	DL	6-3	250	R-Fr	RS	Lockport, Ill. (Lockport Township)
98	Brett Galetti	DB/LS	6-1	220	R-So	SQ	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln Way East)
99	Jaron Hacha	DL	5-11	305	Jr	2	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East)
	Jason Jeanty Jr	OL	6-5	285	R-Fr	RS	Miami, Fla. (Washington)
	Will Shumpert	WR	6-6	220	R-Jr	1	St. Louis, Mo. (Belleville West)
	Cody Silzer	DL	6-3	250	R-Fr	RS	Lockport, Ill. (Lockport Township)

## EASTERN ILLINOIS FOOTBALL PRONUNCIATIONS

1 - Justin BO-wick  
 1 - Ee-LIE-juh-wuh Tolbert  
 2 - Mark ATE-ken  
 6 - Jo-ELL Barrows  
 8 - jah-wahn far-ree  
 8 - tea-in Fridge  
 11 - Anthony Muh-NAW-vezz

11 - Alex-an-DAR Oh-yuh-WALL-ay  
 13 - Alex All-tess  
 22 - KAY-lin Drakeford  
 26 - muh-KY Wilson  
 28 - Brandon GWEE-doh  
 34 - Nye-ZHAY Burt  
 38 - ACK-in AD-uh-gin

48 - Michael JAIR-ohs  
 56 - TRAY-zhon Lewis  
 57 - pahn-ee-otis me-hall-low-poll-us  
 61 - Johnathan AR-ee-ON-oh  
 65 - Carson FICK-tul  
 66 - Jack Vuh-LEN-tay  
 71 - Sebastian par-rez

72 - El-cannon TAN-uh-lus  
 78 - Max STINE-mun  
 84 - ee-AW-soo Palmore  
 86 - LAZ-er-ick Eatman  
 87 - Alex Juh-NEVER  
 88 - Dee-AIR-ee-us Smith  
 89 - Daniel Loo-OH-muh

90 - Zed AWS-uh-WATT-uh  
 91 - Nicholas Oh-luh-VAIR-uh Chace  
 93 - Jacob hor-vath  
 95 - Drake Van Hefty  
 98 - Brett Guh-LETTY  
 99 - Jaron HOTCH-uh



# ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

38	Akin Adigun.....	SAF	35	Zeke Lewis .....	RB
2	Mark Aitken.....	DB	89	Daniel Luoma .....	TE / K
68	Matthew Allen .....	OL	11	Anthony Manaves.....	TE
13	Alex Alteus.....	DL	37	Scottie McMillon.....	DB
62	Brennan Anderson.....	OL	43	Joe McNab .....	TE
79	Rasheed Anderson .....	OL	57	Panayiotis Mihalopoulos.....	OL
61	Jonathan Arellano.....	OL	7	Eli Mirza.....	WR
0	Ira Armstead II .....	DB	6	Jonah O'Brien.....	QB
90	Zed Asowata.....	DL	91	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace .....	DL
39	Elijah Ball.....	SAF	30	Diego Oliver.....	DB
85	Christian Banks .....	WR	51	Payton Orth .....	LB
6	Joel Barrows.....	DL	82	William Orth .....	K
75	Matthew Bean.....	OL	11	Alexandar Oyawale .....	LB
1	Justin Bowick.....	WR	84	Eyasu Palmore .....	TE
76	Bryce Burnett.....	OL	71	Sebastian Pares .....	OL
34	Nijhay Burt.....	SAF	96	Julian Patino .....	K
59	Liam Carr.....	LB	21	Jay Pearson.....	RB
12	Tyler Clark .....	RB	47	Shawn Pepp Jr.....	DB
12	Nick Coates .....	DB	64	Trevon Piggee-Blake .....	DL
16	Kevin Conway.....	QB	45	Jack Pilson .....	LB
2	DeWayne Cooks Jr.....	WR	19	Phoenix Porter.....	LB
3	Russell Dandy .....	DB	73	Brody Rankin .....	OL
23	Kevin Daniels.....	RB	9	Aaron Rice.....	WR
54	Nic DiSanto.....	OL	15	Malik Rainey .....	DB
14	Blainey Dowling .....	QB	40	Isaiah Richardson.....	ATH
22	Kaelin Drakeford.....	DB	77	Torris Robinson.....	OL
36	Lazerick Eatman.....	WR	80	Quenton Rodgers .....	WR
25	Marcus Edwards.....	DB	4	Blake Ruffin .....	DB
8	Juwon Farri.....	RB	32	Ty Schultz.....	RB
65	Carson Fichtel .....	OL	33	Christopher Sharp .....	CB
83	Jake Fieldman .....	WR	46	Trey Shaw III.....	DB
20	MJ Flowers .....	RB	5	Anthony Shockey.....	LB
14	Adonis Forest Jr .....	SAF		Will Shumpert.....	WR
8	Tienne Fridge.....	DB	96	Cody Silzer .....	DL
98	Brett Galetti.....	DB/LS	97	Cole Silzer .....	DL
53	Stone Galloway .....	K	44	Terence Simon Jr.....	DL
49	Jesse Garza .....	LB	92	Colby Smith .....	DL
27	Zay Gentry.....	DB	88	DeAirious Smith.....	WR
87	Alex Ginnever .....	TE	78	Max Stineman.....	OL
5	Terrance Gipson .....	ATH	67	Chad Strickland .....	OL
28	Brandon Guido .....	DB	72	Elkhanan Tanelus .....	OL
99	Jaron Hacha .....	DL	57	Caden Tellenson .....	LB
7	Tyris Harvey.....	DB	4	Justin Thomas.....	WR
74	Haven Hatfield.....	OL	1	Elijahwah Tolbert .....	LB
33	Nile Hill .....	WR	24	Collin Tyson.....	DB
3	Pierce Holley .....	QB	66	Jack Valente .....	OL/LS
93	Jacob Horvath .....	P	95	Drake Van Hyfte .....	DL
63	Noah Howard.....	OL	50	Luke Wagner .....	DL
69	Braden Hunter .....	OL	55	Drew Wilder .....	OL
58	Anthony Imperio .....	OL	41	Peyton Wilkerson.....	DL
81	Jaxson Isaac.....	TE	31	Chris Williams.....	DB
48	Michael Jarosz.....	LB	9	Braylon Willis .....	DL
	Jason Jeanty Jr .....	OL	13	Cooper Willman .....	WR
86	Jamal Jeffers .....	WR	26	Makhi Wilson .....	SAF
94	Alton Jefferson.....	DL	42	Henry Woods Jr. ....	DB
52	Jamari Johnson .....	DL	0	Jordan "Jroy" Woods .....	WR
70	JJ Johnson .....	OL	29	Kendi Young .....	RB
56	Tre'jon Lewis.....	DL			

## MISC. SEASON NOTES & STATS

### EIU NCAA FBS TRANSFERS

0- Ira Armstead II (Univ. of Virginia)  
 2 - Mark Aitken (Northern Illinois Univ.)  
 5 - Terrance Gipson (SMU)  
 6 - Jonah O'Brien (Colorado State Univ.)  
 15 - Malik Rainey (Univ. of Cincinnati)  
 39 - Elijah Ball (Purdue Univ.)  
 56 - Tre'jon Lewis (Texas Tech Univ.)

### EIU NCAA FCS TRANSFERS

3 - Pierce Holley (Georgetown)  
 8 - Juwon Farri (Monmouth Univ.)  
 13 - Alex Alteus (Stetson)  
 23 - Kevin Daniels (Northern Arizona)  
 45 - Jack Pilson (Lehigh)

### EIU ROSTER BY CLASS

Graduate Student / 5th Year ..... 12  
 Senior ..... 5  
 Junior..... 37  
 Sophomore ..... 26  
 RS-Freshman ..... 17  
 Freshman ..... 17

### EIU ROSTER BY STATE

Illinois ..... 45  
 California ..... 8  
 Texas ..... 8  
 Missouri ..... 5  
 Ohio..... 5  
 Georgia..... 4  
 Iowa..... 4  
 Kentucky ..... 4  
 Michigan ..... 4  
 Florida..... 3  
 Indiana..... 3  
 Pennsylvania ..... 3  
 Alabama ..... 2  
 Maryland..... 2  
 Oklahoma..... 2  
 Arizona..... 1  
 Hawai'i..... 1  
 Louisiana..... 1  
 Colorado..... 1  
 Massachusetts ..... 1  
 Mississippi ..... 1  
 North Carolina ..... 1  
 Tennessee ..... 1  
 Virginia..... 1  
 Australia..... 1  
 Canada..... 1  
 Finland ..... 1

## EIU OFFENSE

### QUARTERBACK

3 ... Pierce Holley .....	6-2 .....	215 .....	Grad
6 ... Jonah O'Brien.....	6-4 .....	210 .....	Grad

### RUNNING BACK

20 ... MJ Flowers .....	6-1 .....	195 .....	R-Fr
29 ... Kendi Young .....	5-11 .....	195 .....	Jr

### TIGHT END

11 ... Anthony Manaves.....	6-4 .....	230 .....	R-Jr
82 ... Joe McNab.....	6-6 .....	245 .....	R-So

### LEFT TACKLE

67 ... Chad Strickland .....	6-5 .....	315 .....	Grad
61 ... Jonathan Arellano .....	6-3 .....	305 .....	R-So

### LEFT GUARD

72 ... Elkhanan Tanelus.....	6-2 .....	340 .....	Grad
58 ... Anthony Imperio .....	6-4 .....	310 .....	Grad

### CENTER

55 ... Drew Wilder .....	6-3 .....	305 .....	R-So
65 ... Carson Fichtel.....	6-3 .....	315 .....	R-Fr

### RIGHT GUARD

71 ... Sebastian Pares .....	6-6 .....	300 .....	R-Jr
66 ... Jack Valente .....	6-4 .....	310 .....	Jr

### RIGHT TACKLE

54 ... Nic DiSanto .....	6-5 .....	320 .....	Fr
66 ... Jack Valente .....	6-4 .....	310 .....	Jr

### RECEIVER

1 ... Justin Bowick .....	6-5 .....	195 .....	So
36 ... Lazerick Eatman.....	5-10 .....	185 .....	Sr

### RECEIVER

4 ... Justin Thomas .....	6-1 .....	205 .....	Grad
88 ... DeAirious Smith.....	5-11 .....	180 .....	Jr

### RECEIVER

7 ... Eli Mirza .....	5-11 .....	190 .....	Jr
2 ... DeWayne Cooks Jr .....	6-2 .....	165 .....	Grad

## EIU COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach:** Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1994) - 2nd year

**Career** 59-39 (9), **EIU Record** 8-12 (2); **OVC Record** 3-6 (2)

**Associate HC/ST/Wide Receivers:** Kyle Derickson (2nd year)

**Offensive Coordinator/QB's:** Joe Davis (2nd year)

**Offensive Line:** John Cannova (2nd year)

**Running Backs:** Turner Pugh (2nd year)

**Tight Ends:** Jordan Walsh (1st year)

**Graduate Assistant Offensive Coach:** Tim Greene (2nd year)

**Defensive Coordinator/Safeties:** Clay Bignell (2nd year)

**Defensive Backs:** Maurice Fleming (1st year)

**Defensive Line:** Fred Wyatt (1st year)

**Linebackers:** Collin Geier (2nd year)

**Outside Linebackers:** Andrew Brady (2nd year)

**Graduate Assistant Defensive Coach:** Steven Marks (1st year)

**Director of Football Ops:** David Brubaker (1st year)

**Director of Football Performance:** Derek Stein (4th year)

**Trainer:** Scott Goehner (3rd year)

**Equipment Manager:** Clint Bays (15th year)

**Quality Control Staff:**

Reid Littleford (Ops), Jared Sutton (QC - Off),

Ryan DeMarois (QC - Def), Jon Suppelsa (QC - Strength),

Ryan Shepard (Student Asst.)

## EIU DEFENSE

### DEFENSIVE END

91 ... Nicholas Oliveira-Chace ....	6-3 .....	275 .....	Jr
13 ... Alex Alteus .....	6-1 .....	240 .....	Grad

### NOSE TACKLE

92 ... Colby Smith.....	6-0 .....	285 .....	Jr
99 ... Jaron Hacha .....	5-11 .....	305 .....	Jr

### DEFENSIVE TACKLE

56 ... Tre'jon Lewis .....	6-4 .....	285 .....	R-Jr
95 ... Drake Van Hyfte .....	6-4 .....	265 .....	R-So

### DEFENSIVE END/LINEBACKER (BUCK)

6 ... Joel Barrows .....	6-3 .....	230 .....	R-Jr
9 ... Braylon Willis.....	6-4 .....	245 .....	Sr

### LINEBACKER

5 ... Anthony Shockey .....	6-1 .....	230 .....	R-Jr
19 ... Phoenix Porter .....	6-1 .....	220 .....	R-So

### LINEBACKER

1 ... Elijahwah Tolbert .....	6-1 .....	230 .....	Jr
11 ... Alexandar Oyawale .....	6-0 .....	215 .....	Sr

### CORNERBACK

7 ... Tyris Harvey .....	5-11 .....	175 .....	Jr
15 ... Malik Rainey .....	5-11 .....	190 .....	R-So

### SAFETY (FOX)

12 ... Nick Coates .....	5-10 .....	180 .....	Jr
0 ... Ira Armstead .....	6-4 .....	230 .....	Jr

### STRONG SAFETY

4 ... Blake Ruffin.....	6-4 .....	205 .....	R-So
22 ... Kaelin Drakeford.....	6-4 .....	215 .....	R-So

### FREE SAFETY

2 ... Mark Aitken.....	5-9 .....	175 .....	R-Jr
34 ... Nilhay Burt.....	5-11 .....	170 .....	So

### CORNERBACK

3 ... Russell Dandy.....	6-0 .....	175 .....	Grad
37 ... Scottie McMillon.....	6-0 .....	170 .....	Grad

## EIU SPECIALISTS

### KICKER

53 ... Stone Galloway .....	5-11 .....	210 .....	Sr
96 ... Julian Patino .....	5-10 .....	200 .....	R-So

### KICKOFF

89 ... Daniel Luoma .....	6-2 .....	240 .....	Jr
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### PUNTER

93 ... Jacob Horvath.....	6-1 .....	190 .....	Fr
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### HOLDER

93 ... Jacob Horvath.....	6-1 .....	190 .....	Fr
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### LONG SNAPPER

66 ... Jack Valente .....	6-4 .....	310 .....	Jr
98 ... Brett Galetti .....	6-1 .....	220 .....	R-So

### PUNT RETURNS

4 ... Justin Thomas.....	6-1 .....	205 .....	Grad
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### KICK RETURNS

2 ... Mark Aitken.....	5-9 .....	175 .....	R-Jr
27 ... Zay Gentry.....	6-0 .....	195 .....	Jr



### GAME 1 - Aug. 31, 2023

Eastern Illinois ..... 27  
Northern Illinois..... 0

Terre Haute, Ind.  
Memorial Stadium (4,355)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	6	12	9	0	27
Indiana State	0	0	0	0	0

#### FIRST QUARTER

EIU - Bowick 35 pass from Holley (kick failed) - 10:08

#### SECOND QUARTER

EIU - Harvey 19 interception return (pass failed) - 0:55  
EIU - Burt 67 interception return (pass failed) - 0:29

#### THIRD QUARTER

EIU - Safety (punt snap out of end zone) - 3:35  
EIU - Manaves 2 pass from Holley (W. Orth kick) - 3:21

### TEAM STATS .....EIU .....INST

First Downs	17	16
Rushes-Yards	30-94	36-101
Passing-Yards	244	116
Comp-Att-Int	19-31-1	13-26-4
Total Offense	338	217
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	4-55	3-22
Int Returns-Yards-TD	4-103-2	1-35-0
Time of Possession	29:49	30:11
Sacks-Yards	3-19	1-7

### LEADERS

#### RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Daniels (13-57-0), Mirza (1-27-0)  
INST - Olaes (9-59-0), Allen (5-29-0)

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

EIU - Holley (30-19-1-244-2)  
INST - Screws (24-13-2-116-0), Olaes (2-0-2-0-0-)

#### RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Willman (5-53-0), Mirza (4-82-0), Bowick (4-61-1)  
INST - Caton (6-70-0), Van Dyne (3-25-0)

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

EIU - Tolbert (7-5-0), Porter (5-2-1), Lewis (4-2-0.5)  
INST - Blackwell (5-6-0.5), Hauser (6-0-0)

### RECAP

Eastern Illinois had two pick six touchdowns in the final minute of the first half to set the tone and carry the Panthers to a 27-0 win over Indiana State in the season opener. It was EIU's first win to open a season since the 2017 season and first shutout since the final game of the 2016 campaign. Leading 6-0 late in the final minute of the opening half, Tyris Harvey picked off a pass and returned it 19 yards for a touchdown. Just over 30-seconds later Nijhay Burt picked off a pass and returned it 67 yards for a score to put EIU up 18-0 at the half. The Panthers had offensive touchdowns on Pierce Holley passes to Justin Bowick in the first and Anthony Manaves in the third.



### GAME 2 - Sept. 9, 2023

Eastern Illinois ..... 15  
Bowling Green..... 38

Bowling Green, Ohio  
Doyt Perry Stadium (12,312)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	6	6	0	3	15
Bowling Green	7	14	10	7	38

#### FIRST QUARTER

BG - Hiliare 10 pass from Bazelak (Anaya kick) - 9:43  
EIU - Daniels 15 pass from Holley (kick failed) - 4:57

#### SECOND QUARTER

BG - Stewart 1 run (Anaya kick) - 12:10  
BG - Ibrahim 11 pass from Bazelak (Anaya kick) - 7:01  
EIU - D. Smith 31 pass from Holley (pass failed) - 1:31

#### THIRD QUARTER

BG - Anaya 27 field goal - 3:32  
BG - Fannin 19 pass from Bazelak (Anaya kick) - 1:07

#### FOURTH QUARTER

EIU - Patino 31 field goal - 10:32  
BG - Stewart 1 rush (Anaya kick) - 8:35

### TEAM STATS .....EIU .....BG

First Downs	20	25
Rushes-Yards	26-75	34-141
Passing-Yards	250	368
Comp-Att-Int	21-33-1	25-30-0
Total Offense	325	509
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-51	6-60
Int Returns-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-0-0
Time of Possession	29:48	30:12
Sacks-Yards	0-0	5-34

### LEADERS

#### RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Daniels (15-78-0), Horvath (1-23-0)  
BG - Stewart (10-51-2), Patterson (7-25-0)

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

EIU - Holley (31-21-1-250-2)  
BG - Bazelak (28-23-0-319-3), Orth (2-2-0-49-0)

#### RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - D. Smith (4-83-1), Daniels (4-46-1), Bowick (3-27-0)  
BG - Fannin (7-109-1), Keith (6-123-0)

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

EIU - Shockey (4-7-1), Tolbert (2-9-1), Aitken (6-2-0)  
BG - Sipp (5-3-1.5), Lorfills (3-3-0)

### RECAP

Eastern Illinois was able to match a touchdown scored by Bowling Green on the opening drive as Pierce Holley connected with Kevin Daniels for a 15-yard swing pass. EIU would miss on the extra point and end up chasing points the remainder of the game in a 38-15 loss. BGSU went up 21-6 in the second quarter with EIU able to score on a DeAirious Smith 31-yard strike from Holley. EIU went for two to get within one score but failed trailed 21-12 at the half. The Panthers added a late field goal by walk-on kicker Julian Patino for final points of the afternoon. Anthony Shockey and Elijahah Tolbert led an active defense with each recording 11 tackles.



### GAME 3 - Sept. 16, 2023

#25 Illinois State ..... 13  
Eastern Illinois ..... 14

Charleston, Ill.  
O'Brien Field (6,602)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Illinois State	0	0	7	6	13
Eastern Illinois	0	7	0	7	14

#### SECOND QUARTER

EIU - Thomas 31 pass from Holley (Patino kick) - 5:39

#### THIRD QUARTER

ISU - Wright 3 rush (Wagner kick) - 7:30

#### FOURTH QUARTER

ISU - Blakemore 12 rush (kick missed) - 4:04  
EIU - Thomas 25 pass from Holley (Patino kick) - 0:30

### TEAM STATS .....EIU ..... ISU

First Downs	19	20
Rushes-Yards	28-18	30-108
Passing-Yards	290	234
Comp-Att-Int	36-50-2	20-37-3
Total Offense	309	342
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-50	5-36
Int Returns-Yards-TD	3-0-0	2-0-0
Time of Possession	35:49	24:11
Sacks-Yards	0-0	8-44

### LEADERS

#### RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Daniels (12-30-0), Flowers (3-25-0)  
ISU - Blakemore (11-52-1), Wright (9-34-1)

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

EIU - Holley (49-36-2-291-2)  
ISU - Annexstad (36-20-2-234-0), Sobkowicz (1-0-1-0-0)

#### RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Thomas (7-80-2), Mirza (6-46-0), Bowick (6-34-0)  
ISU - Sobkowicz (7-89-0), Grandy (5-72-0)

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

EIU - Ruffin (8-2-1), Tolbert (4-2-1), Oliveria-Chace (3-3-1.5)  
ISU - Niekamp (7-4-0), Gaines (7-3-2), Abdullah (5-2-3.5)

### RECAP

Eastern Illinois drove the length of the field with 92 seconds remaining and capped a win in the 111th Mid-America Classic with a Pierce Holley to Justin Thomas 25-yard strike with 30-seconds remaining. The extra point by walk-on kicker Julian Patino was good and proved to be the difference as the Panthers won 14-13 over No. 25 Illinois State. Holley passed for 273 yards hooking up twice with Thomas who had seven catches for 80 yards. Blake Ruffin led an active EIU defense forcing a fumble and picking off a pass to end the game, as the Panthers forced four turnovers.

**GAME 4 - Sept. 23, 2023**

McNeese ..... 28  
Eastern Illinois ..... 31

Charleston, Ill.  
O'Brien Field (6,565)

**Scoring**            1     2     3     4     Final  
McNeese ..... 14 ..... 14 ..... 0 ..... 0 ..... 28  
Eastern Illinois ..... 7 ..... 7 ..... 0 ..... 17 ..... 31

**FIRST QUARTER**

EIU - Holley 1 run (Patino kick) - 12:10  
MCN - McCall 30 pass from Glantz (Smith kick) - 9:47  
MCN - Durham run (Smith kick) - 1:40

**SECOND QUARTER**

MCN - McCall 22 pass from Glantz (Smith kick) - 8:57  
MCN - Hamm 72 run (Smith kick) - 5:16  
EIU - Mirza 12 run (Patino kick) - 0:34

**FOURTH QUARTER**

EIU - Flowers 6 run (Patino kick) - 12:35  
EIU - Farri 19 run (Patino kick) - 3:15  
EIU - Galloway 56 field goal - 0:20

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

First Downs ..... 27 ..... 24  
Rushes-Yards ..... 49-311 ..... 34-271  
Passing-Yards ..... 141 ..... 196  
Comp-Att-Int ..... 21-34-0 ..... 13-24-0  
Total Offense ..... 452 ..... 467  
Fumbles-Lost ..... 0-0 ..... 0-0  
Penalties-Yards ..... 6-42 ..... 5-60  
Int Returns-Yards-TD ..... 0-0-0 ..... 0-0-0  
Time of Possession ..... 35:48 ..... 24:12  
Sacks-Yards ..... 1-8 ..... 3-28

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

EIU - Flowers (37-272-1), Farri (3-37-1)  
MCN - Hamm (8-131-1), Durham (17-90-1)

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

EIU - Holley (34-21-0-141-0)  
MCN - Glantz (24-13-0-196-0)

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

EIU - Mirza (8-52-0), Flowers (6-26-0),  
MCN - McCall (5-93-2), Paris (4-60-0)

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

EIU - Tolbert (3-3-0), Drakeford (4-1-0), Barrows (2-2-0.5)  
MCN - Davey (10-6-0), Bolden (3-3-1)

**RECAP**

Eastern Illinois rallied from a 28-7 deficit in the second quarter to complete the come-from-behind on a Stone Galloway 56-yard field goal with 20-seconds remaining as EIU beat McNeese 31-28 on Saturday during Family Weekend at O'Brien Field. MJ Flowers carried the load on the ground for EIU rushing for 272 yards, the third most in program history, while scoring early in the fourth quarter to bring EIU within one touchdown. Juwon Farri tied the game at 28-28 with a 19-yard touchdown run before Galloway won the game with his first field goal attempt of the season. The 56-yarder was the second longest field goal in program history.

**GAME 5 - Sept. 30, 2023**

Eastern Illinois ..... 19  
Northwestern State ..... 10

Natchitoches, La.  
Turpin Stadium (6,021)

**Scoring**            1     2     3     4     Final  
Eastern Illinois ..... 3 ..... 7 ..... 6 ..... 3 ..... 19  
Northwestern State ..... 3 ..... 7 ..... 0 ..... 0 ..... 10

**FIRST QUARTER**

NSU - Money 23 field goal - 6:43  
EIU - Patino 23 field goal - 0:05

**SECOND QUARTER**

EIU - Bowick 52 pass from Holley (Patino kick) - 10:28  
NSU - Newman 1 run (Money kick) - 2:28

**THIRD QUARTER**

EIU - Daniels 1 run (kick blocked) - 11:54

**FOURTH QUARTER**

EIU - Galloway 22 field goal - 8:03

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

First Downs ..... 18 ..... 19  
Rushes-Yards ..... 32-75 ..... 35-69  
Passing-Yards ..... 274 ..... 281  
Comp-Att-Int ..... 19-37-0 ..... 27-44-1  
Total Offense ..... 349 ..... 350  
Fumbles-Lost ..... 1-1 ..... 3-2  
Penalties-Yards ..... 6-40 ..... 5-48  
Int Returns-Yards-TD ..... 1-6-0 ..... 0-0-0  
Time of Possession ..... 28:25 ..... 31:35  
Sacks-Yards ..... 2-2 ..... 2-18

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

EIU - Flowers (15-48-0), Daniels (13-37-1)  
NSU - Adams (9-29-0), Hawkins (12-25-0)

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

EIU - Holley (37-19-0-274-1)  
NSU - Hawkins (44-27-1-281-0)

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

EIU - Flowers (5-16-0), Bowick (4-130-1), Thomas (4-45-0)  
NSU - Patterson (7-74-0), Jones (6-42-0)

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

EIU - Ruffin (8-5-0), Tolbert (4-8-0.5), Shockey (2-4-0)  
NSU - Pedraza (6-7-2), Ward (7-2-2)

**RECAP**

Blake Ruffin picked off a pass midway through the fourth quarter which set up a short field goal by Stone Galloway with 8:03 left in the game to give Eastern Illinois a two score lead in what finished as a 19-10 Panthers win at Northwestern State. The two teams played to a 10-10 tie at the half with EIU scoring on a Pierce Holley to Justin Bowick 52-yard pass and short field goal by Julian Patino. EIU went up early in the third quarter on a Kevin Daniels short touchdown run but had the extra point blocked. EIU would miss three more field goals in the second half before Galloway's late make for the final Panthers points. Ruffin led a solid EIU defensive effort with 13 tackles as EIU forced three turnovers.

**GAME 6 - Oct. 7, 2023**

UT Martin ..... 28  
Eastern Illinois ..... 27

Charleston, Ill.  
O'Brien Field (8,078)

**Scoring**            1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 ..... OT ..... Final  
UT Martin ..... 0 ..... 7 ..... 7 ..... 7 ..... 28  
Eastern Illinois ..... 7 ..... 7 ..... 0 ..... 7 ..... 27

**FIRST QUARTER**

EIU - Bowick 13 pass from Holley (Galloway kick) - 0:10

**SECOND QUARTER**

UTM - Franklin 4 rush (Laros kick) - 9:55  
EIU - Mirza 10 pass from Holley (Galloway kick) - 0:02

**THIRD QUARTER**

UTM - Dowling 9 pass from Dent (Laros kick) - 12:49

**FOURTH QUARTER**

UTM - Leflore 2 rush (Laros kick) - 7:39  
EIU - Bowick 14 pass from Holley (Galloway kick) - 4:06

**OVERTIME**

UTM - Dowling 7 pass from Dent (Laros kick)  
EIU - Thomas 21 pass from Holley (pass failed)

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

First Downs ..... 22 ..... 16  
Rushes-Yards ..... 28-32 ..... 37-163  
Passing-Yards ..... 359 ..... 182  
Comp-Att-Int ..... 29-50-1 ..... 16-35-1  
Total Offense ..... 391 ..... 345  
Fumbles-Lost ..... 1-0 ..... 4-3  
Penalties-Yards ..... 7-5 ..... 11-114  
Int Returns-Yards-TD ..... 1-0-0 ..... 1-15-0  
Time of Possession ..... 32:46 ..... 27:14  
Sacks-Yards ..... 3-15 ..... 4-30

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

EIU - Flowers (12-25-0), Daniels (5-8-0)  
UTM - Franklin (9-54-1), Dent (11-50-0)

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

EIU - Holley (48-29-1-359-4)  
UTM - Dent (35-16-1-182-2)

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

EIU - Mirza (10-119-1), Flowers (6-36-0), Bowick (5-67-2)  
UTM - Tanksley (4-36-0), Roberts (3-35-0)

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

EIU - Dandy (7-0-0), Tolbert (4-3-0), Barrows (5-0-1)  
UTM - Dotson (6-1-4), Bakers (6-0-1), Evans (6-0-0)

**RECAP**

In a battle between nationally ranked teams it came down to one play on a two-point conversion in overtime to give No. 18 UT Martin a 28-27 win over No. 25 Eastern Illinois. After UTM scored on its first possession of overtime, EIU answered with a touchdown as Pierce Holley threw his fourth touchdown of the day finding Justin Thomas for a 21-yard touchdown. The Panthers elected to go for two to win the game but the pass conversion was knocked down handing the Skyhawks the win. Holley passed for 359 yards hitting Justin Bowick (twice) and Eli Mirza for the other Panthers touchdowns. EIU's defense forced four turnovers but on special teams EIU had two missed field goals and a third at the end of regulation blocked.



**GAME 7 - Oct. 14, 2023**

Eastern Illinois ..... 28  
Southeast Missouri ..... 35

Cape Girardeau, Mo.  
Houck Field (7,263)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	7	7	7	7	28
Southeast Missouri	7	7	7	14	35

**FIRST QUARTER**

SEMO - DeLaurent 21 run (Pippin kick) - 10:07  
EIU - Bowick 7 pass from Holley (Galloway kick) - 7:09

**SECOND QUARTER**

EIU - Daniels 1 run (Galloway kick) - 1:26  
SEMO - Flourmoy 41 pass from DeLaurent (Pippin kick) - 0:40

**THIRD QUARTER**

EIU - Flowers 7 run (Galloway kick) - 9:59  
SEMO - Hess 3 run (Pippin kick) - 4:34

**FOURTH QUARTER**

SEMO - Hess 44 run (Pippin kick) - 13:02  
SEMO - Robbins 1 run (Pippin kick) - 8:06  
EIU - Thomas 21 pass from Holley (Galloway kick) - 6:52

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

First Downs	17	24
Rushes-Yards	32-92	38-190
Passing-Yards	346	257
Comp-Att-Int	22-41-0	19-31-1
Total Offense	438	447
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	8-76	8-83
Int Returns-Yards-TD	1-17-0	0-0-0
Time of Possession	29:34	30:26
Sacks-Yards	2-8	4-13

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

EIU - Flowers (10-40-1), Daniels (11-28-1)  
SEMO - Hess (17-129-2), DeLaurent (12-45-1)

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

EIU - Holley (40-22-0-346-2)  
SEMO - DeLaurent (31-19-1-257-1)

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

EIU - Thomas (5-103-1), Mirza (5-78-0), D. Smith (4-118-0)  
SEMO - Flourmoy (5-98-1), Hess (4-53-0)

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

EIU - Ruffin (5-5-1), Tolbert (2-6-1.5), Oliveira-Chace (0-7-1)  
SEMO - Norman (4-7-0), Johnson (6-3-0.5)

**RECAP**

For the second straight week Eastern Illinois game came down to the final play as the Panthers had a ball batted down at the goal line to end a 35-28 loss at Southeast Missouri. EIU held leads of 14-7 and 21-14 but fell behind after the Redhawks scored 21-straight points with three rushing touchdowns. Geno Hess scored twice to become the OVC's career rushing touchdown leader and SEMO went up 35-21 midway through the fourth quarter. EIU cut the margin to one score with a Justin Thomas touchdown reception and then a hail mary pass from midfield was knocked down at the goal line as time expired. Pierce Holley passed for 346 yards with Justin Thomas and DeAirious Smith both finishing with more than 100 yards receiving. Blake Ruffin had a big day on defense with an interception and key third down stop that gave the Panthers the ball for their final drive.

**GAME 8 - Oct. 21, 2023**

Bryant ..... 24  
Eastern Illinois ..... 25

Charleston, Ill.  
O'Brien Field (3,690)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
Bryant	3	7	0	7	7	24
Eastern Illinois	7	10	0	0	8	25

**FIRST QUARTER**

EIU - Holley 2 run (Galloway kick) - 9:20  
BRY - Gettman 45 kick - 2:00

**SECOND QUARTER**

EIU - Galloway 26 kick - 13:08  
BRY - Lathrop 7 pass from Eckhaus (Gettman kick) - 6:02  
EIU - Holley 1 run (Galloway kick) - 1:19

**FOURTH QUARTER**

BRY - Mukendi 13 run (Gettman kick) - 11:26

**OVERTIME**

BRY - Mukendi 1 run (Gettman kick)  
EIU - Holley 2 run (Holley rush)

**TEAM STATS .....EIU .....BRY**

First Downs	24	22
Rushes-Yards	46-196	31-142
Passing-Yards	244	175
Comp-Att-Int	21-29-1	19-36-0
Total Offense	440	317
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-65	1-15
Int Returns-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-0-0
Time of Possession	33:18	26:42
Sacks-Yards	1-5	3-21

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

EIU - Young (11-69-0), Daniels (8-59-0), Holley (17-19-3)  
BRY - Eckhaus (9-62-0), Mukendi (8-32-2)

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

EIU - Holley (29-21-1-244-0)  
BRY - Eckhaus (36-19-0-175-1)

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

EIU - Bowick (6-96-0), Mirza (6-48-0), Thomas (5-39-0)  
BRY - Prochaska (6-56-0), Ruggieri (4-45-0)

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

EIU - Ruffin (5-0-0), Porter (2-3-0.5), Drakeford (4-0-0)  
BRY - Ellis (6-1-0), Rayside (4-2-0), Elliott (4-2-1)

**RECAP**

Pierce Holley provided all the scoring for the Eastern Illinois offense as the Panthers scored on a two-point conversion in overtime to beat Bryant 25-24. Holley had short rushing touchdowns in the first and second quarter and then added a third score on the ground in overtime. EIU elected to go for two and Holley was helped over the goal line by his teammates to give EIU the win. Both teams had long field goal attempts blocked late in the fourth quarter on a windy day at O'Brien Field. Holley finished with 19 yards rushing while the Panthers used all four active running backs on the depth chart. Kendi Young had 69 yards to lead the group. Joel Barrows forced a fumble as EIU picked up its 20th turnover gained this season.

**GAME 9 - Nov. 4, 2023**

Eastern Illinois ..... 16  
Lindenwood ..... 10

St. Charles, Mo.  
Hunter Stadium (3,788)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	16	0	0	0	16
Lindenwood	0	3	0	7	10

**FIRST QUARTER**

EIU - Galloway 33 kick - 12:36  
EIU - Mirza 38 pass from Holley - 10:16 (kick blocked)  
EIU - Flowers 4 run (Galloway kick) - 0:13

**SECOND QUARTER**

LWU - Seibert 45 kick - 11:28

**FOURTH QUARTER**

LWU - Lanekriet 10 pass from Justice (Seibert kick) - 1:19

**TEAM STATS .....EIU .....LWU**

First Downs	15	17
Rushes-Yards	28-82	34-16
Passing-Yards	245	249
Comp-Att-Int	18-34-1	20-33-3
Total Offense	327	265
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-0
Penalties-Yards	5-52	5-49
Int Returns-Yards-TD	3-19-0	1-4-0
Time of Possession	25:59	34:01
Sacks-Yards	6-35	2-14

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

EIU - Young (9-45-0), Flowers (13-35-1)  
LWU - Rhodes (11-33-0), Williams (9-8-0)

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

EIU - Holley (34-18-1-245-1)  
LWU - Kubat (26-16-2-186-0), Justice (7-4-1-63-1)

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

EIU - Thomas (5-82-0), Mirza (5-73-1), D. Smith (5-67-0)  
LWU - Fugitt (7-56-0), Redd (6-88-0)

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

EIU - Shockey (9-1-1), Tolbert (5-1-2), Harvey (4-2-0)  
LWU - Stuhlsatz (7-3-1), Dye (2-6-1.5)

**RECAP**

Eastern Illinois defense had three interceptions and collected six sacks as the Panthers clinched their first winning season since the 2017 season. Nick Coates had the first pick for the Panthers before Blake Ruffin and NiJhay Burt added interceptions in the fourth. Burt's pick closed out the game for EIU. Phoenix Porter had two of the six EIU sacks in the game while Anthony Shockey collected ten tackles for a defensive unit that held Lindenwood to 16 yards rushing. EIU put up all the offense it needed in the first quarter with a Stone Galloway field goal followed by a touchdown reception by Eli Mirza and touchdown rush by MJ Flowers.

**2023 EIU PANTHERS FOOTBALL**  
**EASTERN ILLINOIS Game Results**

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	Conf Record	Time	Attend
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Aug 31, 2023	at Indiana State	W 27-0	1-0	0-0	2:56	4,355
Sep 9, 2023	at Bowling Green	15-38 L	1-1	0-0	3:07	12,312
Sep 16, 2023	#25 ILLINOIS STATE	W 14-13	2-1	0-0	3:18	6,602
Sep 23, 2023	McNEESE	W 31-28	3-1	0-0	3:30	6,565
Sep 30, 2023	at Northwestern State	W 19-10	4-1	0-0	3:13	6,021
Oct 7, 2023	* #18 UT MARTIN	27-28 L (ot)	4-2	0-1	3:48	8,078
Oct 14, 2023	at * Southeast Missouri	28-35 L	4-3	0-2	3:24	7,263
Oct 21, 2023	* BRYANT	W 25-24 (ot)	5-3	1-2	3:23	3,690
Nov 4, 2023	at * Lindenwood	W 16-10	6-3	2-2	3:15	3,788

\* indicates Big South-OVC Football Association Game

**2023 EASTERN ILLINOIS STARTERS**

OPPONENT	WR	WR	RT	RG	C	LG	LT	WR/TE	WR/TE	RB	QB
Indiana State	Mirza	Willman	Valente	Imperio	Wilder	Stineman	Strickland	Bowick	Manaves	Daniels	Holley
Bowling Green	Mirza	D. Smith	DiSanto	Pares	Wilder	Stineman	Strickland	Bowick	Manaves	Daniels	Holley
Illinois State	Mirza	Thomas	Valente	Imperio	Wilder	Pares	Strickland	Bowick	Manaves	Daniels	Holley
McNeese	D. Smith	Thomas	DiSanto	Pares	Wilder	Stineman	Valente	Luoma	Manaves	Flowers	Holley
NW State	Mirza	Thomas	DiSanto	Valente	Wilder	Pares	Strickland	Bowick	Manaves	Flowers	Holley
UT Martin	Mirza	Thomas	DiSanto	Valente	Wider	Pares	Strickland	Bowick	Manaves	Flowers	Holley
SE Missouri	Mirza	Thomas	DiSanto	Valente	Wilder	Pares	Strickland	Bowick	D. Smith	Flowers	Holley
Bryant	Mirza	Thomas	DiSanto	Pares	Wilder	Tanelus	Strickland	Bowick	Manaves	Flowers	Holley
Lindenwood	Mirza	Thomas	DiSanto	Pares	Wilder	Tanelus	Strickland	Bowick	Manaves	Flowers	Holley

OPPONENT	DE	NT	DT	DE	LB	LB	LB/SAF	CB	SAF	SAF	CB
Indiana State	Barrows	Smith	T. Lewis	Oliveira-Chace	Tolbert	Shockey	Coates	Dandy	Ruffin	Aitken	Harvey
Bowling Green	Barrows	Smith	T. Lewis	Oliveira-Chace	Tolbert	Shockey	Armstead	Dandy	Ruffin	Aitken	Harvey
Illinois State	Barrows	Simon	Jefferson	Oliveira-Chace	Tolbert	Shockey	Coates	Dandy	Ruffin	Aitken	Harvey
McNeese	Barrows	Simon	Jefferson	Oliveira-Chace	Tolbert	Shockey	Coates	Dandy	Ruffin	Aitken	Harvey
NW State	Barrows	Hacha	Jefferson	Oliveira-Chace	Tolbert	Shockey	Coates	Dandy	Ruffin	Aitken	Rainey
UT Martin	Willis	Hacha	Jefferson	Oliveira-Chace	Tolbert	Shockey	Coates	Dandy	Ruffin	Aitken	Harvey
SE Missouri	Barrows	Smith	T. Lewis	Oliveira-Chace	Tolbert	Shockey	Coates	Dandy	Ruffin	Aitken	Harvey
Bryant	Barrows	Smith	T. Lewis	Oliveira-Chace	Tolbert	Shockey	Coates	Dandy	Ruffin	Aitken	Harvey
Lindenwood	Barrows	Smith	T. Lewis	Oliveira-Chace	Tolbert	Shockey	Armstead	Dandy	Ruffin	Drakeford	Harvey



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Team Statistics

	EIU	OPP
<b>Scoring</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>186</b>
Points per game	22.4	20.7
Points Off Turnovers	29	17
<b>First Downs</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>183</b>
Rushing	54	71
Passing	112	98
Penalty	14	14
<b>Rushing Yardage</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>1208</b>
Yards gained rushing	1248	1442
Yards lost rushing	273	234
Rushing attempts	298	309
Average per rush	3.3	3.9
Average per game	108.3	134.2
TDs Rushing	11	15
<b>Passing Yardage</b>	<b>2394</b>	<b>2061</b>
Comp-Att-Int	206-339-7	172-296-13
Average per pass	7.1	7.0
Average per catch	11.6	12.0
Average per game	266.0	229.0
TDs Passing	14	10
<b>Total offense</b>	<b>3369</b>	<b>3269</b>
Total plays	637	605
Average per play	5.3	5.4
Average per game	374.3	363.2
<b>Kick returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>24-425</b>	<b>24-458</b>
<b>Punt returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>4-8</b>	<b>9-58</b>
<b>Int returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>13-145</b>	<b>7-54</b>
<b>Kick return average</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>19.1</b>
<b>Punt return average</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>6.4</b>
<b>Int return average</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>7.7</b>
<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	<b>6-3</b>	<b>16-10</b>
<b>Penalties-Yards</b>	<b>54-489</b>	<b>49-487</b>
Average per game	54.3	54.1
<b>Punts-Yards</b>	<b>44-1657</b>	<b>39-1667</b>
Average per punt	37.7	42.7
Net punt average	36.1	40.7
<b>Kickoffs-Yards</b>	<b>40-2401</b>	<b>36-2079</b>
Average per kick	60.0	57.8
Net kick average	39.0	39.4
<b>Time of possession / game</b>	<b>31:15</b>	<b>28:45</b>
<b>3rd-down conversion</b>	<b>50/132</b>	<b>48/121</b>
3rd-down pct	38%	40%
<b>4rd-down conversion</b>	<b>11/25</b>	<b>6/16</b>



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	EIU	OPP
4rd-down pct	44%	38%
<b>Sacks by-Yards</b>	<b>18-92</b>	<b>32-209</b>
<b>Misc Yards</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Touchdowns scored</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Field goals - attempts</b>	<b>6-14</b>	<b>4-11</b>
<b>On-Side kicks</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-1</b>
<b>Red-zone scores</b>	<b>(22-32) 69%</b>	<b>(22-28) 79%</b>
<b>Red-zone touchdowns</b>	<b>(17-32) 53%</b>	<b>(20-28) 71%</b>
<b>PAT-attempts</b>	<b>(18-22) 82%</b>	<b>(24-25) 96%</b>
<b>2-point conversion-attempts</b>	<b>(1-5) 20%</b>	<b>(0-0) 0%</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>24936</b>	<b>33739</b>
Games / Avg per game	4/6234	5/6748
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Eastern Ill.	59	63	22	44	14	202
Opponents	34	59	31	48	14	186





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## Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
MJ Flowers	9	95	483	9	474	5.0	3	65	52.7
Kevin Daniels	7	76	318	21	297	3.9	2	31	42.4
Kendi Young	5	33	152	9	143	4.3	0	20	28.6
Juwon Farri	6	8	65	0	65	8.1	1	19	10.8
Eli Mirza	9	5	62	0	62	12.4	1	27	6.9
Jacob Horvath	9	1	23	0	23	23.0	0	23	2.6
Justin Thomas	7	1	0	5	-5	-5.0	0	0	-0.7
Pierce Holley	9	72	145	222	-77	-1.1	4	18	-8.6
Team	9	7	0	7	-7	-1.0	0	0	-0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>1248</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>108.3</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>1442</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>1208</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>134.2</b>

## Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Pierce Holley	9	131.9	206-333-7	61.9	2394	14	54	266.0
Cooper Willman	4	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Eli Mirza	9	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Team	9	0.0	0-4-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>129.6</b>	<b>206-339-7</b>	<b>60.8</b>	<b>2394</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>266.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>119.0</b>	<b>172-296-13</b>	<b>58.1</b>	<b>2061</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>229.0</b>

## Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Eli Mirza	9	50	566	11.3	2	38	62.9
Justin Thomas	7	32	421	13.2	4	44	60.1
Justin Bowick	9	31	446	14.4	5	52	49.6
MJ Flowers	9	29	161	5.6	0	12	17.9
DeAirious Smith	9	24	453	18.9	1	54	50.3
Anthony Manaves	9	13	99	7.6	1	13	11.0
Kevin Daniels	7	13	74	5.7	1	15	10.6
Cooper Willman	4	6	69	11.5	0	19	17.3
Lazerick Eatman	6	3	37	12.3	0	22	6.2
Kendi Young	5	2	22	11.0	0	13	4.4
Dewayne Cooks Jr	5	1	37	37.0	0	37	7.4
Juwon Farri	6	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.7
Daniel Luoma	9	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>2394</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>266.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>2061</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>229.0</b>

## Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Cooper Willman	1	9	9.0	0	9
Mark Aitken	1	2	2.0	0	2
Justin Thomas	2	-3	-1.5	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>

## Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Blake Ruffin	4	39	9.8	0	17
Nijhay Burt	3	67	22.3	1	67
Anthony Shockey	1	16	16.0	0	16
Mark Aitken	1	0	0.0	0	0
Russell Dandy	1	0	0.0	0	0
Tyris Harvey	1	19	19.0	1	19
Elijahaw Tolbert	1	1	1.0	0	1
Christopher Sharp	1	3	3.0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>

## Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Mark Aitken	16	318	19.9	0	52
Lazerick Eatman	3	32	10.7	0	18
Zay Gentry	2	33	16.5	0	23
Joel Barrows	1	14	14.0	0	14
Daniel Luoma	1	7	7.0	0	7
Eli Mirza	1	21	21.0	0	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>

## Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Russell Dandy	2	0	0.0	0	0
Kaelin Drakeford	2	0	0.0	0	0
Nicholas Oliveira-Chace	2	0	0.0	0	0
Joel Barrows	1	0	0.0	0	0
Tyris Harvey	1	0	0.0	0	0
Blake Ruffin	1	0	0.0	0	0
Braylon Willis	1	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



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**Scoring**

Scoring			PAT						
Player	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
Justin Bowick	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Pierce Holley	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	26
Justin Thomas	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Stone Galloway	-	4-12	10-11	-	-	-	-	-	22
Kevin Daniels	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
MJ Flowers	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Eli Mirza	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Julian Patino	-	2-2	7-8	-	-	-	-	-	13
Anthony Manaves	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Juwon Farri	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
DeAirious Smith	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Tyris Harvey	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Nijhay Burt	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
William Orth	-	-	1-3	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	27	6-14	18-22	1	0	0	0	1	202
Opponents	25	4-11	24-25	0	0	0	0	0	186

**Total Offense**

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Pierce Holley	9	405	-77	2394	2317	257.4
MJ Flowers	9	95	474	0	474	52.7
Kevin Daniels	7	76	297	0	297	42.4
Kendi Young	5	33	143	0	143	28.6
Juwon Farri	6	8	65	0	65	10.8
Eli Mirza	9	6	62	0	62	6.9
Jacob Horvath	9	1	23	0	23	2.6
Justin Thomas	7	1	-5	0	-5	-0.7
Team	9	0	-7	0	-7	-0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>2394</b>	<b>3369</b>	<b>374.3</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>1208</b>	<b>2061</b>	<b>3269</b>	<b>363.2</b>

**Punting**

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Jacob Horvath	44	1657	37.7	57	1	17	14	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1657</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1667</b>	<b>42.7</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>

**Field Goals**

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Stone Galloway	4-12	33.3	0-0	2-4	1-3	0-2	1-3	56	2
Julian Patino	2-2	100.0	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	31	0
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>4-11</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>2-5</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1</b>

**Kickoffs**

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Daniel Luoma	36	2178	60.5	7	4			
Stone Galloway	3	183	61.0	0	1			
William Orth	1	40	40.0	0	0			
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2401</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2079</b>	<b>57.8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>25</b>

**FG Sequence**

Team Name	Eastern Ill.	Opponents
Bowling Green	(31)	(27)
McNeese	(56)	48
Northwestern St.	(23),41,39,25,(22)	(23)
UT Martin	24,51,40	33
Bryant	(26),35,53	(45),52,50
Lindenwood	(33)	(45),42
Illinois St.		37,40

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made



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All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Eli Mirza	9	62	566	0	21	0	649	72.1
MJ Flowers	9	474	161	0	0	0	635	70.6
DeAirious Smith	9	0	453	0	0	0	453	50.3
Justin Bowick	9	0	446	0	0	0	446	49.6
Justin Thomas	7	-5	421	-3	0	0	413	59.0
Kevin Daniels	7	297	74	0	0	0	371	53.0
Mark Aitken	9	0	0	2	318	0	320	35.6
Kendi Young	5	143	22	0	0	0	165	33.0
Anthony Manaves	9	0	99	0	0	0	99	11.0
Cooper Willman	4	0	69	9	0	0	78	19.5
Juwon Farri	6	65	4	0	0	0	69	11.5
Lazerick Eatman	6	0	37	0	32	0	69	11.5
Nijhay Burt	9	0	0	0	0	67	67	7.4
Blake Ruffin	9	0	0	0	0	39	39	4.3
Dewayne Cooks Jr	5	0	37	0	0	0	37	7.4
Zay Gentry	8	0	0	0	33	0	33	4.1
Jacob Horvath	9	23	0	0	0	0	23	2.6
Tyris Harvey	9	0	0	0	0	19	19	2.1
Anthony Shockey	9	0	0	0	0	16	16	1.8
Joel Barrows	9	0	0	0	14	0	14	1.6
Daniel Luoma	9	0	5	0	7	0	12	1.3
Christopher Sharp	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	1.0
Elijawah Tolbert	9	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.1
Pierce Holley	9	-77	0	0	0	0	-77	-8.6
Team	9	-7	0	0	0	0	-7	-0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>2394</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>3947</b>	<b>438.6</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1208</b>	<b>2061</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>3839</b>	<b>426.6</b>



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			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles	blkd		
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
1	Elijawah Tolbert	9	34	37	71	6-15	.	1-1	.	1	.	2	.	.
4	Blake Ruffin	9	39	18	57	4-24	1-10	4-39	3	.	1-0	1	.	.
5	Anthony Shockey	9	28	18	46	3.5-8	.	1-16	2	.	.	1	.	.
2	Mark Aitken	9	24	10	34	1-2	.	1-0	1	1	.	1	.	.
91	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace	9	10	23	33	7-33	2.5-11	.	.	2	2-0	1	.	.
19	Phoenix Porter	9	16	15	31	5-22	3-17	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
3	Russell Dandy	9	27	3	30	.	.	1-0	15	.	2-0	1	.	.
6	Joel Barrows	9	11	15	26	4-15	3-11	.	.	3	1-0	3	.	.
12	Nick Coates	9	16	10	26	2-3	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
7	Tyris Harvey	9	14	10	24	.	.	1-19	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
22	Kaelin Drakeford	8	16	4	20	2-2	.	.	2	.	2-0	.	.	.
0	Ira Armstead	9	11	7	18	2.5-15	2-13	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
9	Braylon Willis	9	7	10	17	2.5-8	.	.	1	4	1-0	.	.	.
11	Alexandar Oyawale	9	7	9	16	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
99	Jaron Hacha	9	8	8	16	2.5-9	1-7	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
34	Nijhay Burt	9	11	3	14	.	.	3-67	1	.	.	.	.	.
95	Drake Van Hyfte	9	5	8	13	3.5-18	2-14	.	1	4	.	.	.	.
92	Colby Smith	6	8	5	13	2-6	2-6	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
56	Tre'Jon Lewis	7	7	4	11	1-1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
94	Alton Jefferson	5	6	3	9	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
51	Payton Orth	9	4	4	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Collin Tyson	9	4	3	7	0.5-3	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
90	Zed Asowata	5	3	4	7	1-4	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
44	Terence Simon	5	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
15	Malik Rainey	6	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Luke Wagner	8	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
13	Alex Alteus	8	2	1	3	1-2	1-2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
28	Brandon Guido	5	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Zay Gentry	8	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Christopher Sharp	3	.	2	2	.	.	1-3	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Elijah Ball	6	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Jack Pilson	8	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Michael Jarosz	9	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Jay Pearson	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Pierce Holley	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Justin Bowick	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Henry Woods	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82	Joe McNab	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	Cole Silzer	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89	Daniel Luoma	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals	9	334	250	584	51-190	18-92	13-145	33	29	10-0	12	1	1





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			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
	Opponents	9	347	238	585	60-285	32-209	7-54	35	35	3-0	4	4	0



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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	
08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	30	94	0	27	19	244	2	38	19-31-1	244	2	38	2	37	0	21	0	0	0	0	338
09/09/2023	at Bowling Green	26	75	0	23	21	250	2	37	21-33-1	250	2	37	6	77	0	19	0	0	0	0	325
09/16/2023	Illinois St.	27	18	0	12	36	291	2	31	36-50-2	291	2	31	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	309
09/23/2023	McNeese	49	311	4	65	21	141	0	14	21-34-0	141	0	14	3	61	0	28	0	0	0	0	452
09/30/2023	at Northwestern St.	32	75	1	15	19	274	1	52	19-37-0	274	1	52	2	51	0	44	1	9	0	9	349
10/07/2023	UT Martin	28	32	0	11	29	359	4	54	29-50-1	359	4	54	3	65	0	24	0	0	0	0	391
10/14/2023	at Southeast Mo. St.	32	92	2	18	22	346	2	46	22-41-0	346	2	46	2	21	0	13	0	0	0	0	438
10/21/2023	Bryant	46	196	3	31	21	244	0	37	21-29-1	244	0	37	3	42	0	28	0	0	0	0	440
11/04/2023	at Lindenwood	28	82	1	19	18	245	1	44	18-34-1	245	1	44	2	71	0	52	3	-1	0	2	327
<b>Eastern Ill.</b>		<b>298</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>2394</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>206-339-7</b>	<b>2394</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3369</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>309</b>	<b>1208</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>2061</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>172-296-13</b>	<b>2061</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3269</b>

**Eastern Ill. Averages**

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
9	3.3	11.6	129.6	17.7	2.0	438.6	374.3

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
08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	35	34	69	6.0-22	3-19	2	2-0	4-103	3	1	0	1-2	0	0	1	12	27
09/09/2023	at Bowling Green	34	46	80	4.0-12	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0-1	0	0	0	0	15
09/16/2023	Illinois St.	40	22	62	6.0-26	0-0	1	1-0	3-0	7	3	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	14
09/23/2023	McNeese	31	20	51	4.0-19	1-8	0	0-0	0-0	4	5	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	31
09/30/2023	at Northwestern St.	41	36	77	4.0-9	2-2	3	2-0	1-6	3	5	0	1-2	0	0	0	3	19
10/07/2023	UT Martin	44	14	58	6.0-20	3-15	4	3-0	1-0	4	6	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	27
10/14/2023	at Southeast Mo. St.	24	50	74	7.0-28	2-8	0	1-0	1-17	1	4	0	4-4	0	0	0	7	28
10/21/2023	Bryant	38	14	52	3.0-8	1-5	1	1-0	0-0	5	4	1	2-2	1	0	0	0	25
11/04/2023	at Lindenwood	47	14	61	11.0-46	6-35	1	0-0	3-19	2	3	0	1-2	0	0	0	0	16
Eastern Ill. Opponents		334	250	584	51.0-190	18-92	12	10-0	13-145	29	33	1	18-22	1	0	1	29	202
		347	238	585	60.0-285	32-209	4	3-0	7-54	35	35	4	24-25	0	0	0	17	186

		Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	4	170	42.5	57	0	0	3	1	2	0-0	0	0	5	285	57.0	0	0	
09/09/2023	at Bowling Green	3	131	43.7	44	0	0	0	0	0	1-1	31	0	4	260	65.0	2	0	
09/16/2023	Illinois St.	8	323	40.4	52	0	0	3	1	3	0-0	0	0	3	184	61.3	1	0	
09/23/2023	McNeese	4	151	37.8	41	0	1	1	0	2	1-1	56	0	6	358	59.7	2	1	
09/30/2023	at Northwestern St.	4	157	39.3	46	0	0	3	0	2	2-5	23	0	5	309	61.8	1	0	
10/07/2023	UT Martin	8	287	35.9	48	0	0	2	0	1	0-3	0	1	4	234	58.5	0	1	
10/14/2023	at Southeast Mo. St.	6	208	34.7	46	0	0	3	0	1	0-0	0	0	5	288	57.6	0	1	
10/21/2023	Bryant	2	39	19.5	33	0	0	0	0	0	1-3	26	1	4	239	59.8	1	1	
11/04/2023	at Lindenwood	5	191	38.2	47	0	0	2	0	3	1-1	33	0	4	244	61.0	0	1	
Eastern Ill.		44	1657	37.7	57	0	1	17	2	14	6-14	56	2	40	2401	60.0	7	5	
Opponents		39	1667	42.7	71	0	4	13	9	14	4-11	45	1	36	2079	57.8	9	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	
08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	36	101	0	20	13	116	0	32	13-26-4	116	0	32	5	108	0	35	0	0	0	0	217
09/09/2023	at Bowling Green	34	141	2	18	25	368	3	58	25-30-0	368	3	58	2	43	0	23	3	10	0	7	509
09/16/2023	Illinois St.	30	115	2	26	20	237	0	30	20-37-3	237	0	30	2	30	0	20	3	9	0	6	352
09/23/2023	McNeese	34	271	2	72	13	196	2	30	13-24-0	196	2	30	1	17	0	17	0	0	0	0	467
09/30/2023	at Northwestern St.	35	69	1	11	27	281	0	54	27-44-1	281	0	54	3	41	0	15	1	7	0	7	350
10/07/2023	UT Martin	37	163	2	27	16	182	2	40	16-35-1	182	2	40	2	32	0	22	1	10	0	10	345
10/14/2023	at Southeast Mo. St.	38	190	4	44	19	257	1	41	19-31-1	257	1	41	4	79	0	24	1	22	0	22	447
10/21/2023	Bryant	31	142	2	17	19	175	1	26	19-36-0	175	1	26	2	41	0	30	0	0	0	0	317
11/04/2023	at Lindenwood	34	16	0	19	20	249	1	42	20-33-3	249	1	42	3	67	0	23	0	0	0	0	265
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>309</b>	<b>1208</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>2061</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>172-296-13</b>	<b>2061</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3269</b>
<b>Eastern Ill.</b>		<b>298</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>2394</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>206-339-7</b>	<b>2394</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3369</b>

## Opponents Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
9	3.9	12.0	119.0	19.1	6.4	426.6	363.2

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
08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	26	36	62	5.0-16	1-7	1	1-0	1-35	3	3	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
09/09/2023	at Bowling Green	27	40	67	9.0-41	5-34	0	0-0	1-0	5	5	0	5-5	0	0	0	3	38
09/16/2023	Illinois St.	49	14	63	11.0-62	8-44	2	1-0	2-0	2	4	0	1-2	0	0	0	0	13
09/23/2023	McNeese	55	22	77	4.0-31	3-28	0	0-0	0-0	4	3	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	28
09/30/2023	at Northwestern St.	31	38	69	6.0-27	2-18	1	1-0	0-0	7	3	1	1-1	0	0	0	0	10
10/07/2023	UT Martin	44	16	60	8.0-42	4-30	0	0-0	1-15	5	4	1	4-4	0	0	0	7	28
10/14/2023	at Southeast Mo. St.	30	26	56	6.0-18	4-13	0	0-0	0-0	4	7	0	5-5	0	0	0	0	35
10/21/2023	Bryant	54	16	70	6.0-29	3-21	0	0-0	1-0	2	1	1	3-3	0	0	0	7	24
11/04/2023	at Lindenwood	31	30	61	5.0-19	2-14	0	0-0	1-4	3	5	1	1-1	0	0	0	0	10
Opponents		347	238	585	60.0-285	32-209	4	3-0	7-54	35	35	4	24-25	0	0	0	17	186
Eastern Ill.		334	250	584	51.0-190	18-92	12	10-0	13-145	29	33	1	18-22	1	0	1	29	202

		Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	3	129	43.0	50	0	0	1	1	2	0-0	0	0	2	125	62.5	0	0	
09/09/2023	at Bowling Green	2	91	45.5	50	0	0	1	1	2	1-1	27	0	7	402	57.4	0	1	
09/16/2023	Illinois St.	6	264	44.0	71	0	0	1	2	1	0-2	0	0	3	173	57.7	2	0	
09/23/2023	McNeese	3	123	41.0	49	0	0	1	0	1	0-1	0	0	5	304	60.8	2	0	
09/30/2023	at Northwestern St.	3	120	40.0	49	0	0	1	0	1	1-1	23	0	3	168	56.0	1	0	
10/07/2023	UT Martin	7	354	50.6	67	0	2	2	3	1	0-1	0	0	4	248	62.0	1	0	
10/14/2023	at Southeast Mo. St.	5	202	40.4	58	0	1	2	1	2	0-0	0	0	6	305	50.8	2	0	
10/21/2023	Bryant	3	121	40.3	57	0	1	1	1	1	1-3	45	1	4	227	56.8	1	0	
11/04/2023	at Lindenwood	7	263	37.6	49	0	0	3	0	3	1-2	45	0	2	127	63.5	0	0	
Opponents		39	1667	42.7	71	0	4	13	9	14	4-11	45	1	36	2079	57.8	9	1	
Eastern Ill.		44	1657	37.7	57	0	1	17	2	14	6-14	56	2	40	2401	60.0	7	5	



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Eastern Ill. Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total	Rush			Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	W 27-0	3	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
09/09/2023	at Bowling Green	L 15-38	2	2	9	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/16/2023	Illinois St.	W 14-13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/23/2023	McNeese	W 31-28	5	4	28	4	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
09/30/2023	at Northwestern St.	W 19-10	7	3	12	1	1	0	2	5	5	0	0	1	0	0
10/07/2023	UT Martin	L 27-28	4	3	21	3	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
10/14/2023	at Southeast Mo. St.	L 28-35	3	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/21/2023	Bryant	W 25-24	5	4	25	3	3	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
11/04/2023	at Lindenwood	W 16-10	3	2	10	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Totals 22 of 32 (68.8%)			32	22	133	17	11	6	5	10	3	1	1	0	0	0

Opponents Inside Eastern Ill. Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total	Rush			Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/31/2023	Indiana St.	W 27-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/09/2023	Bowling Green	L 15-38	6	6	38	5	2	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/16/2023	Illinois St.	W 14-13	4	2	13	2	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
09/23/2023	McNeese	W 31-28	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/30/2023	Northwestern St.	W 19-10	2	2	10	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
10/07/2023	UT Martin	L 27-28	5	4	28	4	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
10/14/2023	Southeast Mo. St.	L 28-35	4	3	21	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
10/21/2023	Bryant	W 25-24	4	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
11/04/2023	Lindenwood	W 16-10	2	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Totals 22 of 28 (78.6%)			28	22	145	20	13	7	2	4	2	1	1	0	0	0



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### 3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	W	27-0	5-12 41.7	2-3 66.7	1-3 33.3	1-2 50.0	1-4 25.0	0-0 0.0
09/09/2023	at Bowling Green	L	15-38	1-10 10.0	1-3 33.3	0-3 0.0	0-2 0.0	0-2 0.0	1-1 100.0
09/16/2023	Illinois St.	W	14-13	8-17 47.1	2-4 50.0	3-5 60.0	2-4 50.0	1-4 25.0	0-0 0.0
09/23/2023	McNeese	W	31-28	8-16 50.0	1-2 50.0	4-7 57.1	1-3 33.3	2-4 50.0	0-0 0.0
09/30/2023	at Northwestern St.	W	19-10	5-16 31.3	1-5 20.0	2-4 50.0	2-3 66.7	0-4 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/07/2023	UT Martin	Lot1	27-28	7-18 38.9	2-5 40.0	2-5 40.0	1-5 20.0	2-3 66.7	0-0 0.0
10/14/2023	at Southeast Mo. St.	L	28-35	5-17 29.4	1-4 25.0	2-4 50.0	1-4 25.0	1-5 20.0	0-0 0.0
10/21/2023	Bryant	Wot1	25-24	8-13 61.5	2-3 66.7	2-3 66.7	2-3 66.7	1-3 33.3	0-0 0.0
11/04/2023	at Lindenwood	W	16-10	3-13 23.1	2-4 50.0	0-2 0.0	0-3 0.0	1-4 25.0	0-0 0.0
<b>Eastern Ill.</b>				<b>50-132 37.9</b>	<b>14-33 42.4</b>	<b>16-36 44.4</b>	<b>10-29 34.5</b>	<b>9-33 27.3</b>	<b>1-1 100.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>				<b>48-121 39.7</b>	<b>10-29 34.5</b>	<b>14-29 48.3</b>	<b>10-31 32.3</b>	<b>13-31 41.9</b>	<b>1-1 100.0</b>

### 4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	W	27-0	0-3 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/09/2023	at Bowling Green	L	15-38	3-5 60.0	1-1 100.0	2-2 100.0	0-1 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/16/2023	Illinois St.	W	14-13	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/23/2023	McNeese	W	31-28	2-3 66.7	0-1 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0
09/30/2023	at Northwestern St.	W	19-10	2-2 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0
10/07/2023	UT Martin	Lot1	27-28	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/14/2023	at Southeast Mo. St.	L	28-35	3-5 60.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	1-3 33.3	0-0 0.0
10/21/2023	Bryant	Wot1	25-24	0-2 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
11/04/2023	at Lindenwood	W	16-10	1-4 25.0	0-0 0.0	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0	0-2 0.0	0-0 0.0
<b>Eastern Ill.</b>				<b>11-25 44.0</b>	<b>2-4 50.0</b>	<b>5-8 62.5</b>	<b>1-3 33.3</b>	<b>3-10 30.0</b>	<b>0-0 0.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>				<b>6-16 37.5</b>	<b>0-0 0.0</b>	<b>1-3 33.3</b>	<b>3-8 37.5</b>	<b>2-5 40.0</b>	<b>0-0 0.0</b>

### Time of Possession

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	W	27-0	29:49	04:08	08:47	08:05	08:49	00:00
09/09/2023	at Bowling Green	L	15-38	29:48	06:31	07:44	07:22	08:11	00:00
09/16/2023	Illinois St.	W	14-13	35:49	08:27	12:35	05:59	08:48	00:00
09/23/2023	McNeese	W	31-28	35:48	07:00	11:18	05:20	12:10	00:00
09/30/2023	at Northwestern St.	W	19-10	28:25	07:07	06:40	06:46	07:52	00:00
10/07/2023	UT Martin	Lot1	27-28	32:46	09:21	08:41	09:17	05:27	00:00
10/14/2023	at Southeast Mo. St.	L	28-35	29:34	07:14	10:03	06:04	06:13	00:00
10/21/2023	Bryant	Wot1	25-24	33:18	09:28	08:30	09:00	06:20	00:00
11/04/2023	at Lindenwood	W	16-10	25:59	08:25	05:50	03:58	07:46	00:00
<b>Eastern Ill.</b>				<b>Total 281:16</b>	<b>67:41</b>	<b>80:08</b>	<b>61:51</b>	<b>71:36</b>	<b>00:00</b>
				<b>Avg. 31:15</b>	<b>07:31</b>	<b>08:54</b>	<b>06:52</b>	<b>07:57</b>	<b>00:00</b>
<b>Opponents</b>				<b>Total 258:44</b>	<b>58:27</b>	<b>63:44</b>	<b>62:30</b>	<b>74:03</b>	<b>00:00</b>
				<b>Avg. 28:45</b>	<b>06:30</b>	<b>07:05</b>	<b>06:57</b>	<b>08:14</b>	<b>00:00</b>



NCAA Statistics

Eastern Ill. - 2023-24 Football Ranking Summary thru games 11/04/2023

Statistic	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
3rd Down Conversion Pct (122 ranked)	62	5	0.379	South Dakota St.	0.582	Southeast Mo. St.	0.430
3rd Down Conversion Pct Defense (122 ranked)	69	6	0.397	Merrimack	0.217	Southeast Mo. St.	0.339
4th Down Conversion Pct (122 ranked)	89	6	0.440	N.C. Central	0.818	UT Martin	0.706
4th Down Conversion Pct Defense (122 ranked)	15	3	0.375	Ark.-Pine Bluff	0.091	Tennessee St.	0.214
Blocked Kicks (51 ranked)	51	5	1	New Hampshire	10	Bryant	5
Blocked Kicks Allowed (122 ranked)	109	8	4	26 teams tied	0	Gardner-Webb UT Martin	0 0
Blocked Punts (15 ranked)				ETSU New Hampshire	5 5	Bryant	3
Blocked Punts Allowed (121 ranked)	1	1	0	63 teams tied	0	6 teams tied	0
Completion Percentage (122 ranked)	48	3	0.608	Davidson	0.745	Robert Morris	0.656
Defensive TDs (42 ranked)	17	3	2	Mercer Richmond	5 5	Tennessee Tech	4
Fewest Penalties (122 ranked)	58	4	54	Northwestern St.	27	Charleston So.	41
Fewest Penalties Per Game (122 ranked)	55	4	6.00	Harvard	3.62	Charleston So.	4.56
Fewest Penalty Yards (122 ranked)	66	5	489	Columbia	235	Charleston So.	348
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game (122 ranked)	65	5	54.33	Columbia	29.38	Charleston So.	38.67
First Downs Defense (122 ranked)	82	6	183	Northwestern St.	110	Tennessee Tech	139
First Downs Offense (122 ranked)	46	3	180	Western Caro.	231	Southeast Mo. St. UT Martin	191 191
Fumbles Lost (122 ranked)	10	1	3	Harvard	0	Charleston So. Eastern Ill.	3 3
Fumbles Recovered (119 ranked)	5	1	10	Marist Southern U.	12 12	Bryant Eastern Ill.	10 10
Kickoff Return Defense (122 ranked)	51	3	19.08	Columbia	12.50	Southeast Mo. St.	17.45
Kickoff Returns (122 ranked)	93	8	17.71	Weber St.	27.23	Tennessee St.	24.06
Net Punting (122 ranked)	59	7	35.89	Idaho	43.67	UT Martin	42.58
Passes Had Intercepted (122 ranked)	43	5	7	Fordham	1	Southeast Mo. St.	3
Passes Intercepted (122 ranked)	5	1	13	Jackson St.	16	Eastern Ill.	13
Passing Offense (122 ranked)	17	1	266.0	Idaho St.	338.2	Eastern Ill.	266.0
Passing Yards Allowed (122 ranked)	81	5	229.0	Sacred Heart	126.0	Robert Morris	173.6
Passing Yards per Completion (122 ranked)	62	3	11.62	Villanova	17.10	Charleston So.	11.99
Punt Return Defense (122 ranked)	51	7	6.44	Idaho	0.00	Southeast Mo. St.	2.83
Punt Returns (122 ranked)	116	9	2.00	Austin Peay	22.54	Southeast Mo. St.	11.88
Red Zone Defense (122 ranked)	46	2	0.786	Butler	0.591	Tennessee St.	0.667
Red Zone Offense (122 ranked)	106	9	0.688	South Dakota St.	0.971	Southeast Mo. St.	0.903
Rushing Defense (122 ranked)	47	5	134.2	Princeton	78.2	UT Martin	92.3
Rushing Offense (122 ranked)	101	7	108.3	Davidson	321.2	UT Martin	216.0
Sacks Allowed (122 ranked)	115	9	3.56	Drake	0.33	UT Martin	1.33
Scoring Defense (122 ranked)	24	1	20.7	South Dakota St.	11.9	Eastern Ill.	20.7
Scoring Offense (122 ranked)	77	6	22.4	Davidson	45.4	UT Martin	32.3
Tackles for Loss Allowed (122 ranked)	95	7	6.67	South Dakota St.	2.44	Bryant	3.33
Team Passing Efficiency (122 ranked)	59	4	129.59	Davidson	191.33	Robert Morris	137.56
Team Passing Efficiency Defense (122 ranked)	30	2	118.96	UIW	104.71	Tennessee St.	117.01
Team Sacks (122 ranked)	51	7	2.00	Illinois St. Lafayette	3.67 3.67	Tennessee St.	3.00
Team Tackles for Loss (122 ranked)	57	7	5.7	Florida A&M	9.2	Tennessee St.	7.9
Time of Possession (122 ranked)	36	4	31:15	Cornell	35:35	Robert Morris	31:36
Total Defense (122 ranked)	61	6	363.2	Princeton	261.5	Tennessee St.	326.7
Total Offense (122 ranked)	50	3	374.3	Western Caro.	490.9	UT Martin	428.9
Turnover Margin (121 ranked)	1	1	1.44	Eastern Ill.	1.44	Eastern Ill.	1.44
Turnovers Gained (120 ranked)	1	1	23	Eastern Ill. Richmond	23 23	Eastern Ill.	23
Turnovers Lost (122 ranked)	26	2	10	Davidson Kennesaw St. Montana St.	5 5 5	Southeast Mo. St.	7
Winning Percentage (115 ranked)	23	2	0.667	South Dakota St.	1.000	UT Martin	0.778

Statistic	Player	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
All Purpose (199 ranked)	Eli Mirza MJ Flowers	153 158	12 13	72.11 70.56	Dylan Laube, New Hampshire	224.89	Jayden Brown, Gardner-Webb	137.44
Blocked Kicks (7 ranked)					Randall Harris, New Hampshire Teddy Wilson, ETSU	4 4	Dontae Lunan, Bryant	2
Combined Kick Returns (200 ranked)	Mark Aitken	52	7	320	Devron Harper, Mercer	757	Anthony Frederick, Bryant	572
Completion Percentage (102 ranked)	Pierce Holley	46	3	0.619	Cam Miller, North Dakota St.	0.739	Anthony Chicci, Robert Morris	0.658
Completions Per Game (148 ranked)	Pierce Holley	8	1	22.89	Michael Hiers, Samford	29.78	Pierce Holley, Eastern Ill.	22.89
Field Goal Percentage (86 ranked)					Kyle Ramsey, Abilene Christian	1.000	James Lowery, Tennessee St.	0.846
Field Goals Per Game (132 ranked)					Owen Zalc, Dartmouth	1.88	DC Pippin, Southeast Mo. St.	1.38
Forced Fumbles (25 ranked)	Joel Barrows	9	2	0.33	Terrell Allen, Tennessee St.	0.56	Terrell Allen, Tennessee St.	0.56
Fumbles Recovered (72 ranked)	Russell Dandy Kaelin Drakeford Nicholas Oliveira-Chace Joel Barrows Tyris Harvey Blake Ruffin Braylon Willis	9 9 9 72 72 72 72	1 1 1 10 10 10 10	2 8 2 1 1 1 1	8 players tied	3	9 players tied	2
Interceptions Per Game (113 ranked)	Blake Ruffin NiJhay Burt	4 30	1 3	0.4 0.3	Trevin Gradney, Montana Isaiah Reed, Brown Cole Wisniewski, North Dakota St.	0.5 0.5 0.5	Tim Coutras, Tennessee Tech Blake Ruffin, Eastern Ill.	0.4 0.4
Kickoff Return TDs (4 ranked)					Taymon Cooke, N.C. A&T Donovan Wadley, Merrimack	3 3	Nivon Holland, Charleston So. Narkel Leflore, UT Martin	1 1
Kickoff Returns (83 ranked)	Mark Aitken	59	9	19.9	Taymon Cooke, N.C. A&T	38.6	Narkel Leflore, UT Martin	26.6
Passes Defended (45 ranked)	Russell Dandy	2	1	1.8	Mikey Victor, Alabama St.	2.0	Russell Dandy, Eastern Ill.	1.8
Passing Efficiency (102 ranked)	Pierce Holley	51	4	131.9	Mark Gronowski, South Dakota St.	178.8	Paxton DeLaurent, Southeast Mo. St.	138.4
Passing TDs (118 ranked)	Pierce Holley	33	4	14	Mike DiLiello, Austin Peay	25	Kinkead Dent, UT Martin	21
Passing Yards (149 ranked)	Pierce Holley	11	1	2,394	Max Brosmer, New Hampshire	2,939	Pierce Holley, Eastern Ill.	2,394
Passing Yards Per Game (150 ranked)	Pierce Holley	13	1	266.0	Max Brosmer, New Hampshire	326.6	Pierce Holley, Eastern Ill.	266.0
Passing Yards per Completion (102 ranked)	Pierce Holley	59	3	11.62	Connor Watkins, Villanova	17.76	Kinkead Dent, UT Martin	11.93
Points Responsible For (192 ranked)	Pierce Holley	33	4	110	Mike DiLiello, Austin Peay	180	Kinkead Dent, UT Martin	138
Points Responsible For Per Game (149 ranked)	Pierce Holley	37	5	12.2	Davius Richard, N.C. Central	20.2	Kinkead Dent, UT Martin	15.3
Punt Return TDs (3 ranked)					Kam Thomas, Austin Peay Devron Harper, Mercer	2 2	Lake Ellis, Bryant Dalyn McDonald, Southeast Mo. St.	1 1
Punt Returns (34 ranked)					Kam Thomas, Austin Peay	22.2	Dalyn McDonald, Southeast Mo. St.	12.7
Punting (84 ranked)	Jacob Horvath	65	7	37.7	Aidan Laros, UT Martin	47.7	Aidan Laros, UT Martin	47.7
Receiving TDs (129 ranked)	Justin Bowick Justin Thomas	32 71	1 9	5 4	Jalen Coker, Holy Cross	13	8 players tied	5
Receiving Yards (149 ranked)	Eli Mirza DeAirious Smith Justin Bowick Justin Thomas	49 103 104 119	4 7 8 9	566 453 446 421	Brandon Porter, UIW	989	Noah Robinson, Robert Morris	696
Receiving Yards Per Game (200 ranked)	Eli Mirza Justin Thomas DeAirious Smith Justin Bowick	52 60 110 113	5 7 8 9	62.9 60.1 50.3 49.6	Brandon Porter, UIW	109.9	Ryan Flournoy, Southeast Mo. St.	97.1
Receptions Per Game (189 ranked)	Eli Mirza Justin Thomas Justin Bowick MJ Flowers	26 57 140 169	4 6 12 15	5.6 4.6 3.4 3.2	Chedon James, Idaho St.	8.8	Damoriea Vick, Southeast Mo. St.	7.0
Rush Yards Per Carry (126 ranked)	MJ Flowers Kevin Daniels	50 110	3 9	4.99 3.91	Elijah Burris, Hampton	8.28	Sam Franklin, UT Martin	6.19
Rushing TDs (119 ranked)	Pierce Holley	119	9	4	Jordan Fuller, Holy Cross	18	Sam Franklin, UT Martin Jordan Gant, Tennessee St.	10 10
Rushing Yards (200 ranked)	MJ Flowers Kevin Daniels	92 199	6 16	474 297	Jaden Shirden, Monmouth	1,344	Sam Franklin, UT Martin	1,095
Rushing Yards Per Game (199 ranked)	MJ Flowers Kevin Daniels	102 148	7 10	52.7 42.4	Jaden Shirden, Monmouth	149.3	Sam Franklin, UT Martin	121.7
Sacks (159 ranked)	Phoenix Porter Joel Barrows	159 159	13 13	0.33 0.33	Terrell Allen, Tennessee St.	1.61	Terrell Allen, Tennessee St.	1.61
Scoring (199 ranked)					Jordan Fuller, Holy Cross	12.7	DC Pippin, Southeast Mo. St.	7.9
Solo Tackles (29 ranked)					Micah Davey, McNeese	7.9	Monroe Beard III, Tennessee St.	5.9
Tackles For Loss (60 ranked)					Terrell Allen, Tennessee St.	2.7	Terrell Allen, Tennessee St.	2.7
Total Offense (199 ranked)	Pierce Holley	20	3	257.4	Max Brosmer, New Hampshire	340.8	Zevi Eckhaus, Bryant	277.7
Total Points Scored (0 ranked)								
Total Tackles (197 ranked)	Elijahwah Tolbert Blake Ruffin	67 157	4 7	7.9 6.3	Micah Davey, McNeese	14.0	Monroe Beard III, Tennessee St.	10.6
Total Touchdowns (135 ranked)	Justin Bowick	135	7	5	Jordan Fuller, Holy Cross	19	Sam Franklin, UT Martin	11
Yards per Pass Attempt (102 ranked)	Pierce Holley	46	2	7.19	Connor Watkins, Villanova	10.12	Paxton DeLaurent, Southeast Mo. St.	7.26
Yards per Reception (199 ranked)	DeAirious Smith Justin Bowick Justin Thomas	15 91 135	1 5 8	18.88 14.39 13.16	Rayjuon Pringle, Villanova	26.37	DeAirious Smith, Eastern Ill.	18.88