



# EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHER FOOTBALL

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## GAME 4



### COACHES:

**Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1995)**  
 EIU Record..... 11-14 (3rd)  
 OVC Record..... 5-6 (3rd)  
 Career Record..... 62-41 (12th)  
 vs. Illinois State..... 1-1

**Brock Spack (Purdue, 1983)**

ILST Record..... 103-69 (16th)  
 MVFC Record..... 64-52 (16th)  
 Overall Record..... Same  
 vs. Eastern Illinois..... 9-5

### SERIES

112th meeting, ILST leads 59-43-9

Last: @EIU 14, ILST 13 on Sept. 16, 2023

### RANKINGS

Eastern Illinois ..... RV / RV  
 Illinois State ..... 17 / 15  
 ..... STATS Media/AFCAs Coaches

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## Rivalry Week: EIU Visits ISU For 112th Mid-America Classic

Eastern Illinois at No. 17/15 Illinois State

Hancock Stadium (13,391) • Normal, Ill.

September 21, 2024 • 6 pm • TV: ESPN+ & Marquee

### NOTES TO KNOW

• Eastern Illinois and Illinois State will meet for the 112th time in the Mid-America Classic on Saturday afternoon. The rivalry is the eighth longest played non-Ivy League FCS series between schools (14th overall among FCS schools counting Ivy League). The schools first met in 1901 with EIU winning 28-0. The schools began playing for a traveling trophy in the rivalry with the 100th meeting of the series on Sept. 1, 2011 (a 33-26 EIU win). The two schools have missed playing just three times since World War II - in 1996 due to conference realignment, in 2001 due to 9/11 and in 2020 due to COVID. EIU enters at 1-2 on the year while Illinois State is 2-1 and nationally ranked.

• Tre'jon Lewis came through the middle in the second quarter at Northwestern on Saturday night and blocked a Wildcats 41-yard field goal attempt. It was the second straight year that Lewis has picked up a blocked field goal after blocking one last year in the home win over Bryant. It marked the sixth straight season EIU has blocked at least one kick during the year. Lewis finished the game at Northwestern with two tackles and a quarterback hurry. He has nine tackles this season.

• Eli Mirza extended his streak of consecutive games with multiple catches as the senior All-Conference wide receiver hauled in two passes for 17 yards including a 13-yard touchdown reception which tied the game with Northwestern at 7-7 in the second quarter. Mirza has caught multiple passes in 14 straight games giving him 71 catches for 828 yards during his EIU career. Last season he ranked 22nd in the FCS in receptions and had a top game of ten catches for 119 yards against UT Martin.

• Nicholas Oliveira-Chace added to his team leading sack total on Saturday at Northwestern finishing with four total tackles including one sack and an additional tackle for loss. In the previous week's home win over Indiana State Oliveira-Chace had two sacks and 2.5 tackles for loss. On the season he ranks 16th in the FCS in sacks (3) and 15th in tackles for loss (4.5). Both of those are rank him in the top two in the Big South - OVC for those categories ranking second in sacks and first in tackles for loss.

• Elijahah Tolbert continues to rack up tackles during his senior season as he finished tied for the team lead with eight tackles in Saturday's game at Northwestern. The two-time first team All-Conference linebacker and Buck Buchanan Award candidate had four solo tackles and four assisted tackles against the Wildcats. On the season Tolbert leads the Panthers with 28 tackles which ranks 27th in the FCS and third in the Big South - OVC. His 18 solo tackles are tied for the team lead with Anthony Shockey and rank tied for ninth in the FCS.

### Eastern Illinois (1-2, 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	L 7-31
Sept. 21	at Illinois State	6 pm
Sept. 28	• LINDENWOOD	2 pm
Oct. 5	• SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (HC)	2 pm
Oct. 12	• at Tennessee State	5 pm
Oct. 26	• at UT Martin	2 pm
Nov. 2	• WESTERN ILLINOIS	2 pm
Nov. 9	• at Gardner-Webb	12:30 pm
Nov. 16	• CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	12 pm
Nov. 23	• at Tennessee Tech	12 pm
• Big South-OVC Game All Times Central		

### Illinois State (2-1, 0-0 Conf.)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Aug. 31	at Iowa	L 0-40
Sept. 7	at North Alabama	W 24-17
Sept. 14	WESTERN ILLINOIS	W 51-34
Sept. 21	EASTERN ILLINOIS	6 pm
Sept. 28	• NORTH DAKOTA STATE	2 pm
Oct. 5	• at Southern Illinois	6 pm
Oct. 12	• MISSOURI STATE	12 pm
Oct. 19	• at Murray State	2 pm
Nov. 2	• YOUNGSTOWN STATE	2 pm
Nov. 9	• at Northern Iowa	1 pm
Nov. 16	• at Indiana State	12 pm
Nov. 23	• NORTH DAKOTA	12 pm
• MVFC Game All Times Central		

### STATS FCS MEDIA TOP 25 (Week 3)

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	South Dakota State (41)	2-1
2.	North Dakota State (5)	2-1
3.	Montana State (7)	3-0
4.	Idaho (3)	2-1
5.	Villanova	3-0
6.	South Dakota	1-1
7.	Southern Illinois	2-1
8.	Central Arkansas	2-1
9.	Montana	2-1
10.	North Dakota	2-1
11.	Sacramento State	1-2
12.	William & Mary	2-1
13.	UC Davis	2-1
14.	Mercer	3-0
15.	Incarnate Word	1-2
16.	Tarleton State	2-1
17.	Illinois State	2-1
18.	Lafayette	2-1
19.	Abilene Christian	2-1
20.	UAlbany	1-2
21.	Southeast Missouri	2-1
22.	Lamar	1-2
23.	Chattanooga	0-3
24.	Western Carolina	1-2
25.	Northern Iowa	2-1

RV - Eastern Illinois

### FCS COACHES TOP 25 (Week 3)

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

RV - Eastern Illinois

• Two weeks ago against Indiana State, Terrance Gipson came off the bench and hauled in six passes for 100 yards as a reserve wide receiver. This past week at Northwestern he stepped into as a starter for the injured DeAirious Smith finishing with three catches for 26 yards. Gipson also slid over and filled in as a primary kick returner for the injured Mark Aitken. Gipson responded with two returns for 60 yards. Including two kick returns earlier this season Gipson is averaging 22.3 yards per return which ranks the former quarterback 32nd in the FCS in kickoff returns and first in the Big South - OVC.

• Quarterback Pierce Holley became the 16th player to join the EIU 3,000 yard passing club against Indiana State as the preseason Big South - OVC Offensive Player of the Year has passed for 582 yards and two touchdowns this season. He currently has 3,322 career passing yards at EIU and needs 34 yards to pass Pete Mauch for 15th on the EIU career list. Holley who is listed on the Walter Payton Award Watch List began his collegiate career at Georgetown and has now passed for 7,465 yards in his collegiate career.

• Eastern Illinois had to replace its two starting corners from last season; one of which, Russell Dandy, led the FCS in passes defended earning Walter Camp All-America honors. Stepping into those shoes this season have been NiJhay Burt and Moses Alexander. Burt slid over from safety and last week against Indiana State had two interceptions and nine tackles. He currently ranks 30th in the FCS in passes defended. Against Northwestern he had six tackles with a forced fumble. Alexander is a transfer from Houston that tied for the team lead with eight tackles at Northwestern. Last week against Indiana State he scooped up a fumble and returned it 60 yards for a touchdown. Alexander (21) and Burt (18) rank third and fourth on the team in tackles this season.

• 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 allowed just one sack in each of the first two games before allowing three against Northwestern. The unit currently ranks 35th in the FCS in sacks allowed per game which is second in the Big South - OVC. 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 three games.

• Running back MJ Flowers became the 31st player in school history to crack the 1,000 yard mark for their Panther career in the season opener at Illinois. He came up just shy of posting his fourth career 100-plus yard rushing game with 93 yards against Indiana State. 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. Flowers has 1,110 career rushing yards and is currently 29th on the EIU's career list.

• Eastern Illinois was called for just two penalties for 15 yards on Saturday at Northwestern as the Panthers are among the nation's leaders in fewest penalty yards per game. On the season EIU ranks 8th in the FCS averaging just 31.7 penalty yards per game. The national leader is Monmouth at 21.7 penalty yards per game. A total of 14 FCS schools average under 40 penalty yards per game. Last season EIU averaged 51.3 penalty yards per game which ranked 47th in the FCS for the season.

• Linebacker Anthony Shockey finished with seven tackles at Northwestern ranking third for the Panthers in tackles for the game. Shockey made four solo tackles as he remains tied with teammate Elijahwah Tolbert for the team lead with 18 solo tackles, a total that ranks tied for ninth in the FCS. Shockey is currently second on the team in total tackles with two tackles for loss. He ranks seventh in the Big South - OVC in tackles.

• As a defensive unit Eastern Illinois ranks 45th in the FCS in team tackles for loss averaging 5.7 per game with two of the Panthers three contests to date against Big Ten opponents. Nicholas Oliveira-Chace leads the unit with 4.5 tackles for loss with Elijahwah Tolbert, Anthony Shockey and Nick Coates all registering two tackles for loss this season. Drake Van Hyfte, EIU's leader in tackles for loss last season, ranks fifth on the team with 1.5 this season.

• Cooper Willman was the Panthers top receiving target on Saturday as the senior pulled down six passes for 66 yards. Willman enters week four of the season as the team leader in receptions with 11 which ranks tenth in the Big South - OVC. It was the second best receiving day for Willman in his EIU career with his previous best of seven catches for 82 yards coming in 2022 at McNeese. Last week against Indiana State he caught his first career EIU touchdown pass and now has 45 career receptions for 487 yards.

• Jay Pearson came on late in the game at Northwestern and finished the game as the Panthers leading rusher finishing with 29 yards on eight carries. Pearson caught one pass last week against Indiana State and had 20 yards on six carries in the opener against Illinois. Last season Pearson saw time in five games on special teams finishing the season with two tackles.

• Eastern Illinois forced one fumble in the first half against Northwestern but could not recover as the Panthers were unable to come up with a turnover gained in the contest. It marked the second time this season EIU had not forced a turnover after coming up with none in the opener against Illinois. Last season EIU ranked second in the FCS in turnovers gained with 25 despite having none in their final regular season game at Robert Morris. In the week two win over Indiana State the Panthers came up with four turnovers including a forced fumble returned for a touchdown.

## 2024 Big South-OVC Football Standings

Team	CONF	Pct	All	Pct
Southeast Missouri	1-0	.000	2-1	.667
Charleston Southern	0-0	.000	1-2	.333
Eastern Illinois	0-0	.000	1-2	.333
Gardner-Webb	0-0	.000	0-3	.000
Lindenwood	0-0	.000	0-3	.000
Tennessee State	0-0	.000	2-1	.667
Tennessee Tech	0-0	.000	0-2	.000
Western Illinois	0-0	.000	0-3	.000
UT Martin	0-1	.000	1-2	.333

## This Week In Big South-OVC Football

### Saturday - September 21

St. Thomas at Lindenwood	1 pm
* Tennessee State at Tennessee Tech	1:30 pm
Missouri State at UT Martin	6 pm
Southeast Missouri at Southern Illinois	6 pm
Eastern Illinois at Illinois State	6 pm
Gardner-Webb at Presbyterian	6 pm

Idle - Charleston Southern, Western Illinois

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

• Jacob Horvath had another exceptional night punting for the Panthers at Northwestern averaging 45.5 yards per punt on four attempts. He had a long punt of 51 yards and pinned one punt inside the 20-yard line. On the season Horvath ranks 17th in the FCS averaging 44.6 yards per punt. He has a long punt this season of 76 yards with five total punts inside the 20-yard line. Prior to Horvath's 76-yard punt against Indiana State, the last punter with a 70-yard punt was Logen Neidhardt with a 72-yard effort at Dayton in 2021. EIU's school record for longest punt is 86 yards by Kevin Cook in 2010 against Southeast Missouri. EIU has had ten punts cover 70 or more yards in school history.

• 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 a 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 62-41 (11-14 at EIU, 3rd year) career record. Complete Coach Chris Wilkerson bio available on page 6 of EIU game notes...

## ILLINOIS STATE HEAD COACH BROCK SPACK

Brock Spack is in his 16th year as head coach at Illinois State coaching the Redbirds. Spack is a former assistant coach at Eastern Illinois where he worked under former head coach Bob Spoo. Spack is 9-5 in previous meetings against EIU and has a 103-69 overall record, the most wins in ISU history. He was an All-Big Ten linebacker for the Boilermakers in the early 1980's before embarking on a coaching career that has included stops at Eastern Illinois, Wyoming and Purdue. Spack has led ISU to five FCS playoff appearances including the 2014 FCS National Championship Game.

## SCOUTING ILLINOIS STATE

Illinois State is off to a 2-1 start to the season and ranked in both FCS polls (15th / 17th) entering the rivalry game. The Redbirds have scored 75 points over their last two games after being shutout in the season opener at Iowa. Quarterback Tommy Rittenhouse has been a dual threat passing for 462 yards and three scores while rushing for 116 yards and another three touchdowns. Keondre Jackson leads the ISU defense with 30 tackles with Janan Gaines a forced up front with 3.5 tackles for loss.

## THE SERIES

Eastern Illinois and Illinois State will be meeting for the 112th time in the Mid-America Classic. Illinois State leads the all-time series 59-43-9 with EIU snapping a five game win streak in the series by Illinois State with last year's 14-13 win at O'Brien Field. The two schools first met in 1901 with a 28-0 EIU victory and have met one time in the FCS playoffs with Illinois State winning that 2006 match-up 24-13. EIU and ISU did not meet in 2020 as both schools elected to only play conference games, it was the first time since 2001 that the two schools did not meet on the gridiron and only the third time since World War II (did not meet in 1996).

## LAST TEN MEETINGS

<i>Sept. 16, 2023</i>	<i>EIU 14, Illinois State 13 at EIU</i>
<i>Sept. 17, 2022</i>	<i>Illinois State 35, EIU 7 at ISU</i>
<i>Sept. 18, 2021</i>	<i>Illinois State 31, EIU 24 at EIU</i>
<i>Sept. 14, 2019</i>	<i>Illinois State 21, EIU 3 at EIU</i>
<i>Sept. 8, 2018</i>	<i>Illinois State 48, EIU 10 at ISU</i>
<i>Sept. 16, 2017</i>	<i>Illinois State 44, EIU 13 at EIU</i>
<i>Sept. 17, 2016</i>	<i>EIU 24, Illinois State 21 at ISU</i>
<i>Sept. 19, 2015</i>	<i>Illinois State 36, EIU 33 (ot) at EIU</i>
<i>Sept. 13, 2014</i>	<i>Illinois State 34, EIU 15 at ISU</i>
<i>Sept. 14, 2013</i>	<i>EIU 57, Illinois State 24 at EIU</i>

## SERIES DID YOU KNOW FACTS...

1.) Illinois State head coach Brock Spack was an assistant coach at Eastern Illinois under legendary head coach Bob Spoo from 1987-1990. While on the staff Spack helped recruit current EIU head coach Chris Wilkerson to play at EIU and served as his position group coach during Wilkerson's first year on the team. This will be the third meeting between the two head-to-head as head coaches.

2.) Eastern Illinois and Illinois State began playing for the Mid-America Classic Traveling Trophy in 2011 to commemorate the 100th playing of the annual series. It is the most played game between current non-conference members in the FCS and the 8th most played by non-Ivy League schools (14th overall among FCS).

• 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.....	11.3	25.0
Average Points Allowed.....	32.0	30.3
First Downs.....	38	53
Rushing Yards Per Game .....	58.3	190.0
Rushing Touchdowns.....	1	6
Passing Yards Per Game .....	194.0	162.3
Passing Touchdowns .....	2	3
Average Yards Per Game .....	252.3	352.3
Interceptions Thrown .....	4	2
Fumbles - Lost .....	2-2	5-3
Turnovers Gained.....	4	4
Punting Average .....	44.9	44.5
Field Goals (ATT/MADE) .....	2-of-4	2-of-3
3rd Down Conversions .....	11-of-37 (30%)	14-of-40 (35%)
4th Down Conversions.....	1-of-3 (33%)	1-of-4 (25%)
Sacks By (Yards).....	4 (24)	5 (34)
Penalties (Yards) .....	12 (95)	18 (155)
Time of Possession (Game) .....	25:43	25:43

## Statistical Leaders

### RUSHING YARDS (Touchdowns)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS STATE
MJ Flowers..... 138 (1)	Wenkers Wright..... 295 (1)
Jay Pearson..... 49 (0)	Tommy Rittenhouse .... 116 (3)

### PASSING YARDS (Touchdowns)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS STATE
Pierce Holley..... 582 (2)	Tommy Rittenhouse .... 462 (3)
.....	Jake Rubley ..... 18 (0)

### RECEPTIONS (Yards)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS STATE
Cooper Willman ..... 11 (107)	Xavier Loyd ..... 11 (161)
Eli Mirza ..... 10 (107)	Dylan Lord ..... 10 (86)
Terrance Gipson ..... 9 (126)	Daniel Sobkowiec ..... 9 (113)

### TACKLES

EASTERN ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS STATE
Elijawah Tolbert..... 28	Keondre Jackson ..... 30
Anthony Shockey..... 22	Lavoise-Deontae McCoy ..... 26
Moses Alexander..... 21	Mark Cannon ..... 26
NiJhay Burt..... 18	Tye Niekamp..... 23
Kaelin Drakeford ..... 14	Darius Walker..... 15

### TACKLES FOR LOSS / SACKS

EASTERN ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS STATE
Nicholas Oliveira-Chase..... 4.5	Jalen Gaines ..... 3.5
Elijawah Tolbert..... 2	Tye Niekamp..... 2.5
Anthony Shockey..... 2	Steven Curtis..... 2

# Eastern Illinois In The OVC/NCAA Stats

2024

## TEAM

.....	NCAA	CONF
Rushing Offense .....	111th	9th
Passing Offense .....	57th	6th
Passing Efficiency .....	95th	8th
Total Offense .....	104th	8th
Scoring Offense .....	112th	8th
Rushing Defense .....	73rd	6th
Pass Defense .....	86th	5th
Pass Efficiency Def. ....	100th	6th
Total Defense .....	87th	7th
Scoring Defense .....	74th	4th
Net Punting .....	60th	4th
Punt Returns .....	99th	4th
Kickoff Returns .....	100th	6th
Turnover Margin .....	82nd	6th
Turnovers Gained .....	39th	4th
Sacks .....	67th	5th
Tackles For Loss .....	45th	3rd
Sacks Allowed .....	35th	2nd
3rd Down Conversion .....	85th	6th
4th Down Conversion .....	81st	8th
3rd Down Defense .....	79th	5th
Red Zone Offense .....	107th	7th
Red Zone Defense .....	73rd	6th
Time of Possession .....	106th	8th

## INDIVIDUAL (Top 50)

.....	NCAA	CONF
Anthony Shockey (Solo Tackles).....	9th	1st
Elijahwah Tolbert (Solo Tackles).....	9th	1st
Elijahwah Tolbert (Total Tackles).....	27th	3rd
Elijahwah Tolbert (Interceptions) .....	35th	5th
Nick Coates (Forced Fumbles) .....	27th	2nd
Moses Alexander (Fumbles Recover).....	10th	1st
NiJhay Burt (Interceptions).....	2nd	1st
NiJhay Burt (Passes Defended) .....	30th	3rd
NiJhay Burt (Forced Fumbles).....	27th	2nd
Nicholas Oliveira-Chace (Sacks).....	16th	2nd
Pierce Holley (Completions).....	29th	5th
Pierce Holley (Passing Yards).....	32nd	4th
Pierce Holley (Total Offense) .....	50th	5th
Jacob Horvath (Punting) .....	17th	2nd
Terrance Gipson (Kickoff Return) .....	32nd	1st

# 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.	No. 24
2022	2-9	1-4 (OVC)	
2023	8-3	4-2 (OVC)	
2024	1-2	0-0 (OVC)	
<b>EIU</b>	<b>11-14</b>	<b>5-6</b>	

### University of Chicago Record

2021	8-2	7-2 (MWC)	UAA title
2020	*Season cancelled COVID-19		
2019	6-3	6-1 (MWC)	
2018	7-3	7-1 (MWC)	
2017	6-4	6-2 (MWC)	9 years
2016	4-6	4-4 (SAA)	
2015	6-4	5-3 (SAA)	
2014	8-1	3-0 (UAA)	
2013	6-4	1-2 (UAA)	
Totals	51-27	39-15	
Career	62-41	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...**

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

**Blocked a field goal...**

Tre'jon Lewis, 1 at Northwestern (Sept. 14, 2024)

**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...**

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

**Had 2 or more interceptions**

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

**Recovered an onside kick...**

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

**Offensive Lineman Scored a Touchdown**

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

## 2024 EASTERN ILLINOIS TOUCHDOWNS

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

- 1.....MJ Flowers 1 run ..... Indiana State
- 2.....Moses Alexander 60 fumble return..... Indiana State
- 3.....Cooper Willman 5 pass from Pierce Holley ..... Indiana State
- 2.....Eli Mirza 13 pass from Pierce Holley..... Northwestern

### 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 &amp; 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.....Mililikin.....	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

1 ... Terrance Gipson.....	6-0	190	Sr
9 ... Aaron Rice.....	6-5	200	R-So

### 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** 62-41 (10), **EIU Record** 11-14 (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 (4th year)

**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

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

### CORNERBACK

3 ... Nilhay Burt.....	5-11	185	Jr
30 ... Kiwaun Davis.....	6-3	175	R-Fr

### STRONG SAFETY

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

### FREE SAFETY

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

### CORNERBACK

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

## EIU SPECIALISTS

### KICKER

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

1 ... Terrance Gipson.....	6-0	190	Sr
16 ... Zay Gentry.....	6-0	195	Sr
2 ... Mark Aitken.....	5-9	180	R-Sr



# GAME 1 - Aug. 29, 2024

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

Champaign, Ill.  
 Memorial Stadium (43,849)

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

## FIRST QUARTER

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

## SECOND QUARTER

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

## THIRD QUARTER

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

## FOURTH QUARTER

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

## TEAM 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 - Altmeyer (24-19-0-213-4), Leary (5-2-0-29-0)

### RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

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

### DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

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

## RECAP

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



# GAME 2 - Sept. 7, 2024

Indiana State ..... 20  
 Eastern Illinois ..... 27

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

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Indiana 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.



# GAME 3 - Sept. 14, 2024

Eastern Illinois ..... 7  
 Northwestern ..... 31

Evanston, Ill.  
 Martin Stadium (10,631)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	0	7	0	0	7
Northwestern	7	7	10	7	31

## FIRST QUARTER

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

## SECOND QUARTER

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

## THIRD QUARTER

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

## FOURTH QUARTER

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

## TEAM STATS .....EIU ..... NW

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

## LEADERS

### RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

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

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

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

### RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

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

### DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

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

## RECAP

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

**2024 EIU PANTHERS FOOTBALL**  
**EASTERN ILLINOIS Game Results**

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	Conf Record	Time	Attend
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Aug 29, 2024	at Illinois	0-45 L	0-1	0-0	3:08	43,849
Sep 7, 2024	INDIANA STATE	W 27-20	1-1	0-0	3:17	7,222
Sep 14, 2024	at Northwestern	7-31 L	1-2	0-0	3:07	10,631

\* 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
Northwestern	Mirza	Gipson	Malicevic	Pares	Wilder	Solomon	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
Northwestern	Barrows	Price	T. Lewis	Oliveira-Chace	Tolbert	Shockey	Coates	Burt	Drakeford	Gentry	Alexander





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	EIU	OPP
<b>Scoring</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>96</b>
Points per game	11.3	32.0
Points Off Turnovers	7	37
<b>First Downs</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>69</b>
Rushing	9	28
Passing	26	36
Penalty	3	5
<b>Rushing Yardage</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>521</b>
Yards gained rushing	225	560
Yards lost rushing	50	39
Rushing attempts	72	109
Average per rush	2.4	4.8
Average per game	58.3	173.7
TDs Rushing	1	4
<b>Passing Yardage</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>749</b>
Comp-Att-Int	52-95-4	72-98-3
Average per pass	6.1	7.6
Average per catch	11.2	10.4
Average per game	194.0	249.7
TDs Passing	2	9
<b>Total offense</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>1270</b>
Total plays	167	207
Average per play	4.5	6.1
Average per game	252.3	423.3
<b>Kick returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>7-104</b>	<b>6-131</b>
<b>Punt returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>8-93</b>
<b>Int returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>4-12</b>
<b>Kick return average</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>21.8</b>
<b>Punt return average</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>11.6</b>
<b>Int return average</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>5-1</b>
<b>Penalties-Yards</b>	<b>12-95</b>	<b>16-109</b>
Average per game	31.7	36.3
<b>Punts-Yards</b>	<b>17-763</b>	<b>11-434</b>
Average per punt	44.9	39.5
Net punt average	37.1	37.6
<b>Kickoffs-Yards</b>	<b>8-501</b>	<b>18-1038</b>
Average per kick	62.6	57.7
Net kick average	40.0	38.8
<b>Time of possession / game</b>	<b>25:43</b>	<b>34:16</b>
<b>3rd-down conversion</b>	<b>11/37</b>	<b>15/34</b>
3rd-down pct	30%	44%
<b>4rd-down conversion</b>	<b>1/3</b>	<b>2/4</b>



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	EIU	OPP
4rd-down pct	33%	50%
<b>Sacks by-Yards</b>	<b>4-24</b>	<b>5-30</b>
<b>Misc Yards</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Touchdowns scored</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Field goals - attempts</b>	<b>2-4</b>	<b>2-3</b>
<b>On-Side kicks</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-1</b>
<b>Red-zone scores</b>	<b>(4-7) 57%</b>	<b>(11-12) 92%</b>
<b>Red-zone touchdowns</b>	<b>(3-7) 43%</b>	<b>(10-12) 83%</b>
<b>PAT-attempts</b>	<b>(4-4) 100%</b>	<b>(12-13) 92%</b>
<b>2-point conversion-attempts</b>	<b>(0-0) 0%</b>	<b>(0-0) 0%</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>7222</b>	<b>54480</b>
Games / Avg per game	1/7222	2/27240
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Eastern Ill.	7	17	10	0	0	34
Opponents	21	37	17	21	0	96



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### Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
MJ Flowers	3	40	154	16	138	3.5	1	19	46.0
Jay Pearson	3	14	49	0	49	3.5	0	10	16.3
Eli Mirza	3	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	1.0
Kendi Young	1	3	2	0	2	0.7	0	2	2.0
Pierce Holley	3	12	17	32	-15	-1.3	0	6	-5.0
Team	3	2	0	2	-2	-1.0	0	0	-0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>58.3</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>173.7</b>

### Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Pierce Holley	3	104.7	52-95-4	54.7	582	2	47	194.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>104.7</b>	<b>52-95-4</b>	<b>54.7</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>194.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>161.9</b>	<b>72-98-3</b>	<b>73.5</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>249.7</b>

### Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Cooper Willman	3	11	107	9.7	1	19	35.7
Eli Mirza	3	10	107	10.7	1	27	35.7
Terrance Gipson	3	9	126	14.0	0	46	42.0
MJ Flowers	3	8	47	5.9	0	14	15.7
DeAirious Smith	2	6	110	18.3	0	47	55.0
CJ Nelson	3	4	28	7.0	0	17	9.3
Jay Pearson	3	2	20	10.0	0	13	6.7
Anthony Manaves	3	1	32	32.0	0	32	10.7
Kendi Young	1	1	5	5.0	0	5	5.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>194.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>249.7</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>8</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>11.6</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>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>

### Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Terrance Gipson	4	89	22.3	0	32
Mark Aitken	2	15	7.5	0	10
Eli Mirza	1	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</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

			PAT						
Player	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
Drew Schiller	-	2-4	4-4	-	-	-	-	-	10
Cooper Willman	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Moses Alexander	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
MJ Flowers	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Eli Mirza	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	4	2-4	4-4	0	0	0	0	0	34
Opponents	13	2-3	12-13	0	0	0	0	0	96

### Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Pierce Holley	3	107	-15	582	567	189.0
MJ Flowers	3	40	138	0	138	46.0
Jay Pearson	3	14	49	0	49	16.3
Eli Mirza	3	1	3	0	3	1.0
Kendi Young	1	3	2	0	2	2.0
Team	3	0	-2	0	-2	-0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>252.3</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>1270</b>	<b>423.3</b>

### Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Drew Schiller	2-4	50.0	0-0	0-0	1-3	1-1	0-0	40	1
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1</b>

### Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Jacob Horvath	16	714	44.6	76	2	3	5	2	0
Drew Schiller	1	49	49.0	49	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### FG Sequence

Team Name	Eastern Ill.	Opponents
Northwestern	36	42,(46)
Indiana St.	(34),(40),33	
Illinois		(26)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

### Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydl
Julian Patino	8	501	62.6	2	0			
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>62.6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1038</b>	<b>57.7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>26</b>

### All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Terrance Gipson	3	0	126	0	89	0	215	71.7
MJ Flowers	3	138	47	0	0	0	185	61.7
DeAirious Smith	2	0	110	0	0	0	110	55.0
Eli Mirza	3	3	107	0	0	0	110	36.7
Cooper Willman	3	0	107	0	0	0	107	35.7
Jay Pearson	3	49	20	0	0	0	69	23.0
Anthony Manaves	3	0	32	0	0	0	32	10.7
CJ Nelson	3	0	28	0	0	0	28	9.3
Mark Aitken	2	0	0	0	15	0	15	7.5
Kendi Young	1	2	5	0	0	0	7	7.0
Elijawah Tolbert	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.3
Pierce Holley	3	-15	0	0	0	0	-15	-5.0
Team	3	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>287.3</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1506</b>	<b>502.0</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	3	18	10	28	2-2	0.5-1	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Anthony Shockey	3	18	4	22	2-5	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
4	Moses Alexander	3	14	7	21	.	.	.	2	1	1-60	.	.	.
3	Nijhay Burt	3	12	6	18	1-1	.	2-0	1	.	.	1	.	.
22	Kaelin Drakeford	3	10	4	14	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
1	Nick Coates	3	9	4	13	2-7	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
19	Phoenix Porter	3	6	6	12	0.5-0	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
91	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace	3	4	6	10	4.5-21	3-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Jerrad Price	3	2	8	10	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Akili Hubbard	3	4	5	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Tre'Jon Lewis	3	4	5	9	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.
95	Drake Van Hyfte	3	3	5	8	1.5-2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
99	Jaron Hacha	3	1	5	6	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Malik Rainey	3	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Zay Gentry	3	4	1	5	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
0	Ira Armstead III	3	2	2	4	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
66	Jack Valente	3	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Luke Wagner	3	2	1	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
6	Joel Barrows	3	2	1	3	0.5-4	0.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	Payton Orth	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Jamari Johnson	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
20	Kaleb Lyons	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Julian Patino	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Mark Aitken	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Ryan Kilburg	1	1	.	1	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Akin Adigun	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Tienne Fridge	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Jacob Horvath	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Eli Mirza	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Trevon Piggee-Blake	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		3	132	86	218	17-46	4-24	3-1	9	5	1-60	2	1	0
Opponents		3	79	68	147	13-53	5-30	4-12	10	12	2-0	2	1	0



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Date	Opponent	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	22	49	0	11	16	147	0	27	16	32	2	147	0	27	2	25	0	15	0	0	0	0	196
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	30	86	1	19	19	268	1	47	19	32	1	268	1	47	3	19	0	14	0	0	0	0	354
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	20	40	0	10	17	167	1	32	17	31	1	167	1	32	2	60	0	32	0	0	0	0	207
Eastern Ill.		72	175	1	19	52	582	2	47	52	95	4	582	2	47	7	104	0	32	0	0	0	0	757
Opponents		109	521	4	32	72	749	9	46	72	98	3	749	9	46	6	131	0	40	8	93	0	30	1270

Eastern Ill. Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
3	2.4	11.2	104.7	14.9	0.0	287.3	252.3

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	0	0
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	43	40	83	7.0-27	3-19	1	1-60	3-1	0	3	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	27		
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	36	34	70	5.0-13	1-5	1	0-0	0-0	4	3	1	1-1	0	0	0	0	7		
Eastern Ill.		132	86	218	17.0-46	4-24	2	1-60	3-1	5	9	1	4-4	0	0	0	7	34		
Opponents		79	68	147	13.0-53	5-30	2	2-0	4-12	12	10	1	12-13	0	0	0	37	96		

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	
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	5	231	46.2	51	0	1	2	1	2	0-1	0	1	2	128	64.0	0	0	
Eastern Ill.		17	763	44.9	76	0	2	3	2	6	2-4	40	1	8	501	62.6	2	0	
Opponents		11	434	39.5	44	0	1	7	0	6	2-3	46	1	18	1038	57.7	10	1	



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Date	Opponent	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
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	35	203	2	32	21	247	2	46	21	32	0	247	2	46	2	58	0	40	2	16	0	16	450
Opponents		109	521	4	32	72	749	9	46	72	98	3	749	9	46	6	131	0	40	8	93	0	30	1270
Eastern Ill.		72	175	1	19	52	582	2	47	52	95	4	582	2	47	7	104	0	32	0	0	0	0	757

Opponents Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
3	4.8	10.4	161.9	21.8	11.6	502.0	423.3

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	24	20	44	3.0-10	1-5	2	2-0	2-1	2	2	0	6-6	0	0	0	24	45		
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	33	24	57	6.0-23	1-7	0	0-0	1-11	5	4	0	2-3	0	0	0	6	20		
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	22	24	46	4.0-20	3-18	0	0-0	1-0	5	4	1	4-4	0	0	0	7	31		
Opponents		79	68	147	13.0-53	5-30	2	2-0	4-12	12	10	1	12-13	0	0	0	37	96		
Eastern Ill.		132	86	218	17.0-46	4-24	2	1-60	3-1	5	9	1	4-4	0	0	0	7	34		

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
08/29/2024	at Illinois	4	156	39.0	44	0	1	3	0	3	1-1	26	0	8	455	56.9	5	1	
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	4	160	40.0	43	0	0	2	0	1	0-0	0	0	4	193	48.3	1	0	
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	3	118	39.3	43	0	0	2	0	2	1-2	46	1	6	390	65.0	4	0	
Opponents		11	434	39.5	44	0	1	7	0	6	2-3	46	1	18	1038	57.7	10	1	
Eastern Ill.		17	763	44.9	76	0	2	3	2	6	2-4	40	1	8	501	62.6	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	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	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	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	2	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
	2	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	0	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	0	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
	0	at Illinois (08/29/2024)





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<b>RUSHES</b>	42	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>YARDS RUSHING</b>	244	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>YARDS PER RUSH</b>	5.8	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>TD RUSHES</b>	2 2	at Northwestern (09/14/2024) at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS</b>	37	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	30	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>YARDS PASSING</b>	260	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>YARDS PER PASS</b>	8.3	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>TD PASSES</b>	4	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>TOTAL PLAYS</b>	71	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	486	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>YARDS PER PLAY</b>	6.8	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>POINTS</b>	45	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>SACKS BY</b>	3	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	27	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>PENALTIES</b>	6 6	at Northwestern (09/14/2024) at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>PENALTY YARDS</b>	45	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>TURNOVERS</b>	4	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>PUNTS</b>	4 4	Indiana St. (09/07/2024) at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	40.0	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>LONG PUNT</b>	44	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>PUNTS INSIDE 20</b>	3	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>LONG PUNT RETURN</b>	30	at Illinois (08/29/2024)



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RUSHES	20	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	40	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
YARDS PER RUSH	2.0	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
TD RUSHES	0	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	0	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	31	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
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	51	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
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	2	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
PENALTY YARDS	15	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
INTERCEPTIONS BY	0	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	0	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PUNTS	5	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	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	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	2	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
	2	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	0	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	0	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
	0	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 Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	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	2	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
TOTAL PLAYS	67	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
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	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
	1	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	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	1	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PUNTS	3	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
PUNTING AVG	39.0	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
LONG PUNT	43	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	43	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	1	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	16	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)



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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 at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	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	Cooper Willman at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	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	Eli Mirza at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	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>	49.0	Drew Schiller at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
<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>	32	Terrance Gipson at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
<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 at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	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 1 1	Cam Porter at Northwestern (09/14/2024) Joseph Himon II at Northwestern (09/14/2024) Josh McCray at Illinois (08/29/2024) Kaden Feagin at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>LONG RUSH</b>	32	Joseph Himon II at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
<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>	46	Jack Lausch at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
<b>RECEPTIONS</b>	7 7	A.J. Henning at Northwestern (09/14/2024) Plez Lawrence vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>YARDS RECEIVING</b>	117	A.J. Henning at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
<b>TD RECEPTIONS</b>	2	Pat Bryant at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>LONG RECEPTION</b>	46	A.J. Henning at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
<b>FIELD GOALS</b>	1 1	Jack Olsen at Northwestern (09/14/2024) David Olano at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>LONG FIELD GOALS</b>	46	Jack Olsen at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
<b>PUNTS</b>	4 4	Harry Traum vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024) Hugh Robertson at Illinois (08/29/2024)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	42.0	Luke Akers at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
<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>	40	Joseph Himon II at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
<b>TACKLES</b>	9	Geoffrey Brown vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
<b>SACKS</b>	1 1 1 1 1	Aidan Hubbard at Northwestern (09/14/2024) Dylan Roberts at Northwestern (09/14/2024) Michael Kilbane at Northwestern (09/14/2024) 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 1	Devin Turner at Northwestern (09/14/2024) 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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Eastern Ill. Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total			Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/29/2024	at Illinois	L 0-45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	W 27-20	4	3	17	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	L 7-31	3	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Totals 4 of 7 (57.1%)			7	4	24	3	1	2	1	1	3	1	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	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	W 27-20	4	3	20	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
09/14/2024	Northwestern	L 7-31	3	3	21	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 11 of 12 (91.7%)			12	11	72	10	3	7	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0



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### 3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
08/29/2024	at Illinois	L	0-45	4-13	30.8	1-2	50.0	0-3	0.0	2-4	50.0	1-4	25.0	0-0	0.0
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	W	27-20	4-13	30.8	2-4	50.0	0-3	0.0	2-4	50.0	0-2	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	L	7-31	3-11	27.3	0-2	0.0	1-4	25.0	0-1	0.0	2-4	50.0	0-0	0.0
Eastern Ill.				11-37	29.7	3-8	37.5	1-10	10.0	4-9	44.4	3-10	30.0	0-0	0.0
Opponents				15-34	44.1	2-7	28.6	5-11	45.5	2-5	40.0	6-11	54.5	0-0	0.0

### 4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
08/29/2024	at Illinois	L	0-45	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	W	27-20	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	L	7-31	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0
Eastern Ill.				1-3	33.3	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-1	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0
Opponents				2-4	50.0	0-1	0.0	1-1	100.0	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
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	L	7-31	24:28	02:56	09:08	02:40	09:44	00:00
Eastern Ill.				Total	15:14	21:42	19:52	20:20	00:00
				Avg.	05:05	07:14	06:37	06:47	00:00
Opponents				Total	25:19	27:45	19:11	30:33	00:00
				Avg.	08:26	09:15	06:24	10:11	00:00