



EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHER FOOTBALL

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GAME 5



COACHES:

Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1995)
 EIU Record.....5-10 (2nd)
 OVC Record.....1-4 (2nd)
 Career Record.....56-37 (11th)
 vs. Northwestern State 1-0

Brad Liard.. (Northwestern State, 1998)
 NWST Record.....16-38 (6th)
 Southland Record.....15-23 (6th)
 Overall RecordSame
 vs. Eastern Illinois..... 0-1

SERIES

5th meeting - EIU leads 3-1

Last: @EIU 35, NWST 27 on Oct. 8, 2022

RANKINGS

Eastern Illinois RV / RV
 Northwestern State / ---
 *STATS Media/AFCAs Coaches*

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EIU Wraps Up Non-Conference Play At Northwestern State

Eastern Illinois at Northwestern State
 Turpin Stadium (15,971) • Natchitoches, La.
 September 30, 2023 • 6 p.m. • TV: ESPN+

NOTES TO KNOW

• Freshman MJ Flowers entered Saturday's game against McNeese with four carries for 25 yards on the season. He exited the contest with the third most rushing yards in a single game in EIU history and the most by a college player this season exiting the field with 37 carries for 272 yards and a touchdown. Flowers was named the STATS Perform National Freshman of the Week as well as earning his second straight Big South-OVC Football Freshman of the Week honor. Flowers is currently 33rd in the FCS in rushing yards (297) and 14th in rushing yards per carry (7.22).

• Stone Galloway took the field for his first field goal attempt of the season in the final seconds on Saturday. Galloway, a first-team All-OVC kicker last year, was injured in warm-ups during the season opener at Indiana State on August 31. His first attempt of the year was a 56-yard kick that cleared the cross bar with 20-seconds left in the game. It was the second longest field goal in school history and only the eighth over 50 yards. The last 50-yard field goal made by an EIU kicker was a 52-yard kick by Steve Largent on Oct. 2, 1993 against Indiana State. The field goal by Galloway was the 25th of his career and the longest in FCS this season as he earned Big South-OVC Football Special Teams Player of the Week honors.

• For the second week in a row Eastern Illinois rallied on the final drive for the game winning score. Two weeks ago Pierce Holley found Justin Thomas for a touchdown pass to beat No. 25 Illinois State. This week the Panthers drove the field to beat McNeese on a long field goal by Stone Galloway. EIU trailed in the game 28-7 in the second quarter with the win the largest come back win by EIU since the 2010 season. On Nov. 6, 2010, EIU trailed Tennessee State 28-7 at the half before Jimmy Garoppolo connected with Chris Wright for three second half touchdowns to tie the game and Cameron Berra won it with a 37-yard field goal in overtime. Garoppolo passed for 331 yards in the game while Wright had 217 yards receiving.

• After not collecting a rushing touchdown in its first three games of the season, the Panthers found pay dirt four times on the ground in the win over McNeese. EIU had rushing touchdowns from Pierce Holley, Eli Mirza, MJ Flowers and Juwon Farri as they rushed for a season high 311 yards against the Cowboys. On the season EIU has now had 11 different players score a touchdown with wide receiver Justin Thomas (2) the only player with multiple scores. The 11 different players with a touchdown is first among conference schools just ahead of UT Martin with ten different players who have found the end zone this season.

Eastern Illinois (3-1)

| Date | Opponent | Score/Time |
|----------|-------------------------|------------|
| Aug. 31 | at Indiana State | W 27-0 |
| Sept. 9 | at Bowling Green | L 15-38 |
| Sept. 16 | #25 ILLINOIS STATE | W 14-13 |
| Sept. 23 | McNEESE | W 31-28 |
| Sept. 30 | at Northwestern State | 6 pm |
| Oct. 7 | • UT MARTIN (HC) | 2 pm |
| Oct. 14 | • at Southeast Missouri | 2 pm |
| Oct. 21 | • BRYANT | 2 pm |
| Nov. 4 | • at Lindenwood | 2 pm |
| Nov. 11 | • TENNESSEE STATE | 12 pm |
| Nov. 18 | • at Robert Morris | 11 am |

• Big South-OVC Game All Times Central

Northwestern State (0-3)

| Date | Opponent | Score/Time |
|----------|--------------------------|------------|
| Sept. 2 | at Louisiana | L 13-38 |
| Sept. 9 | at Louisiana Tech | L 21-51 |
| Sept. 16 | STEPHEN F. AUSTIN | L 7-41 |
| Sept. 30 | EASTERN ILLINOIS | 6 pm |
| Oct. 7 | • at Lamar | 3 pm |
| Oct. 14 | • at Nicholls | 3 pm |
| Oct. 21 | • SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA | 2 pm |
| Oct. 28 | • at McNeese | 7 pm |
| Nov. 4 | • HOUSTON CHRISTIAN | 2 pm |
| Nov. 11 | • at Incarnate Word | 2 pm |
| Nov. 18 | • TEXAS A&M COMMERCE | 2 pm |

• Southland All Times Central

STATS FCS MEDIA TOP 25 (WEEK 3)

| Rk. | Team | Record |
|-----|-------------------------|--------|
| 1. | South Dakota State (54) | 3-0 |
| 2. | North Dakota State (2) | 3-0 |
| 3. | Montana State | 3-1 |
| 4. | Idaho | 3-1 |
| 5. | William & Mary | 4-0 |
| 6. | Holy Cross | 3-1 |
| 7. | Furman | 3-1 |
| 8. | Sacramento State | 3-1 |
| 9. | Incarnate Word | 3-1 |
| 10. | Southern Illinois | 3-0 |
| 11. | Delaware | 3-1 |
| 12. | North Dakota | 2-1 |
| 13. | Weber State | 2-2 |
| 14. | New Hampshire | 2-2 |
| 15. | North Carolina Central | 3-1 |
| 16. | Villanova | 3-1 |
| 17. | Western Carolina | 3-1 |
| 18. | Montana | 3-1 |
| 19. | Eastern Washington | 2-2 |
| 20. | Florida A&M | 3-1 |
| 21. | UC Davis | 2-2 |
| 22. | UT Martin | 3-1 |
| 23. | Youngstown State | 2-1 |
| 24. | Rhode Island | 2-2 |
| 25. | Central Arkansas | 2-2 |

RV: Eastern Illinois

FCS COACHES TOP 25 (WEEK 3)

| Rk. | Team | Record |
|-----|-------------------------|--------|
| 1. | South Dakota State (26) | 3-0 |
| 2. | North Dakota State | 3-0 |
| 3. | Montana State | 3-1 |
| 4. | William & Mary | 4-0 |
| 5. | Holy Cross | 3-1 |
| 6. | Idaho | 3-1 |
| 7. | Furman | 3-1 |
| 8. | Incarnate Word | 3-1 |
| 9. | Sacramento State | 3-1 |
| 10. | Southern Illinois | 3-0 |
| 11. | North Dakota | 2-1 |
| 12. | Delaware | 3-1 |
| 13. | North Carolina Central | 3-1 |
| 14. | Weber State | 2-2 |
| 15. | Fordham | 3-1 |
| 16. | Montana | 3-1 |
| 17. | New Hampshire | 2-2 |
| 18. | Florida A&M | 3-1 |
| 19. | Youngstown State | 2-1 |
| 20. | UC Davis | 2-2 |
| 21. | Western Carolina | 3-1 |
| 22. | Chattanooga | 3-1 |
| 23. | Villanova | 3-1 |
| 24. | Harvard | 2-0 |
| 25. | Eastern Washington | 2-2 |

RV: Eastern Illinois

• Eastern Illinois defense collected just one sack on Saturday against McNeese but it came at the best possible time as Ira Armstead had a sack on the final drive of the game with less than 20 seconds remaining. Armstead, who had two solo tackles in the game, collected just the fourth sack of the season for the Panthers defense joining Blake Ruffin, Phoenix Porter and Jaron Hacha with sacks this season.

• Corner Russell Dandy continues to be around the football for the EIU defense as he had two tackles and a pass break-up in the win over McNeese. Dandy now has five pass break-ups to go along with one interception that ranks him first in the Big South-OVC and 13th in the FCS in passes defended this season. Dandy has added 11 tackles and a fumble recovery to his stats this year. For his career Dandy now has eight career break-ups and three interceptions.

• Junior college wide receiver Eli Mirza has become a top target in the Panthers offense this season hauling in eight passes for 52 yards on Saturday against McNeese. Mirza also added a rushing touchdown with a 12-yard score just before halftime. Mirza currently leads the Panthers with 22 receptions for 201 yards. He is currently third in receptions in the Big South-OVC and seventh in receiving yards.

• Quarterback Pierce Holley was 21-of-34 for 141 yards in the win over McNeese. While it was Holley's lowest passing total of the season, it was consistent with his completion percentage for the season. Holley is currently 97-of-145 with a season completion percentage of 66.9 percent which ranks the signal caller 25th in the FCS this season. He has passed for 926 yards with six touchdowns, totals that both rank in the Top 30 in the FCS this season. Including his two years as a starter at Georgetown, Holley has now passed for 5,066 yards.

• Juwon Farri had three carries out of the backfield against McNeese with his final carry one of the biggest with a 19-yard run up the middle to tie the game at 28-28. Farri was a two-time FCS All-American at Monmouth and the 2020 Big South Offensive Player of the Year. In a loaded running back room he has rushed for 41 yards this season going over the 2,500 yard mark for his career against McNeese while scoring his 29th career rushing touchdown.

• Linebacker Elijahwah Tolbert continues to be consistent and the team leader in tackles for the Panthers defense. Tolbert had a team-high six tackles in Saturday's win over McNeese as he leads the team with 34 tackles this season. Tolbert ranks second in the Big South-OVC in total tackles and 51st in the FCS. He was a first-team All-OVC linebacker last season and was the Stats Perform National Defensive Player of the Week following the season opening win over Indiana State where he had 12 tackles, a forced fumble and interception.

• Joel Barrows played a big part in EIU's defense on Saturday against McNeese finishing with four tackles, a half tackle for loss and two of the Panthers four quarterback hurries on the day. Barrows, who was EIU's returning sack leader from last year with three, has 13 tackles this season with one tackle for loss and a fumble recovery.

• Eastern Illinois defense was not able to force a McNeese turnover on Saturday as both teams played turnover free football. The Panthers ten takeaways this season continues to lead the Big South-OVC and ranks fifth in the FCS. Morgan State is the national leader in turnovers gained with 14.

• EIU's defense once again was steady on third down defense as they held McNeese to 4-of-9 on third down conversions on Saturday. For the season EIU's defense is allowing opponents to convert at just 31.8 percent on third down which ranks 23rd in the FCS and second in the Big South-OVC. Last season EIU had its struggles getting off the field on third down ranking 89th in the FCS allowing opponents to convert at 43 percent.

• Freshman offensive tackle Nic DiSanto got his second start of the season making the start at right tackle as Jack Valente slid over to start at left tackle for Chad Strickland against McNeese. DiSanto's first college start and his first collegiate snaps came at FBS member Bowling Green. EIU has had the injury bug hit its offensive line in bits-and-pieces this year as they have started four different offensive line combinations in four games. Center Drew Wilder is the lone player to start every game this season on the offensive line. Last season EIU had eight different starting offensive line combinations in 11 games with only two games with the same line-up in back to back weeks.

• Wide receiver Justin Thomas hauled in three passes for 28 yards on Saturday against McNeese in his second week back in the active line-up. In his return against Illinois State, Thomas had seven catches for 80 yards including both of the Panthers touchdowns. Thomas, a graduate transfer, was a Division III All-American at Albion and ranks 10th on the NCAA's active player list for receiving yards with 2,922.

• Defensive lineman Drake Van Hyfte has seen increased playing time the last two weeks as the Panthers have missed some defensive linemen due to injury. On Saturday against McNeese he collected one of four EIU tackles for loss finishing the game with three total tackles. Last week against Illinois State he had two tackles with a quarterback hurry.

• EIU's offense has utilized the running back as an additional receiver with the MJ Flowers (12) and Kevin Daniels (11) ranking in the top five on the team in receptions this season. As a unit EIU running backs have caught 24 of the Panthers 97 completed passes this season for 152 yards and a touchdown.

2023 Big South-OVC Football Standings

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

This Week In Big South-OVC Football

Saturday - September 30

Howard at Robert Morris - 11 am
 Bryant at Rhode Island - 12 pm
 Kennesaw State at Charleston Southern - 5 pm
 * Tennessee State at UT Martin - 6 pm
 Eastern Illinois at Northwestern State - 6 pm
 Austin Peay at Lindenwood - 6 pm

Idle - Tennessee Tech, Southeast Missouri, &
 Gardner-Webb

* 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)

• Eastern Illinois has dominated time of possession in its last two wins over Illinois State and McNeese possessing the football for 11 minutes more than its opponent in both dramatic wins. In both games EIU held the ball for more than 35 minutes in the contest after nearly splitting the time of possession in its opening two road games at Indiana State and Bowling Green. For the season EIU is averaging 32:49 minutes of possession per game which leads the Big South-OVC Football Association and ranks 20th this season in the FCS. The last time EIU had back-to-back games with 35 minutes or more of possession was in late October 2011 against Murray State and UT Martin.

• MJ Flowers big rushing day was the third best single game effort in school history trailing only J.R. Taylor's 308 yards against Florida Atlantic (2002) and Kevin Staple's 283 yards against Grand Valley State (1983). It marked only the fifth time in school history that an EIU running back rushed for more than 250 yards and 22nd time over 200 yards in school history. The last back over the 200-yard mark in a game was Isaiah Johnson with 236 yards against Murray State in 2017.

• Stone Galloway's 56-yard field goal with 20 seconds remaining became his first game winning field goal at Eastern Illinois. Galloway is now 1-of-3 on 50-yard field goal attempts in his career. His previous career long was 44-yards. Galloway is 25-of-33 on career kicks and ranks seventh in career field goals made. The last EIU player to win a game with field goal was Nick Bruno with a 38-yard make in overtime against UT Martin in 2018.

• Punter Jacob Horvath continues to play well during his first season of American football. The freshman from Australia had never seen an American football game in person prior to stepping on the field in the season opener at Indiana State. He responded by being named the Big South-OVC Freshman of the Week. Since that time Horvath has averaged 40.8 yards per punt to rank 40th in the FCS. He has seven punts inside the 20-yard line and two over 50-yards. In addition he has become the holder on field goals and extra points playing a role in both wins by the kicking game the last two weeks.

• 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 56-37 career record. Complete Coach Chris Wilkerson bio available on page 6 of EIU game notes...

NORTHWESTERN STATE HEAD COACH BRAD LAIRD

Brad Laird is in his sixth season as the head coach at his alma mater, Northwestern State. A quarterback for the Demons in the early 1990's, Laird has spent his entire collegiate coaching career at Northwestern State. He began as a graduate assistant in 1996 and had three different stints as the program's defensive coordinator before becoming the head coach in 2018. Laird has a record of 16-38 after finishing third in the Southland Conference race last season.

SCOUTING NORTHWESTERN STATE

Northwestern State is off to an 0-3 start to the year and will be playing its fourth straight game in The Pelican State as they have played two road games at FBS members Louisiana and Louisiana Tech along with hosting Stephen F. Austin. The Demons defense has allowed 43.3 points per game but does rank in the top 40 in FCS in tackles for loss with 18. Donovan Green is the leader with three TFL while Jared Pedraza, Trevion Sneed and Ty Ely all have 2.5 TFL. Jaeden Ward is the leading tackler with 23 stops. Four backs have split up the carries this season with Scooter Adams the top ball carrier with 128 yards. Tyler Vander Waal has passed for 306 yards with Jaren Mitchell the top target with seven catches.

THE SERIES

Eastern Illinois and Northwestern State will be meeting for the second game of a two-year home-and-home series as part of a scheduling alliance between the Ohio Valley Conference and Southland Conference. EIU won last year's opening match-up in Charleston 35-27 to take a 3-1 lead in the all-time series. The previous games in the series all took part in the late 1980's and early 1990's. In the 1993 meeting between the two schools both current head coaches played for the teams they are currently leading. Brad Laird was the Demons quarterback passing for 142 yards and a touchdown. Chris Wilkerson was on the EIU defensive line and made one tackle in the game.

LAST TEN MEETINGS

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|----------------------|--|
| <i>Oct. 8, 2023</i> | <i>EIU 35, Northwestern State 27 at EIU</i> |
| <i>Nov. 6, 1993</i> | <i>Northwestern State 34, EIU 26 at EIU</i> |
| <i>Sept. 8, 1990</i> | <i>EIU 23, Northwestern State 22 at NWST</i> |
| <i>Sept. 9, 1989</i> | <i>EIU 20, Northwestern State 10 at EIU</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..... | 21.8 | 13.7 |
| Average Points Allowed..... | 19.8 | 43.3 |
| First Downs..... | 84 | 39 |
| Rushing Yards Per Game | 124.5 | 115.3 |
| Rushing Touchdowns | 4 | 2 |
| Passing Yards Per Game | 231.5 | 124.3 |
| Passing Touchdowns | 6 | 3 |
| Average Yards Per Game | 356 | 239.7 |
| Interceptions Thrown | 4 | 6 |
| Fumbles - Lost | 4-1 | 8-4 |
| Turnovers Gained..... | 10 | 6 |
| Punting Average | 40.8 | 32.7 |
| Field Goals (ATT/MADE) | 2-of-2 | 2-of-2 |
| 3rd Down Conversions | 22-of-55 (40%) | 10-of-50 (20%) |
| 4th Down Conversions..... | 5-of-12 (42%) | 4-of-8 (50%) |
| Sacks By (Yards)..... | 4 (27) | 3 (19) |
| Penalties (Yards) | 22 (198) | 18 (177) |
| Time of Possession (Game) | 32:49 | 29:53 |

Statistical Leaders**RUSHING YARDS (Touchdowns)**

| EASTERN ILLINOIS | NORTHWESTERN STATE |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| MJ Flowers.....296 (1) | Scooter Adams128 (0) |
| Kevin Daniels.....165 (0) | Darius Boone110 (0) |

PASSING YARDS (Touchdowns)

| EASTERN ILLINOIS | NORTHWESTERN STATE |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Pierce Holley.....926 (6) | Tyler Vander Waal.....306 (2) |
| | Quaterius Hawkins.....67 (1) |

RECEPTIONS (Yards)

| EASTERN ILLINOIS | NORTHWESTERN STATE |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Eli Mirza22 (201) | Jaren Mitchell.....7 (95) |
| Justin Bowick.....12 (128) | Zach Patterson.....6 (22) |
| MJ Flowers.....12 (64) | Scooter Adams.....5 (67) |

TACKLES

| EASTERN ILLINOIS | NORTHWESTERN STATE |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Elijahwah Tolbert.....34 | Jaeden Ward23 |
| Mark Aitken21 | Jared Pedraza19 |
| Blake Ruffin21 | Trevion Sneed12 |
| Anthony Shockey.....17 | Kevin Davis11 |
| Kaelin Drakeford14 | Ara Rauls11 |

TACKLES FOR LOSS / SACKS

| EASTERN ILLINOIS | NORTHWESTERN STATE |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Nicholas Oliveria-Chace 2.5 | Donovan Green3.....1 |
| Blake Ruffin2.....1 | Ty Ely2.5.....1 |
| Elijahwah Tolbert.....2.....0 | Jared Pedraza2.5.....0 |

Eastern Illinois In The OVC/NCAA Stats

2023

TEAM

| | NCAA | CONF |
|---------------------------|-------|------|
| Rushing Offense | 81st | 6th |
| Passing Offense | 37th | 2nd |
| Passing Efficiency | 61st | 4th |
| Total Offense | 58th | 4th |
| Scoring Offense | 71st | 4th |
| Rushing Defense | 56th | 3rd |
| Pass Defense | 75th | 5th |
| Pass Efficiency Def. | 56th | 3rd |
| Total Defense | 69th | 5th |
| Scoring Defense | 19th | 1st |
| Net Punting | 28th | 2nd |
| Punt Returns | 108th | 8th |
| Kickoff Returns | 109th | 9th |
| Turnover Margin | 11th | 2nd |
| Turnovers Gained | 5th | 1st |
| Sacks | 87th | 7th |
| Tackles For Loss | 72nd | 7th |
| Sacks Allowed | 120th | 10th |
| 3rd Down Conversion | 46th | 3rd |
| 4th Down Conversion | 80th | 8th |
| 3rd Down Defense | 23rd | 2nd |
| Red Zone Offense | 94th | 7th |
| Red Zone Defense | 55th | 4th |
| Time of Possession | 20th | 1st |

INDIVIDUAL (Top 50)

| | NCAA | CONF |
|--|------|------|
| Pierce Holley (Comp. Pct.) | 25th | 3rd |
| Pierce Holley (Passing Touchdowns) | 30th | 4th |
| Pierce Holley (Passing Yards) | 19th | 2nd |
| Pierce Holley (Total Offense) | 47th | 4th |
| Justin Thomas (Receiving Touchdowns) .. | 41st | 4th |
| Eli Mirza (Receptions) | 30th | 4th |
| MJ Flowers (Yards Per Carry) | 14th | 2nd |
| MJ Flowers (Rushing Yards) | 33rd | 3rd |
| Elijahwah Tolbert (Tackles) | 51st | 2nd |
| Russell Dandy (Fumble Recovery) | 15th | 1st |
| Russell Dandy (Passes Defended) | 13th | 1st |
| Joel Barrows (Fumble Recovery) | 15th | 1st |
| Kaelin Drakeford (Fumble Recovery) | 15th | 1st |
| Jacob Horvath (Punting) | 40th | 3rd |

SHUT OUT STREAK ENDS

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

Longest EIU Streaks

197 (1977-97) ended 8/28/97 at Western Illinois
139 (2003-15) ended 9/12/15 at Northwestern

OVC SUCCESS

Eastern Illinois was the OVC's most successful school in terms of wins during the first decade of the 2000's as the Panthers posted 72 wins during that span. EIU leads the conference with the most post-season appearances since the Panthers joined the league in 1996.

(FCS Playoff Appearances Since 1996)

11 - Eastern Illinois
9 - Jacksonville State *
5 - Eastern Kentucky *
4 - Southeast Missouri
3 - Tennessee State
2 - Murray State
2 - UT Martin
1 - Tennessee Tech
1 - Western Kentucky *
1 - Austin Peay *
* indicates team no longer in the OVC

2023 WEEKLY AWARDS

Week 1 - Elijahwah Tolbert (Defense) *

Week 1 - Jacob Horvarth (Freshman)

Week 3 - MJ Flowers (Freshman)

Week 4 - MJ Flowers (Freshman) *

Week 4 - Stone Galloway (Special)

* Indicates National Player of the Week

NCAA PLAYOFF APPEARANCES

School.....# Appearances (Last)

Montana 27 (2022)
Northern Iowa 22 (2021)
Eastern Kentucky 22 (2022)
Furman 19 (2022)
Delaware 18 (2022)
New Hampshire 17 (2022)
EASTERN ILLINOIS 16 (2015)
McNeese State 16 (2015)
Eastern Washington..... 15 (2021)
Villanova 14 (2021)
North Dakota State..... 13 (2022)

Former FCS members now playing at FBS level

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

FCS Division I Playoffs

1982 - Quarterfinals
1983 - First Round
1986- Quarterfinals
1989 - Quarterfinals
1995 - First Round
1996 - First Round
2000 - First Round
2001 - First Round
2002 - First Round
2005 - First Round
2006 - First Round
2007 - First Round
2009 - First Round
2012 - First Round
2013 - Quarterfinals
2015 - First Round

Division II Playoffs

1978 (National Champions)
1980 (National Runners-up)



CHRIS WILKERSON

Head Coach

2nd year at Eastern Illinois as Head Coach

(9th season at EIU overall)

Eastern Illinois, 1995

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Eastern Illinois

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

Prior To Eastern Illinois

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

Personal

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

| Eastern Illinois | | | | |
|------------------------------|--|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| Year | Overall W-L | Pct. | Conf. W-L | Pct. |
| 2023 | 3-1 | .750 | 0-0 (BSOVC) | --- |
| 2022 | 2-9 | .182 | 1-4 (OVC) | .200 |
| Totals | 5-10 | .333 | 1-4 | .200 |
| University of Chicago Record | | | | |
| 2021 | 8-2 | .800 | 7-2 (MWC) | .778 |
| 2020 | *Season cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic | | | |
| 2019 | 6-3 | .667 | 6-1 (MWC) | .857 |
| 2018 | 7-3 | .700 | 7-1 (MWC) | .875 |
| 2017 | 6-4 | .600 | 6-2 (MWC) | .750 |
| 2016 | 4-6 | .400 | 4-4 (SAA) | .500 |
| 2015 | 6-4 | .600 | 5-3 (SAA) | .625 |
| 2014 | 8-1 | .889 | 3-0 (UAA) | 1.000 |
| 2013 | 6-4 | .600 | 1-2 (UAA) | .333 |
| Totals | 51-27 | .654 | 39-15 | .722 |
| | | | | 9 years |
| Career | 56-37 | .602 | 40-19 | .678 |



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...

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

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...

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

Had 15 or more tackles on defense...

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

Had 3 or more sacks on defense...

Jordan Miles, 3, at Tennessee Tech (Sept. 25, 2021)

Had 4 or more tackles for loss on defense...

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

Had 2 or more interceptions

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

Recovered an onside kick...

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

Offensive Lineman Scored a Touchdown

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

2023 EASTERN ILLINOIS TOUCHDOWNS

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

1.....Justin Bowick 35 pass from Pierce Holleyat Indiana State
2.....Tyris Harvey 19 interception returnat Indiana State
2.....NiJhay Burt 67 interception returnat Indiana State
3.....Anthony Manaves 2 pass from Pierce Holley.....at Indiana State
1.....Kevin Daniels 15 pass from Pierce Holleyat Bowling Green
2.....DeAirious Smith 31 pass from Pierce Holley.....at Bowling Green
2.....Justin Thomas 31 pass from Pierce Holley.....Illinois State
4.....Justin Thomas 25 pass from Pierce Holley.....Illinois State
1.....Pierce Holley 1 runMcNeese
2.....Eli Mirza 12 runMcNeese
4.....MJ Flowers 6 runMcNeese
4.....Juwon Farri 19 runMcNeese

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 |
|---------|----------------------------|------|

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 |
|--------|----------------------------|------|

TURNOVERS CAUSED:

| | | |
|---------|------------------------------|------|
| 13..... | vs. Northern Illinois | 1940 |
| 9..... | vs. Northeast Missouri | 1983 |
| 9..... | vs. Western Illinois | 1980 |

EIU OVERTIME GAMES

DOUBLE OVERTIME

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| + Nov. 26, 1983 at Indiana State..... L 13-16 | | |
| Nov. 11, 2000 at Illinois State..... L 41-44 | | |
| Sept. 15, 2012 at Illinois State..... L 51-54 | | |
| Sept. 14, 2013 at Southern Illinois..... W 40-37 | | |
| Sept. 30, 2017 at Tennessee State..... W 19-16 | | |
| Oct. 14, 2017 at Murray State..... W 27-24 | | |
| Oct. 15, 2022 vs. Lindenwood..... L 34-37 | | |
| OVERTIME | | |
| + Nov. 27, 1982 vs. Jackson State..... W 16-13 | | |
| Sept. 11, 2004 vs. Indiana State..... L 30-33 | | |
| Nov. 6, 2004 at Tennessee Tech..... L 37-40 | | |
| Nov. 6, 2010 at Tennessee State..... W 31-28 | | |
| Sept. 22, 2012 vs. Murray State..... W 50-49 | | |
| Oct. 11, 2014 at Eastern Kentucky..... L 33-36 | | |
| Sept. 19, 2015 vs. Illinois State..... L 31-34 | | |
| Oct. 17, 2015 at Tennessee State..... W 25-22 | | |
| Nov. 4, 2017 vs. Eastern Kentucky..... W 23-20 | | |
| Oct. 20, 2018 vs. UT Martin..... W 24-21 | | |

+ 1982 & 1983 games in FCS playoffs

MOST PLAYS IN A GAME:

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

MOST PLAYS IN A GAME BY BOTH TEAMS:

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

OPPONENTS AGAINST EASTERN ILLINOIS

TOTAL OFFENSE:

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

RUSHING YARDAGE:

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

PASSING YARDAGE:

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

POINTS

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

LOWEST OFFENSIVE TOTAL:

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

OPPONENT FEWEST RUSHING YARDS:

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

OPPONENT FEWEST PASSING YARDS:

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

TOTAL OFFENSE:

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

RUSHING YARDAGE:

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| J.R. Taylor..... | 308 vs. Florida Atlantic..... | 2002 |
| Kevin Staple..... | 283 vs. Grand Valley..... | 1983 |
| MJ Flowers..... | 272 vs. McNeese..... | 2023 |
| Nate Anderson..... | 268 vs. St. Joseph..... | 1973 |
| Nate Anderson..... | 259 vs. SW Missouri..... | 1972 |
| Shepard Little..... | 245 vs. Jacksonville State..... | 2013 |

RUSHING ATTEMPTS:

| | | |
|------------------|---------------------------|------|
| Willie High..... | 48 vs. Northern Iowa..... | 1993 |
|------------------|---------------------------|------|

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:

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|--------------------|-----------------------|------|
| 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:

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|---|-----------------------------|------|
| 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:

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|----------------------|------------------------------|------|
| 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:

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|------|
| 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:

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|----------------------|------------------------------|------|
| Trevor Frericks..... | 7.0 vs. Tennessee State..... | 2009 |
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QUARTERBACK SACKS:

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

PASSES INTERCEPTED:

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

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

INDIVIDUAL GAME RECORDS
LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS:

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

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN:

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

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR TD:

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

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| Bryce Dewberry..... | 90 at Tennessee Tech..... | 2021 |
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LONGEST FIELD GOAL:

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|--------------------|---------------------------|------|
| 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:

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|------|
| 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:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Pierce Holley.... | 20 vs. Illinois State.. | 2023 |
| Sean Payton..... | 17 vs. Western Kentucky..... | 1986 |
| Tony Romo..... | 16 vs. Indiana State..... | 2001 |

MOST FIELD GOALS:

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

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

MOST INTERCEPTIONS THROWN:

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| 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

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

MISC. SEASON NOTES & STATS

EIU NCAA FBS TRANSFERS

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

EIU NCAA FCS TRANSFERS

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

EIU ROSTER BY CLASS

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

EIU ROSTER BY STATE

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

EIU OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

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

RUNNING BACK

| | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|------|
| 20 ... MJ Flowers | 6-1 | 195 | R-Fr |
| or 23 ... Kevin Daniels..... | 6-2 | 230 | R-So |
| 8 ... Juwon Farri..... | 5-9 | 195 | Grad |

TIGHT END

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

LEFT TACKLE

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

LEFT GUARD

| | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|------|
| 78 ... Max Stineman..... | 6-4 | 345 | Jr |
| 71 ... Sebastian Pares | 6-6 | 300 | R-Jr |

CENTER

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

RIGHT GUARD

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

RIGHT TACKLE

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

RECEIVER

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

RECEIVER

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

RECEIVER

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|-----------------------------|------|-----|----|
| 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 56-37 (9), **EIU Record** 5-10 (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

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|------|
| 44 ... Terence Simon Jr | 6-1 | 285 | Jr |
| or 92 ... Colby Smith..... | 6-0 | 285 | Jr |
| 95 ... Drake Van Hyfte | 6-4 | 265 | R-So |

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

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

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 |

KICKOFF

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|----|
| 89 ... Daniel Luoma | 6-2 | 240 | Jr |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|----|

PUNTER

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|----|
| 93 ... Jacob Horvath..... | 6-1 | 190 | Fr |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|----|

HOLDER

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|----|
| 93 ... Jacob Horvath..... | 6-1 | 190 | Fr |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|----|

LONG SNAPPER

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|------|
| 98 ... Brett Galetti (Punt)..... | 6-1 | 220 | R-So |
| 66 ... Jack Valente (FG) | 6-4 | 310 | Jr |

PUNT RETURNS

| | | | |
|-----------------------|------|-----|----|
| 7 ... Eli Mirza | 5-11 | 190 | Jr |
|-----------------------|------|-----|----|

KICK RETURNS

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



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

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

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

FIRST QUARTER

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

SECOND QUARTER

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

THIRD QUARTER

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

TEAM STATSEIUINST

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

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Daniels (13-7-0), 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 Bazelak (Anaya kick) - 9:43
 EIU - Daniels 15 pass from Holley (kick failed) - 4:57

SECOND QUARTER

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

THIRD QUARTER

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

FOURTH QUARTER

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

TEAM STATSEIUBG

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

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

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

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

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

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

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

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

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

RECAP

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



GAME 3 - Sept. 16, 2023 **#25 Illinois State..... 13** **Eastern Illinois 14**

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

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

SECOND QUARTER

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

THIRD QUARTER

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

FOURTH QUARTER

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

TEAM STATSEIU ISU

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

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

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

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

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

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

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

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

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

RECAP

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

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

McNeese 28
 Eastern Illinois 31

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

| Scoring | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Final |
|------------------------|----|----|---|----|-------|
| McNeese | 14 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 28 |
| Eastern Illinois | 7 | 7 | 0 | 17 | 31 |

FIRST QUARTER

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

SECOND QUARTER

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

FOURTH QUARTER

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

TEAM STATSEIUMCN

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

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

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

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

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

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

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

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

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

RECAP

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

2023 EIU PANTHERS FOOTBALL
EASTERN ILLINOIS Game Results

| Date | Opponent | Score | Overall Record | Conf Record | Time | Attend |
|--------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|----------------|------|--------|
| ---- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ---- | ----- |
| Aug 31, 2023 | at Indiana State | W 27-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 2:56 | 4,355 |
| Sep 9, 2023 | at Bowling Green | 15-38 L | 1-1 | 0-0 | 3:07 | 12,312 |
| Sep 16, 2023 | #25 ILLINOIS STATE | W 14-13 | 2-1 | 0-0 | 3:18 | 6,602 |
| Sep 23, 2023 | McNEESE | W 31-28 | 3-1 | 0-0 | 3:30 | 6,565 |

* indicates Big South-OVC Football Association Game

2022 EASTERN ILLINOIS STARTERS

| OPPONENT | WR | WR | RT | RG | C | LG | LT | WR/TE | TE | RB | QB |
|----------------|----------|----------|---------|---------|--------|----------|------------|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Indiana State | Mirza | Willman | Valente | Imperio | Wilder | Stineman | Strickland | Bowick | Manaves | Daniels | Holley |
| Bowling Green | Mirza | D. Smith | DiSanto | Pares | Wilder | Stineman | Strickland | Bowick | Manaves | Daniels | Holley |
| Illinois State | Mirza | Thomas | Valente | Imperio | Wilder | Pares | Strickland | Bowick | Manaves | Daniels | Holley |
| McNeese | D. Smith | Thomas | DiSanto | Pares | Wilder | Stineman | Valente | Luoma | Manaves | Flowers | Holley |

| 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 |
| Illinois State | Barrows | Simon | Jefferson | Oliveria-Chace | Tolbert | Shockey | Coates | Dandy | Ruffin | Aitken | Harvey |
| McNeese | Barrows | Simon | Jefferson | Oliveria-Chace | Tolbert | Shockey | Coates | Dandy | Ruffin | Aitken | Harvey |



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Team Statistics

| | EIU | OPP |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Scoring | 87 | 79 |
| Points per game | 21.8 | 19.8 |
| Points Off Turnovers | 12 | 3 |
| First Downs | 84 | 85 |
| Rushing | 28 | 37 |
| Passing | 50 | 43 |
| Penalty | 6 | 5 |
| Rushing Yardage | 498 | 628 |
| Yards gained rushing | 634 | 725 |
| Yards lost rushing | 136 | 97 |
| Rushing attempts | 132 | 134 |
| Average per rush | 3.8 | 4.7 |
| Average per game | 124.5 | 157.0 |
| TDs Rushing | 4 | 6 |
| Passing Yardage | 926 | 917 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 97-148-4 | 71-117-7 |
| Average per pass | 6.3 | 7.8 |
| Average per catch | 9.5 | 12.9 |
| Average per game | 231.5 | 229.3 |
| TDs Passing | 6 | 5 |
| Total offense | 1424 | 1545 |
| Total plays | 280 | 251 |
| Average per play | 5.1 | 6.2 |
| Average per game | 356.0 | 386.3 |
| Kick returns: #-Yards | 12-175 | 10-198 |
| Punt returns: #-Yards | 0-0 | 6-19 |
| Int returns: #-Yards | 7-103 | 4-35 |
| Kick return average | 14.6 | 19.8 |
| Punt return average | 0.0 | 3.2 |
| Int return average | 14.7 | 8.8 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 4-2 | 4-3 |
| Penalties-Yards | 22-198 | 19-178 |
| Average per game | 49.5 | 44.5 |
| Punts-Yards | 19-775 | 14-607 |
| Average per punt | 40.8 | 43.4 |
| Net punt average | 38.7 | 43.4 |
| Kickoffs-Yards | 18-1087 | 17-1004 |
| Average per kick | 60.4 | 59.1 |
| Net kick average | 39.4 | 41.7 |
| Time of possession / game | 32:49 | 27:12 |
| 3rd-down conversion | 22/55 | 14/44 |
| 3rd-down pct | 40% | 32% |
| 4rd-down conversion | 5/12 | 4/9 |



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| | EIU | OPP |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 4rd-down pct | 42% | 44% |
| Sacks by-Yards | 4-27 | 17-113 |
| Misc Yards | 0 | 0 |
| Touchdowns scored | 12 | 11 |
| Field goals - attempts | 2-2 | 1-4 |
| On-Side kicks | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Red-zone scores | (7-10) 70% | (9-11) 82% |
| Red-zone touchdowns | (6-10) 60% | (8-11) 73% |
| PAT-attempts | (7-9) 78% | (10-11) 91% |
| 2-point conversion-attempts | (0-3) 0% | (0-0) 0% |
| Attendance | 13167 | 16667 |
| Games / Avg per game | 2/6584 | 2/8334 |
| Neutral site games | - | 0/0 |

Score by Periods

| Team | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | TOT |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Eastern Ill. | 19 | 32 | 9 | 27 | 0 | 87 |
| Opponents | 21 | 28 | 17 | 13 | 0 | 79 |



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Rushing

| Player | gp | att | gain | loss | net | avg | td | lg | avg/g |
|------------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| MJ Flowers | 4 | 41 | 297 | 1 | 296 | 7.2 | 1 | 65 | 74.0 |
| Kevin Daniels | 3 | 39 | 173 | 8 | 165 | 4.2 | 0 | 18 | 55.0 |
| Juwon Farri | 4 | 4 | 41 | 0 | 41 | 10.3 | 1 | 19 | 10.3 |
| Eli Mirza | 4 | 3 | 41 | 0 | 41 | 13.7 | 1 | 27 | 10.3 |
| Kendi Young | 3 | 12 | 32 | 7 | 25 | 2.1 | 0 | 7 | 8.3 |
| Jacob Horvath | 4 | 1 | 23 | 0 | 23 | 23.0 | 0 | 23 | 5.8 |
| Pierce Holley | 4 | 29 | 27 | 118 | -91 | -3.1 | 1 | 8 | -22.8 |
| Team | 4 | 3 | 0 | 2 | -2 | -0.7 | 0 | 0 | -0.5 |
| Total | 4 | 132 | 634 | 136 | 498 | 3.8 | 4 | 65 | 124.5 |
| Opponents | 4 | 134 | 725 | 97 | 628 | 4.7 | 6 | 72 | 157.0 |

Passing

| Player | gp | effic | comp-att-int | pct | yds | td | lg | avg/g |
|------------------|----------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| Pierce Holley | 4 | 128.7 | 97-145-4 | 66.9 | 926 | 6 | 38 | 231.5 |
| Cooper Willman | 1 | 0.0 | 0-1-0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Eli Mirza | 4 | 0.0 | 0-1-0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Team | 4 | 0.0 | 0-1-0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Total | 4 | 126.1 | 97-148-4 | 65.5 | 926 | 6 | 38 | 231.5 |
| Opponents | 4 | 128.7 | 71-117-7 | 60.7 | 917 | 5 | 58 | 229.3 |

Receiving

| Player | gp | no. | yds | avg | td | lg | avg/g |
|------------------|----------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| Eli Mirza | 4 | 22 | 201 | 9.1 | 0 | 38 | 50.3 |
| MJ Flowers | 4 | 12 | 64 | 5.3 | 0 | 12 | 16.0 |
| Justin Bowick | 4 | 12 | 128 | 10.7 | 1 | 35 | 32.0 |
| Anthony Manaves | 4 | 11 | 89 | 8.1 | 1 | 13 | 22.3 |
| Kevin Daniels | 3 | 11 | 65 | 5.9 | 1 | 15 | 21.7 |
| Justin Thomas | 2 | 10 | 108 | 10.8 | 2 | 31 | 54.0 |
| DeAirious Smith | 4 | 8 | 126 | 15.8 | 1 | 31 | 31.5 |
| Cooper Willman | 1 | 5 | 53 | 10.6 | 0 | 19 | 53.0 |
| Lazerick Eatman | 4 | 3 | 37 | 12.3 | 0 | 22 | 9.3 |
| Dewayne Cooks Jr | 4 | 1 | 37 | 37.0 | 0 | 37 | 9.3 |
| Daniel Luoma | 4 | 1 | 5 | 5.0 | 0 | 5 | 1.3 |
| Kendi Young | 3 | 1 | 13 | 13.0 | 0 | 13 | 4.3 |
| Total | 4 | 97 | 926 | 9.5 | 6 | 38 | 231.5 |
| Opponents | 4 | 71 | 917 | 12.9 | 5 | 58 | 229.3 |

Punt Returns

| Player | no. | yds | avg | td | lg |
|------------------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Opponents | 6 | 19 | 3.2 | 0 | 7 |

Interceptions

| Player | no. | yds | avg | td | lg |
|-------------------|----------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Anthony Shockey | 1 | 16 | 16.0 | 0 | 16 |
| Mark Aitken | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Russell Dandy | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tyris Harvey | 1 | 19 | 19.0 | 1 | 19 |
| Blake Ruffin | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Elijahwah Tolbert | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 0 | 1 |
| Nijhay Burt | 1 | 67 | 67.0 | 1 | 67 |
| Total | 7 | 103 | 14.7 | 2 | 67 |
| Opponents | 4 | 35 | 8.8 | 0 | 35 |

Kick Returns

| Player | no. | yds | avg | td | lg |
|------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Mark Aitken | 6 | 98 | 16.3 | 0 | 28 |
| Lazerick Eatman | 3 | 32 | 10.7 | 0 | 18 |
| Joel Barrows | 1 | 14 | 14.0 | 0 | 14 |
| Zay Gentry | 1 | 10 | 10.0 | 0 | 10 |
| Eli Mirza | 1 | 21 | 21.0 | 0 | 21 |
| Total | 12 | 175 | 14.6 | 0 | 28 |
| Opponents | 10 | 198 | 19.8 | 0 | 35 |

Fumble Returns

| Player | no. | yds | avg | td | lg |
|------------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| Joel Barrows | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Russell Dandy | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kaelin Drakeford | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Opponents | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |



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Scoring

| Player | td | fg | PAT | | | | | | pts |
|------------------|-----------|------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | | | kick | rush | rcv | pass | dxp | saf | |
| Justin Thomas | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 12 |
| Julian Patino | - | 1-1 | 6-6 | - | - | - | - | - | 9 |
| Anthony Manaves | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Pierce Holley | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Juwon Farri | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Kevin Daniels | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| DeAirious Smith | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Tyris Harvey | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| MJ Flowers | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Nijhay Burt | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Justin Bowick | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Eli Mirza | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Stone Galloway | - | 1-1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| William Orth | - | - | 1-3 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Total | 12 | 2-2 | 7-9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 87 |
| Opponents | 11 | 1-4 | 10-11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 79 |

Field Goals

| Player | fg | pct. | 01-19 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-99 | lg | blk |
|------------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Stone Galloway | 1-1 | 100.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 56 | 0 |
| Julian Patino | 1-1 | 100.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 31 | 0 |
| Opponents | 1-4 | 25.0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 27 | 0 |

FG Sequence

| Team Name | Eastern Ill. | Opponents |
|---------------|--------------|-----------|
| Bowling Green | (31) | (27) |
| McNeese | (56) | 48 |
| Illinois St. | | 37,40 |

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

| Player | g | plays | rush | pass | total | avg/g |
|------------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Pierce Holley | 4 | 174 | -91 | 926 | 835 | 208.8 |
| MJ Flowers | 4 | 41 | 296 | 0 | 296 | 74.0 |
| Kevin Daniels | 3 | 39 | 165 | 0 | 165 | 55.0 |
| Juwon Farri | 4 | 4 | 41 | 0 | 41 | 10.3 |
| Eli Mirza | 4 | 4 | 41 | 0 | 41 | 10.3 |
| Kendi Young | 3 | 12 | 25 | 0 | 25 | 8.3 |
| Jacob Horvath | 4 | 1 | 23 | 0 | 23 | 5.8 |
| Team | 4 | 0 | -2 | 0 | -2 | -0.5 |
| Total | 4 | 280 | 498 | 926 | 1424 | 356.0 |
| Opponents | 4 | 251 | 628 | 917 | 1545 | 386.3 |

Punting

| Player | no. | yds | avg | lg | tb | fc | i20 | 50+ | blk |
|------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Jacob Horvath | 19 | 775 | 40.8 | 57 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| Total | 19 | 775 | 40.8 | 57 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| Opponents | 14 | 607 | 43.4 | 71 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 0 |

Kickoffs

| Player | no. | yds | avg | tb | ob | retn | net | ydl |
|------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Daniel Luoma | 17 | 1047 | 61.6 | 5 | 1 | | | |
| William Orth | 1 | 40 | 40.0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Total | 18 | 1087 | 60.4 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 39.4 | 25 |
| Opponents | 17 | 1004 | 59.1 | 4 | 1 | 12 | 41.7 | 23 |



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All Purpose

| Player | g | rush | rcv | pr | kr | ir | total | avg/g |
|------------------|----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| MJ Flowers | 4 | 296 | 64 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 360 | 90.0 |
| Eli Mirza | 4 | 41 | 201 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 263 | 65.8 |
| Kevin Daniels | 3 | 165 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 230 | 76.7 |
| Justin Bowick | 4 | 0 | 128 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 128 | 32.0 |
| DeAirious Smith | 4 | 0 | 126 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 126 | 31.5 |
| Justin Thomas | 2 | 0 | 108 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 108 | 54.0 |
| Mark Aitken | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 98 | 0 | 98 | 24.5 |
| Anthony Manaves | 4 | 0 | 89 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 89 | 22.3 |
| Lazerick Eatman | 4 | 0 | 37 | 0 | 32 | 0 | 69 | 17.3 |
| Nijhay Burt | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67 | 67 | 16.8 |
| Cooper Willman | 1 | 0 | 53 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 53 | 53.0 |
| Juwon Farri | 4 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 10.3 |
| Kendi Young | 3 | 25 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 12.7 |
| Dewayne Cooks Jr | 4 | 0 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 9.3 |
| Jacob Horvath | 4 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 5.8 |
| Tyris Harvey | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 19 | 4.8 |
| Anthony Shockey | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 16 | 4.0 |
| Joel Barrows | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 14 | 3.5 |
| Zay Gentry | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 2.5 |
| Daniel Luoma | 4 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1.3 |
| Elijawah Tolbert | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.3 |
| Pierce Holley | 4 | -91 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -91 | -22.8 |
| Team | 4 | -2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -2 | -0.5 |
| Total | 4 | 498 | 926 | 0 | 175 | 103 | 1702 | 425.5 |
| Opponents | 4 | 628 | 917 | 19 | 198 | 35 | 1797 | 449.3 |



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Team Defense

| ## | Player | gp | Tackles | | | | Sacks | Pass defense | | | Fumbles | | blkd | |
|---------------|-------------------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | | ua | a | tot | tfl/yds | | int-yds | brup | qbh | fr-yds | ff | kick | saf |
| 1 | Elijawah Tolbert | 4 | 16 | 18 | 34 | 2-6 | . | 1-1 | . | 1 | . | 1 | . | . |
| 4 | Blake Ruffin | 4 | 16 | 5 | 21 | 2-11 | 1-10 | 1-0 | 1 | . | . | 1 | . | . |
| 2 | Mark Aitken | 4 | 14 | 6 | 20 | . | . | 1-0 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . |
| 5 | Anthony Shockey | 4 | 7 | 10 | 17 | 1-4 | . | 1-16 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . |
| 22 | Kaelin Drakeford | 4 | 10 | 4 | 14 | 1-1 | . | . | 1 | . | 1-0 | . | . | . |
| 6 | Joel Barrows | 4 | 3 | 10 | 13 | 1-4 | . | . | . | 2 | 1-0 | . | . | . |
| 91 | Nicholas Oliveira-Chace | 4 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 2.5-16 | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . |
| 0 | Ira Armstead | 4 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 1.5-10 | 1-8 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . |
| 19 | Phoenix Porter | 4 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 1.5-5 | 1-2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 3 | Russell Dandy | 4 | 9 | 2 | 11 | . | . | 1-0 | 5 | . | 1-0 | . | . | . |
| 11 | Alexandar Oyawale | 4 | 5 | 5 | 10 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 12 | Nick Coates | 4 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 2-3 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . |
| 9 | Braylon Willis | 4 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 1.5-7 | . | . | . | 3 | . | . | . | . |
| 56 | Tre'Jon Lewis | 2 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 0.5-0 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 95 | Drake Van Hyfte | 4 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 1.5-4 | . | . | . | 2 | . | . | . | . |
| 7 | Tyris Harvey | 4 | 3 | 4 | 7 | . | . | 1-19 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 34 | Nijhay Burt | 4 | 5 | . | 5 | . | . | 1-67 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . |
| 92 | Colby Smith | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . |
| 44 | Terence Simon | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . |
| 51 | Payton Orth | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 99 | Jaron Hacha | 4 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2-8 | 1-7 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . |
| 15 | Malik Rainey | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 28 | Brandon Guido | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 94 | Alton Jefferson | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 27 | Zay Gentry | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 50 | Luke Wagner | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . |
| 48 | Michael Jarosz | 4 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 7 | Eli Mirza | 4 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 13 | Alex Alteus | 4 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . |
| 89 | Daniel Luoma | 4 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 45 | Jack Pilson | 3 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 39 | Elijah Ball | 4 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 3 | Pierce Holley | 4 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 2 | Dewayne Cooks Jr | 4 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Totals | | 4 | 140 | 122 | 262 | 20-79 | 4-27 | 7-103 | 11 | 14 | 3-0 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Opponents | | 4 | 157 | 112 | 269 | 29-150 | 17-113 | 4-35 | 15 | 14 | 2-0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |



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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 |
| 09/16/2023 | Illinois St. | 27 | 18 | 0 | 12 | 36 | 291 | 2 | 31 | 36 | 50 | 2 | 291 | 2 | 31 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 309 |
| 09/23/2023 | McNeese | 49 | 311 | 4 | 65 | 21 | 141 | 0 | 14 | 21 | 34 | 0 | 141 | 0 | 14 | 3 | 61 | 0 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 452 |
| Eastern III. | | 132 | 498 | 4 | 65 | 97 | 926 | 6 | 38 | 97 | 148 | 4 | 926 | 6 | 38 | 12 | 175 | 0 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1424 |
| Opponents | | 134 | 628 | 6 | 72 | 71 | 917 | 5 | 58 | 71 | 117 | 7 | 917 | 5 | 58 | 10 | 198 | 0 | 35 | 6 | 19 | 0 | 7 | 1545 |

Eastern Ill. Averages

| Games | Avg/ rush | Avg/ catch | Pass effic | KR avg | PR avg | All purpose avg/game | Total offense avg/game |
|-------|-----------|------------|------------|--------|--------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 4 | 3.8 | 9.5 | 126.1 | 14.6 | 0.0 | 425.5 | 356.0 |

| Date | Opponent | Tackles | | | Sacks no-yds | Fumble ff fr-yds | Pass Defense | | | blkd kick | PAT attempts | | | off | | |
|---------------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|----------|----------------|
| | | ua | a | total | | | int-yds | qbh | brup | | kick | rush | rcv | saf | t/o | pts |
| 08/31/2023 | at Indiana St. | 35 | 34 | 69 | 6.0-22 | 3-19 | 2 | 2-0 | 4-103 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1-2 | 0 | 0 | 1 12 27 |
| 09/09/2023 | at Bowling Green | 34 | 46 | 80 | 4.0-12 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 0 15 |
| 09/16/2023 | Illinois St. | 40 | 22 | 62 | 6.0-26 | 0-0 | 1 | 1-0 | 3-0 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 2-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 0 14 |
| 09/23/2023 | McNeese | 31 | 20 | 51 | 4.0-19 | 1-8 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 4-4 | 0 | 0 | 0 0 31 |
| Eastern Ill. | | 140 | 122 | 262 | 20.0-79 | 4-27 | 3 | 3-0 | 7-103 | 14 | 11 | 0 | 7-9 | 0 | 0 | 1 12 87 |
| Opponents | | 157 | 112 | 269 | 29.0-150 | 17-113 | 3 | 2-0 | 4-35 | 14 | 15 | 0 | 10-11 | 0 | 0 | 0 3 79 |

| | | Punting | | | | | | | | | | Field Goals | | | Kickoffs | | | | |
|--------------|------------------|---------|-----|------|------|------|----|----|-----|-----|--------|-------------|------|-----|----------|------|----|----|--|
| Date | Opponent | no. | yds | avg | long | blkd | tb | fc | 50+ | i20 | md-att | long | blkd | no. | yds | avg | tb | ob | |
| 08/31/2023 | at Indiana St. | 4 | 170 | 42.5 | 57 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 285 | 57.0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 09/09/2023 | at Bowling Green | 3 | 131 | 43.7 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1-1 | 31 | 0 | 4 | 260 | 65.0 | 2 | 0 | |
| 09/16/2023 | Illinois St. | 8 | 323 | 40.4 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 184 | 61.3 | 1 | 0 | |
| 09/23/2023 | McNeese | 4 | 151 | 37.8 | 41 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1-1 | 56 | 0 | 6 | 358 | 59.7 | 2 | 1 | |
| Eastern Ill. | | 19 | 775 | 40.8 | 57 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 2-2 | 56 | 0 | 18 | 1087 | 60.4 | 5 | 1 | |
| Opponents | | 14 | 607 | 43.4 | 71 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 1-4 | 27 | 0 | 17 | 1004 | 59.1 | 4 | 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 |
| 09/16/2023 | Illinois St. | 30 | 115 | 2 | 26 | 20 | 237 | 0 | 30 | 20 | 37 | 3 | 237 | 0 | 30 | 2 | 30 | 0 | 20 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 352 |
| 09/23/2023 | McNeese | 34 | 271 | 2 | 72 | 13 | 196 | 2 | 30 | 13 | 24 | 0 | 196 | 2 | 30 | 1 | 17 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 467 |
| Opponents | | 134 | 628 | 6 | 72 | 71 | 917 | 5 | 58 | 71 | 117 | 7 | 917 | 5 | 58 | 10 | 198 | 0 | 35 | 6 | 19 | 0 | 7 | 1545 |
| Eastern Ill. | | 132 | 498 | 4 | 65 | 97 | 926 | 6 | 38 | 97 | 148 | 4 | 926 | 6 | 38 | 12 | 175 | 0 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1424 |

Opponents Averages

| Games | Avg/ rush | Avg/ catch | Pass effic | KR avg | PR avg | All purpose avg/game | Total offense avg/game |
|-------|-----------|------------|------------|--------|--------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 4 | 4.7 | 12.9 | 128.7 | 19.8 | 3.2 | 449.3 | 386.3 |

| Date | Opponent | Tackles | | | Sacks no-yds | Fumble ff fr-yds | Pass Defense | | | blkd kick | PAT attempts | | | off | | |
|---------------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | ua | a | total | | | int-yds | qbh | brup | | kick | rush | rcv | saf | t/o | pts |
| 08/31/2023 | at Indiana St. | 26 | 36 | 62 | 5.0-16 | 1-7 | 1-35 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 09/09/2023 | at Bowling Green | 27 | 40 | 67 | 9.0-41 | 5-34 | 1-0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 5-5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 38 |
| 09/16/2023 | Illinois St. | 49 | 14 | 63 | 11.0-62 | 8-44 | 2-0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| 09/23/2023 | McNeese | 55 | 22 | 77 | 4.0-31 | 3-28 | 0-0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 4-4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 |
| Opponents | | 157 | 112 | 269 | 29.0-150 | 17-113 | 4-35 | 14 | 15 | 0 | 10-11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 79 |
| Eastern Ill. | | 140 | 122 | 262 | 20.0-79 | 4-27 | 7-103 | 14 | 11 | 0 | 7-9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 87 |

| Date | Opponent | Punting | | | | | | | | | | Field Goals | | | Kickoffs | | | |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| | | no. | yds | avg | long | blkd | tb | fc | 50+ | i20 | md-att | long | blkd | no. | yds | avg | tb | ob |
| 08/31/2023 | at Indiana St. | 3 | 129 | 43.0 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 125 | 62.5 | 0 | 0 |
| 09/09/2023 | at Bowling Green | 2 | 91 | 45.5 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1-1 | 27 | 0 | 7 | 402 | 57.4 | 0 | 1 |
| 09/16/2023 | Illinois St. | 6 | 264 | 44.0 | 71 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0-2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 173 | 57.7 | 2 | 0 |
| 09/23/2023 | McNeese | 3 | 123 | 41.0 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0-1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 304 | 60.8 | 2 | 0 |
| Opponents | | 14 | 607 | 43.4 | 71 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 1-4 | 27 | 0 | 17 | 1004 | 59.1 | 4 | 1 |
| Eastern Ill. | | 19 | 775 | 40.8 | 57 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 2-2 | 56 | 0 | 18 | 1087 | 60.4 | 5 | 1 |



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Eastern Ill. Inside Opponent Red-Zone

| Date | Opponent | Score | Times | Times | Total | | | | Rush | Pass | FGs | Failed to score inside RZ | | | | |
|------------------------|------------------|---------|-------|--------|-------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|---------------------------|------|-----|------|-----------|
| | | | In RZ | Scored | Pts | TDs | TDs | TDs | TDs | TDs | Made | FGA | Down | Int | Fumb | Half Game |
| 08/31/2023 | at Indiana St. | W 27-0 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 09/09/2023 | at Bowling Green | L 15-38 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 09/16/2023 | Illinois St. | W 14-13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 09/23/2023 | McNeese | W 31-28 | 5 | 4 | 28 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals 7 of 10 (70.0%) | | | 10 | 7 | 44 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 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 | TDs | TDs | Made | FGA | Down | Int | Fumb | Half Game |
| 08/31/2023 | Indiana St. | W 27-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 09/09/2023 | Bowling Green | L 15-38 | 6 | 6 | 38 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 09/16/2023 | Illinois St. | W 14-13 | 4 | 2 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 09/23/2023 | McNeese | W 31-28 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals 9 of 11 (81.8%) | | | 11 | 9 | 58 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 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 |
| 09/16/2023 | Illinois St. | W | 14-13 | 8-17 47.1 | 2-4 50.0 | 3-5 60.0 | 2-4 50.0 | 1-4 25.0 | 0-0 0.0 |
| 09/23/2023 | McNeese | W | 31-28 | 8-16 50.0 | 1-2 50.0 | 4-7 57.1 | 1-3 33.3 | 2-4 50.0 | 0-0 0.0 |
| Eastern Ill. | | | | 22-55 40.0 | 6-12 50.0 | 8-18 44.4 | 4-11 36.4 | 4-14 28.6 | 0-0 0.0 |
| Opponents | | | | 14-44 31.8 | 4-11 36.4 | 4-11 36.4 | 3-12 25.0 | 3-10 30.0 | 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 |
| 09/16/2023 | Illinois St. | W | 14-13 | 0-1 0.0 | 0-0 0.0 | 0-1 0.0 | 0-0 0.0 | 0-0 0.0 | 0-0 0.0 |
| 09/23/2023 | McNeese | W | 31-28 | 2-3 66.7 | 0-1 0.0 | 1-1 100.0 | 0-0 0.0 | 1-1 100.0 | 0-0 0.0 |
| Eastern Ill. | | | | 5-12 41.7 | 1-2 50.0 | 3-5 60.0 | 0-2 0.0 | 1-3 33.3 | 0-0 0.0 |
| Opponents | | | | 4-9 44.4 | 0-0 0.0 | 1-1 100.0 | 3-7 42.9 | 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 |
| 09/16/2023 | Illinois St. | W | 14-13 | 35:49 | 08:27 | 12:35 | 05:59 | 08:48 | 00:00 |
| 09/23/2023 | McNeese | W | 31-28 | 35:48 | 07:00 | 11:18 | 05:20 | 12:10 | 00:00 |
| Eastern Ill. | | | | Total 131:14 | 26:06 | 40:24 | 26:46 | 37:58 | 00:00 |
| | | | | Avg. 32:49 | 06:32 | 10:06 | 06:42 | 09:30 | 00:00 |
| Opponents | | | | Total 108:46 | 27:24 | 26:06 | 28:32 | 26:44 | 00:00 |
| | | | | Avg. 27:12 | 06:51 | 06:32 | 07:08 | 06:41 | 00:00 |