



EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHER FOOTBALL

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GAME 9



COACHES:

Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1995)

EIU Record.....7-12 (2nd)
OVC Record.....2-6 (2nd)
Career Record.....58-39 (11th)
vs. Lindenwood..... 0-1

Jed Stugart (Azusa Pacific, 1995)

LWU Record36-29 (7th)
OVC Record.....2-6 (2nd)
Overall Record127-53 (17th)
vs. Eastern Illinois..... 1-0

SERIES

2nd meeting - Lindenwood leads 1-0

Last: LWU 37, @EIU 34 (2 ot) on Oct. 15, 2022

RANKINGS

Eastern Illinois --- / RV
Lindenwood..... --- / ---
..... STATS Media/AFCAs Coaches

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EIU Enters November On The Road

Eastern Illinois at Lindenwood

Hunter Stadium (6,000) • St. Charles, Mo.

November 4, 2023 • 2 p.m. • TV: ESPN+

NOTES TO KNOW

• Eastern Illinois comes off its bye week set up for a November stretch run beginning this weekend at Lindenwood. EIU will then face Tennessee State at home before ending the regular season at Robert Morris. The Panthers are 5-3 on the season looking to for one more win to post their first winning season since the 2017 campaign. EIU is among the teams also receiving votes in this week's AFCA FCS Coaches Top 25 poll marking the sixth straight week they have either been listed among the teams receiving votes which includes one week at No. 25. Lindenwood enters at 3-5 overall as they have two games remaining in the regular season.

• Pierce Holley was named the Big South-OVC Football Offensive Player of the Week following the Panthers last game on Oct. 21 against Bryant prior to the Panthers bye week. In that game Holley rushed for three touchdowns and won the game in overtime with a successful two-point conversion run. Holley was the first EIU player to rush for three touchdowns in a game since Isaiah Johnson in November of 2018 against Austin Peay. His two-point conversion via the run was the first successful rushing conversion for EIU in more than 20 years, the last by J.R. Taylor on Nov. 23, 2002 against Murray State.

• Corner Russell Dandy recorded three pass break-ups in the Panthers overtime win over Bryant on Oct. 21. The fifth year player has become one of the top defensive backs in the Big South-OVC this season. Dandy now has 13 pass break-ups to go with one interception, two fumble recoveries and 25 tackles. He ranks fourth in the FCS in passes defended this season. Dandy's 13 pass break-ups this season tie him for third on the Panthers single season list with Corneliuss Page (2019). Ben Brown holds the EIU single season record with 16 pass break-ups in 2004.

• Eastern Illinois defense added another turnover gained in the win over Bryant with a forced fumble and recovery. Despite not playing last weekend, EIU continues to rank second in the FCS in turnovers gained this season with 20, trailing only national leader Richmond (23). In the last ten years EIU has twice finished in third in the nation in turnovers gained with 31 during the 2015 season and 37 during the 2013 season.

• Eastern Illinois played its second overtime game this season with the Oct. 21st, 25-24 win over Bryant. EIU is now 10-9 all-time in overtime games. It also marked the third time EIU has had an overtime game decided by just one point. EIU's last overtime win had been Oct. 20, 2018 vs UT Martin.

Eastern Illinois (5-3, 1-2 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	2 pm
Nov. 11	• TENNESSEE STATE	12 pm
Nov. 18	• at Robert Morris	11 am

• Big South-OVC Game All Times Central

Lindenwood (3-5, 1-3 Conf.)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Aug. 31	UW STEVENS POINT	W 77-9
Sept. 9	• at Southeast Missouri	L 7-45
Sept. 16	at Western Illinois	W 43-40
Sept. 23	at Illinois State	L 17-48
Sept. 30	AUSTIN PEAY	L 10-52
Oct. 7	• TENNESSEE TECH	W 23-0
Oct. 14	• at Charleston Southern	L 10-24
Oct. 28	• at Tennessee State	L 20-43
Nov. 4	• EASTERN ILLINOIS	2 pm
Nov. 11	• BRYANT	1 pm

• Big South-OVC All Times Central

STATS FCS MEDIA TOP 25 (October 30)

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

FCS COACHES TOP 25 (October 30)

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

RV - Eastern Illinois

• Justin Bowick was the top receiving target for Eastern Illinois in its last game against Bryant. The sophomore hauled in six passes for 96 yards as he just missed cracking the 100-yard mark for the second time this season. Bowick is second on the team in both receptions (29) and receiving yards (431), both totals ranking in the top ten in the Big South-OVC this season. Bowick is the Panthers leader in touchdown receptions with five which is tied for second in the conference.

• Justin Bowick is one of four EIU wide receivers that have cracked the century mark in receiving yards in a game this season. Bowick's 100-yard game came at Northwestern State with four catches for 130 yards and a touchdown. Eli Mirza followed the next week with ten grabs for 119 yards and a score against UT Martin. In the Panthers road loss at Southeast Missouri a pair of EIU players cracked the 100-yard mark with Justin Thomas and DeAirious Smith. Thomas had five catches for 103 yards and a touchdown. Smith had four catches for 118 yards.

• Running back Kendi Young became the third different running back this season to lead EIU in rushing yards for a game. Following first half injuries to MJ Flowers and Kevin Daniels, Young had 11 carries for 69 yards primarily in the second half. Last season Young had a breakout game rushing eight times for 160 yards in the Panthers OVC win at Murray State.

• Eli Mirza has become one of the Panthers top receiving targets this season with a team-high 45 catches for 493 yards. Both totals lead Eastern Illinois and rank in the top four in the Big South-OVC. The junior college transfer had a season high ten catches for 110 yards and a touchdown against UT Martin. Mirza also has a rushing touchdown as he has four carries for 43 yards. He is currently 22nd in the FCS in receptions.

• DeAirious Smith has been a big play receiver for the Panthers this season making 19 catches for 386 yards with one touchdown. He had a season high 118 yards receiving at Southeast Missouri. Smith is averaging 20.3 yards per reception this season which ranks the junior eighth in the FCS in yards per reception. He is one of eight Panthers currently averaging over ten yards per reception this season.

• Blake Ruffin once again was among the tackle leaders for Eastern Illinois defense in the Panthers win over Bryant as he made five tackles. It was the fourth time this season that the redshirt sophomore safety has led the team in tackles in a game. For the season he has 53 tackles to rank second on the team with a team-leading 38 solo tackles (2nd in Big South-OVC). Ruffin has also added four tackles for loss and three interceptions which ranks him 16th in the FCS.

• Linebacker Phoenix Porter was among the tackle leaders in the win over Bryant as he tied for the lead with five tackles. He was credited with a half tackle for loss giving him two tackles for loss among his 26 total tackles this season. Porter is one of three EIU linebackers ranked among the top six tacklers on the roster this season. Elijah Tolbert ranks first with 65 tackles followed by Anthony Shockey in third with 36 tackles.

• Pierce Holley passed for 244 yards against Bryant giving the graduate transfer 2,149 yards for the season with 13 touchdowns. Holley is the first EIU quarterback to throw for more than 2,100 yards in a season since Jimmy Garoppolo had 5,050 yards during the 2013 season. Holley needs 434 yards this season to crack the EIU single season Top 10. He is currently 12th in the FCS in passing yards, 31st in passing touchdowns and 39th in completion percentage. Adding in his two years as a starter at Georgetown, Holley has now passed for 6,326 career yards which ranks him 15th among active FCS quarterbacks.

• Safety Ira Armstead had just tackles in the win over Bryant but the converted quarterback picked up the lone sack of the afternoon for the EIU defense. It was Armstead's second sack of the season which ranks him second on the team. Originally recruited as a quarterback to EIU following a two-year career at Virginia, Armstead has 18 tackles with three additional quarterback hurries to his credit.

• Joel Barrows was active on the defensive front once again as the Panthers season sack leader with 2.5 forced the lone EIU turnover gained in the contest. Barrows forced a fumble which was recovered by Nicholas Oliveira-Chace. It was the third forced fumble this season for Barrows who ranks sixth in the FCS in that category this season. Barrows has 24 tackles with 3.5 tackles for loss and one fumble recovery this year.

• Tre'jon Lewis was credited with the Panthers blocked field goal in the fourth quarter against Bryant. It marked the fifth straight year that EIU's special teams has blocked at least one kick during the season. Last season EIU had two blocks with Jordan Vincent blocking the last field goal for EIU against Tennessee Tech on Oct. 29, 2022; that block was scooped up by Mark Aitken and returned for a 65-yard touchdown. Lewis blocked field goal was part of his two tackle day on defense as he has 11 tackles this season.

• Eastern Illinois was an efficient 8-of-13 on 3rd down in the Panthers win over Bryant for a 61.5 conversion rate. On the year EIU is converting at 39.5 percent on 3rd down which ranks third in the Big South-OVC and 48th in the FCS. It was just the second time this season that EIU had converted at 50 percent or better on 3rd down in a game, the other was 8-for-16 (50 pct) against McNeese.

• Eastern Illinois rolled off 440 yards of total offense in the Panthers win over Bryant. It was the second consecutive game that EIU had finished with more than 400 yards of total offense (438 at Southeast Missouri). The last time EIU had back-to-back games with 400 or more yards of total offense as the last three games of the 2018 season with 514, 404 and 494 yards. EIU is averaging 380.2 yards of total offense per game this year.

2023 Big South-OVC Football Standings

Team	CONF	Pct	All	Pct
Southeast Missouri	3-0	1.000	4-4	500
UT Martin	3-1	.750	6-2	750
Tennessee State	2-1	.667	6-2	750
Bryant	2-1	.667	4-4	500
Gardner-Webb	2-1	.667	4-4	500
Eastern Illinois	1-2	.333	5-3	625
Charleston Southern	1-2	.333	3-5	375
Tennessee Tech	1-2	.333	3-5	375
Lindenwood	1-3	.250	3-5	375
Robert Morris	0-3	.000	2-6	250

This Week In Big South-OVC Football

Saturday - November 4

- * Gardner-Webb at Bryant - 12 pm
- * Robert Morris at Southeast Missouri - 1 pm
- * UT Martin at Tennessee Tech - 1:30 pm
- * Eastern Illinois at Lindenwood - 2 pm
- * Tennessee State at Charleston Southern - 3 pm

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

* 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 437 this season which ranks fourth in the Big South-OVC and fourth nationally among FCS freshmen. He has also been a target out of the backfield with 28 catches for 153 yards giving him 590 all-purpose yards (eighth 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 Bryant as the senior moved up another spot on the Eastern Illinois career field goals made list. Galloway now has 27 career made field goals and is tied with Rich Ehmke for 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 is 9-of-9 on extra points this season and has 52 extra points for his career. He has currently made 43 consecutive extra points.

• Pierce Holley's successful run for a two-point conversion was the Panthers first conversion this season in five attempts. EIU is now one of 50 FCS teams that have converted at least one two-point conversion this season. Four teams are tied for the national lead with three successful two-point conversions with Georgetown, Eastern Kentucky, Montana and Delaware all ranked first.

• 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 58-39 career record. Complete Coach Chris Wilkerson bio available on page 6 of EIU game notes...

LINDENWOOD HEAD COACH JED STUGART

Jed Stugart has a strong background in guiding programs during a transition phase and having success. Stugart has won 127 games in his career with head coaching stops at three different universities. He helped lead Sioux Falls to the NAIA National Championship game and then as they transitioned to the NCAA Division II ranks. During seven seasons as the head coach at Lindenwood he now leads the Lions from a Division II playoff team to their second year in the FCS ranks. In their first game as an FCS member in 2022 they picked up an FCS win over Houston Christian (then Houston Baptist). Stugart is an alumnus of Azusa Pacific where he was a three-year letterwinner at linebacker.

SCOUTING LINDENWOOD

Lindenwood enters the game at 3-5 overall including 1-3 in the Big South-OVC following a loss at Tennessee State last weekend. The Lions have lost two straight with both contests on the road. Injuries have had an impact on the Lions this year with leading rusher Robert Giaimo (440 yards) only active in five games. Starting quarterback Cole Dugger has passed for 1,086 yards with ten touchdowns but been hit with injuries. Freshman Tyler Kubat is listed as the starter for this week after passing for 114 yards and two scores last week against TSU. Jeff Caldwell is the leading receiver with 29 catches for 584 yards and eight touchdowns. Kobe McClendon has been a force on defense with 29 tackles, 9.5 tackles for loss and 6.5 sacks. Brenden Dye and Ethan Stuhlsatz lead the Lions with 50 tackles each.

THE SERIES

This will be the second meeting between Eastern Illinois and Lindenwood as the Lions joined the Ohio Valley Conference last season transitioning from the NCAA Division II ranks. Lindenwood leads the series 1-0 after picking up a double-overtime win, 37-34, at Eastern Illinois last October. On the Panthers 2023 schedule are three first-time opponents with EIU losing at Bowling Green, beating Bryant and facing Robert Morris in the final game of the regular season.

LAST TEN MEETINGS

Oct. 15, 2022 LINDENWOOD 37, EIU 34 (2OT) at EIU

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.....	23.3	25.9
Average Points Allowed.....	22.0	32.6
First Downs.....	165	151
Rushing Yards Per Game	111.6	158.3
Rushing Touchdowns.....	10	9
Passing Yards Per Game	268.6	208.4
Passing Touchdowns	13	16
Average Yards Per Game	380.3	366.6
Interceptions Thrown	6	11
Fumbles - Lost	6-2	11-4
Turnovers Gained.....	20	8
Punting Average	37.6	40.0
Field Goals (ATT/MADE)	5-of-13	6-of-10
3rd Down Conversions	47-of-119 (39%)	41-of-109 (38%)
4th Down Conversions.....	10-of-21 (48%)	4-of-10 (40%)
Sacks By (Yards).....	12 (57)	14 (94)
Penalties (Yards)	49 (437)	44 (421)
Time of Possession (Game)	31:55	28:17

Statistical Leaders**RUSHING YARDS (Touchdowns)**

EASTERN ILLINOIS	LINDENWOOD
MJ Flowers.....437 (2)	Robert Giaimo.....440 (3)
Kevin Daniels.....297 (2)	Justin Williams.....260 (2)

PASSING YARDS (Touchdowns)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	LINDENWOOD
Pierce Holley.....2,149 (13)	Cole Dugger.....1086 (10)
.....	Carter Davis .....372 (3)

RECEPTIONS (Yards)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	LINDENWOOD
Eli Mirza .....45 (493)	Jeff Caldwell .....29 (584)
Justin Bowick.....29 (431)	Robert Giaimo.....15 (102)
MJ Flowers .....28 (153)	Ronnie Thomas .....15 (89)

TACKLES

EASTERN ILLINOIS	LINDENWOOD
Elijawah Tolbert.....65	Brenden Dye .....50
Blake Ruffin .....53	Ethan Stuhlsatz.....50
Anthony Shockey.....36	Mann McGruder.....39
Mark Aitken.....32	Tyrone Griffin.....30
Nicholas Oliveira-Chace.....29	Kobe McClendon29

TACKLES FOR LOSS / SACKS

EASTERN ILLINOIS	LINDENWOOD
Nicholas Oliveria-Chace.. 5.5	Kobe McClendon 9.5 6.5
Blake Ruffin .....4.....1	Donnie Wingate .....5 .....1.5
Elijawah Tolbert.....4.....0	Will Stemler .....3.5 .....2.5

Eastern Illinois In The OVC/NCAA Stats

2023

TEAM

.....	NCAA	CONF
Rushing Offense	91st	6th
Passing Offense	17th	2nd
Passing Efficiency	57nd	3rd
Total Offense	43rd	3rd
Scoring Offense	71st	6th
Rushing Defense	53rd	5th
Pass Defense	83rd	4th
Pass Efficiency Def.	23rd	2nd
Total Defense	69th	6th
Scoring Defense	32nd	3rd
Net Punting	70th	9th
Punt Returns	49th	4th
Kickoff Returns	112th	10th
Turnover Margin	2nd	1st
Turnovers Gained	2nd	1st
Sacks	87th	7th
Tackles For Loss	80th	7th
Sacks Allowed	116th	10th
3rd Down Conversion	53rd	3rd
4th Down Conversion	68th	6th
3rd Down Defense	89th	8th
Red Zone Offense	100th	8th
Red Zone Defense	60th	4th
Time of Possession	25th	2nd

INDIVIDUAL (Top 50)

.....	NCAA	CONF
Pierce Holley (Comp. Pct.)	40th	3rd
Pierce Holley (Pass Efficiency).....	48th	3rd
Pierce Holley (Passing Touchdowns)	21st	1st
Pierce Holley (Passing Yards).....	5th	1st
Pierce Holley (Total Offense)	20th	2nd
Justin Bowick (TD Reception)	15th	1st
Justin Thomas (TD Reception).....	32nd	2nd
Eli Mirza (Receiving Yards)	30th	2nd
Eli Mirza (Receptions).....	20th	2nd
DeAirious Smith (Yards Per Reception) ..	10th	1st
MJ Flowers (Yards Per Carry)	42nd	3rd
Russell Dandy (Fumble Recovery).....	4th	1st
Russell Dandy (Passes Defended)	4th	1st
Blake Ruffin (Interceptions).....	23rd	1st
Joel Barrows (Forced Fumbles)	11th	3rd
Kaelin Drakeford (Fumble Recovery)	4th	1st
Nicholas Oliveria-Chace (Fumble Rec.)...4th	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 - *Elijahwah 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 W-L	Pct.	Conf. W-L	Pct.
2023	5-3	.625	1-2 (BSOVC)	.333
2022	2-9	.182	1-4 (OVC)	.200
Totals	7-12	.368	2-6	.250

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
Totals	51-27	.654	39-15	.722
				9 years

Career	Overall W-L	Pct.	Conf. W-L	Pct.
	58-39	.598	41-21	.661



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...

Dytarious 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 Holleyat 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

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 & 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
MJ Flowers.....	272 vs. McNeese.....	2023
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:

Pierce Holley....	20 vs. Illinois State ..	2023
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
23 ... Kevin Daniels	6-2	230	.....	R-So

TIGHT END

11 ... Anthony Manaves.....	6-4	230	.....	R-Jr
89 ... Daniel Luoma	6-2	240	.....	Jr

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
36 ... Lazerick Eatman.....	5-10	185	.....	Sr

EIU COACHING STAFF

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

Career 58-39 (9), **EIU Record** 7-12 (2); **OVC Record** 2-6 (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 Defesive 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

98 ... Brett Galetti	6-1	220	R-So
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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 STATSEIUINST

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 STATSEIUBG

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 STATSEIU 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**
McNeese14..... 14..... 0..... 0.....28
Eastern Illinois7..... 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 STATSEIUMCN

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 Illinois3..... 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 STATSEIUNSU

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 Martin0..... 0..... 7..... 7..... 7.....28
Eastern Illinois7..... 7..... 0..... 7..... 6.....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 STATSEIUUTM

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 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 - Flournoy 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 STATSEIUSEMO

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 - Flournoy (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 STATSEIU 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.

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

* 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

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



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Team Statistics

	EIU	OPP
Scoring	186	176
Points per game	23.3	22.0
Points Off Turnovers	29	17
First Downs	165	166
Rushing	49	68
Passing	103	86
Penalty	13	12
Rushing Yardage	893	1192
Yards gained rushing	1144	1365
Yards lost rushing	251	173
Rushing attempts	270	275
Average per rush	3.3	4.3
Average per game	111.6	149.0
TDs Rushing	10	15
Passing Yardage	2149	1812
Comp-Att-Int	188-305-6	152-263-10
Average per pass	7.0	6.9
Average per catch	11.4	11.9
Average per game	268.6	226.5
TDs Passing	13	9
Total offense	3042	3004
Total plays	575	538
Average per play	5.3	5.6
Average per game	380.3	375.5
Kick returns: #-Yards	22-354	21-391
Punt returns: #-Yards	1-9	9-58
Int returns: #-Yards	10-126	6-50
Kick return average	16.1	18.6
Punt return average	9.0	6.4
Int return average	12.6	8.3
Fumbles-Lost	6-3	13-10
Penalties-Yards	49-437	44-438
Average per game	54.6	54.8
Punts-Yards	39-1466	32-1404
Average per punt	37.6	43.9
Net punt average	35.8	41.4
Kickoffs-Yards	36-2157	34-1952
Average per kick	59.9	57.4
Net kick average	39.2	40.1
Time of possession / game	31:55	28:05
3rd-down conversion	47/119	45/107
3rd-down pct	39%	42%
4rd-down conversion	10/21	5/14



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	EIU	OPP
4rd-down pct	48%	36%
Sacks by-Yards	12-57	30-195
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	25	24
Field goals - attempts	5-13	3-9
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-0
Red-zone scores	(20-29) 69%	(21-26) 81%
Red-zone touchdowns	(16-29) 55%	(19-26) 73%
PAT-attempts	(17-20) 85%	(23-24) 96%
2-point conversion-attempts	(1-5) 20%	(0-0) 0%
Attendance	24936	29951
Games / Avg per game	4/6234	4/7488
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Eastern Ill.	43	63	22	44	14	186
Opponents	34	56	31	41	14	176



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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
MJ Flowers	8	84	449	12	437	5.2	2	65	54.6
Kevin Daniels	7	76	318	21	297	3.9	2	31	42.4
Kendi Young	4	23	101	7	94	4.1	0	20	23.5
Juwon Farri	6	8	65	0	65	8.1	1	19	10.8
Eli Mirza	8	4	43	0	43	10.8	1	27	5.4
Jacob Horvath	8	1	23	0	23	23.0	0	23	2.9
Justin Thomas	6	1	0	5	-5	-5.0	0	0	-0.8
Pierce Holley	8	69	145	202	-57	-0.8	4	18	-7.1
Team	8	4	0	4	-4	-1.0	0	0	-0.5
Total	8	270	1144	251	893	3.3	10	65	111.6
Opponents	8	275	1365	173	1192	4.3	15	72	149.0

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Pierce Holley	8	133.6	188-299-6	62.9	2149	13	54	268.6
Cooper Willman	4	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Eli Mirza	8	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Team	8	0.0	0-4-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	8	131.0	188-305-6	61.6	2149	13	54	268.6
Opponents	8	119.4	152-263-10	57.8	1812	9	58	226.5

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Eli Mirza	8	45	493	11.0	1	38	61.6
Justin Bowick	8	29	431	14.9	5	52	53.9
MJ Flowers	8	28	153	5.5	0	12	19.1
Justin Thomas	6	27	339	12.6	4	43	56.5
DeAirious Smith	8	19	386	20.3	1	54	48.3
Anthony Manaves	8	13	99	7.6	1	13	12.4
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	4	2	22	11.0	0	13	5.5
Dewayne Cooks Jr	4	1	37	37.0	0	37	9.3
Juwon Farri	6	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.7
Daniel Luoma	8	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.6
Total	8	188	2149	11.4	13	54	268.6
Opponents	8	152	1812	11.9	9	58	226.5

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Cooper Willman	1	9	9.0	0	9
Total	1	9	9.0	0	9
Opponents	9	58	6.4	0	22

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Blake Ruffin	3	23	7.7	0	17
Nijhay Burt	2	67	33.5	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
Elijahwah Tolbert	1	1	1.0	0	1
Total	10	126	12.6	2	67
Opponents	6	50	8.3	0	35

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Mark Aitken	14	247	17.6	0	44
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
Total	22	354	16.1	0	44
Opponents	21	391	18.6	0	35

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
Total	10	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	3	0	0.0	0	0



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Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT					dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass				
Justin Bowick	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Pierce Holley	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	26
Justin Thomas	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Stone Galloway	-	3-11	9-9	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Kevin Daniels	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Julian Patino	-	2-2	7-8	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
MJ Flowers	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Eli Mirza	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
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	25	5-13	17-20	1	0	0	0	1	186	
Opponents	24	3-9	23-24	0	0	0	0	0	176	

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Pierce Holley	8	368	-57	2149	2092	261.5
MJ Flowers	8	84	437	0	437	54.6
Kevin Daniels	7	76	297	0	297	42.4
Kendi Young	4	23	94	0	94	23.5
Juwon Farri	6	8	65	0	65	10.8
Eli Mirza	8	5	43	0	43	5.4
Jacob Horvath	8	1	23	0	23	2.9
Justin Thomas	6	1	-5	0	-5	-0.8
Team	8	0	-4	0	-4	-0.5
Total	8	575	893	2149	3042	380.3
Opponents	8	538	1192	1812	3004	375.5

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Jacob Horvath	39	1466	37.6	57	1	15	11	2	0
Total	39	1466	37.6	57	1	15	11	2	0
Opponents	32	1404	43.9	71	4	10	11	9	0

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Stone Galloway	3-11	27.3	0-0	2-4	0-2	0-2	1-3	56	2
Julian Patino	2-2	100.0	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	31	0
Opponents	3-9	33.3	0-0	2-2	0-2	1-3	0-2	45	1

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Daniel Luoma	35	2117	60.5	7	4			
William Orth	1	40	40.0	0	0			
Total	36	2157	59.9	7	4	21	39.2	25
Opponents	34	1952	57.4	9	1	22	40.1	24

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
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
MJ Flowers	8	437	153	0	0	0	590	73.8
Eli Mirza	8	43	493	0	21	0	557	69.6
Justin Bowick	8	0	431	0	0	0	431	53.9
DeAirious Smith	8	0	386	0	0	0	386	48.3
Kevin Daniels	7	297	74	0	0	0	371	53.0
Justin Thomas	6	-5	339	0	0	0	334	55.7
Mark Aitken	8	0	0	0	247	0	247	30.9
Kendi Young	4	94	22	0	0	0	116	29.0
Anthony Manaves	8	0	99	0	0	0	99	12.4
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	8	0	0	0	0	67	67	8.4
Dewayne Cooks Jr	4	0	37	0	0	0	37	9.3
Zay Gentry	7	0	0	0	33	0	33	4.7
Blake Ruffin	8	0	0	0	0	23	23	2.9
Jacob Horvath	8	23	0	0	0	0	23	2.9
Tyris Harvey	8	0	0	0	0	19	19	2.4
Anthony Shockey	8	0	0	0	0	16	16	2.0
Joel Barrows	8	0	0	0	14	0	14	1.8
Daniel Luoma	8	0	5	0	7	0	12	1.5
Elijawah Tolbert	8	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.1
Pierce Holley	8	-57	0	0	0	0	-57	-7.1
Team	8	-4	0	0	0	0	-4	-0.5
Total	8	893	2149	9	354	126	3531	441.4
Opponents	8	1192	1812	58	391	50	3503	437.9



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Team Defense

			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	8	29	36	65	4-8	.	1-1	.	1	.	2	.	.
4	Blake Ruffin	8	38	15	53	4-24	1-10	3-23	3	.	1-0	1	.	.
5	Anthony Shockey	8	19	17	36	2.5-7	.	1-16	2	.	.	1	.	.
2	Mark Aitken	8	23	9	32	.	.	1-0	1	1	.	1	.	.
91	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace	8	7	22	29	5.5-26	1-4	.	.	2	2-0	1	.	.
19	Phoenix Porter	8	12	14	26	2-6	1-2	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
3	Russell Dandy	8	22	3	25	.	.	1-0	13	.	2-0	.	.	.
6	Joel Barrows	8	11	13	24	3.5-11	2.5-7	.	.	3	1-0	3	.	.
12	Nick Coates	8	12	10	22	2-3	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
22	Kaelin Drakeford	7	15	4	19	2-2	.	.	2	.	2-0	.	.	.
7	Tyris Harvey	8	10	8	18	.	.	1-19	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
0	Ira Armstead	8	11	7	18	2.5-15	2-13	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
9	Braylon Willis	8	7	10	17	2.5-8	.	.	1	4	1-0	.	.	.
11	Alexandar Oyawale	8	7	7	14	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
99	Jaron Hacha	8	6	8	14	2.5-9	1-7	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
34	Nijhay Burt	8	11	3	14	.	.	2-67	1	.	.	.	.	.
95	Drake Van Hyfte	8	3	8	11	2.5-12	1-8	.	1	4	.	.	.	.
92	Colby Smith	5	6	5	11	1-3	1-3	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
56	Tre'Jon Lewis	6	7	4	11	1-1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
94	Alton Jefferson	5	6	3	9	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
51	Payton Orth	8	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Collin Tyson	8	3	3	6	0.5-3	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
90	Zed Asowata	4	2	4	6	1-4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
44	Terence Simon	5	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
50	Luke Wagner	8	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
15	Malik Rainey	5	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Alex Alteus	7	2	1	3	1-2	1-2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
28	Brandon Guido	5	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Elijah Ball	6	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Jack Pilson	7	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Michael Jarosz	8	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Jay Pearson	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Zay Gentry	7	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Christopher Sharp	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Justin Bowick	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Pierce Holley	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Henry Woods	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82	Joe McNab	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	Cole Silzer	1	1	.	1
89	Daniel Luoma	8	1	.	1
	Totals	8	287	236	523	40-144	12-57	10-126	30	27	10-0	11	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	8	316	208	524	55-266	30-195	6-50	30	32	3-0	4	3	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
Eastern Ill.		270	893	10	65	188	2149	13	54	188-305-6	2149	13	54	22	354	0	44	1	9	0	9	3042
Opponents		275	1192	15	72	152	1812	9	58	152-263-10	1812	9	58	21	391	0	35	9	58	0	22	3004

Eastern Ill. Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
8	3.3	11.4	131.0	16.1	9.0	441.4	380.3

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
Eastern Ill.		287	236	523	40.0-144	12-57	11	10-0		10-126	27	30	1	17-20	1	0	1	29	186
Opponents		316	208	524	55.0-266	30-195	4	3-0		6-50	32	30	3	23-24	0	0	0	17	176

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		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
Eastern Ill.		39	1466	37.6	57	0	1	15	2	11		5-13	56	2	36	2157	59.9	7	4
Opponents		32	1404	43.9	71	0	4	10	9	11		3-9	45	1	34	1952	57.4	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
Opponents		275	1192	15	72	152	1812	9	58	152-263-10	1812	9	58	21	391	0	35	9	58	0	22	3004
Eastern Ill.		270	893	10	65	188	2149	13	54	188-305-6	2149	13	54	22	354	0	44	1	9	0	9	3042

Opponents Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
8	4.3	11.9	119.4	18.6	6.4	437.9	375.5

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		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.	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
Opponents		316	208	524	55.0-266	30-195	4	3-0	6-50	32	30	3	23-24	0	0	0	17	176
Eastern Ill.		287	236	523	40.0-144	12-57	11	10-0	10-126	27	30	1	17-20	1	0	1	29	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.	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	
Opponents		32	1404	43.9	71	0	4	10	9	11	3-9	45	1	34	1952	57.4	9	1	
Eastern Ill.		39	1466	37.6	57	0	1	15	2	11	5-13	56	2	36	2157	59.9	7	4	



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Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total			Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts			TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half Game
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	0	0	1	0	0	0
10/07/2023	UT Martin	L 27-28	4	3	21	3	0	3	0	1	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 20 of 29 (69.0%)			29	20	123	16	10	6	4	9	3	0	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	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	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/16/2023	Illinois St.	W 14-13	4	2	13	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/07/2023	UT Martin	L 27-28	5	4	28	4	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/14/2023	Southeast Mo. St.	L 28-35	4	3	21	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
10/21/2023	Bryant	W 25-24	4	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Totals 21 of 26 (80.8%)			26	21	138	19	13	6	2	4	2	0	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
Eastern Ill.				47-119	39.5	12-29	41.4	16-34	47.1	10-26	38.5	8-29	27.6	1-1	100.0
Opponents				45-107	42.1	10-26	38.5	12-25	48.0	10-28	35.7	12-27	44.4	1-1	100.0

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
Eastern Ill.				10-21	47.6	2-4	50.0	4-6	66.7	1-3	33.3	3-8	37.5	0-0	0.0
Opponents				5-14	35.7	0-0	0.0	1-3	33.3	3-8	37.5	1-3	33.3	0-0	0.0

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
Eastern Ill.				Total	255:17	59:16	74:18	57:53	00:00
				Avg.	31:55	07:24	09:17	07:14	00:00
Opponents				Total	224:43	52:05	54:21	53:40	00:00
				Avg.	28:05	06:31	06:48	06:43	00:00

NCAA Statistics

Eastern III. - 2023-24 Football Ranking Summary thru games 10/28/2023

Statistic	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
3rd Down Conversion Pct (122 ranked)	48	3	0.395	South Dakota St.	0.603	Southeast Mo. St.	0.437
3rd Down Conversion Pct Defense (122 ranked)	86	8	0.421	Merrimack	0.191	Southeast Mo. St.	0.330
4th Down Conversion Pct (122 ranked)	66	4	0.476	Montana St.	0.833	UT Martin	0.692
4th Down Conversion Pct Defense (122 ranked)	13	3	0.357	Ark.-Pine Bluff	0.111	Tennessee St.	0.231
Blocked Kicks (43 ranked)	43	4	1	New Hampshire	10	Bryant	5
Blocked Kicks Allowed (122 ranked)	96	7	3	32 teams tied		Gardner-Webb UT Martin	0 0
Blocked Punts (13 ranked)				ETSU New Hampshire	5 5	Bryant	3
Blocked Punts Allowed (110 ranked)	1	1	0	69 teams tied	0	6 teams tied	0
Completion Percentage (122 ranked)	46	3	0.616	Davidson	0.765	Robert Morris	0.662
Defensive TDs (37 ranked)	11	2	2	Richmond	5	Tennessee Tech	4
Fewest Penalties (122 ranked)	60	4	49	Brown	25	Charleston So.	36
Fewest Penalties Per Game (122 ranked)	56	4	6.12	Brown	3.57	Charleston So.	4.50
Fewest Penalty Yards (122 ranked)	61	4	437	Harvard	224	Charleston So.	308
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game (122 ranked)	61	4	54.62	North Dakota	31.00	Charleston So.	38.50
First Downs Defense (122 ranked)	83	7	166	Northwestern St.	110	Tennessee Tech	117
First Downs Offense (122 ranked)	39	3	165	Samford	216	Southeast Mo. St.	176
Fumbles Lost (121 ranked)	18	1	3	Harvard	0	Charleston So. Eastern III. Southeast Mo. St.	3 3 3
Fumbles Recovered (117 ranked)	3	1	10	Marist Southern U.	11 11	Eastern III.	10
Kickoff Return Defense (122 ranked)	42	3	18.62	Columbia	11.18	Southeast Mo. St.	17.56
Kickoff Returns (122 ranked)	115	8	16.09	Weber St.	27.96	Tennessee St.	24.92
Net Punting (122 ranked)	65	8	35.59	Montana St.	43.39	UT Martin	43.10
Passes Had Intercepted (122 ranked)	44	5	6	Fordham	1	Southeast Mo. St.	2
Passes Intercepted (119 ranked)	8	1	10	Richmond Jackson St.	14 14	Eastern III. Southeast Mo. St.	10 10
Passing Offense (122 ranked)	14	1	268.6	Idaho St.	336.2	Eastern III.	268.6
Passing Yards Allowed (122 ranked)	81	5	226.5	Sacred Heart	112.1	Robert Morris	177.2
Passing Yards per Completion (122 ranked)	67	4	11.43	Villanova	17.83	Charleston So.	12.26
Punt Return Defense (122 ranked)	52	7	6.44	Indiana St.	-0.60	Southeast Mo. St.	2.83
Punt Returns (122 ranked)	50	3	9.00	Delaware St.	29.50	Southeast Mo. St.	13.47
Red Zone Defense (122 ranked)	64	4	0.808	Butler	0.591	Tennessee St.	0.667
Red Zone Offense (122 ranked)	102	8	0.690	South Dakota St.	0.967	Southeast Mo. St.	0.897
Rushing Defense (122 ranked)	55	6	149.0	Montana	75.8	UT Martin	89.6
Rushing Offense (122 ranked)	95	7	111.6	Davidson	301.0	UT Martin	230.4
Sacks Allowed (122 ranked)	115	9	3.75	Drake The Citadel	0.38 0.38	Tennessee St. UT Martin	1.25 1.25
Scoring Defense (122 ranked)	33	2	22.0	South Dakota St.	11.4	Tennessee St.	21.5
Scoring Offense (122 ranked)	69	6	23.2	Davidson	43.5	UT Martin	30.9
Tackles for Loss Allowed (121 ranked)	97	7	6.88	South Dakota St.	2.38	Bryant	3.38
Team Passing Efficiency (122 ranked)	54	4	130.96	Davidson	193.53	Southeast Mo. St.	140.07
Team Passing Efficiency Defense (122 ranked)	31	2	119.36	Delaware	102.85	Tennessee St.	117.68
Team Sacks (121 ranked)	86	6	1.50	Lafayette	3.88	Tennessee St.	3.25
Team Tackles for Loss (122 ranked)	83	7	5.0	Florida A&M	9.0	Tennessee St.	7.9
Time of Possession (122 ranked)	20	1	31:55	Cornell	35:17	Eastern III.	31:55
Total Defense (122 ranked)	70	6	375.5	South Dakota St.	257.0	Tennessee Tech	320.1
Total Offense (122 ranked)	42	3	380.2	Western Caro.	502.2	UT Martin	430.1
Turnover Margin (122 ranked)	2	1	1.38	Furman	1.50	Eastern III.	1.38
Turnovers Gained (122 ranked)	2	1	20	Richmond	23	Eastern III.	20
Turnovers Lost (122 ranked)	28	3	9	Davidson Kennesaw St. North Dakota St.	4 4 4	Southeast Mo. St.	5
Winning Percentage (115 ranked)	28	3	0.625	South Dakota St.	1.000	Tennessee St. UT Martin	0.750 0.750

Statistic	Player	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
All Purpose (199 ranked)	MJ Flowers Eli Mirza	141 169	8 12	73.75 69.62	Dylan Laube, New Hampshire	214.25	Sam Franklin, UT Martin	132.50
Blocked Kicks (7 ranked)					Randall Harris, New Hampshire Teddy Wilson, ETSU	4 4	Dontae Lunan, Bryant	2
Combined Kick Returns (199 ranked)	Mark Aitken	68	9	247	Devron Harper, Mercer	717	Anthony Frederick, Bryant	527
Completion Percentage (107 ranked)	Pierce Holley	39	3	0.629	Cam Miller, North Dakota St.	0.761	Anthony Chicci, Robert Morris	0.665
Completions Per Game (149 ranked)	Pierce Holley	6	1	23.50	Aidan Sayin, Penn	30.86	Pierce Holley, Eastern Ill.	23.50
Field Goal Percentage (88 ranked)					Kyle Ramsey, Abilene Christian Andrew Lastovka, Youngstown St. Will Leyland, South Dakota	1.000 1.000 1.000	James Lowery, Tennessee St.	0.846
Field Goals Per Game (129 ranked)					Jackson Kennedy, Cornell	2.00	James Lowery, Tennessee St.	1.38
Forced Fumbles (31 ranked)	Joel Barrows Elijahwah Tolbert	6 31	2 4	0.38 0.25	Terrell Allen, Tennessee St.	0.62	Terrell Allen, Tennessee St.	0.62
Fumbles Recovered (60 ranked)	Russell Dandy Kaelin Drakeford Nicholas Oliveira-Chace Joel Barrows Tyris Harvey Blake Ruffin Braylon Willis	6 6 6 60 60 60 60	1 1 1 9 9 9 9	2 2 2 1 1 1 1	5 players tied	3	8 players tied	2
Interceptions Per Game (147 ranked)	Blake Ruffin NiJhay Burt	16 88	2 6	0.4 0.2	Cole Wisniewski, North Dakota St.	0.6	Tim Coutras, Tennessee Tech	0.5
Kickoff Return TDs (4 ranked)					Taymon Cooke, N.C. A&T	3	Nivon Holland, Charleston So. Narkel Leflore, UT Martin	1 1
Kickoff Returns (83 ranked)	Mark Aitken	72	9	17.6	Taymon Cooke, N.C. A&T	40.0	Narkel Leflore, UT Martin	25.8
Passes Defended (39 ranked)	Russell Dandy	2	1	1.8	Mikey Victor, Alabama St.	2.3	Russell Dandy, Eastern Ill.	1.8
Passing Efficiency (107 ranked)	Pierce Holley	46	3	133.6	Mark Gronowski, South Dakota St.	177.3	Paxton DeLaurent, Southeast Mo. St.	138.4
Passing TDs (111 ranked)	Pierce Holley	31	4	13	Max Brosmer, New Hampshire	23	Kinkead Dent, UT Martin	16
Passing Yards (150 ranked)	Pierce Holley	12	1	2,149	Max Brosmer, New Hampshire	2,664	Pierce Holley, Eastern Ill.	2,149
Passing Yards Per Game (150 ranked)	Pierce Holley	11	1	268.6	Max Brosmer, New Hampshire	333.0	Pierce Holley, Eastern Ill.	268.6
Passing Yards per Completion (107 ranked)	Pierce Holley	67	5	11.43	Connor Watkins, Villanova	18.67	Zolten Osborne, Charleston So.	12.74
Points Responsible For (198 ranked)	Pierce Holley	24	2	104	Max Brosmer, New Hampshire	166	Kinkead Dent, UT Martin	108
Points Responsible For Per Game (139 ranked)	Pierce Holley	26	2	13.0	Max Brosmer, New Hampshire	20.8	Kinkead Dent, UT Martin	13.5
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 (33 ranked)					Kam Thomas, Austin Peay	24.3	Dalyn McDonald, Southeast Mo. St.	15.2
Punting (87 ranked)	Jacob Horvath	72	7	37.6	Aidan Laros, UT Martin	48.9	Aidan Laros, UT Martin	48.9
Receiving TDs (102 ranked)	Justin Bowick Justin Thomas	27 47	1 4	5 4	Jalen Coker, Holy Cross	11	Justin Bowick, Eastern Ill. Jayden Brown, Gardner-Webb Ryan Flournoy, Southeast Mo. St.	5 5 5
Receiving Yards (148 ranked)	Eli Mirza Justin Bowick DeAirious Smith	55 88 105	3 7 8	493 431 386	Ty James, Mercer	908	Ryan Flournoy, Southeast Mo. St.	637
Receiving Yards Per Game (200 ranked)	Eli Mirza Justin Thomas Justin Bowick DeAirious Smith	56 71 88 115	4 6 8 9	61.6 56.5 53.9 48.2	Ryan Flournoy, Southeast Mo. St.	106.2	Ryan Flournoy, Southeast Mo. St.	106.2
Receptions Per Game (199 ranked)	Eli Mirza Justin Thomas Justin Bowick MJ Flowers	22 63 119 133	4 5 8 11	5.6 4.5 3.6 3.5	Jared Richardson, Penn	9.5	Damorie Vick, Southeast Mo. St.	7.0
Rush Yards Per Carry (123 ranked)	MJ Flowers Kevin Daniels	43 112	3 9	5.20 3.91	ShunDerrick Powell, Central Ark.	8.09	Sam Franklin, UT Martin	6.44
Rushing TDs (144 ranked)	Pierce Holley	88	5	4	Jordan Fuller, Holy Cross	16	Sam Franklin, UT Martin Jordan Gant, Tennessee St.	9 9
Rushing Yards (199 ranked)	MJ Flowers Kevin Daniels	82 170	5 14	437 297	Jaden Shirden, Monmouth	1,173	Sam Franklin, UT Martin	1,017
Rushing Yards Per Game (200 ranked)	MJ Flowers Kevin Daniels	95 151	5 11	54.6 42.4	Jaden Shirden, Monmouth	146.6	Sam Franklin, UT Martin	127.1
Sacks (193 ranked)	Joel Barrows	193	13	0.31	Terrell Allen, Tennessee St.	1.69	Terrell Allen, Tennessee St.	1.69
Scoring (200 ranked)					Jordan Fuller, Holy Cross	12.8	DC Pippin, Southeast Mo. St.	7.9
Solo Tackles (30 ranked)					Micah Davey, McNeese	7.6	Monroe Beard III, Tennessee St.	6.0
Tackles For Loss (58 ranked)					Terrell Allen, Tennessee St.	2.6	Terrell Allen, Tennessee St.	2.6
Total Offense (198 ranked)	Pierce Holley	20	3	261.5	Max Brosmer, New Hampshire	348.9	Paxton DeLaurent, Southeast Mo. St.	266.7
Total Points Scored (0 ranked)								
Total Tackles (196 ranked)	Elijahwah Tolbert Blake Ruffin	59 134	4 7	8.1 6.6	Jacob Dobbs, Holy Cross	13.9	Monroe Beard III, Tennessee St.	11.1
Total Touchdowns (102 ranked)	Justin Bowick	102	6	5	Jordan Fuller, Holy Cross	17	Jayden Brown, Gardner-Webb Sam Franklin, UT Martin Jordan Gant, Tennessee St.	9 9 9
Yards per Pass Attempt (107 ranked)	Pierce Holley	50	2	7.19	Connor Watkins, Villanova	10.55	Paxton DeLaurent, Southeast Mo. St.	7.26
Yards per Reception (200 ranked)	DeAirious Smith Justin Bowick Justin Thomas	8 85 181	1 6 10	20.32 14.86 12.56	Rayjuon Pringle, Villanova	26.43	DeAirious Smith, Eastern Ill.	20.32