



EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHER FOOTBALL

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GAME 2



COACHES:

Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1995)

EIU Record.....3-9 (2nd)
OVC Record.....1-4 (2nd)
Career Record.....54-36 (11th)
vs. Bowling Green..... 0-0

Scot Loeffler (Michigan, 1998)

BGSU Record.....13-30 (5th)
MAC Record.....9-20 (5th)
Overall Record.....Same
vs. Eastern Illinois..... 0-0

SERIES

1st Meeting

Last: N/A

RANKINGS

Eastern Illinois / ---
Bowling Green / ---
..... *STATS Media/AFCAs Coaches*

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Panthers Look To Keep Momentum In Week Two

Eastern Illinois at Bowling Green

Doyt Perry Stadium (24,000) • Bowling Green, Ohio

September 9, 2023 • 1 p.m. • TV: ESPN+

NOTES TO KNOW

• Eastern Illinois opened the season with a 27-0 win at Indiana State on Thursday night marking the first time EIU has opened a season with a win since 2017. The shutout by the defense was the first for the Panthers since the final game of the 2016 season, a 24-0 win at Eastern Kentucky. The season opening shutout was the first by the Panthers since 2003 when EIU opened the season with a 27-0 win over California (Pa.).

• Eastern Illinois defense was on-point in the opener forcing six turnovers with four interceptions and two fumble recoveries. The last time EIU had six or more turnovers in a game was on Nov. 21, 2015 when the Panthers forced seven turnovers in a win over Eastern Kentucky. The last time EIU had four or more interceptions in a game was last season when they picked off four passes in a road win at Murray State.

• Two of Eastern Illinois four interceptions in the game were returned for touchdowns with the two pick six's taking place in the final minute of the first half. Tyrus Harvey had a 19-yard interception return for touchdown while Nijhay Burt had a 67-yard interception return for touchdown. It was the second career pick six for Harvey while Burt's touchdown return was the tenth longest interception return for touchdown in program history. The last time EIU had two interceptions returned for touchdown in the same game was Sept. 14, 1985 in a 39-7 win over Indiana State. Derick Wilhelms (35 yards) and Bob Bronaugh (55 yards) both had the scores.

• Linebacker Elijahwah Tolbert picked up two weekly awards for his part in EIU's defensive effort. Tolbert was named the STATS Perform FCS National Defensive Player of the Week and the Big South-OVC Football Association Defensive Player of the Week. Tolbert finished the game with 11 tackles including seven solo stops. He was in on two of the Panthers six forced turnovers with one interception and one forced fumble.

• Punter Jacob Horvath was named the Big South-OVC Football Association Freshman of the Week after his collegiate debut. An Australian native, Thursday was not only the first American football game for Horvath but the first he had ever seen in person. His first punt went 57 yards as he finished the day with four punts for a 42.5 yard average and two pinned inside the 20.

Eastern Illinois (1-0)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Aug. 31	at Indiana State	W 27-0
Sept. 9	at Bowling Green	1 pm
Sept. 16	ILLINOIS STATE	2 pm
Sept. 23	McNEESE	2 pm
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		

Bowling Green (0-1)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Sept. 2	at Liberty	L 24-34
Sept. 9	EASTERN ILLINOIS	1 pm
Sept. 16	at Michigan	6:30 pm
Sept. 23	• OHIO	2:30 pm
Sept. 30	at Georgia Tech	TBA
Oct. 7	• at Miami (Ohio)	TBA
Oct. 14	• at Buffalo	TBA
Oct. 21	• AKRON	TBA
Nov. 1	• BALL STATE	6 pm
Nov. 8	• at Kent State	6 pm
Nov. 14	• TOLEDO	6 pm
Nov. 21	• at Western Michigan	6 pm
• MAC Game All Times Central		

STATS FCS MEDIA TOP 25 (WEEK 1)

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	South Dakota State (55)	1-0
2.	North Dakota State (1)	1-0
3.	Montana State	1-0
4.	William & Mary	1-0
5.	Holy Cross	1-0
6.	Furman	1-0
7.	Idaho	1-0
8.	Samford	1-0
9.	Sacramento State	1-0
10.	Incarnate Word	0-1
11.	New Hampshire	1-0
12.	Weber State	1-0
13.	Montana	1-0
14.	Southeast Missouri	0-1
15.	UC Davis	1-0
16.	Southeastern Louisiana	0-1
17.	North Dakota	1-0
18.	North Carolina Central	1-0
19.	Delaware	1-0
20.	Mercer	1-1
21.	Northern Iowa	0-1
22.	Rhode Island	0-1
23.	Florida A&M	1-0
24.	Southern Illinois	1-0
25.	Youngstown State	1-0

FCS COACHES TOP 25 (PRESEASON POLL)

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

• In his final game of the 2022 season Justin Bowick hauled in six passes for 177 yards including two scores. He opened his 2023 season as the Panthers top target at Indiana State with ten total targets resulting in four catches for 61 yards. He hauled in a 35-yard touchdown from Pierce Holley in the first quarter, his fourth career touchdown grab.

• Pierce Holley made his first start at quarterback for Eastern Illinois on Thursday as the graduate transfer from Georgetown passed for 244 yards with two touchdowns. He was 19-of-30 with his completion percentage ranking 37th in the FCS and pass efficiency rating ranking 24th. Holley is 35th in the FCS in total offense and 23rd in passing yards. He became the first EIU quarterback since Harry Woodberry to win their first career start at EIU (Sept. 29, 2018 vs Tennessee Tech).

• Tyris Harvey and NiJhay Burt picked off passes late in the first half with both returned for touchdowns before the Panthers tacked on a pair of second half interceptions. Anthony Shockey had the third pick of the day for EIU, the second of his Panther career. Elijahwah Tolbert had the final interception in the fourth quarter. It was the fourth career interception for Tolbert who led EIU with three picks last year.

• Kevin Daniels carried most of the rushing load for the Panthers offense on Thursday night as the Northern Arizona transfer finished with 57 yards on 13 carries. During the game he went over the 1,300 yard mark for his career (1,283 at NAU). EIU rushed for just 94 yards on the night as the defense provided good field position and short fields for the Panthers to work with.

• Wide receiver Eli Mirza was a versatile weapon for the Panthers offense on Thursday at Indiana State. The junior college transfer was second on the team in rushing yards with 27 on an end around play. He also led the Panthers in receiving yards with 82 including 42 yards after catch on his four receptions. Mirza is currently 39th in the FCS in receiving yards and third in the conference.

• Tight end Daniel Luoma was called into placekicking duties in the opener after returning All-Conference kicker Stone Galloway became unavailable during pregame warm-ups. Luoma had four kickoffs in the game for a 61.2 yards per kick average. A tight end from Finland, Luoma had served as the Panthers kickoff specialist in 2021 averaging 59.2 yards per kick with eight touchbacks.

• Eastern Illinois defense had six turnovers gained in the season opener with four interceptions and two fumble recoveries. EIU is currently tied for first in the FCS in turnovers gained with Furman while the Panthers are third in the FCS in turnover margin. Last season EIU ranked 15th in the FCS in turnovers gained with 20. EIU had six games with multiple turnovers with a high of four in two games against Murray State (four interceptions) and Lindenwood (two interceptions and two fumble recoveries).

• Eastern Illinois defense recorded three sacks in the season opener at Indiana State with Phoenix Porter, Blake Ruffin and Jaron Hacha all getting home to the quarterback. As a team last season EIU recorded 16 sacks with three players tied for the team lead with three each. Joel Barrows was the Panthers top returning sack artist from last season with three sacks for 18 yards.

• Eastern Illinois was forced to go to its two deep at several special teams positions in the season opener as starters at several positions were banged up and missed time on the field. After starting kicker Stone Galloway became unavailable in warm-ups, EIU used back-up kickoff specialist Daniel Luoma while back-up kicker Will Orth kicked extra points twice and handled one pooch kickoff. Later in the game long snapper Jack Valente (also a starter at tackle) was injured calling back-up long snapper Brett Galetti into the game. Also in the game holder Cooper Willman (a starter at wide receiver and punt returner) was hurt calling back-up holder and punter Jacob Horvath into the game, so on the final extra point of the game in the third quarter EIU featured all three back-up players at those positions.

• Eastern Illinois scored on its opening drive at Indiana State as the Panthers went 78 yards and scored on a Pierce Holley to Justin Bowick 35-yard touchdown connection. Last season EIU scored on its opening offensive drive in three of its eleven games. The Panthers scored touchdowns on the opening drive against both Northwestern State and UT Martin with a field goal against Tennessee Tech. In EIU's eight other opening drives last season the Panthers punted five times, had one fumble, one interception and one missed field goal.

• EIU started an experienced offensive line in the game at Indiana State with veterans Chad Strickland, Anthony Imperio, Jack Valente and Max Stineman all starters from last season. Strickland is in his fifth season as a starter at left tackle providing the most experience up front. Junior college transfer Drew Wilder started at center with Jonathan Arellano and Sebastian Pares also seeing extensive playing time in the front rotation.

• EIU was able to keep a number of fresh bodies on the defensive line as ten different players took snaps in the opener at Indiana State. The group combined for 16 tackles with Tre'jon Lewis the leader in the group with six tackles. Jaron Hacha picked up a sack from the defensive tackle spot.

2023 Big South-OVC Football Standings

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

This Week In Big South-OVC Football

Saturday - September 9

Eastern Illinois at Bowling Green - 1 pm
 Charleston Southern at Clemson - 1:15 pm
 Saint Francis at Robert Morris - 5 pm
 Elon at Gardner-Webb - 5 pm
 Long Island at Bryant - 5 pm
 * Lindenwood at Southeast Missouri - 6 pm
 Missouri State at UT Martin - 6 pm
 Tennessee State vs. Arkansas Pine Bluff - 6 pm
 Tennessee Tech at New Mexico - 7 pm

* Big South-OVC Football Association Games

Eastern Illinois Captains

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

Big South-OVC Order Of Finish

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



Eastern Illinois Players On Preseason Team

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

• While it has been close to 40 years since EIU had two interception returns for touchdowns in the same game, it has been close to 20 years since the Panthers had two defensive scores in the same contest. The last time EIU scored two defensive touchdowns in the same game was Oct. 22, 2005 when the Panthers had three defensive scores against Murray State. Tristan Burge had a pair of fumble recoveries for touchdown while Lucius Seymour returned an interception for a score. The week prior to that, Oct. 15, 2005, EIU also had a fumble and interception returned for touchdown against Eastern Kentucky (Seymour fumble recovery & Chad Cleveland interception).

• Eastern Illinois defense was one of four at the FCS level to post a shutout on the opening weekend of the season as the Panthers are ranked first in the FCS in scoring defense. EIU was joined in the shutout party the opening weekend by Central Connecticut (Northeast), Houston Christian (Southland) and Illinois State (Missouri Valley Football). Last season EIU ranked 82nd in the FCS in scoring defense allowing 31.2 points per game.

• Eastern Illinois defense limited Indiana State to just 4-of-14 on 3rd down conversions in the season opener for a 28.6 percent conversion rate. Last season EIU's defense ranked 100th in the FCS in 3rd down defense allowing opponents to convert at 43 percent for the season. Offensively the Panthers were also efficient in the season opener going 5-of-12 for 41.7 percent conversion rate which ranks 33rd in the FCS. Last season EIU converted at 36 percent on 3rd down which was 80th in the FCS.

• Eastern Illinois was one of the least penalized teams in FCS football last year (2022) as the Panthers ranked 11th in the nation and first in the OVC averaging just 37.7 yards per game in penalty yards. EIU's most penalized game last season was against Illinois State in the Mid-America Classic with eight penalties for 72 yards. The Panthers played back-to-back games against Tennessee Tech and McNeese with just one penalty called against EIU and no penalty yards. In this year's opener at Indiana State, EIU had four penalties for 55 yards.

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

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

• Eastern Illinois football has expanded its international pool of players as part of their 2023 roster. Already returning to the team was Daniel Luoma who is from Finland and Jaxson Isaac from Canada. The last two seasons Luoma was a reserve tight end and served as the Panthers kickoff specialist averaging 59.2 yards per kick with eight touchbacks in 2021. Isaac, another tight end, joined the roster last season using a redshirt season after playing in four games. Isaac is from Regina, Saskatchewan and played at the College of DuPage in 2021. The newest international Panther is punter Jacob Horvath from Australia. Prior to Luoma the last European player on the EIU roster was Pascal Matla from Holland in the early 2000's. The last EIU player from Canada was Conrad Praamsma in the mid-1990's. The last player from Australia to play for the Panthers was long snapper Bryce Coulson in 2019.

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

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

• Eastern Illinois offensive lineman Chad Strickland is the Panthers nominee for the NFF Campbell Trophy, the academic Heisman Trophy. Strickland, a preseason All-Big South-OVC Football selection, earned his undergraduate degree in pre-physical therapy with a 3.82 GPA and is currently enrolled in the master's program.

EIU HEAD COACH CHRIS WILKERSON

Chris Wilkerson was hired as the 26th head coach in Eastern Illinois football history on Jan. 26, 2022. A former player and assistant coach at Eastern Illinois, Wilkerson returned home and became the first EIU alumnus to serve as the Panthers head football coach. Wilkerson played and coached under OVC/EIU Hall of Fame Coach Bob Spoo. A 1995 graduate of EIU, Wilkerson coached at EIU until the 2001 season. He had assistant stops at San Jose State and Dartmouth before serving the last ten years as the head coach at the University of Chicago. Wilkerson has a 54-36 career record. Complete Coach Chris Wilkerson bio available on page 6 of EIU game notes...

BOWLING GREEN HEAD COACH SCOT LOEFFLER

Scot Loeffler is in his fifth season as the head coach at Bowling Green with the Falcons making progress last season with a 6-7 record and second place finish in the Mid-American Conference East race. Overall he has a 13-30 career record including a 9-20 record in the MAC. A former player at Michigan, Loeffler began his coaching career with the Wolverines and as a player or coach was part of nine bowl games with Michigan including the 1997 National Championship team. He was the offensive coordinator at Boston College for three seasons before landing the BGSU job.

SCOUTING BOWLING GREEN

Bowling Green finished second in the MAC East Division race last season and returns several key pieces from that team. Darren Anders was named the preseason MAC Defensive Player of the Year and opened the season with six tackles at Liberty last weekend. Joseph Sipp Jr., and Jalen Huskey both recorded double figure tackles to lead the Falcons defense in the season opener. Offensively Bowling Green rushed for 191 yards in the opener with Ta'ron Keith the leading ground gainer with 69 yards. Two quarterbacks saw time under center with Connor Bazalak passing for 71 yards and Camden Orth passing for 66.

THE SERIES

Eastern Illinois and Bowling Green will be meeting for the first time in program history. The Panthers are 4-9 all-time against Mid-American Conference teams including a loss in last seasons opener at Northern Illinois. The last EIU win over a MAC team was in 2016 at Miami (Ohio). EIU's other three wins over MAC schools are Eastern Michigan (2004), Northern Illinois (1998) and Western Michigan (1996).

LAST TEN MEETINGS (VS MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE)

<i>Sept. 1, 2022</i>	<i>Northern Illinois 34, EIU 27 at NIU</i>
<i>Sept. 9, 2017</i>	<i>Northern Illinois 38, EIU 10 at NIU</i>
<i>Sept. 10, 2016</i>	<i>EIU 21, Miami 17 at Miami</i>
<i>Sept. 27, 2014</i>	<i>Ohio 34, EIU 19 at Ohio</i>
<i>Sept. 21, 2013</i>	<i>Northern Illinois 43, EIU 39 at NIU</i>
<i>Sept. 8, 2012</i>	<i>Western Michigan 52, EIU 21 at WMU</i>
<i>Aug. 28, 2008</i>	<i>Central Michigan 31, EIU 12 at CMU</i>
<i>Sept. 25, 2004</i>	<i>EIU 31, Eastern Michigan 28 at EMU</i>
<i>Sept. 16, 2000</i>	<i>Toledo 31, EIU 26 at Toledo</i>
<i>Sept. 2, 1999</i>	<i>Central Michigan 33, EIU 17 at CMU</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.....	27.....	24
Average Points Allowed.....	0.....	34
First Downs.....	17.....	19
Rushing Yards Per Game	94.....	191
Rushing Touchdowns.....	0.....	1
Passing Yards Per Game	244.....	137
Passing Touchdowns	2.....	1
Average Yards Per Game	338.....	328
Interceptions Thrown	1.....	5
Fumbles - Lost	2-0.....	0-0
Turnovers Gained.....	6.....	1
Punting Average	42.5	46
Field Goals (ATT/MADE)	0-of-0.....	1-of-1
3rd Down Conversions	5-of-12 (42%)	2-of-12 (17%)
4th Down Conversions.....	0-of-3 (0%)	3-of-4 (75%)
Sacks By (Yards).....	3 (19).....	2 (7)
Penalties (Yards)	4 (55).....	9 (86)
Time of Possession (Game)	29:49	27:05

Statistical Leaders**RUSHING YARDS (Touchdowns)**

EASTERN ILLINOIS	BOWLING GREEN
Kevin Daniels..... 57 (0)	Ta'ron Keith..... 69 (1)
Eli Mirza	Terion Stewart..... 55 (0)

PASSING YARDS (Touchdowns)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	BOWLING GREEN
Pierce Holley..... 244 (2)	Connor Bazalak..... 71 (0)
.....	Camden Orth..... 66 (1)

RECEPTIONS (Yards)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	BOWLING GREEN
Cooper Willman..... 5 (53)	Odieu Hiliare..... 4 (59)
Eli Mirza	Abdul-Fatai Ibrahim..... 3 (34)
Justin Bowick..... 4 (61)	Austin Osborne..... 2 (15)

TACKLES

EASTERN ILLINOIS		BOWLING GREEN	
Elijahwah Tolbert.....	11	Joseph Sipp Jr	12
Phoenix Porter.....	7	Jalen Huskey	10
Tre'jon Lewis.....	6	Davon Ferguson	8
Ira Armstead.....	6	Trent Simms.....	8
Mark Aitken	5	Darren Anders	6

TACKLES FOR LOSS / SACKS

EASTERN ILLINOIS	BOWLING GREEN
Phoenix Porter.....1.....1	Anthony Hawkins .....1.....1
Blake Ruffin .....1.....1	Dierre Kelly .....1.....1
Jaron Hacha.....1.....1	Davian Mayo.....1.....0

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

2023

TEAM

.....	NCAA	CONF
Rushing Offense	78th	5th
Passing Offense	28th	1st
Passing Efficiency	31st	1st
Total Offense	52nd	3rd
Scoring Offense	38th	2nd
Rushing Defense	31st	2nd
Pass Defense	18th	2nd
Pass Efficiency Def.	4th	1st
Total Defense	14th	1st
Scoring Defense	1st	1st
Net Punting	15th	2nd
Punt Returns	60th	4th
Kickoff Returns	52nd	5th
Turnover Margin	3rd	1st
Turnovers Gained	1st	1st
Sacks	15th	2nd
Tackles For Loss	40th	3rd
Sacks Allowed	21st	2nd
3rd Down Conversion	33rd	1st
4th Down Conversion	65th	8th
3rd Down Defense	22nd	1st
Red Zone Offense	99th	7th
Red Zone Defense	1st	1st
Time of Possession	56th	4th

INDIVIDUAL (Top 40)

.....	NCAA	CONF
Eli Mirza (All Purpose).....	32nd	3rd
Eli Mirza (Receiving Yds).....	39th	3rd
Cooper Willman (Receptions).....	38th	6th
Pierce Holley (Comp. Pct.).....	37th	7th
Pierce Holley (Passing Efficiency).....	24th	1st
Pierce Holley (Passing Yards).....	23rd	1st
Pierce Holley (Total Offense)	35th	4th
Colby Smith (Forced Fumbles).....	1st	1st
Elijawah Tolbert (Forced Fumbles)	1st	1st
Elijawah Tolbert (Interceptions)	3rd	1st
Elijawah Tolbert (Tackles).....	38th	3rd
NiJhay Burt (Interceptions).....	3rd	1st
NiJhay Burt (Passes Defended)	9th	1st
Tyris Harvey (Interceptions).....	3rd	1st
Anthony Shockey (Interceptions)	3rd	1st
Joel Barrows (Fumble Recovery)	3rd	1st
Russell Dandy (Fumble Recovery).....	3rd	1st
Jaron Hacha (Sacks).....	22nd	1st
Phoenix Porter (Sacks).....	22nd	1st
Blake Ruffin (Sacks)	22nd	1st
Jacob Horvath (Punting Avg.).....	34th	4th

SHUT OUT STREAK ENDS

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

Longest EIU Streaks

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

OVC SUCCESS

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

(FCS Playoff Appearances Since 1996)

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

COVID YOUTH

With the NCAA granting a COVID year of eligibility to players active during the 2020 season, EIU was in a rebuilding phase so the Panthers have a large number of players who are listed as sophomores on their active roster. A total of 29 of those players are in their third year in the program with the added COVID year with an additional amount true sophomores in their second year in the program.

NCAA PLAYOFF APPEARANCES**School# Appearances (Last)**

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

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

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

FCS Division I Playoffs

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

Division II Playoffs

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



CHRIS WILKERSON

Head Coach

2nd year at Eastern Illinois as Head Coach

(9th season at EIU overall)

Eastern Illinois, 1995

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Eastern Illinois

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

Prior To Eastern Illinois

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

Personal

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

Eastern Illinois				
Year	Overall W-L	Pct.	Conf. W-L	Pct.
2023	1-0	1.00	0-0 (BSOVC)	---
2022	2-9	.182	1-4 (OVC)	.200
Totals	3-9	.250	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	54-36	.600	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...

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

Rushed for three touchdowns...

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

Rushed for four touchdowns...

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

Had 12 Receptions...

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

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

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

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

Had 3 touchdown receptions...

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

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

Had 200 yards receiving...

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

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

Returned a punt for a touchdown...

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

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

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

Returned a kick-off for touchdown...

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

Returned an interception for touchdown...

Tyris Harvey, 1, at Indiana State (Aug. 31, 2023) - (19 yards)

NiJhay Burt, 1, at Indiana State (Aug. 31, 2023) - (67 yards)

Returned a fumble for touchdown...

Alexandar Oyawale, 1, vs. Lindenwood (Oct. 15, 2022) - (40 yards)

Recorded a safety...

Robert Haynes, 1 at Illinois State (Sept. 13, 2014) - combined with Taylor

Laquesse Taylor, 1 at Illinois State (Sept. 13, 2014) - combined with Haynes

Team at Indiana State (Aug. 31, 2023) - punt snap out of back of end zone

Blocked a punt...

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

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

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

Blocked a field goal...

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

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

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

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

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

EIU scored a two-point conversion

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

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

Won a game on a field goal...

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

Had 15 or more tackles on defense...

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

Had 3 or more sacks on defense...

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

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

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

Had 2 or more interceptions

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

Recovered an onside kick...

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

Offensive Lineman Scored a Touchdown

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

2023 EASTERN ILLINOIS TOUCHDOWNS

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

1.....Justin Bowick 35 pass from Pierce Holley at Indiana State

2.....Tyris Harvey 19 interception return at Indiana State

2.....NiJhay Burt 67 interception return at Indiana State

3.....Anthony Manaves 2 pass from Pierce Holley..... at Indiana State

EASTERN ILLINOIS NFL CONNECTION

LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

Jimmy Garoppolo - Quarterback

CAROLINA PANTHERS

Kamu Grugier-Hill - Linebacker

DENVER BRONCOS

Sean Payton - Head Coach

TENNESSEE TITANS

Tim Kelly - Offensive Coordinator

Matt Jones - Offensive Line Assistant

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Adam Gristick - Linebackers Assistant

CLEVELAND BROWNS

Steven Bravo Brown - Special Teams Assistant

ATLANTA FALCONS

Ryan Pace - Senior Personnel Executive

BROADCAST

Tony Romo - CBS Color Analyst with Jim Nantz

TEAM GAME RECORDS**TOTAL OFFENSE:**

739.....	vs. Illinois State	Sept. 14, 2013
704.....	at UT Martin	Nov. 23, 2013
683.....	vs. Winona State	Nov. 1, 1986
676.....	vs. Saginaw State	Sept. 21, 1985
671.....	vs. Austin Peay	Sept. 29, 2012
665.....	vs. Southeast Missouri	Oct. 19, 2013
656.....	vs. Illinois-Chicago	Sept. 27, 1969
654.....	vs. Murray State	Nov. 8, 2014
643.....	vs. Murray State	Oct. 6, 2018
641.....	vs. Austin Peay	Sept. 24, 2016

RUSHING YARDAGE:

413.....	vs. Austin Peay	Sept. 20, 2014
413.....	vs. Jacksonville State	Nov. 16, 2013
398.....	vs. St. Joseph	Oct. 27, 1973
384.....	vs. Grand Valley State	Sept. 17, 1983
382.....	at UT Martin	Nov. 1, 2001
379.....	vs. Florida Atlantic	Nov. 16, 2002

RUSHING ATTEMPTS:

72.....	vs. Western Illinois	1976
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PASSING YARDAGE:

509.....	vs. Austin Peay	Sept. 29, 2012
509.....	vs. Saginaw Valley	Sept. 21, 1985
501.....	at UT Martin	Nov. 23, 2013
491.....	vs. Illinois State	Sept. 14, 2013
486.....	at Missouri State	Oct. 27, 1984
482.....	vs. Western Kentucky	Nov. 10, 1984

PASSING ATTEMPTS:

62.....	vs. Murray State	Sept. 22, 2012
61.....	at Jacksonville State	Oct. 13, 2018
61.....	vs. Murray State	Oct. 6, 2018
61.....	vs. Illinois State	Sept. 15, 2012
58.....	at Southern Illinois	Sept. 7, 2013
..... (4 other games with 58 attempts)		

PASSES COMPLETED:

40.....	vs. Murray State	Sept. 22, 2012
40.....	vs. Saginaw Valley	Sept. 21, 1985

TOUCHDOWNS:

12.....	vs. Merom Academy	1920
10.....	at UT Martin	Nov. 23, 2013
10.....	vs. Kentucky State	Nov. 13, 1982

TOUCHDOWN PASSES:

7.....	vs. Illinois State	Sept. 14, 2013
7.....	vs. Southern Illinois	2012
6.....	at UT Martin	Nov. 23, 2013
6.....	at Northern Illinois	Sept. 21, 2013
..... (3 other games with 6 TD passes)		

MOST EIU POINTS IN A QUARTER:

35.....	vs. Jacksonville State	Nov. 16, 2013
30.....	vs. Kentucky State	Nov. 13, 1982
30.....	vs. Central State	Sept. 26, 1981

MOST POINTS SCORED BY BOTH TEAMS:

105.....	at Illinois State	Sept. 15, 2012
..... (ISU 54, EIU 51 - 2OT)		
102.....	vs. Tennessee State	Nov. 2, 2002
..... (EIU 54; TSU 48)		

POINTS

82.....	Merom Academy	Nov. 18, 1920
73.....	Kentucky State	Nov. 13, 1982
70.....	at UT Martin	Nov. 23, 2013
69.....	Illinois College	1917
65.....	Austin Peay	Sept. 29, 2012
64.....	Winona State	Nov. 1, 1986
63.....	Austin Peay	Sept. 20, 2014
63.....	at Austin Peay	Oct. 10, 2013
62.....	Lock Haven	Aug. 31, 1991
60.....	at Wayne State	Nov. 9, 1968
60.....	Oakland City	Oct. 17, 1925

EIU LOWEST OFFENSIVE TOTAL:

76.....	at Youngstown State	Oct. 13, 1973
89.....	Eastern Kentucky	Oct. 26, 2019
100.....	Southeast Missouri	Nov. 12, 2022
109.....	at South Carolina	Sept. 4, 2021
116.....	at Indiana	Sept. 7, 2019
117.....	Illinois State	Sept. 16, 2017
120.....	Central Arkansas	Sept. 11, 2010
130.....	at Central Michigan	Oct. 25, 1969
138.....	at Northwestern	Sept. 12, 2015
138.....	Illinois State	Nov. 25, 2006
142.....	at McNeese State	Sept. 11, 1993
142.....	at San Jose State	Sept. 5, 1987
142.....	at Northern Iowa	Sept. 6, 1975

EIU FEWEST RUSHING YARDS:

-12.....	at Northern Iowa	Oct. 7, 1995
-6.....	Tennessee Tech	Sept. 17, 2011
-5.....	UT Martin	Oct. 22, 2011
-3.....	at San Jose State	Sept. 5, 1987
-3.....	at Toledo	Sept. 22, 1984
1.....	Illinois State	Oct. 6, 1984

EIU FEWEST PASSING YARDS:

-1.....	at Murray State (2-of-6) +	Nov. 16, 1974
0.....	Southeast Missouri *	Oct. 13, 2001
0.....	Truman State (0-of-9)	Sept. 10, 1977
5.....	at Central Missouri (2-of-7)	Oct. 4, 1975
10.....	at Truman State (1-of-4)	Sept. 11, 1976
10.....	Fairmount State (1-of-13)	Sept. 28, 1968
12.....	at Indiana State (2-of-11)	Nov. 18, 1995

* EIU did not attempt a pass in the game

+ EIU completed one pass for 5 yards and one pass for negative 6 yards in the game.

QUARTERBACK SACKS:

12.....	vs. Southwest Missouri	1986
12.....	vs. Kentucky State	1982

TURNOVERS:

8.....	vs. Youngstown State	1981
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TURNOVERS CAUSED:

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

EIU OVERTIME GAMES**DOUBLE OVERTIME**

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

+ 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

INDIVIDUAL GAME RECORDS**TOTAL OFFENSE:**

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

RUSHING YARDAGE:

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

RUSHING ATTEMPTS:

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

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

PASSING ATTEMPTS:

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

PASSES COMPLETED:

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

RECEIVING (CATCHES):

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

RECEIVING (YARDS):

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

ALL-PURPOSE RUSHING:

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

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS:

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

RUSHING YARDS BY A QB:

Jalen Whitlow	142 at UT Martin	2015
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TOUCHDOWNS:

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

TOUCHDOWN PASSES:

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

SOLO TACKLES:

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

TOTAL TACKLES:

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

TACKLES FOR LOSS:

Trevor Frericks	7.0 vs. Tennessee State	2009
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QUARTERBACK SACKS:

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

PASSES INTERCEPTED:

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

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

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS:

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

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN:

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

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR TD:

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

Bryce Dewberry, 90 at Tennessee Tech	2021
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LONGEST FIELD GOAL:

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

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN:

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

LONGEST PUNT:

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

LONGEST PUNT RETURN:

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

MOST BLOCKED KICKS:

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

MOST CONSECUTIVE PASSES COMPLETED:

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

MOST FIELD GOALS:

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

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

MOST INTERCEPTIONS THROWN:

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

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/LAST)
0	Ira Armstead II	DB	6-4	230	Jr	1	South Bend, Ind. (Adams / Univ. of Virginia)
0	Jordan "Jroy" Woods	WR	6-2	180	Fr	HS	Hammond, Ind. (Hammond Central)
1	Justin Bowick	WR	6-5	195	So	1	Powder Springs, Ga. (Pace Academy)
1	Elijahwah Tolbert	LB	6-1	230	Jr	2	Country Club Hills, Ill. (Hillcrest)
2	DeWayne Cooks Jr	WR	6-2	165	Gr	3	Tulsa, Okla. (Booker T. Washington)
2	Mark Aitken	DB	5-9	175	R-Jr	2	Chicago, Ill. (Kenwood Academy / Northern Illinois Univ.)
3	Russell Dandy	DB	6-0	175	Gr	2	Hinesville, Ga. (Liberty County / Butte College)
3	Pierce Holley	QB	6-2	215	R-Jr	TR	Arvada, Colo. (Lakewood / Georgetown Univ.)
4	Blake Ruffin	DB	6-4	205	R-So	1	Louisville, Ky. (Trinity)
4	Justin Thomas	WR	6-1	205	Gr	RS	Wixom, Mich. (Walled Lake Western / Albion College)
5	Anthony Shockey	LB	6-1	230	R-Jr	2	Lombard, Ill. (Glenbard East)
5	Terrance Gipson	ATH	6-0	195	Jr	TR	Kingwood, Texas (Westfield / East Los Angeles College)
6	Joel Barrows	DL	6-3	230	R-Jr	2	Chicago, Ill. (Brooks Prep)
6	Jonah O'Brien	QB	6-4	210	R-Jr	1	Bartlett, Ill. (Bartlett / Colorado State Univ.)
7	Tyris Harvey	DB	5-11	175	Jr	3	Olympia Fields, Ill. (Rich Central)
7	Eli Mirza	WR	5-11	190	Jr	TR	Sacramento, Calif. (Monterey Trail / Sierra College)
8	Juwon Farri	RB	5-9	195	5th	TR	Germantown, Md. (Northwest HS / Monmouth Univ.)
8	Tienne Fridge	DB	6-2	210	Jr	TR	Sacramento, Calif. (Elk Grove / Sacramento City College)
9	Braylon Willis	DL	6-4	245	Sr	1	Lafayette, La. (Lafayette / East Los Angeles College)
9	Aaron Rice	WR	6-5	200	R-Fr	RS	Farmington Hills, Mich. (North Farmington)
11	Anthony Manaves	TE	6-4	230	R-Jr	3	Chicago, Ill. (St. Patrick)
11	Alexandar Oyawale	LB	6-0	215	Sr	1	Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta / Riverside CC)
12	Tyler Clark	RB	5-10	205	R-So	1	Chicago, Ill. (Phillips)
12	Nick Coates	DB	5-10	180	Jr	2	Louisville, Ky. (Male)
13	Alex Alteus	DL	6-1	240	Gr	TR	Morehead City, NC (West Carteret / Stetson Univ.)
13	Cooper Willman	WR	6-1	210	Jr	3	Sterling, Ill. (Sterling)
14	Adonis Forest Jr	SAF	6-4	215	Jr	TR	Union City, Calif. (Moreau Catholic / Contra Costa College)
14	Blainey Dowling	QB	6-2	195	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Mount Carmel)
15	Malik Rainey	DB	5-11	190	R-So	TR	Chicago, Ill. (Bolingbrook / Univ. of Cincinnati)
16	Kevin Conway	QB	6-2	210	R-Fr	RS	New Lenox, Ill. (Providence Catholic / Diamond Football Academy)
19	Phoenix Porter	LB	6-1	220	R-So	1	Fairfield, Ohio (Fairfield)
20	MJ Flowers	RB	6-1	195	R-Fr	RS	Cincinnati, Ohio (Colerain)
21	Jay Pearson	RB	6-0	200	R-Fr	RS	McKees Rocks, Pa. (Sto-Rox Junior-Senior)
22	Kaelin Drakeford	DB	6-4	215	R-So	1	Harrodsburg, Ky. (Mercer County)
23	Kevin Daniels	RB	6-2	230	R-So	TR	Glendale, Ariz. (Glendale / Northern Arizona Univ.)
24	Collin Tyson	DB	6-0	180	R-So	1	Kansas City, Mo. (Platte County R-3)
25	Marcus Edwards	DB	5-11	180	R-So	TR	Bay City Texas (Bay City / Cisco College)
26	Makhi Wilson	SAF	6-0	180	Fr	HS	Bettendorf, Iowa (Pleasant Valley)
27	Zay Gentry	DB	6-0	195	Jr	2	Anna, Texas (Anna)
28	Brandon Guido	DB	5-9	185	R-Jr	2	Naperville, Ill. (Waubonsie Valley)
29	Kendi Young	RB	5-11	195	Jr	2	Calumet City, Ill. (Thornton Fractional North)
30	Diego Oliver	DB	6-0	175	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Kenwood Academy)
31	Chris Williams	DB	6-2	175	R-So	1	Peoria, Ill. (Peoria)
32	Ty Schultz	RB	5-10	195	R-Fr	RS	Lockport, Ill. (Lockport Township)
33	Nile Hill	WR	5-11	190	R-Jr	2	Chicago, Ill. (Marist)
33	Christopher Sharp	CB	5-11	170	Fr	HS	St. Louis, Mo. (DeSmet Jesuit)
34	NiJhay Burt	SAF	5-11	170	So	1	Munhall, Pa. (Steel Valley)
35	Zeke Lewis	RB	6-0	195	R-So	SQ	Decatur, Ill. (Decatur St. Teresa)
36	Lazerick Eatman	WR	5-10	185	Sr	1	Willow Brook, Ill. (Immaculate Conception / College of DuPage)
37	Scottie McMillon	DB	6-0	170	Gr	TR	Bryans Road, Md. (Lackey / Clarion Univ.)
38	Akin Adigun	SAF	6-2	180	Fr	HS	Little Elm, Texas (Lone Star)
39	Elijah Ball	SAF	6-1	220	Gr	1	Indianapolis, Ind. (Ben Davis / Purdue Univ.)
40	Isaiah Richardson	ATH	6-5	205	Fr	HS	Suwanee, Ga. (Collins Hill)
41	Peyton Wilkerson	DL	6-1	240	Fr	HS	Mokena, Ill. (Lincoln-Way Central)
42	Henry Woods Jr.	DB	5-10	175	Jr	2	New Lenox, Ill. (Lincoln-Way Central)
43	William Orth	K	5-10	165	R-So	2	Ames, Iowa (Ames)
44	Terence Simon Jr	DL	6-1	285	Sr	1	Inglewood, Calif. (Cathedral / Cerritos College)
45	Jack Pilson	LB	6-0	230	R-Jr	TR	Mattoon, Ill. (Mattoon / Lehigh Univ.)
46	Trey Shaw III	DB	6-1	190	R-So	1	Nashville, Tenn. (East Nashville Magnet)
47	Shawn Pepp Jr	DB	6-2	190	R-So	RS	Allen, Texas (Liberty / Contra Costa College)
48	Michael Jarosz	LB	6-1	235	R-Sr	2	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton North)

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC)
49	Jesse Garza	LB	6-2	235	Jr	TR	Nipomo, Calif. (Nipomo / Allan Hancock College)
50	Luke Wagner	DL	6-4	230	R-So	RS	Washington, Pa. (McGuffey / Santa Barbara City College)
51	Payton Orth	LB	5-11	220	Jr	2	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East)
52	Jamari Johnson	DL	6-4	250	R-So	1	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle Institute)
53	Stone Galloway	K	5-11	210	Sr	4	Collinsville, Ill. (Althoff Catholic)
54	Nic DiSanto	OL	6-4	320	Fr	HS	Wyandotte, Mich. (Gabriel Richard)
55	Drew Wilder	OL	6-3	305	R-So	TR	Williamsburg, Va. (Jamestown / Iowa Western CC)
56	Tre'jon Lewis	DL	6-4	285	R-Jr	1	Manor, Texas (Manor / Texas Tech Univ.)
57	Panayiotis Mihalopoulos	OL	6-2	310	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Loyola Academy)
57	Caden Tellenson	LB	5-11	205	Fr	HS	Redondo Beach, Calif. (Redondo Union)
58	Anthony Imperio	OL	6-4	310	Sr	3	Auburn, Ala. (Auburn)
59	Liam Carr	LB	6-0	190	R-So	TR	Okemos, Mich. (Okemos / Michigan State Univ.)
61	Jonathan Arellano	OL	6-3	305	R-So	RS	Lancaster, Calif. (Bishop Alemany / College of the Canyons)
62	Brennan Anderson	OL	6-4	345	Jr	TR	Dallas Center, Iowa (Dallas Center-Grimes/Iowa Western CC)
63	Noah Howard	OL	6-4	315	Jr	TR	Clinton, Iowa (Clinton / Iowa Central College)
64	Trevon Piggee-Blake	DL	6-1	285	Fr	HS	St. Louis, Mo. (DeSmet Jesuit)
65	Carson Fichtel	OL	6-3	315	R-Fr	RS	Heath, Texas (Rockwall-Heath)
66	Jack Valente	OL/LS	6-4	310	Jr	2	Batavia, Ill. (Batavia)
67	Chad Strickland	OL	6-5	315	Gr	4	Salem, Ala. (Smiths Station)
68	Matthew Allen	OL	6-9	270	Fr	HS	Bourbonnais, Ill. (Bradley-Bourbonnais)
69	Braden Hunter	OL	6-5	280	Fr	HS	Sandwich, Ill. (Aurora Christian)
70	JJ Johnson	OL	6-4	340	R-So	SQ	Westerville, Ohio (Westerville Central)
71	Sebastian Pares	OL	6-6	300	R-Jr	TR	Joliet, Ill. (Wheaton Academy / Univ. of Sioux Falls)
72	Elkhanan Tanelus	OL	6-2	340	Gr	3	Naples, Fla. (Barron Collier)
73	Brody Rankin	OL	6-3	340	R-Fr	RS	Charleston, Ill. (Charleston)
74	Haven Hatfield	OL	6-3	280	R-Fr	RS	Tuscola, Ill. (Tuscola)
75	Matthew Bean	OL	6-6	275	R-So	SQ	Lima, Ohio (Shanwee)
76	Bryce Burnett	OL	6-4	300	R-Fr	RS	Danville, Ill. (Westville)
77	Torris Robinson	OL	6-5	330	Jr	TR	Olive Branch, Miss. (Southaven / Coahoma CC)
78	Max Stineman	OL	6-4	345	Jr	1	Ewa, Haw. (Saint Joseph / Allan Hancock College)
79	Rasheed Anderson	OL	6-5	360	R-Fr	RS	Oak Park, Ill. (Fenwick)
80	Quenton Rodgers	WR	6-2	190	Fr	HS	Mahomet-Seymour, Ill. (Mahomet-Seymour)
81	Jaxson Isaac	TE	6-6	245	R-So	TR	Regina, Saskatchewan (Clearwater Acad. (Fla./College of Dupage)
82	Joe McNab	TE	6-6	245	R-So	SQ	Madison Heights, Mich. (Lamphere)
83	Jake Fieldman	WR	5-11	180	R-Fr	RS	Joliet, Ill. (Joliet Catholic)
84	Eyasu Palmore	TE	6-5	210	Fr	HS	Sandy Spring, Md. (Sherwood)
85	Christian Banks	WR	6-1	210	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Olympia (Fla.))
86	Jamal Jeffers	WR	5-10	175	Jr	TR	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Putnam City North / Northeastern Oklahoma A&M)
87	Alex Ginnever	TE	6-5	225	R-Fr	RS	Wentzville, Mo. (Holt)
88	DeAirious Smith	WR	5-11	180	Jr	3	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Christian Academy)
89	Daniel Luoma	TE / K	6-2	240	Jr	2	Porvoo, Finland (Porvoo)
90	Zed Asowata	DL	6-3	250	Gr	TR	Spring, Texas (Cypress Ridge / Midwestern State Univ.)
91	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace	DL	6-3	275	Jr	TR	Cambridge, Mass. (Cambridge Rindge & Latin School / Franklin Pierce Univ.)
92	Colby Smith	DL	6-0	285	Jr	1	Dunnellon, Fla. (Dunnellon, Fla. / Dodge City CC)
93	Jacob Horvath	P	6-1	190	Fr	HS	Bentleigh, Australia
94	Alton Jefferson	DL	6-0	285	Jr	2	Louisville, Ky. (Trinity)
95	Drake Van Hyfte	DL	6-4	265	R-So	1	Annawan, Ill. (Annawan-Wethersfield)
96	Cody Silzer	DL	6-3	250	R-Fr	RS	Lockport, Ill. (Lockport Township)
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)

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 - pah-n-ee-otis me-hall-low-poll-us
61 - Johnathan AR-ee-ON-oh
65 - Carson FICK-tul
66 - Jack Vuh-LEN-tay
71 - Sebastian par-rez

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

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

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

38	Akin Adigun.....	SAF	35	Zeke Lewis	RB
2	Mark Aitken.....	DB	89	Daniel Luoma	TE / K
68	Matthew Allen	OL	11	Anthony Manaves.....	TE
13	Alex Alteus.....	DL	37	Scottie McMillon.....	DB
62	Brennan Anderson.....	OL	43	Joe McNab	TE
79	Rasheed Anderson	OL	57	Panayiotis Mihalopoulos.....	OL
61	Jonathan Arellano.....	OL	7	Eli Mirza.....	WR
0	Ira Armstead II	DB	6	Jonah O'Brien.....	QB
90	Zed Asowata.....	DL	91	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace	DL
39	Elijah Ball.....	SAF	30	Diego Oliver.....	DB
85	Christian Banks	WR	51	Payton Orth	LB
6	Joel Barrows.....	DL	82	William Orth	K
75	Matthew Bean.....	OL	11	Alexandar Oyawale	LB
1	Justin Bowick.....	WR	84	Eyasu Palmore	TE
76	Bryce Burnett.....	OL	71	Sebastian Pares	OL
34	Nijhay Burt.....	SAF	21	Jay Pearson.....	RB
59	Liam Carr.....	LB	47	Shawn Pepp Jr.....	DB
12	Tyler Clark	RB	64	Trevon Piggee-Blake	DL
12	Nick Coates	DB	45	Jack Pilson	LB
16	Kevin Conway.....	QB	19	Phoenix Porter.....	LB
2	DeWayne Cooks Jr.....	WR	73	Brody Rankin	OL
3	Russell Dandy	DB	9	Aaron Rice.....	WR
23	Kevin Daniels.....	RB	15	Malik Rainey.....	DB
54	Nic DiSanto.....	OL	40	Isaiah Richardson.....	ATH
14	Blainey Dowling	QB	77	Torris Robinson.....	OL
22	Kaelin Drakeford.....	DB	80	Quenton Rodgers	WR
36	Lazerick Eatman.....	WR	4	Blake Ruffin	DB
25	Marcus Edwards.....	DB	32	Ty Schultz.....	RB
8	Juwon Farri.....	RB	33	Christopher Sharp	CB
65	Carson Fichtel	OL	46	Trey Shaw III.....	DB
83	Jake Fieldman	WR	5	Anthony Shockey.....	LB
20	MJ Flowers	RB		Will Shumpert	WR
14	Adonis Forest Jr	SAF	96	Cody Silzer	DL
8	Tienne Fridge.....	DB	97	Cole Silzer	DL
98	Brett Galetti.....	DB/LS	44	Terence Simon Jr.....	DL
53	Stone Galloway	K	92	Colby Smith	DL
49	Jesse Garza	LB	88	DeAirious Smith.....	WR
27	Zay Gentry.....	DB	78	Max Stineman.....	OL
87	Alex Ginnever	TE	67	Chad Strickland	OL
5	Terrance Gipson	ATH	72	Elkhanan Tanelus	OL
28	Brandon Guido	DB	57	Caden Tellenson.....	LB
99	Jaron Hacha	DL	4	Justin Thomas	WR
7	Tyris Harvey.....	DB	1	Elijahwah Tolbert	LB
74	Haven Hatfield.....	OL	24	Collin Tyson	DB
33	Nile Hill	WR	66	Jack Valente	OL/LS
3	Pierce Holley	QB	95	Drake Van Hyfte	DL
93	Jacob Horvath	P	50	Luke Wagner	DL
63	Noah Howard.....	OL	55	Drew Wilder	OL
69	Braden Hunter	OL	41	Peyton Wilkerson.....	DL
58	Anthony Imperio	OL	31	Chris Williams.....	DB
81	Jaxson Isaac.....	TE	9	Braylon Willis	DL
48	Michael Jarosz.....	LB	13	Cooper Willman	WR
	Jason Jeanty Jr	OL	26	Makhi Wilson	SAF
86	Jamal Jeffers	WR	42	Henry Woods Jr.	DB
94	Alton Jefferson.....	DL	0	Jordan "Jroy" Woods	WR
52	Jamari Johnson	DL	29	Kendi Young	RB
70	JJ Johnson	OL			
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 25
 RS-Freshman 17
 Freshman 17

EIU ROSTER BY STATE

Illinois 44
 California 8
 Texas 8
 Missouri 5
 Ohio..... 5
 Georgia..... 4
 Iowa..... 4
 Kentucky 4
 Michigan 4
 Florida..... 3
 Indiana..... 3
 Pennsylvania 3
 Alabama 2
 Maryland..... 2
 Oklahoma..... 2
 Arizona..... 1
 Hawai'i..... 1
 Louisiana..... 1
 Colorado..... 1
 Massachusetts 1
 Mississippi 1
 North Carolina 1
 Tennessee 1
 Virginia..... 1
 Australia..... 1
 Canada..... 1
 Finland 1

EIU OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

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

RUNNING BACK

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

TIGHT END

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

LEFT TACKLE

67 ... Chad Strickland	6-5	315	Grad
77 ... Torris Robinson	6-5	330	Jr

LEFT GUARD

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

CENTER

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

RIGHT GUARD

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

RIGHT TACKLE

66 ... Jack Valente	6-4	310	Jr
61 ... Jonathan Arellano	6-3	305	R-So

RECEIVER

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

RECEIVER

13 ... Cooper Willman.....	6-1	210	Jr
88 ... DeAirious Smith.....	5-11	180	Jr

RECEIVER

7 ... Eli Mirza	5-11	190	Jr
36 ... Lazerick Eatman.....	5-10	185	Sr

EIU COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1994) - 2nd year
Career 54-36 (9), **EIU Record** 3-9 (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 Defesive Coach: Steven Marks (1st year)

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

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

Trainer: Scott Goehner (3rd year)

Equipment Manager: Clint Bays (15th year)

Quality Control Staff:

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

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

Ryan Shepard (Student Asst.)

EIU DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE END

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

NOSE TACKLE

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

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

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

DEFENSIVE END/LINEBACKER (BUCK)

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

LINEBACKER

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

LINEBACKER

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

CORNERBACK

7 ... Tyris Harvey	5-11	175	Jr
8 ... Tienne Fridge.....	6-2	210	Jr

SAFETY (FOX)

12 ... Nick Coates	5-10	180	Jr
34 ... Nilhay Burt.....	5-11	170	So

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
27 ... Zay Gentry.....	6-0	195	Jr

CORNERBACK

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

EIU SPECIALISTS

KICKER

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

KICKOFF

53 ... Stone Galloway	5-11	210	Sr
89 ... Daniel Luoma	6-2	240	Jr

PUNTER

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

13 ... Cooper Willman.....	6-1	210	Jr
93 ... Jacob Horvarth.....	6-1	190	Fr

LONG SNAPPER

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

PUNT RETURNS

13 ... Cooper Willman.....	6-1	210	Jr
7 ... Eli Mirza	5-11	190	Jr

KICK RETURNS

2 ... Mark Aitken.....	5-9	175	R-Jr
7 ... Eli Mirza	5-11	190	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, Tyrus 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.

2023 EIU PANTHERS FOOTBALL
EASTERN ILLINOIS Game Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	Conf Record	Time	Attend
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Aug 31, 2023	at Indiana State	W 27-0	1-0	0-0	2:56	4,355

* indicates Big South-OVC Football Association Game

2022 EASTERN ILLINOIS STARTERS

OPPONENT	WR	WR	RT	RG	C	LG	LT	WR	TE	RB	QB
Indiana State	Mirza	Willman	Valente	Imperio	Wilder	Stineman	Strickland	Bowick	Manaves	Daniels	Holley

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



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Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	W	27-0	4355

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Kevin Daniels	1	13	62	5	57	4.4	0	14	57.0
Eli Mirza	1	1	27	0	27	27.0	0	27	27.0
Kendi Young	1	8	18	2	16	2.0	0	5	16.0
Juwon Farri	1	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	4.0
Pierce Holley	1	5	2	12	-10	-2.0	0	2	-10.0
Team	1	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Total	1	30	113	19	94	3.1	0	27	94.0
Opponents	1	36	141	40	101	2.8	0	20	101.0

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Pierce Holley	1	147.0	19-30-1	63.3	244	2	38	244.0
Cooper Willman	1	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	1	142.2	19-31-1	61.3	244	2	38	244.0
Opponents	1	56.7	13-26-4	50.0	116	0	32	116.0

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Cooper Willman	1	5	53	10.6	0	19	53.0
Justin Bowick	1	4	61	15.3	1	35	61.0
Eli Mirza	1	4	82	20.5	0	38	82.0
Lazerick Eatman	1	2	25	12.5	0	22	25.0
Anthony Manaves	1	1	2	2.0	1	2	2.0
Kevin Daniels	1	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Daniel Luoma	1	1	8	8.0	0	8	8.0
Kendi Young	1	1	13	13.0	0	13	13.0
Total	1	19	244	12.8	2	38	244.0
Opponents	1	13	116	8.9	0	32	116.0

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0

Team Statistics

	EIU	OPP
First Downs	17	16
Rushing	5	8
Passing	11	6
Penalty	1	2
Rushing Yardage	94	101
Rushing attempts	30	36
Average per rush	3.1	2.8
Average per game	94.0	101.0
TDs Rushing	0	0
Passing Yardage	244	116
Comp-Att-Int	19-31-1	13-26-4
Average per pass	7.9	4.5
Average per catch	12.8	8.9
Average per game	244.0	116.0
TDs Passing	2	0
Total offense	338	217
Average per play	5.5	3.5
Average per game	338.0	217.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	2-37	5-108
Punt returns: #-Yards	0-0	0-0
Int returns: #-Yards	4-103	1-35
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-2
Penalties-Yards	4-55	3-22
Punts-Avg	4-42.5	3-43.0
Time of possession / game	29:49	30:11
3rd-down conversion	5/12	4/14
4rd-down conversion	0/3	1/4
PAT-attempts	(1-2) 50%	(0-0) 0%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-2) 0%	(0-0) 0%

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Anthony Shockey	1	16	16.0	0	16
Tyris Harvey	1	19	19.0	1	19
Elijahwah Tolbert	1	1	1.0	0	1
Nijhay Burt	1	67	67.0	1	67
Total	4	103	25.8	2	67
Opponents	1	35	35.0	0	35



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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Opponents	0-0	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT					dxdp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass				
Anthony Manaves	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Tyris Harvey	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Nijhay Burt	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Justin Bowick	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
William Orth	-	-	1-2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	4	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	0	0	1	27
Opponents	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Eastern Ill.	6	12	9	0	0	27
Opponents	0	0	0	0	0	0

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Jacob Horvath	4	170	42.5	57	0	3	2	1	0
Total	4	170	42.5	57	0	3	2	1	0
Opponents	3	129	43.0	50	0	1	2	1	0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Dewayne Cooks Jr	1	16	16.0	0	16
Eli Mirza	1	21	21.0	0	21
Total	2	37	18.5	0	21
Opponents	5	108	21.6	0	35

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Eli Mirza	1	27	82	0	21	0	130	130.0
Nijhay Burt	1	0	0	0	0	67	67	67.0
Justin Bowick	1	0	61	0	0	0	61	61.0
Kevin Daniels	1	57	0	0	0	0	57	57.0
Cooper Willman	1	0	53	0	0	0	53	53.0
Kendi Young	1	16	13	0	0	0	29	29.0
Lazerick Eatman	1	0	25	0	0	0	25	25.0
Tyris Harvey	1	0	0	0	0	19	19	19.0
Dewayne Cooks Jr	1	0	0	0	16	0	16	16.0
Anthony Shockey	1	0	0	0	0	16	16	16.0
Daniel Luoma	1	0	8	0	0	0	8	8.0
Juwon Farri	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0
Anthony Manaves	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	2.0
Elijawah Tolbert	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1.0
Pierce Holley	1	-10	0	0	0	0	-10	-10.0
Total	1	94	244	0	37	103	478	478.0
Opponents	1	101	116	0	108	35	360	360.0

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Pierce Holley	1	35	-10	244	234	234.0
Kevin Daniels	1	13	57	0	57	57.0
Eli Mirza	1	1	27	0	27	27.0
Kendi Young	1	8	16	0	16	16.0
Juwon Farri	1	1	4	0	4	4.0
Total	1	61	94	244	338	338.0
Opponents	1	62	101	116	217	217.0

Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles	blkd		
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
1	Elijawah Tolbert	1	7	4	11	.	.	1-1	.	.	.	1	.	.



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##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
19	Phoenix Porter	1	5	2	7	1-2	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	Tre'Jon Lewis	1	4	2	6	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	Ira Armstead	1	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Mark Aitken	1	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Nick Coates	1	1	4	5	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Blake Ruffin	1	3	1	4	1-10	1-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Joel Barrows	1	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
11	Alexandar Oyawale	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Anthony Shockey	1	.	2	2	.	.	1-16	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Tyris Harvey	1	.	2	2	.	.	1-19	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Kaelin Drakeford	1	2	.	2	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Braylon Willis	1	.	2	2	0.5-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
92	Colby Smith	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
28	Brandon Guido	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Pierce Holley	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Elijah Ball	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89	Daniel Luoma	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Russell Dandy	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
99	Jaron Hacha	1	1	.	1	1-7	1-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
27	Zay Gentry	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Luke Wagner	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Nijhay Burt	1	.	.	.	.	.	1-67	1	.	.	.	.	.
95	Drake Van Hyfte	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
Totals		1	35	34	69	6-22	3-19	4-103	1	3	2-0	2	0	1
Opponents		1	26	36	62	5-16	1-7	1-35	3	3	1-0	1	0	0



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Team Statistics

	EIU	OPP
Scoring	27	0
Points per game	27.0	0.0
Points Off Turnovers	12	0
First Downs	17	16
Rushing	5	8
Passing	11	6
Penalty	1	2
Rushing Yardage	94	101
Yards gained rushing	113	141
Yards lost rushing	19	40
Rushing attempts	30	36
Average per rush	3.1	2.8
Average per game	94.0	101.0
TDs Rushing	0	0
Passing Yardage	244	116
Comp-Att-Int	19-31-1	13-26-4
Average per pass	7.9	4.5
Average per catch	12.8	8.9
Average per game	244.0	116.0
TDs Passing	2	0
Total offense	338	217
Total plays	61	62
Average per play	5.5	3.5
Average per game	338.0	217.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	2-37	5-108
Punt returns: #-Yards	0-0	0-0
Int returns: #-Yards	4-103	1-35
Kick return average	18.5	21.6
Punt return average	0.0	0.0
Int return average	25.8	35.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-2
Penalties-Yards	4-55	3-22
Average per game	55.0	22.0
Punts-Yards	4-170	3-129
Average per punt	42.5	43.0
Net punt average	42.5	43.0
Kickoffs-Yards	5-285	2-125
Average per kick	57.0	62.5
Net kick average	35.4	44.0
Time of possession / game	29:49	30:11
3rd-down conversion	5/12	4/14
3rd-down pct	42%	29%
4rd-down conversion	0/3	1/4



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	EIU	OPP
4rd-down pct	0%	25%
Sacks by-Yards	3-19	1-7
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	4	0
Field goals - attempts	0-0	0-0
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-0
Red-zone scores	(1-3) 33%	(0-0) 0%
Red-zone touchdowns	(1-3) 33%	(0-0) 0%
PAT-attempts	(1-2) 50%	(0-0) 0%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-2) 0%	(0-0) 0%
Attendance	0	4355
Games / Avg per game	0/0	1/4355
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Eastern Ill.	6	12	9	0	0	27
Opponents	0	0	0	0	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
Eastern Ill.		30	94	0	27	19	244	2	38	19	31	1	244	2	38	2	37	0	21	0	0	0	0	338
Opponents		36	101	0	20	13	116	0	32	13	26	4	116	0	32	5	108	0	35	0	0	0	0	217

Eastern Ill. Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effc	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
1	3.1	12.8	142.2	18.5	0.0	478.0	338.0

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks		Fumble		Pass Defense				blkd	PAT attempts				off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts			
08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	35	34	69	6.0-22	3-19	2	2-0	4-103	3	1	0	1-2	0	0	1	12	27			
Eastern Ill.		35	34	69	6.0-22	3-19	2	2-0	4-103	3	1	0	1-2	0	0	1	12	27			
Opponents		26	36	62	5.0-16	1-7	1	1-0	1-35	3	3	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0			

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals				Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob		
08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	4	170	42.5	57	0	0	3	1	2	0-0	0	0	5	285	57.0	0	0		
Eastern Ill.		4	170	42.5	57	0	0	3	1	2	0-0	0	0	5	285	57.0	0	0		
Opponents		3	129	43.0	50	0	0	1	1	2	0-0	0	0	2	125	62.5	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.	36	101	0	20	13	116	0	32	13	26	4	116	0	32	5	108	0	35	0	0	0	0	217
Opponents		36	101	0	20	13	116	0	32	13	26	4	116	0	32	5	108	0	35	0	0	0	0	217
Eastern Ill.		30	94	0	27	19	244	2	38	19	31	1	244	2	38	2	37	0	21	0	0	0	0	338

Opponents Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effc	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
1	2.8	8.9	56.7	21.6	0.0	360.0	217.0

		Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT attempts			off		
Date	Opponent	ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	26	36	62	5.0-16	1-7	1	1-0	1-35	3	3	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Opponents		26	36	62	5.0-16	1-7	1	1-0	1-35	3	3	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Ill.		35	34	69	6.0-22	3-19	2	2-0	4-103	3	1	0	1-2	0	0	1	12	27

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	
Opponents		3	129	43.0	50	0	0	1	1	2	0-0	0	0	2	125	62.5	0	0	
Eastern Ill.		4	170	42.5	57	0	0	3	1	2	0-0	0	0	5	285	57.0	0	0	



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Eastern Ill. Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total			Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	W 27-0	3	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Totals 1 of 3 (33.3%)			3	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0

Opponents Inside Eastern Ill. Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total			Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	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
Totals 0 of 0 (0.0%)			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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
Eastern Ill.			5-12 41.7	2-3 66.7	1-3 33.3	1-2 50.0	1-4 25.0	0-0 0.0
Opponents			4-14 28.6	1-4 25.0	1-5 20.0	1-3 33.3	1-2 50.0	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
Eastern Ill.			0-3 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
Opponents			1-4 25.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-2 0.0	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
Eastern Ill.			Total 29:49	04:08	08:47	08:05	08:49	00:00
			Avg. 29:49	04:08	08:47	08:05	08:49	00:00
Opponents			Total 30:11	07:37	09:28	06:55	06:11	00:00
			Avg. 30:11	07:37	09:28	06:55	06:11	00:00