



# EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHER FOOTBALL

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## GAME 3



### COACHES:

**Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1995)**  
EIU Record..... 11-13 (3rd)  
OVC Record..... 5-6 (3rd)  
Career Record..... 62-40 (12th)  
vs. Northwestern ..... First meeting

**David Braun (Winona State, 2008)**  
Northwestern Record ..... 9-6 (2nd)  
Big Ten Record..... 5-4 (2nd)  
Overall Record ..... Same  
vs. Eastern Illinois ..... First Meeting

### SERIES

3rd meeting ... Northwestern leads 2-0  
**Last:** @NW 41, EIU 0 on Sept. 12, 2015

### RANKINGS

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

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## EIU Faces Second Big Ten Opponent Of 2024

Eastern Illinois at Northwestern

Martin Stadium (12,000) • Evanston, Ill.

September 14, 2024 • 6:30 pm • TV: Big Ten Network

### NOTES TO KNOW

• Eastern Illinois plays its second Big Ten opponent of the season on Saturday night when the Panthers travel to Northwestern. EIU improved to 1-1 on the season following a 27-20 win over Indiana State in the Panthers home opener on Saturday. The win came on the heels of a season opening loss at Illinois on Aug. 29. Northwestern also enters at 1-1 with NU's three opening games at home this year. The Wildcats beat Miami (Ohio) in the opener before a loss in overtime last Friday to Duke.

• Moses Alexander picked up a loose fumble and returned it 60 yards for a touchdown as part of Eastern Illinois home opening win over Indiana State. Alexander picked up the fumble forced by Nick Coates. The fumble return touchdown was part of Alexander's solid defensive day which included seven solo tackles. It was the ninth fumble return touchdown in program history covering 60 or more yards. The last time EIU had a fumble return for touchdown was Oct. 15, 2022 when Alexander Oyawale returned a fumble 19 yards for a score against Lindenwood.

• NiJhay Burt picked off two passes against Indiana State while recording another pass break-up leading EIU's defense in the home win. Burt finished with nine tackles (six solo) including one tackle for loss. Entering week three of the season Burt ranks second in the FCS in interceptions and 11th in the FCS in passes defended. Last season Burt had three interceptions total including a 67-yard interception return for touchdown against the Sycamores. The last EIU player with two interceptions in a game was Elijahwah Tolbert with two against Murray State on Sept. 24, 2022.

• Drew Schiller was named the Big South / OVC Football Freshman of the Week. Schiller was 2-of-3 on field goals and finished with nine points in the win over Indiana State. He knocked home his first collegiate field goal attempt with a 34-yard kick as time expired in the first half. Schiller added a 40-yard kick in the third quarter and was perfect (3-of-3) on extra points.

• Terrance Gipson opened his EIU career battling for the starting quarterback position in the spring of 2023. On Saturday against Indiana State he broke through for the Panthers at another position hauling in six passes for 100 yards as a wide receiver. Gipson also returned one kickoff for 14 yards. He is currently second on the EIU team in both receptions (six) and receiving yards (100).

• EIU is playing two FBS opponents in the same year for the 10th time in school history. This year does mark the first time that EIU has played two teams from a Power Four Conference in the same year with games at Big Ten foes Illinois and Northwestern. EIU does have two of its six all-time wins against FBS opponents in those years beating Northern Illinois in 1998 and San Diego State in 2013.

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

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Aug. 29	at Illinois	L 0-45
Sept. 7	INDIANA STATE	W 27-20
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		

### Northwestern (1-1, 0-0 Conf.)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Aug. 31	MIAMI (OHIO)	W 13-6
Sept. 6	DUKE	L 20-26 (ot)
Sept. 14	EASTERN ILLINOIS	6:30 pm
Sept. 21	• at Washington	6 pm
Oct. 5	• INDIANA	TBA
Oct. 11	• at Maryland	7 pm
Oct. 19	• WISCONSIN	TBA
Oct. 26	• at Iowa	2:30 pm
Nov. 2	• at Purdue	TBA
Nov. 16	• OHIO STATE	TBA
Nov. 23	• at Michigan	TBA
Nov. 30	• ILLINOIS	TBA
• Big Ten Conference Game All Times Central		

**STATS FCS MEDIA TOP 25**  
**(Week 2)**

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	South Dakota State (44)	1-1
2.	North Dakota State (6)	1-1
3.	Montana State (6)	3-0
4.	Idaho	1-1
5.	Villanova	2-0
6.	South Dakota	1-1
7.	Central Arkansas	1-1
8.	Montana	1-1
9.	Southern Illinois	1-1
10.	North Dakota	1-1
11.	Sacramento State	0-2
12.	Incarnate Word	1-1
13.	William & Mary	1-1
14.	Chattanooga	0-2
15.	UC Davis	1-1
16.	Tarleton State	2-1
17.	UAlbany	1-1
18.	Illinois State	1-1
19.	Lafayette	1-1
20.	Weber State	1-1
21.	Youngstown State	1-1
22.	Elon	1-1
23.	Mercer	2-0
24.	Nicholls	0-2
25.	Abilene Christian	1-1

RV - Eastern Illinois

**FCS COACHES TOP 25**  
**(Week 2)**

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

RV - Eastern Illinois

• 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 has been one of the best in the nation at protecting the quarterback early this season. The Panthers have allowed just one sack in each of the first two games and rank 11th in the nation in that category. EIU returned starters Drew Wilder, Sebastian Pares, Nic DiSanto and Jack Valente up front. The newcomer to the group has been junior college transfer Sandro Malicevic. Sixth year offensive lineman Elkhanaan Tanelus, redshirt freshman Pan Mihalopoulos and transfer Joseph Solomon have also seen time up front in the first two 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 then joined the exclusive group passing for 268 yards against Indiana State. Holley has 3,156 career passing yards at EIU and 7,298 yards for his collegiate career. The last player to join the 3,000 yard passing club at EIU 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.

• Running back MJ Flowers came up just shy of posting his fourth career 100-plus yard rushing game with 93 yards against Indiana State. In the opener at Illinois he became the 31st player in program history to crack the 1,000 yard mark for their Panther career. Last season Flowers was the runner-up for the Jerry Rice Award (Top FCS Freshman) posting a pair of 200-yard rushing games including 272 against McNeese.

• Nicholas Oliveira-Chace was active in the Indiana State backfield on Saturday night finishing with two sacks and five tackles. Last season Oliveira-Chace had 2.5 sacks and 35 tackles for the entire season. Entering week three of the season he ranks 14th in the FCS in sacks and is tied for first in the Big South / OVC. He is the Panthers leader in both tackles for loss (2.5) and sacks (2) this season to go with six total tackles.

• Elijahwah Tolbert continues to provide inspired play as the Buck Buchanan Award candidate ranks as the Panthers top tackler through two games. Tolbert had 12 tackles in the season opener at Illinois and followed that up with eight tackles and an interception against Indiana State. Tolbert currently leads the Big South / OVC in total tackles and ranks 25th in the FCS.

• Graduate student Cooper Willman has caught 39 passes in his five-year Eastern Illinois career with the 39th being one of his biggest as that grab ended in a 5-yard touchdown, the first of his career. Willman was a starter in all 11 games in 2022 and started the opener last season before an injury in the season opener. This season Willman has five receptions for 41 yards. He also serves as the Panthers punt returner earning second team All-OVC honors at that position in 2022.

• 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. Against Indiana State his streak extended to five games with a tackle for loss as he finished with three tackles and a half tackle for loss.

• Jacob Horvath had a solid day punting for the Panthers against Indiana State helping the Panthers flip the field on a couple occasions. Horvath averaged 47.2 yards per punt for the day with a career long punt of 76 yards. He pinned two of his five punts inside the 20-yard line. On the season the Australian punter is averaging 44.3 yards per punt which is 24th in the FCS and second in the Big South / OVC.

• Nick Coates has been a solid, reliable tackler for the Panthers defense over the last four years. A second team All-OVC selection at Nickel in 2022, Coates started nine games last season. On Saturday against Indiana State he forced the fumble in the second quarter that was scooped up and returned for a Panthers touchdown. It was the second forced fumble of Coates career. On the season he ranks fifth on the team with nine tackles.

• Last season EIU finished second in the nation in turnovers gained with 25 despite not forcing a turnover in the final regular season game at Robert Morris. EIU was unable to force a turnover in this year's opener at Illinois but finished with four in Saturday's win over Indiana State. That total jumped EIU up to 19th in the FCS in turnovers gained through two games. Last season EIU had three games with four or more turnovers gained including a season high six in the win over Indiana State.

• Linebackers Anthony Shockey and Elijahwah Tolbert were both tied for second in the nation in solo tackles after EIU's week one loss at Illinois with both players recording nine solo tackles. The pair was active again against Indiana State in week two each finishing with five solo tackles. Shockey and Tolbert both are tied for eighth in the nation in solo tackles with 14 solo tackles. Teammate Moses Alexander is just behind them in 17th nationally with 12 solo tackles this season.

• DeAirious Smith hauled in one pass for 47 yards against Indiana State before leaving the game. Last season Smith led the Panthers in yards per reception at 17.6 yards per catch which ranked 24th in the FCS. Through two games this season Smith is 48th in the FCS averaging 18.3 yards per catch (6 receptions / 110 yards).

• Joel Barrows and Jaron Hacha both picked up a half tackle for loss as part of an active defensive line for EIU that saw eight total players see time finishing with a collective 26 tackles and 3.5 tackles for loss.

## 2024 Big South-OVC Football Standings

Team	CONF	Pct	All	Pct
Southeast Missouri	1-0	.000	2-1	.667
Charleston Southern	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
Eastern Illinois	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
Gardner-Webb	0-0	.000	0-2	.000
Lindenwood	0-0	.000	0-2	.000
Tennessee State	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
Tennessee Tech	0-0	.000	0-2	.000
Western Illinois	0-0	.000	0-2	.000
UT Martin	0-1	.000	0-2	.000

## This Week In Big South-OVC Football

### Saturday - September 14

Western Illinois at Illinois State	12 pm
Charleston Southern at Richmond	1 pm
Gardner-Webb at Charlotte	5 pm
Lindenwood at Missouri State	6 pm
Tennessee State vs. Arkansas Pine Bluff	6 pm
North Alabama at UT Martin	6 pm
Eastern Illinois at Northwestern	6:30 pm

Idle - Southeast Missouri, Tennessee Tech

\* 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 - Elijah Tolbert (1st Team LB)
- 71 - Sebastian Pares (2nd Team OL)

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

• 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 13 straight games with five catches for 52 yards against Indiana State. His top effort last season was ten catches for 119 yards against UT Martin. Mirza has 69 career catches for 811 career receiving yards at EIU.

• 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 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 62-40 (11-13 at EIU, 3rd year) career record. Complete Coach Chris Wilkerson bio available on page 6 of EIU game notes...

**NORTHWESTERN HEAD COACH DAVID BRAUN**

David Braun enters his second season as the head coach at Northwestern and first season as the full-time head coach. He led the Wildcats to an 8-5 record last season serving as the interim head coach before being hired to the full-time position in November 2023. He was named the Big Ten Coach of the Year ending the team with a win in the Las Vegas Bowl over Utah. A former defensive coordinator for the North Dakota State FCS National Championship team, Braun holds a career record of 9-6. He is a graduate of Winona State where he broke into the college ranks as a graduate assistant coach for his alma mater.

**SCOUTING NORTHWESTERN**

Northwestern is off to a 1-1 start to the season following an overtime loss to Duke last Friday night. The Wildcats opened the season with a win over Miami (Ohio) with the first three games of the season all played at their temporary home Martin Stadium. Northwestern has scored all three touchdowns this season on the ground with running back Cam Porter scoring twice with 156 yards on the ground. Mike Wright has started the first two games passing for 336 yards but media reports indicate that Jack Lausch will get the start against EIU. Xander Mueller leads the Wildcats defense with 16 tackles. Mac Uihlein has two of the team's six sacks this season.

**THE SERIES**

Eastern Illinois and Northwestern meet for the third time in program history with the Wildcats winning both previous meetings. The last contest was in September 2015 with Northwestern shutting out EIU ending what had been a 139 consecutive game scoring streak by the Panthers. This will be EIU's second game this season against a Big Ten opponent having lost the season opener 45-0 at Illinois. EIU is 0-10 all-time against the Big Ten.

**LAST MEETINGS VS NORTHWESTERN**

Sept. 10, 2011 at Northwestern 42, EIU 21  
Sept. 12, 2015 at Northwestern 41, EIU 0

**PREVIOUS BIG TEN SCHOOL MEETINGS**

Sept. 2, 2006 at Illinois 42, EIU 17  
Sept. 8, 2007 at Purdue 52, EIU 6  
Sept. 5, 2008 at Illinois 47, EIU 21  
Oct. 10, 2009 at Penn State 52, EIU 3  
Sept. 4, 2010 at Iowa 37, EIU 7  
Aug. 28, 2014 at Minnesota 42, EIU 20  
Sept. 7, 2019 at Indiana 52, EIU 0  
Aug. 29, 2024 at Illinois 45, EIU 0

**SERIES DID YOU KNOW FACTS...**

1.) Eastern Illinois has 52 players on its roster from the State of Illinois. Of that total 38 of those players call the Chicagoland area home. EIU does not currently have a player from Evanston on its roster.

2.) When EIU faces Northwestern on Saturday night it will be the second different field the Panthers and Wildcats have played at with the two previous contests at Ryan Field. EIU has played at two other Chicago area venues in its history facing UIC twice at Solider Field and once at Hanson Park (now a CPL owned field).

• 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.....	13.5	16.5
Average Points Allowed.....	32.5	16.0
First Downs.....	25	39
Rushing Yards Per Game .....	67.5	139.5
Rushing Touchdowns.....	1	3
Passing Yards Per Game .....	207.5	168.0
Passing Touchdowns .....	1	0
Average Yards Per Game .....	275.0	307.5
Interceptions Thrown .....	3	1
Fumbles - Lost .....	2-2	3-3
Turnovers Gained.....	4	4
Punting Average .....	44.3	39.3
Field Goals (ATT/MADE) .....	2-of-3	4-of-6
3rd Down Conversions .....	8-of-26 (31%)	8-of-27 (30%)
4th Down Conversions.....	0-of-1 (0%)	0-of-1 (0%)
Sacks By (Yards).....	3 (19)	6 (30)
Penalties (Yards) .....	10 (80)	10 (85)
Time of Possession (Game) .....	26:20	22:10

**Statistical Leaders****RUSHING YARDS (Touchdowns)**

EASTERN ILLINOIS	NORTHWESTERN
MJ Flowers..... 121 (1)	Cam Porter ..... 156 (2)
Jay Pearson..... 20 (0)	Mike Wright..... 82 (1)

**PASSING YARDS (Touchdowns)**

EASTERN ILLINOIS	NORTHWESTERN
Pierce Holley..... 415 (1)	Mike Wright..... 336 (0)
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**RECEPTIONS (Yards)**

EASTERN ILLINOIS	NORTHWESTERN
Eli Mirza ..... 8 (90)	A.J. Henning ..... 13 (71)
DeAirious Smith ..... 6 (110)	Bryce Kirtz..... 8 (120)
Terrance Gipson ..... 6 (100)	Thomas Gordon..... 4 (52)

**TACKLES**

EASTERN ILLINOIS	NORTHWESTERN
Elijawah Tolbert..... 20	Xander Mueller ..... 16
Anthony Shockey..... 15	Devin Turner ..... 15
Moses Alexander..... 13	Theran Johnson ..... 11
NiJhay Burt..... 12	Braden Turner ..... 9
Nick Coates..... 9	Evan Smith..... 8

**TACKLES FOR LOSS / SACKS**

EASTERN ILLINOIS	NORTHWESTERN
Nicholas Oliveira-Chase..... 2.5	Mac Uihlein ..... 2
Elijawah Tolbert..... 2	Anto Saka ..... 1.5
Drake Van Hyfte ..... 1.5	Reginald Pearson ..... 1.5

### Eastern Illinois In The OVC/NCAA Stats

2024

#### TEAM

.....	NCAA	CONF
Rushing Offense .....	104th	7th
Passing Offense .....	41st	4th
Passing Efficiency .....	87th	7th
Total Offense .....	87th	6th
Scoring Offense .....	89th	6th
Rushing Defense .....	68th	5th
Pass Defense .....	76th	5th
Pass Efficiency Def. ....	93rd	6th
Total Defense .....	74th	6th
Scoring Defense .....	67th	4th
Net Punting .....	64th	4th
Punt Returns .....	81st	4th
Kickoff Returns .....	109th	8th
Turnover Margin .....	61st	4th
Turnovers Gained .....	19th	3rd
Sacks .....	48th	4th
Tackles For Loss .....	30th	3rd
Sacks Allowed .....	11th	1st
3rd Down Conversion .....	73rd	5th
4th Down Conversion .....	93rd	7th
3rd Down Defense .....	86th	5th
Red Zone Offense .....	69th	6th
Red Zone Defense .....	68th	5th
Time of Possession .....	99th	8th

#### INDIVIDUAL (Top 50)

.....	NCAA	CONF
Anthony Shockey (Solo Tackles).....	8th	1st
Elijawah Tolbert (Solo Tackles).....	8th	1st
Elijawah Tolbert (Total Tackles).....	25th	1st
Elijawah Tolbert (Interceptions) .....	13th	3rd
Nick Coates (Forced Fumbles) .....	15th	1st
Moses Alexander (Fumbles Recover).....	7th	1st
Moses Alexander (Solo Tackles).....	17th	4th
NiJhay Burt (Interceptions).....	2nd	1st
NiJhay Burt (Passes Defended) .....	11th	2nd
Nicholas Oliveira-Chace (Sacks).....	14th	1st
Pierce Holley (Completions).....	25th	3rd
Pierce Holley (Passing Yards).....	33rd	4th
Pierce Holley (Total Offense) .....	43rd	4th
Jacob Horvath (Punting) .....	24th	2nd
DeAirious Smith (Yards per Rec) .....	48th	3rd

### SHUT OUT STREAK ENDS

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

#### Longest EIU Streaks

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

### OVC SUCCESS

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

#### (FCS Playoff Appearances Since 1996)

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

\* indicates team no longer in the OVC

### 2024 WEEKLY AWARDS

Week 2 - Drew Schiller (Freshman)

\* Indicates National Player of the Week

### NCAA PLAYOFF APPEARANCES

#### School.....# Appearances (Last)

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

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

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

#### FCS Division I Playoffs

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

#### Division II Playoffs

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





## CHRIS WILKERSON

### Head Coach

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

**Eastern Illinois, 1995**

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#### Eastern Illinois

Year	Overall	Conf.	
2022	2-9	1-4 (OVC)	No. 24
2023	8-3	4-2 (OVC)	
2024	1-1	0-0 (OVC)	
EIU	11-13	5-6	

#### University of Chicago Record

2021	8-2	7-2 (MWC)	
2020	*Season cancelled COVID-19		
2019	6-3	6-1 (MWC)	
2018	7-3	7-1 (MWC)	
2017	6-4	6-2 (MWC)	
2016	4-6	4-4 (SAA)	
2015	6-4	5-3 (SAA)	
2014	8-1	3-0 (UAA)	UAA title
2013	6-4	1-2 (UAA)	
Totals	51-27	39-15	9 years
Career	62-40	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 - 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...

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...

DeAriious 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...

Cornelius 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 Bohanck, 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...

Dytarius 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

## 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
<b>MJ Flowers.....</b>	<b>272 vs. McNeese.....</b>	<b>2023</b>
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
<b>MJ Flowers.....</b>	<b>4 vs. Tennessee State ..</b>	<b>2023</b>
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:

<b>Pierce Holley....</b>	<b>20 vs. Illinois State ..</b>	<b>2023</b>
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
78 ... Joseph Solomon.....	6-5	295	Grad

### 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

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
1 ... Terrance Gipson.....	6-0	190	Sr

### RECEIVER

7 ... Eli Mirza .....	5-11	195	Sr
2 ... CJ Nelson.....	5-11	175	R-So

### RECEIVER

13 ... Cooper Willman.....	6-1	205	Grad
80 ... Quenton Rogers.....	6-2	190	R-Fr

## EIU COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach:** Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1994) - 3rd year  
**Career** 62-40 (10), **EIU Record** 11-13 (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),

Chris Gatton (QC - ST.),

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

## EIU DEFENSE

### DEFENSIVE END

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

### NOSE TACKLE

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

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

### 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

12 ... Akili Hubbard.....	6-2	195	R-Jr
22 ... Kaelin Drakeford.....	6-4	210	Grad

### FREE SAFETY

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

### CORNERBACK

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

## EIU SPECIALISTS

### KICKER

47 ... Drew Schiller.....	6-1	170	Fr
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### 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

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
1 ... Terrance Gipson.....	6-0	190	Sr
16 ... Zay Gentry.....	6-0	195	Sr



### GAME 1 - Aug. 29, 2024

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

Champaign, Ill.  
Memorial Stadium (43,849)

<b>Scoring</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Final</b>
Eastern Illinois.....	0.....	0.....	0.....	0.....	0
Illinois.....	14.....	17.....	7.....	7.....	45

#### FIRST QUARTER

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

#### SECOND QUARTER

UI - Olano 26 field goal - 10:10  
UI - Bryant 28 pass from Altmyer (Olano kick) - 4:13  
UI - Elzy 34 pass from Altmyer (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 STATS .....EIU ..... 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 - Altmyer (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 Illinois 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)

<b>Scoring</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Final</b>
Indiana State.....	0.....	13.....	0.....	7.....	20
Eastern Illinois.....	7.....	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 STATS .....EIU ..... 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.

**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

\* indicates Big South-OVC Football Association Game

**2023 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

  

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
Indiana State	Barrows	Price	T. Lewis	Oliveira-Chace	Tolbert	Shockey	Armstead	Burt	Hubbard	Aitken	Alexander





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Team Statistics

	EIU	OPP
<b>Scoring</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>65</b>
Points per game	13.5	32.5
Points Off Turnovers	7	30
<b>First Downs</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>47</b>
Rushing	4	15
Passing	19	28
Penalty	2	4
<b>Rushing Yardage</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>318</b>
Yards gained rushing	167	349
Yards lost rushing	32	31
Rushing attempts	52	74
Average per rush	2.6	4.3
Average per game	67.5	159.0
TDs Rushing	1	2
<b>Passing Yardage</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>502</b>
Comp-Att-Int	35-64-3	51-66-3
Average per pass	6.5	7.6
Average per catch	11.9	9.8
Average per game	207.5	251.0
TDs Passing	1	7
<b>Total offense</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>820</b>
Total plays	116	140
Average per play	4.7	5.9
Average per game	275.0	410.0
<b>Kick returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>5-44</b>	<b>4-73</b>
<b>Punt returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>6-77</b>
<b>Int returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>3-12</b>
<b>Kick return average</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>18.3</b>
<b>Punt return average</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>12.8</b>
<b>Int return average</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>4-1</b>
<b>Penalties-Yards</b>	<b>10-80</b>	<b>10-70</b>
Average per game	40.0	35.0
<b>Punts-Yards</b>	<b>12-532</b>	<b>8-316</b>
Average per punt	44.3	39.5
Net punt average	36.3	37.0
<b>Kickoffs-Yards</b>	<b>6-373</b>	<b>12-648</b>
Average per kick	62.2	54.0
Net kick average	41.7	39.1
<b>Time of possession / game</b>	<b>26:20</b>	<b>33:38</b>
<b>3rd-down conversion</b>	<b>8/26</b>	<b>11/23</b>
3rd-down pct	31%	48%
<b>4rd-down conversion</b>	<b>0/1</b>	<b>1/2</b>



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	EIU	OPP
4rd-down pct	0%	50%
<b>Sacks by-Yards</b>	<b>3-19</b>	<b>2-12</b>
<b>Misc Yards</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Touchdowns scored</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Field goals - attempts</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>1-1</b>
<b>On-Side kicks</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-1</b>
<b>Red-zone scores</b>	<b>(3-4) 75%</b>	<b>(8-9) 89%</b>
<b>Red-zone touchdowns</b>	<b>(2-4) 50%</b>	<b>(7-9) 78%</b>
<b>PAT-attempts</b>	<b>(3-3) 100%</b>	<b>(8-9) 89%</b>
<b>2-point conversion-attempts</b>	<b>(0-0) 0%</b>	<b>(0-0) 0%</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>7222</b>	<b>43849</b>
Games / Avg per game	1/7222	1/43849
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Eastern Ill.	7	10	10	0	0	27
Opponents	14	30	7	14	0	65



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### Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
MJ Flowers	2	33	137	16	121	3.7	1	19	60.5
Jay Pearson	2	6	20	0	20	3.3	0	5	10.0
Eli Mirza	2	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	1.5
Kendi Young	1	3	2	0	2	0.7	0	2	2.0
Pierce Holley	2	7	5	14	-9	-1.3	0	3	-4.5
Team	2	2	0	2	-2	-1.0	0	0	-1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>67.5</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>159.0</b>

### Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Pierce Holley	2	104.9	35-64-3	54.7	415	1	47	207.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>104.9</b>	<b>35-64-3</b>	<b>54.7</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>207.5</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>167.1</b>	<b>51-66-3</b>	<b>77.3</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>251.0</b>

### Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Eli Mirza	2	8	90	11.3	0	27	45.0
DeAirious Smith	2	6	110	18.3	0	47	55.0
Terrance Gipson	2	6	100	16.7	0	46	50.0
Cooper Willman	2	5	41	8.2	1	16	20.5
MJ Flowers	2	5	28	5.6	0	14	14.0
CJ Nelson	2	2	21	10.5	0	17	10.5
Jay Pearson	2	2	20	10.0	0	13	10.0
Kendi Young	1	1	5	5.0	0	5	5.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>207.5</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>251.0</b>

### Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>

### Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Nijhay Burt	2	0	0.0	0	0
Elijawah Tolbert	1	1	1.0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>

### Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Mark Aitken	2	15	7.5	0	10
Terrance Gipson	2	29	14.5	0	15
Eli Mirza	1	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>

### Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Moses Alexander	1	60	60.0	1	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



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### Scoring

Player			PAT							
	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts	
Drew Schiller	-	2-3	3-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Cooper Willman	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Moses Alexander	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
MJ Flowers	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>3-3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>8-9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>65</b>

### Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Pierce Holley	2	71	-9	415	406	203.0
MJ Flowers	2	33	121	0	121	60.5
Jay Pearson	2	6	20	0	20	10.0
Eli Mirza	2	1	3	0	3	1.5
Kendi Young	1	3	2	0	2	2.0
Team	2	0	-2	0	-2	-1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>275.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>410.0</b>

### Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Drew Schiller	2-3	66.7	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-1	0-0	40	0
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>

### Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Jacob Horvath	12	532	44.3	76	1	1	4	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### FG Sequence

Team Name	Eastern Ill.	Opponents
Indiana St.	(34),(40),33	
Illinois		(26)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

### Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydlk
Julian Patino	6	373	62.2	2	0			
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>62.2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>25</b>

### All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
MJ Flowers	2	121	28	0	0	0	149	74.5
Terrance Gipson	2	0	100	0	29	0	129	64.5
DeAirious Smith	2	0	110	0	0	0	110	55.0
Eli Mirza	2	3	90	0	0	0	93	46.5
Cooper Willman	2	0	41	0	0	0	41	20.5
Jay Pearson	2	20	20	0	0	0	40	20.0
CJ Nelson	2	0	21	0	0	0	21	10.5
Mark Aitken	2	0	0	0	15	0	15	7.5
Kendi Young	1	2	5	0	0	0	7	7.0
Elijawah Tolbert	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.5
Pierce Holley	2	-9	0	0	0	0	-9	-4.5
Team	2	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>297.5</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>491.0</b>





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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	2	14	6	20	2-2	0.5-1	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Anthony Shockey	2	14	1	15	1-4	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
4	Moses Alexander	2	12	1	13	.	.	.	1	1	1-60	.	.	.
3	Nijhay Burt	2	9	3	12	1-1	.	2-0	1	.	.	.	.	.
1	Nick Coates	2	8	1	9	1-2	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
22	Kaelin Drakeford	2	6	3	9	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
95	Drake Van Hyfte	2	3	5	8	1.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	Phoenix Porter	2	4	3	7	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Tre'Jon Lewis	2	2	5	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace	2	2	4	6	2.5-15	2-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Jerrad Price	2	.	5	5	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Akili Hubbard	2	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Jaron Hacha	2	1	3	4	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
66	Jack Valente	2	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Zay Gentry	1	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Joel Barrows	2	2	1	3	0.5-4	0.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	Ira Armstead III	2	2	1	3	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Malik Rainey	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Luke Wagner	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	Payton Orth	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Jamari Johnson	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
20	Kaleb Lyons	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Mark Aitken	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Akin Adigun	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Tienne Fridge	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Jacob Horvath	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Eli Mirza	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Trevon Piggee-Blake	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Collin Willard	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		2	96	52	148	12-33	3-19	3-1	6	1	1-60	1	0	0
Opponents		2	57	44	101	9-33	2-12	3-12	6	7	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
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
Eastern Ill.		52	135	1	19	35	415	1	47	35	64	3	415	1	47	5	44	0	15	0	0	0	0	550
Opponents		74	318	2	29	51	502	7	34	51	66	3	502	7	34	4	73	0	19	6	77	0	30	820

Eastern Ill. Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effc	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
2	2.6	11.9	104.9	8.8	0.0	297.5	275.0

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
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
Eastern Ill.		96	52	148	12.0-33	3-19	1	1-60	3-1	1	6	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	27
Opponents		57	44	101	9.0-33	2-12	2	2-0	3-12	7	6	0	8-9	0	0	0	30	65

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	
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	
Eastern Ill.		12	532	44.3	76	0	1	1	1	4	2-3	40	0	6	373	62.2	2	0	
Opponents		8	316	39.5	44	0	1	5	0	4	1-1	26	0	12	648	54.0	6	1	



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DateOpponent		Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot			
		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
Opponents		74	318	2	29	51	502	7	34	51-66-3				502	7	34	4	73	0	19	6	77	0	30	820
Eastern Ill.		52	135	1	19	35	415	1	47	35-64-3				415	1	47	5	44	0	15	0	0	0	0	550

Opponents Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effc	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
2	4.3	9.8	167.1	18.3	12.8	491.0	410.0

		Tackles				Sacks	Fumble	Pass Defense			blkd	PAT attempts			off			
Date	Opponent	ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/29/2024	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
Opponents		57	44	101	9.0-33	2-12	2	2-0	3-12	7	6	0	8-9	0	0	0	30	65
Eastern Ill.		96	52	148	12.0-33	3-19	1	1-60	3-1	1	6	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	27

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
08/29/2024	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	
Opponents		8	316	39.5	44	0	1	5	0	4	1-1	26	0	12	648	54.0	6	1	
Eastern Ill.		12	532	44.3	76	0	1	1	1	4	2-3	40	0	6	373	62.2	2	0	



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RUSHES	30	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	86	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
YARDS PER RUSH	2.9	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
TD RUSHES	1	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	32	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
	32	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	19	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
YARDS PASSING	268	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
YARDS PER PASS	8.4	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
TD PASSES	1	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
TOTAL PLAYS	62	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
TOTAL OFFENSE	354	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
YARDS PER PLAY	5.7	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
POINTS	27	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
SACKS BY	3	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
FIRST DOWNS	16	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PENALTIES	6	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PENALTY YARDS	50	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
TURNOVERS	4	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PUNTS	7	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PUNTING AVG	47.2	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
LONG PUNT	76	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
	2	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	0	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
	0	at Illinois (08/29/2024)





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RUSHES	42	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	244	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
YARDS PER RUSH	5.8	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
TD RUSHES	2	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	37	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	30	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
YARDS PASSING	260	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
YARDS PER PASS	8.3	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
TD PASSES	4	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
TOTAL PLAYS	71	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
TOTAL OFFENSE	486	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
YARDS PER PLAY	6.8	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
POINTS	45	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
SACKS BY	1 1	Indiana St. (09/07/2024) at Illinois (08/29/2024)
FIRST DOWNS	27	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PENALTIES	6	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PENALTY YARDS	45	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
TURNOVERS	4	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PUNTS	4 4	Indiana St. (09/07/2024) at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PUNTING AVG	40.0	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
LONG PUNT	44	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	30	at Illinois (08/29/2024)



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RUSHES	32	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	74	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
YARDS PER RUSH	2.3	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
TD RUSHES	0	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	29	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	21	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
YARDS PASSING	242	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
YARDS PER PASS	7.0	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
TD PASSES	3	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
TOTAL PLAYS	69	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
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 1	Indiana St. (09/07/2024) at Illinois (08/29/2024)
FIRST DOWNS	20	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PENALTIES	4	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PENALTY YARDS	25	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
INTERCEPTIONS BY	1	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PUNTS	4 4	Indiana St. (09/07/2024) at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PUNTING AVG	39.0	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
LONG PUNT	43	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	1	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	29	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)



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RUSHES	22	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	49	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
YARDS PER RUSH	2.2	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
TD RUSHES	0	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	32	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
	32	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	16	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
YARDS PASSING	147	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
YARDS PER PASS	4.6	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
TD PASSES	0	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
TOTAL PLAYS	54	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
TOTAL OFFENSE	196	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
YARDS PER PLAY	3.6	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
POINTS	0	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
SACKS BY	0	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
FIRST DOWNS	9	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PENALTIES	4	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PENALTY YARDS	30	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
INTERCEPTIONS BY	0	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PUNTS	5	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PUNTING AVG	42.3	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
LONG PUNT	49	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
	2	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	0	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
	0	at Illinois (08/29/2024)



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<b>RUSHES</b>	24	MJ Flowers vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>YARDS RUSHING</b>	93	MJ Flowers vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>TD RUSHES</b>	1	MJ Flowers vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>LONG RUSH</b>	19	MJ Flowers vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS</b>	32	Pierce Holley vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
	32	Pierce Holley at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	19	Pierce Holley vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>YARDS PASSING</b>	268	Pierce Holley vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>TD PASSES</b>	1	Pierce Holley vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>LONG PASS</b>	47	Pierce Holley vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>RECEPTIONS</b>	6	Terrance Gipson vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>YARDS RECEIVING</b>	100	Terrance Gipson vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>TD RECEPTIONS</b>	1	Cooper Willman vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>LONG RECEPTION</b>	47	DeAirious Smith vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>PUNTS</b>	7	Jacob Horvath at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	47.2	Jacob Horvath vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>LONG PUNT</b>	76	Jacob Horvath vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>PUNTS INSIDE 20</b>	2	Jacob Horvath vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
	2	Jacob Horvath at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>LONG PUNT RETURN</b>	none	
<b>LONG KICKOFF RETURN</b>	15	Terrance Gipson at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>TACKLES</b>	12	Elijahwah Tolbert at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>SACKS</b>	2	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>TACKLES FOR LOSS</b>	2	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)



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<b>RUSHES</b>	16	Kaden Feagin at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>YARDS RUSHING</b>	108	Kaden Feagin at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>TD RUSHES</b>	1 1	Josh McCray at Illinois (08/29/2024) Kaden Feagin at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>LONG RUSH</b>	29 29	Aidan Laughery at Illinois (08/29/2024) Kaden Feagin at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS</b>	37	Elijah Owens vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	30	Elijah Owens vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>YARDS PASSING</b>	260	Elijah Owens vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>TD PASSES</b>	4	Luke Altmyer at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>LONG PASS</b>	34	Luke Altmyer at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>RECEPTIONS</b>	7	Plez Lawrence vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>YARDS RECEIVING</b>	63	Pat Bryant at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>TD RECEPTIONS</b>	2	Pat Bryant at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>LONG RECEPTION</b>	34	Malik Elzy at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>FIELD GOALS</b>	1	David Olano at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>LONG FIELD GOALS</b>	26	David Olano at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>PUNTS</b>	4 4	Harry Traum vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024) Hugh Robertson at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	40.0	Harry Traum vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>LONG PUNT</b>	44	Hugh Robertson at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>PUNTS INSIDE 20</b>	3	Hugh Robertson at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>LONG PUNT RETURN</b>	30	Mac Resetich at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>LONG KICKOFF RETURN</b>	19	Rashad Rochelle vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>TACKLES</b>	9	Geoffrey Brown vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>SACKS</b>	1 1	Kendrick Milford vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024) Joe Barna at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>TACKLES FOR LOSS</b>	2	Kendrick Milford vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>INTERCEPTIONS</b>	1 1 1	Maddix Blackwell vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024) Miles Scott at Illinois (08/29/2024) 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
Eastern Ill.				8-26	30.8	3-6	50.0	0-6	0.0	4-8	50.0	1-6	16.7	0-0	0.0
Opponents				11-23	47.8	1-4	25.0	4-7	57.1	0-2	0.0	6-10	60.0	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
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
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				1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	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
Eastern Ill.			Total	52:40	12:18	12:34	17:12	10:36	00:00
			Avg.	26:20	06:09	06:17	08:36	05:18	00:00
Opponents			Total	67:16	14:37	20:31	09:23	22:45	00:00
			Avg.	33:38	07:19	10:15	04:42	11:23	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
Totals 3 of 4 (75.0%)			4	3	17	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0

Opponents Inside Eastern Ill. Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total			Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	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
Totals 8 of 9 (88.9%)			9	8	51	7	2	5	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0