



EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHER FOOTBALL

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GAME 10



COACHES:

Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1995)
 EIU Record..... 12-19 (3rd)
 OVC Record..... 6-10 (3rd)
 Career Record..... 63-46 (12th)
 vs. Gardner-Webb..... 0-0

Cris Reisert (Ohio Dominican, 2009)
 GWU Record..... 3-6 (1st)
 OVC Record..... 2-3 (1st)
 Career Record..... 43-17 (6th)
 vs. Eastern Illinois..... 0-0

SERIES

First Meeting
 Last: N/A

RANKINGS

Eastern Illinois --- / ---
 Gardner-Webb --- / ---
 STATS Media/AFCAs Coaches

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EIU Makes First Trip To Tar Heel State, Faces Gardner-Webb

Eastern Illinois at Gardner-Webb

Spangler Stadium (9,000) • Boiling Springs, NC

November 9, 2024 • 12:30 pm • TV: ESPN+

NOTES TO KNOW

• Eastern Illinois makes its first ever trip to the state of North Carolina as the Panthers head to Boiling Springs, NC in the western portion of the state to face Gardner-Webb. Both teams are coming off wins over regional rivals last weekend with EIU beating Western Illinois while Gardner-Webb picked up a win over Charleston Southern. This will be the first meeting between the two schools as GWU was one of four schools that merged with the OVC as former Big South members. With the unbalanced schedule last season, EIU did not face GWU as the Runnin' Bulldogs went 5-1 in the league and captured the inaugural Big South OVC title.

• MJ Flowers was a huge part of the Panthers offense on Saturday in the win over Western Illinois as he finished with 280 all-purpose yards and three touchdowns. Those numbers earned the sophomore running back Big South OVC Offensive Player of the Week honors. The 280 all-purpose yards are the fifth most by an FCS player this season. He just missed his third career 200-yard rushing game finishing with 194 yards. Flowers added 86 yards on three receptions. He is now second in the conference in rushing yards with 726 while his nine touchdowns are the second most in the league and 28th in the FCS. Flowers has 1,698 career rushing yards which ranks 19th on the EIU all-time list needing 111 yards to move up another spot on the chart.

• Tight end Alex Ginnever made his first collegiate catch in the Panthers Oct. 12 game at Tennessee State finishing that contest with seven catches for 43 yards. This past Saturday he added another pair of collegiate firsts with two touchdown catches and a 100 yard receiving day on six receptions. Ginnever becomes the fourth different EIU player to record a 100-yard receiving day this year joining Terrance Gipson (100 vs Indiana State), Cooper Willman (141 at Tennessee State & 143 at UT Martin) and Quenton Rogers (103 at Tennessee State). He is the first EIU tight end to record a 100-yard receiving day since Jeff LePak against UT Martin in 2013 (7 receptions for 196 yards).

• Nicholas Oliveira-Chace returned to the sack column on Saturday against Western Illinois as the senior recorded a solo sack and then picked a half tackle for loss in the win over the Leathernecks. Oliveira-Chace is the Panthers leader in both categories this season with his 5.5 sacks ranking second in the Big South OVC and 38th in the FCS. His 7.5 tackles for loss this season is tied for ninth in the conference. He currently has 29 total tackles this year with four additional quarterback hurries. Last season in 11 games Oliveira-Chace made 35 tackles with seven tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks.

Eastern Illinois (2-7, 1-4 Conf.)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Aug. 29	at Illinois	L 0-45
Sept. 7	INDIANA STATE	W 27-20
Sept. 14	at Northwestern	L 7-31
Sept. 21	at Illinois State	L 7-31
Sept. 28	• LINDENWOOD	L 25-28
Oct. 5	• SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (HC)	L 27-38
Oct. 12	• at Tennessee State	L 17-41
Oct. 26	• at UT Martin	L 17-52
Nov. 2	• WESTERN ILLINOIS	W 45-38
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		

Gardner-Webb (3-6, 2-3 Conf.)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Aug. 29	WOFFORD	L 20-21
Sept. 7	at James Madison	L 6-13
Sept. 14	at Charlotte	L 26-27
Sept. 21	at Presbyterian	W 42-21
Sept. 28	• TENNESSEE TECH	L 21-52
Oct. 5	• at UT Martin	L 17-35
Oct. 19	• LINDENWOOD	W 42-35
Oct. 26	• at Southeast Missouri	L 24-30
Nov. 2	• at Charleston Southern	W 17-14
Nov. 9	• EASTERN ILLINOIS	12:30 pm
Nov. 16	• TENNESSEE STATE	12:30 pm
Nov. 23	• at Western Illinois	1 pm
• Big South-OVC Game All Times Central		

STATS FCS MEDIA TOP 25
(November 4)

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	North Dakota State (43)	9-1
2.	Montana State (13)	9-0
3.	South Dakota State	7-2
4.	UC Davis	8-1
5.	South Dakota	6-2
6.	Southeast Missouri	8-1
7.	Montana	7-2
8.	Incarnate Word	7-2
9.	Idaho	6-3
10.	Mercer	8-1
11.	Rhode Island	8-1
12.	Villanova	7-2
13.	Richmond	7-2
14.	Tarleton State	7-2
15.	Abilene Christian	6-3
16.	Central Arkansas	6-3
17.	Stony Brook	7-2
18.	Illinois State	6-3
19.	UT Martin	6-3
20.	William & Mary	6-3
21.	North Dakota	5-4
22.	Western Carolina	5-4
23.	Chattanooga	5-4
24.	Harvard	6-1
25.	Duquesne	6-2

FCS COACHES TOP 25
(November 4)

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	North Dakota State (24)	9-1
2.	Montana St. (2)	9-0
3.	South Dakota State	7-2
4.	UC Davis	8-1
5.	South Dakota	6-2
6.	Southeast Missouri	8-1
7.	Montana	7-2
8.	Incarnate Word	7-2
9.	Richmond	7-2
10.	Rhode Island	8-1
11.	Villanova	7-2
12.	Idaho	6-3
13.	Mercer	8-1
14.	Tarleton State	7-2
15.	Missouri State	7-2
16.	Abilene Christian	6-3
17.	Illinois State	6-3
18.	Stony Brook	7-2
19.	Central Arkansas	6-3
20.	Jackson State	7-2
21.	William & Mary	6-3
22.	UT Martin	6-3
23.	North Dakota	5-4
24.	Duquesne	6-2
25.	Harvard	6-1

• Pierce Holley dialed up his fifth straight 300-yard passing game on Saturday against Western Illinois going 19-of-27 for 338 yards and five touchdowns. He became the seventh different quarterback in program history to throw five or more touchdowns in a game and the first since Harry Woodbery had five against Tennessee Tech on Sept. 29, 2018. Holley continues to move up both the EIU career charts as his 5,111 passing yards rank sixth all-time at EIU and his 31 touchdown passes are eighth. This season Holley currently ranks ninth in the FCS in passing yards, 17th in total offense and 29th in touchdown passes.

• Cooper Willman continues to inch closer to the 1,000 yard mark for career receiving yards as the senior has been the Panthers top target this season. Willman added three catches for 19 yards with a score on Saturday against Western Illinois. With three games remaining for the season Willman now has 942 yards as he tries to become the 35th player in school history to crack the 1,000 yard mark for their EIU career. Willman leads EIU with 44 receptions for 562 yards this year, both of those totals ranking seventh in the Big South OVC.

• Eastern Illinois offense had its breakout game of the season on Saturday against Western Illinois as the Panthers posted season highs of 45 points and 534 yards of total offense. EIU's previous season-high for points was 27 points against both Indiana State and Southeast Missouri; and 458 yards of total offense against Lindenwood. The last time EIU scored 45 or more points in a game was Nov. 9, 2019 with a 49-38 win at Tennessee State. The last time EIU had 500 or more yards of total offense was 518 yards on Oct. 27, 2018 against Eastern Kentucky.

• It has been a tale of two seasons in the turnover department for Eastern Illinois as the Panthers enter the final three weeks of the year. EIU currently ranks 108th in the FCS in turnover margin at a negative -0.67 margin for the year. Against Western Illinois, the Panthers went their third straight game without forcing a turnover while losing one fumble to the Leathernecks. EIU has surrendered 82 points off turnovers this season for an average of 9.1 points off turnovers per game. Compare that to last season when EIU led the FCS in turnover margin at a plus 1.36 ratio allowing just 17 points off turnovers all year (1.5 ppg game avg.).

• Anthony Shockey tacked on eight more tackles to his season total on Saturday against Western Illinois as the senior linebacker leads the Panthers with 75 tackles this year. It marked the fourth time in the last six games that Shockey has led the team or tied for the team lead in tackles for a game. With three games left in the regular season Shockey is chasing the 100 tackle mark for a season looking to become just the 40th Panthers player to reach the century mark in a season. The last to accomplish the 100 tackle in a season mark was Jason Johnson in 2021 (112 tackles).

• Isaiah Houi had his number called from the bench on Saturday against Western Illinois as the true freshman stepped in when starting corner NiJhay Burt was called for a targeting penalty just seconds into the second quarter. Houi responded with his most snaps of the season making three tackles and being credited with two pass break-ups. Prior to his significant time on Saturday, Houi has appeared in just three games making one tackle at Illinois State. He had additional playing time at Illinois and against Southeast Missouri.

• Senior Joel Barrows was a second team All-Big South OVC selection at defensive end last season after ranking second on the team with four sacks. The previous year (2022) Barrows was the Panther team leader in sacks with three. Each of the last two seasons Barrows has finished the year with 5.5 tackles for loss. On Saturday against Western Illinois Barrows finished with four tackles including a tackle for loss giving him two for the season and now 14 for his career with 7.5 career sacks.

• Jacob Horvath continues to chase the EIU single season record for punting average but was only called upon twice in Saturday's home win over Western Illinois. Horvath has a season average of 44.4 yards per punt which ranks him 13th in the FCS and second in the Big South OVC. He has 11 punts of more than 50 yards and another 12 punts inside the 20-yard line. The EIU single season record for punting average is 44.6 set by Kevin Cook during the 2007 season.

• Julian Patino knocked home a field goal for the third consecutive game making a 27-yard kick in the win over Western Illinois. Patino is 3-for-4 on field goals this year with his lone miss a 50-yard attempt at Tennessee State. In his two years as a kicker for the Panthers Patino is 6-of-7 on field goals including a perfect 6-of-6 inside 40-yards. Patino is now 13-of-13 on extra points this year and 25-of-26 for his career.

• For the third time this season Eastern Illinois defense held an opponent below 100 yards rushing for the game as the Panthers limited Western Illinois to 86 yards on 28 carries this past Saturday for an average of 3.1 yards per carry. Earlier this year EIU limited Indiana State to 74 yards on 32 carries (2.3 ypc) and Southeast Missouri to 61 yards on 30 carries (2.0 ypc). Overall on the season EIU is giving up 159 yards per game to opponents which ranks 69th in the FCS with opponents averaging 4.5 yards per carry for the year.

• Eastern Illinois offense was clicking on Saturday against Western Illinois especially in terms of converting on third down. EIU was 10-of-14 on third down conversions for a season high 71.4 percent conversion rate. The Panthers only other conversion rate over 50 percent this season was at Tennessee State going 10-of-18 on third down for 55.6 percent. For the season EIU is converting at 37.8 percent on third down which ranks 66th in the FCS and fourth in the Big South OVC. The last time EIU converted at 70 percent or higher on third down in a game was Sept. 29, 2018 against Tennessee Tech going 11-of-15 (73.3 percent) in a 52-38 win.

2024 Big South-OVC Football Standings

Team	CONF	Pct	All	Pct
Southeast Missouri	5-0	1.000	8-1	.889
UT Martin	4-1	.800	6-3	.667
Tennessee Tech	4-2	.667	4-5	.444
Tennessee State	3-2	.600	6-3	.667
Lindenwood	3-3	.500	4-6	.400
Western Illinois	2-3	.400	3-6	.333
Gardner-Webb	2-3	.400	3-6	.333
Eastern Illinois	1-4	.250	2-7	.222
Charleston Southern	0-6	.000	1-8	.111

This Week In Big South-OVC Football

Saturday - November 9

- * Eastern Illinois at Gardner-Webb 12:30 pm
- * Southeast Missouri at Lindenwood 1 pm
- * Tennessee State at Western Illinois 1 pm
- * UT Martin at Charleston Southern 1 pm
- Tennessee Tech at Samford 2 pm

Idle - None

* Big South-OVC Football Association Games

Eastern Illinois Captains

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

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)
- 71 - Sebastian Pares (2nd Team OL)

• The injury bug has bitten the Eastern Illinois roster this season as the Panthers entered their bye week with a handful of key injuries that needed the week of rest or may be lost for the season. That trend carried over the last two weeks as now through nine weeks of the 2024 season EIU has had 29 missed games by starters on the offensive and defensive sides of the ball. On the offense the wide receiver corps has been hit the hardest with 16 missed games including seven by starter DeAirious Smith. On the defensive side of the ball a total of 13 games have been missed by starters.

• Kick returner Mark Aitken entered the season with 755 career kick return yards at Eastern Illinois. He needed 53 kick return yards to move into 10th on the EIU career kick return yards chart. He has two kick returns for 15 yards this season and now needs 38 yards to crack the top ten. 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

• Sixth year offensive lineman Elkhanaan Tanelus was nominated as EIU's candidate for the William Campbell trophy, presented to the top academic football player in the nation. Tanelus already has both a bachelor's and master's degree from EIU and is pursuing a certificate in business technology this fall.

• 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 faced Illinois for the season opener and traveled to 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, Elkhanaan 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 63-46 (12-19 at EIU, 3rd year) career record. Complete Coach Chris Wilkerson bio available on page 6 of EIU game notes...

GARDNER-WEBB HEAD COACH CRIS REISERT

Gardner-Webb is led by first-year head coach Cris Reisert who has posted a 3-6 record in his first year in Boiling Springs including a 2-3 record in the Big South OVC. Reisert came to GWU following a successful five-year stint as the head coach at Division II Tiffin University where he posted a 40-11 record including a 32-4 mark in conference play. The 40 wins were the most by any Tiffin coach in a five-year span in program history and culminated last season with an 11-1 record while reaching the second round of the NCAA playoffs. As a player at Ohio Dominican he was the 2007 NAIA National Player of the Year earning his degree from Ohio Dominican in 2009. Reisert has had assistant coaching stops at Ball State, Elon and Ohio Dominican.

SCOUTING GARDNER-WEBB

Gardner-Webb entered the 2024 season coming off consecutive conference championships and FCS playoff appearances. The Runnin' Bulldogs won the final Big South Conference title in 2022 and then were co-champions of the inaugural Big South OVC Football Association in 2023. This season they are 3-6 overall, 2-3 in the Big South OVC under a new head coach. Balanced offense has been part of the GWU story with three running backs over 300 yards this season and quarterback Tyler Ridell passing for 1,795 yards. Three receivers have 20 or more catches this season. On defense Gardner-Webb has been disruptive ranking 15th in the FCS in tackles for loss and 16th in the country in sacks. Trevor Moffitt and Jackson Marshall both have 7.5 tackles for loss with Moffitt the leading tackler with 49 stops.

THE SERIES

This will be the first meeting between Eastern Illinois and Gardner-Webb in football as the two schools did not meet last season in the inaugural Big South OVC season that saw teams only play six conference games. EIU was 2-0 against former Big South members last season with wins over Bryant and Robert Morris, both schools which were just one year members of the Big South OVC. EIU will face the other Big South holdover, Charleston Southern, on November 16 in Charleston, Illinois.

LAST TEN MEETINGS

First Meeting

SERIES DID YOU KNOW FACTS...

1.) This will mark the first time in program history EIU football has played a game in the state of North Carolina or against a program from the state. EIU does have two other major team sports who have faced the Runnin' Bulldogs with men's basketball picking up a win over Gardner-Webb and the EIU softball team posting a 2-4 all-time record against GWU.

2.) Both Eastern Illinois and Gardner-Webb posted conference wins in regional rivalry games last weekend. EIU beat Western Illinois as the two schools met for the first time as conference rivals since the 1995 season when the rivalry was played annually for the Mayor's Cup. GWU beat Charleston Southern in the inaugural North/South BBQ Bowl. The two schools have met as conference rivals since 2002.

• 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.....	19.1	23.9
Average Points Allowed.....	36.0	27.6
First Downs.....	159	185
Rushing Yards Per Game	83.3	139.0
Rushing Touchdowns.....	7	13
Passing Yards Per Game	267.4	214.8
Passing Touchdowns	14	13
Average Yards Per Game	350.8	353.8
Interceptions Thrown	10	11
Fumbles - Lost	8-4	7-2
Turnovers Gained.....	8	10
Punting Average	44.5	41.3
Field Goals (ATT/MADE)	6-of-11	9-of-14
3rd Down Conversions	45-of-1119 (38%)	39-of-120 (33%)
4th Down Conversions.....	7-of-17 (41%)	13-of-24 (54%)
Sacks By (Yards).....	10 (70)	24 (197)
Penalties (Yards)	42 (376)	81 (744)
Time of Possession (Game)	27:56	31:04

Statistical Leaders**RUSHING YARDS (Touchdowns)**

EASTERN ILLINOIS	GARDNER-WEBB
MJ Flowers.....726 (6)	Edward Saydee.....571 (4)
Jay Pearson.....93 (0)	Quasean Holmes .....351 (3)

PASSING YARDS (Touchdowns)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	GARDNER-WEBB
Pierce Holley.....2,370 (14)	Tyler Ridell.....1,795 (12)
Blainey Dowling .....37 (0)	Ren Hefley .....138 (1)

RECEPTIONS (Yards)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	GARDNER-WEBB
Cooper Willman.....44 (562)	Anthony Lowe .....32 (403)
MJ Flowers.....41 (323)	Camden Overton .....26 (287)
Terrance Gipson .....23 (285)	Jordan Bly.....22 (206)

TACKLES

EASTERN ILLINOIS	GARDNER-WEBB
Anthony Shockey.....75	Trevor Moffitt.....49
Kaelin Drakeford .....53	Miles Richardson .....37
NiJhay Burt.....48	Raquon Hartley .....36
Phoenix Porter.....48	Jackson Marshall.....35
Malik Rainey.....36	Jeff Bowns.....35

TACKLES FOR LOSS / SACKS

EASTERN ILLINOIS	GARDNER-WEBB
Nicholas Oliveira-Chase....7.5 .....5.5	Jackson Marshall.....7.5 .....3
Anthony Shockey.....3.5 .....0	Trevor Moffitt .....7.5 .....2.5
Drake Van Hyfte .....3 .....0	Robert Holtz .....5.5 .....4.5

Eastern Illinois In The OVC/NCAA Stats

2024

TEAM

.....	NCAA	CONF
Rushing Offense	121st	9th
Passing Offense	18th	3rd
Passing Efficiency	70th	7th
Total Offense	71st	5th
Scoring Offense	101st	7th
Rushing Defense	69th	7th
Pass Defense	117th	8th
Pass Efficiency Def.	121st	8th
Total Defense	108th	7th
Scoring Defense	112th	8th
Net Punting	61st	3rd
Punt Returns	27th	2nd
Kickoff Returns	105th	9th
Turnover Margin	104th	9th
Turnovers Gained	98th	9th
Sacks	111th	9th
Tackles For Loss	89th	8th
Sacks Allowed	88th	7th
3rd Down Conversion	86th	5th
4th Down Conversion	95th	8th
3rd Down Defense	113th	8th
Red Zone Offense	102nd	7th
Red Zone Defense	85th	6th
Time of Possession	108th	9th

INDIVIDUAL (Top 50)

.....	NCAA	CONF
Anthony Shockey (Total Tackles).....	38th	2nd
Nicholas Oliveira-Chace (Sacks).....	36th	2nd
Moses Alexander (Fumbles Recover).....	5th	2nd
Tre'jon Lewis (Blocked Kicks).....	2nd	1st
NiJhay Burt (Interceptions).....	23rd	2nd
Pierce Holley (Completions).....	12th	2nd
Pierce Holley (Passing TDs).....	29th	4th
Pierce Holley (Passing Yards).....	9th	2nd
Pierce Holley (Total Offense)	17th	3rd
MJ Flowers (All-Purpose Yards).....	21st	1st
MJ Flowers (Rushing Yards).....	33rd	2nd
MJ Flowers (Total Touchdowns)	28th	2nd
Cooper Willman (Receiving TDs).....	38th	4th
Cooper Willman (Receptions).....	45th	6th
Jacob Horvath (Punting).....	13th	2nd

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 *

* indicates team no longer in the OVC

2024 WEEKLY AWARDS

Week 2 - Drew Schiller (Freshman)
Week 4 - Jacob Horvath (Special Teams)
Week 7 - Quenton Rogers (Freshman)
Week 10 - MJ Flowers (Offensive)

* 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.	No. 24
2022	2-9	1-4 (OVC)	
2023	8-3	4-2 (OVC)	
2024	2-7	1-4 (OVC)	
EIU	12-19	6-10	
University of Chicago Record			
2021	8-2	7-2 (MWC)	UAA title
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)	9 years
2015	6-4	5-3 (SAA)	
2014	8-1	3-0 (UAA)	
2013	6-4	1-2 (UAA)	
Totals	51-27	39-15	
Career	63-46	45-25	

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 - 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, 338 vs. Western Illinois (Nov. 2, 2024)
Holley with five straight 300-yard passing games

Passed for more than 400 yards...

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

Threw four touchdown passes...

Pierce Holley, 5, vs. Western Illinois (Nov. 2, 2024)

Rushed for more than 150 yards...

MJ Flowers, 194, vs. Western Illinois (Nov. 2, 2024)

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...

Moses Alexander, 1, vs. Indiana State (Sept. 7, 2024) - (60 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 at Northwestern (Sept. 14, 2024)
Tre'jon Lewis, 1 at Tennessee State (Oct. 12, 2024) - blocked extra point

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

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

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

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

EIU scored a two-point conversion

- (Rush) - Pierce Holley vs. Bryant (Oct. 21, 2023)
- (Pass) - Eli Mirza from Pierce Holley vs. Lindenwood (Sept. 28, 2024)

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

Nijhay Burt, 2, vs. Indiana State (Sept. 27, 2024)

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

2024 EASTERN ILLINOIS TOUCHDOWNS

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

1.....MJ Flowers 1 run	Indiana State
2.....Moses Alexander 60 fumble return.....	Indiana State
3.....Cooper Willman 5 pass from Pierce Holley	Indiana State
2.....Eli Mirza 13 pass from Pierce Holley.....	Northwestern
2.....MJ Flowers 4 run	Illinois State
1.....Cooper Willman 15 pass from Pierce Holley	Lindenwood
1.....Pierce Holley 1 run	Lindenwood
4.....Pierce Holley 25 pass to Eli Mirza	Lindenwood
2.....Cooper Willman 12 pass from Pierce Holley	Southeast Missouri
3.....MJ Flowers 1 run	Southeast Missouri
4.....Quenton Rogers 39 pass from Pierce Holley.....	Southeast Missouri
4.....MJ Flowers 2 run	Southeast Missouri
2.....MJ Flowers 9 pass from Pierce Holley	Tennessee State
3.....MJ Flowers 1 run	Tennessee State
1.....Cooper Willman 7 pass from Pierce Holley	UT Martin
3.....Alex Herrera 17 pass from Pierce Holley	UT Martin
1.....MJ Flowers 10 run	Western Illinois
2.....Alex Ginnever 13 pass from Pierce Holley	Western Illinois
3.....MJ Flowers 64 pass from Pierce Holley	Western Illinois
3.....Cooper Willman 6 pass from Pierce Holley	Western Illinois
4.....MJ Flowers 18 pass from Pierce Holley	Western Illinois
4.....Alex Ginnever 10 pass from Pierce Holley	Western Illinois

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.....	Millikin	Nov. 1, 1941
60.....	Central Michigan	Oct. 2, 1954

LOWEST OFFENSIVE TOTAL:

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

OPPONENT FEWEST RUSHING YARDS:

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

OPPONENT FEWEST PASSING YARDS:

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

TOTAL OFFENSE:

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

RUSHING YARDAGE:

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

RUSHING ATTEMPTS:

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

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

PASSING ATTEMPTS:

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

PASSES COMPLETED:

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

RECEIVING (CATCHES):

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

RECEIVING (YARDS):

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

ALL-PURPOSE RUSHING:

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

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS:

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

RUSHING YARDS BY A QB:

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

Steve Turner.....	6 vs. Mecom Academy.....	1920
Kevin Staple.....	5 vs. Kentucky State.....	1982
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,		
Steve Turk, Harry Woodbery, Pierce Holley		

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:

MJ Flowers.....	11 vs Southeast Missouri.....	2024
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	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	Anthony Manaves	TE	6-4	230	R-Sr	4	Chicago, Ill. (St. Patrick)
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	Kiwaun Davis	DB	6-3	175	R-Fr	TR	Chicago, Ill. (Kenwood Academy / Northern Illinois Univ.)
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 Pilson	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)
42	Allen Brown III	DB	5-11	180	Fr	HS	St. Louis, Mo. (Eureka)
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)
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
 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 Heffy
 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	71	Sebastian Pares.....	OL
42	Allen Brown III.....	DB	48	Julian Patino.....	K
27	Josh Brown.....	SAF	21	Jay Pearson.....	RB
5	Surahz Buncom.....	WR	90	Trevon Piggee-Blake.....	DL
76	Bryce Burnett.....	OL	33	Jack Pilson.....	LB
3	Nijhay Burt.....	SAF	61	Ruben Popoca.....	K
20	Chris Caldwell.....	RB	19	Phoenix Porter.....	LB
59	Liam Carr.....	LB	50	Jerrad Price.....	DL
46	Nico Carrier.....	K	15	Malik Rainey.....	DB
37	Grady Catanzano.....	LB	84	Jeremy Reeves.....	WR
73	Clint Chamley.....	OL	9	Aaron Rice.....	WR
39	Tyler Clark.....	RB	40	Isaiah Richardson.....	SAF
1	Nick Coates.....	SAF	80	Quenton Rodgers.....	WR
36	Dillon Conway.....	SAF	19	Jacob Rosenstiel.....	QB
16	Kevin Conway.....	QB	97	Tray Ross.....	DL
0	Cody Davidson.....	WR	47	Drew Schiller.....	K
30	Kiwaun Davis.....	DB	25	Christopher Sharp.....	CB
54	Nic DiSanto.....	OL	64	Connor Shelby.....	OL
14	Blainey Dowling.....	QB	5	Anthony Shockey.....	LB
22	Kaelin Drakeford.....	DB	96	Cody Silzer.....	DL
65	Carson Fichtel.....	OL	92	Colby Smith.....	DL
28	Jacarre Fleming.....	RB	6	DeAirious Smith.....	WR
4	MJ Flowers.....	RB	53	King Smith.....	DL
8	Tienne Fridge.....	DB	78	Joseph Solomon.....	OL
98	Brett Galetti.....	LS	8	Joey Sprinkle.....	QB
49	Jesse Garza.....	LB	88	Jordan Sprycha.....	TE
16	Zay Gentry.....	DB	34	Jordyn Stewart.....	LB
87	Alex Ginnever.....	TE	56	Christian Takatch.....	DL
1	Terrance Gipson.....	WR	72	Elkhanan Tanelus.....	OL
85	Landers Green.....	WR	45	Caden Tellenson.....	LB
99	Jaron Hacha.....	DL	24	Collin Tyson.....	DB
58	Isaiah Hare.....	DL	66	Jack Valente.....	OL/LS
74	Haven Hatfield.....	OL	95	Drake Van Hyfte.....	DL
81	Alex Herrera.....	TE	50	Luke Wagner.....	DL
3	Pierce Holley.....	QB	55	Drew Wilder.....	OL
93	Jacob Horvath.....	P	41	Peyton Wilkerson.....	DL
23	Isaiah Houi.....	DB	12	Collin Willard.....	WR
63	Noah Howard.....	OL	13	Cooper Willman.....	WR
86	Jamal Jeffers.....	WR	26	Makhi Wilson.....	SAF
94	Alton Jefferson.....	DL	15	Connor Wolf.....	QB
52	Jamari Johnson.....	DL	31	Johnovan Wysinger.....	WR
69	Kwan Johnson.....	OL	29	Kendi Young.....	RB
67	Rahfeeq Katumbusi.....	OL			
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)
 9 - Tre'jon Lewis (Texas Tech Univ.)
 15 - Malik Rainey (Univ. of Cincinnati)
 30 - Kiwaun Davis (Washington State Univ.)
 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 14
 Senior 14
 Junior..... 26
 Sophomore..... 17
 RS-Freshman 14
 Freshman 27

EIU ROSTER BY STATE

Illinois 50
 Texas 8
 California 7
 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
16 ... Kevin Conway	6-2	210	R-So

RUNNING BACK

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

TIGHT END

87 ... Alex Ginnever	6-5	235	R-So
82 ... Joe McNab	6-6	255	R-Jr

LEFT TACKLE

54 ... Nic DiSanto	6-5	320	So
75 ... Jonathan Arellano	6-3	310	R-Jr

LEFT GUARD

71 ... Sebastian Pares	6-6	310	Grad
70 ... Alejandro Arellano	6-3	305	R-So

CENTER

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

RIGHT GUARD

78 ... Joseph Solomon	6-5	295	Grad
72 ... Elkhanaan Tanelus	6-2	320	Grad

RIGHT TACKLE

77 ... Sandro Malicevic	6-5	315	So
75 ... Jonathan Arellano	6-3	310	R-Jr

RECEIVER

80 ... Quenton Rogers	6-2	190	R-Fr
9 ... Aaron Rice	6-5	200	R-So

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81 ... Alex Herrera	6-4	240	Jr
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EIU COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1994) - 3rd year
Career 63-46 (10), **EIU Record** 12-19 (3); **OVC Record** 6-10 (3)

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),

Chris Gatton (QC - ST.),

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

EIU DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE END

6 ... Joel Barrows	6-3	240	Grad
52 ... Jamari Johnson	6-4	255	R-Jr

NOSE TACKLE

91 ... Nicholas Oliveira-Chace	6-3	275	Grad
50 ... Jerrad Price	6-3	300	Grad

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

9 ... Tre'jon Lewis	6-4	285	Grad
99 ... Jaron Hacha	5-11	310	Sr

DEFENSIVE END (BUCK)

0 ... Ira Armstead II	6-4	240	Sr
44 ... Luke Wagner	6-4	230	R-Jr

LINEBACKER

5 ... Anthony Shockey	6-1	230	Grad
8 ... Tienne Fridge	6-2	210	Sr

LINEBACKER

19 ... Phoenix Porter	6-1	220	R-Jr
33 ... Jack Pilson	6-0	225	R-Sr

NICKEL or LINEBACKER

15 ... Malik Rainey	5-11	190	R-Jr
8 ... Tienne Fridge	6-2	210	Sr

CORNERBACK

3 ... NiJhay Burt	5-11	185	Jr
23 ... Isaiah Houi	5-10	170	Fr

STRONG SAFETY

22 ... Kaelin Drakeford	6-4	210	Grad
16 ... Zay Gentry	6-0	195	Sr

FREE SAFETY

2 ... Mark Aitken	5-9	180	R-Sr
36 ... Dillon Conway	6-3	210	Fr

CORNERBACK

30 ... Kiwaun Davis	6-3	175	R-Fr
25 ... Christopher Sharp	5-11	180	R-Fr

EIU SPECIALISTS

KICKER

48 ... Julian Patino	5-10	200	R-Jr
46 ... Nico Carrier	5-9	170	Fr

KICKOFF

48 ... Julian Patino	5-10	200	R-Jr
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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

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

PUNT RETURNS

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

13 ... Cooper Willman	6-1	205	Grad
28 ... Jacarre Fleming	5-8	195	Fr
2 ... Mark Aitken	5-9	180	R-Sr

**GAME 1 - Aug. 29, 2024**

Eastern Illinois..... 0
 Illinois..... 45

Champaign, Ill.
 Memorial Stadium (43,849)

Scoring 1 2 3 4 **Final**
 Eastern Illinois0..... 0..... 0..... 0.....0
 Illinois14..... 17..... 7..... 7.....45

FIRST QUARTER

UI - Bryant 15 pass from Altmeyer (Olano kick) - 4:15
 UI - Arkin 5 pass from Altmeyer (Olano kick) - 0:43

SECOND QUARTER

UI - Olano 26 field goal - 10:10
 UI - Bryant 28 pass from Altmeyer (Olano kick) - 4:13
 UI - Elzy 34 pass from Altmeyer (Olano kick) - 1:30

THIRD QUARTER

UI - Feagin 1 run (Olano kick) - 7:04

FOURTH QUARTER

UI - McCray 6 run (Olano kick) - 13:51

TEAM STATSEIU UI

First Downs..... 9.....27
 Rushes-Yards.....22-49.....42-244
 Passing-Yards.....147.....242
 Comp-Att-Int.....16-32-2.....21-29-0
 Total Offense.....196.....486
 Fumbles-Lost.....2-2.....1-0
 Penalties-Yards.....6-50.....6-45
 Int Returns-Yards-TD.....0-0-0.....2-1-0
 Time of Possession.....23:59.....36:01
 Sacks-Yards.....0-0.....1-5

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

EIU - Flowers (9-28-0), Pearson (6-20-0)
 UI - Feagin (16-108-1), Laughery (10-79-0)

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

EIU - Holley (32-16-2-147-0)
 UI - Altmeyer (24-19-0-213-4), Leary (5-2-0-29-0)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Smith (5-63-0), Mirza (3-38-0), Nelson (2-21-0)
 UI - Bryant (5-63-2), Elzy (2-51-1)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Tolbert (9-3-1.5), Shockey (9-0-0), Alexander (5-1-0)
 UI - Bailey (4-2-0), Briggs (2-3-0), Clarke (3-0-0)

RECAP

Illinois scored 17 points off of three Eastern Illinois first half turnovers as they swung the momentum late in the first quarter to pick up a 45-0 win over the Panthers. EIU made a stop on Illinois opening driving and drove inside the Illini 25-yard line before committing the first of four turnovers in the game. Illinois scored off that miscue and then used a big special teams play to set up its second score for an early 14-0 lead. Elijahwah Tolbert led the Panthers defense with 12 tackles despite EIU playing with a short field most of the game. EIU's offensive line allowed just one quarterback sack and three tackles for loss on offensive plays.

**GAME 2 - Sept. 7, 2024**

Indiana State 20
 Eastern Illinois 27

Charleston, Ill.
 O'Brien Field (7,222)

Scoring 1 2 3 4 **Final**
 Indiana State0..... 13..... 0..... 7.....20
 Eastern Illinois7..... 10..... 10..... 0.....27

FIRST QUARTER

EIU - Flowers 1 run (Schiller kick) - 2:22

SECOND QUARTER

INS - Rochelle 16 pass from Owens (Andjelic kick) - 12:57
 EIU - Alexander 60 fumble return (Schiller kick) - 10:27
 INS - Lawrence 14 pass from Owens (kick failed) - 1:51
 EIU - Schiller 34 field goal - 0:00

THIRD QUARTER

EIU - Schiller 40 field goal - 7:48
 EIU - Willman 5 pass from Holley (Schiller kick) - 1:21

FOURTH QUARTER

INS - Taylor 9 pass from Owens (Andjelic kick) - 0:55

TEAM STATSEIU INS

First Downs..... 16.....20
 Rushes-Yards.....30-86.....32-74
 Passing-Yards.....268.....260
 Comp-Att-Int.....19-32-1.....30-37-3
 Total Offense.....354.....334
 Fumbles-Lost.....0-0.....3-1
 Penalties-Yards.....4-30.....4-25
 Int Returns-Yards-TD.....3-1-0.....1-11-0
 Time of Possession.....28:41.....31:15
 Sacks-Yards.....3-19.....1-7

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

EIU - Flowers (24-93-1)
 INS - Owens (12-44-0), Lawrence (9-13-0)

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

EIU - Holley (32-19-1-268-1)
 INS - Owens (37-30-3-260-3)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Gipson (6-100-0), Mirza (5-52-0), Willman (3-30-1)
 INS - Lawrence (7-41-1), Barnett (5-45-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Burt (6-3-1), Tolbert (5-3-0.5), Alexander (7-0-0)
 INS - Brown (4-5-0), Belizaire (1-5-1)

RECAP

Eastern Illinois forced four turnovers converting one of them into a 60-yard scoop and score by Moses Alexander as the Panthers beat Indiana State 27-20 in their home opener. MJ Flowers rushed for 93 yards and a score while Cooper Willman caught a short touchdown pass from Pierce Holley for the final EIU touchdown. Holley passed for 268 yards with his top target Terrance Gipson with six catches for 100 yards. Nijhay Burt had two of the Panthers four turnovers with a pair of interceptions leading EIU's defense with nine tackles.

**GAME 3 - Sept. 14, 2024**

Eastern Illinois 7
 Northwestern 31

Evanston, Ill.
 Martin Stadium (10,631)

Scoring 1 2 3 4 **Final**
 Eastern Illinois0..... 7..... 0..... 0.....7
 Northwestern7..... 7..... 10..... 7.....31

FIRST QUARTER

NW - Porter 1 run (Olsen kick) - 1:22

SECOND QUARTER

EIU - Mirza 13 pass from Holley (Schiller kick) - 10:37
 NW - Himon 32 run (Olsen kick) - 0:14

THIRD QUARTER

NW - Olsen 46 field goal - 8:18
 NW - Henning 3 pass from Lausch (Olsen kick) - 2:39

FOURTH QUARTER

NW - Lang 9 pass from Lausch (Olsen kick) - 6:58

TEAM STATSEIU NW

First Downs..... 13.....22
 Rushes-Yards.....20-40.....35-203
 Passing-Yards.....167.....247
 Comp-Att-Int.....17-31-1.....21-32-0
 Total Offense.....207.....450
 Fumbles-Lost.....0-0.....1-0
 Penalties-Yards.....2-15.....6-39
 Int Returns-Yards-TD.....0-0-0.....1-0-0
 Time of Possession.....24:28.....35:32
 Sacks-Yards.....1-5.....3-18

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

EIU - Pearson (8-29-0), Flowers (7-17-0)
 NW - Porter (15-77-1), Lausch (7-62-0)

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

EIU - Holley (31-17-1-167-1)
 NW - Lausch (31-20-0-227-2), Wright (1-1-0-20-0)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Willman (6-66-0), Gipson (3-26-0)
 NW - Henning (7-117-1), Himon (3-24-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Tolbert (4-4-0), Alexander (2-6-0), Shockey (4-3-1)
 NW - Johnson (4-0-0), Mueller (3-1-0), Smith (2-2-0)

RECAP

Eastern Illinois played with Big Ten member Northwestern for a majority of the first half with the Wildcats taking a 14-7 halftime lead with 14 seconds left in the opening half. EIU tied the game at 7-7 with a Pierce Holley to Eli Mirza 13-yard touchdown pass. Both teams came up big in special teams in the second quarter with both blocking a field goal attempt that would have given them a second quarter lead. Northwestern had a final first half score on a 32-yard run by Joseph Himon and pulled away for a 31-7 victory. EIU was held to 40 yards rushing in the game. Tre'jon Lewis had the blocked field goal in the game for the Panthers.

**GAME 4 - Sept. 21, 2024**

Eastern Illinois..... 7
 Illinois State..... 31

Normal, Ill.
 Hancock Stadium (9,012)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	0	7	0	0	7
Illinois State	14	7	3	7	31

FIRST QUARTER

ILS - Sobkowicz 31 pass from Rittenhouse (Wagner kick) - 2:34
 ILS - Loyd 12 pass from Rittenhouse (Wagner kick) - 0:39

SECOND QUARTER

ILS - Sobkowicz 5 pass from Rittenhouse (Wagner kick) - 9:07
 EIU - Flowers 4 run (Schiller kick) - 1:56

THIRD QUARTER

ILS - Wagner 28 field goal - 12:32

FOURTH QUARTER

ILS - Wright 1 run (Wagner kick) - 12:28

TEAM STATSEIU ILS

First Downs	9	28
Rushes-Yards	27-105	52-253
Passing-Yards	87	265
Comp-Att-Int	12-22-2	22-28-1
Total Offense	192	518
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-45	7-45
Int Returns-Yards-TD	1-0-0	2-24-0
Time of Possession	24:03	35:57
Sacks-Yards	1-7	3-18

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

EIU - Flowers (19-117-1), Young (1-3-0)
 ILS - Wenkers (25-150-1), Rittenhouse (6-47-0)

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

EIU - Holley (19-10-2-72-0), Dowling (3-2-0-15-0)
 ILS - Rittenhouse (22-17-0-228-3), Rubley (6-5-1-37-0)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Gipson (3-16-0), Mirza (2-19-0), Pearson (2-19-0)
 ILS - Sobkowicz (7-93-2), Loyd (7-75-1)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Shockey (4-6-0.5), Toblert (2-8-1), Porter (2-7-0.5)
 ILS - Jackson (4-3-0), Gearhart (1-5-0)

RECAP

Eastern Illinois drove to the Illinois State 1-yard line on the opening drive of the game only to have a fumble at the one which was recovered by ISU. The Redbirds drove 99-yards for the go ahead score in the first quarter. On the next possession ISU converted an interception into a score late in the first quarter going on to win 31-7 in the 112th Mid-America Classic. MJ Flowers was a bright spot for the EIU offense rushing for 117 yards and a touchdown late in the second quarter. EIU's defense made two defensive stands in the red zone in the third quarter with Kaelin Drakeford forcing a fumble that Moses Alexander recovered in the end zone. Drakeford added an interception playing a part in both EIU takeaways in the contest.

**GAME 5 - Sept. 28, 2024**

Lindenwood 28
 Eastern Illinois 25

Charleston, Ill.
 O'Brien Field (3,890)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Lindenwood	0	0	14	14	28
Eastern Illinois	14	3	0	8	25

FIRST QUARTER

EIU - Willman 15 pass from Holley (Schiller kick) - 8:45
 EIU - Holley 1 run (Schiller kick) - 6:13

SECOND QUARTER

EIU - Schiller 32 field goal - 13:07

THIRD QUARTER

LW - Caldwell 11 pass from Glantz (Seibert kick) - 9:34
 LW - Caldwell 22 pass from Glantz (Seibert kick) - 7:06

FOURTH QUARTER

LW - Caldwell 8 pass from Glantz (Seibert kick) - 9:15
 LW - Caldwell 74 pass from Glantz (Seibert kick) - 6:05
 EIU - Mirza 25 pass from Holley (Mirza reception) - 3:36

TEAM STATSEIU LW

First Downs	25	20
Rushes-Yards	35-132	40-170
Passing-Yards	326	283
Comp-Att-Int	26-44-0	14-19-1
Total Offense	458	453
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-62	3-25
Int Returns-Yards-TD	1-0-0	0-0-0
Time of Possession	30:38	29:22
Sacks-Yards	1-12	1-7

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

EIU - Flowers (28-123-0), Pearson (2-5-0)
 LW - Jones (20-104-0), Hall (6-36-0)

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

EIU - Holley (43-26-0-326-2)
 LW - Glantz (19-14-1-283-4)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Gipson (9-93-0), Mirza (7-69-1), Willman (5-71-1)
 LW - Caldwell (4-115-4), Krobath (3-48-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Drakeford (4-7-0), Shockey (6-4-0), Porter (3-5-0)
 LW - King (6-4-0), Knapke (6-2-0)

RECAP

Eastern Illinois led 17-0 at the half before needing to drive the field in the final 2-minutes for a potential game tying field goal. The 30-yard field goal missed and Lindenwood beat EIU 28-25. The Panthers had two touchdown passes from quarterback Pierce Holley as he passed for 326 yards. Holley rushed in for a third touchdown. His touchdown pass to Eli Mirza and subsequent two-point conversion to Mirza closed the lead to 28-25. EIU made a defensive stop and got the ball back with just under two minutes remaining. The drive would come up short. MJ Flowers rushed for 123 yards in the loss. Lindenwood scored four times in the second half, all on touchdown receptions by Jeff Caldwell - the last a 74-yard reception with 6:05 left in the game.

**GAME 6 - Oct. 5, 2024**

Southeast Missouri..... 38
 Eastern Illinois 27

Charleston, Ill.
 O'Brien Field (7,777)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Southeast Missouri	17	7	7	7	38
Eastern Illinois	0	7	7	13	27

FIRST QUARTER

SEMO - Pippen 26 field goal - 9:45
 SEMO - Sellers 9 pass from DeLaurent (Pippen kick) - 3:03
 SEMO - Anderson 29 pass from DeLaurent (Pippen kick) - 0:42

SECOND QUARTER

SEMO - Ruble 2 run (Pippen kick) - 9:35
 EIU - Willman 12 pass from Holley (Patino kick) - 0:27

THIRD QUARTER

EIU - Flowers 1 run (Patino kick) - 11:40
 SEMO - T. Smith 3 pass from DeLaurent (Pippen kick) - 10:02

FOURTH QUARTER

SEMO - DeLaurent 1 run (Pippen kick) - 12:22
 EIU - Rogers 39 pass from Holley (pass failed) - 7:59
 EIU - Flowers 2 run (Patino kick) - 2:10

TEAM STATSEIUSEMO

First Downs	19	26
Rushes-Yards	21-19	30-61
Passing-Yards	366	364
Comp-Att-Int	27-42-0	30-43-1
Total Offense	385	425
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-41	5-50
Int Returns-Yards-TD	1-27-0	0-0-0
Time of Possession	25:58	34:02
Sacks-Yards	2-11	5-42

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

EIU - Flowers (14-48-2), Nelson (1-5-0)
 SEMO - D. Smith (18-63-0), Ruble (7-8-1)

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

EIU - Holley (42-27-0-366-2)
 SEMO - DeLaurent (43-30-1-364-3)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Flowers (11-72-0), Willman (4-70-1), Nelson (3-59-0)
 SEMO - T. Smith (8-124-1), Anderson (7-109-1)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Shockey (6-6-1), Burt (7-0-0), Drakeford (5-2-1)
 SEMO - Pedraza (8-1-1), Norman (5-1-1)

RECAP

Eastern Illinois cut into a 24-0 lead by No. 13 Southeast Missouri late in the second quarter and cut the margin to ten in the second half but could get no closer than that falling 38-27. Both quarterbacks in the game passed for more than 360 yards with Pierce Holley finishing with 366 through the air. MJ Flowers hauled in 11 passes setting an EIU single game record for receptions by a running back. Flowers added two rushing touchdowns with Cooper Willman and Quenton Rogers picked up touchdown receptions. Anthony Shockey led EIU's defense with 12 tackles.

**GAME 7 - Oct. 12, 2024**

Eastern Illinois..... 17
Tennessee State..... 41

Nashville, Tenn.
Nissan Stadium (7,875)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	0	10	7	0	17
Tennessee State	0	20	14	7	41

SECOND QUARTER

EIU - Patino 30 field goal - 14:56
TSU - Brenson 4 pass from Ellis (Lowery kick) - 10:27
TSU - Williams 7 pass from Ellis (Lowery kick) - 6:28
TSU - Evans 4 rush (kick blocked) - 2:23
EIU - Flowers 9 pass from Holley (Patino kick) - 1:31

THIRD QUARTER

EIU - Flowers 1 rush (Patino kick) - 11:04
TSU - Dean 31 pass from Ellis (Lowery kick) - 4:07
TSU - Bullock 8 pass from Ellis (Lowery kick) - 0:32

FOURTH QUARTER

TSU - Carter 12 run (Lowery kick) - 9:38

TEAM STATSEIUTSU

First Downs.....	23	20
Rushes-Yards.....	30-75	29-128
Passing-Yards.....	360	237
Comp-Att-Int.....	51-30-1	33-21-0
Total Offense.....	435	365
Fumbles-Lost.....	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards.....	4-40	2-20
Int Returns-Yards-TD.....	0-0-0	1-47-0
Time of Possession.....	31:54	28:06
Sacks-Yards.....	1-7	2-16

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

EIU - Flowers (21-57-1), Pearson (4-16-0)
TSU - McGill (9-47-0), Evans (7-37-1)

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

EIU - Holley (46-28-1-338-1), Dowling (5-2-0-22-0)
TSU - Ellis (32-20-0-224-4)

RECEIVING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Willman (8-141-0), Rogers (5-103-0), Ginnever (7-43-0)
TSU - Brenson (6-121-1), Williams (5-24-1)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Burt (7-1-1.5), Porter (4-1-0.5), Rainey (3-2-0)
TSU - McClendon (6-1-0.5), Nelson (5-2-0), Trotter (5-2-0)

RECAP

Eastern Illinois took a 3-0 lead on the opening play of the second quarter only to see Tennessee State respond with 20 straight points. The Panthers cut the margin to a field goal on a pair of MJ Flowers touchdowns to trail 20-17 early in the third quarter. Draylen Ellis capped a solid day for the TSU offense leading them to three second half touchdowns as the Tigers as they finished off a 41-17 win over Eastern Illinois. Pierce Holley passed for 338 yards with Cooper Willman and Quenton Rogers both finishing with over 100-yards receiving in the game.

**GAME 8 - Oct. 26, 2024**

Eastern Illinois..... 17
UT Martin..... 52

Martin, Tenn.
Hardy M. Graham Stadium (4,109)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	7	3	7	0	17
UT Martin	7	14	10	21	52

FIRST QUARTER

EIU - Willman 7 pass from Holley (Patino kick) - 11:55
UTM - Dowling 33 pass from Dent (Van Winkle kick) - 3:55

SECOND QUARTER

UTM - Dent 37 run (Van Winkle kick) - 13:36
UTM - Smith 3 run (Van Winkle kick) - 10:30
EIU - Patino 19 field goal - 3:40

THIRD QUARTER

UTM - Smith 1 run (Van Winkle) - 12:29
EIU - Herrera 17 pass from Holley (Patino kick) - 5:21
UTM - Van Winkle 31 field goal - 3:16

FOURTH QUARTER

UTM - Dowling 21 pass from Dent (Van Winkle kick) - 10:35
UTM - Dostin 14 pass from Dent (Van Winkle kick) - 9:37
UTM - Sharpe 72 interception return (Van Winkle kick) - 6:28

TEAM STATSEIUUTM

First Downs.....	23	20
Rushes-Yards.....	21-48	30-212
Passing-Yards.....	348	220
Comp-Att-Int.....	36-54-3	16-23-0
Total Offense.....	396	460
Fumbles-Lost.....	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards.....	6-48	5-35
Int Returns-Yards-TD.....	0-0-0	3-123-1
Time of Possession.....	32:16	27:44
Sacks-Yards.....	0-0	2-16

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

EIU - Flowers (14-49-0), Young (4-11-0)
UTM - Smith (13-87-2), Dent (2-41-1)

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

EIU - Holley (54-36-3-348-2)
UTM - Dent (22-16-0-248-3)

RECEIVING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Willman (11-143-1), Flowers (9-53-0), Herrera (7-80-1)
UTM - Rucket (4-65-0), Dowling (3-70-2)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Rainey (6-2-1), Shockey (2-6-0), Sharp (4-2-0)
UTM - Shipp (5-3-0), Hunter (2-6-1.5)

RECAP

Eastern Illinois scored first for the second consecutive game only to see its opponent reel off 21 straight points as the Panthers lost at UT Martin 52-17. Pierce Holley passed for more than 300 yards for the fourth straight game hitting Cooper Willman and Alex Herrera for touchdown passes. UT Martin was able to contain the EIU rushing attack limiting the Panthers to just 48 yards rushing the game. The Skyhawks forced three turnovers including a 72-yard interception return for touchdown by Jaylan Sharpe in the fourth quarter.

**GAME 9 - Nov. 2, 2024**

Western Illinois..... 38
Eastern Illinois..... 45

Charleston, Ill.
O'Brien Field (5,369)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Western Illinois	0	17	7	14	38
Eastern Illinois	7	10	14	14	45

FIRST QUARTER

EIU - Flowers 10 run (Patino kick) - 1:11

SECOND QUARTER

WIU - Aragon 20 pass from Lamb (Chadha kick) - 12:11
EIU - Patino 27 field goal - 6:54
WIU - Smith 2 run (Chadha kick) - 1:56
WIU - Chadha 32 field goal - 1:01
EIU - Ginnever 13 pass from Holley (Patino kick) - 0:02

THIRD QUARTER

EIU - Flowers 64 pass from Holley (Patino kick) - 13:19
EIU - Willman 6 pass from Holley (Patino kick) - 3:46
WIU - Lamb 4 run (Chadha kick) - 0:07

FOURTH QUARTER

EIU - Flowers 18 pass from Holley (Patino kick) - 10:45
WIU - Anaya 29 pass from Lamb (Chadha kick) - 8:01
EIU - Ginnever 10 pass from Holley (Patino kick) - 6:58
WIU - Duncan 4 pass from Lamb (Chadha kick) - 4:05

TEAM STATSEIUWIU

First Downs.....	22	24
Rushes-Yards.....	34-196	28-86
Passing-Yards.....	338	309
Comp-Att-Int.....	19-27-0	29-43-0
Total Offense.....	534	395
Fumbles-Lost.....	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards.....	4-45	3-35
Int Returns-Yards-TD.....	0-0-0	0-0-0
Time of Possession.....	29:30	30:30
Sacks-Yards.....	1-9	3-24

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

EIU - Flowers (27-194-1), Pearson (2-21-0)
WIU - Smith (17-66-1), Shipman (1-11-0)

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

EIU - Holley (27-19-0-338-5)
WIU - Lamb (43-29-0-309-3)

RECEIVING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Ginnever (6-100-2), Rogers (4-85-0), Flowers (3-86-2)
WIU - Aragon (9-83-1), Smith (6-46-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Shockey (3-5-0), K. Davis (6-1-0), Drakeford (6-0-0)
WIU - Delacruz (5-4-2), Williams (5-2-1)

RECAP

MJ Flowers accounted for 280 all-purpose yards and three touchdowns as Eastern Illinois won a 45-38 shootout over Western Illinois as the two schools met in a conference game for the first time since 1995. Alex Ginnever hauled in six passes for 100 yards and two scores while Cooper Willman had a third receiving touchdown as EIU finished with 534 yards of offense in the win. Pierce Holley passed for 300 yards for a fifth straight game with five touchdown passes. WIU had two final passes to the endzone to tie the game with both falling incomplete.

2024 EIU PANTHERS FOOTBALL
EASTERN ILLINOIS Game Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	Conf Record	Time	Attend
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Aug 29, 2024	at Illinois	0-45 L	0-1	0-0	3:08	43,849
Sep 7, 2024	INDIANA STATE	W 27-20	1-1	0-0	3:17	7,222
Sep 14, 2024	at Northwestern	7-31 L	1-2	0-0	3:07	10,631
Sep 21, 2024	at #15 Illinois State	7-31 L	1-3	0-0	3:26	9,012
* Sep 28, 2024	LINDENWOOD	25-28 L	1-4	0-1	3:16	3,890
* Oct 5, 2024	#13 SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	27-38 L	1-5	0-2	3:15	7,777
* Oct 12, 2024	at Tennessee State	17-41 L	1-6	0-3	3:21	7,875
* Oct 26, 2024	at UT Martin	17-52 L	1-7	0-4	3:17	4,109
* Nov 2, 2024	WESTERN ILLINOIS	W 45-38	2-7	1-4	3:21	5,369

* indicates Big South-OVC Football Association Game

2024 EASTERN ILLINOIS STARTERS

OPPONENT	WR/TE	WR	RT	RG	C	LG	LT	WR	TE	RB	QB
Illinois	Mirza	D. Smith	Malicevic	Pares	Wilder	Valente	DiSanto	Willman	Manaves	Flowers	Holley
Indiana State	Sprycha	D. Smith	Malicevic	Pares	Wilder	Valente	DiSanto	Willman	Manaves	Flowers	Holley
Northwestern	Mirza	Gipson	Malicevic	Pares	Wilder	Solomon	DiSanto	Willman	Manaves	Flowers	Holley
Illinois State	Mirza	Gipson	DiSanto	Pares	Wilder	Solomon	Valente	Willman	Manaves	Flowers	Holley
Lindenwood	Mirza	Gipson	DiSanto	Pares	Wilder	Valente	Solomon	Willman	Manaves	Flowers	Holley
SE Missouri	Mirza	Gipson	DiSanto	Pares	Wilder	Valente	Solomon	Willman	Manaves	Flowers	Holley
Tennessee St	Nelson	Rogers	DiSanto	Pares	Wilder	Valente	Solomon	Willman	Ginnever	Flowers	Holley
UT Martin	McNab	Rogers	DiSanto	Pares	Wilder	Valente	Solomon	Willman	Ginnever	Flowers	Holley
Western Illinois	Herrera	Rogers	DiSanto	Pares	Wilder	Solomon	Malicevic	Willman	Ginnever	Flowers	Holley

OPPONENT	DE	NT	DT	DE	LB	LB	NICKEL	CB	SAF	SAF	CB
Illinois	Barrows	Price	T. Lewis	Oliveira-Chace	Porter	Shockey	Armstead	Burt	Drakeford	Aitken	Alexander
Indiana State	Barrows	Price	T. Lewis	Oliveira-Chace	Tolbert	Shockey	Armstead	Burt	Hubbard	Aitken	Alexander
Northwestern	Barrows	Price	T. Lewis	Oliveira-Chace	Tolbert	Shockey	Coates	Burt	Drakeford	Gentry	Alexander
Illinois State	Armstead	Price	T. Lewis	Oliveira-Chace	Tolbert	Shockey	Rainey	Burt	Drakeford	Gentry	Alexander
Lindenwood	Armstead	Van Hyfte	T. Lewis	Oliveira-Chace	Porter	Shockey	Rainey	Burt	Drakeford	Gentry	Alexander
SE Missouri	Armstead	Van Hyfte	T. Lewis	Oliveira-Chace	Porter	Shockey	Rainey	Burt	Drakeford	Aitken	Alexander
Tennessee St	Armstead	Barrows	T. Lewis	Oliveira-Chace	Porter	Shockey	Rainey	Burt	Drakeford	Aitken	K. Davis
UT Martin	Armstead	Barrows	T. Lewis	Oliveira-Chace	Porter	Shockey	Rainey	Burt	Drakeford	Aitken	Sharp
Western Illinois	Armstead	Barrows	T. Lewis	Oliveira-Chace	Porter	Shockey	Rainey	Burt	Drakeford	Aitken	K. Davis



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Opponent	Score	First Downs				Rushing Number-Yards	Passing		Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn- Overs
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen		Comp-Att.-Int	Yards			
Illinois	0-45	9 / 27	1 / 10	6 / 14	2 / 3	22-49 / 42-244	16-32-2 / 21-29-0	147 / 242	54-196 / 71-486	25 / 44	4 / 0
Indiana St.	27-20	16 / 20	3 / 5	13 / 14	0 / 1	30-86 / 32-74	19-32-1 / 30-37-3	268 / 260	62-354 / 69-334	80 / 118	1 / 4
Northwestern	7-31	13 / 22	5 / 13	7 / 8	1 / 1	20-40 / 35-203	17-31-1 / 21-32-0	167 / 247	51-207 / 67-450	60 / 74	1 / 0
Illinois St.	7-31	9 / 28	7 / 12	2 / 13	0 / 3	27-105 / 52-253	12-22-2 / 22-28-1	87 / 265	49-192 / 80-518	13 / 37	3 / 2
Lindenwood	25-28	25 / 20	6 / 6	18 / 10	1 / 4	35-132 / 40-170	26-44-0 / 14-19-1	326 / 283	79-458 / 59-453	82 / 100	0 / 1
Southeast Mo. St.	27-38	19 / 26	3 / 2	14 / 21	2 / 3	21-19 / 30-61	27-42-0 / 30-43-1	366 / 364	63-385 / 73-425	79 / 63	0 / 1
Tennessee St.	17-41	23 / 20	7 / 8	14 / 9	2 / 3	30-75 / 29-128	30-51-1 / 21-33-0	360 / 237	81-435 / 62-365	63 / 146	1 / 0
UT Martin	17-52	23 / 20	7 / 9	16 / 8	0 / 3	21-48 / 30-212	36-54-3 / 16-23-0	348 / 248	75-396 / 53-460	14 / 276	3 / 0
Western Ill.	45-38	22 / 24	8 / 6	13 / 15	1 / 3	34-196 / 28-86	19-27-0 / 29-43-0	338 / 309	61-534 / 71-395	51 / 98	1 / 0
Totals	172-324	159 / 207	47 / 71	103 / 112	9 / 24	240-750 / 318-1431	202-335-10 / 204-287-6	2407 / 2455	575-3157 / 605-3886	467 / 956	14 / 8

Opponents	3rd Down Conversion	4th Down Conversion	Time of Possession	TOP Margin	Avg Yds/Rush	Avg Yds/Pass	Avg Yds/Play	Punting Number-Avg	Penalties Number-Yards	Sacks
Illinois	4-13 / 4-9	0-1 / 0-0	23:59 / 36:01	-12:02	2.2 / 5.8	4.6 / 8.3	3.6 / 6.8	7-42.3 / 4-39.0	6-50.0 / 6-45.0	0 / 1
Indiana St.	4-13 / 7-14	0-0 / 1-2	28:41 / 31:15	-02:34	2.9 / 2.3	8.4 / 7.0	5.7 / 4.8	5-47.2 / 4-40.0	4-30.0 / 4-25.0	3 / 1
Northwestern	3-11 / 4-11	1-2 / 1-2	24:28 / 35:32	-11:04	2.0 / 5.8	5.4 / 7.7	4.1 / 6.7	5-46.2 / 3-39.3	2-15.0 / 6-39.0	1 / 3
Illinois St.	2-10 / 11-17	1-2 / 0-1	24:03 / 35:57	-11:54	3.9 / 4.9	4.0 / 9.5	3.9 / 6.5	6-51.2 / 2-39.0	4-45.0 / 7-45.0	1 / 3
Lindenwood	3-13 / 4-12	2-3 / 1-2	30:38 / 29:13	01:25	3.8 / 4.3	7.4 / 14.9	5.8 / 7.7	5-48.4 / 4-32.8	6-62.0 / 3-25.0	1 / 1
Southeast Mo. St.	4-13 / 7-12	1-4 / 0-0	25:58 / 34:02	-08:04	0.9 / 2.0	8.7 / 8.5	6.1 / 5.8	5-37.6 / 4-39.3	6-41.0 / 5-50.0	2 / 5
Tennessee St.	10-18 / 6-13	0-2 / 1-1	31:54 / 28:06	03:48	2.5 / 4.4	7.1 / 7.2	5.4 / 5.9	4-43.0 / 5-40.2	4-40.0 / 2-20.0	1 / 2
UT Martin	5-14 / 5-9	1-2 / 0-1	32:16 / 27:44	04:32	2.3 / 7.1	6.4 / 10.8	5.3 / 8.7	5-43.4 / 2-42.0	6-48.0 / 5-35.0	0 / 2
Western Ill.	10-14 / 7-14	1-1 / 3-3	29:30 / 30:30	-01:00	5.8 / 3.1	12.5 / 7.2	8.8 / 5.6	2-35.5 / 3-31.7	4-45.0 / 3-35.0	1 / 3
Totals	45-119 / 55-111	7-17 / 7-12	251:27 / 288:20	-36:53	3.1 / 4.5	7.2 / 8.6	5.5 / 6.4	44-44.5 / 31-38.1	42-376.0 / 41-319.0	10 / 21

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



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Team Statistics

	EIU	OPP
Scoring	172	324
Points per game	19.1	36.0
Points Off Turnovers	14	82
First Downs	159	207
Rushing	47	71
Passing	103	112
Penalty	9	24
Rushing Yardage	750	1431
Yards gained rushing	948	1556
Yards lost rushing	198	125
Rushing attempts	240	318
Average per rush	3.1	4.5
Average per game	83.3	159.0
TDs Rushing	7	14
Passing Yardage	2407	2455
Comp-Att-Int	202-335-10	204-287-6
Average per pass	7.2	8.6
Average per catch	11.9	12.0
Average per game	267.4	272.8
TDs Passing	14	29
Total offense	3157	3886
Total plays	575	605
Average per play	5.5	6.4
Average per game	350.8	431.8
Kick returns: #-Yards	19-322	21-518
Punt returns: #-Yards	5-57	18-232
Int returns: #-Yards	6-28	10-206
Kick return average	16.9	24.7
Punt return average	11.4	12.9
Int return average	4.7	20.6
Fumbles-Lost	8-4	7-2
Penalties-Yards	42-376	41-319
Average per game	41.8	35.4
Punts-Yards	44-1960	31-1180
Average per punt	44.5	38.1
Net punt average	37.0	34.3
Kickoffs-Yards	36-2094	59-3535
Average per kick	58.2	59.9
Net kick average	34.9	40.1
Time of possession / game	27:56	32:02
3rd-down conversion	45/119	55/111
3rd-down pct	38%	50%
4rd-down conversion	7/17	7/12



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	EIU	OPP
4rd-down pct	41%	58%
Sacks by-Yards	10-70	21-153
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	22	44
Field goals - attempts	6-11	6-9
On-Side kicks	0-1	0-1
Red-zone scores	(23-32) 72%	(36-42) 86%
Red-zone touchdowns	(18-32) 56%	(31-42) 74%
PAT-attempts	(20-20) 100%	(42-44) 95%
2-point conversion-attempts	(1-2) 50%	(0-0) 0%
Attendance	24258	78316
Games / Avg per game	4/6065	5/15663
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Eastern Ill.	35	57	45	35	0	172
Opponents	59	102	72	91	0	324



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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
MJ Flowers	9	163	762	36	726	4.5	6	65	80.7
Jay Pearson	8	23	93	0	93	4.0	0	17	11.6
Kendi Young	4	8	16	0	16	2.0	0	6	4.0
CJ Nelson	8	1	5	0	5	5.0	0	5	0.6
Eli Mirza	6	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	0.5
Pierce Holley	9	42	69	160	-91	-2.2	1	8	-10.1
Team	9	2	0	2	-2	-1.0	0	0	-0.2
Total	9	240	948	198	750	3.1	7	65	83.3
Opponents	9	318	1556	125	1431	4.5	14	37	159.0

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Pierce Holley	9	129.8	198-326-10	60.7	2370	14	64	263.3
Blainey Dowling	2	88.9	4-8-0	50.0	37	0	17	18.5
Team	9	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	9	128.5	202-335-10	60.3	2407	14	64	267.4
Opponents	9	172.1	204-287-6	71.1	2455	29	74	272.8

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Cooper Willman	9	44	562	12.8	5	48	62.4
MJ Flowers	9	41	323	7.9	3	64	35.9
Terrance Gipson	6	23	285	12.4	0	46	47.5
Eli Mirza	6	21	217	10.3	2	27	36.2
Quenton Rogers	6	17	283	16.6	1	62	47.2
Alex Ginnever	9	15	159	10.6	2	37	17.7
CJ Nelson	8	12	149	12.4	0	40	18.6
Alex Herrera	3	8	102	12.8	1	25	34.0
DeAirious Smith	2	6	110	18.3	0	47	55.0
Jay Pearson	8	5	92	18.4	0	55	11.5
Anthony Manaves	6	4	50	12.5	0	32	8.3
Landers Green	1	3	48	16.0	0	27	48.0
Kendi Young	4	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.3
Surahz Buncom	3	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.7
Jamal Jeffers	4	1	17	17.0	0	17	4.3
Total	9	202	2407	11.9	14	64	267.4
Opponents	9	204	2455	12.0	29	74	272.8

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Cooper Willman	4	53	13.3	0	25
Zay Gentry	1	4	4.0	0	4
Total	5	57	11.4	0	25
Opponents	18	232	12.9	0	43

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Nijhay Burt	3	27	9.0	0	27
Kaelin Drakeford	1	0	0.0	0	0
Elijahwah Tolbert	1	1	1.0	0	1
Moses Alexander	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	6	28	4.7	0	27
Opponents	10	206	20.6	1	72

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Terrance Gipson	9	159	17.7	0	32
Jay Pearson	4	87	21.8	0	30
Jacarre Fleming	3	61	20.3	0	25
Mark Aitken	2	15	7.5	0	10
Eli Mirza	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	19	322	16.9	0	32
Opponents	21	518	24.7	0	50

Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Moses Alexander	2	60	30.0	1	60
Total	2	60	30.0	1	60
Opponents	4	0	0.0	0	0



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Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
MJ Flowers	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
Cooper Willman	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Julian Patino	-	3-4	13-13	-	-	-	-	-	22
Drew Schiller	-	3-7	7-7	-	-	-	-	-	16
Eli Mirza	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	14
Alex Ginnever	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Pierce Holley	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6
Moses Alexander	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Quenton Rogers	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Alex Herrera	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	22	6-11	20-20	0	1	1	0	0	172
Opponents	44	6-9	42-44	0	0	0	0	0	324

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Drew Schiller	3-7	42.9	0-0	0-0	2-5	1-1	0-1	40	1
Julian Patino	3-4	75.0	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	30	0
Opponents	6-9	66.7	0-0	3-3	2-2	1-4	0-0	46	1

FG Sequence

Team Name	Eastern Ill.	Opponents
Northwestern	36	42,(46)
Indiana St.	(34),(40),33	
Lindenwood	(32),50,30	49
Tennessee St.	50,(30)	45
UT Martin	(19)	(31)
Western Ill.	(27)	(32)
Illinois		(26)
Illinois St.		(28)
Southeast Mo. St.		(26)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Pierce Holley	9	368	-91	2370	2279	253.2
MJ Flowers	9	163	726	0	726	80.7
Jay Pearson	8	23	93	0	93	11.6
Blainey Dowling	2	8	0	37	37	18.5
Kendi Young	4	8	16	0	16	4.0
CJ Nelson	8	1	5	0	5	0.6
Eli Mirza	6	1	3	0	3	0.5
Team	9	0	-2	0	-2	-0.2
Total	9	575	750	2407	3157	350.8
Opponents	9	605	1431	2455	3886	431.8

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Jacob Horvath	43	1911	44.4	76	5	9	12	11	0
Drew Schiller	1	49	49.0	49	0	0	1	0	0
Total	44	1960	44.5	76	5	9	13	11	0
Opponents	31	1180	38.1	51	3	15	11	2	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Julian Patino	36	2094	58.2	10	1			
Total	36	2094	58.2	10	1	21	34.9	30
Opponents	59	3535	59.9	25	1	19	40.1	24



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Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
MJ Flowers	9	726	323	0	0	0	1049	116.6
Cooper Willman	9	0	562	53	0	0	615	68.3
Terrance Gipson	6	0	285	0	159	0	444	74.0
Quenton Rogers	6	0	283	0	0	0	283	47.2
Jay Pearson	8	93	92	0	87	0	272	34.0
Eli Mirza	6	3	217	0	0	0	220	36.7
Alex Ginnever	9	0	159	0	0	0	159	17.7
CJ Nelson	8	5	149	0	0	0	154	19.3
DeAirious Smith	2	0	110	0	0	0	110	55.0
Alex Herrera	3	0	102	0	0	0	102	34.0
Jacarre Fleming	2	0	0	0	61	0	61	30.5
Anthony Manaves	6	0	50	0	0	0	50	8.3
Landers Green	1	0	48	0	0	0	48	48.0
Nijhay Burt	9	0	0	0	0	27	27	3.0
Kendi Young	4	16	5	0	0	0	21	5.3
Jamal Jeffers	4	0	17	0	0	0	17	4.3
Mark Aitken	7	0	0	0	15	0	15	2.1
Surahz Buncom	3	0	5	0	0	0	5	1.7
Zay Gentry	8	0	0	4	0	0	4	0.5
Elijawah Tolbert	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.3
Pierce Holley	9	-91	0	0	0	0	-91	-10.1
Team	9	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-0.2
Total	9	750	2407	57	322	28	3564	396.0
Opponents	9	1431	2455	232	518	206	4842	538.0



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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
5	Anthony Shockey	9	43	32	75	3.5-8	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
22	Kaelin Drakeford	9	32	21	53	2-10	1-7	1-0	2	.	.	2	.	.
19	Phoenix Porter	9	22	26	48	2.5-3	.	.	2	2	.	.	.	.
3	Nijhay Burt	9	38	10	48	2.5-3	.	3-27	2	.	.	1	1	.
11	Elijahwah Tolbert	4	20	18	38	3-4	0.5-1	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Malik Rainey	9	19	17	36	2-14	1-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Moses Alexander	6	24	11	35	.	.	1-0	2	1	2-60	.	.	.
9	Tre'Jon Lewis	9	9	20	29	2-5	0.5-3	.	2	4	.	.	1	.
91	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace	9	8	21	29	7.5-40	5.5-37	.	.	4	.	.	.	.
0	Ira Armstead III	9	9	10	19	2.5-9	0.5-3	.	2	5	.	.	.	.
16	Zay Gentry	8	14	5	19	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
50	Jerrad Price	9	4	15	19	1-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
99	Jaron Hacha	9	1	17	18	2-5	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Kiwaun Davis	6	15	2	17	1-4	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
6	Joel Barrows	7	7	8	15	2.5-10	0.5-4	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
25	Christopher Sharp	7	11	4	15	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Drake Van Hyfte	6	7	7	14	3-8	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
12	Akili Hubbard	6	7	7	14	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Nick Coates	3	9	4	13	2-7	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
44	Luke Wagner	9	6	5	11	1-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
2	Mark Aitken	7	8	2	10	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
8	Tienne Fridge	9	4	5	9	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
52	Jamari Johnson	9	3	5	8	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
90	Trevon Piggee-Blake	7	2	5	7	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Kaleb Lyons	4	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Ryan Kilburg	3	3	1	4	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
66	Jack Valente	8	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Makhi Wilson	6	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Isaiah Houi	4	2	2	4	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
36	Dillon Conway	2	.	4	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Julian Patino	9	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Akin Adigun	9	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Jack Pilson	6	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	Payton Orth	4	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87	Alex Ginnever	9	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Jacob Horvath	9	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59	Liam Carr	9	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Pierce Holley	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Cooper Willman	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Collin Tyson	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Zeke Lewis	6	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82	Joe McNab	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Brett Galletti	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Eli Mirza	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Isaiah Richardson	6	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Drew Schiller	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals	9	355	294	649	43-137	10-70	6-28	28	21	2-60	4	2	0
	Opponents	9	315	204	519	46-213	21-153	10-206	46	29	4-0	4	1	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	
08/29/2024	at Illinois	22	49	0	11	16	147	0	27	16-32-2	147	0	27	2	25	0	15	0	0	0	0	196
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	30	86	1	19	19	268	1	47	19-32-1	268	1	47	3	19	0	14	0	0	0	0	354
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	20	40	0	10	17	167	1	32	17-31-1	167	1	32	2	60	0	32	0	0	0	0	207
09/21/2024	at Illinois St.	27	105	1	31	12	87	0	16	12-22-2	87	0	16	1	13	0	13	0	0	0	0	192
09/28/2024	Lindenwood	35	132	1	13	26	326	2	55	26-44-0	326	2	55	2	51	0	30	2	31	0	25	458
10/05/2024	Southeast Mo. St.	21	19	2	16	27	366	2	46	27-42-0	366	2	46	4	52	0	16	0	0	0	0	385
10/12/2024	at Tennessee St.	30	75	1	11	30	360	1	62	30-51-1	360	1	62	2	41	0	21	2	22	0	15	435
10/26/2024	at UT Martin	21	48	0	9	36	348	2	45	36-54-3	348	2	45	1	14	0	14	0	0	0	0	396
11/02/2024	Western Ill.	34	196	1	65	19	338	5	64	19-27-0	338	5	64	2	47	0	25	1	4	0	4	534
Eastern Ill.		240	750	7	65	202	2407	14	64	202-335-10	2407	14	64	19	322	0	32	5	57	0	25	3157
Opponents		318	1431	14	37	204	2455	29	74	204-287-6	2455	29	74	21	518	0	50	18	232	0	43	3886

Eastern Ill. Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
9	3.1	11.9	128.5	16.9	11.4	396.0	350.8

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	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/29/2024	at Illinois	53	12	65	5.0-6	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	3	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	43	40	83	7.0-27	3-19	1	1-60	3-1	0	3	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	27
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	36	34	70	5.0-13	1-5	1	0-0	0-0	4	3	1	1-1	0	0	0	0	7
09/21/2024	at Illinois St.	44	56	100	6.0-18	1-7	1	1-0	1-0	1	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	7
09/28/2024	Lindenwood	36	38	74	2.0-15	1-12	0	0-0	1-0	1	2	0	2-2	0	1	0	0	25
10/05/2024	Southeast Mo. St.	43	28	71	6.0-21	2-11	1	0-0	1-27	4	3	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	27
10/12/2024	at Tennessee St.	41	10	51	6.0-16	1-7	0	0-0	0-0	3	4	1	2-2	0	0	0	0	17
10/26/2024	at UT Martin	24	42	66	3.0-8	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	2	3	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	17
11/02/2024	Western Ill.	35	34	69	3.0-13	1-9	0	0-0	0-0	5	7	0	6-6	0	0	0	0	45
Eastern Ill.		355	294	649	43.0-137	10-70	4	2-60	6-28	21	28	2	20-20	0	1	0	14	172
Opponents		315	204	519	46.0-213	21-153	4	4-0	10-206	29	46	1	42-44	0	0	0	82	324

		Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
08/29/2024	at Illinois	7	296	42.3	49	0	0	1	0	2	0-0	0	0	1	65	65.0	1	0	
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	5	236	47.2	76	0	1	0	1	2	2-3	40	0	5	308	61.6	1	0	
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	5	231	46.2	51	0	1	2	1	2	0-1	0	1	2	128	64.0	0	0	
09/21/2024	at Illinois St.	6	307	51.2	66	0	0	2	3	3	0-0	0	0	2	130	65.0	2	0	
09/28/2024	Lindenwood	5	242	48.4	64	0	1	0	3	0	1-3	32	0	5	283	56.6	1	0	
10/05/2024	Southeast Mo. St.	5	188	37.6	58	0	0	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	5	244	48.8	2	1	
10/12/2024	at Tennessee St.	4	172	43.0	52	0	1	1	1	1	1-2	30	0	4	259	64.8	2	0	
10/26/2024	at UT Martin	5	217	43.4	50	0	0	3	1	2	1-1	19	0	4	219	54.8	0	0	
11/02/2024	Western Ill.	2	71	35.5	41	0	1	0	0	1	1-1	27	0	8	458	57.3	1	0	
Eastern Ill.		44	1960	44.5	76	0	5	9	11	13	6-11	40	1	36	2094	58.2	10	1	
Opponents		31	1180	38.1	51	0	3	15	2	11	6-9	46	1	59	3535	59.9	25	1	



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		Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot		
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off
08/29/2024	at Illinois	42	244	2	29	21	242	4	34	21	29	0	242	4	34	0	0	0	0	4	43	0	30	486
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	32	74	0	12	30	260	3	28	30	37	3	260	3	28	4	73	0	19	2	34	0	29	334
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	35	203	2	32	21	247	2	46	21	32	0	247	2	46	2	58	0	40	2	16	0	16	450
09/21/2024	at Illinois St.	52	253	1	30	22	265	3	31	22	28	1	265	3	31	0	0	0	0	3	13	0	8	518
09/28/2024	Lindenwood	40	170	0	34	14	283	4	74	14	19	1	283	4	74	4	88	0	34	2	12	0	9	453
10/05/2024	Southeast Mo. St.	30	61	2	16	30	364	3	54	30	43	1	364	3	54	2	26	0	16	2	37	0	34	425
10/12/2024	at Tennessee St.	29	128	2	20	21	237	4	50	21	33	0	237	4	50	2	65	0	44	2	34	0	19	365
10/26/2024	at UT Martin	30	212	3	37	16	248	3	53	16	23	0	248	3	53	3	110	0	50	1	43	0	43	460
11/02/2024	Western Ill.	28	86	2	11	29	309	3	29	29	43	0	309	3	29	4	98	0	41	0	0	0	0	395
Opponents		318	1431	14	37	204	2455	29	74	204	287	6	2455	29	74	21	518	0	50	18	232	0	43	3886
Eastern Ill.		240	750	7	65	202	2407	14	64	202	335	10	2407	14	64	19	322	0	32	5	57	0	25	3157

Opponents Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
9	4.5	12.0	172.1	24.7	12.9	538.0	431.8

Date	Opponent	Tackles			Sacks no-yds	Fumble ff fr-yds	Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT attempts			off		
		ua	a total	tfl-yds			int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/29/2024	at Illinois	24	20	44	3.0-10	1-5	2	2-0	2-1	2	2	0	6-6	0	0	0 24 45
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	33	24	57	6.0-23	1-7	0	0-0	1-11	5	4	0	2-3	0	0	0 6 20
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	22	24	46	4.0-20	3-18	0	0-0	1-0	5	4	1	4-4	0	0	0 7 31
09/21/2024	at Illinois St.	23	30	53	4.0-22	3-18	0	1-0	2-24	1	3	0	4-4	0	0	0 14 31
09/28/2024	Lindenwood	51	16	67	3.0-11	1-7	0	0-0	0-0	3	6	0	4-4	0	0	0 0 28
10/05/2024	Southeast Mo. St.	44	6	50	9.0-51	5-42	0	0-0	0-0	1	9	0	5-5	0	0	0 0 38
10/12/2024	at Tennessee St.	52	12	64	8.0-29	2-16	1	0-0	1-47	4	5	0	5-6	0	0	0 7 41
10/26/2024	at UT Martin	26	52	78	5.0-21	2-16	0	0-0	3-123	6	12	0	7-7	0	0	0 21 52
11/02/2024	Western Ill.	40	20	60	4.0-26	3-24	1	1-0	0-0	2	1	0	5-5	0	0	0 3 38
Opponents		315	204	519	46.0-213	21-153	4	4-0	10-206	29	46	1	42-44	0	0	0 82 324
Eastern Ill.		355	294	649	43.0-137	10-70	4	2-60	6-28	21	28	2	20-20	0	1	0 14 172

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs			
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
08/29/2024	at Illinois	4	156	39.0	44	0	1	3	0	3	1-1	26	0	8	455	56.9	5	1
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	4	160	40.0	43	0	0	2	0	1	0-0	0	0	4	193	48.3	1	0
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	3	118	39.3	43	0	0	2	0	2	1-2	46	1	6	390	65.0	4	0
09/21/2024	at Illinois St.	2	78	39.0	46	0	0	2	0	1	1-1	28	0	6	389	64.8	5	0
09/28/2024	Lindenwood	4	131	32.8	49	0	0	0	0	2	0-1	0	0	5	313	62.6	3	0
10/05/2024	Southeast Mo. St.	4	157	39.3	51	0	2	2	1	1	1-1	26	0	7	412	58.9	3	0
10/12/2024	at Tennessee St.	5	201	40.2	51	0	0	2	1	1	0-1	0	0	7	445	63.6	2	0
10/26/2024	at UT Martin	2	84	42.0	47	0	0	1	0	0	1-1	31	0	9	527	58.6	2	0
11/02/2024	Western Ill.	3	95	31.7	33	0	0	1	0	0	1-1	32	0	7	411	58.7	0	0
Opponents		31	1180	38.1	51	0	3	15	2	11	6-9	46	1	59	3535	59.9	25	1
Eastern Ill.		44	1960	44.5	76	0	5	9	11	13	6-11	40	1	36	2094	58.2	10	1



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RUSHES	35	Lindenwood (09/28/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	196	Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
YARDS PER RUSH	5.8	Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
TD RUSHES	2	Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	54	at UT Martin (10/26/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	36	at UT Martin (10/26/2024)
YARDS PASSING	366	Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024)
YARDS PER PASS	12.5	Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
TD PASSES	5	Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
TOTAL PLAYS	81	at Tennessee St. (10/12/2024)
TOTAL OFFENSE	534	Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
YARDS PER PLAY	8.8	Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
POINTS	45	Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
SACKS BY	3	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
FIRST DOWNS	25	Lindenwood (09/28/2024)
PENALTIES	6 6 6 6	at UT Martin (10/26/2024) Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024) Lindenwood (09/28/2024) at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PENALTY YARDS	62	Lindenwood (09/28/2024)
TURNOVERS	4	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PUNTS	7	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PUNTING AVG	51.2	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
LONG PUNT	76	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	25	Lindenwood (09/28/2024)



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RUSHES	52	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	253	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
YARDS PER RUSH	7.1	at UT Martin (10/26/2024)
TD RUSHES	3	at UT Martin (10/26/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	43	Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
	43	Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	30	Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024)
	30	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
YARDS PASSING	364	Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024)
YARDS PER PASS	14.9	Lindenwood (09/28/2024)
TD PASSES	4	at Tennessee St. (10/12/2024)
	4	Lindenwood (09/28/2024)
	4	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
TOTAL PLAYS	80	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
TOTAL OFFENSE	518	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
YARDS PER PLAY	8.7	at UT Martin (10/26/2024)
POINTS	52	at UT Martin (10/26/2024)
SACKS BY	5	Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024)
FIRST DOWNS	28	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
PENALTIES	7	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
PENALTY YARDS	50	Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024)
TURNOVERS	4	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PUNTS	5	at Tennessee St. (10/12/2024)
PUNTING AVG	42.0	at UT Martin (10/26/2024)
LONG PUNT	51	at Tennessee St. (10/12/2024)
	51	Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	43	at UT Martin (10/26/2024)



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RUSHES	20	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	19	Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024)
YARDS PER RUSH	0.9	Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024)
TD RUSHES	0 0 0	at UT Martin (10/26/2024) at Northwestern (09/14/2024) at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	22	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	12	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
YARDS PASSING	87	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
YARDS PER PASS	4.0	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
TD PASSES	0 0	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024) at Illinois (08/29/2024)
TOTAL PLAYS	49	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
TOTAL OFFENSE	192	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
YARDS PER PLAY	3.6	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
POINTS	0	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
SACKS BY	0 0	at UT Martin (10/26/2024) at Illinois (08/29/2024)
FIRST DOWNS	9 9	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024) at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PENALTIES	2	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
PENALTY YARDS	15	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
INTERCEPTIONS BY	0 0 0 0 0	Western Ill. (11/02/2024) at UT Martin (10/26/2024) at Tennessee St. (10/12/2024) at Northwestern (09/14/2024) at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PUNTS	2	Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
PUNTING AVG	35.5	Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
LONG PUNT	41	Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	0 0	Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024) Lindenwood (09/28/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	0 0 0 0 0 0	at UT Martin (10/26/2024) Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024) at Illinois St. (09/21/2024) at Northwestern (09/14/2024) Indiana St. (09/07/2024) at Illinois (08/29/2024)



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RUSHES	28	Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	61	Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024)
YARDS PER RUSH	2.0	Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024)
TD RUSHES	0	Lindenwood (09/28/2024)
	0	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	19	Lindenwood (09/28/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	14	Lindenwood (09/28/2024)
YARDS PASSING	237	at Tennessee St. (10/12/2024)
YARDS PER PASS	7.0	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
TD PASSES	2	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
TOTAL PLAYS	53	at UT Martin (10/26/2024)
TOTAL OFFENSE	334	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
YARDS PER PLAY	4.8	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
POINTS	20	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
SACKS BY	1	Lindenwood (09/28/2024)
	1	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
	1	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
FIRST DOWNS	20	at UT Martin (10/26/2024)
	20	at Tennessee St. (10/12/2024)
	20	Lindenwood (09/28/2024)
	20	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PENALTIES	2	at Tennessee St. (10/12/2024)
PENALTY YARDS	20	at Tennessee St. (10/12/2024)
INTERCEPTIONS BY	0	Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
	0	Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024)
	0	Lindenwood (09/28/2024)
PUNTS	2	at UT Martin (10/26/2024)
	2	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
PUNTING AVG	31.7	Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
LONG PUNT	33	Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	0	Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
	0	at UT Martin (10/26/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	0	Western Ill. (11/02/2024)



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RUSHES	28	MJ Flowers vs Lindenwood (09/28/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	194	MJ Flowers vs Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
TD RUSHES	2	MJ Flowers vs Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024)
LONG RUSH	65	MJ Flowers vs Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	54	Pierce Holley at UT Martin (10/26/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	36	Pierce Holley at UT Martin (10/26/2024)
YARDS PASSING	366	Pierce Holley vs Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024)
TD PASSES	5	Pierce Holley vs Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
LONG PASS	64	Pierce Holley vs Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
RECEPTIONS	11	Cooper Willman at UT Martin (10/26/2024)
	11	MJ Flowers vs Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024)
YARDS RECEIVING	143	Cooper Willman at UT Martin (10/26/2024)
TD RECEPTIONS	2	MJ Flowers vs Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
	2	Alex Ginnever vs Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
LONG RECEPTION	64	MJ Flowers vs Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
PUNTS	7	Jacob Horvath at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PUNTING AVG	51.2	Jacob Horvath at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
LONG PUNT	76	Jacob Horvath vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	Jacob Horvath at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	25	Cooper Willman vs Lindenwood (09/28/2024)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	32	Terrance Gipson at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
TACKLES	12	Anthony Shockey vs Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024)
	12	Elijawah Tolbert at Illinois (08/29/2024)
SACKS	2	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	2	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	2	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)



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RUSHES	25	Wenkers Wright at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	150	Wenkers Wright at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
TD RUSHES	2	Patrick Smith at UT Martin (10/26/2024)
LONG RUSH	37	Kinthead Dent at UT Martin (10/26/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	43	Nathan Lamb vs Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
	43	Paxton DeLaurent vs Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	30	Paxton DeLaurent vs Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024)
	30	Elijah Owens vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
YARDS PASSING	364	Paxton DeLaurent vs Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024)
TD PASSES	4	Draylen Ellis at Tennessee St. (10/12/2024)
	4	Nate Glantz vs Lindenwood (09/28/2024)
	4	Luke Altmyer at Illinois (08/29/2024)
LONG PASS	74	Nate Glantz vs Lindenwood (09/28/2024)
RECEPTIONS	9	Eli Aragon vs Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
YARDS RECEIVING	124	Tristan Smith vs Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024)
TD RECEPTIONS	4	Jeff Caldwell vs Lindenwood (09/28/2024)
LONG RECEPTION	74	Jeff Caldwell vs Lindenwood (09/28/2024)
FIELD GOALS	1	Antonio Chadha vs Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
	1	Jaren Van Winkle at UT Martin (10/26/2024)
	1	DC Pippin vs Southeast Mo. St. (10/05/2024)
	1	Ian Wagner at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
	1	Jack Olsen at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	1	David Olano at Illinois (08/29/2024)
LONG FIELD GOALS	46	Jack Olsen at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
PUNTS	4	James Lowery at Tennessee St. (10/12/2024)
	4	Patrick Turner vs Lindenwood (09/28/2024)
	4	Harry Traum vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
	4	Hugh Robertson at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PUNTING AVG	42.0	Jaren Van Winkle at UT Martin (10/26/2024)
	42.0	Luke Akers at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
LONG PUNT	51	James Lowery at Tennessee St. (10/12/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	Hugh Robertson at Illinois (08/29/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	43	Oshae Baker at UT Martin (10/26/2024)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	50	Trevonte Rucker at UT Martin (10/26/2024)
TACKLES	10	Vincent King vs Lindenwood (09/28/2024)
SACKS	2	Juan DelaCruz vs Western Ill. (11/02/2024)
	2	Keandre Booker at Tennessee St. (10/12/2024)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	2.5	Sanders Ellis at Tennessee St. (10/12/2024)
INTERCEPTIONS	1	Tevin Shipp at UT Martin (10/26/2024)
	1	Jaylon Sharpe at UT Martin (10/26/2024)
	1	LaMarion Pierce at UT Martin (10/26/2024)
	1	Boogie Trotter at Tennessee St. (10/12/2024)
	1	Keondre Jackson at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
	1	Mark Cannon Jr. at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
	1	Devin Turner at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	1	Maddix Blackwell vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
	1	Miles Scott at Illinois (08/29/2024)
	1	Torrie Cox Jr. at Illinois (08/29/2024)



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3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/29/2024	at Illinois	L 0-45	4-13 30.8	1-2 50.0	0-3 0.0	2-4 50.0	1-4 25.0	0-0 0.0
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	W 27-20	4-13 30.8	2-4 50.0	0-3 0.0	2-4 50.0	0-2 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	L 7-31	3-11 27.3	0-2 0.0	1-4 25.0	0-1 0.0	2-4 50.0	0-0 0.0
09/21/2024	at Illinois St.	L 7-31	2-10 20.0	2-3 66.7	0-3 0.0	0-2 0.0	0-2 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/28/2024	Lindenwood	L 25-28	3-13 23.1	3-3 100.0	0-2 0.0	0-4 0.0	0-4 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/05/2024	Southeast Mo. St.	L 27-38	4-13 30.8	0-3 0.0	1-5 20.0	2-3 66.7	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0
10/12/2024	at Tennessee St.	L 17-41	10-18 55.6	1-4 25.0	2-4 50.0	2-4 50.0	5-6 83.3	0-0 0.0
10/26/2024	at UT Martin	L 17-52	5-14 35.7	1-3 33.3	2-5 40.0	2-3 66.7	0-3 0.0	0-0 0.0
11/02/2024	Western Ill.	W 45-38	10-14 71.4	4-5 80.0	1-3 33.3	3-3 100.0	2-3 66.7	0-0 0.0
Eastern Ill.			45-119 37.8	14-29 48.3	7-32 21.9	13-28 46.4	11-30 36.7	0-0 0.0
Opponents			55-111 49.5	9-24 37.5	15-34 44.1	11-23 47.8	20-30 66.7	0-0 0.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/29/2024	at Illinois	L 0-45	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	W 27-20	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	L 7-31	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/21/2024	at Illinois St.	L 7-31	1-2 50.0	1-1 100.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/28/2024	Lindenwood	L 25-28	2-3 66.7	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-2 50.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0
10/05/2024	Southeast Mo. St.	L 27-38	1-4 25.0	0-1 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-1 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/12/2024	at Tennessee St.	L 17-41	0-2 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/26/2024	at UT Martin	L 17-52	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
11/02/2024	Western Ill.	W 45-38	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
Eastern Ill.			7-17 41.2	1-2 50.0	4-6 66.7	1-4 25.0	1-5 20.0	0-0 0.0
Opponents			7-12 58.3	0-2 0.0	5-6 83.3	1-2 50.0	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/29/2024	at Illinois	L 0-45	23:59	04:53	07:08	07:02	04:56	00:00
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	W 27-20	28:41	07:25	05:26	10:10	05:40	00:00
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	L 7-31	24:28	02:56	09:08	02:40	09:44	00:00
09/21/2024	at Illinois St.	L 7-31	24:03	07:16	06:35	06:18	03:54	00:00
09/28/2024	Lindenwood	L 25-28	30:38	07:22	08:33	07:15	07:28	00:00
10/05/2024	Southeast Mo. St.	L 27-38	25:58	05:09	06:34	08:05	06:10	00:00
10/12/2024	at Tennessee St.	L 17-41	31:54	06:05	07:34	07:42	10:33	00:00
10/26/2024	at UT Martin	L 17-52	32:16	06:08	10:22	05:24	10:22	00:00
11/02/2024	Western Ill.	W 45-38	29:30	08:48	06:30	06:35	07:37	00:00
Eastern Ill.			Total	56:02	67:50	61:11	66:24	00:00
			Avg.	06:14	07:32	06:48	07:23	00:00
Opponents			Total	63:49	82:19	57:45	84:27	00:00
			Avg.	07:05	09:09	06:25	09:23	00:00



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Eastern Ill. Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total	Rush			Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/29/2024	at Illinois	L 0-45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	W 27-20	4	3	17	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	L 7-31	3	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
09/21/2024	at Illinois St.	L 7-31	2	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
09/28/2024	Lindenwood	L 25-28	5	3	17	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
10/05/2024	Southeast Mo. St.	L 27-38	4	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
10/12/2024	at Tennessee St.	L 17-41	5	3	17	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
10/26/2024	at UT Martin	L 17-52	3	3	17	2	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
11/02/2024	Western Ill.	W 45-38	6	6	38	5	1	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 23 of 32 (71.9%)			32	23	141	18	7	11	5	8	4	0	1	0	1	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
08/29/2024	Illinois	L 0-45	5	5	31	4	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	W 27-20	4	3	20	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
09/14/2024	Northwestern	L 7-31	3	3	21	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/21/2024	Illinois St.	L 7-31	7	4	24	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1
09/28/2024	Lindenwood	L 25-28	3	2	14	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
10/05/2024	Southeast Mo. St.	L 27-38	5	5	31	4	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
10/12/2024	Tennessee St.	L 17-41	5	5	34	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/26/2024	UT Martin	L 17-52	5	4	24	3	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
11/02/2024	Western Ill.	W 45-38	5	5	31	4	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 36 of 42 (85.7%)			42	36	230	31	12	19	5	5	2	1	1	0	2	2