



EASTERN ILLINOIS

EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHER FOOTBALL

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GAME 1



COACHES:

Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1995)

EIU Record..... 10-12 (3rd)
OVC Record..... 5-6 (3rd)
Career Record..... 61-39 (12th)
vs. Illinois..... First Meeting

Bret Bielema (Iowa)

UI Record..... 18-19 (4th)
Big Ten Record..... 12-15 (4th)
Overall Record 115-77 (16th)
vs. Eastern Illinois..... First Meeting

SERIES

Illinois leads series 2-0

Last: Illinois 47, EIU 21 on Sept. 5, 2008

RANKINGS

Eastern Illinois RV / RV
Illinois --- / ---
..... *STATS Media/AFCA Coaches*

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2024 Season Opens August 29 at Illinois

Eastern Illinois at Illinois

Memorial Stadium (60,670) • Champaign, Ill.

August 29, 2024 • 8:10 pm • TV: Big Ten Network

NOTES TO KNOW

• Eastern Illinois came up just short of making its 17th FCS Playoff appearance last season as EIU posted an 8-3 record and was listed as one of the first four teams left out of the NCAA Championship field. EIU was ranked No. 24 in the final AFCA FCS Coaches Top 25 poll. This season EIU returns a good number of key contributors on both sides of the football but a second place prediction in the preseason Big South / OVC Football poll had the Panthers listed as the third team also receiving votes in both this year's STATS Perform Media Top 25 and FCS Coaches Top 25 polls.

• Eastern Illinois opens its 123rd season of collegiate football on August 29 as the Panthers will kick off under the lights at Memorial Stadium against Big Ten member Illinois. It will mark the fourth time in program history EIU has opened a season against a member of the Big Ten Conference. EIU opened last season with a 27-0 win at Indiana State snapping what had been a five-game losing skid in season openers. EIU head coach Chris Wilkerson enters his third season and is 1-1 in season openers with the Panthers. He was named the Big South / OVC Football Association Coach of the Year last season and finished sixth in voting for the Eddie Robinson FCS Coach of the Year Award.

• A key piece to the early season excitement about Eastern Illinois football is returning quarterback Pierce Holley. Holley was a second team All-Big South/OVC selection last year after passing for 2,741 yards and 17 touchdowns. Those numbers landed him on the EIU single season top ten list in several categories including passing yards (7th). Holley was named the Big South/OVC Preseason Offensive Player of the Year for 2024 and to the watch list for the 2024 Walter Payton Award.

• Elijahwah Tolbert tested the waters of the transfer portal following an All-Big South/OVC season last year spending spring practice at Missouri State. Tolbert transferred back to EIU during the summer and has been named a third team preseason All-American. The senior linebacker, who is a two-time first team All-Conference selection, was also named to the watch list for the 2024 Buck Buchanan Award. Tolbert made a team-high 87 tackles last season with seven tackles for loss.

• Eastern Illinois defense was one of the best in the FCS last season in terms of generating turnovers. EIU finished the season ranked second in the nation with 25 turnovers gained. The Panthers had 14 interceptions and 11 fumble recoveries. EIU returns eight starters from that defensive unit including the front seven. EIU must replace two All-American starters at both safety and corner as only graduate student Mark Aitken returns as a starter in the backfield. In addition to being returning starters, all eight are veteran players in the EIU program and currently either graduate students or seniors.

Eastern Illinois (8-3, 4-2 Conf.)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Aug. 29	at Illinois	8 pm
Sept. 7	INDIANA STATE	6 pm
Sept. 14	at Northwestern	6:30 pm
Sept. 21	at Illinois State	6 pm
Sept. 28	• LINDENWOOD	2 pm
Oct. 5	• SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (HC)	2 pm
Oct. 12	• at Tennessee State	5 pm
Oct. 26	• at UT Martin	2 pm
Nov. 2	• WESTERN ILLINOIS	2 pm
Nov. 9	• at Gardner-Webb	12:30 pm
Nov. 16	• CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	12 pm
Nov. 23	• at Tennessee Tech	12 pm
• Big South-OVC Game All Times Central		

Illinois (5-7, 3-6 Conf.)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Aug. 29	EASTERN ILLINOIS	8 pm
Sept. 7	KANSAS	6 pm
Sept. 14	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	11 am
Sept. 20	• at Nebraska	7 pm
Sept. 28	• at Penn State	TBA
Oct. 12	• PURDUE	TBA
Oct. 19	• MICHIGAN	TBA
Oct. 26	• at Oregon	TBA
Nov. 2	• MINNESOTA	TBA
Nov. 16	• MICHIGAN STATE	TBA
Nov. 23	• at Rutgers	TBA
Nov. 30	• at Northwestern	TBA
• Big Ten Game All Times Central		

STATS FCS MEDIA TOP 25 (Preseason)

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	South Dakota State	15-0
2.	North Dakota State	11-4
3.	Montana	13-2
4.	Montana State	8-4
5.	South Dakota	10-3
6.	Villanova	10-3
7.	Idaho	9-4
8.	Sacramento State	8-5
9.	Chattanooga	8-5
10.	Southern Illinois	8-5
11.	Central Arkansas	7-4
12.	Furman	10-3
13.	Richmond	9-4
14.	Incarnate Word	9-2
15.	William & Mary	6-5
16.	UAlbany	11-4
17.	Lafayette	9-3
18.	UC Davis	7-4
19.	Illinois State	6-5
20.	Western Carolina	7-4
21.	Tarleton State	8-3
22.	Weber State	6-5
23.	Nicholls	6-5
24.	North Dakota	7-5
25.	Youngstown State	8-5

RV - Eastern Illinois

FCS COACHES TOP 25 (Preseason)

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	South Dakota State	15-0
2.	North Dakota State	11-4
3.	Montana	13-2
4.	Montana State	8-4
5.	South Dakota	10-3
6.	Villanova	10-3
7.	Idaho	9-4
8.	Chattanooga	8-5
9.	Furman	10-3
10.	Sacramento State	8-5
11.	Southern Illinois	8-5
12.	Richmond	9-4
13.	Central Arkansas	7-4
14.	UAlbany	11-4
15.	Incarnate Word	9-2
16.	William & Mary	6-5
17.	UC Davis	7-4
18.	Lafayette	9-3
19.	Western Carolina	7-4
20.	Illinois State	6-5
21.	Tarleton State	8-3
22.	North Dakota	7-5
23.	Youngstown State	8-5
24.	Nicholls	6-5
25.	Florida A&M	12-1

RV - Eastern Illinois

• MJ Flowers turned in one of the best freshman performances in school history as the running back finished as the runner-up for the FCS Jerry Rice Award presented to the top FCS freshman. Flowers rushed for 854 yards with eight touchdowns. Twice during the season he rushed for more than 200 yards with a season high of 272 against McNeese State the third best total in school history. He had four rushing touchdowns and 201 yards against Tennessee State, the four rushing touchdowns tied for the third most in an EIU game.

• Eli Mirza was one of the Panthers top offensive targets last season as he earned first team All-Big South/OVC honors. Mirza led the Panthers with 61 receptions for 721 yards. He had three touchdown receptions and added another score on the ground. He had a season high ten receptions for 119 yards against UT Martin. Mirza ranked 22nd in the FCS in receptions and 39th in receiving yards last season.

• Part of EIU's offensive success last season was built around the Panthers offensive line playing together more often. From that offensive unit EIU returns starting center Drew Wilder (11 games) starting guard Sebastian Pares (10 games), starting tackle Nic DiSanto (9 games) along with Jack Valente (6 games) and Elkhanan Tanelus (3 games).

• Drake Van Hyfte closed out the 2023 season with a bang as the redshirt junior had five tackles include three sacks and 3.5 tackles for loss in the Panthers final road game victory. The three sacks in a game were the most by a Panther since the 2021 season. Van Hyfte finished as the team leader with nine tackles for loss which ranked 14th in the Big South/OVC. He recorded 6.5 of his season tackles for loss in the final three games.

• EIU football will definitely have a veteran presence this season as 30 of the members on the current roster are either graduate students or seniors (15 of each). A total of 57 members on the Panthers roster are upper classmen this season with 35 of those having appeared in games in previous seasons. Joel Barrows, Anthony Manaves, Anthony Shockey and Elkhanan Tanelus will all be entering their sixth year at EIU having been part of former head coach Adam Cushing's first recruiting class. Eight additional players are entering their fifth year at EIU having joined the Panthers during the 2020 COVID season.

• Eastern Illinois will have to replace two starting All-Americans in the defensive backfield with the loss of safety Blake Ruffin and corner Russell Dandy. EIU returns just one starter from its defensive backfield in Mark Aitken but does have safety Kaelin Drakeford, a starter in 2020 and 2021 returning. The Panthers shored up the corner spot with the relocation of safety Nijhay Burt along with FBS transfers Moses Alexander and Kiwaun Davis. The group is rounded out by FCS transfer Kaleb Lyons who led the FCS in interceptions last season to earn All-America honors.

• As a defensive unit Eastern Illinois registered 68 tackles for loss last season which ranked 37th in the FCS. The Panthers return 75 percent of that production from last season including the team's top six tackle for loss leaders led by Drake Van Hyfte (9), Elijahaw Tolbert (7), Anthony Shockey (7), Nicholas Oliveira-Chace (7), Joel Barrows (5.5) and Phoenix Porter (5). Tolbert and Barrows both earned All-Conference honors.

• One question mark for Eastern Illinois this season will be who takes over the Panthers kicking duties and how successful are they in that role. EIU graduated Stone Galloway who was an All-OVC kicker in 2022 but struggled last season going 4-of-14 following a preseason injury. Julian Patino returns after rejoining EIU early in the year. Patino was 3-of-3 on field goals and 12-of-13 on extra points.

• Eastern Illinois was able to play turnover free football for a large portion of the season as the Panthers led the FCS in turnover margin. EIU turned the ball over only ten times for the entire season playing turnover free football in four games including the final two games of the season. On the year EIU had 25 turnovers gained and only ten turnovers lost (plus 1.36).

• Eastern Illinois will play two FBS schools this season as part of the Panthers 12-game regular season schedule. Both opponents come from the Big Ten Conference with the season opener at Illinois and week three at Northwestern. This will mark the eighth time EIU has played a 12-game regular season. Of those eight 12-game regular seasons, this will mark the sixth time EIU has played two FBS schools in the same season and first time both of those FBS schools have been from the same conference.

• When Eastern Illinois kicks off on Thursday night against Illinois it will mark the 46th time that EIU has faced an FBS opponent. The first game for the Panthers against an FBS school was at Toledo during the 1984 season. EIU is 6-39 all-time against FBS schools with the last win coming on Sept. 10, 2016 at Miami (Ohio), a 21-17 win. EIU also has FBS wins over San Diego State (2013), Eastern Michigan (2004), Northern Illinois (1998), Western Michigan (1996) and Akron (1989).

• In addition to senior Eli Mirza, Eastern Illinois returns two other experienced receivers in DeAirious Smith and Cooper Willman along with veteran tight end Anthony Manaves. Smith hauled in 28 passes last year for 494 yards with his 17.6 yards per catch average ranked 24th in the FCS. Willman started 11 games in 2022 before missing most of last year with injury. Manaves has appeared in 39 games with 23 starts.

• EIU's plus six win total last season was nearly enough to place the Panthers into the FCS playoff field as the Panthers went from two wins in 2022 to eight wins in 2023. The plus six wins were tied for the second best turnaround in school history with the 2000 team that improved from two wins in 1999 to eight wins in 2000. The school record is plus 11 wins by the 1978 National Championship team (1 win in 1977 / 12 wins in 1978).

2023 Big South-OVC Football Standings

Team	CONF	Pct	All	Pct
Gardner-Webb	5-1	.833	7-5	.583
UT Martin	5-1	.833	8-3	.727
Eastern Illinois	4-2	.667	8-3	.727
Bryant	4-2	.667	6-5	.545
Southeast Missouri	3-3	.500	4-7	.364
Tennessee State	2-4	.333	6-5	.545
Robert Morris	2-4	.333	4-7	.364
Charleston Southern	2-4	.333	4-7	.364
Tennessee Tech	2-4	.333	4-7	.364
Lindenwood	1-5	.167	3-7	.300

This Week In Big South-OVC Football

Thursday - August 29

Wofford at Gardner-Webb - 6 pm
Lindenwood at Kansas - 7 pm
Eastern Illinois at Illinois - 8 pm

Saturday - August 31

Western Illinois at Northern Illinois - 2:30 pm
Mississippi Valley State at Tennessee State - 5 pm
The Citadel at Charleston Southern - 5 pm
UT Martin at Kansas State - 6 pm
Tennessee Tech at Middle Tennessee - 6 pm
Southeast Missouri at New Mexico State - 8 pm

* Big South-OVC Football Association Games

Eastern Illinois Captains

2 - Mark Aitken
3 - Pierce Holley
5 - Anthony Shockey
9 - Tre'jon Lewis

Big South-OVC Order Of Finish

1. UT Martin (5)
2. EASTERN ILLINOIS (2)
3. Southeast Missouri (2)
4. Tennessee State
5. Gardner-Webb
6. Charleston Southern
7. Tennessee Tech
8. Lindenwood
9. Western Illinois



Eastern Illinois Returning All-Conference Players

3 - Pierce Holley (2nd Team QB)
4 - MJ Flowers (1st Team RB)
6 - Joel Barrows (2nd Team DL)
7 - Eli Mirza (1st Team WR)
11 - Elijah Tolbert (1st Team LB)
71 - Sebastian Pares (2nd Team OL)

MILESTONE MOMENTS ... Players nearing EIU milestones in upcoming games

- Running back MJ Flowers enters the season with 962 career rushing yards at Eastern Illinois. He needs 38 yards to become the 31st player in program history to crack the 1,000 yard mark for their career. The last to do it was Jaelin Benefield in 2022. EIU has 12 players (22 total times) that have rushed for more than 1,000 yards in a single season.
- Quarterback Pierce Holley enters the season with 2,741 career passing yards at Eastern Illinois. He needs 259 yards to become the 16th player in program history to crack the 3,000 yard mark for their career. The last to do it was Harry Woodbery in 2020. EIU has three players (six total times) that have passed for more than 3,000 yards in a single season.
- Kick returner Mark Aitken enters the season with 755 career kick return yards at Eastern Illinois. He needs 53 kick return yards to move into 10th on the EIU career kick return yards chart. Aitken was a second team All-OVC selection at kick returner in 2022. He has a 21.6 yards per return average for his Panther career with a long return of 80 yards in 2022 against Northwestern State. Frank Cutolo (1998-01) currently sits in 10th place on the EIU charts with 808 career kick return yards.

SEASON LONG NOTES

- Eastern Illinois football will not leave the state of Illinois during its first six games of the 2024 season which includes three road games and three home games at O'Brien Field. EIU's three road contests take place at Illinois, Northwestern and Illinois State which are a combined 355 miles from the Charleston campus. EIU welcomes Indiana State, Lindenwood and Southeast Missouri to O'Brien Field for home games during those six weeks. EIU's first venture outside the Prairie State will be on Oct. 12 at Tennessee State where the Panthers will face TSU at Nissan Stadium, located 337 miles from Charleston. It is EIU's longest stretch of games played in the state to open a season since 1941 when the Panthers played all seven games of the year in the State of Illinois.
- Eastern Illinois jumps back into games with the Power Four FBS Conferences over the next several years including this season with two games against teams in the Big Ten Conference. EIU will face Illinois for the season opener and Northwestern in week three of the season. Other future FBS games on the EIU schedule include a trip to play at Alabama in 2025, Minnesota in 2026, Illinois in 2027 and Kentucky in 2028.
- The Ohio Valley Conference and Big South Conference merged into a joint conference for the sport of football last season playing its inaugural season with ten members. Gardner-Webb was the league's first champion. Conference realignment once again impacted the FCS as Bryant and Robert Morris exited the league after one season and Western Illinois joined for the 2024 season. The Big South-OVC Football Association features OVC member schools Eastern Illinois, Lindenwood, Southeast Missouri, Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech, UT Martin and Western Illinois. The Big South is represented by Charleston Southern and Gardner-Webb. The league announced in July 2024 that the partnership would be extended to 2030 (previous deal was to 2026) with the OVC Conference Office overseeing the day-to-day operation of the league.

- Eastern Illinois once again has several legacy players on its roster this season with offensive lineman Carson Fichtel, linebacker Jared Pilson, defensive lineman Peyton Wilkerson and the newest addition quarterback Jacob Rosenstiel. 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. Rosenstiel's father Bob was a tight end for the Panthers in the mid-1990s going on to play briefly in the NFL for the Oakland Raiders. All four played at EIU for head coach Bob Spoo crossing over with each other at some point in their Panther careers.

- Eastern Illinois football continues to expand its reach across both the United States and Globe. EIU's roster features players from 20 different states spanning from California and Oregon on the West Coast to Massachusetts in the Northeast, Florida in the Southeast and Virginia on the East Coast. The farthest reaching Panther is punter Jacob Horvath from Australia who is returning for his second year. The last player from Australia prior to Horvath to play for the Panthers was long snapper Bryce Coulson in 2019. In recent year's EIU has had players on its roster from Canada, Finland and The Netherlands.

- Eastern Illinois has announced its team captains for the 2024 season with five players in total selected including two who served as team captains during the 2023 season. Mark Aitken (SAF) and Tre'jon Lewis (DL) are team captains for the second straight season. They are joined by Pierce Holley (QB), Anthony Manaves (TE) and Anthony Shockey (LB).

- Eastern Illinois football has 15 players on its current roster that already have earned their undergraduate degree as they prepare to play this upcoming season. This year's graduate players are Mark Aitken, Joel Barrows, Kaelin Drakeford, Pierce Holley, Jamal Jeffers, Tre'jon Lewis, Anthony Manaves, Sebastian Pares, Jerrad Price, Anthony Shockey, Joseph Solomon, Jordan Sprycha, Elkhanan Tanelus, Cooper Willman and Kendi Young.

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 ten years as the head coach at the University of Chicago. Wilkerson has a 61-39 (10-12 at EIU, 3rd year) career record. Complete Coach Chris Wilkerson bio available on page 6 of EIU game notes...

BRET BIELEMA

Bret Bielema enters his fourth season as the head coach at Illinois. The long-time college head coach has posted an 18-19 record in three seasons with the Fighting Illini including a trip to the ReliaQuest Bowl at the end of the 2022 season. Bielema coached seven seasons at Wisconsin leading the Badgers to seven straight bowl games including three trips to the Rose Bowl. He was the head coach at Arkansas for five years taking the Razorbacks to three bowl games. He holds a 115-77 record as a college head coach. Bielema is an Illinois native (Prophetstown) that played college football at Iowa.

SCOUTING ILLINOIS

Illinois returns some key pieces from last year's team that posted a 5-7 record and came up just short of making a second straight bowl appearance. The Fighting Illini return quarterback Luke Altmyer who passed for 1,883 yards and 13 touchdowns last season. Gone from the roster are his top two targets but Illinois does return Pat Bryant (43 receptions) and running back Kaden Feagin (438 yards). On defense three of the top five tacklers return led by Miles Scott and Xavier Scott. Seth Coleman had 50 tackles last season including a team high nine tackles for loss.

THE SERIES

Eastern Illinois and Illinois will be meeting for the third time with the Fighting Illini holding a 2-0 all-time series lead. The two schools first met to open the 2006 season in what was the Panthers first-ever game against a Big Ten Conference opponent. Illinois won that first meeting 42-17. EIU again made the short trip up I-57 in 2008 losing 47-21. EIU is 0-9 all-time against Big Ten Conference schools having not scored in their last two games against Big Ten opponents (2015 & 2019)

LAST TEN MEETINGS

Sept. 2, 2006 at Illinois 42, EIU 17
Sept. 5, 2008 at Illinois 47, EIU 21

PREVIOUS BIG TEN SCHOOL MEETINGS

Sept. 8, 2007 at Purdue 52, EIU 6
Oct. 10, 2009 at Penn State 52, EIU 3
Sept. 4, 2010 at Iowa 37, EIU 7
Sept. 10, 2011 at Northwestern 42, EIU 21
Aug. 28, 2014 at Minnesota 42, EIU 20
Sept. 12, 2015 at Northwestern 41, EIU 0
Sept. 7, 2019 at Indiana 52, EIU 0

THREE SERIES DID YOU KNOW FACTS...

1.) Illinois offensive coordinator Barry Lunney Jr., is the godfather to EIU's Peyton Wilkerson (son of EIU head coach Chris Wilkerson)

2.) Former Illinois standout J Leman will do the color for the TV broadcast, his younger brother Cory Leman was a standout linebacker at EIU (2007-11)

3.) Joseph Solomon's two older brothers played at both EIU and Illinois. Ben played at EIU (2017-20) and Adam played at Illinois (2015-18)

• Eastern Illinois will play an eight game conference schedule this season marking the first time since the 2019 season that the Panthers will play that many conference contests. Since the 2019 season, EIU has been limited to the number of conference contests due to COVID-19 in 2020 and conference realignment over the last four years. During its first season as a league the Big South OVC Football Association only scheduled six conference contests due to previous schedule conflicts with members schools. Including Eastern Illinois, five football playing members from the 2019 OVC still remain in the current Big South/OVC Association.

TALE OF THE TAPE

Points Per Game.....	23.6	24.5
Average Points Allowed.....	19.7	29.4
First Downs.....	221	245
Rushing Yards Per Game	123.8	126.4
Rushing Touchdowns	16	12
Passing Yards Per Game	249.2	264.6
Passing Touchdowns	17	23
Average Yards Per Game	373.0	391.0
Interceptions Thrown	7	13
Fumbles - Lost	7-3	17-10
Turnovers Gained.....	25	15
Punting Average	37.5	42.0
Field Goals (ATT/MADE)	7-of-16	14-of-19
3rd Down Conversions	61-of-161 (38%)	58-of-161 (36%)
4th Down Conversions.....	13-of-28 (46%)	14-of-25 (56%)
Sacks By (Yards).....	23 (124)	24 (183)
Penalties (Yards)	64 (564)	79 (749)
Time of Possession (Game)	31:30	28:25

Statistical Leaders (non returners with line)**RUSHING YARDS (Touchdowns)**

EASTERN ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS
MJ Flowers.....854 (8)	Reggie Love III.....567 (4)
Kevin Daniels.....297 (2)	Kaden Feagin .....438 (2)

PASSING YARDS (Touchdowns)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS
Pierce Holley.....2,741 (17)	Luke Altmyer .....1,883 (13)
.....	John Paddock .....1,278 (9)

RECEPTIONS (Yards)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS
Eli Mirza .....61 (721)	Isaiah Williams.....82 (1,055)
Justin Thomas .....38 (475)	Casey Washington.....49 (670)
MJ Flowers .....35 (192)	Pat Bryant .....43 (560)

TACKLES

EASTERN ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS
Elijahwah Tolbert.....87	Dylan Rosick.....82
Blake Ruffin.....63	Miles Scott .....63
Anthony Shockey.....56	Xavier Scott .....57
Mark Aitken.....41	Jer'Zhan Newton.....52
Nicholas Oliveira-Chace.....35	Seth Coleman50

TACKLES FOR LOSS / SACKS

EASTERN ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS
Drake Van Hyfte.....9.....5	Seth Coleman .....9.....6
Elijahwah Tolbert.....7.....0	Jer'Zhan Newton .....8.5.....7.5
Nicholas Oliveira-Chace ...7.....2.5	Dylan Rosick.....7.5.....1

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

2023

TEAM

.....	NCAA	CONF
Rushing Offense	92nd	5th
Passing Offense	25th	2nd
Passing Efficiency	71st	5th
Total Offense	50th	3rd
Scoring Offense	75th	6th
Rushing Defense	41st	4th
Pass Defense	75th	5th
Pass Efficiency Def.	28th	2nd
Total Defense	52nd	6th
Scoring Defense	24th	1st
Net Punting	50th	6th
Punt Returns	72nd	5th
Kickoff Returns	95th	8th
Turnover Margin	1st	1st
Turnovers Gained	1st	1st
Sacks	54th	6th
Tackles For Loss	37th	5th
Sacks Allowed	112th	9th
3rd Down Conversion	75th	5th
4th Down Conversion	77th	4th
3rd Down Defense	58th	6th
Red Zone Offense	103rd	8th
Red Zone Defense	52nd	3rd
Time of Possession	34th	4th

INDIVIDUAL (Top 50)

.....	NCAA	CONF
Pierce Holley (Passing Touchdowns)	45th	4th
Pierce Holley (Passing Yards).....	13th	1st
Pierce Holley (Total Offense)	29th	2nd
Justin Bowick (TD Receptions).....	43rd	3rd
Eli Mirza (Receiving Yards)	47th	5th
Eli Mirza (Receptions).....	25th	4th
DeAirious Smith (Yards Per Reception) ..	17th	1st
MJ Flowers (Yards Per Carry)	40th	2nd
MJ Flowers (Rushing TDs).....	38th	4th
MJ Flowers (Rushing Yards).....	44th	3rd
Russell Dandy (Fumble Recovery).....	12th	1st
Russell Dandy (Passes Defended)	1st	1st
Blake Ruffin (Interceptions).....	8th	1st
NiJhay Burt (Interceptions).....	45th	5th
Joel Barrows (Forced Fumbles)	12th	2nd
Kaelin Drakeford (Fumble Recovery)	12th	1st
Nicholas Oliveria-Chace (Fumble Rec.) ..	12th	1st
Elijahwah Tolbert (Total Tackles).....	51st	4th
Mark Aitken (Kick Returns)	40th	6th

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 - Gardner-Webb
1 - Tennessee Tech
1 - Western Kentucky *

1 - Austin Peay *

* indicates team no longer in the OVC

2023 WEEKLY AWARDS

Week 1 - Elijahwah Tolbert (Defense) *

Week 1 - Jacob Horvarth (Freshman)

Week 3 - MJ Flowers (Freshman)

Week 4 - MJ Flowers (Freshman) *

Week 4 - Stone Galloway (Special)

Week 5 - Blake Ruffin (Defense)

Week 5 - MJ Flowers (Freshman)

Week 6 - Pierce Holley (Offense)

Week 8 - Pierce Holley (Offense)

Week 11 - MJ Flowers (Offense)

Week 11 - Jacob Horvarth (Specialist)

Week 11 - MJ Flowers (Freshman)

* Indicates National Player of the Week

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

Montana 28 (2023)
Northern Iowa 22 (2021)
Eastern Kentucky 22 (2022)
Furman 20 (2023)
Delaware 19 (2023)
New Hampshire 17 (2022)
EASTERN ILLINOIS 16 (2015)
McNeese State 16 (2015)
Eastern Washington..... 15 (2021)
Villanova 15 (2023)
North Dakota State..... 14 (2023)

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

* Appalachian State..... 20 (2012)

* Georgia Southern 19 (2012)

James Madison..... 18 (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

**3rd year at Eastern Illinois as Head Coach
(10th season at EIU overall)**

Eastern Illinois, 1995

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Eastern Illinois			
Year	Overall	Conf.	
2022	2-9	1-4 (OVC)	
2023	8-3	4-2 (OVC)	No. 24
EIU	10-12	5-6	
University of Chicago Record			
2021	8-2	7-2 (MWC)	
2020	*Season cancelled	COVID-19	
2019	6-3	6-1 (MWC)	
2018	7-3	7-1 (MWC)	
2017	6-4	6-2 (MWC)	
2016	4-6	4-4 (SAA)	
2015	6-4	5-3 (SAA)	
2014	8-1	3-0 (UAA)	UAA title
2013	6-4	1-2 (UAA)	
Totals	51-27	39-15	9 years
Career	61-39	44-21	

Eastern Illinois

- * Hired as 26th head coach in EIU history on January 26, 2022
- * Begins third year as head coach for 2024 season
- * Sixth in voting for Eddie Robinson FCS Coach of the Year Award
- * Named Big South-OVC Football Coach of the Year in 2023
- * Coached team from 2 wins in 2022 to 8 wins in 2023 (No. 24 FCS Coaches Poll)
- * Coached team players that earned Big South-OVC honors in 2023 (six first team selections)
- * Coached four players that earned a total of seven All-America honors in 2023
- * Coached MJ Flowers - 2023 Jerry Rice Award runner-up and Big South-OVC Freshman of the Year
- * Team ranked second in the FCS in turnovers gained in 2023
- * Team ranked 18th in FCS in scoring defense in 2023
- * Team ranked 25th in FCS in passing offense in 2023
- * 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



Kyle Derickson

Assoc HC / Off Cord / QBs
(3rd year)
Butler, 2003



Collin Geier

Def. Cord. / Linebackers
(3rd year)
Missouri, 2018



Andrew Brady

ST Cord. / Nickels
(3rd year)
Wheaton College, 2019



Maurice Fleming

Def Pass Cord / DBs
(2nd year)
Iowa, 2016



John Cannova

Off Run Game Cord / OL
(3rd year)
North Central College, 2014



Turner Pugh

Running Backs
(2nd year)
Northern Illinois, 2004



Tino Smith II

Wide Receivers
(1st year)
Savannah State, 2021



Andrew Strobel

Safeties
(1st year)
Northern Michigan, 2009



Carlif Taylor

Defensive Line
(1st year)
Southern Connecticut, 2014



Cole Hoover

Tight Ends
(2nd year)
Eastern Illinois, 2021

FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF & QUALITY CONTROL

Graduate Assistant Coach - Defense Steven Marks
Graduate Assistant Coach - Offense Jackson Ostroski
Quality Control Coach - Offense.....Isaiah Nelson
Quality Control Coach - Defense.....Ryan DeMarois
Quality Control Coach - Special Teams..... Chris Gatton
Player Personnel Matt Lindsey
Graduate Assistant - Operations Andrew Scheff

Football Athletic Trainer Scott Goehner
Football Equipment Manager Clint Bays
Director of Football Operations David Brubaker
Football Academics Nicole Jackson
Nutrition Haley Schmitz
Director of Football Performance..... Jacob Hillman
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
Assistant Football Athletic Trainer Noah Davis
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 Academic Services/SWA..... Jenn King
Assistant AD Compliance TBA
Assistant AD Marketing / Fan Engagement..... James Baird
Assistant AD Sports Performance / Wellness..... Jim Nave
Ticket Manager..... Cindy Bayes

EIU LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

Passed for more than 300 yards...

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

Passed for more than 400 yards...

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

Threw four touchdown passes...

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

Rushed for more than 150 yards...

MJ Flowers, 179, at Robert Morris (Nov. 18, 2023)

Rushed for more than 200 yards...

MJ Flowers, 201, vs. Tennessee State (Nov. 11, 2023)

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

Rushed for three touchdowns...

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

Rushed for four touchdowns...

MJ Flowers, 4, vs. Tennessee State (Nov. 11, 2023)

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...

Nijhay Burt, 1, vs. Tennessee State (Nov. 11, 2023)

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

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

Blocked a field goal...

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

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

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

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

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

EIU scored a two-point conversion

- (Rush) - Pierce Holley vs. Bryant (Oct. 21, 2023)

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

Won a game on a field goal...

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

Had 15 or more tackles on defense...

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

Had 3 or more sacks on defense...

Drake Van Hyfte, 3, at Robert Morris (Nov. 18, 2023)

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

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

Had 2 or more interceptions

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

Recovered an onside kick...

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

Offensive Lineman Scored a Touchdown

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

2023 EASTERN ILLINOIS TOUCHDOWNS

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

1.....	Justin Bowick 35 pass from Pierce Holley	at Indiana State
2.....	Tyris Harvey 19 interception return	at Indiana State
2.....	Nijhay Burt 67 interception return	at Indiana State
3.....	Anthony Manaves 2 pass from Pierce Holley.....	at Indiana State
1.....	Kevin Daniels 15 pass from Pierce Holley	at Bowling Green
2.....	DeAirious Smith 31 pass from Pierce Holley.....	at Bowling Green
2.....	Justin Thomas 31 pass from Pierce Holley.....	Illinois State
4.....	Justin Thomas 25 pass from Pierce Holley.....	Illinois State
1.....	Pierce Holley 1 run	McNeese
2.....	Eli Mirza 12 run	McNeese
4.....	MJ Flowers 6 run	McNeese
4.....	Juwon Farri 19 run	McNeese
2.....	Justin Bowick 52 pass from Pierce Holley	at Northwestern State
3.....	Kevin Daniels 6 run	at Northwestern State
1.....	Justin Bowick 13 pass from Pierce Holley	UT Martin
2.....	Eli Mirza 10 pass from Pierce Holley.....	UT Martin
4.....	Justin Bowick 14 pass from Pierce Holley	UT Martin
OT.....	Justin Thomas 21 pass from Pierce Holley.....	UT Martin
1.....	Justin Bowick 7 pass from Pierce Holley	at SE Missouri
2.....	Kevin Daniels 1 run	at SE Missouri
3.....	MJ Flowers 7 run	at SE Missouri
4.....	Justin Thomas 21 pass from Pierce Holley.....	at SE Missouri
1.....	Pierce Holley 2 run	Bryant
2.....	Pierce Holley 1 run	Bryant
OT.....	Pierce Holley 2 run	Bryant
1.....	Eli Mirza 38 pass from Pierce Holley.....	at Lindenwood
1.....	MJ Flowers 4 run	at Lindenwood
1.....	MJ Flowers 8 run	Tennessee State
1.....	MJ Flowers 2 run	Tennessee State
3.....	MJ Flowers 31 run	Tennessee State
4.....	MJ Flowers 1 run	Tennessee State
1.....	Eli Mirza 26 pass from Pierce Holley.....	at Robert Morris
2.....	DeAirious Smith 18 pass from Pierce Holley.....	at Robert Morris
2.....	Justin Thomas 12 pass from Pierce Holley.....	at Robert Morris
4.....	MJ Flowers 38 run	at Robert Morris

EASTERN ILLINOIS NFL CONNECTIONS

DENVER BRONCOS

Sean Payton - Head Coach

LOS ANGELES RAMS

Jimmy Garoppolo - Quarterback

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Kamu Grugier-Hill - Linebacker

NEW YORK GIANTS

Tim Kelly - Tight Ends Coach

TENNESSEE TITANS

Matt Jones - Offensive Assistant Coach

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Adam Gristick - Linebackers Assistant

CLEVELAND BROWNS

Steven Bravo Brown - Special Teams Assistant

ATLANTA FALCONS

Ryan Pace - Senior Personnel Executive

BROADCAST

Tony Romo - CBS Color Analyst with Jim Nantz

TEAM GAME RECORDS**TOTAL OFFENSE:**

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

RUSHING YARDAGE:

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

RUSHING ATTEMPTS:

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

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

PASSING ATTEMPTS:

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

PASSES COMPLETED:

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

TOUCHDOWNS:

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

TOUCHDOWN PASSES:

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

MOST EIU POINTS IN A QUARTER:

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

MOST POINTS SCORED BY BOTH TEAMS:

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

POINTS

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

EIU LOWEST OFFENSIVE TOTAL:

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

EIU FEWEST RUSHING YARDS:

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

EIU FEWEST PASSING YARDS:

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

* EIU did not attempt a pass in the game

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

QUARTERBACK SACKS:

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

TURNOVERS:

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

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

EIU OVERTIME GAMES**DOUBLE OVERTIME**

+ Nov. 26, 1983 at Indiana State.....	L 13-16
Nov. 11, 2000 at Illinois State.....	L 41-44
Sept. 15, 2012 at Illinois State.....	L 51-54
Sept. 14, 2013 at Southern Illinois.....	W 40-37
Sept. 30, 2017 at Tennessee State.....	W 19-16
Oct. 14, 2017 at Murray State.....	W 27-24
Oct. 15, 2022 vs. Lindenwood.....	L 34-37

OVERTIME

+ Nov. 27, 1982 vs. Jackson State.....	W 16-13
Sept. 11, 2004 vs. Indiana State.....	L 30-33
Nov. 6, 2004 at Tennessee Tech.....	L 37-40
Nov. 6, 2010 at Tennessee State.....	W 31-28
Sept. 22, 2012 vs. Murray State.....	W 50-49
Oct. 11, 2014 at Eastern Kentucky.....	L 33-36
Sept. 19, 2015 vs. Illinois State.....	L 31-34
Oct. 17, 2015 at Tennessee State.....	W 25-22
Nov. 4, 2017 vs. Eastern Kentucky.....	W 23-20
Oct. 20, 2018 vs. UT Martin.....	W 24-21
Oct. 7, 2023 vs. UT Martin.....	L 27-28
Oct. 21, 2023 vs. Bryant.....	W 25-24

+ 1982 & 1983 games in FCS playoffs

MOST PLAYS IN A GAME:

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

MOST PLAYS IN A GAME BY BOTH TEAMS:

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

OPPONENTS AGAINST EASTERN ILLINOIS**TOTAL OFFENSE:**

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

RUSHING YARDAGE:

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

PASSING YARDAGE:

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

POINTS

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

LOWEST OFFENSIVE TOTAL:

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

OPPONENT FEWEST RUSHING YARDS:

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

OPPONENT FEWEST PASSING YARDS:

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

TOTAL OFFENSE:

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

RUSHING YARDAGE:

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

RUSHING ATTEMPTS:

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

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

PASSING ATTEMPTS:

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

PASSES COMPLETED:

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

RECEIVING (CATCHES):

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

RECEIVING (YARDS):

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

ALL-PURPOSE RUSHING:

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

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS:

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

RUSHING YARDS BY A QB:

Jalen Whitlow	142 at UT Martin	2015
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TOUCHDOWNS:

Steve Turner.....	6 vs. Mecom Academy.....	1920
Kevin Staple	5 vs. Kentucky State	1982
MJ Flowers.....	4 vs. Tennessee State ..	2023
Erik Lora.....	4 vs. Tennessee Tech	2013
J.R. Taylor	4 vs. Florida Atlantic.....	2002
J.R. Taylor	4 vs. Tennessee-Martin.....	2002
Kevin Staple	4 vs. Grand Valley.....	1983
James Warring	4 vs. Northern Michigan	1978
Scott McGhee	4 vs. Northern Iowa.....	1978

TOUCHDOWN PASSES:

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

SOLO TACKLES:

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

TOTAL TACKLES:

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

TACKLES FOR LOSS:

Trevor Frericks	7.0 vs. Tennessee State	2009
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QUARTERBACK SACKS:

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

PASSES INTERCEPTED:

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

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

INDIVIDUAL GAME RECORDS**LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS:**

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

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN:

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

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR TD:

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

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

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

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN:

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

LONGEST PUNT:

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

LONGEST PUNT RETURN:

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

MOST BLOCKED KICKS:

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

MOST CONSECUTIVE PASSES COMPLETED:

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

MOST FIELD GOALS:

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

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

MOST INTERCEPTIONS THROWN:

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

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/LAST)
0	Ira Armstead II	LB	6-4	240	Sr	2	South Bend, Ind. (Adams / Univ. of Virginia)
0	Cody Davidson	WR	6-2	190	Jr	TR	Beaverton, Ore. (Beaverton / Santa Rosa JC)
1	Nick Coates	SAF	5-10	190	Sr	3	Louisville, Ky. (Male)
1	Terrance Gipson	WR	6-0	190	Sr	RS	Kingwood, Texas (Westfield / East Los Angeles College)
2	Mark Aitken	DB	5-9	180	R-Sr	3	Chicago, Ill. (Kenwood Academy / Northern Illinois Univ.)
2	CJ Nelson	WR	5-11	175	R-So	TR	North Richland Hills, Texas (Richland / Univ. of Houston)
3	NiJhay Burt	DB	5-11	185	Jr	2	Munhall, Pa. (Steel Valley)
3	Pierce Holley	QB	6-3	225	Grad	1	Arvada, Colo. (Lakewood / Georgetown Univ.)
4	Moses Alexander	DB	6-3	195	R-Jr	TR	Galveston, Texas (Ball / Univ. of Houston)
4	MJ Flowers	RB	6-1	220	R-So	1	Cincinnati, Ohio (Colerain)
5	Anthony Shockey	LB	6-1	230	R-Sr	3	Lombard, Ill. (Glenbard East)
5	Surahz Buncom	WR	6-3	175	R-Fr	TR	Chula Vista, Calif. (Mater Dei Catholic / Univ. of Kansas)
6	Joel Barrows	DL	6-3	240	R-Sr	3	Chicago, Ill. (Brooks Prep)
6	DeAirious Smith	WR	5-11	185	Sr	4	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Christian Academy)
7	Kiwaun Davis	DB	6-3	175	R-Fr	TR	Chicago, Ill. (Kenwood Academy / Northern Illinois Univ.)
7	Eli Mirza	WR	5-11	195	Sr	1	Sacramento, Calif. (Monterey Trail / Sierra College)
8	Tienne Fridge	DB	6-2	210	Sr	1	Sacramento, Calif. (Elk Grove / Sacramento City College)
8	Joey Sprinkle	QB	6-4	220	Jr	TR	Monticello, Ill. (Monticello / St. Ambrose Univ.)
9	Tre'jon Lewis	DL	6-4	285	R-Sr	2	Manor, Texas (Manor / Texas Tech Univ.)
9	Aaron Rice	WR	6-5	200	R-So	1	Farmington Hills, Mich. (North Farmington)
11	Elijahwah Tolbert	LB	6-1	230	Sr	3	Country Club Hills, Ill. (Hillcrest)
11	Anthony Manaves	TE	6-4	230	R-Sr	4	Chicago, Ill. (St. Patrick)
12	Akili Hubbard	SAF	6-2	195	R-Jr	TR	Bellflower, Calif. (Bellflower / Univ. of Kansas)
12	Collin Willard	WR	5-11	200	Fr	HS	North Olmsted, Ohio (North Olmsted)
13	Keshawn Lewis-Hunt	LB	6-0	220	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park)
13	Cooper Willman	WR	6-1	205	R-Jr	3	Sterling, Ill. (Sterling)
14	Akin Adigun	SAF	6-3	185	R-Fr	RS	Little Elm, Texas (Lone Star)
14	Blainey Dowling	QB	6-2	200	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Mount Carmel)
15	Malik Rainey	DB	5-11	190	R-Jr	1	Chicago, Ill. (Bolingbrook / Univ. of Cincinnati)
15	Connor Wolf	QB	6-3	205	Fr	HS	Ada, Mich. (Grand Rapids Central Catholic)
16	Zay Gentry	DB	6-0	195	Sr	2	Anna, Texas (Anna)
16	Kevin Conway	QB	6-2	210	R-So	SQ	New Lenox, Ill. (Providence Catholic / Diamond Football Academy)
19	Phoenix Porter	LB	6-1	220	R-Jr	2	Fairfield, Ohio (Fairfield)
19	Jacob Rosenstiel	QB	6-4	210	Fr	HS	Boerne, Texas (Geneva School of Boerne)
20	Kaleb Lyons	DB	5-11	185	Jr	TR	Antioch, Tenn. (Brentwood Academy / Morehead State Univ.)
20	Chris Caldwell	RB	5-10	190	So	TR	O'Fallon, Ill. (O'Fallon / Western Kentucky Univ.)
21	Jay Pearson	RB	6-0	210	R-So	1	McKees Rocks, Pa. (Sto-Rox Junior-Senior)
22	Kaelin Drakeford	DB	6-4	210	R-Jr	2	Harrodsburg, Ky. (Mercer County)
23	Isaiah Houi	DB	5-10	170	Fr	HS	Rockton, Ill. (Hononegah)
24	Collin Tyson	DB	6-0	195	R-Jr	2	Kansas City, Mo. (Platte County R-3)
25	Christopher Sharp	CB	5-11	180	R-Fr	RS	St. Louis, Mo. (DeSmet Jesuit)
26	Makhi Wilson	SAF	6-0	185	R-Fr	RS	Bettendorf, Iowa (Pleasant Valley)
27	Josh Brown	SAF	6-1	195	Fr	HS	Suwanee, Ga. (Peachtree Ridge)
28	Jacarre Fleming	RB	5-8	195	Fr	HS	Hahira, Ga. (Lowndes)
29	Kendi Young	RB	5-11	210	Sr	3	Calumet City, Ill. (Thornton Fractional North)
30	Allen Brown III	DB	5-11	180	Fr	HS	St. Louis, Mo. (Eureka)
31	Johnovan Wysinger	WR	6-1	170	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park)
32	Ryan Kilburg	SAF	6-0	200	R-Jr	TR	Park Ridge, Ill. (Maine South / Western Michigan Univ.)
33	Jack Pilon	LB	6-0	225	R-Sr	1	Mattoon, Ill. (Mattoon / Lehigh Univ.)
34	Jordyn Stewart	LB	6-0	230	Fr	HS	Homewood, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor)
35	Zeke Lewis	RB	6-0	210	R-Jr	SQ	Decatur, Ill. (Decatur St. Teresa)
36	Dillon Conway	SAF	6-3	210	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Mt. Carmel)
37	Grady Catanzano	LB	6-1	220	Fr	HS	Mt. Prospect, Ill. (Prospect)
38	Max Loveall	WR	6-4	195	Fr	HS	Richmond, Ill. (Richmond-Burton)
39	Tyler Clark	RB	5-10	205	R-Jr	1	Chicago, Ill. (Phillips)
40	Isaiah Richardson	SAF	6-5	210	R-Fr	RS	Suwanee, Ga. (Collins Hill)
41	Peyton Wilkerson	DL	6-1	250	R-Fr	RS	Mokena, Ill. (Lincoln-Way Central)
43	Chase McConnell	TE	6-5	220	Fr	HS	Lebanon, Tenn. (Watertown)
44	Luke Wagner	DL	6-4	240	R-Jr	1	Washington, Pa. (McGuffey / Santa Barbara City College)
45	Caden Tellenson	LB	5-11	220	R-Fr	RS	Redondo Beach, Calif. (Redondo Union)
46	Nico Carrier	K	5-9	170	Fr	HS	Naperville, Ill. (Metea Valley)

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC)
47	Drew Schiller	K	6-1	170	Fr	HS	New Lenox, Ill. (Lincoln-Way Central)
48	Julian Patino	K	5-10	200	R-Jr	1	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Mt. Carmel)
49	Jesse Garza	LB	6-2	230	R-Jr	RS	Nipomo, Calif. (Nipomo / Allan Hancock College)
50	Jerrad Price	DL	6-3	300	Grad	TR	Spurlockville, W.Va. (Lincoln County / Univ. of Charleston)
51	Payton Orth	LB	5-11	220	Sr	3	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East)
52	Jamari Johnson	DL	6-4	255	R-Jr	1	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle Institute)
53	King Smith	DL	6-3	315	Fr	HS	Decatur, Ill. (Decatur MacArthur)
54	Nic DiSanto	OL	6-5	320	So	1	Wyandotte, Mich. (Gabriel Richard)
55	Drew Wilder	OL	6-3	305	R-Jr	1	Williamsburg, Va. (Jamestown / Iowa Western CC)
56	Christian Takatch	DL	6-3	245	So	TR	Sunbury, Ohio (Big Walnut / Notre Dame College)
57	Panayiotis Mihalopoulos	OL	6-3	310	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Loyola Academy)
58	Isaiah Hare	DL	6-2	290	Fr	HS	Mt. Washington, Ky. (Bullitt East)
59	Liam Carr	LB	6-0	225	R-Jr	SQ	Okemos, Mich. (Okemos / Michigan State Univ.)
60	Aidan Archibald	DL	6-2	255	Fr	HS	Charleston, Ill. (Charleston)
61	Ruben Popoca	K	5-11	180	R-Fr	RS	Mundelein, Ill. (Carmel Catholic)
62	Brennan Anderson	OL	6-5	345	R-Jr	RS	Dallas Center, Iowa (Dallas Center-Grimes/Iowa Western CC)
63	Noah Howard	OL	6-5	305	R-Jr	RS	Clinton, Iowa (Clinton / Iowa Central College)
64	Connor Shelby	OL	6-4	280	Fr	HS	Mt. Carmel, Ill. (Mt. Carmel)
65	Carson Fichtel	OL	6-3	295	R-So	SQ	Heath, Texas (Rockwall-Heath)
66	Jack Valente	OL/LS	6-5	320	Sr	3	Batavia, Ill. (Batavia)
67	Rahfeeq Katumbusi	OL	6-3	320	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Mt. Carmel)
68	Matthew Allen	OL	6-8	300	R-Fr	RS	Bourbonnais, Ill. (Bradley-Bourbonnais)
69	Kwan Johnson	OL	6-1	310	Fr	HS	Blue Island, Ill. (Dwight D. Eisenhower)
70	Alejandro Arellano	OL	6-3	305	R-So	TR	Sterling, Ill. (Sterling / College of DuPage)
71	Sebastian Pares	OL	6-6	310	R-Sr	1	Joliet, Ill. (Wheaton Academy / Univ. of Sioux Falls)
72	Elkhanan Tanelus	OL	6-2	320	Grad	4	Naples, Fla. (Barron Collier)
73	Clint Chamley	OL	6-5	310	Fr	HS	Kahoka, Mo. (Clark County)
74	Haven Hatfield	OL	6-3	295	R-So	SQ	Tuscola, Ill. (Tuscola)
75	Jonathan Arellano	OL	6-3	310	R-Jr	1	Lancaster, Calif. (Bishop Alemany / College of the Canyons)
76	Bryce Burnett	OL	6-4	295	R-So	SQ	Danville, Ill. (Westville)
77	Sandro Malicevic	OL	6-5	315	So	TR	Saratoga, Calif. (Prospect / San Jose City College)
78	Joseph Solomon	OL	6-5	295	R-Jr	TR	Indianapolis, Ind. (Bishop Chatard / Appalachian State Univ.)
79	Rasheed Anderson	OL	6-5	355	R-So	SQ	Oak Park, Ill. (Fenwick)
80	Quenton Rogers	WR	6-2	190	R-Fr	RS	Mahomet-Seymour, Ill. (Mahomet-Seymour)
81	Alex Herrera	TE	6-2	240	Jr	TR	Linden, Calif. (Linden / College of the Sequoias)
82	Joe McNab	TE	6-6	255	R-Jr	1	Madison Heights, Mich. (Lamphere)
83	David Ajose	WR	6-5	225	Fr	HS	Akron, Ohio (St. Vincent-St. Mary's)
84	Jeremy Reeves	WR	6-4	190	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Gary Comer College Prep)
85	Landers Green	WR	6-3	190	Jr	TR	Wharton, NJ (St. Peter's Prep / Union College)
86	Jamal Jeffers	WR	5-11	185	Sr	1	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Putnam City North / Northeastern Oklahoma A&M)
87	Alex Ginnever	TE	6-5	235	R-So	SQ	Wentzville, Mo. (Holt)
88	Jordan Sprycha	TE	6-4	240	Grad	TR	Oak Lawn, Ill. (Oak Lawn / McKendree Ill.)
89	Daniel Ajose	WR	6-6	215	Fr	HS	Akron, Ohio (St. Vincent-St. Mary's)
90	Trevon Piggee-Blake	DL	6-1	290	R-Fr	RS	St. Louis, Mo. (DeSmet Jesuit)
91	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace	DL	6-4	275	Sr	1	Cambridge, Mass. (Cambridge Rindge & Latin School / Franklin Pierce Univ.)
92	Colby Smith	DL	6-0	300	Sr	2	Dunnellon, Fla. (Dunnellon, Fla. / Dodge City CC)
93	Jacob Horvath	P	6-1	190	So	1	Bentleigh, Australia (McKinnon Secondary)
94	Alton Jefferson	DL	6-0	290	Sr	3	Louisville, Ky. (Trinity)
95	Drake Van Hyfte	DL	6-4	280	R-Jr	2	Annawan, Ill. (Annawan-Wethersfield)
96	Cody Silzer	DL	6-3	260	R-So	SQ	Lockport, Ill. (Lockport Township)
97	Tray Ross	DL	6-4	230	Fr	HS	Danville, Ind. (Danville Community)
98	Brett Galetti	LS	6-1	230	R-Jr	1	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln Way East)
99	Jaron Hacha	DL	5-11	310	Sr	3	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East)

EASTERN ILLINOIS FOOTBALL PRONUNCIATIONS

2 - Mark ATE-ken
 3 - Nye-ZHAY Burt
 5 - Sir-rahz BUN-come
 6 - Jo-ELL Barrows
 6 - Dee-AIR-ee-us Smith
 7 - Key-juan Davis
 8 - tea-in Fridge
 9 - TRAY-zhon Lewis

11 - Anthony Muh-NAW-vezz
 11 - Ee-LIE-juh-wuh Tolbert
 14 - ACK-in AD-uh-gin
 19 - Jacob Rose-IN-Steel
 22 - KAY-lin Drakeford
 23 - Isaiah Who-EE
 26 - muh-KY Wilson
 28 - Jah-Car-EE Fleming

31 - John-oh-van Wysinger
 37 - Grady Cat-on-zahn-oh
 50 - Jerad Price
 56 - Christian Tok-Itch
 57 - pah-n-ee-otis me-hall-low-poll-us
 58 - Isaiah HAIR
 61 - Ruben POE-pah-COE
 65 - Carson FICK-tul

66 - Jack Vuh-LEN-tay
 67 - Rah-feek Kat-tum-boo-si
 70 - Alejandro AR-ee-ON-oh
 71 - Sebastian par-rez
 72 - El-cannon TAN-uh-lus
 75 - Johnathan AR-ee-ON-oh
 77 - SAWN-dro muh-LEECH-uh-VEECH
 83 - Daniel uh-JOSE (rhymes with toast)

87 - Alex Juh-NEVER
 88 - Jordan SPRIKE-uh
 89 - David uh-JOSE (rhymes with toast)
 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

14	Akin Adigun.....SAF	35	Zeke Lewis.....RB
2	Mark Aitken.....SAF	13	Keshawn Lewis-Hunt.....LB
89	Daniel Ajose.....WR	38	Max Loveall.....WR
83	David Ajose.....WR	20	Kaleb Lyons.....DB
4	Moses Alexander.....DB	77	Sandro Malicevic.....OL
68	Matthew Allen.....OL	11	Anthony Manaves.....TE
62	Brennan Anderson.....OL	43	Chase McConnell.....TE
79	Rasheed Anderson.....OL	43	Joe McNab.....TE
60	Aidan Archibald.....DL	57	Panayiotis Mihalopoulos.....OL
70	Alejandro Arellano.....OL	7	Eli Mirza.....WR
75	Jonathan Arellano.....OL	2	CJ Nelson.....WR
0	Ira Armstead II.....LB	91	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace.....DL
6	Joel Barrows.....DL	51	Payton Orth.....LB
30	Allen Brown III.....DB	71	Sebastian Pares.....OL
27	Josh Brown.....SAF	48	Julian Patino.....K
5	Surahz Buncom.....WR	21	Jay Pearson.....RB
76	Bryce Burnett.....OL	90	Trevon Piggee-Blake.....DL
3	Nijhay Burt.....SAF	33	Jack Pilson.....LB
20	Chris Caldwell.....RB	61	Ruben Popoca.....K
59	Liam Carr.....LB	19	Phoenix Porter.....LB
46	Nico Carrier.....K	50	Jerrad Price.....DL
37	Grady Catanzano.....LB	15	Malik Rainey.....DB
73	Clint Chamley.....OL	84	Jeremy Reeves.....WR
39	Tyler Clark.....RB	9	Aaron Rice.....WR
1	Nick Coates.....SAF	40	Isaiah Richardson.....SAF
36	Dillon Conway.....SAF	80	Quenton Rodgers.....WR
16	Kevin Conway.....QB	19	Jacob Rosenstiel.....QB
0	Cody Davidson.....WR	97	Tray Ross.....DL
7	Kiwaun Davis.....DB	47	Drew Schiller.....K
54	Nic DiSanto.....OL	25	Christopher Sharp.....CB
14	Blainey Dowling.....QB	64	Connor Shelby.....OL
22	Kaelin Drakeford.....DB	5	Anthony Shockey.....LB
65	Carson Fichtel.....OL	96	Cody Silzer.....DL
28	Jacarre Fleming.....RB	92	Colby Smith.....DL
4	MJ Flowers.....RB	6	DeAirious Smith.....WR
8	Tienne Fridge.....DB	53	King Smith.....DL
98	Brett Galetti.....LS	78	Joseph Solomon.....OL
49	Jesse Garza.....LB	8	Joey Sprinkle.....QB
16	Zay Gentry.....DB	88	Jordan Sprycha.....TE
87	Alex Ginnever.....TE	34	Jordyn Stewart.....LB
1	Terrance Gipson.....WR	56	Christian Takatch.....DL
85	Landers Green.....WR	72	Elkhanan Tanelus.....OL
99	Jaron Hacha.....DL	45	Caden Tellenson.....LB
58	Isaiah Hare.....DL	11	Elijahwah Tolbert.....LB
74	Haven Hatfield.....OL	24	Collin Tyson.....DB
81	Alex Herrera.....TE	66	Jack Valente.....OL/LS
3	Pierce Holley.....QB	95	Drake Van Hyfte.....DL
93	Jacob Horvath.....P	50	Luke Wagner.....DL
23	Isaiah Houi.....DB	55	Drew Wilder.....OL
63	Noah Howard.....OL	41	Peyton Wilkerson.....DL
12	Akili Hubbard.....SAF	12	Collin Willard.....WR
86	Jamal Jeffers.....WR	13	Cooper Willman.....WR
94	Alton Jefferson.....DL	26	Makhi Wilson.....SAF
52	Jamari Johnson.....DL	15	Connor Wolf.....QB
69	Kwan Johnson.....OL	31	Johnovan Wysinger.....WR
67	Rahfeeq Katumbusi.....OL	29	Kendi Young.....RB
32	Ryan Kilburg.....SAF		
9	Tre'jon Lewis.....DL		

MISC. SEASON NOTES & STATS

EIU NCAA FBS TRANSFERS

0 - Ira Armstead II (Univ. of Virginia)
 1 - Terrance Gipson (SMU)
 2 - Mark Aitken (Northern Illinois Univ.)
 2 - CJ Nelson (Univ. of Houston)
 4 - Moses Alexander (Univ. of Houston)
 5 - Surahz Buncom (Univ. of Kansas)
 7 - Kiwaun Davis (Washington State Univ.)
 9 - Tre'jon Lewis (Texas Tech Univ.)
 12 - Akili Hubbard (Univ. of Kansas)
 15 - Malik Rainey (Univ. of Cincinnati)
 32 - Ryan Kilburg (Western Michigan Univ.)
 59 - Liam Carr (Michigan State Univ.)
 78 - Joseph Solomon (Appalachian State Univ.)

EIU NCAA FCS TRANSFERS

3 - Pierce Holley (Georgetown)
 20 - Kaleb Lyons (Morehead State)
 33 - Jack Pilson (Lehigh)
 50 - Jerrad Price (Davidson College)

EIU ROSTER BY CLASS

Graduate Student / 5th Year 15
 Senior 15
 Junior 27
 Sophomore 18
 RS-Freshman 14
 Freshman 27

EIU ROSTER BY STATE

Illinois 52
 California 9
 Texas 8
 Missouri 6
 Ohio 6
 Kentucky 5
 Michigan 5
 Georgia 4
 Indiana 3
 Iowa 3
 Pennsylvania 3
 Florida 2
 Tennessee 2
 Colorado 1
 Massachusetts 1
 New Jersey 1
 Oklahoma 1
 Oregon 1
 Virginia 1
 West Virginia 1
 Australia 1

EIU OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

3 ... Pierce Holley	6-3	225	Grad
14 ... Blainey Dowling.....	6-2	200	R-Fr

RUNNING BACK

4 ... MJ Flowers	6-1	220	R-So
21 ... Jay Pearson	6-0	210	R-So

TIGHT END

11 ... Anthony Manaves.....	6-4	230	Grad
88 ... Jordan Sprycha	6-4	240	Grad

LEFT TACKLE

54 ... Nic DiSanto	6-5	320	So
77 ... Sandro Malicevic.....	6-5	315	So

LEFT GUARD

71 ... Sebastian Pares	6-6	310	Grad
72 ... Elkhanan Tanelus.....	6-2	320	Grad

CENTER

55 ... Drew Wilder	6-3	305	R-Jr
57 ... Pan Mihalopoulos	6-3	310	R-Fr

RIGHT GUARD

66 ... Jack Valente	6-5	320	Sr
70 ... Alejandro Arellano	6-3	305	R-So
or 78 ... Joseph Solomon.....	6-5	295	Grad

RIGHT TACKLE

75 ... Jonathan Arellano	6-3	310	R-Jr
68 ... Matthew Allen	6-8	300	R-Fr

RECEIVER

6 ... DeAirious Smith.....	6-11	185	Sr
9 ... Aaron Rice.....	6-5	200	R-So

RECEIVER

7 ... Eli Mirza.....	5-11	195	Sr
1 ... Terrance Gipson.....	6-0	190	Sr

RECEIVER

13 ... Cooper Willman.....	6-1	205	Grad
0 ... Cody Davidson	6-2	190	Jr

EIU COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1994) - 3rd year
Career 61-39 (9), **EIU Record** 10-12 (2); **OVC Record** 5-6 (2)

Associate HC/OC/QB's: Kyle Derickson (3rd year)

Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator: John Cannova (3rd year)

Running Backs: Turner Pugh (3rd year)

Tight Ends: Cole Hoover (1st year)

Wide Receivers: Tino Smith II (1st year)

Graduate Assistant Offensive Coach: Jackson Ostroski (1st year)

Defensive Coordinator / Linebackers: Collin Geier (3rd year)

Special Teams Coordinator / Nickels: Andrew Brady (3rd year)

Defensive Backs / Def. Pass Game Cord.: Maurice Fleming (2nd year)

Defensive Line: Carlif Taylor (1st year)

Safeties: Andrew Strobel (1st year)

Graduate Assistant Defesive Coach: Steven Marks (2nd year)

Director of Football Ops: David Brubaker (2nd year)

Director of Football Performance: Jacob Hillman (1st year)

Trainer: Scott Goehner (4thyear)

Equipment Manager: Clint Bays (15th year)

Quality Control Staff:

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

Isaiah Nelson (QC - Off.), Chris Gatton (QC - ST.),

Matt Lindsey (Player Personnel), Andrew Scheff (GA - Operations)

EIU DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE END

91 ... Nicholas Oliveira-Chace	6-3	275	Grad
52 ... Jamari Johnson	6-4	255	R-Jr

NOSE TACKLE

99 ... Jaron Hacha	5-11	310	Sr
50 ... Jerrad Price	6-3	300	Grad
or 92 ... Colby Smith.....	6-0	300	Sr

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

9 ... Tre'jon Lewis	6-4	285	Grad
95 ... Drake Van Hyfte	6-4	280	R-Jr

DEFENSIVE END (BUCK)

6 ... Joel Barrows	6-3	240	Grad
44 ... Luke Wagner.....	6-4	230	R-Jr

LINEBACKER

5 ... Anthony Shockey	6-1	230	Grad
49 ... Jesse Garza	6-2	230	R-Jr

LINEBACKER

19 ... Phoenix Porter	6-1	220	R-Jer
11 ... Elijahwah Tolbert	6-1	230	Sr

CORNERBACK

3 ... NiJhay Burt.....	5-11	185	Jr
7 ... Kiwaun Davis	6-3	175	R-Fr

SAFETY (NICKEL)

1 ... Nick Coates	5-10	190	Sr
15 ... Malik Rainey	5-11	190	R-Jr

STRONG SAFETY

22 ... Kaelin Drakeford.....	6-4	210	Grad
32 ... Ryan Kilburg	6-0	200	R-Jr

FREE SAFETY

2 ... Mark Aitken.....	5-9	180	R-Sr
16 ... Zay Gentry.....	6-0	195	Sr

CORNERBACK

4 ... Moses Alexander	6-3	195	R-Jr
20 ... Kaleb Lyons.....	5-11	185	Jr

EIU SPECIALISTS

KICKER

48 ... Julian Patino	5-10	200	R-Jr
47 ... Drew Schiller.....	6-1	170	Fr

KICKOFF

47 ... Drew Schiller.....	6-1	170	Fr
48 ... Julian Patino	5-10	200	R-Jr

PUNTER

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

93 ... Jacob Horvath.....	6-1	190	So
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LONG SNAPPER

66 ... Jack Valente ... (FG)	6-5	320	Sr
98 ... Brett Galetti ... (Punt)	6-1	230	R-Jr

PUNT RETURNS

13 ... Cooper Willman.....	6-1	205	Grad
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KICK RETURNS

2 ... Mark Aitken.....	5-9	180	R-Sr
16 ... Zay Gentry.....	6-0	195	Sr



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

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

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

FIRST QUARTER

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

SECOND QUARTER

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

THIRD QUARTER

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

TEAM STATSEIUINST

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

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

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

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

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

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

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

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

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

RECAP

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



GAME 2 - Sept. 9, 2023
Eastern Illinois 15
Bowling Green..... 38

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

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

FIRST QUARTER

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

SECOND QUARTER

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

THIRD QUARTER

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

FOURTH QUARTER

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

TEAM STATSEIUBG

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

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

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

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

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

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

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

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

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

RECAP

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



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

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

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

SECOND QUARTER

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

THIRD QUARTER

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

FOURTH QUARTER

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

TEAM STATSEIU ISU

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

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

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

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

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

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

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

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

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

RECAP

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



GAME 4 - Sept. 23, 2023

McNeese 28
Eastern Illinois 31

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

Scoring 1 2 3 4 **Final**
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

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

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

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

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

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

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

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

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

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

RECAP

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



GAME 5 - Sept. 30, 2023

Eastern Illinois 19
Northwestern State 10

Natchitoches, La.
Turpin Stadium (6,021)

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

FIRST QUARTER

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

SECOND QUARTER

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

THIRD QUARTER

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

FOURTH QUARTER

EIU - Galloway 22 field goal - 8:03

TEAM STATSEIUNSU

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

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

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

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

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

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

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

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

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

RECAP

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



GAME 6 - Oct. 7, 2023

UT Martin 28
Eastern Illinois 27

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

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

FIRST QUARTER

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

SECOND QUARTER

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

THIRD QUARTER

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

FOURTH QUARTER

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

OVERTIME

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

TEAM STATSEIUUTM

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

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

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

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

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

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

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

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

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

RECAP

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



GAME 7 - Oct. 14, 2023

Eastern Illinois 28
Southeast Missouri 35

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

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

FIRST QUARTER

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

SECOND QUARTER

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

THIRD QUARTER

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

FOURTH QUARTER

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

TEAM STATSEIUSEMO

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

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

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

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

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

RECEIVING (No-Yds-TD)

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

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

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

RECAP

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



GAME 8 - Oct. 21, 2023

Bryant 24
Eastern Illinois 25

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

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

FIRST QUARTER

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

SECOND QUARTER

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

FOURTH QUARTER

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

OVERTIME

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

TEAM STATSEIUBRY

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

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

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

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

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

RECEIVING (No-Yds-TD)

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

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

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

RECAP

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



GAME 9 - Nov. 4, 2023

Eastern Illinois 16
Lindenwood 10

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

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

FIRST QUARTER

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

SECOND QUARTER

LWU - Seibert 45 kick - 11:28

FOURTH QUARTER

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

TEAM STATSEIULWU

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

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

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

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

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

RECEIVING (No-Yds-TD)

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

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

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

RECAP

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

**GAME 10 - Nov. 11, 2023**

Tennessee State 17
Eastern Illinois 30

Charleston, Ill.
O'Brien Field (3,423)

Scoring 1 2 3 4 **Final**
Tennessee State 0 14 3 0 17
Eastern Illinois 14 0 9 7 30

FIRST QUARTER

EIU - Flowers 8 run (Galloway kick) - 9:00
EIU - Flowers 2 run (Galloway kick) - 6:31

SECOND QUARTER

TSU - Johnson 9 pass from Bryant (Lowery kick) - 13:29
TSU - Brenson 7 pass from Ellis (Lowery kick) - 9:23

THIRD QUARTER

TSU - Lowery 43 field goal - 8:29
EIU - Flowers 31 rush (kick missed) - 6:51
EIU - Patino 34 field goal - 1:19

FOURTH QUARTER

EIU - Flowers 1 run (Patino kick) - 5:38

TEAM STATSEIUTSU

First Downs 15 19
Rushes-Yards 39-197 39-106
Passing-Yards 121 154
Comp-Att-Int 11-28-0 20-31-1
Total Offense 318 260
Fumbles-Lost 0-0 1-1
Penalties-Yards 6-55 4-35
Int Returns-Yards-TD 1-0-0 0-0-0
Time of Possession 30:11 29:49
Sacks-Yards 2-14 2-7

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

EIU - Flowers (31-201-4), Young (4-5-0)
TSU - Ellis (9-44-0), Gant (18-40-0)

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

EIU - Holley (28-11-0-121-0)
TSU - Ellis (16-10-1-68-1), Bryant (15-10-0-86-1)

RECEIVING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Mirza (5-72-0), Flowers (2-22-0), Thomas (1-11-0)
TSU - Brenson (7-61-1), Johnson (4-36-1)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Tolbert (7-4-1), Aitken (6-0-0), Shockey (5-1-1.5)
TSU - Josephs (6-1-0), Josh Green (6-0-0)

RECAP

MJ Flowers rushed for more than 200 yards for the second time this season finding the end zone four times as Eastern Illinois won its senior day game 30-17 over Tennessee State. Flowers became the first EIU running back since the 2002 season to score four rushing touchdowns in a game. He scored twice in the first quarter and then two more times in the second half as the Panthers scored the final 16 points of the game. EIU's defense forced two turnovers once again holding Tennessee State to 260 yards of total offense.

**GAME 11 - Nov. 18, 2023**

Eastern Illinois 28
Robert Morris 14

Moon Township, Pa.
Joe Walton Stadium (2,118)

Scoring 1 2 3 4 **Final**
Eastern Illinois 7 14 0 7 28
Robert Morris 0 7 0 7 14

FIRST QUARTER

EIU - Mirza 26 pass from Holley (Patino kick) - 4:12

SECOND QUARTER

RMU - Jackson 3 run (Jenkins kick) - 11:02
EIU - Smith 18 pass from Holley (Patino kick) - 6:18
EIU - Thomas 14 pass from Holley (Patino kick) - 0:11

FOURTH QUARTER

EIU - Flowers 38 run (Patino kick) - 7:27
RMU - Robinson 14 pass from Tanner (Jenkins kick) - 5:18

TEAM STATSEIURMU

First Downs 26 11
Rushes-Yards 37-190 21-57
Passing-Yards 226 173
Comp-Att-Int 23-33-0 17-34-0
Total Offense 416 230
Fumbles-Lost 1-0 0-0
Penalties-Yards 4-20 10-72
Int Returns-Yards-TD 0-0-0 0-0-0
Time of Possession 35:03 24:57
Sacks-Yards 3-18 1-7

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

EIU - Flowers (31-179-1), Mirza (1-11-0)
RMU - Moyer (12-53-0), O'Sullivan (1-6-0)

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

EIU - Holley (33-23-0-226-3)
RMU - Tanner (32-16-0-156-1)

RECEIVING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Mirza (6-83-1), Thomas (5-43-1)
RMU - Robinson (9-116-1), Ridgley (3-34-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Tolbert (5-0-0), Van Hyfte (4-1-3.5), Ruffin (4-0-0)
RMU - Pierce (10-2-0.5), Barber (6-1-0)

RECAP

Eastern Illinois used a balanced offensive attack as the Panthers closed out the 2023 season with their fourth straight win picking up a 28-14 road victory at Robert Morris. Pierce Holley passed for 226 yards and three touchdowns while MJ Flowers rushed for 179 yards with one score. The defense was balanced as well with Drake Van Hyfte collecting three sacks as part of his five tackle day.

2023 EIU PANTHERS FOOTBALL
EASTERN ILLINOIS Game Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	Conf Record	Time	Attend
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Aug 31, 2023	at Indiana State	W 27-0	1-0	0-0	2:56	4,355
Sep 9, 2023	at Bowling Green	15-38 L	1-1	0-0	3:07	12,312
Sep 16, 2023	#25 ILLINOIS STATE	W 14-13	2-1	0-0	3:18	6,602
Sep 23, 2023	McNEESE	W 31-28	3-1	0-0	3:30	6,565
Sep 30, 2023	at Northwestern State	W 19-10	4-1	0-0	3:13	6,021
Oct 7, 2023	* #18 UT MARTIN	27-28 L (ot)	4-2	0-1	3:48	8,078
Oct 14, 2023	at * Southeast Missouri	28-35 L	4-3	0-2	3:24	7,263
Oct 21, 2023	* BRYANT	W 25-24 (ot)	5-3	1-2	3:23	3,690
Nov 4, 2023	at * Lindenwood	W 16-10	6-3	2-2	3:15	3,788
Nov 11, 2023	* TENNESSEE STATE	W 30-17	7-3	3-2	3:11	3,423
Nov 18, 2023	at * Robert Morris (Pa.)	W 28-14	8-3	4-2	3:26	2,118

* indicates Big South-OVC Football Association Game

2023 EASTERN ILLINOIS STARTERS

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

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



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Team Statistics

	EIU	OPP
Scoring	260	217
Points per game	23.6	19.7
Points Off Turnovers	35	17
First Downs	221	213
Rushing	73	79
Passing	129	118
Penalty	19	16
Rushing Yardage	1362	1371
Yards gained rushing	1660	1648
Yards lost rushing	298	277
Rushing attempts	374	369
Average per rush	3.6	3.7
Average per game	123.8	124.6
TDs Rushing	16	16
Passing Yardage	2741	2388
Comp-Att-Int	240-400-7	209-361-14
Average per pass	6.9	6.6
Average per catch	11.4	11.4
Average per game	249.2	217.1
TDs Passing	17	13
Total offense	4103	3759
Total plays	774	730
Average per play	5.3	5.1
Average per game	373.0	341.7
Kick returns: #-Yards	29-486	31-619
Punt returns: #-Yards	6-40	13-83
Int returns: #-Yards	14-145	7-54
Kick return average	16.8	20.0
Punt return average	6.7	6.4
Int return average	10.4	7.7
Fumbles-Lost	7-3	17-11
Penalties-Yards	64-564	63-594
Average per game	51.3	54.0
Punts-Yards	55-2062	53-2124
Average per punt	37.5	40.1
Net punt average	35.8	38.1
Kickoffs-Yards	51-3040	43-2494
Average per kick	59.6	58.0
Net kick average	38.4	40.0
Time of possession / game	31:30	28:30
3rd-down conversion	61/161	54/148
3rd-down pct	38%	36%
4rd-down conversion	13/28	9/22



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	EIU	OPP
4rd-down pct	46%	41%
Sacks by-Yards	23-124	35-223
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	35	29
Field goals - attempts	7-17	5-12
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-1
Red-zone scores	(28-40) 70%	(26-34) 76%
Red-zone touchdowns	(22-40) 55%	(24-34) 71%
PAT-attempts	(25-30) 83%	(28-29) 97%
2-point conversion-attempts	(1-5) 20%	(0-0) 0%
Attendance	28359	35857
Games / Avg per game	5/5672	6/5976
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Eastern Ill.	80	77	31	58	14	260
Opponents	34	80	34	55	14	217



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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
MJ Flowers	11	157	871	17	854	5.4	8	65	77.6
Kevin Daniels	7	76	318	21	297	3.9	2	31	42.4
Kendi Young	7	38	162	10	152	4.0	0	20	21.7
Eli Mirza	11	6	73	0	73	12.2	1	27	6.6
Juwon Farri	8	8	65	0	65	8.1	1	19	8.1
Jacob Horvath	11	1	23	0	23	23.0	0	23	2.1
Justin Thomas	9	1	0	5	-5	-5.0	0	0	-0.6
Pierce Holley	11	76	148	236	-88	-1.2	4	18	-8.0
Team	11	11	0	9	-9	-0.8	0	0	-0.8
Total	11	374	1660	298	1362	3.6	16	65	123.8
Opponents	11	369	1648	277	1371	3.7	16	72	124.6

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Pierce Holley	11	130.0	240-394-7	60.9	2741	17	54	249.2
Cooper Willman	4	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Eli Mirza	11	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Team	11	0.0	0-4-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	11	128.1	240-400-7	60.0	2741	17	54	249.2
Opponents	11	117.6	209-361-14	57.9	2388	13	58	217.1

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Eli Mirza	11	61	721	11.8	3	38	65.5
Justin Thomas	9	38	475	12.5	5	44	52.8
MJ Flowers	11	35	192	5.5	0	14	17.5
Justin Bowick	11	35	499	14.3	5	52	45.4
DeAirious Smith	11	28	494	17.6	2	54	44.9
Anthony Manaves	11	14	106	7.6	1	13	9.6
Kevin Daniels	7	13	74	5.7	1	15	10.6
Cooper Willman	4	6	69	11.5	0	19	17.3
Lazerick Eatman	7	4	41	10.3	0	22	5.9
Kendi Young	7	3	24	8.0	0	13	3.4
Dewayne Cooks Jr	7	1	37	37.0	0	37	5.3
Juwon Farri	8	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.5
Daniel Luoma	10	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.5
Total	11	240	2741	11.4	17	54	249.2
Opponents	11	209	2388	11.4	13	58	217.1

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Mark Aitken	2	29	14.5	0	27
Cooper Willman	1	9	9.0	0	9
Nijhay Burt	0	4	0.0	0	4
Eli Mirza	1	1	1.0	0	1
Justin Thomas	2	-3	-1.5	0	0
Total	6	40	6.7	0	27
Opponents	13	83	6.4	0	22

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Blake Ruffin	4	39	9.8	0	17
Nijhay Burt	3	67	22.3	1	67
Tyris Harvey	2	19	9.5	1	19
Anthony Shockey	1	16	16.0	0	16
Mark Aitken	1	0	0.0	0	0
Russell Dandy	1	0	0.0	0	0
Nick Coates	1	3	3.0	0	3
Elijahaw Tolbert	1	1	1.0	0	1
Total	14	145	10.4	2	67
Opponents	7	54	7.7	0	35

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Mark Aitken	18	347	19.3	0	52
Lazerick Eatman	3	32	10.7	0	18
Juwon Farri	2	36	18.0	0	26
Zay Gentry	2	33	16.5	0	23
Justin Thomas	1	-4	-4.0	0	0
Joel Barrows	1	14	14.0	0	14
Daniel Luoma	1	7	7.0	0	7
Eli Mirza	1	21	21.0	0	21
Total	29	486	16.8	0	52
Opponents	31	619	20.0	0	42

Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Russell Dandy	2	0	0.0	0	0
Kaelin Drakeford	2	0	0.0	0	0
Nicholas Oliveira-Chace	2	0	0.0	0	0
Joel Barrows	1	0	0.0	0	0
Tyris Harvey	1	0	0.0	0	0
Blake Ruffin	1	0	0.0	0	0
Braylon Willis	1	0	0.0	0	0
Christopher Sharp	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	11	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	3	0	0.0	0	0



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Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
MJ Flowers	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Justin Thomas	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Justin Bowick	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Pierce Holley	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	26
Stone Galloway	-	4-14	12-14	-	-	-	-	-	24
Eli Mirza	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Julian Patino	-	3-3	12-13	-	-	-	-	-	21
Kevin Daniels	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
DeAirious Smith	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Anthony Manaves	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Juwon Farri	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Tyris Harvey	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Nijhay Burt	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
William Orth	-	-	1-3	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	35	7-17	25-30	1	0	0	0	1	260
Opponents	29	5-12	28-29	0	0	0	0	0	217

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Stone Galloway	4-14	28.6	0-0	2-4	1-4	0-3	1-3	56	2
Julian Patino	3-3	100.0	0-0	1-1	2-2	0-0	0-0	34	0
Opponents	5-12	41.7	0-0	2-2	0-2	3-6	0-2	45	1

FG Sequence

Team Name	Eastern Ill.	Opponents
Bowling Green	(31)	(27)
McNeese	(56)	48
Northwestern St.	(23),41,39,25,(22)	(23)
UT Martin	24,51,40	33
Bryant	(26),35,53	(45),52,50
Lindenwood	(33)	(45),42
Tennessee St.	45,(34)	(43)
Robert Morris	32	
Illinois St.		37,40

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Pierce Holley	11	470	-88	2741	2653	241.2
MJ Flowers	11	157	854	0	854	77.6
Kevin Daniels	7	76	297	0	297	42.4
Kendi Young	7	38	152	0	152	21.7
Eli Mirza	11	7	73	0	73	6.6
Juwon Farri	8	8	65	0	65	8.1
Jacob Horvath	11	1	23	0	23	2.1
Justin Thomas	9	1	-5	0	-5	-0.6
Team	11	0	-9	0	-9	-0.8
Total	11	774	1362	2741	4103	373.0
Opponents	11	730	1371	2388	3759	341.7

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Jacob Horvath	54	2062	38.2	57	1	17	17	4	0
Team	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	55	2062	37.5	57	1	17	17	4	1
Opponents	53	2124	40.1	71	4	21	18	9	1

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Daniel Luoma	36	2178	60.5	7	4			
Stone Galloway	14	822	58.7	2	2			
William Orth	1	40	40.0	0	0			
Total	51	3040	59.6	9	6	31	38.4	26
Opponents	43	2494	58.0	11	1	28	40	24



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All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
MJ Flowers	11	854	192	0	0	0	1046	95.1
Eli Mirza	11	73	721	1	21	0	816	74.2
Justin Bowick	11	0	499	0	0	0	499	45.4
DeAirious Smith	11	0	494	0	0	0	494	44.9
Justin Thomas	9	-5	475	-3	-4	0	463	51.4
Mark Aitken	11	0	0	29	347	0	376	34.2
Kevin Daniels	7	297	74	0	0	0	371	53.0
Kendi Young	7	152	24	0	0	0	176	25.1
Anthony Manaves	11	0	106	0	0	0	106	9.6
Juwon Farri	8	65	4	0	36	0	105	13.1
Cooper Willman	4	0	69	9	0	0	78	19.5
Lazerick Eatman	7	0	41	0	32	0	73	10.4
Nijhay Burt	11	0	0	4	0	67	71	6.5
Blake Ruffin	11	0	0	0	0	39	39	3.5
Dewayne Cooks Jr	7	0	37	0	0	0	37	5.3
Zay Gentry	9	0	0	0	33	0	33	3.7
Jacob Horvath	11	23	0	0	0	0	23	2.1
Tyris Harvey	11	0	0	0	0	19	19	1.7
Anthony Shockey	11	0	0	0	0	16	16	1.5
Joel Barrows	11	0	0	0	14	0	14	1.3
Daniel Luoma	10	0	5	0	7	0	12	1.2
Nick Coates	11	0	0	0	0	3	3	0.3
Elijawah Tolbert	11	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.1
Pierce Holley	11	-88	0	0	0	0	-88	-8.0
Team	11	-9	0	0	0	0	-9	-0.8
Total	11	1362	2741	40	486	145	4774	434.0
Opponents	11	1371	2388	83	619	54	4515	410.5



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Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles	blkd		
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
1	Elijawah Tolbert	11	46	41	87	7-16	.	1-1	.	1	.	2	.	.
4	Blake Ruffin	11	45	18	63	4-24	1-10	4-39	4	.	1-0	1	.	.
5	Anthony Shockey	11	36	20	56	7-13	.	1-16	2	.	.	1	.	.
2	Mark Aitken	11	31	10	41	1-2	.	1-0	1	1	.	1	.	.
91	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace	11	10	25	35	7-33	2.5-11	.	.	2	2-0	1	.	.
3	Russell Dandy	11	30	4	34	1-2	.	1-0	18	.	2-0	1	.	.
19	Phoenix Porter	11	19	15	34	5-22	3-17	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
6	Joel Barrows	11	15	17	32	5.5-26	4-20	.	.	5	1-0	3	.	.
12	Nick Coates	11	19	13	32	2.5-5	.	1-3	4	.	.	.	.	.
7	Tyris Harvey	11	16	10	26	.	.	2-19	2	.	1-0	.	.	.
95	Drake Van Hyfte	11	12	11	23	9-42	5-32	.	1	4	.	.	.	.
22	Kaelin Drakeford	10	19	4	23	3-3	.	.	4	.	2-0	.	.	.
11	Alexandar Oyawale	11	12	10	22	1.5-5	1-5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
9	Braylon Willis	11	11	10	21	2.5-8	.	.	1	5	1-0	.	.	.
0	Ira Armstead	10	11	7	18	2.5-15	2-13	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
99	Jaron Hacha	10	9	9	18	2.5-9	1-7	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
34	Nijhay Burt	11	12	4	16	1-4	.	3-67	1	.	.	.	1	.
92	Colby Smith	8	10	6	16	2-6	2-6	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
56	Tre'Jon Lewis	9	10	4	14	1-1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
90	Zed Asowata	7	6	5	11	1-4	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
51	Payton Orth	11	6	4	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
94	Alton Jefferson	6	6	3	9	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
24	Collin Tyson	11	5	3	8	0.5-3	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
15	Malik Rainey	8	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Alex Alteus	10	2	3	5	1.5-2	1-2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
44	Terence Simon	5	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
50	Luke Wagner	11	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
27	Zay Gentry	9	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Brandon Guido	7	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Jay Pearson	5	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Elijah Ball	6	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Jack Pilson	10	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Nile Hill	11	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Michael Jarosz	11	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Christopher Sharp	3	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
3	Pierce Holley	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Zeke Lewis	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Justin Bowick	11	1	.	1
66	Jack Valente	9	1	.	1
31	Chris Williams	2	1	.	1
42	Henry Woods	4	.	1	1



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			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles	blkd		
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
88	DeAirious Smith	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82	Joe McNab	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	Cole Silzer	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89	Daniel Luoma	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals	11	420	276	696	68-245	23-124	14-145	42	32	11-0	13	2	1
	Opponents	11	437	262	699	70-314	35-223	7-54	39	42	3-0	4	5	0



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Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	30	94	0	27	19	244	2	38	19-31-1	244	2	38	2	37	0	21	0	0	0	0	338
09/09/2023	at Bowling Green	26	75	0	23	21	250	2	37	21-33-1	250	2	37	6	77	0	19	0	0	0	0	325
09/16/2023	Illinois St.	27	18	0	12	36	291	2	31	36-50-2	291	2	31	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	309
09/23/2023	McNeese	49	311	4	65	21	141	0	14	21-34-0	141	0	14	3	61	0	28	0	0	0	0	452
09/30/2023	at Northwestern St.	32	75	1	15	19	274	1	52	19-37-0	274	1	52	2	51	0	44	1	9	0	9	349
10/07/2023	UT Martin	28	32	0	11	29	359	4	54	29-50-1	359	4	54	3	65	0	24	0	0	0	0	391
10/14/2023	at Southeast Mo. St.	32	92	2	18	22	346	2	46	22-41-0	346	2	46	2	21	0	13	0	0	0	0	438
10/21/2023	Bryant	46	196	3	31	21	244	0	37	21-29-1	244	0	37	3	42	0	28	0	0	0	0	440
11/04/2023	at Lindenwood	28	82	1	19	18	245	1	44	18-34-1	245	1	44	2	71	0	52	3	-1	0	2	327
11/11/2023	Tennessee St.	39	197	4	31	11	121	0	22	11-28-0	121	0	22	2	29	0	16	2	32	0	27	318
11/18/2023	at Robert Morris	37	190	1	38	23	226	3	40	23-33-0	226	3	40	3	32	0	26	0	0	0	0	416
Eastern Ill.		374	1362	16	65	240	2741	17	54	240-400-7	2741	17	54	29	486	0	52	6	40	0	27	4103
Opponents		369	1371	16	72	209	2388	13	58	209-361-14	2388	13	58	31	619	0	42	13	83	0	22	3759

Eastern Ill. Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
11	3.6	11.4	128.1	16.8	6.7	434.0	373.0

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
09/09/2023	at Bowling Green	34	46	80	4.0-12	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0-1	0	0	0	0	15
09/16/2023	Illinois St.	40	22	62	6.0-26	0-0	1	1-0	3-0	7	3	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	14
09/23/2023	McNeese	31	20	51	4.0-19	1-8	0	0-0	0-0	4	5	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	31
09/30/2023	at Northwestern St.	41	36	77	4.0-9	2-2	3	2-0	1-6	3	5	0	1-2	0	0	0	3	19
10/07/2023	UT Martin	44	14	58	6.0-20	3-15	4	3-0	1-0	4	6	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	27
10/14/2023	at Southeast Mo. St.	24	50	74	7.0-28	2-8	0	1-0	1-17	1	4	0	4-4	0	0	0	7	28
10/21/2023	Bryant	38	14	52	3.0-8	1-5	1	1-0	0-0	5	4	1	2-2	1	0	0	0	25
11/04/2023	at Lindenwood	47	14	61	11.0-46	6-35	1	0-0	3-19	2	3	0	1-2	0	0	0	0	16
11/11/2023	Tennessee St.	49	20	69	10.0-29	2-14	1	1-0	1-0	3	4	1	3-4	0	0	0	6	30
11/18/2023	at Robert Morris	37	6	43	7.0-26	3-18	0	0-0	0-0	0	5	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	28
Eastern Ill.		420	276	696	68.0-245	23-124	13	11-0	14-145	32	42	2	25-30	1	0	1	35	260
Opponents		437	262	699	70.0-314	35-223	4	3-0	7-54	42	39	5	28-29	0	0	0	17	217

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs			
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	4	170	42.5	57	0	0	3	1	2	0-0	0	0	5	285	57.0	0	0
09/09/2023	at Bowling Green	3	131	43.7	44	0	0	0	0	0	1-1	31	0	4	260	65.0	2	0
09/16/2023	Illinois St.	8	323	40.4	52	0	0	3	1	3	0-0	0	0	3	184	61.3	1	0
09/23/2023	McNeese	4	151	37.8	41	0	1	1	0	2	1-1	56	0	6	358	59.7	2	1
09/30/2023	at Northwestern St.	4	157	39.3	46	0	0	3	0	2	2-5	23	0	5	309	61.8	1	0
10/07/2023	UT Martin	8	287	35.9	48	0	0	2	0	1	0-3	0	1	4	234	58.5	0	1
10/14/2023	at Southeast Mo. St.	6	208	34.7	46	0	0	3	0	1	0-0	0	0	5	288	57.6	0	1
10/21/2023	Bryant	2	39	19.5	33	0	0	0	0	0	1-3	26	1	4	239	59.8	1	1
11/04/2023	at Lindenwood	5	191	38.2	47	0	0	2	0	3	1-1	33	0	4	244	61.0	0	1
11/11/2023	Tennessee St.	7	297	42.4	54	0	0	0	2	2	1-2	34	0	6	364	60.7	2	0
11/18/2023	at Robert Morris	4	108	27.0	45	1	0	0	0	1	0-1	0	0	5	275	55.0	0	1
Eastern Ill.		55	2062	37.5	57	1	1	17	4	17	7-17	56	2	51	3040	59.6	9	6
Opponents		53	2124	40.1	71	1	4	21	9	18	5-12	45	1	43	2494	58.0	11	1



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Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	36	101	0	20	13	116	0	32	13-26-4	116	0	32	5	108	0	35	0	0	0	0	217
09/09/2023	at Bowling Green	34	141	2	18	25	368	3	58	25-30-0	368	3	58	2	43	0	23	3	10	0	7	509
09/16/2023	Illinois St.	30	115	2	26	20	237	0	30	20-37-3	237	0	30	2	30	0	20	3	9	0	6	352
09/23/2023	McNeese	34	271	2	72	13	196	2	30	13-24-0	196	2	30	1	17	0	17	0	0	0	0	467
09/30/2023	at Northwestern St.	35	69	1	11	27	281	0	54	27-44-1	281	0	54	3	41	0	15	1	7	0	7	350
10/07/2023	UT Martin	37	163	2	27	16	182	2	40	16-35-1	182	2	40	2	32	0	22	1	10	0	10	345
10/14/2023	at Southeast Mo. St.	38	190	4	44	19	257	1	41	19-31-1	257	1	41	4	79	0	24	1	22	0	22	447
10/21/2023	Bryant	31	142	2	17	19	175	1	26	19-36-0	175	1	26	2	41	0	30	0	0	0	0	317
11/04/2023	at Lindenwood	34	16	0	19	20	249	1	42	20-33-3	249	1	42	3	67	0	23	0	0	0	0	265
11/11/2023	Tennessee St.	39	106	0	16	20	154	2	22	20-31-1	154	2	22	4	67	0	25	3	15	0	9	260
11/18/2023	at Robert Morris	21	57	1	25	17	173	1	46	17-34-0	173	1	46	3	94	0	42	1	10	0	10	230
Opponents		369	1371	16	72	209	2388	13	58	209-361-14	2388	13	58	31	619	0	42	13	83	0	22	3759
Eastern Ill.		374	1362	16	65	240	2741	17	54	240-400-7	2741	17	54	29	486	0	52	6	40	0	27	4103

Opponents Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
11	3.7	11.4	117.6	20.0	6.4	410.5	341.7

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	26	36	62	5.0-16	1-7	1	1-0	1-35	3	3	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
09/09/2023	at Bowling Green	27	40	67	9.0-41	5-34	0	0-0	1-0	5	5	0	5-5	0	0	0	3	38
09/16/2023	Illinois St.	49	14	63	11.0-62	8-44	2	1-0	2-0	2	4	0	1-2	0	0	0	0	13
09/23/2023	McNeese	55	22	77	4.0-31	3-28	0	0-0	0-0	4	3	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	28
09/30/2023	at Northwestern St.	31	38	69	6.0-27	2-18	1	1-0	0-0	7	3	1	1-1	0	0	0	0	10
10/07/2023	UT Martin	44	16	60	8.0-42	4-30	0	0-0	1-15	5	4	1	4-4	0	0	0	7	28
10/14/2023	at Southeast Mo. St.	30	26	56	6.0-18	4-13	0	0-0	0-0	4	7	0	5-5	0	0	0	0	35
10/21/2023	Bryant	54	16	70	6.0-29	3-21	0	0-0	1-0	2	1	1	3-3	0	0	0	7	24
11/04/2023	at Lindenwood	31	30	61	5.0-19	2-14	0	0-0	1-4	3	5	1	1-1	0	0	0	0	10
11/11/2023	Tennessee St.	41	10	51	6.0-15	2-7	0	0-0	0-0	2	4	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	17
11/18/2023	at Robert Morris	49	14	63	4.0-14	1-7	0	0-0	0-0	5	0	1	2-2	0	0	0	0	14
Opponents		437	262	699	70.0-314	35-223	4	3-0	7-54	42	39	5	28-29	0	0	0	17	217
Eastern Ill.		420	276	696	68.0-245	23-124	13	11-0	14-145	32	42	2	25-30	1	0	1	35	260

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
09/30/2023	at Northwestern St.	3	120	40.0	49	0	0	1	0	1	1-1	23	0	3	168	56.0	1	0
10/07/2023	UT Martin	7	354	50.6	67	0	2	2	3	1	0-1	0	0	4	248	62.0	1	0
10/14/2023	at Southeast Mo. St.	5	202	40.4	58	0	1	2	1	2	0-0	0	0	6	305	50.8	2	0
10/21/2023	Bryant	3	121	40.3	57	0	1	1	1	1	1-3	45	1	4	227	56.8	1	0
11/04/2023	at Lindenwood	7	263	37.6	49	0	0	3	0	3	1-2	45	0	2	127	63.5	0	0
11/11/2023	Tennessee St.	8	258	32.3	48	1	0	4	0	2	1-1	43	0	4	253	63.3	2	0
11/18/2023	at Robert Morris	6	199	33.2	40	0	0	4	0	2	0-0	0	0	3	162	54.0	0	0
Opponents		53	2124	40.1	71	1	4	21	9	18	5-12	45	1	43	2494	58.0	11	1
Eastern Ill.		55	2062	37.5	57	1	1	17	4	17	7-17	56	2	51	3040	59.6	9	6



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Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total			Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	W 27-0	3	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
09/09/2023	at Bowling Green	L 15-38	2	2	9	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/16/2023	Illinois St.	W 14-13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/23/2023	McNeese	W 31-28	5	4	28	4	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
09/30/2023	at Northwestern St.	W 19-10	7	3	12	1	1	0	2	5	5	0	0	1	0	0
10/07/2023	UT Martin	L 27-28	4	3	21	3	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
10/14/2023	at Southeast Mo. St.	L 28-35	3	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/21/2023	Bryant	W 25-24	5	4	25	3	3	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
11/04/2023	at Lindenwood	W 16-10	3	2	10	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
11/11/2023	Tennessee St.	W 30-17	5	4	24	3	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
11/18/2023	at Robert Morris	W 28-14	3	2	14	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 28 of 40 (70.0%)			40	28	171	22	14	8	6	12	3	1	1	0	1	

Opponents Inside Eastern Ill. Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total			Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/31/2023	Indiana St.	W 27-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/09/2023	Bowling Green	L 15-38	6	6	38	5	2	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/16/2023	Illinois St.	W 14-13	4	2	13	2	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
09/23/2023	McNeese	W 31-28	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/30/2023	Northwestern St.	W 19-10	2	2	10	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
10/07/2023	UT Martin	L 27-28	5	4	28	4	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
10/14/2023	Southeast Mo. St.	L 28-35	4	3	21	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
10/21/2023	Bryant	W 25-24	4	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
11/04/2023	Lindenwood	W 16-10	2	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
11/11/2023	Tennessee St.	W 30-17	2	2	14	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/18/2023	Robert Morris	W 28-14	4	2	14	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Totals 26 of 34 (76.5%)			34	26	173	24	14	10	2	4	4	1	1	0	0	



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3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	W	27-0	5-12 41.7	2-3 66.7	1-3 33.3	1-2 50.0	1-4 25.0	0-0 0.0
09/09/2023	at Bowling Green	L	15-38	1-10 10.0	1-3 33.3	0-3 0.0	0-2 0.0	0-2 0.0	1-1 100.0
09/16/2023	Illinois St.	W	14-13	8-17 47.1	2-4 50.0	3-5 60.0	2-4 50.0	1-4 25.0	0-0 0.0
09/23/2023	McNeese	W	31-28	8-16 50.0	1-2 50.0	4-7 57.1	1-3 33.3	2-4 50.0	0-0 0.0
09/30/2023	at Northwestern St.	W	19-10	5-16 31.3	1-5 20.0	2-4 50.0	2-3 66.7	0-4 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/07/2023	UT Martin	Lot1	27-28	7-18 38.9	2-5 40.0	2-5 40.0	1-5 20.0	2-3 66.7	0-0 0.0
10/14/2023	at Southeast Mo. St.	L	28-35	5-17 29.4	1-4 25.0	2-4 50.0	1-4 25.0	1-5 20.0	0-0 0.0
10/21/2023	Bryant	Wot1	25-24	8-13 61.5	2-3 66.7	2-3 66.7	2-3 66.7	1-3 33.3	0-0 0.0
11/04/2023	at Lindenwood	W	16-10	3-13 23.1	2-4 50.0	0-2 0.0	0-3 0.0	1-4 25.0	0-0 0.0
11/11/2023	Tennessee St.	W	30-17	3-15 20.0	0-3 0.0	2-4 50.0	1-5 20.0	0-3 0.0	0-0 0.0
11/18/2023	at Robert Morris	W	28-14	8-14 57.1	1-2 50.0	6-7 85.7	1-4 25.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
Eastern Ill.				61-161 37.9	15-38 39.5	24-47 51.1	12-38 31.6	9-37 24.3	1-1 100.0
Opponents				54-148 36.5	11-37 29.7	17-34 50.0	11-37 29.7	14-39 35.9	1-1 100.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/31/2023	at Indiana St.	W	27-0	0-3 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/09/2023	at Bowling Green	L	15-38	3-5 60.0	1-1 100.0	2-2 100.0	0-1 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/16/2023	Illinois St.	W	14-13	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/23/2023	McNeese	W	31-28	2-3 66.7	0-1 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0
09/30/2023	at Northwestern St.	W	19-10	2-2 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0
10/07/2023	UT Martin	Lot1	27-28	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/14/2023	at Southeast Mo. St.	L	28-35	3-5 60.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	1-3 33.3	0-0 0.0
10/21/2023	Bryant	Wot1	25-24	0-2 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
11/04/2023	at Lindenwood	W	16-10	1-4 25.0	0-0 0.0	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0	0-2 0.0	0-0 0.0
11/11/2023	Tennessee St.	W	30-17	2-2 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0
11/18/2023	at Robert Morris	W	28-14	0-1 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
Eastern Ill.				13-28 46.4	2-5 40.0	5-8 62.5	2-4 50.0	4-11 36.4	0-0 0.0
Opponents				9-22 40.9	0-0 0.0	2-4 50.0	3-8 37.5	4-10 40.0	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
09/30/2023	at Northwestern St.	W	19-10	28:25	07:07	06:40	06:46	07:52	00:00
10/07/2023	UT Martin	Lot1	27-28	32:46	09:21	08:41	09:17	05:27	00:00
10/14/2023	at Southeast Mo. St.	L	28-35	29:34	07:14	10:03	06:04	06:13	00:00
10/21/2023	Bryant	Wot1	25-24	33:18	09:28	08:30	09:00	06:20	00:00
11/04/2023	at Lindenwood	W	16-10	25:59	08:25	05:50	03:58	07:46	00:00
11/11/2023	Tennessee St.	W	30-17	30:11	06:04	07:10	06:46	10:11	00:00
11/18/2023	at Robert Morris	W	28-14	35:03	06:49	13:24	08:43	06:07	00:00
Eastern Ill.				Total 346:30	80:34	100:42	77:20	87:54	00:00
				Avg. 31:30	07:19	09:09	07:02	07:59	00:00



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	Opponents	Total		313:30	72:36	76:08	74:15	90:31	00:00
		Avg.		28:30	06:36	06:55	06:45	08:14	00:00