



EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHER FOOTBALL

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GAME 2



COACHES:

Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1995)

EIU Record..... 10-13 (3rd)
OVC Record..... 5-6 (3rd)
Career Record..... 61-40 (12th)
vs. Indiana State 1-0

Curt Mallory (Michigan, 1992)

INST Record 20-50 (8th)
MVFC Record..... 13-35 (8th)
Overall Record Same
vs. Eastern Illinois 2-2

SERIES

89th meeting ... EIU leads 44-40-4

Last: EIU 27, @INST 0 on Aug. 31, 2023

RANKINGS

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

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Panthers Host Sycamores For Home Opener

Eastern Illinois vs. Indiana State

O'Brien Field (10,000) • Charleston, Ill.

September 7, 2024 • 6 pm • TV: ESPN+

NOTES TO KNOW

• Eastern Illinois hosts Indiana State for the Panthers home opener at O'Brien Field on Saturday night. Both teams enter the game 0-1 after shutout losses to Big Ten teams on the opening weekend (EIU at Illinois / Indiana State at Purdue). EIU went 4-1 at home last season including a win over nationally ranked Illinois State in the home opener. The home opening win snapped a nine season losing streak in season openers and made head coach Chris Wilkerson 1-1 in home openers as EIU's head coach.

• Last season Eastern Illinois allowed 35 sacks on the season for an average of 3.2 sacks per game which ranked 111th in the FCS. With a veteran offensive line returning for the 2024 season, EIU did a good job of protecting the quarterback in the season opener at Big Ten opponent Illinois. EIU allowed just one quarterback sack on the night while surrendering just three total tackles for loss by the Illini defense. EIU returned starters Drew Wilder, Sebastian Pares, Nic DiSanto and Jack Valente up front. The newcomer to the group was junior college transfer Sandro Malicevic. Sixth year offensive lineman Elkhonan Tanelus also saw time up front during the opener. EIU's one sack allowed ranks the Panthers 23rd this season.

• Anthony Shockey was part of an active linebackers corps in the season opener as the team captain finished with nine tackles, all solo stops. The nine solo tackles currently rank Shockey tied for second in the FCS in solo tackles made along with teammate Elijahwah Tolbert. It was his second career nine solo tackle game after making nine solo stops in a ten tackle game at Lindenwood last season. Shockey's career high is 11 tackles at Bowling Green last season. Shockey added one pass break-up to his defensive night. The FCS national leader in solo tackles is Indiana State linebacker Garret Ollendieck with 13.

• Elijahwah Tolbert was active in the season opener for the second straight year. Last season Tolbert spearheaded an EIU defense that shutout Indiana State as the linebacker earned FCS National Defensive Player of the Week honors. This year Tolbert was a preseason All-American and named to the watch list for the Buck Buchanan Award. To open up his candidacy he finished with a team high 12 tackles including nine solo stops and 1.5 tackles for loss at Illinois. The nine solo stops ties Tolbert for second in the FCS with teammate and fellow linebacker Anthony Shockey. It was the fifth double figure tackle game of Tolbert's career and matched his career high of 12 set last season at Northwestern State.

• Last season EIU led the FCS in turnover margin as the Panthers turned the ball over just ten times for the entire year leading to 17 points scored off turnovers by EIU opponents. In the season opener EIU turned the ball over four times including three times in the opening half which Illinois converted into 17 points. The last time EIU had turned the ball over four or more times in a game was Nov. 19, 2022 at UT Martin.

Eastern Illinois (0-1, 0-0 Conf.)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Aug. 29	at Illinois	L 0-45
Sept. 7	INDIANA STATE	6 pm
Sept. 14	at Northwestern	6:30 pm
Sept. 21	at Illinois State	6 pm
Sept. 28	• LINDENWOOD	2 pm
Oct. 5	• SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (HC)	2 pm
Oct. 12	• at Tennessee State	5 pm
Oct. 26	• at UT Martin	2 pm
Nov. 2	• WESTERN ILLINOIS	2 pm
Nov. 9	• at Gardner-Webb	12:30 pm
Nov. 16	• CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	12 pm
Nov. 23	• at Tennessee Tech	12 pm
• Big South-OVC Game All Times Central		

Indiana State (0-1, 0-0 Conf.)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Aug. 31	at Purdue	L 0-49
Sept. 7	at Eastern Illinois	6 pm
Sept. 14	DAYTON	5 pm
Sept. 28	HOUSTON CHRISTIAN	12 pm
Oct. 5	• at Youngstown State	1 pm
Oct. 12	• MURRAY STATE	12 pm
Oct. 19	• at Missouri State	2 pm
Oct. 26	• SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	12 pm
Nov. 2	• NORTH DAKOTA	12 pm
Nov. 9	• at South Dakota State	1 pm
Nov. 16	• ILLINOIS STATE	12 pm
Nov. 23	• at Northern Iowa	1 pm
• Missouri Valley Football Game All Times Central		

STATS FCS MEDIA TOP 25
(Week 1)

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	South Dakota State (36)	0-1
2.	North Dakota State (11)	0-1
3.	Montana State (8)	2-0
4.	Montana (1)	1-0
5.	Villanova	1-0
6.	South Dakota	1-0
7.	Idaho	0-1
8.	Sacramento State	0-1
9.	Central Arkansas	0-1
10.	Southern Illinois	0-1
11.	Chattanooga	0-1
12.	Incarnate Word	1-0
13.	William & Mary	1-0
14.	Richmond	0-1
15.	Furman	0-1
16.	UAlbany	1-0
17.	Western Carolina	0-1
18.	UC Davis	0-1
19.	Lafayette	0-1
20.	Tarleton State	1-1
21.	Illinois State	0-1
22.	Nicholls	0-1
23.	North Dakota	0-1
24.	Weber State	0-1
25.	Youngstown State	0-1

RV - Eastern Illinois

FCS COACHES TOP 25
(Week 1)

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

RV - Eastern Illinois

• Running back MJ Flowers entered the 2024 season with 972 career rushing yards at Eastern Illinois. He needed 28 yards to become the 31st player in program history to crack the 1,000 yard mark for their career. Flowers rushed for exactly 28 yards in the season opener at Illinois to join the Panthers all-time list. The last to do it was Jaelin Benefield in 2022. EIU has 12 players (22 total times) that have rushed for more than 1,000 yards in a single season.

• Eastern Illinois was shutout in the season opener at Illinois marking the first time since 1997 that EIU has been shutout in the season opening game. That 1997 loss at Western Illinois snapped what had been a streak of 197 straight games without being shutout in a contest. Last Thursday's loss at Illinois snapped a 25-game streak of consecutive games with points on the board. The last time EIU was shutout was on Oct. 23, 2021 at Tennessee State.

• Defensive lineman Drake Van Hyfte led the Panthers in tackles for loss last season with nine for 42 yards including a team high five sacks. In the opener at Illinois Van Hyfte picked up where he left off last season recording five total tackles including one tackle for loss. It marked the fourth straight game Van Hyfte has picked up at least one tackle for loss. He closed the 2023 season at Robert Morris with 3.5 tackles for loss and three sacks.

• DeAirious Smith was the Panthers top receiver in yards per catch last season ranking 24th in the FCS with a 17.6 yards per catch average. In the season opener at Illinois, Smith was the Panthers top target with 11 total passes thrown his direction and a team high five receptions for 63 yards. Smith enters the second game of the season with 893 career receiving yards. He needs 107 yards to become the 35th receiver in school history to pass the 1,000 yard mark for his career. The senior has three career 100-yard receiving days.

• Eastern Illinois had to replace three of four starters in its defensive backfield from last season including two All-Americans in corner Russell Dandy and safety Blake Ruffin. Dandy led the FCS in passes defended with 19. Against Illinois, EIU had a new cast of characters in the defensive backfield coming away with three total pass break-ups. Transfer corner Moses Alexander had one pass break-up to go with six tackles. The other two went to linebacker Anthony Shockey and safety Kaelin Drakeford.

• Eli Mirza led the Panthers in receiving last season pulling in 61 passes for 721 yards. He ranked 22nd in the FCS in receptions for the year hauling in five or more passes in eight of the Panthers eleven games. Mirza had multiple receptions in every game last season and extended that streak to 12 straight games with three catches for 38 yards in the opener at Illinois. His top effort last season was ten catches for 119 yards against UT Martin.

• Jacob Horvath was consistent last season as a freshman for the Panthers finishing the year with a 38.2 yards per punt average. In the season opener at Illinois, Horvath averaged 42.3 yards per punt. He had a long punt of 49 yards and placed two of his seven punts inside the 20-yard line. He currently ranks 36th in the FCS in punting average and second in the Big South OVC. Horvath, a native of Australia, has his parents visiting from abroad for the opening three games of the 2024 season.

• EIU's offense was held in check in the opener at Illinois as the Panthers finished with 196 yards of total offense. It was the first time EIU has been held under 200 yards of total offense since Nov. 12, 2022 when EIU had only 100 yards of total offense in a loss to Southeast Missouri. EIU quarterback Pierce Holley, the preseason Big South OVC Offensive Player of the Year passed for just 147 yards against Illinois. It was the third lowest total of his EIU career with the other two coming last season in games where EIU had a 200-yard rushing effort from MJ Flowers to counter Holley's passing.

• Eastern Illinois looks to bounce back after being shutout in its opener at Illinois. The last two times EIU has been shutout, both in the 2021 season, EIU responded with 10 points against Dayton following a shutout loss at South Carolina and 15 points against Southeast Missouri after a shutout at Tennessee State. EIU's best scoring effort after a shutout has been 33 points in an overtime loss in 2015 to Illinois State after a shutout the previous week at Northwestern. EIU's most recent win after a shutout was in 2003 when the Panthers bounced back from a loss at Eastern Kentucky to beat Murray State 27-17.

• Eastern Illinois had a few players in new positions on Thursday night including a pair of converted quarterbacks seeing time on the field in different positions. Ira Armstead III converted to safety last season after transferring to EIU from Virginia as a quarterback. Armstead moved to the linebacker position this season making the start at Illinois and collecting one tackle for loss. Terrance Gipson is another converted quarterback that transferred to EIU from junior college after limited time under center at SMU to start his career. He saw snaps at wide receiver with no receptions but did have one kickoff return for 15 yards.

• Eastern Illinois was second in the FCS last season in turnovers gained finishing with 25 with 14 interceptions and 11 fumble recoveries. EIU was held without a turnover gained in the opener at Illinois and now has a streak of two consecutive games without forcing a turnover as they did not get one in the final regular season win at Robert Morris in 2023. It marks the first time since the second and third games of the 2019 season (Indiana and Illinois State) that EIU has failed to pick up a turnover over in back-to-back games. The last time EIU has failed to force a turnover in three straight games was the opening three games of the 2018 season when the Panthers faced Arkansas, Illinois State and Indiana State.

2024 Big South-OVC Football Standings

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

This Week In Big South-OVC Football

Friday - September 6

Western Illinois at Indiana 6 pm

Saturday - September 7

Tennessee Tech at Georgia 1 pm

Tennessee State at North Dakota State ... 1:30 pm

Charleston Southern at Furman 5 pm

Gardner-Webb at James Madison 5 pm

Indiana State at Eastern Illinois 6 pm

Central Arkansas at Lindenwood 6 pm

* UT Martin at Southeast Missouri 6 pm

* 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)
- 11 - Elijawah Tolbert (1st Team LB)
- 71 - Sebastian Pares (2nd Team OL)

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

• Quarterback Pierce Holley entered the season with 2,741 career passing yards at Eastern Illinois. He needed 259 yards to become the 16th player in program history to crack the 3,000 yard mark for their career. Holley passed for 147 yards in opener at Illinois and now needs 112 yards to reach the 3,000 yard milestone. The last to do it was Harry Woodbery in 2020. EIU has three players (six total times) that have passed for more than 3,000 yards in a single season.

• Kick returner Mark Aitken 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 had one kick return for ten yards at Illinois and now needs 43 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 Elkhanan 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 travels 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, Elkhanan Tanelus, Cooper Willman and Kendi Young.

EIU HEAD COACH CHRIS WILKERSON

Chris Wilkerson was hired as the 26th head coach in Eastern Illinois football history on Jan. 26, 2022. A former player and assistant coach at Eastern Illinois, Wilkerson returned home and became the first EIU alumnus to serve as the Panthers head football coach. Wilkerson played and coached under OVC/EIU Hall of Fame Coach Bob Spoo. A 1995 graduate of EIU, Wilkerson coached at EIU until the 2001 season. He had assistant stops at San Jose State and Dartmouth before serving ten years as the head coach at the University of Chicago. Wilkerson has a 61-40 (10-12 at EIU, 3rd year) career record. Complete Coach Chris Wilkerson bio available on page 6 of EIU game notes...

INDIANA STATE HEAD COACH CURT MALLORY

Curt Mallory, the son of former long time college coach Bill Mallory, enters his eighth season at Indiana State. Mallory posted a 12-22 record in his first three seasons with the Sycamores opting out of the 2020-21 season with COVID-19 concerns. After going 0-11 in his first season the Sycamores improved to 7-4 in year two as he won MVFC Coach of the Year honors. The team was 5-7 during the 2019 campaign. Mallory played football at Michigan and had assistant coaching stops at Indiana, Illinois and Michigan before taking over in Terre Haute. Mallory holds a 20-50 record entering the EIU contest.

SCOUTING INDIANA STATE

Indiana State was shutout in its season opener at Purdue marking the second straight year the Sycamores have not scored in the opening game. The Sycamores placed the offensive controls in the hands of redshirt freshman quarterback Elijah Owens who passed for 50 yards against the Boilermakers and was the team's top rusher with 47 yards on the ground. The defense was led by returning All-Missouri Valley Football Conference selection Garret Ollendieck who finished with 14 tackles. Maddix Blackwell added ten tackles as the Sycamores had two double figure tacklers to open the season.

THE SERIES

Eastern Illinois and Indiana State meet for the Panthers home opener as two schools separated by only 45 miles have played 88 times first meeting during the 1901 season. EIU holds a 44-40-4 all-time lead in the series after EIU won 27-0 last season to end a three game win streak by the Sycamores. EIU had won the previous six meetings prior to Indiana State's win in 2018. The series history includes one meeting in the 1983 FCS playoffs.

LAST TEN MEETINGS

<i>Aug. 31, 2023</i>	<i>EIU 27, Indiana State 0 at INST</i>
<i>Aug. 28, 2021</i>	<i>Indiana State 26, EIU 21 at INST</i>
<i>Sept. 21, 2019</i>	<i>Indiana State 16, EIU 6 at INST</i>
<i>Sept. 15, 2018</i>	<i>Indiana State 55, EIU 41 at EIU</i>
<i>Aug. 31, 2017</i>	<i>EIU 22, Indiana State 20 at INST</i>
<i>Sept. 12, 2009</i>	<i>EIU 31, Indiana State 0 at INST</i>
<i>Sept. 13, 2008</i>	<i>EIU 31, Indiana State 3 at EIU</i>
<i>Sept. 22, 2007</i>	<i>EIU 54, Indiana State 20 at INST</i>
<i>Sept. 9, 2006</i>	<i>EIU 31, Indiana State 21 at EIU</i>
<i>Sept. 1, 2005</i>	<i>EIU 24, Indiana State 13 at INST</i>

SERIES DID YOU KNOW FACTS...

1.) Despite not playing every season, the EIU and Indiana State the series is the most played in ISU football history and the second most played for EIU behind only the Panthers series with Illinois State.

2.) One of the series games between EIU and Indiana State was in the 1983 FCS playoffs, one of four times in EIU history that the Panthers have faced a regular season opponent in the playoffs. (1978 Youngstown State / 1983 Indiana State / 2006 Illinois State / 2013 Tennessee State)

• 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.....	0.....	0
Average Points Allowed.....	45.0.....	49.0
First Downs.....	9.....	11
Rushing Yards Per Game	49.0.....	104
Rushing Touchdowns.....	0.....	0
Passing Yards Per Game	147.0.....	50
Passing Touchdowns	0.....	0
Average Yards Per Game	196.0.....	154.0
Interceptions Thrown	2.....	0
Fumbles - Lost	2-2.....	0-0
Turnovers Gained.....	0.....	1
Punting Average	42.3.....	37.4
Field Goals (ATT/MADE)	0-of-0.....	0-of-0
3rd Down Conversions	4-of-13 (31%).....	1-of-12 (8%)
4th Down Conversions.....	0-of-1 (0%).....	0-of-0 (0%)
Sacks By (Yards).....	0 (0).....	2 (8)
Penalties (Yards)	6 (50).....	2 (16)
Time of Possession (Game)	23:59.....	30:29

Statistical Leaders**RUSHING YARDS (Touchdowns)**

EASTERN ILLINOIS	INDIANA STATE
MJ Flowers.....28 (0)	Elijah Owens.....47 (0)
Jay Pearson.....20 (0)	Plez Lawrence.....27 (0)

PASSING YARDS (Touchdowns)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	INDIANA STATE
Pierce Holley.....147 (0)	Elijah Owens.....50 (0)
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RECEPTIONS (Yards)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	INDIANA STATE
DeAirious Smith5 (63)	Rashad Rochelle.....3 (26)
Eli Mirza .....3 (38)	Matt Ross .....1 (23)
CJ Nelson .....2 (21)	Zavion Taylor1 (1)

TACKLES

EASTERN ILLINOIS	INDIANA STATE
Elijawah Tolbert.....12	Garret Ollendieck.....14
Anthony Shockey.....9	Maddix Blackwell.....10
Moses Alexander.....6	Tony Roberts .....6
Drake Van Hyfte.....5	Jorge Valdes .....5
Kaelin Drakeford .....4	Geoffrey Brown5

TACKLES FOR LOSS / SACKS

EASTERN ILLINOIS	INDIANA STATE
Elijawah Tolbert.....1.5.....0	Geoffrey Brown .....1.....1
Drake Van Hyfte.....1.....0	Dallas Westhoff.....1.....1
Ira Armstead III.....1.....0	Garret Ollendieck.....1.....0

Eastern Illinois In The OVC/NCAA Stats

2024

TEAM

.....	NCAA	CONF
Rushing Offense	95th	7th
Passing Offense	66th	7th
Passing Efficiency	101st	8th
Total Offense	95th	7th
Scoring Offense	NR	
Rushing Defense	86th	6th
Pass Defense	59th	6th
Pass Efficiency Def.	88th	7th
Total Defense	77th	7th
Scoring Defense	86th	7th
Net Punting	59th	5th
Punt Returns	46th	4th
Kickoff Returns	88th	6th
Turnover Margin	111th	8th
Turnovers Gained	NR	
Sacks	NR	
Tackles For Loss	34th	4th
Sacks Allowed	23rd	2nd
3rd Down Conversion	66th	6th
4th Down Conversion	60th	5th
3rd Down Defense	57th	4th
Red Zone Offense	94th	7th
Red Zone Defense	52nd	5th
Time of Possession	97th	7th

INDIVIDUAL (Top 50)

.....	NCAA	CONF
Moses Alexander (Pass Defended)	38th	4th
Kaelin Drakeford (Pass Defended)	38th	4th
Anthony Shockey (Pass Defended)	38th	4th
Anthony Shockey (Solo Tackles)	2nd	1st
Elijahwah Tolbert (Solo Tackles)	2nd	1st
Elijahwah Tolbert (Tackles for Loss)	43rd	5th
Elijahwah Tolbert (Total Tackles)	14th	2nd
Pierce Holley (Passing Yards)	50th	7th
Jacob Horvath (Punting)	36th	2nd
DeAirious Smith (Receptions)	36th	6th

SHUT OUT STREAK ENDS

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

Longest EIU Streaks

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

OVC SUCCESS

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

(FCS Playoff Appearances Since 1996)

11 - Eastern Illinois
9 - Jacksonville State *
5 - Eastern Kentucky *
4 - Southeast Missouri
3 - Tennessee State
2 - Murray State
2 - UT Martin
1 - Gardner-Webb
1 - Tennessee Tech
1 - Western Kentucky *
1 - Austin Peay *

* indicates team no longer in the OVC

2023 WEEKLY AWARDS

Week 1 - Elijahwah Tolbert (Defense) *

Week 1 - Jacob Horvarth (Freshman)

Week 3 - MJ Flowers (Freshman)

Week 4 - MJ Flowers (Freshman) *

Week 4 - Stone Galloway (Special)

Week 5 - Blake Ruffin (Defense)

Week 5 - MJ Flowers (Freshman)

Week 6 - Pierce Holley (Offense)

Week 8 - Pierce Holley (Offense)

Week 11 - MJ Flowers (Offense)

Week 11 - Jacob Horvarth (Specialist)

Week 11 - MJ Flowers (Freshman)

* Indicates National Player of the Week

NCAA PLAYOFF APPEARANCES

School# Appearances (Last)

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

Former FCS members now playing at FBS level

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

FCS Division I Playoffs

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

Division II Playoffs

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



CHRIS WILKERSON

Head Coach

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

Eastern Illinois, 1995

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Eastern Illinois

Year	Overall	Conf.	No. 24
2022	2-9	1-4 (OVC)	
2023	8-3	4-2 (OVC)	
2024	0-1	0-0 (OVC)	
EIU	10-13	5-6	

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	61-40	44-21	

Eastern Illinois

- * Hired as 26th head coach in EIU history on January 26, 2022
- * Begins third year as head coach for 2024 season
- * Sixth in voting for Eddie Robinson FCS Coach of the Year Award
- * Named Big South-OVC Football Coach of the Year in 2023
- * Coached team from 2 wins in 2022 to 8 wins in 2023 (No. 24 FCS Coaches Poll)
- * Coached team players that earned Big South-OVC honors in 2023 (six first team selections)
- * Coached four players that earned a total of seven All-America honors in 2023
- * Coached MJ Flowers - 2023 Jerry Rice Award runner-up and Big South-OVC Freshman of the Year
- * Team ranked second in the FCS in turnovers gained in 2023
- * Team ranked 18th in FCS in scoring defense in 2023
- * Team ranked 25th in FCS in passing offense in 2023
- * Coached team that featured two All-Americans in 2022
- * Coached team that had 12 All-OVC selections in 2022 (four first-team selections)
- * Team ranked 11th in FCS in fewest penalties in 2022
- * Team ranked 16th in passes intercepted in 2022, 29th in turnovers gained
- * Team ranked fifth in FCS in net punting
- * Served as an assistant coach at Eastern Illinois from 1995-2001 under head coach Bob Spoo
- * Coached special teams during entire tenure working on defensive staff (linebackers and defensive line)
- * Served as defensive coordinator during final season on staff in 2001
- * Helped coach team to four FCS playoff appearances
- * Helped coach team to a pair of conference championships as team played in both the Gateway Football Conference and OVC
- * Defense and Special Teams units regularly ranked in Top 20 in FCS in numerous categories

Prior To Eastern Illinois

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

Personal

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



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



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



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



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



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



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



Tino Smith II
Wide Receivers
(1st year)
Savannah State, 2021



Andrew Strobel
Safeties
(1st year)
Northern Michigan, 2009



Carlif Taylor
Defensive Line
(1st year)
Southern Connecticut, 2014



Cole Hoover
Tight Ends
(2nd year)
Eastern Illinois, 2021

FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF & QUALITY CONTROL

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

Football Athletic Trainer Scott Goehner
Football Equipment Manager Clint Bays
Director of Football Operations David Brubaker
Football Academics Nicole Jackson
Nutrition Haley Schmitz
Director of Football Performance..... Jacob Hillman
Graduate Assistant - Football Strength.....Jon Suppelsa

ADDITIONAL FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF

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

EIU ADMINISTRATION

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

EIU LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

Passed for more than 300 yards...

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

Passed for more than 400 yards...

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

Threw four touchdown passes...

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

Rushed for more than 150 yards...

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

Rushed for more than 200 yards...

MJ Flowers, 201, vs. Tennessee State (Nov. 11, 2023)
MJ Flowers, 272, vs. McNeese (Sept. 23, 2023)

Rushed for three touchdowns...

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

Rushed for four touchdowns...

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

Had 12 Receptions...

Isaiah Hill 15, at UT Martin (Oct. 19, 2019)
Isaiah Hill 13, vs. Southeast Missouri (Nov. 16, 2019)
Erik Lora, 21 vs. Murray State (Sept. 22, 2012) ** OVC & EIU Single Game Record
Erik Lora, 18 vs. Towson (Dec. 13, 2013) ** FCS Playoff Single Game Record

Had 3 touchdown receptions...

Alexander Hollins, 3, at Arkansas (Sept. 1, 2018)
Alexander Hollins, 3, vs. Indiana State (Sept. 15, 2018)

Had 200 yards receiving...

Erik Lora, 269 vs. Murray State (Sept. 22, 2012) ** EIU Single Game Record
Isaiah Hill, 207 at Southeast Missouri (Oct. 30, 2021)

Returned a punt for a touchdown...

Erik Lora, 1, vs. Tennessee Tech (Nov. 2, 2013) - (80 yards)
Shepard Little, 1, vs. Tennessee Tech (Nov. 2, 2013) - (75 yards)
Shepard Little, 1 at San Diego State (Aug. 31, 2013) - (60 yards)

Returned a kick-off for touchdown...

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

Returned an interception for touchdown...

Tyris Harvey, 1, at Indiana State (Aug. 31, 2023) - (19 yards)
Nijhay Burt, 1, at Indiana State (Aug. 31, 2023) - (67 yards)

Returned a fumble for touchdown...

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

Recorded a safety...

Robert Haynes, 1 at Illinois State (Sept. 13, 2014) - combined with Taylor Laquesse Taylor, 1 at Illinois State (Sept. 13, 2014) - combined with Haynes Team at Indiana State (Aug. 31, 2023) - punt snap out of back of end zone

Blocked a punt...

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

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

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

Blocked a field goal...

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

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

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

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

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

EIU scored a two-point conversion

- (Rush) - Pierce Holley vs. Bryant (Oct. 21, 2023)
- (Pass) - Nile Hill from Cooper Willman, at McNeese (Nov. 5, 2022)

Won a game on a field goal...

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

Had 15 or more tackles on defense...

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

Had 3 or more sacks on defense...

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

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

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

Had 2 or more interceptions

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

Recovered an onside kick...

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

Offensive Lineman Scored a Touchdown

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

2023 EASTERN ILLINOIS TOUCHDOWNS

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

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

EASTERN ILLINOIS NFL CONNECTIONS

DENVER BRONCOS

Sean Payton - Head Coach

LOS ANGELES RAMS

Jimmy Garoppolo - Quarterback

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Kamu Grugier-Hill - Linebacker

NEW YORK GIANTS

Tim Kelly - Tight Ends Coach

TENNESSEE TITANS

Matt Jones - Offensive Assistant Coach

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Adam Gristick - Linebackers Assistant

CLEVELAND BROWNS

Steven Bravo Brown - Special Teams Assistant

ATLANTA FALCONS

Ryan Pace - Senior Personnel Executive

BROADCAST

Tony Romo - CBS Color Analyst with Jim Nantz

TEAM GAME RECORDS**TOTAL OFFENSE:**

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

RUSHING YARDAGE:

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

RUSHING ATTEMPTS:

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

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

PASSING ATTEMPTS:

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

PASSES COMPLETED:

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

TOUCHDOWNS:

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

TOUCHDOWN PASSES:

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

MOST EIU POINTS IN A QUARTER:

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

MOST POINTS SCORED BY BOTH TEAMS:

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

POINTS

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

EIU LOWEST OFFENSIVE TOTAL:

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

EIU FEWEST RUSHING YARDS:

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

EIU FEWEST PASSING YARDS:

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

* EIU did not attempt a pass in the game

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

QUARTERBACK SACKS:

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

TURNOVERS:

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

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

EIU OVERTIME GAMES**DOUBLE OVERTIME**

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

OVERTIME

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

+ 1982 & 1983 games in FCS playoffs

MOST PLAYS IN A GAME:

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

MOST PLAYS IN A GAME BY BOTH TEAMS:

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

OPPONENTS AGAINST EASTERN ILLINOIS**TOTAL OFFENSE:**

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

RUSHING YARDAGE:

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

PASSING YARDAGE:

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

POINTS

74.....	Illinois Wesleyan	Sept. 30, 1921
63.....	at Kansas State	Sept. 14, 2002
63.....	at Marshall	Sept. 12, 1992
61.....	at Hawai'i	Aug. 31, 2002
61.....	Central Michigan	Nov. 2, 1957
61.....	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 (1), Steve Turk (1), Harry Woodbery (1)		

SOLO TACKLES:

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

TOTAL TACKLES:

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

TACKLES FOR LOSS:

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

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

PASSES INTERCEPTED:

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

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

INDIVIDUAL GAME RECORDS**LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS:**

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

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN:

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

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR TD:

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

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

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

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN:

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

LONGEST PUNT:

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

LONGEST PUNT RETURN:

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

MOST BLOCKED KICKS:

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

MOST CONSECUTIVE PASSES COMPLETED:

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

MOST FIELD GOALS:

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

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

MOST INTERCEPTIONS THROWN:

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

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/LAST)
0	Ira Armstead II	LB	6-4	240	Sr	2	South Bend, Ind. (Adams / Univ. of Virginia)
0	Cody Davidson	WR	6-2	190	Jr	TR	Beaverton, Ore. (Beaverton / Santa Rosa JC)
1	Nick Coates	SAF	5-10	190	Sr	3	Louisville, Ky. (Male)
1	Terrance Gipson	WR	6-0	190	Sr	RS	Kingwood, Texas (Westfield / East Los Angeles College)
2	Mark Aitken	DB	5-9	180	R-Sr	3	Chicago, Ill. (Kenwood Academy / Northern Illinois Univ.)
2	CJ Nelson	WR	5-11	175	R-So	TR	North Richland Hills, Texas (Richland / Univ. of Houston)
3	NiJhay Burt	DB	5-11	185	Jr	2	Munhall, Pa. (Steel Valley)
3	Pierce Holley	QB	6-3	225	Grad	1	Arvada, Colo. (Lakewood / Georgetown Univ.)
4	Moses Alexander	DB	6-3	195	R-Jr	TR	Galveston, Texas (Ball / Univ. of Houston)
4	MJ Flowers	RB	6-1	220	R-So	1	Cincinnati, Ohio (Colerain)
5	Anthony Shockey	LB	6-1	230	R-Sr	3	Lombard, Ill. (Glenbard East)
5	Surahz Buncom	WR	6-3	175	R-Fr	TR	Chula Vista, Calif. (Mater Dei Catholic / Univ. of Kansas)
6	Joel Barrows	DL	6-3	240	R-Sr	3	Chicago, Ill. (Brooks Prep)
6	DeAirious Smith	WR	5-11	185	Sr	4	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Christian Academy)
7	Eli Mirza	WR	5-11	195	Sr	1	Sacramento, Calif. (Monterey Trail / Sierra College)
8	Tienne Fridge	DB	6-2	210	Sr	1	Sacramento, Calif. (Elk Grove / Sacramento City College)
8	Joey Sprinkle	QB	6-4	220	Jr	TR	Monticello, Ill. (Monticello / St. Ambrose Univ.)
9	Tre'jon Lewis	DL	6-4	285	R-Sr	2	Manor, Texas (Manor / Texas Tech Univ.)
9	Aaron Rice	WR	6-5	200	R-So	1	Farmington Hills, Mich. (North Farmington)
11	Elijahwah Tolbert	LB	6-1	230	Sr	3	Country Club Hills, Ill. (Hillcrest)
11	Anthony Manaves	TE	6-4	230	R-Sr	4	Chicago, Ill. (St. Patrick)
12	Akili Hubbard	SAF	6-2	195	R-Jr	TR	Bellflower, Calif. (Bellflower / Univ. of Kansas)
12	Collin Willard	WR	5-11	200	Fr	HS	North Olmsted, Ohio (North Olmsted)
13	Keshawn Lewis-Hunt	LB	6-0	220	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park)
13	Cooper Willman	WR	6-1	205	R-Jr	3	Sterling, Ill. (Sterling)
14	Akin Adigun	SAF	6-3	185	R-Fr	RS	Little Elm, Texas (Lone Star)
14	Blainey Dowling	QB	6-2	200	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Mount Carmel)
15	Malik Rainey	DB	5-11	190	R-Jr	1	Chicago, Ill. (Bolingbrook / Univ. of Cincinnati)
15	Connor Wolf	QB	6-3	205	Fr	HS	Ada, Mich. (Grand Rapids Central Catholic)
16	Zay Gentry	DB	6-0	195	Sr	2	Anna, Texas (Anna)
16	Kevin Conway	QB	6-2	210	R-So	SQ	New Lenox, Ill. (Providence Catholic / Diamond Football Academy)
19	Phoenix Porter	LB	6-1	220	R-Jr	2	Fairfield, Ohio (Fairfield)
19	Jacob Rosenstiel	QB	6-4	210	Fr	HS	Boerne, Texas (Geneva School of Boerne)
20	Kaleb Lyons	DB	5-11	185	Jr	TR	Antioch, Tenn. (Brentwood Academy / Morehead State Univ.)
20	Chris Caldwell	RB	5-10	190	So	TR	O'Fallon, Ill. (O'Fallon / Western Kentucky Univ.)
21	Jay Pearson	RB	6-0	210	R-So	1	McKees Rocks, Pa. (Sto-Rox Junior-Senior)
22	Kaelin Drakeford	DB	6-4	210	R-Jr	2	Harrodsburg, Ky. (Mercer County)
23	Isaiah Houi	DB	5-10	170	Fr	HS	Rockton, Ill. (Hononegah)
24	Collin Tyson	DB	6-0	195	R-Jr	2	Kansas City, Mo. (Platte County R-3)
25	Christopher Sharp	CB	5-11	180	R-Fr	RS	St. Louis, Mo. (DeSmet Jesuit)
26	Makhi Wilson	SAF	6-0	185	R-Fr	RS	Bettendorf, Iowa (Pleasant Valley)
27	Josh Brown	SAF	6-1	195	Fr	HS	Suwanee, Ga. (Peachtree Ridge)
28	Jacarre Fleming	RB	5-8	195	Fr	HS	Hahira, Ga. (Lowndes)
29	Kendi Young	RB	5-11	210	Sr	3	Calumet City, Ill. (Thornton Fractional North)
30	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)
51	Payton Orth	LB	5-11	220	Sr	3	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East)
52	Jamari Johnson	DL	6-4	255	R-Jr	1	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle Institute)
53	King Smith	DL	6-3	315	Fr	HS	Decatur, Ill. (Decatur MacArthur)
54	Nic DiSanto	OL	6-5	320	So	1	Wyandotte, Mich. (Gabriel Richard)
55	Drew Wilder	OL	6-3	305	R-Jr	1	Williamsburg, Va. (Jamestown / Iowa Western CC)
56	Christian Takatch	DL	6-3	245	So	TR	Sunbury, Ohio (Big Walnut / Notre Dame College)
57	Panayiotis Mihalopoulos	OL	6-3	310	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Loyola Academy)
58	Isaiah Hare	DL	6-2	290	Fr	HS	Mt. Washington, Ky. (Bullitt East)
59	Liam Carr	LB	6-0	225	R-Jr	SQ	Okemos, Mich. (Okemos / Michigan State Univ.)
60	Aidan Archibald	DL	6-2	255	Fr	HS	Charleston, Ill. (Charleston)
61	Ruben Popoca	K	5-11	180	R-Fr	RS	Mundelein, Ill. (Carmel Catholic)
62	Brennan Anderson	OL	6-5	345	R-Jr	RS	Dallas Center, Iowa (Dallas Center-Grimes/Iowa Western CC)
63	Noah Howard	OL	6-5	305	R-Jr	RS	Clinton, Iowa (Clinton / Iowa Central College)
64	Connor Shelby	OL	6-4	280	Fr	HS	Mt. Carmel, Ill. (Mt. Carmel)
65	Carson Fichtel	OL	6-3	295	R-So	SQ	Heath, Texas (Rockwall-Heath)
66	Jack Valente	OL/LS	6-5	320	Sr	3	Batavia, Ill. (Batavia)
67	Rahfeeq Katumbusi	OL	6-3	320	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Mt. Carmel)
68	Matthew Allen	OL	6-8	300	R-Fr	RS	Bourbonnais, Ill. (Bradley-Bourbonnais)
69	Kwan Johnson	OL	6-1	310	Fr	HS	Blue Island, Ill. (Dwight D. Eisenhower)
70	Alejandro Arellano	OL	6-3	305	R-So	TR	Sterling, Ill. (Sterling / College of DuPage)
71	Sebastian Pares	OL	6-6	310	R-Sr	1	Joliet, Ill. (Wheaton Academy / Univ. of Sioux Falls)
72	Elkhanan Tanelus	OL	6-2	320	Grad	4	Naples, Fla. (Barron Collier)
73	Clint Chamley	OL	6-5	310	Fr	HS	Kahoka, Mo. (Clark County)
74	Haven Hatfield	OL	6-3	295	R-So	SQ	Tuscola, Ill. (Tuscola)
75	Jonathan Arellano	OL	6-3	310	R-Jr	1	Lancaster, Calif. (Bishop Alemany / College of the Canyons)
76	Bryce Burnett	OL	6-4	295	R-So	SQ	Danville, Ill. (Westville)
77	Sandro Malicevic	OL	6-5	315	So	TR	Saratoga, Calif. (Prospect / San Jose City College)
78	Joseph Solomon	OL	6-5	295	R-Jr	TR	Indianapolis, Ind. (Bishop Chatard / Appalachian State Univ.)
79	Rasheed Anderson	OL	6-5	355	R-So	SQ	Oak Park, Ill. (Fenwick)
80	Quenton Rogers	WR	6-2	190	R-Fr	RS	Mahomet-Seymour, Ill. (Mahomet-Seymour)
81	Alex Herrera	TE	6-2	240	Jr	TR	Linden, Calif. (Linden / College of the Sequoias)
82	Joe McNab	TE	6-6	255	R-Jr	1	Madison Heights, Mich. (Lamphere)
83	David Ajose	WR	6-5	225	Fr	HS	Akron, Ohio (St. Vincent-St. Mary's)
84	Jeremy Reeves	WR	6-4	190	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Gary Comer College Prep)
85	Landers Green	WR	6-3	190	Jr	TR	Wharton, NJ (St. Peter's Prep / Union College)
86	Jamal Jeffers	WR	5-11	185	Sr	1	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Putnam City North / Northeastern Oklahoma A&M)
87	Alex Ginnever	TE	6-5	235	R-So	SQ	Wentzville, Mo. (Holt)
88	Jordan Sprycha	TE	6-4	240	Grad	TR	Oak Lawn, Ill. (Oak Lawn / McKendree Ill.)
89	Daniel Ajose	WR	6-6	215	Fr	HS	Akron, Ohio (St. Vincent-St. Mary's)
90	Trevon Piggee-Blake	DL	6-1	290	R-Fr	RS	St. Louis, Mo. (DeSmet Jesuit)
91	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace	DL	6-4	275	Sr	1	Cambridge, Mass. (Cambridge Rindge & Latin School / Franklin Pierce Univ.)
92	Colby Smith	DL	6-0	300	Sr	2	Dunnellon, Fla. (Dunnellon, Fla. / Dodge City CC)
93	Jacob Horvath	P	6-1	190	So	1	Bentleigh, Australia (McKinnon Secondary)
94	Alton Jefferson	DL	6-0	290	Sr	3	Louisville, Ky. (Trinity)
95	Drake Van Hyfte	DL	6-4	280	R-Jr	2	Annawan, Ill. (Annawan-Wethersfield)
96	Cody Silzer	DL	6-3	260	R-So	SQ	Lockport, Ill. (Lockport Township)
97	Tray Ross	DL	6-4	230	Fr	HS	Danville, Ind. (Danville Community)
98	Brett Galetti	LS	6-1	230	R-Jr	1	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln Way East)
99	Jaron Hacha	DL	5-11	310	Sr	3	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East)

EASTERN ILLINOIS FOOTBALL PRONUNCIATIONS

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

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

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

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

87 - Alex Juh-NEVER
 88 - Jordan SPRIKE-uh
 89 - David uh-JOSE (rhymes with toast)
 91 - Nicholas Oh-luh-VAIR-uh Chace
 93 - Jacob hor-vath
 95 - Drake Van Hefty
 98 - Brett Guh-LETTY
 99 - Jaron HOTCH-uh

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

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

MISC. SEASON NOTES & STATS

EIU NCAA FBS TRANSFERS

0 - Ira Armstead II (Univ. of Virginia)
 1 - Terrance Gipson (SMU)
 2 - Mark Aitken (Northern Illinois Univ.)
 2 - CJ Nelson (Univ. of Houston)
 4 - Moses Alexander (Univ. of Houston)
 5 - Surahz Buncom (Univ. of Kansas)
 9 - Tre'jon Lewis (Texas Tech Univ.)
 12 - Akili Hubbard (Univ. of Kansas)
 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 15
 Senior..... 15
 Junior..... 27
 Sophomore..... 18
 RS-Freshman 14
 Freshman 27

EIU ROSTER BY STATE

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

EIU OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

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

RUNNING BACK

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

TIGHT END

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

LEFT TACKLE

77 ... Sandro Malicevic.....	6-5	315	So\
68 ... Matthew Allen	6-8	300	R-Fr

LEFT GUARD

71 ... Sebastian Pares	6-6	310	Grad
70 ... Alejandro Arellano	6-3	305	R-So
or 78 ... Joseph Solomon.....	6-5	295	Grad

CENTER

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

RIGHT GUARD

66 ... Jack Valente	6-5	320	Sr
72 ... Elkhanan Tanelus.....	6-2	320	Grad

RIGHT TACKLE

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

RECEIVER

6 ... DeAirious Smith.....	6-1	185	Sr
2 ... CJ Nelson.....	5-11	175	R-So

RECEIVER

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

RECEIVER

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

EIU COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1994) - 3rd year
Career 61-40 (10), **EIU Record** 10-13 (3); **OVC Record** 5-6 (2)

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

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

Running Backs: Turner Pugh (3rd year)

Tight Ends: Cole Hoover (1st year)

Wide Receivers: Tino Smith II (1st year)

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

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

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

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

Defensive Line: Carlif Taylor (1st year)

Safeties: Andrew Strobel (1st year)

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

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

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

Trainer: Scott Goehner (4thyear)

Equipment Manager: Clint Bays (15th year)

Quality Control Staff:

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

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

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

EIU DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE END

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

NOSE TACKLE

50 ... Jerrad Price	6-3	300	Grad
99 ... Jaron Hacha	5-11	310	Sr

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

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

DEFENSIVE END (BUCK)

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

LINEBACKER

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

LINEBACKER

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

NICKEL or LINEBACKER

0 ... Ira Armstead II.....	6-4	240	Sr
or 1 ... Nick Coates	5-10	190	Sr
15 ... Malik Rainey	5-11	190	R-Jr

CORNERBACK

3 ... Nilhay Burt.....	5-11	185	Jr
30 ... Kiwaun Davis	6-3	175	R-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
32 ... Ryan Kilburg	6-0	200	R-Jr

CORNERBACK

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

EIU SPECIALISTS

KICKER

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

KICKOFF

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

PUNTER

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

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

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

PUNT RETURNS

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

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

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

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

Champaign, Ill.
 Memorial Stadium (43,849)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	0	0	0	0	0
Illinois	14	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.

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 Illiinois	0-45 L	0-1	0-0	3:08	43,849

* indicates Big South-OVC Football Association Game

2023 EASTERN ILLINOIS STARTERS

OPPONENT	WR	WR	RT	RG	C	LG	LT	WR	TE	RB	QB
Illinois	Mirza	D. Smith	Malicevic	Pares	Wilder	Valente	DiSanto	Willman	Manaves	Flowers	Holley
OPPONENT	DE	NT	DT	DE	LB	LB	LB/SAF	CB	SAF	SAF	CB
Illinois	Barrows	Price	T. Lewis	Oliveira-Chace	Porter	Shockey	Armstead	Burt	Drakeford	Aitken	Alexander



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Team Statistics

	EIU	OPP
Scoring	0	45
Points per game	0.0	45.0
Points Off Turnovers	0	24
First Downs	9	27
Rushing	1	10
Passing	6	14
Penalty	2	3
Rushing Yardage	49	244
Yards gained rushing	56	251
Yards lost rushing	7	7
Rushing attempts	22	42
Average per rush	2.2	5.8
Average per game	49.0	244.0
TDs Rushing	0	2
Passing Yardage	147	242
Comp-Att-Int	16-32-2	21-29-0
Average per pass	4.6	8.3
Average per catch	9.2	11.5
Average per game	147.0	242.0
TDs Passing	0	4
Total offense	196	486
Total plays	54	71
Average per play	3.6	6.8
Average per game	196.0	486.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	2-25	0-0
Punt returns: #-Yards	0-0	4-43
Int returns: #-Yards	0-0	2-1
Kick return average	12.5	0.0
Punt return average	0.0	10.8
Int return average	0.0	0.5
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-50	6-45
Average per game	50.0	45.0
Punts-Yards	7-296	4-156
Average per punt	42.3	39.0
Net punt average	36.1	34.0
Kickoffs-Yards	1-65	8-455
Average per kick	65.0	56.9
Net kick average	40.0	41.9
Time of possession / game	23:59	36:01
3rd-down conversion	4/14	4/9
3rd-down pct	29%	44%
4rd-down conversion	0/1	0/0



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	EIU	OPP
4rd-down pct	0%	0%
Sacks by-Yards	0-0	1-5
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	0	6
Field goals - attempts	0-0	1-1
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-0
Red-zone scores	(0-0) 0%	(5-5) 100%
Red-zone touchdowns	(0-0) 0%	(4-5) 80%
PAT-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(6-6) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(0-0) 0%
Attendance	0	43849
Games / Avg per game	0/0	1/43849
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Eastern Ill.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Opponents	14	17	7	7	0	45



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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
MJ Flowers	1	9	28	0	28	3.1	0	11	28.0
Jay Pearson	1	6	20	0	20	3.3	0	5	20.0
Eli Mirza	1	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	3.0
Kendi Young	1	3	2	0	2	0.7	0	2	2.0
Pierce Holley	1	3	3	7	-4	-1.3	0	3	-4.0
Total	1	22	56	7	49	2.2	0	11	49.0
Opponents	1	42	251	7	244	5.8	2	29	244.0

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Pierce Holley	1	76.1	16-32-2	50.0	147	0	27	147.0
Total	1	76.1	16-32-2	50.0	147	0	27	147.0
Opponents	1	188.0	21-29-0	72.4	242	4	34	242.0

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
DeAirious Smith	1	5	63	12.6	0	26	63.0
Eli Mirza	1	3	38	12.7	0	27	38.0
Cooper Willman	1	2	11	5.5	0	6	11.0
CJ Nelson	1	2	21	10.5	0	17	21.0
MJ Flowers	1	2	2	1.0	0	5	2.0
Kendi Young	1	1	5	5.0	0	5	5.0
Jay Pearson	1	1	7	7.0	0	7	7.0
Total	1	16	147	9.2	0	27	147.0
Opponents	1	21	242	11.5	4	34	242.0

Scoring

			PAT						
Player	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
Total	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Opponents	6	1-1	6-6	0	0	0	0	0	45

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Opponents	1-1	100.0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	26	0

FG Sequence

Team Name	Eastern Ill.	Opponents
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Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	4	43	10.8	0	30

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	2	1	0.5	0	1

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Mark Aitken	1	10	10.0	0	10
Terrance Gipson	1	15	15.0	0	15
Total	2	25	12.5	0	15
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	2	0	0.0	0	0

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Pierce Holley	1	35	-4	147	143	143.0
MJ Flowers	1	9	28	0	28	28.0
Jay Pearson	1	6	20	0	20	20.0
Eli Mirza	1	1	3	0	3	3.0
Kendi Young	1	3	2	0	2	2.0
Total	1	54	49	147	196	196.0
Opponents	1	71	244	242	486	486.0

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Jacob Horvath	7	296	42.3	49	0	1	2	0	0
Total	7	296	42.3	49	0	1	2	0	0
Opponents	4	156	39.0	44	1	3	3	0	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydl
Julian Patino	1	65	65.0	1	0			
Total	1	65	65.0	1	0	0	40	25
Opponents	8	455	56.9	5	1	2	41.9	23



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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-9	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	lg	blk
Opponents	1-1	100.0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	26	0

Scoring

		PAT								
Player	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts	
Total	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Opponents	6	1-1	6-6	0	0	0	0	0	0	45

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Eastern Ill.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Opponents	14	17	7	7	0	45

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Jacob Horvath	7	296	42.3	49	0	1	2	0	0
Total	7	296	42.3	49	0	1	2	0	0
Opponents	4	156	39.0	44	1	3	3	0	0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	4	43	10.8	0	30

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Mark Aitken	1	10	10.0	0	10
Terrance Gipson	1	15	15.0	0	15
Total	2	25	12.5	0	15
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
DeAirious Smith	1	0	63	0	0	0	63	63.0
Eli Mirza	1	3	38	0	0	0	41	41.0
MJ Flowers	1	28	2	0	0	0	30	30.0
Jay Pearson	1	20	7	0	0	0	27	27.0
CJ Nelson	1	0	21	0	0	0	21	21.0
Terrance Gipson	1	0	0	0	15	0	15	15.0
Cooper Willman	1	0	11	0	0	0	11	11.0
Mark Aitken	1	0	0	0	10	0	10	10.0
Kendi Young	1	2	5	0	0	0	7	7.0
Pierce Holley	1	-4	0	0	0	0	-4	-4.0
Total	1	49	147	0	25	0	221	221.0
Opponents	1	244	242	43	0	1	530	530.0

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Pierce Holley	1	35	-4	147	143	143.0
MJ Flowers	1	9	28	0	28	28.0
Jay Pearson	1	6	20	0	20	20.0
Eli Mirza	1	1	3	0	3	3.0
Kendi Young	1	3	2	0	2	2.0
Total	1	54	49	147	196	196.0
Opponents	1	71	244	242	486	486.0



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All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
DeAirious Smith	1	0	63	0	0	0	63	63.0
Eli Mirza	1	3	38	0	0	0	41	41.0
MJ Flowers	1	28	2	0	0	0	30	30.0
Jay Pearson	1	20	7	0	0	0	27	27.0
CJ Nelson	1	0	21	0	0	0	21	21.0
Terrance Gipson	1	0	0	0	15	0	15	15.0
Cooper Willman	1	0	11	0	0	0	11	11.0
Mark Aitken	1	0	0	0	10	0	10	10.0
Kendi Young	1	2	5	0	0	0	7	7.0
Pierce Holley	1	-4	0	0	0	0	-4	-4.0
Total	1	49	147	0	25	0	221	221.0
Opponents	1	244	242	43	0	1	530	530.0



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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
11	Elijawah Tolbert	1	9	3	12	1.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Anthony Shockey	1	9	.	9	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
4	Moses Alexander	1	5	1	6	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
95	Drake Van Hyfte	1	3	2	5	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Kaelin Drakeford	1	4	.	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
19	Phoenix Porter	1	3	1	4	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Akili Hubbard	1	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Nick Coates	1	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Zay Gentry	1	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Nijhay Burt	1	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Tre'Jon Lewis	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
66	Jack Valente	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Trevon Piggee-Blake	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Jacob Horvath	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Jerrad Price	1	.	1	1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Kaleb Lyons	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Luke Wagner	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace	1	.	1	1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Mark Aitken	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Joel Barrows	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	Ira Armstead III	1	1	.	1	1-2
Totals		1	53	12	65	5-6	0-0	0-0	3	1	0-0	0	0	0
Opponents		1	27	22	49	3-10	1-5	2-1	2	2	2-0	2	0	0



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		Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot		
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off
08/29/2024	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
Eastern Ill.		22	49	0	11	16	147	0	27	16	32	2	147	0	27	2	25	0	15	0	0	0	0	196
Opponents		42	244	2	29	21	242	4	34	21	29	0	242	4	34	0	0	0	0	4	43	0	30	486

Eastern Ill. Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effc	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
1	2.2	9.2	76.1	12.5	0.0	221.0	196.0

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble	Pass Defense				blkd	PAT attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/29/2024	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
Eastern Ill.		53	12	65	5.0-6	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	3	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Opponents		27	22	49	3.0-10	1-5	2	2-0	2-1	2	2	0	6-6	0	0	0	24	45

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	7	296	42.3	49	0	0	1	0	2	0-0	0	0	1	65	65.0	1	0	
Eastern Ill.		7	296	42.3	49	0	0	1	0	2	0-0	0	0	1	65	65.0	1	0	
Opponents		4	156	39.0	44	0	1	3	0	3	1-1	26	0	8	455	56.9	5	1	



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Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off			
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds		td	lg	
08/29/2024	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
Opponents		42	244	2	29	21	242	4	34	21-29-0				242	4	34	0	0	0	0	4	43	0	30	486
Eastern Ill.		22	49	0	11	16	147	0	27	16-32-2				147	0	27	2	25	0	15	0	0	0	0	196

Opponents Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
1	5.8	11.5	188.0	0.0	10.8	530.0	486.0

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble	Pass Defense				blkd	PAT attempts				off	
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/29/2024	at Illinois	27	22	49	3.0-10	1-5	2	2-0	2-1	2	2	0	6-6	0	0	0	24	45
Opponents		27	22	49	3.0-10	1-5	2	2-0	2-1	2	2	0	6-6	0	0	0	24	45
Eastern Ill.		53	12	65	5.0-6	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	3	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
08/29/2024	at Illinois	4	156	39.0	44	0	1	3	0	3	1-1	26	0	8	455	56.9	5	1	
Opponents		4	156	39.0	44	0	1	3	0	3	1-1	26	0	8	455	56.9	5	1	
Eastern Ill.		7	296	42.3	49	0	0	1	0	2	0-0	0	0	1	65	65.0	1	0	



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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	4-14 28.6	1-2 50.0	0-4 0.0	2-4 50.0	1-4 25.0	0-0 0.0
Eastern Ill.			4-14 28.6	1-2 50.0	0-4 0.0	2-4 50.0	1-4 25.0	0-0 0.0
Opponents			4-9 44.4	1-2 50.0	1-3 33.3	0-0 0.0	2-4 50.0	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
Eastern Ill.			0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
Opponents			0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	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
Eastern Ill.			Total 23:59	04:53	07:08	07:02	04:56	00:00
			Avg. 23:59	04:53	07:08	07:02	04:56	00:00
Opponents			Total 36:01	09:24	08:35	04:40	13:22	00:00
			Avg. 36:01	09:24	08:35	04:40	13:22	00:00