



# EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHER FOOTBALL

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## GAME 3



### COACHES:

**Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1995)**  
EIU Record.....3-10 (2nd)  
OVC Record.....1-4 (2nd)  
Career Record.....54-37 (11th)  
vs. Illinois State..... 0-1

**Brock Spack (Purdue, 1983)**  
ILST Record.....97-65 (15th)  
MVFC Record.....61-48 (15th)  
Overall Record .....Same  
vs. Eastern Illinois..... 9-4

### SERIES

111th meeting, ILST leads 59-42-9  
**Last:** @ILST 35, EIU 7 on Sept. 17, 2022

### RANKINGS

Eastern Illinois ..... / ---  
Illinois State ..... RV / 25  
..... *STATS Media/AFCAs Coaches*

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## Rivalry Resumed, 111th Mid-America Classic On Saturday

Eastern Illinois vs. No. 25 Illinois State  
O'Brien Field (10,000) • Charleston, Ill.  
September 16, 2023 • 2 p.m. • TV: ESPN+

### NOTES TO KNOW

• Eastern Illinois and Illinois State will meet for the 111th time in the Mid-America Classic on Saturday afternoon. The rivalry is the eighth longest played non-Ivy League FCS series between schools (16th overall among FCS schools counting Ivy League). The schools first met in 1901 with EIU winning 28-0. The schools began playing for a traveling trophy in the rivalry with the 100th meeting of the series on Sept. 1, 2011 (a 33-26 EIU win). The two schools have missed playing just three times since World War II - in 1996 due to conference realignment, in 2001 due to 9/11 and in 2020 due to COVID.

• Quarterback Pierce Holley continues to pace the Panthers offensive attack as the transfer quarterback passed for 250 yards and two touchdowns at Bowling Green. Holley currently ranks 18th in the FCS in passing yards with 494 and 11th in the nation with four touchdown passes. Including his time as a two-year starter at Georgetown, Holley went over the 4,500 yard mark for career passing yards at Bowling Green and has 25 career touchdown passes.

• Running back Kevin Daniels was a versatile part of the Panthers offense for the second straight week finishing the Bowling Green game with 116 all-purpose yards. Daniels has rushed for 135 yards this season with a 4.8 yards per carry average. He hauled in four passes for 38 yards on Saturday including a 15-yard touchdown for the Panthers opening touchdown. Including his time at Northern Arizona, Daniels has 1,418 career rushing yards which is 38th among active FCS players. Teammate Juwon Farri is eighth on that active list with 2,486 yards after his time in the backfield at Monmouth University.

• Elijawah Tolbert recorded double figure tackles for the second straight week as the junior linebacker had 11 stops on Saturday at Bowling Green. Tolbert was the FCS National Defensive Player of the Week after the Panthers opening week win over Indiana State. His 22 tackles this season rank 20th in the FCS and first in the OVC this season.

• Daniel Luoma handled the kickoff duties for a second straight week for EIU as the native of Finland is averaging 63.1 yards per kickoff with two touchbacks. A blocking tight end by trade, Luoma caught his first career pass at Bowling Green with a five yard reception.

Eastern Illinois (1-1)			Illinois State (2-0 / 1-0 MVFC)		
Date	Opponent	Score/Time	Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Aug. 31	at Indiana State	W 27-0	Sept. 2	DAYTON	W 41-0
Sept. 9	at Bowling Green	L 15-38	Sept. 9	• at Western Illinois	W 34-18
Sept. 16	ILLINOIS STATE	2 pm	Sept. 16	at Eastern Illinois	2 pm
Sept. 23	McNEESE	2 pm	Sept. 23	LINDENWOOD	12 pm
Sept. 30	at Northwestern State	6 pm	Oct. 7	• SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	6 pm
Oct. 7	• UT MARTIN (HC)	2 pm	Oct. 14	• INDIANA STATE	2 pm
Oct. 14	• at Southeast Missouri	2 pm	Oct. 21	• at Youngstown State	1 pm
Oct. 21	• BRYANT	2 pm	Oct. 28	• NORTHERN IOWA	12 pm
Nov. 4	• at Lindenwood	2 pm	Nov. 4	• at Missouri State	2 pm
Nov. 11	• TENNESSEE STATE	12 pm	Nov. 11	• MURRAY STATE	11 am
Nov. 18	• at Robert Morris	11 am	Nov. 18	• at North Dakota	1 pm
• Big South-OVC Game All Times Central			• Big South-OVC Game All Times Central		

### STATS FCS MEDIA TOP 25 (WEEK 2)

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	South Dakota State (52)	2-0
2.	North Dakota State (3)	2-0
3.	Montana State	1-1
4.	William & Mary	2-0
5.	Idaho	2-0
6.	Holy Cross	1-1
7.	Furman	1-1
8.	Sacramento State	2-0
9.	Weber State	2-0
10.	Incarnate Word	1-1
11.	New Hampshire	1-1
12.	Montana	2-0
13.	Southeast Missouri	1-1
14.	North Dakota	2-0
15.	Southern Illinois	2-0
16.	UC Davis	1-1
17.	North Carolina Central	2-0
18.	Samford	1-1
19.	Southeastern Louisiana	0-2
20.	Mercer	2-1
21.	Rhode Island	1-1
22.	Delaware	1-1
23.	Florida A&M	2-0
24.	Villanova	2-0
25.	Youngstown State	1-1

### FCS COACHES TOP 25 (WEEK 2)

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	South Dakota State (26)	2-0
2.	North Dakota State	2-0
3.	Montana State	1-1
4.	William & Mary	2-0
5.	Holy Cross	1-1
6.	Sacramento State	2-0
7.	Weber State	2-0
8.	Furman	1-1
9.	Incarnate Word	1-1
10.	Idaho	2-0
T11.	Montana	2-0
T.11	New Hampshire	1-1
13.	North Dakota	2-0
14.	Samford	1-1
15.	Southeast Missouri	1-1
16.	UC Davis	1-1
17.	North Carolina Central	2-0
18.	Southern Illinois	2-0
19.	Delaware	1-1
20.	Rhode Island	1-1
21.	Mercer	2-1
T22.	Fordham	2-1
T22.	Southeastern Louisiana	0-2
24.	Florida A&M	1-1
25.	Illinois State	2-0

• Eastern Illinois defense was not able to force any turnovers in Saturday's loss to Bowling Green, a week after the Panthers had six turnovers against Indiana State. Despite no turnovers for EIU, the Panthers defense continues to rank fifth in the FCS in turnovers gained and fourth in the FCS in interceptions. Both numbers lead the Big South-OVC Football Association.

• Eastern Illinois defense held Bowling Green to 141 yards rushing on Saturday as the Panthers are allowing just 121 yards per game on the ground to opponents. That total leads the Big South-OVC Football Association and ranks 28th in the FCS. EIU gave up 101 yards on the ground in the opening win over Indiana State. The Panthers have not allowed a 100-yard individual rusher in three straight games dating back to last season and during the 2022 campaign only allowed two backs to go over 100 yards in a game.

• DeAirious Smith hauled in a 31-yard touchdown pass from Pierce Holley in the second quarter on Saturday to become the sixth different Panther to score a touchdown this season. Smith now has a touchdown reception in three consecutive seasons and six for his career. He finished the game at Bowling Green with four catches for 83 yards. Smith's best receiving day at EIU was during the 2021 season when he caught six passes for 109 yards and two touchdowns at Tennessee Tech.

• Defensive back Russell Dandy was active on Saturday at Bowling Green making five tackles with two pass break-ups. In the season opener Dandy had one tackle with a fumble recovery as EIU beat Indiana State. He played in just four games last season due to injury finishing with nine tackles and two pass break-ups. During the 2021 season he was named to the All-OVC Newcomer team after making 31 tackles with two interceptions.

• True freshman offensive lineman Nic DiSanto made his collegiate debut on Saturday not just taking snaps at Bowling Green but earning the start against the FBS level school. DiSanto is the only true freshman to have started a game early this season helping the Panthers drive down for an opening touchdown as he started at right tackle. He became the latest in a string of freshmen offensive linemen that have started at least one game the last couple of years - 2022: Bryce Burnett (1 start - at McNeese) and Carson Fichtel (1 start - at UT Martin); 2021: Bryson Broadway (11 starts) and Simon France (four starts)

• Freshman punter Jacob Horvath continued to be solid for the Panthers on special teams averaging 43.7 yards per punt on three punts at Bowling Green. He currently ranks 25th in the FCS in punting at 43.0 yards per kick. One of his biggest plays on Saturday was a throw back to his days playing Australian Rules Football where on fourth down he picked up the first down with a 23-yard rush.

• Anthony Shockey tied for the team lead in tackles at Bowling Green finishing with 11 stops including four solo tackles. The 11 tackles were a career high in a game for Shockey with his previous career best of nine coming in the season opener against Southeast Missouri in the COVID Spring 2021 season. Shockey opened his season this year with two tackles and an interception in the win at Indiana State.

• Safety Mark Aitken continues to have a nose for the football as he was third on the team in tackles at Bowling Green making eight tackles including six solo stops. On the year he ranks second on the team with 13 tackles and second on the team in solo stops with eight. Last season Aitken had 17 total tackles in nine games. He did earn second team All-OVC honors as a kick returner and this season has three returns for a 15.7 yards per return average.

• Eastern Illinois distributed the ball around in the passing game at Bowling Green with nine different players catching at least one pass. On the season EIU has had 11 different players catch at least one pass. Eli Mirza and Justin Bowick have been the top targets early in the season with each hauling in seven passes this year. Mirza is the leader in receiving yards with 108. Four different players have caught a touchdown this season.

• The Panthers defense was able to record four tackles for loss against Bowling Green after registering six in the opener against Indiana State. Three players had individual tackles for loss against the Falcons with Elijahah Tolbert, Anthony Shockey and Nicholas Oliveria-Chace all getting one tackle for loss. Ira Armstead and Drake Van Hyfte each were credited with a half tackle for loss. For the season a total of 12 players have been in on at least a half tackle for loss with no EIU player currently recording more than one tackle for loss.

• EIU played its second straight game this season without losing a fumble as the Panthers two turnovers this season have both been thrown interceptions. As a team EIU is 12th in the FCS in turnover margin with six takeaways and only two Panther turnovers. Last season EIU turned the ball over 24 times with 15 interceptions and nine lost fumbles out of 27 total fumbles. EIU had five games last season without losing a fumble including back-to-back games without a fumble on three occasions.

• EIU and ISU will be meeting for the 111th time on Saturday which is far cry from some other opponents on the Panthers 2023 slate. EIU will face three first-time opponents this year in Bowling Green (Sept. 9), Bryant (Oct. 21) and Robert Morris (Nov. 18). EIU will face conference member Lindenwood for just the second time on Nov. 4. In the Big South-OVC Football Association, EIU's most played rivalry is with Southeast Missouri standing with the 31st meeting later this year. That will change next season when former in-state rival Western Illinois joins the conference. The schools first met in 1930 and have played 67 times, the last in 2016.

## 2023 Big South-OVC Football Standings

Team	CONF	Pct.	All	Pct.
Southeast Missouri	1-0	1.000	1-1	500
Bryant	0-0		1-1	500
Charleston Southern	0-0		1-1	500
Eastern Illinois	0-0		1-1	500
Gardner-Webb	0-0		1-1	500
Robert Morris	0-0		1-1	500
Tennessee State	0-0		1-1	500
UT Martin	0-0		1-1	500
Tennessee Tech	0-0		0-2	.000
Lindenwood	0-1	.000	1-1	500

## This Week In Big South-OVC Football

### Saturday - September 16

Robert Morris at Youngstown State - 1 pm  
 Illinois State at Eastern Illinois - 2 pm  
 Brown at Bryant - 3 pm  
 William & Mary at Charleston Southern - 3 pm  
 \* Gardner-Webb at Tennessee State - 6 pm  
 North Alabama at Tennessee Tech - 6 pm  
 Houston Christian at UT Martin - 6 pm  
 Southern Illinois at Southeast Missouri - 6 pm  
 Lindenwood at Western Illinois - 6 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)

• Saturday will mark the 102nd time that Eastern Illinois will face a nationally ranked team as the Panthers host No. 25 Illinois State. EIU is 25-76 all-time against nationally ranked teams. EIU's last win over a nationally ranked team was Sept. 30, 2017 vs. No. 24 Tennessee State (W, 19-16 in ot). EIU faced three nationally ranked teams last season. This will mark the 24th time that either EIU (12 times) or ISU (12 times) has been ranked in the Mid-America Classic with four of the meetings being played with both teams nationally ranked.

• Kicker Julian Patino knocked home his first career field goal on Saturday at Bowling Green converting on a 31-yard attempt in the fourth quarter. Patino was a member of the Panthers roster in 2021 but did not play in any games later joining the EIU men's soccer team. He was a student assistant coach with the men's soccer team before rejoining the football program last week due to a leg injury to All-OVC kicker Stone Galloway.

• Eastern Illinois leading rusher on the season is currently running back Kevin Daniels with 135 yards on 28 carries. The next two players on the season rushing list are wide receiver Eli Mirza with 29 yards on two carries and punter Jacob Horvath with one rush for 23 yards. EIU's other three traditional running backs have rushed 12 times for 25 yards. Last season EIU was led in rushing by quarterback Dom Shoffner with 425 yards. The Panthers top running back last season was Markenzie Pierre with 367 yards on the ground.

• Eastern Illinois defense was not able to record a sack on Saturday at Bowling Green after collecting three in the season opener at Indiana State. Last season EIU recorded just 16 sacks as a team with returning defensive end Joel Barrows one of three players tied for the team lead with three sacks. EIU had five games last season where it did not record a sack including no sacks in three of the Panthers last four contests.

• 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.

• Eastern Illinois offensive lineman Chad Strickland is the Panthers nominee 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.

## 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 54-37 career record. Complete Coach Chris Wilkerson bio available on page 6 of EIU game notes...

## ILLINOIS STATE HEAD COACH BROCK SPACK

Brock Spack is in his 15th year as head coach at Illinois State coaching the Redbirds. Spack is a former assistant coach at Eastern Illinois where he worked under former head coach Bob Spoo. Spack is 9-4 in previous meetings against EIU and has a 97-65 overall record, the most wins in ISU history. He was an All-Big Ten linebacker for the Boilermakers in the early 1980's before embarking on a coaching career that has included stops at Eastern Illinois, Wyoming and Purdue. Spack has led ISU to five FCS playoff appearances including the 2014 FCS National Championship Game.

## SCOUTING ILLINOIS STATE

Illinois State is off to a 2-0 start to the season creeping into the FCS Coaches Top 25 poll this week at No. 25. The defense, which pitched an opening weekend shutout, is led by four players with double figure tackles. Tye Niekamp is the leader with 14 stops. Keondre Jackson has 13 tackles and four tackles for loss. Zack Annexstad has passed for 440 yards with top target Daniel Sobkowicz hauling in ten passes for 167 yards. Mason Blakemore had 245 yards rushing with four touchdowns.

## THE SERIES

Eastern Illinois and Illinois State will be meeting for the 111th time in the Mid-America Classic. Illinois State leads the all-time series 59-42-9 and has won five straight in the series following a 35-7 Redbirds win in 2022. The two schools first met in 1901 with a 28-0 EIU victory and have met one time in the FCS playoffs with Illinois State winning that 2006 match-up 24-13. EIU and ISU did not meet in 2020 as both schools elected to only play conference games, it was the first time since 2001 that the two schools did not meet on the gridiron and only the third time since World War II (did not meet in 1996).

## LAST TEN MEETINGS

<i>Sept. 17, 2023</i>	<i>Illinois State 35, EIU 7 at ISU</i>
<i>Sept. 18, 2022</i>	<i>Illinois State 31, EIU 24 at EIU</i>
<i>Sept. 14, 2019</i>	<i>Illinois State 21, EIU 3 at EIU</i>
<i>Sept. 8, 2018</i>	<i>Illinois State 48, EIU 10 at ISU</i>
<i>Sept. 16, 2017</i>	<i>Illinois State 44, EIU 13 at EIU</i>
<i>Sept. 17, 2016</i>	<i>EIU 24, Illinois State 21 at ISU</i>
<i>Sept. 19, 2015</i>	<i>Illinois State 36, EIU 33 (ot) at EIU</i>
<i>Sept. 13, 2014</i>	<i>Illinois State 34, EIU 15 at ISU</i>
<i>Sept. 14, 2013</i>	<i>EIU 57, Illinois State 24 at EIU</i>
<i>Sept. 15, 2012</i>	<i>Illinois State 54, EIU 51 (2ot) at ISU</i>

## 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.....	21.....	37.5
Average Points Allowed.....	19.....	9
First Downs.....	37.....	47
Rushing Yards Per Game .....	84.5 .....	234.5
Rushing Touchdowns.....	0.....	7
Passing Yards Per Game .....	247.....	232.5
Passing Touchdowns .....	4.....	2
Average Yards Per Game .....	331.5 .....	467
Interceptions Thrown .....	2.....	0
Fumbles - Lost .....	2-0.....	5-4
Turnovers Gained.....	6.....	0
Punting Average .....	43.0 .....	34.7
Field Goals (ATT/MADE) .....	1-of-1.....	2-of-2
3rd Down Conversions .....	6-of-22 (27%) .....	12-of-26 (46%)
4th Down Conversions.....	3-of-8 (38%).....	2-of-2 (100%)
Sacks By (Yards).....	3 (19).....	10 (70)
Penalties (Yards) .....	11 (106).....	10 (117)
Time of Possession (Game) .....	29:48.....	26:13

## Statistical Leaders

### RUSHING YARDS (Touchdowns)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS STATE
Kevin Daniels.....135 (0)	Mason Blakemore .....245 (4)
Eli Mirza .....29 (0)	Cole Mueller .....83 (2)

### PASSING YARDS (Touchdowns)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS STATE
Pierce Holley.....494 (4)	Zack Annexstad.....440 (2)
.....	Tommy Rittenhouse .....25 (0)

### RECEPTIONS (Yards)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS STATE
Eli Mirza .....7 (108)	Daniel Sobkowicz .....10 (167)
Justin Bowick.....7 (88)	Cam Grandy .....9 (80)
DeAirious Smith .....5 (91)	Eddie Kasper .....8 (107)

### TACKLES

EASTERN ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS STATE
Eljawah Tolbert.....22	Tye Niekamp .....14
Mark Aitken .....13	Lavoise-Deontae McCoy .....13
Anthony Shockey.....13	Keondre Jackson .....13
Phoenix Porter.....10	Amir Abdullah .....11
Ira Armstead.....9	Dillon Gearhart .....9

### TACKLES FOR LOSS / SACKS

EASTERN ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS STATE
Phoenix Porter.....1.....1	Keondre Jackson .....4.....2
Blake Ruffin .....1.....1	Amir Abdullah .....3.5.....3
Jaron Hacha.....1.....1	Tye Niekamp .....3.....0.5

**Eastern Illinois In The  
OVC/NCAA Stats**

2023

**TEAM**

.....	NCAA	CONF
Rushing Offense .....	95th	7th
Passing Offense .....	21st	4th
Passing Efficiency .....	31st	3rd
Total Offense .....	57th	5th
Scoring Offense .....	59th	4th
Rushing Defense .....	28th	1st
Pass Defense .....	70th	6th
Pass Efficiency Def. ....	58th	3rd
Total Defense .....	42nd	3rd
Scoring Defense .....	25th	1st
Net Punting .....	17th	2nd
Punt Returns .....	84th	6th
Kickoff Returns .....	88th	7th
Turnover Margin .....	12th	3rd
Turnovers Gained .....	5th	1st
Sacks .....	47th	4th
Tackles For Loss .....	56th	6th
Sacks Allowed .....	75th	9th
3rd Down Conversion .....	90th	9th
4th Down Conversion .....	70th	6th
3rd Down Defense .....	41st	3rd
Red Zone Offense .....	96th	8th
Red Zone Defense .....	80th	8th
Time of Possession .....	56th	5th

**INDIVIDUAL (Top 40)**

.....	NCAA	CONF
Pierce Holley (Comp. Pct.) .....	35th	4th
Pierce Holley (Passing Efficiency).....	27th	2nd
Pierce Holley (Passing Touchdowns) ....	11th	1st
Pierce Holley (Passing Yards).....	18th	3rd
Pierce Holley (Total Offense) .....	38th	4th
Colby Smith (Forced Fumbles).....	5th	1st
Elijawah Tolbert (Forced Fumbles) .....	5th	1st
Elijawah Tolbert (Interceptions) .....	12th	3rd
Elijawah Tolbert (Tackles).....	20th	1st
NiJhay Burt (Interceptions).....	12th	3rd
Tyris Harvey (Interceptions).....	12th	3rd
Anthony Shockey (Interceptions) .....	12th	3rd
Joel Barrows (Fumble Recovery) .....	4th	1st
Russell Dandy (Fumble Recovery).....	4th	1st
DeAirious Smith (Yds Per Reception)....	35th	2nd
Home.....	Time	Location
Links		
Brown		
Brown.....		
Bryant		
Bryant.....		
4:00 PM ET		
Smithfield, R.I.....	TV: ESPN+	Stats Video
William & Mary		
William & Mary.....		

**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

**COVID YOUTH**

With the NCAA granting a COVID year of eligibility to players active during the 2020 season, EIU was in a rebuilding phase so the Panthers have a large number of players who are listed as sophomores on their active roster. A total of 24 of those players are in their fourth year in the program with the added COVID year with an additional amount juniors in their third year in the program.

**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	1-1	.500	0-0 (BSOVC)	---
2022	2-9	.182	1-4 (OVC)	.200
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3-10</b>	<b>.231</b>	<b>1-4</b>	<b>.200</b>
University of Chicago Record				
2021	8-2	.800	7-2 (MWC)	.778
2020	*Season cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic			
2019	6-3	.667	6-1 (MWC)	.857
2018	7-3	.700	7-1 (MWC)	.875
2017	6-4	.600	6-2 (MWC)	.750
2016	4-6	.400	4-4 (SAA)	.500
2015	6-4	.600	5-3 (SAA)	.625
2014	8-1	.889	3-0 (UAA)	1.000
2013	6-4	.600	1-2 (UAA)	.333
<b>Totals</b>	<b>51-27</b>	<b>.654</b>	<b>39-15</b>	<b>.722</b>
				<b>9 years</b>
<b>Career</b>	<b>54-37</b>	<b>.593</b>	<b>40-19</b>	<b>.678</b>



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

#### FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF & QUALITY CONTROL

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

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

#### ADDITIONAL FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF

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

#### EIU ADMINISTRATION

University President..... Dr. Jay Gatrell  
Athletic Director ..... Tom Michael  
Deputy Athletic Director ..... Mark Bonnstetter  
Associate AD/Development ..... Mike Murray  
Associate AD Media & PR ..... Rich Moser  
Assistant AD Compliance/SWA ..... Dr. Tonya Sawyer  
Assistant AD Academic Services..... Cindy Almon  
Assistant AD Marketing / Fan Engagement..... James Baird  
Assistant AD Sports Performance / Wellness..... Jim Nave  
Ticket Manager ..... Cindy Bayes

# EIU LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

## Passed for more than 300 yards...

Dom Shoffner, 315, at UT Martin (Nov. 19, 2022)

## Passed for more than 400 yards...

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

## Threw four touchdown passes...

Harry Woodbery, 5, at Tennessee Tech (Sept. 29, 2018)

Johnathan Brantley, 4, vs. Indiana State (Sept. 15, 2018)

## Rushed for more than 150 yards...

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

## Rushed for more than 200 yards...

Isaiah Johnson, 236, at Murray State (Oct. 14, 2017)

## Rushed for three touchdowns...

Isaiah Johnson, 3, vs. Austin Peay (Nov. 10, 2018)

## Rushed for four touchdowns...

J.R. Taylor, 4 vs. Florida Atlantic (Nov. 16, 2002)

## Had 12 Receptions...

Isaiah Hill 15, at UT Martin (Oct. 19, 2019)

Isaiah Hill 13, vs. Southeast Missouri (Nov. 16, 2019)

Erik Lora, 21 vs. Murray State (Sept. 22, 2012) \*\* OVC & EIU Single Game Record

Erik Lora, 18 vs. Towson (Dec. 13, 2013) \*\* FCS Playoff Single Game Record

## Had 3 touchdown receptions...

Alexander Hollins, 3, at Arkansas (Sept. 1, 2018)

Alexander Hollins, 3, vs. Indiana State (Sept. 15, 2018)

## Had 200 yards receiving...

Erik Lora, 269 vs. Murray State (Sept. 22, 2012) \*\* EIU Single Game Record

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

## Returned a punt for a touchdown...

Erik Lora, 1, vs. Tennessee Tech (Nov. 2, 2013) - (80 yards)

Shepard Little, 1, vs. Tennessee Tech (Nov. 2, 2013) - (75 yards)

Shepard Little, 1 at San Diego State (Aug. 31, 2013) - (60 yards)

## Returned a kick-off for touchdown...

Matt Reyna, 1, vs. Indiana State (Sept. 15, 2018) - (96 yards)

## Returned an interception for touchdown...

Tyris Harvey, 1, at 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...

Jordan Vincent, 1, vs. Tennessee Tech (Oct. 29, 2022)

## 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) - J.R. Taylor, 2, at Murray State (Nov. 23, 2002)

- (Pass) - Nile Hill from Cooper Willman, at McNeese (Nov. 5, 2022)

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

Nick Bruno, 38 yards vs. UT Martin (Oct. 20, 2018) - overtime

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

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 Holley .....at Bowling Green

2.....DeAirious Smith 31 pass from Pierce Holley.....at Bowling Green

## 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		
<b>OVERTIME</b>		
+ Nov. 27, 1982 vs. Jackson State..... W 16-13		
Sept. 11, 2004 vs. Indiana State..... L 30-33		
Nov. 6, 2004 at Tennessee Tech..... L 37-40		
Nov. 6, 2010 at Tennessee State..... W 31-28		
Sept. 22, 2012 vs. Murray State..... W 50-49		
Oct. 11, 2014 at Eastern Kentucky..... L 33-36		
Sept. 19, 2015 vs. Illinois State..... L 31-34		
Oct. 17, 2015 at Tennessee State..... W 25-22		
Nov. 4, 2017 vs. Eastern Kentucky..... W 23-20		
Oct. 20, 2018 vs. UT Martin..... W 24-21		

+ 1982 &amp; 1983 games in FCS playoffs

**MOST PLAYS IN A GAME:**

112.....	at UT Martin	Nov. 23, 2013
106.....	at Illinois State	2012
104.....	vs. Murray State	Nov. 8, 2014

**MOST PLAYS IN A GAME BY BOTH TEAMS:**

210.....	vs. Murray State	2012
... Murray State (110), EIU (100)		

**OPPONENTS AGAINST EASTERN ILLINOIS****TOTAL OFFENSE:**

675.....	Tennessee State	Nov. 2, 2002
674.....	at Illinois State	Oct. 18, 1969
658.....	Murray State	Oct. 6, 2018
656.....	at Marshall	Sept. 12, 1992
631.....	at Western Michigan	Sept. 8, 2012
629.....	at San Diego State	Oct. 6, 2001
609.....	at Northern Illinois	Sept. 24, 1994

**RUSHING YARDAGE:**

490.....	at Central Michigan	Oct. 23, 1971
472.....	Towson	Dec. 13, 2013
468.....	at Illinois State	Oct. 18, 1969
449.....	Murray State	Oct. 6, 2018
434.....	at South Dakota State	Nov. 24, 2012
432.....	Eastern Michigan	Oct. 21, 1972
425.....	Southern Illinois	Nov. 7, 1987
420.....	Central Michigan	Oct. 24, 1970
418.....	at Northern Illinois	Sept. 24, 1994
411.....	at Southeast Missouri	Oct. 1, 2011

**PASSING YARDAGE:**

529.....	Hawai'i	Sept. 30, 2006
473.....	Illinois State	Sept. 15, 2012
453.....	Hawai'i	Aug. 31, 2002
452.....	Hawai'i	Sept. 11, 1999
444.....	Idaho	Nov. 25, 1989
441.....	Indiana	Sept. 7, 2019
435.....	Tennessee State	Nov. 2, 2002
423.....	Murray State	Sept. 22, 2012
419.....	Truman State (NEMO.)	Sept. 6, 1986

**POINTS**

74.....	Illinois Wesleyan	Sept. 30, 1921
63.....	at Kansas State	Sept. 14, 2002
63.....	at Marshall	Sept. 12, 1992
61.....	at Hawai'i	Aug. 31, 2002
61.....	Central Michigan	Nov. 2, 1957
61.....	Millikin	Nov. 1, 1941
60.....	Central Michigan	Oct. 2, 1954

**LOWEST OFFENSIVE TOTAL:**

-12.....	vs. Kentucky State	Nov. 13, 1982
47.....	Butler	Sept. 8, 1979
50.....	UT Martin	Sept. 25, 1996
61.....	California (Pa.)	Aug. 30, 2003
65.....	Central State (Ohio)	Sept. 26, 1981
66.....	Illinois State	Nov. 10, 1979

**OPPONENT FEWEST RUSHING YARDS:**

-67.....	Kentucky State	Nov. 13, 1982
-23.....	Eastern Kentucky	Nov. 18, 2000
-1.....	Southeast Missouri	Nov. 9, 1996
-1.....	Southern Illinois	Sept. 10, 1983
0.....	Northern Michigan	Nov. 1, 1980

**OPPONENT FEWEST PASSING YARDS:**

5.....	Central State (OH) (4-of-16)	Sept. 26, 1981
7.....	Youngstown State (1-of-12)	Dec. 2, 1978
10.....	Missouri State	Oct. 24, 1992
13.....	Northwestern (La.) State	Sept. 8, 1990
14.....	Eastern Kentucky	Oct. 26, 2019
20.....	Butler	Sept. 8, 1979
20.....	Cameron (Okla.)	Oct. 15, 1977
22.....	Austin Peay	Nov. 2, 1996

**INDIVIDUAL GAME RECORDS****TOTAL OFFENSE:**

Sean Payton.....	507 vs. Saginaw Valley.....	1985
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	501 vs. Austin Peay .....	2012
Sean Payton.....	498 vs. SW Missouri .....	1984
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	476 at UT Martin .....	2013
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	469 vs. Illinois State.....	2013
Johnathan Brantley ..	458 vs. Indiana State.....	2018
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	442 at Southern Illinois .....	2013
Sean Payton.....	441 vs. W. Kentucky .....	1984

**RUSHING YARDAGE:**

J.R. Taylor .....	308 vs. Florida Atlantic.....	2002
Kevin Staple .....	283 vs. Grand Valley.....	1983
Nate Anderson .....	268 vs. St. Joseph .....	1973
Nate Anderson .....	259 vs. SW Missouri .....	1972
Shepard Little .....	245 vs. Jacksonville State .....	2013

**RUSHING ATTEMPTS:**

Willie High .....	48 vs. Northern Iowa.....	1993
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**PASSING YARDAGE:**

Sean Payton.....	509 vs. Saginaw Valley.....	1985
Sean Payton.....	486 vs. SW Missouri .....	1984
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	480 vs. Illinois State.....	2013
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	477 at UT Martin .....	2013
Sean Payton.....	461 vs. W. Kentucky .....	1984
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	453 vs. Austin Peay .....	2012
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	450 at Northern Illinois .....	2013
Johnathan Brantley ..	443 vs. Indiana State .....	2018

**PASSING ATTEMPTS:**

Harry Woodbery .....	68 vs. Tennessee Tech .....	2019
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	61 at Illinois State .....	2012
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	60 vs. Murray State.....	2012
Tony Romo .....	58 vs. Hawai'i.....	2002
Sean Payton.....	58 vs. Saginaw Valley.....	1985
Sean Payton.....	58 vs. Northern Iowa.....	1984

**PASSES COMPLETED:**

Sean Payton.....	40 vs. Saginaw Valley.....	1985
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	39 vs. Murray State.....	2012
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	38 vs. Towson .....	2013
Johnathan Brantley ..	37 vs. Indiana State .....	2018
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	37 at Illinois State .....	2012

**RECEIVING (CATCHES):**

Erik Lora .....	21 vs. Murray State.....	2012
* OVC Record		
Erik Lora.....	18 vs. Towson .....	2013
Erik Lora.....	17 at UT Martin .....	2012
Isaiah Hill.....	15 at UT Martin .....	2019
Erik Lora.....	15 vs. SE Missouri .....	2012
Willie White .....	15 vs. Illinois State .....	1971
Adam Drake .....	14 at UT Martin .....	2013
Erik Lora .....	14 at Northern Illinois.....	2013
Andre Raymond .....	14 vs. Hawai'i.....	2002
Rob Mehalic .....	14 vs. Delaware State.....	1981

**RECEIVING (YARDS):**

Erik Lora.....	269 vs. Murray State.....	2012
Frank Cutolo.....	239 vs. Tennessee St. ....	2001
Calvin Pierce.....	238 vs. SW Missouri .....	1986
Adam Drake .....	225 at UT Martin .....	2013
Chris Wright.....	217 at Tennessee State.....	2010
Frank Cutolo.....	217 vs. Northern Iowa.....	2001
Erik Lora.....	215 at UT Martin .....	2012
Ralph Stewart.....	201 vs. S. Illinois.....	1988

**ALL-PURPOSE RUSHING:**

Poke Cobb .....	336 vs. Butler.....	1976
Andre Raymond .....	335 vs. Hawai'i.....	2002

**TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS:**

Scott McGhee .....	4 vs. Northern Iowa.....	1978
James Warring .....	4 vs. Northern Michigan.....	1978

**RUSHING YARDS BY A QB:**

Jalen Whitlow .....	142 at UT Martin .....	2015
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**TOUCHDOWNS:**

Steve Turner .....	6 vs. Mecom Academy.....	1920
Kevin Staple .....	5 vs. Kentucky State .....	1982
Erik Lora .....	4 vs. Tennessee Tech .....	2013
J.R. Taylor .....	4 vs. Florida Atlantic.....	2002
J.R. Taylor .....	4 vs. Tennessee-Martin.....	2002
Kevin Staple .....	4 vs. Grand Valley.....	1983
James Warring .....	4 vs. Northern Michigan.....	1978
Scott McGhee .....	4 vs. Northern Iowa.....	1978

**TOUCHDOWN PASSES:**

Jimmy Garoppolo ..	7 vs. Illinois State.....	2013
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	6 at UT Martin .....	2013
Jimmy Garoppolo ..	6 at Northern Illinois.....	2013
Tony Romo .....	6 vs. Murray State.....	2000
Jeff Christensen .....	6 vs. Kentucky State.....	1982
<i>Others (5 touchdown passes in a game)</i>		
Jimmy Garoppolo (4), Sean Payton (2),		
Tony Romo (1), Steve Turk (1), Harry Woodbery (1)		

**SOLO TACKLES:**

Thomas Williams.....	20 vs. St. Joseph .....	1997
Nick Ricks .....	18 vs. E. Kentucky .....	2002
Chris Nicholson .....	17 vs. SW Missouri .....	1983
Tim Lance.....	17 vs. Northern Iowa.....	1987
John Noll .....	15 vs. Northern Iowa.....	1987
Tim Lance.....	15 vs. W. Kentucky .....	1990
Jeff Mills .....	14 vs. Western Illinois.....	1988
Jeff Mills .....	14 vs. SW Missouri .....	1988

**TOTAL TACKLES:**

Tim Carver.....	31 vs. Texas-El Paso .....	1994
Jeff Mills .....	29 vs. SW Missouri .....	1988
Thomas Williams.....	27 vs. St. Joseph .....	1997
Nick Ricks .....	25 vs. E. Kentucky .....	2002
Tyrone Covington .....	25 vs. Illinois State.....	1984
John Noll .....	23 vs. Northern Iowa.....	1988
Ray Jeske .....	21 vs. Delaware .....	1978

**TACKLES FOR LOSS:**

Trevor Frericks .....	7.0 vs. Tennessee State .....	2009
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**QUARTERBACK SACKS:**

John Jurkovic .....	6 vs. SW Missouri .....	1986
Pete Catan .....	6 vs. Southern Illinois.....	1979

**PASSES INTERCEPTED:**

Bill Glenn.....	5 vs. Northern Illinois .....	1940
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**MOST PASS RECEPTIONS BY A RUNNING BACK:**

Devin Church .....	10 at Northern Iowa .....	2015
DuWayne Pitts.....	9 vs. SW Missouri .....	1984

**LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS:**

Tony Romo to .....	98 vs. E. Kentucky .....	2000
Will Bumphus .....		

**LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN:**

Jimmy Lera.....	96 at Southeast Missouri .....	2014
Poke Cobb .....	96 vs. Tennessee Tech .....	1976

**LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR TD:**

Roosevelt Williams .....	98 vs. Tennessee St. ....	2001
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**LONGEST FUMBLE RETURN FOR TD:**

<b>Bryce Dewberry, 90 at Tennessee Tech .....</b>	<b>2021</b>
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**LONGEST FIELD GOAL:**

Rich Ehmke.....	58 vs. Northern Iowa.....	1986
Steve Largent.....	53 vs. SW Missouri .....	1993

**LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN:**

Chris Watson.....	100 vs. Northern Iowa.....	1995
Marcus Potts .....	100 vs. Youngstown St. ....	1977

**LONGEST PUNT:**

Bob Babb .....	100 vs. Illinois State.....	1946
Kevin Cook.....	86 vs. Southeast Missouri.....	2010
(EIU Division I record)		

**LONGEST PUNT RETURN:**

Bob Babb .....	100 vs. Millikin .....	1949
Erik Lora.....	80 vs. Tennessee Tech .....	2013
Jermaine Mobley.....	80 vs. Tennessee State .....	2004
Frank Cutolo.....	80 at Central Florida .....	1999

**MOST BLOCKED KICKS:**

Kourtney Young.....	3 vs. Illinois State.....	2000
Scott Johnson .....	3 vs. Western Illinois.....	1988
Scott Johnson .....	3 vs. Western Kentucky .....	1988

**MOST CONSECUTIVE PASSES COMPLETED:**

Sean Payton.....	17 vs. Western Kentucky .....	1986
Tony Romo.....	16 vs. Indiana State .....	2001

**MOST FIELD GOALS:**

Rich Ehmke.....	5 vs. Winona State.....	1986
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**MOST FUMBLE RECOVERIES:**

Tied by many.....	2
Last - Dytarious Johnson at Murray State .....	2019

**MOST INTERCEPTIONS THROWN:**

Jeff Thorne .....	7 vs. McNeese State.....	1993
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All eyes are on **Rich Ehmke's (#6)** record-setting 58 yard field goal that gave the No. 8 ranked Panthers a 31-30 victory over No. 11 Northern Iowa on the last play of the game in 1986. Often described as the "most exciting game in EIU history," the Homecoming win in front of 11,000 plus fans propelled the Panthers on to the conference championship that season.

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/LAST)
0	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

23 ... Kevin Daniels .....	6-2	230	.....	R-So
29 ... Kendi Young .....	5-11	195	.....	Jr
20 ... MJ Flowers .....	6-1	195	.....	R-Fr

### 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
77 ... Torris Robinson .....	6-5	330	.....	Jr

### LEFT GUARD

78 ... Max Stineman.....	6-4	345	.....	Jr
62 ... Brennan Anderson .....	6-4	345	.....	Jr

### CENTER

55 ... Drew Wilder .....	6-3	305	.....	R-So
78 ... Max Stineman.....	6-4	345	.....	Jr

### RIGHT GUARD

71 ... Sebastian Pares .....	6-6	300	.....	R-Jr
58 ... Anthony Imperio .....	6-4	310	.....	Grad

### RIGHT TACKLE

54 ... Nic DiSanto .....	6-5	320	.....	Fr
61 ... Jonathan Arellano .....	6-3	305	.....	R-So

### RECEIVER

1 ... Justin Bowick .....	6-5	195	.....	So
2 ... DeWayne Cooks .....	6-2	165	.....	Grad

### RECEIVER

88 ... DeAirious Smith.....	5-11	180	.....	Jr
2 ... DeWayne Cooks .....	6-2	165	.....	Grad

### 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** 54-37 (9), **EIU Record** 3-10 (1); **OVC Record** 1-4 (1)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Quality Control Staff:**

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

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

Ryan Shepard (Student Asst.)

## EIU DEFENSE

### DEFENSIVE END

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

### NOSE TACKLE

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

### DEFENSIVE TACKLE

56 ... Tre'jon Lewis .....	6-4	285	.....	R-Jr
94 ... Alton Jefferson.....	6-0	285	.....	Jr

### 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)

0 ... Ira Armstead .....	6-4	230	.....	Jr
12 ... Nick Coates .....	5-10	180	.....	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
27 ... Zay Gentry.....	6-0	195	.....	Jr

### CORNERBACK

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

## EIU SPECIALISTS

### KICKER

96 ... Julian Patino .....	5-10	200	.....	R-So
53 ... Stone Galloway .....	5-11	210	.....	Sr
43 ... Will Orth.....	5-10	165	.....	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

7 ... Eli Mirza .....	5-11	190	.....	Jr
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### KICK RETURNS

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



# **GAME 1 - Aug. 31, 2023** **Eastern Illinois ..... 27** **Northern Illinois..... 0**

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

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

## **FIRST QUARTER**

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

## **SECOND QUARTER**

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

## **THIRD QUARTER**

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

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

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

## **LEADERS**

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

EIU - Daniels (13-7-0), 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 Bazalak (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 Bazalak (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 Bazalak (Anaya kick) - 1:07

## **FOURTH QUARTER**

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

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

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

## **LEADERS**

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

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

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

EIU - Holley (31-21-1-250-2)  
 BG - Bazalak (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), Lorfils (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. BG/SGU 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 their final points of the afternoon. Anthony Shockey and Elijahwah Tolbert led an active defense with each recording 11 tackles.

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

\* indicates Big South-OVC Football Association Game

2022 EASTERN ILLINOIS STARTERS

OPPONENT	WR	WR	RT	RG	C	LG	LT	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

OPPONENT	DE	NT	DT	DE	LB	LB	LB/SAF	CB	SAF	SAF	CB
Indiana State	Barrows	Smith	T. Lewis	Oliveria-Chace	Tolbert	Shockey	Coates	Dandy	Ruffin	Aitken	Harvey
Bowling Green	Barrows	Smith	T. Lewis	Oliveria-Chace	Tolbert	Shockey	Armstead	Dandy	Ruffin	Aitken	Harvey

## 2023 Eastern Illinois University Football Overall Statistics (as of Sep 9, 2023)

Team Statistics	EIU	OPP
SCORING	42	38
Points Per Game	21.00	19.00
FIRST DOWNS	37	41
Rushing	10	16
Passing	24	22
Penalty	3	3
RUSHING YARDAGE	169	242
Yards gained	227	294
Yards lost	58	52
Attempts	56	70
Avg Per Attempt	3.0	3.5
Avg Per Game	84.5	121.0
TDs Rushing	0	2
PASSING YARDAGE	494	484
Att-Comp-Int	64-40-2	56-38-4
Avg Per Attempt	7.72	8.64
Avg Per Catch	12.35	12.74
Avg Per Game	247.00	242.00
TDs Passing	4	3
TOTAL OFFENSE	663	726
Total Plays	120	126
Avg Per Play	5.5	5.8
Avg Per Game	331.5	363.0
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	8-114	7-151
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	0-0	3-10
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	4-103	2-35
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	14.25	21.57
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	0.00	3.33
INT RETURN AVERAGE	25.75	17.50
FUMBLES-LOST	2-0	3-2
PENALTIES-YARDS	11-106	9-82
Avg Per Game	53.00	41.00
PUNTS-YARDS	7-301	5-220
Avg Per Punt	43.00	44.00
Net Punt Avg	41.57	44.00
KICKOFFS-YARDS	9-545	9-527
Avg Per Kick	60.56	58.56
Net Kick Avg	39.33	45.89
TIME OF POSSESSION	00:59:37	01:00:23
Per Game	29:48	30:12
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	6-22	8-23
3rd-Down Pct	27.27 %	34.78 %
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	3-8	2-5
4th-Down Pct	37.50 %	40.00 %
SACKS BY-YARDS	3-19	6-41
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	6	5
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	1-1	1-1
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	3-5	6-6
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	2-5	5-6
PAT-ATTEMPTS	1-3	5-5
ATTENDANCE	0	16,667
Dates-Avg Per Date	0-0	2-8,334
Neutral Site #-Avg	-	0-0

Conf	Date	Opponent	WL	Score	Record	Time	Attend
	08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	W	27-0	1-0 , 0-0	02:56	4,355
	09/09/2023	at Bowling Green	L	15-38	1-1 , 0-0	03:07	12,312

\* = Conference game

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Eastern Ill.	12	18	9	3	42
Opponents	7	14	10	7	38

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#	Rushing	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
23	Daniels, Kevin	2	28	143	8	135	4.8	0	18	67.50
7	Mirza, Eli	2	2	29	0	29	14.5	0	27	14.50
93	Horvath, Jacob	2	1	23	0	23	23.0	0	23	11.50
29	Young, Kendi	2	10	25	3	22	2.2	0	7	11.00
8	Farri, Juwon	2	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	2.00
	Team	2	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.00
20	Flowers, MJ	2	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.50
3	Holley, Pierce	2	11	3	46	-43	-3.9	0	2	-21.50
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>84.50</b>
	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>121.00</b>

#	Passing	GP	Rating	COMP-ATT-INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/G
3	Holley, Pierce	2	146.28	40-62-2	64.52 %	494	4	38	247.00
7	Mirza, Eli	2	0.00	0-1-0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0.00
13	Willman, Cooper	1	0.00	0-1-0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>141.71</b>	<b>40-64-2</b>	<b>62.50 %</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>247.00</b>
	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>143.85</b>	<b>38-56-4</b>	<b>67.86 %</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>242.00</b>

#	Receiving	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
7	Mirza, Eli	2	7	108	15.43	0	38	54.00
88	Smith, DeAirious	2	5	91	18.20	1	31	45.50
	Bowick, Justin	2	7	88	12.57	1	35	44.00
13	Willman, Cooper	1	5	53	10.60	0	19	53.00
23	Daniels, Kevin	2	5	38	7.60	1	15	19.00
2	Cooks Jr, DeWayne	2	1	37	37.00	0	37	18.50
36	Eatman, Lazerick	2	3	37	12.33	0	22	18.50
11	Manaves, Anthony	2	3	16	5.33	1	10	8.00
29	Young, Kendi	2	1	13	13.00	0	13	6.50
20	Flowers, MJ	2	2	8	4.00	0	10	4.00
89	Luoma, Daniel	2	1	5	5.00	0	5	2.50
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>12.35</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>247.00</b>
	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>12.74</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>242.00</b>

#	Punt Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
No data to report.						

#	Interceptions	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
34	Burt, Nijhay	1	67	67.00	1	67
7	Harvey, Tyris	1	19	19.00	1	19
5	Shockey, Anthony	1	16	16.00	0	16
1	Tolbert, Elijahah	1	1	1.00	0	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>25.75</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>67</b>
	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>17.50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>

#	Kick Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
2	Aitken, Mark	3	47	15.67	0	19
36	Eatman, Lazerick	3	32	10.67	0	18
7	Mirza, Eli	1	21	21.00	0	21
6	Barrows, Joel	1	14	14.00	0	14
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>14.25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>
	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>21.57</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>

#	Fumble Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
No data to report.						



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#	Scoring	TD	FG	PAT					SAF	PTS
				KICK	RUSH	RCV	PASS	DXP		
	Bowick, Justin	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
34	Burt, Nijhay	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
23	Daniels, Kevin	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
7	Harvey, Tyris	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
11	Manaves, Anthony	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
88	Smith, DeAirious	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
96	Patino, Julian	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
	Team	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
43	Orth, William	—	—	1-3	—	—	—	—	—	1
3	Holley, Pierce	—	—	—	—	—	0-3	—	—	0
	Total	6	1	1-3	—	—	0-3	—	1	42
	Opponents	5	1	5-5	—	—	—	—	—	38

#	Field Goals	FGM-FGA	PCT	I20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG	BLK
96	Patino, Julian	1-1	100.00 %	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	31	0
	Total	1-1	100.00 %	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	31	0
	Opponents	1-1	100.00 %	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	27	0

FG Sequence	Eastern Ill.	Opponents
Indiana St.	-	-
Bowling Green	(31)	(27)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

#	Total Offense	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	AVG/G
3	Holley, Pierce	2	73	-43	494	451	225.50
23	Daniels, Kevin	2	28	135	0	135	67.50
7	Mirza, Eli	2	3	29	0	29	14.50
93	Horvath, Jacob	2	1	23	0	23	11.50
29	Young, Kendi	2	10	22	0	22	11.00
8	Farri, Juwon	2	1	4	0	4	2.00
20	Flowers, MJ	2	1	-1	0	-1	-0.50
	Total	2	117	169	494	663	331.50
	Opponents	2	126	242	484	726	363.00

#	Punting	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TB	FC	I20	50+	BLK
93	Horvath, Jacob	7	301	43.00	57	0	3	2	1	0
	Total	7	301	43.00	57	0	3	2	1	0
	Opponents	5	220	44.00	50	0	2	4	2	0

#	Kickoffs	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	OB
89	Luoma, Daniel	8	505	63.1	2	0
43	Orth, William	1	40	40.0	0	0
	Total	9	545	60.6	2	0
	Opponents	9	527	58.6	0	1

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#	All Purpose	G	RUSH	RCV	PR	KR	IR	Total	AVG/G
23	Daniels, Kevin	2	135	38	0	0	0	173	86.50
7	Mirza, Eli	2	29	108	0	21	0	158	79.00
88	Smith, DeAirious	2	0	91	0	0	0	91	45.50
	Bowick, Justin	2	0	88	0	0	0	88	44.00
36	Eatman, Lazerick	2	0	37	0	32	0	69	34.50
34	Burt, NiJhay	2	0	0	0	0	67	67	33.50
13	Willman, Cooper	1	0	53	0	0	0	53	53.00
2	Aitken, Mark	2	0	0	0	47	0	47	23.50
2	Cooks Jr, DeWayne	2	0	37	0	0	0	37	18.50
29	Young, Kendi	2	22	13	0	0	0	35	17.50
93	Horvath, Jacob	2	23	0	0	0	0	23	11.50
7	Harvey, Tyris	2	0	0	0	0	19	19	9.50
11	Manaves, Anthony	2	0	16	0	0	0	16	8.00
5	Shockey, Anthony	2	0	0	0	0	16	16	8.00
6	Barrows, Joel	2	0	0	0	14	0	14	7.00
20	Flowers, MJ	2	-1	8	0	0	0	7	3.50
89	Luoma, Daniel	2	0	5	0	0	0	5	2.50
8	Farri, Juwon	2	4	0	0	0	0	4	2.00
1	Tolbert, Elijahawah	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.50
3	Holley, Pierce	2	-43	0	0	0	0	-43	-21.50
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>440.00</b>
	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>461.00</b>

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#	Defensive Leaders	GP	Tackles				Sacks NO-YDS	Pass Defense			Fumbles		Blocked	
			Solo	ASST	TOT	TFL-YDS		INT-YDS	BU	QBH	RCV-YDS	FF	KICK	SAF
1	Tolbert, Elijahwah	2	9	13	22.0	1.0-3	—	1-1	—	—	—	1	—	—
2	Aitken, Mark	2	8	5	13.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	Shockey, Anthony	2	4	9	13.0	1.0-4	—	1-16	—	—	—	—	—	—
19	Porter, Phoenix	2	7	3	10.0	1.0-2	1.0-2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
0	Armstead, Ira	2	4	5	9.0	0.5-2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
56	Lewis, Tre'jon	2	5	3	8.0	0.5-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	Ruffin, Blake	2	6	2	8.0	1.0-10	1.0-10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	Barrows, Joel	2	—	7	7.0	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	—	—
22	Drakeford, Kaelin	2	6	1	7.0	1.0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11	Oyawale, Alexandar	2	3	4	7.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	Dandy, Russell	2	4	2	6.0	—	—	—	2	—	1-0	—	—	—
7	Harvey, Tyris	2	2	4	6.0	—	—	1-19	—	—	—	—	—	—
12	Coates, Nick	2	1	4	5.0	1.0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
92	Smith, Colby	2	2	3	5.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
91	Oliveira-Chace, Nicholas	2	—	3	3.0	1.0-2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
9	Willis, Braylon	2	—	3	3.0	0.5-1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
28	Guido, Brandon	2	1	1	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
51	Orth, Payton	2	1	1	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
95	Van Hyfte, Drake	2	—	2	2.0	0.5-1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
50	Wagner, Luke	2	1	1	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
39	Ball, Elijah	2	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27	Gentry, Zay	2	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
99	Hacha, Jaron	2	1	—	1.0	1.0-7	1.0-7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	Holley, Pierce	2	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
48	Jarosz, Michael	2	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
94	Jefferson, Alton	1	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
89	Luoma, Daniel	2	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	Rainey, Malik	1	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
44	Simon, Terence	2	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	Bowick, Justin	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34	Burt, NiJhay	2	—	—	—	—	—	1-67	1	—	—	—	—	—
23	Daniels, Kevin	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11	Manaves, Anthony	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
43	Orth, William	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
96	Patino, Julian	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
88	Smith, DeAirious	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TM	Team	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Total		2	69	80	149.0	10.0-34	3.0-19	4-103	3	3	2-0	2	—	1
Opponents		2	53	76	129.0	14.0-57	6.0-41	2-35	8	8	—	1	—	—



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		Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot		
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off
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
Eastern III.		56	169	0	27	40	494	4	38	40	64	2	494	4	38	8	114	0	21	0	0	0	0	663
Opponents		70	242	2	20	38	484	3	58	38	56	4	484	3	58	7	151	0	35	3	10	0	7	726

Eastern Ill. Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effc	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
2	3.0	12.4	141.7	14.3	0.0	440.0	331.5

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble	Pass Defense				blkd	PAT attempts				off	
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
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
<b>Eastern Ill.</b>		<b>69</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>10.0-34</b>	<b>3-19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>4-103</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>53</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>14.0-57</b>	<b>6-41</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>2-35</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5-5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>38</b>

		Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	4	170	42.5	57	0	0	3	1	2	0-0	0	0	5	285	57.0	0	0	
09/09/2023	at Bowling Green	3	131	43.7	44	0	0	0	0	0	1-1	31	0	4	260	65.0	2	0	
Eastern III.		7	301	43.0	57	0	0	3	1	2	1-1	31	0	9	545	60.6	2	0	
Opponents		5	220	44.0	50	0	0	2	2	4	1-1	27	0	9	527	58.6	0	1	



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		Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot		
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off
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
Opponents		70	242	2	20	38	484	3	58	38	56	4	484	3	58	7	151	0	35	3	10	0	7	726
Eastern Ill.		56	169	0	27	40	494	4	38	40	64	2	494	4	38	8	114	0	21	0	0	0	0	663

Opponents Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
2	3.5	12.7	143.9	21.6	3.3	461.0	363.0

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.	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
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>53</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>14.0-57</b>	<b>6-41</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>2-35</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5-5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Eastern Ill.</b>		<b>69</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>10.0-34</b>	<b>3-19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>4-103</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>42</b>

		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	
Opponents		5	220	44.0	50	0	0	2	2	4	1-1	27	0	9	527	58.6	0	1	
Eastern Ill.		7	301	43.0	57	0	0	3	1	2	1-1	31	0	9	545	60.6	2	0	





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<b>RUSHES</b>	30	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>YARDS RUSHING</b>	94	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>YARDS PER RUSH</b>	3.1	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>TD RUSHES</b>	0 0	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023) at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS</b>	33	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	21	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>YARDS PASSING</b>	250	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>YARDS PER PASS</b>	7.9	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>TD PASSES</b>	2 2	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023) at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>TOTAL PLAYS</b>	61	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	338	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>YARDS PER PLAY</b>	5.5	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>POINTS</b>	27	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>SACKS BY</b>	3	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	20	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>PENALTIES</b>	7	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>PENALTY YARDS</b>	55	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>TURNOVERS</b>	2	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>PUNTS</b>	4	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	43.7	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>LONG PUNT</b>	57	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>PUNTS INSIDE 20</b>	2	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>LONG PUNT RETURN</b>	0 0	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023) at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)



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<b>RUSHES</b>	36	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>YARDS RUSHING</b>	141	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>YARDS PER RUSH</b>	4.1	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>TD RUSHES</b>	2	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS</b>	30	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	25	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>YARDS PASSING</b>	368	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>YARDS PER PASS</b>	12.3	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>TD PASSES</b>	3	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>TOTAL PLAYS</b>	64	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	509	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>YARDS PER PLAY</b>	8.0	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>POINTS</b>	38	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>SACKS BY</b>	5	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	25	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>PENALTIES</b>	6	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>PENALTY YARDS</b>	60	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>TURNOVERS</b>	6	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>PUNTS</b>	3	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	45.5	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>LONG PUNT</b>	50	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
	50	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>PUNTS INSIDE 20</b>	2	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
	2	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>LONG PUNT RETURN</b>	7	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)



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<b>RUSHES</b>	26	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>YARDS RUSHING</b>	75	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>YARDS PER RUSH</b>	2.9	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>TD RUSHES</b>	0	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
	0	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS</b>	31	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	19	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>YARDS PASSING</b>	244	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>YARDS PER PASS</b>	7.6	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>TD PASSES</b>	2	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
	2	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>TOTAL PLAYS</b>	59	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	325	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>YARDS PER PLAY</b>	5.5	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>POINTS</b>	15	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>SACKS BY</b>	0	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	17	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>PENALTIES</b>	4	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>PENALTY YARDS</b>	51	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>INTERCEPTIONS BY</b>	0	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>PUNTS</b>	3	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	42.5	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>LONG PUNT</b>	44	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>PUNTS INSIDE 20</b>	0	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>LONG PUNT RETURN</b>	0	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
	0	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)



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<b>RUSHES</b>	34	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>YARDS RUSHING</b>	101	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>YARDS PER RUSH</b>	2.8	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>TD RUSHES</b>	0	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS</b>	26	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	13	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>YARDS PASSING</b>	116	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>YARDS PER PASS</b>	4.5	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>TD PASSES</b>	0	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>TOTAL PLAYS</b>	62	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	217	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>YARDS PER PLAY</b>	3.5	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>POINTS</b>	0	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>SACKS BY</b>	1	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	16	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>PENALTIES</b>	3	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>PENALTY YARDS</b>	22	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>INTERCEPTIONS BY</b>	1	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
	1	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>PUNTS</b>	2	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	43.0	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>LONG PUNT</b>	50	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
	50	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>PUNTS INSIDE 20</b>	2	at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
	2	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>LONG PUNT RETURN</b>	0	at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)



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<b>RUSHES</b>	15	Kevin Daniels at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>YARDS RUSHING</b>	78	Kevin Daniels at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>TD RUSHES</b>	none	
<b>LONG RUSH</b>	27	Eli Mirza at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS</b>	32	Pierce Holley at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	21	Pierce Holley at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>YARDS PASSING</b>	250	Pierce Holley at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>TD PASSES</b>	2	Pierce Holley at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
	2	Pierce Holley at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>LONG PASS</b>	38	Pierce Holley at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>RECEPTIONS</b>	5	Cooper Willman at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>YARDS RECEIVING</b>	83	DeAirious Smith at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>TD RECEPTIONS</b>	1	DeAirious Smith at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
	1	Kevin Daniels at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
	1	Justin Bowick at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
	1	Anthony Manaves at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>LONG RECEPTION</b>	38	Eli Mirza at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>PUNTS</b>	4	Jacob Horvath at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	43.7	Jacob Horvath at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>LONG PUNT</b>	57	Jacob Horvath at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>PUNTS INSIDE 20</b>	2	Jacob Horvath at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>LONG PUNT RETURN</b>	none	
<b>LONG KICKOFF RETURN</b>	21	Eli Mirza at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>TACKLES</b>	11	Elijawah Tolbert at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
	11	Anthony Shockey at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
	11	Elijawah Tolbert at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>SACKS</b>	1	Jaron Hacha at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
	1	Phoenix Porter at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
	1	Blake Ruffin at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>TACKLES FOR LOSS</b>	1	Elijawah Tolbert at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
	1	Anthony Shockey at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
	1	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
	1	Jaron Hacha at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
	1	Kaelin Drakeford at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
	1	Nick Coates at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
	1	Phoenix Porter at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
	1	Blake Ruffin at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)





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<b>RUSHES</b>	10	Terion Stewart at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>YARDS RUSHING</b>	59	Evan Olaes at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>TD RUSHES</b>	2	Terion Stewart at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>LONG RUSH</b>	20	Evan Olaes at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS</b>	28	Connor Bazalak at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	23	Connor Bazalak at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>YARDS PASSING</b>	319	Connor Bazalak at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>TD PASSES</b>	3	Connor Bazalak at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>LONG PASS</b>	58	Connor Bazalak at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>RECEPTIONS</b>	7	Harold Fannin Jr. at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>YARDS RECEIVING</b>	123	Ta'ron Keith at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>TD RECEPTIONS</b>	1 1 1	Abdul-Fatai Ibrahim at Bowling Green (09/09/2023) Odieu Hiliare at Bowling Green (09/09/2023) Harold Fannin Jr. at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>LONG RECEPTION</b>	58	Ta'ron Keith at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>FIELD GOALS</b>	1	Alan Anaya at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>LONG FIELD GOALS</b>	27	Alan Anaya at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>PUNTS</b>	2 2	Sami Sir at Bowling Green (09/09/2023) Anthony Beacom at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	45.5	Sami Sir at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>LONG PUNT</b>	50 50	Sami Sir at Bowling Green (09/09/2023) Anthony Beacom at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>PUNTS INSIDE 20</b>	2 2	Sami Sir at Bowling Green (09/09/2023) Anthony Beacom at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>LONG PUNT RETURN</b>	7	Jhaylin Embry at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>LONG KICKOFF RETURN</b>	35	Dakota Caton at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>TACKLES</b>	11	Maddix Blackwell at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)
<b>SACKS</b>	1.5	Cashius Howell at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>TACKLES FOR LOSS</b>	1.5 1.5	Joseph Sipp Jr. at Bowling Green (09/09/2023) Cashius Howell at Bowling Green (09/09/2023)
<b>INTERCEPTIONS</b>	1 1	Jalen Huskey at Bowling Green (09/09/2023) Maddix Blackwell at Indiana St. (08/31/2023)



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Eastern Ill. Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total	Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ						
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	W 27-0	3	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
09/09/2023	at Bowling Green	L 15-38	2	2	9	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 3 of 5 (60.0%)			5	3	16	2	0	2	1	1	2	0	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
09/09/2023	Bowling Green	L 15-38	6	6	38	5	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 6 of 6 (100.0%)			6	6	38	5	2	3	1	1	0	0	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	0-0 0.0
Eastern Ill.				6-22 27.3	3-6 50.0	1-6 16.7	1-4 25.0	1-6 16.7	0-0 0.0
Opponents				8-23 34.8	3-7 42.9	3-8 37.5	1-5 20.0	1-3 33.3	0-0 0.0

### 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
Eastern Ill.				3-8 37.5	1-1 100.0	2-3 66.7	0-2 0.0	0-2 0.0	0-0 0.0
Opponents				2-5 40.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	1-3 33.3	0-1 0.0	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
Eastern Ill.				Total	10:39	16:31	15:27	17:00	00:00
				Avg.	05:20	08:16	07:44	08:30	00:00
Opponents				Total	15:39	17:11	13:31	14:02	00:00
				Avg.	07:49	08:35	06:46	07:01	00:00



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Opponent	Score	First Downs				Rushing Number-Yards	Passing		Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn- Overs
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen		Comp-Att.-Int	Yards			
Indiana St.	27-0	17 / 16	5 / 8	11 / 6	1 / 2	30-94 / 36-101	19-31-1 / 13-26-4	244 / 116	61-338 / 62-217	140 / 143	2 / 6
Bowling Green	15-38	20 / 25	5 / 8	13 / 16	2 / 1	26-75 / 34-141	21-33-1 / 25-30-0	250 / 368	59-325 / 64-509	77 / 53	1 / 0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>42-38</b>	<b>37 / 41</b>	<b>10 / 16</b>	<b>24 / 22</b>	<b>3 / 3</b>	<b>56-169 / 70-242</b>	<b>40-64-2 / 38-56-4</b>	<b>494 / 484</b>	<b>120-663 / 126-726</b>	<b>217 / 196</b>	<b>3 / 6</b>

Opponents	3rd Down	4th Down	Time of Possession	TOP Margin	Avg Yds/Rush	Avg Yds/Pass	Avg Yds/Play	Punting Number-Avg	Penalties	
	Conversion	Conversion							Number-Yards	Sacks
Indiana St.	5-12 / 4-14	0-3 / 1-4	29:49 / 30:11	-00:22	3.1 / 2.8	7.9 / 4.5	5.5 / 3.5	4-42.5 / 3-43.0	4-55.0 / 3-22.0	3 / 1
Bowling Green	1-10 / 4-9	3-5 / 1-1	29:48 / 30:12	-00:24	2.9 / 4.1	7.6 / 12.3	5.5 / 8.0	3-43.7 / 2-45.5	7-51.0 / 6-60.0	0 / 5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6-22 / 8-23</b>	<b>3-8 / 2-5</b>	<b>59:37 / 60:23</b>	<b>-00:46</b>	<b>3.0 / 3.5</b>	<b>7.7 / 8.6</b>	<b>5.5 / 5.8</b>	<b>7-43.0 / 5-44.0</b>	<b>11-106.0 / 9-82.0</b>	<b>3 / 6</b>

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category