



EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHER FOOTBALL

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GAME 5



COACHES:

Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1995)
 EIU Record..... 11-15 (3rd)
 OVC Record..... 5-6 (3rd)
 Career Record..... 62-42 (12th)
 vs. Lindenwood..... 1-1

Jed Stugart (Azusa Pacific, 1995)
 LWU Record 37-34 (8th)
 OVC Record..... 2-8 (3rd)
 Overall Record 128-58 (18th)
 vs. Eastern Illinois..... 1-1

SERIES

3rd meeting, series tied 1-1
Last: EIU 16, @LWU 10 on Nov. 4, 2023

RANKINGS

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

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Panthers Return Home For Hall Of Fame Weekend

Eastern Illinois vs. Lindenwood

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

September 28, 2024 • 2 pm • TV: ESPN+

NOTES TO KNOW

• Eastern Illinois hosts Lindenwood as the Panthers open their 29th season playing football as an Ohio Valley Conference member and second as part of the Big South OVC Football Association. EIU is 20-8 in previous conference openers including 1-1 the last two years under head coach Chris Wilkerson. EIU enters the Big South OVC opener with a 1-3 record after falling on Saturday night to nationally ranked Illinois State in the 112th Mid-America Classic game. Lindenwood enters the conference opener also with a 1-3 record but is coming off a 64-0 win over Pioneer League member St. Thomas (Minn.).

• Punter Jacob Horvath was named the Big South OVC Special Teams co-Player of the Week sharing the honor with Lindenwood kicker Logan Seibert. Horvath averaged 51.2 yards per punt with three of his six punts covering 50-plus yards with a long of 66. He pinned three of the six punts inside the 20-yard line giving him eight punts inside the 20 this year. His season long punt was 76 yards against Indiana State which was one of ten punts in school history covering 70 or more yards. On the season Horvath is averaging 46.4 yards per punt which ranks sixth in the FCS. EIU's single season record for punting average is 44.6 set by Kevin Cook during the 2007 season.

• Eastern Illinois defense forced two turnovers on Saturday at Illinois State giving the Panthers six turnovers gained this season. That total leads the Big South / OVC and ranks 28th in the FCS despite the Panthers playing two games against Big Ten opponents without a takeaway. Last season EIU ranked second in the FCS in turnovers gained with 25. Kaelin Drakeford was in on both turnovers for EIU on Saturday night picking off a pass (2nd of his career) and forcing a fumble (4th of his career) which EIU recovered in the end zone. Drakeford is sixth on the EIU team with 20 tackles this season.

• MJ Flowers finished with 117 yards and one touchdown on the ground on Saturday at Illinois State. It was his fourth career 100 yard rushing game. Flowers has 255 yards rushing this season which ranks 58th in the FCS and second in the Big South / OVC. In the season opener at Illinois, Flowers became the 31st player in program history to crack the 1,000 yard rushing mark at EIU. He currently has 1,227 yards which lands him 27th on the EIU all-time list.

• Nicholas Oliveira-Chace continues to be a force on the Panthers defensive line. On Saturday he added four tackles and a half sack to his season totals. Oliveira-Chace enters the conference opener as the Big South / OVC leader in sacks with 3.5 (36th in FCS) and third in tackles for loss with five (46th in FCS). He currently ranks seventh on the Panthers team with 14 total tackles.

Eastern Illinois (1-3, 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	L 7-31
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		

Lindenwood (1-3, 0-0 Conf.)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Aug. 29	at Kansas	L 3-48
Sept. 7	CENTRAL ARKANSAS	L 13-34
Sept. 14	at Missouri State	L 14-28
Sept. 21	ST. THOMAS (Minn.)	W 64-0
Sept. 28	• at Eastern Illinois	2 pm
Oct. 5	• TENNESSEE STATE	1 pm
Oct. 12	• CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	1 pm
Oct. 19	• at Gardner-Webb	12:30 pm
Oct. 26	• WESTERN ILLINOIS	2 pm
Nov. 2	• at Tennessee Tech	1:30 pm
Nov. 9	• SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	1 pm
Nov. 23	• at UT Martin	2 pm 16010
• Big South-OVC Game All Times Central		

STATS FCS MEDIA TOP 25 (Week 4)

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	South Dakota State (40)	3-1
2.	North Dakota State (5)	3-1
3.	Montana State (6)	4-0
4.	Idaho (5)	3-1
5.	South Dakota	2-1
6.	Villanova	3-1
7.	Central Arkansas	3-1
8.	Montana	3-1
9.	North Dakota	3-1
10.	Sacramento State	2-2
11.	William & Mary	3-1
12.	Mercer	4-0
13.	Southeast Missouri	3-1
14.	UC Davis	3-1
15.	Incarnate Word	2-2
16.	Tarleton State	3-1
17.	Southern Illinois	2-2
18.	Illinois State	3-1
19.	Lamar	3-1
20.	Abilene Christian	2-2
21.	UAlbany	1-2
22.	Rhode Island	3-1
23.	Wofford	2-1
24.	New Hampshire	3-1
25.	Weber State	2-2

RV - Eastern Illinois

FCS COACHES TOP 25 (Week 4)

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	South Dakota State (22)	3-1
2.	North Dakota State (1)	3-1
3.	Montana State (2)	4-0
4.	Idaho (1)	3-1
5.	South Dakota	2-1
6.	Villanova	3-1
7.	Central Arkansas	3-1
8.	North Dakota	3-1
9.	Montana	3-1
10.	Sacramento State	2-2
11.	UC Davis	3-1
12.	William & Mary	3-1
13.	Mercer	4-0
14.	Southeast Missouri	3-1
15.	Illinois State	3-1
16.	Tarleton State	3-1
17.	Southern Illinois	2-2
18.	Incarnate Word	2-2
19.	Northern Iowa	2-2
20.	New Hampshire	3-1
21.	Florida A&M	2-2
22.	Abilene Christian	2-2
T23.	UAlbany	1-2
T23.	Richmond	2-2
24.	Lamar	3-1

RV - Eastern Illinois

• Anthony Shockey continues to play well during his final season at EIU as the linebacker was tied for the team lead with ten tackles at Illinois State including a half tackle for loss. It was the third double figure tackle game of Shockey's career which includes a high of 11 last season at Bowling Green. He had ten tackles in last year's Big South / OVC win over Lindenwood. Shockey is currently second on the team in tackles with 32 while leading the team with 22 solo tackles, that figure ranks 12th in the FCS.

• Eli Mirza extended his streak of consecutive games with multiple catches as the senior All-Conference wide receiver hauled in two passes for 19 yards in Saturday's game at Illinois State. Mirza has caught multiple passes in 15 straight games giving him 73 catches for 847 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.

• Moses Alexander has been in the right spot at the right time on a couple of occasions this season as the transfer corner recovered a fumble in the end zone on Saturday night for one of the EIU turnovers gained this season. In the home opener against Indiana State, Alexander scooped up a fumble and raced 60-yards for a touchdown. His two fumble recoveries this season rank the corner second in the FCS in fumbles recovered this season. Alexander added nine tackles at ISU giving him 30 for the season.

• EIU's offensive line allowed just one sack in each of the opening two games this season against Illinois and Indiana State. A veteran group up front the unit continues to rank as one of the best in the Big South / OVC in terms of protecting the quarterback. EIU is currently second in the league allowing just two sacks per game while ranking first in the conference in fewest tackles for loss allowed at 4.25 per game, a total that ranks 20th in the FCS this season.

• Linebacker Elijahah Tolbert continues to be around the football as the preseason Buck Buchanan Award candidate was tied for the team lead in tackles with ten. It was the second double figure tackle game this season for Tolbert who opened the with 12 stops at Illinois. Tolbert's final tackle of the night at Illinois State on Saturday was the 200th of his EIU career. His 38 tackles this season lead EIU while ranking 21st in the FCS. Tolbert now has seven career double figure tackle games.

• Phoenix Porter is the third player who sees time in the Panthers three linebacker rotation finishing with an active night on Saturday at Illinois State. Porter collected nine tackles including a half tackle for loss. On the season he has moved into fifth on the EIU list with 21 tackles going over the 100 career tackle mark in the game at ISU. The nine tackles were a career high for the redshirt junior.

• Eastern Illinois enters the fifth game of the 2024 season as one of six teams in the FCS that have not returned a punt this season but instead have had each opportunity end either in a fair catch, downed, out-of-bounds or touchback. Ironically four of the six teams that have not returned a punt are Big South / OVC members in EIU, Charleston Southern, UT Martin and Western Illinois. The other two are former Big South / OVC member Bryant and Colgate. EIU's punt returner is Cooper Willman; who two years ago earned second team All-OVC honors as a punt returner averaging 13.4 yards per return.

• While the score in the stat sheet column looks the same, the way the last two games were played is not similar as the Panthers lost the last two weeks by a score of 31-7 at Northwestern and at Illinois State. The last time that happened was the opening two weeks of the 2010 season with 37-7 losses to Iowa and Central Arkansas. During the long history of EIU football the feat has only happened a total of seven times including the 2024 and 2010 games. Those dates were in 1991 (lost 16-15 to Indiana State / Western Illinois), 1947 (lost 14-13 to Indiana State / Millikin), 1941 (lost 19-6 to Indianapolis / Indiana State), 1931 (lost to Indiana State / Southern Illinois) and 1903 (lost 5-0 twice to Rose-Hulman).

• Time of possession has not been the EIU football offense's friend early this season as the Panthers are averaging just over 25 minutes (25:18) per game this season. In each of the last two games EIU has possessed the ball for less than 25 minutes. The Panthers are currently ranked 124th in the FCS in time of possession this season. Utah Tech at 22:07 has the least time of possession in the FCS this season. Last year EIU averaged 31:30 per game with three games with more than 35 minutes of possession.

• Last season EIU was the national leader in turnover margin committing just ten turnovers for the season while collecting 25 takeaways. For the most part turnovers were not costly to the Panthers last season as they allowed just 17 points off those ten turnovers all season. Early this season EIU has been bit by the turnover bug as the Panthers have committed nine turnovers leading to 51 points scored by their opponents.

• Eastern Illinois continues to rank among the nation's FCS leaders in fewest penalty yards per game as the Panthers had four penalties for 45 yards at Illinois State. On the year EIU's 35 penalty yards per game average ranks 12th in the FCS and first in the Big South / OVC. The national leader is Columbia at 25 penalty yards per game. A total of 19 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.

• Special teams players sometimes go as the unsung members of the team but this season several have come up with plays on special teams. Long snappers Jack Valente and Brett Galletti have combined for four tackles on special teams. Kickoff specialist Julian Patino and punter Jacob Horvath both have one tackle each this season. Payton Orth, a fixture on just about all the EIU special teams units over the past two seasons, currently has two tackles on special teams and now has 14 career tackles on special teams.

2024 Big South-OVC Football Standings

Team	CONF	Pct	All	Pct
Southeast Missouri	1-0	1.000	3-1	.750
Tennessee Tech	1-0	1.000	1-2	.333
Charleston Southern	0-0	.000	1-2	.333
Eastern Illinois	0-0	.000	1-3	.250
Gardner-Webb	0-0	.000	1-3	.250
Lindenwood	0-0	.000	1-3	.250
Western Illinois	0-0	.000	0-3	.000
Tennessee State	0-1	.000	2-2	.500
UT Martin	0-1	.000	1-3	.250

This Week In Big South-OVC Football

Saturday - September 28

* Lindenwood at Eastern Illinois	2 pm
* Northwestern State at Southeast Missouri	3 pm
* Tennessee Tech at Gardner-Webb	3 pm
* UT Martin at Kennesaw State	5 pm
* Charleston Southern at Tennessee State	5 pm
* McKendree at Western Illinois	6 pm

Idle - None

* Big South-OVC Football Association Games

Eastern Illinois Captains

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

Big South-OVC Order Of Finish

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



Eastern Illinois Returning All-Conference Players

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

• Eastern Illinois will honor nine former teams this weekend as part of the Panthers Hall of Fame weekend. This marks the first time in the more than 40-year existence of the EIU Athletic Hall of Fame that teams will be inducted. The teams set to be honored included EIU's six men's national championship teams (1968 Cross Country, 1969 Cross Country, 1969 Soccer, 1974 Outdoor Track, 1977 Cross Country and 1978 Football) along with three national tournament teams from the AIAW era (1980 Volleyball, 1981 Basketball and 1982 Softball). The returning 1978 football team posted a 12-2 record and featured three All-Americans in James Warring, Poke Cobb and Pete Catan.

• 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 traveled to Northwestern in week three of the season. Other future FBS games on the EIU schedule include a trip to play at Alabama in 2025, Minnesota in 2026, Illinois in 2027 and Kentucky in 2028.

• The Ohio Valley Conference and Big South Conference merged into a joint conference for the sport of football last season playing its inaugural season with ten members. Gardner-Webb was the league's first champion. Conference realignment once again impacted the FCS as Bryant and Robert Morris exited the league after one season and Western Illinois joined for the 2024 season. The Big South-OVC Football Association features OVC member schools Eastern Illinois, Lindenwood, Southeast Missouri, Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech, UT Martin and Western Illinois. The Big South is represented by Charleston Southern and Gardner-Webb. The league announced in July 2024 that the partnership would be extended to 2030 (previous deal was to 2026) with the OVC Conference Office overseeing the day-to-day operation of the league.

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

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

• Eastern Illinois has announced its team captains for the 2024 season with five players in total selected including two who served as team captains during the 2023 season. Mark Aitken (SAF) and Tre'jon Lewis (DL) are team captains for the 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 62-42 (11-14 at EIU, 3rd year) career record. Complete Coach Chris Wilkerson bio available on page 6 of EIU game notes...

LINDENWOOD HEAD COACH JED STUGART

Jed Stugart has a strong background in guiding programs during a transition phase and having success. Stugart has won 128 games in his career with head coaching stops at three different universities. He helped lead Sioux Falls to the NAIA National Championship game and then as they transitioned to the NCAA Division II ranks. During eight seasons as the head coach at Lindenwood he now leads the Lions from a Division II playoff team to their third year in the FCS ranks. In their first game as an FCS member in 2022 they picked up an FCS win over Houston Christian (then Houston Baptist). Lindenwood went 7-3 that season and the program is 11-13 in its third year at the FCS level. Stugart is an alumnus of Azusa Pacific where he was a three-year letterwinner at linebacker.

SCOUTING LINDENWOOD

Lindenwood opened the season 0-3 including a 48-3 loss at then nationally ranked Kansas in their first-ever game against an FBS opponent. The Lions rebounded last weekend with a 64-0 win over Pioneer League member St. Thomas (Minn.) as kicker Logan Seibert set a school record for points in a game by a kicker with 16. Quarterback Nate Glantz has passed for 659 yards with his top target All-Conference receiver Jeff Caldwell with 19 catches for 393 yards. Vincent King leads the defense with 35 tackles including two tackles for loss. Donnie Wingate has recorded three sacks.

THE SERIES

This will be the third meeting between Eastern Illinois and Lindenwood as the Lions joined the Ohio Valley Conference two years ago transitioning from the NCAA Division II ranks. The first two games in the series have both been one score games with Lindenwood knocking off EIU 37-34 in overtime in their inaugural meeting in 2022. EIU returned the favor last season in St. Charles winning 16-10 to even the series at 1-1.

LAST TEN MEETINGS

Nov. 4, 2023
Oct. 15, 2022

EIU 16, LINDENWOOD 10 at Lindenwood
LINDENWOOD 37, EIU 34 (2OT) at EIU

SERIES DID YOU KNOW FACTS...

1.) While the EIU and Lindenwood series is relatively new, EIU still will still face two first time opponents later this season in Big South - OVC Football play. EIU will meet both Gardner-Webb (Nov. 9) and Charleston Southern (Nov. 16) for the first time in program history. Last season EIU went 2-0 in first time meetings against conference members Bryant and Robert Morris (Pa.) beating both during their short stint in the league.

2.) Since joining the league in 2022, Lindenwood has become the closest geographical rival for Eastern Illinois in the Big South OVC Football Association with 153 miles separating the two schools. In-State rival and new conference member Western Illinois lies 178 miles from the Charleston campus while Southeast Missouri is 199 miles. EIU's farthest conference rival is Charleston Southern which sits 842 miles away from EIU in South Carolina.

• 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.....	10.3	23.5
Average Points Allowed.....	31.8	27.5
First Downs.....	47	72
Rushing Yards Per Game	70.0	138.8
Rushing Touchdowns.....	2	6
Passing Yards Per Game	167.3	193.5
Passing Touchdowns	2	4
Average Yards Per Game	237.3	332.3
Interceptions Thrown	6	4
Fumbles - Lost	5-3	3-0
Turnovers Gained.....	6	5
Punting Average	46.5	36.3
Field Goals (ATT/MADE)	2-of-4	6-of-6
3rd Down Conversions	13-of-47 (28%)	20-of-53 (38%)
4th Down Conversions.....	2-of-5 (40%)	1-of-3 (33%)
Sacks By (Yards).....	5 (31)	8 (41)
Penalties (Yards)	16 (140)	15 (150)
Time of Possession (Game)	25:18	28:26

Statistical Leaders

RUSHING YARDS (Touchdowns)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	LINDENWOOD
MJ Flowers.....255 (2)	Cortez Jones .....217 (2)
Jay Pearson.....51 (0)	Steve Hall.....190 (0)

PASSING YARDS (Touchdowns)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	LINDENWOOD
Pierce Holley.....654 (2)	Nate Glantz .....659 (3)
Blainey Dowling	15 (0)
	Tyler Kubat .....115 (1)

RECEPTIONS (Yards)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	LINDENWOOD
Cooper Willman.....13 (118)	Jeff Caldwell .....19 (393)
Eli Mirza	12 (126)
	Reece Thomas.....9 (98)
Terrance Gipson.....12 (142)	Cortez Jones.....7 (36)

TACKLES

EASTERN ILLINOIS	LINDENWOOD
Elijawah Tolbert.....38	Vincent King .....35
Anthony Shockey.....32	Devon Edwards.....29
Moses Alexander.....30	Ethan Stuhlsatz.....20
NiJhay Burt.....26	Jacob Waller.....19
Phoenix Porter.....21	Jordan Knapke .....18

TACKLES FOR LOSS / SACKS

EASTERN ILLINOIS	LINDENWOOD
Nicholas Oliveira-Chase.....5.....3.5	Donnie Wingate .....3.....3
Elijawah Tolbert.....3.....0.5	Vincent King.....2.5.....0
Anthony Shockey.....2.5.....0	Jayden Patrick.....2.....1

Eastern Illinois In The OVC/NCAA Stats

2024

TEAM

.....	NCAA.....	CONF
Rushing Offense	118th	9th
Passing Offense	88th	7th
Passing Efficiency	112th	9th
Total Offense	116th	9th
Scoring Offense	121st	9th
Rushing Defense	92nd	7th
Pass Defense	96th	5th
Pass Efficiency Def.	114th	8th
Total Defense	108th	8th
Scoring Defense	85th	6th
Net Punting	25th	2nd
Punt Returns	114th	6th
Kickoff Returns	113th	9th
Turnover Margin	102nd	8th
Turnovers Gained	28th	1st
Sacks	91st	8th
Tackles For Loss	46th	4th
Sacks Allowed	51st	2nd
3rd Down Conversion	101st	8th
4th Down Conversion	73rd	7th
3rd Down Defense	116th	8th
Red Zone Offense	117th	9th
Red Zone Defense	47th	3rd
Time of Possession	118th	9th

INDIVIDUAL (Top 50)

.....	NCAA.....	CONF
Anthony Shockey (Solo Tackles).....	12th	1st
Anthony Shockey (Total Tackles).....	49th	4th
Elijawah Tolbert (Solo Tackles).....	22nd	3rd
Elijawah Tolbert (Total Tackles).....	21st	3rd
Moses Alexander (Fumbles Recover).....	2nd	1st
NiJhay Burt (Interceptions).....	16th	1st
Nicholas Oliveira-Chace (Sacks).....	36th	1st
Nicholas Oliveira-Chace (TFL)	46th	3rd
Pierce Holley (Completions).....	43rd	5th
Jacob Horvath (Punting)	6th	2nd

SHUT OUT STREAK ENDS

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

Longest EIU Streaks

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

OVC SUCCESS

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

(FCS Playoff Appearances Since 1996)

11 - Eastern Illinois
9 - Jacksonville State *
5 - Eastern Kentucky *
4 - Southeast Missouri
3 - Tennessee State
2 - Murray State
2 - UT Martin
1 - Gardner-Webb
1 - Tennessee Tech
1 - Western Kentucky *
1 - Austin Peay *
* indicates team no longer in the OVC

2024 WEEKLY AWARDS

Week 2 - Drew Schiller (Freshman)
Week 4 - Jacob Horvath (Special Teams)

* 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	1-3	0-0 (OVC)	
EIU	11-15	5-6	

University of Chicago Record

2021	8-2	7-2 (MWC)	UAA title
2020	*Season cancelled COVID-19		
2019	6-3	6-1 (MWC)	
2018	7-3	7-1 (MWC)	
2017	6-4	6-2 (MWC)	
2016	4-6	4-4 (SAA)	9 years
2015	6-4	5-3 (SAA)	
2014	8-1	3-0 (UAA)	
2013	6-4	1-2 (UAA)	
Totals	51-27	39-15	
Career	62-42	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...

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

Had 2 or more interceptions

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

Recovered an onside kick...

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

Offensive Lineman Scored a Touchdown

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

2024 EASTERN ILLINOIS TOUCHDOWNS

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

- 1.....MJ Flowers 1 run Indiana State
- 2.....Moses Alexander 60 fumble return..... Indiana State
- 3.....Cooper Willman 5 pass from Pierce Holley Indiana State
- 2.....Eli Mirza 13 pass from Pierce Holley..... Northwestern
- 2.....MJ Flowers 4 run Illinois State

EASTERN ILLINOIS NFL CONNECTIONS

DENVER BRONCOS

Sean Payton - Head Coach

LOS ANGELES RAMS

Jimmy Garoppolo - Quarterback

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Kamu Grugier-Hill - Linebacker

NEW YORK GIANTS

Tim Kelly - Tight Ends Coach

TENNESSEE TITANS

Matt Jones - Offensive Assistant Coach

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Adam Gristick - Linebackers Assistant

CLEVELAND BROWNS

Steven Bravo Brown - Special Teams Assistant

ATLANTA FALCONS

Ryan Pace - Senior Personnel Executive

BROADCAST

Tony Romo - CBS Color Analyst with Jim Nantz

TEAM GAME RECORDS

TOTAL OFFENSE:

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

RUSHING YARDAGE:

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

RUSHING ATTEMPTS:

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

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

PASSING ATTEMPTS:

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

PASSES COMPLETED:

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

TOUCHDOWNS:

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

TOUCHDOWN PASSES:

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

MOST EIU POINTS IN A QUARTER:

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

MOST POINTS SCORED BY BOTH TEAMS:

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

POINTS

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

EIU LOWEST OFFENSIVE TOTAL:

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

EIU FEWEST RUSHING YARDS:

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

EIU FEWEST PASSING YARDS:

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

* EIU did not attempt a pass in the game

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

QUARTERBACK SACKS:

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

TURNOVERS:

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

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

EIU OVERTIME GAMES

DOUBLE OVERTIME

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

OVERTIME

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

+ 1982 & 1983 games in FCS playoffs

MOST PLAYS IN A GAME:

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

MOST PLAYS IN A GAME BY BOTH TEAMS:

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

OPPONENTS AGAINST EASTERN ILLINOIS

TOTAL OFFENSE:

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

RUSHING YARDAGE:

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

PASSING YARDAGE:

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

POINTS

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

LOWEST OFFENSIVE TOTAL:

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

OPPONENT FEWEST RUSHING YARDS:

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

OPPONENT FEWEST PASSING YARDS:

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

TOTAL OFFENSE:

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

RUSHING YARDAGE:

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

RUSHING ATTEMPTS:

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

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

PASSING ATTEMPTS:

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

PASSES COMPLETED:

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

RECEIVING (CATCHES):

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

RECEIVING (YARDS):

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

ALL-PURPOSE RUSHING:

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

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS:

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

RUSHING YARDS BY A QB:

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

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

TOUCHDOWN PASSES:

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

SOLO TACKLES:

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

TOTAL TACKLES:

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

TACKLES FOR LOSS:

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

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

PASSES INTERCEPTED:

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

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

INDIVIDUAL GAME RECORDS
LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS:

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

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN:

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

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR TD:

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

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

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

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN:

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

LONGEST PUNT:

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

LONGEST PUNT RETURN:

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

MOST BLOCKED KICKS:

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

MOST CONSECUTIVE PASSES COMPLETED:

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

MOST FIELD GOALS:

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

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

MOST INTERCEPTIONS THROWN:

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

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

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

EASTERN ILLINOIS FOOTBALL PRONUNCIATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

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

MISC. SEASON NOTES & STATS

EIU NCAA FBS TRANSFERS

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

EIU NCAA FCS TRANSFERS

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

EIU ROSTER BY CLASS

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

EIU ROSTER BY STATE

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

EIU OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

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

RUNNING BACK

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

TIGHT END

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

LEFT TACKLE

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

LEFT GUARD

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

CENTER

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

RIGHT GUARD

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

RIGHT TACKLE

66 ... Jack Valente	6-5	320	Sr
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 62-42 (10), **EIU Record** 11-15 (3); **OVC Record** 5-6 (2)

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

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

Running Backs: Turner Pugh (3rd year)

Tight Ends: Cole Hoover (1st year)

Wide Receivers: Tino Smith II (1st year)

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

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

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

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

Defensive Line: Carlif Taylor (1st year)

Safeties: Andrew Strobel (1st year)

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

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

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

Trainer: Scott Goehner (4thyear)

Equipment Manager: Clint Bays (15th year)

Quality Control Staff:

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

Chris Gatton (QC - ST.),

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

EIU DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE END

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

NOSE TACKLE

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

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

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

DEFENSIVE END (BUCK)

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

LINEBACKER

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

LINEBACKER

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

NICKEL or LINEBACKER

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
23 ... Isaiah Houi.....	5-10	170	Fr

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 (fg).....	6-5	320	Sr
98 ... Brett Galetti (punt)	6-1	230	R-Jr

PUNT RETURNS

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

1 ... Terrance Gipson.....	6-0	190	Sr
21 ... Jay Pearson	6-0	210	R-So
2 ... Mark Aitken.....	5-9	180	R-Sr

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

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

Champaign, Ill.
 Memorial Stadium (43,849)

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

FIRST QUARTER

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

SECOND QUARTER

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

THIRD QUARTER

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

FOURTH QUARTER

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

TEAM STATSEIU UI

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

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

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

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

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

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

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

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

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

RECAP

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

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

Indiana State 20
 Eastern Illinois 27

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

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

FIRST QUARTER

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

SECOND QUARTER

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

THIRD QUARTER

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

FOURTH QUARTER

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

TEAM STATSEIU INS

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

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

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

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

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

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

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

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

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

RECAP

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

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

Eastern Illinois 7
 Northwestern 31

Evanston, Ill.
 Martin Stadium (10,631)

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

FIRST QUARTER

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

SECOND QUARTER

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

THIRD QUARTER

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

FOURTH QUARTER

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

TEAM STATSEIU NW

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

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

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

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

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

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

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

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

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

RECAP

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

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

Eastern Illinois..... 7

Illinois State..... 31

Normal, Ill.
Hancock Stadium (9,012)

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

FIRST QUARTER

ILS - Sobkowicz 31 pass from Rittenhouse (Wagner kick) - 2:34

ILS - Loyd 12 pass from Rittenhouse (Wagner kick) - 0:39

SECOND QUARTER

ILS - Sobkowicz 5 pass from Rittenhouse (Wagner kick) - 9:07

EIU - Flowers 4 run (Schiller kick) - 1:56

THIRD QUARTER

ILS - Wagner 28 field goal - 12:32

FOURTH QUARTER

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

TEAM STATSEIU ILS

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

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

EIU - Flowers (19-117-1), Young (1-3-0)

ILS - Wenkers (25-150-1), Rittenhouse (6-47-0)

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

EIU - Holley (19-10-2-72-0), Dowling (3-2-0-15-0)

ILS - Rittenhouse (22-17-0-228-3), Rubley (6-5-1-37-0)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Giplson (3-16-0), Mirza (2-19-0), Pearson (2-19-0)

ILS - Sobkowicz (7-93-2), Loyd (7-75-1)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Shockey (4-6-0.5), Toblert (2-8-1), Porter (2-7-0.5)

ILS - Jackson (4-3-0), Gearhart (1-5-0)

RECAP

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

2024 EIU PANTHERS FOOTBALL
EASTERN ILLINOIS Game Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	Conf Record	Time	Attend
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Aug 29, 2024	at Illinois	0-45 L	0-1	0-0	3:08	43,849
Sep 7, 2024	INDIANA STATE	W 27-20	1-1	0-0	3:17	7,222
Sep 14, 2024	at Northwestern	7-31 L	1-2	0-0	3:07	10,631
Sep 21, 2024	at #15 Illinois State	7-31 L	1-3	0-0	3:26	9,012

* indicates Big South-OVC Football Association Game

2024 EASTERN ILLINOIS STARTERS

OPPONENT	WR/TE	WR	RT	RG	C	LG	LT	WR	TE	RB	QB
Illinois	Mirza	D. Smith	Malicevic	Pares	Wilder	Valente	DiSanto	Willman	Manaves	Flowers	Holley
Indiana State	Sprycha	D. Smith	Malicevic	Pares	Wilder	Valente	DiSanto	Willman	Manaves	Flowers	Holley
Northwestern	Mirza	Gipson	Malicevic	Pares	Wilder	Solomon	DiSanto	Willman	Manaves	Flowers	Holley
Illinois State	Mirza	Gipson	DiSanto	Pares	Wilder	Solomon	Valente	Willman	Manaves	Flowers	Holley

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
Illinois State	Armstead	Price	T. Lewis	Oliveira-Chace	Tolbert	Shockey	Rainey	Burt	Drakeford	Gentry	Alexander



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	EIU	OPP
Scoring	41	127
Points per game	10.3	31.8
Points Off Turnovers	7	51
First Downs	47	97
Rushing	16	40
Passing	28	49
Penalty	3	8
Rushing Yardage	280	774
Yards gained rushing	353	833
Yards lost rushing	73	59
Rushing attempts	99	161
Average per rush	2.8	4.8
Average per game	70.0	193.5
TDs Rushing	2	5
Passing Yardage	669	1014
Comp-Att-Int	64-117-6	94-126-4
Average per pass	5.7	8.0
Average per catch	10.5	10.8
Average per game	167.3	253.5
TDs Passing	2	12
Total offense	949	1788
Total plays	216	287
Average per play	4.4	6.2
Average per game	237.3	447.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	8-117	6-131
Punt returns: #-Yards	0-0	11-106
Int returns: #-Yards	4-1	6-36
Kick return average	14.6	21.8
Punt return average	0.0	9.6
Int return average	0.3	6.0
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	6-2
Penalties-Yards	16-140	23-154
Average per game	35.0	38.5
Punts-Yards	23-1070	13-512
Average per punt	46.5	39.4
Net punt average	40.2	37.8
Kickoffs-Yards	10-631	24-1427
Average per kick	63.1	59.5
Net kick average	40.0	39.6
Time of possession / game	25:18	34:41
3rd-down conversion	13/47	26/51
3rd-down pct	28%	51%
4rd-down conversion	2/5	2/5



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	EIU	OPP
4rd-down pct	40%	40%
Sacks by-Yards	5-31	8-48
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	5	17
Field goals - attempts	2-4	3-4
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-1
Red-zone scores	(5-9) 56%	(15-19) 79%
Red-zone touchdowns	(4-9) 44%	(13-19) 68%
PAT-attempts	(5-5) 100%	(16-17) 94%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(0-0) 0%
Attendance	7222	63492
Games / Avg per game	1/7222	3/21164
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Eastern Ill.	7	24	10	0	0	41
Opponents	35	44	20	28	0	127



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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
MJ Flowers	4	59	271	16	255	4.3	2	31	63.8
Jay Pearson	4	15	51	0	51	3.4	0	10	12.8
Kendi Young	2	4	5	0	5	1.3	0	3	2.5
Eli Mirza	4	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	0.8
Pierce Holley	4	18	23	55	-32	-1.8	0	6	-8.0
Team	4	2	0	2	-2	-1.0	0	0	-0.5
Total	4	99	353	73	280	2.8	2	31	70.0
Opponents	4	161	833	59	774	4.8	5	32	193.5

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Pierce Holley	4	97.8	62-114-6	54.4	654	2	47	163.5
Blainey Dowling	1	108.7	2-3-0	66.7	15	0	12	15.0
Total	4	98.1	64-117-6	54.7	669	2	47	167.3
Opponents	4	167.3	94-126-4	74.6	1014	12	46	253.5

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Cooper Willman	4	13	118	9.1	1	19	29.5
Terrance Gipson	4	12	142	11.8	0	46	35.5
Eli Mirza	4	12	126	10.5	1	27	31.5
MJ Flowers	4	8	47	5.9	0	14	11.8
DeAirious Smith	2	6	110	18.3	0	47	55.0
CJ Nelson	4	5	40	8.0	0	17	10.0
Jay Pearson	4	4	37	9.3	0	13	9.3
Anthony Manaves	4	3	44	14.7	0	32	11.0
Kendi Young	2	1	5	5.0	0	5	2.5
Total	4	64	669	10.5	2	47	167.3
Opponents	4	94	1014	10.8	12	46	253.5

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	11	106	9.6	0	30

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Nijhay Burt	2	0	0.0	0	0
Kaelin Drakeford	1	0	0.0	0	0
Elijawah Tolbert	1	1	1.0	0	1
Total	4	1	0.3	0	1
Opponents	6	36	6.0	0	24

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Terrance Gipson	5	102	20.4	0	32
Mark Aitken	2	15	7.5	0	10
Eli Mirza	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	8	117	14.6	0	32
Opponents	6	131	21.8	0	40

Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Moses Alexander	2	60	30.0	1	60
Total	2	60	30.0	1	60
Opponents	3	0	0.0	0	0



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Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
MJ Flowers	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Drew Schiller	-	2-4	5-5	-	-	-	-	-	11
Cooper Willman	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Moses Alexander	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Eli Mirza	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	5	2-4	5-5	0	0	0	0	0	41
Opponents	17	3-4	16-17	0	0	0	0	0	127

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Pierce Holley	4	132	-32	654	622	155.5
MJ Flowers	4	59	255	0	255	63.8
Jay Pearson	4	15	51	0	51	12.8
Blainey Dowling	1	3	0	15	15	15.0
Kendi Young	2	4	5	0	5	2.5
Eli Mirza	4	1	3	0	3	0.8
Team	4	0	-2	0	-2	-0.5
Total	4	216	280	669	949	237.3
Opponents	4	287	774	1014	1788	447.0

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
Opponents	3-4	75.0	0-0	2-2	0-0	1-2	0-0	46	1

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Jacob Horvath	22	1021	46.4	76	2	5	8	5	0
Drew Schiller	1	49	49.0	49	0	0	1	0	0
Total	23	1070	46.5	76	2	5	9	5	0
Opponents	13	512	39.4	46	1	9	7	0	0

FG Sequence

Team Name	Eastern Ill.	Opponents
Northwestern	36	42,(46)
Indiana St.	(34),(40),33	
Illinois		(26)
Illinois St.		(28)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Julian Patino	10	631	63.1	4	0			
Total	10	631	63.1	4	0	6	40	25
Opponents	24	1427	59.5	15	1	8	39.6	25

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
MJ Flowers	4	255	47	0	0	0	302	75.5
Terrance Gipson	4	0	142	0	102	0	244	61.0
Eli Mirza	4	3	126	0	0	0	129	32.3
Cooper Willman	4	0	118	0	0	0	118	29.5
DeAirious Smith	2	0	110	0	0	0	110	55.0
Jay Pearson	4	51	37	0	0	0	88	22.0
Anthony Manaves	4	0	44	0	0	0	44	11.0
CJ Nelson	4	0	40	0	0	0	40	10.0
Mark Aitken	2	0	0	0	15	0	15	7.5
Kendi Young	2	5	5	0	0	0	10	5.0
Elijawah Tolbert	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.3
Pierce Holley	4	-32	0	0	0	0	-32	-8.0
Team	4	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-0.5
Total	4	280	669	0	117	1	1067	266.8
Opponents	4	774	1014	106	131	36	2061	515.3



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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	4	20	18	38	3-4	0.5-1	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Anthony Shockey	4	22	10	32	2.5-6	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
4	Moses Alexander	4	19	11	30	.	.	.	2	1	2-60	.	.	.
3	Nijhay Burt	4	19	7	26	1-1	.	2-0	1	.	.	1	.	.
19	Phoenix Porter	4	8	13	21	1-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
22	Kaelin Drakeford	4	14	6	20	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	1	.	.
91	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace	4	4	10	14	5-25	3.5-23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Jerrad Price	4	3	11	14	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Tre'Jon Lewis	4	5	8	13	0.5-3	0.5-3	.	.	1	.	.	1	.
1	Nick Coates	3	9	4	13	2-7	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
12	Akili Hubbard	4	6	6	12	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Drake Van Hyfte	4	4	6	10	2.5-6	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
16	Zay Gentry	4	7	3	10	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
15	Malik Rainey	4	3	7	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Jaron Hacha	4	1	7	8	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Luke Wagner	4	5	3	8	0.5-2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
0	Ira Armstead III	4	3	3	6	1-2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
20	Kaleb Lyons	4	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Ryan Kilburg	2	3	1	4	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
66	Jack Valente	4	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Jamari Johnson	4	1	2	3	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
6	Joel Barrows	3	2	1	3	0.5-4	0.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	Payton Orth	4	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Kiwaun Davis	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Isaiah Houi	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Christopher Sharp	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Trevon Piggee-Blake	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Eli Mirza	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Jacob Horvath	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Tienne Fridge	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Akin Adigun	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Pierce Holley	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Mark Aitken	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Brett Galletti	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Julian Patino	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		4	176	142	318	23-64	5-31	4-1	9	6	2-60	3	1	0
Opponents		4	102	98	200	17-75	8-48	6-36	13	13	3-0	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
09/21/2024	at Illinois St.	27	105	1	31	12	87	0	16	12	22	2	87	0	16	1	13	0	13	0	0	0	0	192
Eastern Ill.		99	280	2	31	64	669	2	47	64	117	6	669	2	47	8	117	0	32	0	0	0	0	949
Opponents		161	774	5	32	94	1014	12	46	94	126	4	1014	12	46	6	131	0	40	11	106	0	30	1788

Eastern Ill. Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effc	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
4	2.8	10.5	98.1	14.6	0.0	266.8	237.3

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
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	43	40	83	7.0-27	3-19	1	1-60	3-1	0	3	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	27
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	36	34	70	5.0-13	1-5	1	0-0	0-0	4	3	1	1-1	0	0	0	0	7
09/21/2024	at Illinois St.	44	56	100	6.0-18	1-7	1	1-0	1-0	1	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	7
Eastern Ill.		176	142	318	23.0-64	5-31	3	2-60	4-1	6	9	1	5-5	0	0	0	7	41
Opponents		102	98	200	17.0-75	8-48	2	3-0	6-36	13	13	1	16-17	0	0	0	51	127

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
09/21/2024	at Illinois St.	6	307	51.2	66	0	0	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	2	130	65.0	2	0
Eastern Ill.		23	1070	46.5	76	0	2	5	5	9	2	4	40	1	10	631	63.1	4	0
Opponents		13	512	39.4	46	0	1	9	0	7	3	4	46	1	24	1427	59.5	15	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
09/21/2024	at Illinois St.	52	253	1	30	22	265	3	31	22	28	1	265	3	31	0	0	0	0	3	13	0	8	518
Opponents		161	774	5	32	94	1014	12	46	94	126	4	1014	12	46	6	131	0	40	11	106	0	30	1788
Eastern Ill.		99	280	2	31	64	669	2	47	64	117	6	669	2	47	8	117	0	32	0	0	0	0	949

Opponents Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effc	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
4	4.8	10.8	167.3	21.8	9.6	515.3	447.0

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/29/2024	at Illinois	24	20	44	3.0-10	1-5	2	2-0	2-1	2	2	0	6-6	0	0	0	24	45
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	33	24	57	6.0-23	1-7	0	0-0	1-11	5	4	0	2-3	0	0	0	6	20
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	22	24	46	4.0-20	3-18	0	0-0	1-0	5	4	1	4-4	0	0	0	7	31
09/21/2024	at Illinois St.	23	30	53	4.0-22	3-18	0	1-0	2-24	1	3	0	4-4	0	0	0	14	31
Opponents		102	98	200	17.0-75	8-48	2	3-0	6-36	13	13	1	16-17	0	0	0	51	127
Eastern Ill.		176	142	318	23.0-64	5-31	3	2-60	4-1	6	9	1	5-5	0	0	0	7	41

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	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	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	1	6	390	65.0	4	0
09/21/2024	at Illinois St.	2	78	39.0	46	0	0	2	0	1	1-1	28	0	0	6	389	64.8	5	0
Opponents		13	512	39.4	46	0	1	9	0	7	3-4	46	1	1	24	1427	59.5	15	1
Eastern Ill.		23	1070	46.5	76	0	2	5	5	9	2-4	40	1	1	10	631	63.1	4	0



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RUSHES	30	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	105	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
YARDS PER RUSH	3.9	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
TD RUSHES	1	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
	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	51.2	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
LONG PUNT	76	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	0	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
	0	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	0	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
	0	at Illinois (08/29/2024)



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RUSHES	52	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	253	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
YARDS PER RUSH	5.8	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
TD RUSHES	2	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	2	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	37	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	30	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
YARDS PASSING	265	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
YARDS PER PASS	9.5	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
TD PASSES	4	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
TOTAL PLAYS	80	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
TOTAL OFFENSE	518	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
YARDS PER PLAY	6.8	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
POINTS	45	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
SACKS BY	3	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
	3	at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
FIRST DOWNS	28	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
PENALTIES	7	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
PENALTY YARDS	45	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
	45	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
TURNOVERS	4	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PUNTS	4	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
	4	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PUNTING AVG	40.0	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
LONG PUNT	46	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	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	22	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	12	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
YARDS PASSING	87	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
YARDS PER PASS	4.0	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
TD PASSES	0	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
	0	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
TOTAL PLAYS	49	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
TOTAL OFFENSE	192	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
YARDS PER PLAY	3.6	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
POINTS	0	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
SACKS BY	0	at Illinois (08/29/2024)
FIRST DOWNS	9	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
	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 Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
	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	28	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
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	2	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
PUNTING AVG	39.0	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
	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	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
	1	Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	8	at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)



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RUSHES	24	MJ Flowers vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	117	MJ Flowers at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
TD RUSHES	1 1	MJ Flowers at Illinois St. (09/21/2024) MJ Flowers vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
LONG RUSH	31	MJ Flowers at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	32 32	Pierce Holley vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024) Pierce Holley at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	19	Pierce Holley vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
YARDS PASSING	268	Pierce Holley vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
TD PASSES	1 1	Pierce Holley at Northwestern (09/14/2024) Pierce Holley vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
LONG PASS	47	Pierce Holley vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
RECEPTIONS	6 6	Cooper Willman at Northwestern (09/14/2024) Terrance Gipson vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
YARDS RECEIVING	100	Terrance Gipson vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
TD RECEPTIONS	1 1	Eli Mirza at Northwestern (09/14/2024) Cooper Willman vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
LONG RECEPTION	47	DeAirious Smith vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PUNTS	7	Jacob Horvath at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PUNTING AVG	51.2	Jacob Horvath at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
LONG PUNT	76	Jacob Horvath vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	Jacob Horvath at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	none	
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	32	Terrance Gipson at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
TACKLES	12	Elijahawah Tolbert at Illinois (08/29/2024)
SACKS	2	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	2 2	Nicholas Oliveira-Chace at Northwestern (09/14/2024) Nicholas Oliveira-Chace vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)



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RUSHES	25	Wenkers Wright at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	150	Wenkers Wright at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
TD RUSHES	1	Wenkers Wright at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
	1	Cam Porter at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	1	Joseph Himon II at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	1	Josh McCray at Illinois (08/29/2024)
	1	Kaden Feagin at Illinois (08/29/2024)
LONG RUSH	32	Joseph Himon II at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	37	Elijah Owens vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	30	Elijah Owens vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
YARDS PASSING	260	Elijah Owens vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
TD PASSES	4	Luke Altmyer at Illinois (08/29/2024)
LONG PASS	46	Jack Lausch at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
RECEPTIONS	7	Xavier Loyd at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
	7	Daniel Sobkowicz at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
	7	A.J. Henning at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	7	Plez Lawrence vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
YARDS RECEIVING	117	A.J. Henning at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
TD RECEPTIONS	2	Daniel Sobkowicz at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
	2	Pat Bryant at Illinois (08/29/2024)
LONG RECEPTION	46	A.J. Henning at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
FIELD GOALS	1	Ian Wagner at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
	1	Jack Olsen at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	1	David Olano at Illinois (08/29/2024)
LONG FIELD GOALS	46	Jack Olsen at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
PUNTS	4	Harry Traum vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
	4	Hugh Robertson at Illinois (08/29/2024)
PUNTING AVG	42.0	Luke Akers at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
LONG PUNT	46	Hayden Futch at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	Hugh Robertson at Illinois (08/29/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	30	Mac Resetich at Illinois (08/29/2024)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	40	Joseph Himon II at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
TACKLES	9	Geoffrey Brown vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
SACKS	1	Nick Kessler at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
	1	Patrick Bauer at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
	1	Steven Curtis at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
	1	Aidan Hubbard at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	1	Dylan Roberts at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	1	Michael Kilbane at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	1	Kendrick Milford vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
	1	Joe Barna at Illinois (08/29/2024)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	2	Patrick Bauer at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
	2	Kendrick Milford vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
INTERCEPTIONS	1	Keondre Jackson at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
	1	Mark Cannon Jr. at Illinois St. (09/21/2024)
	1	Devin Turner at Northwestern (09/14/2024)
	1	Maddix Blackwell vs Indiana St. (09/07/2024)
	1	Miles Scott at Illinois (08/29/2024)
	1	Torrie Cox Jr. at Illinois (08/29/2024)



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Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total			Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/29/2024	at Illinois	L 0-45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	W 27-20	4	3	17	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	L 7-31	3	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
09/21/2024	at Illinois St.	L 7-31	2	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals 5 of 9 (55.6%)			9	5	31	4	2	2	1	1	3	1	0	1	0	0

Opponents Inside Eastern Ill. Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total			Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/29/2024	Illinois	L 0-45	5	5	31	4	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	W 27-20	4	3	20	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
09/14/2024	Northwestern	L 7-31	3	3	21	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/21/2024	Illinois St.	L 7-31	7	4	24	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1
Totals 15 of 19 (78.9%)			19	15	96	13	4	9	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	1



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3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/29/2024	at Illinois	L	0-45	4-13 30.8	1-2 50.0	0-3 0.0	2-4 50.0	1-4 25.0	0-0 0.0
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	W	27-20	4-13 30.8	2-4 50.0	0-3 0.0	2-4 50.0	0-2 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	L	7-31	3-11 27.3	0-2 0.0	1-4 25.0	0-1 0.0	2-4 50.0	0-0 0.0
09/21/2024	at Illinois St.	L	7-31	2-10 20.0	2-3 66.7	0-3 0.0	0-2 0.0	0-2 0.0	0-0 0.0
Eastern Ill.				13-47 27.7	5-11 45.5	1-13 7.7	4-11 36.4	3-12 25.0	0-0 0.0
Opponents				26-51 51.0	4-9 44.4	9-17 52.9	4-9 44.4	9-16 56.3	0-0 0.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/29/2024	at Illinois	L	0-45	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/07/2024	Indiana St.	W	27-20	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/14/2024	at Northwestern	L	7-31	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/21/2024	at Illinois St.	L	7-31	1-2 50.0	1-1 100.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
Eastern Ill.				2-5 40.0	1-1 100.0	1-2 50.0	0-1 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
Opponents				2-5 40.0	0-1 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-1 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
09/21/2024	at Illinois St.	L	7-31	24:03	07:16	06:35	06:18	03:54	00:00
Eastern Ill.				Total	101:11	22:30	28:17	26:10	00:00
				Avg.	25:18	05:38	07:04	06:32	00:00
Opponents				Total	138:45	32:24	36:49	27:17	00:00
				Avg.	34:41	08:06	09:12	10:34	00:00



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Opponent	Score	First Downs				Rushing Number-Yards	Passing		Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn- Overs
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen		Comp-Att.-Int	Yards			
Illinois	0-45	9 / 27	1 / 10	6 / 14	2 / 3	22-49 / 42-244	16-32-2 / 21-29-0	147 / 242	54-196 / 71-486	25 / 44	4 / 0
Indiana St.	27-20	16 / 20	3 / 5	13 / 14	0 / 1	30-86 / 32-74	19-32-1 / 30-37-3	268 / 260	62-354 / 69-334	80 / 118	1 / 4
Northwestern	7-31	13 / 22	5 / 13	7 / 8	1 / 1	20-40 / 35-203	17-31-1 / 21-32-0	167 / 247	51-207 / 67-450	60 / 74	1 / 0
Illinois St.	7-31	9 / 28	7 / 12	2 / 13	0 / 3	27-105 / 52-253	12-22-2 / 22-28-1	87 / 265	49-192 / 80-518	13 / 37	3 / 2
Totals	41-127	47 / 97	16 / 40	28 / 49	3 / 8	99-280 / 161-774	64-117-6 / 94-126-4	669 / 1014	216-949 / 287-1788	178 / 273	9 / 6

Opponents	3rd Down Conversion	4th Down Conversion	Time of Possession	TOP Margin	Avg Yds/Rush	Avg Yds/Pass	Avg Yds/Play	Punting Number-Avg	Penalties Number-Yards	Sacks
Illinois	4-13 / 4-9	0-1 / 0-0	23:59 / 36:01	-12:02	2.2 / 5.8	4.6 / 8.3	3.6 / 6.8	7-42.3 / 4-39.0	6-50.0 / 6-45.0	0 / 1
Indiana St.	4-13 / 7-14	0-0 / 1-2	28:41 / 31:15	-02:34	2.9 / 2.3	8.4 / 7.0	5.7 / 4.8	5-47.2 / 4-40.0	4-30.0 / 4-25.0	3 / 1
Northwestern	3-11 / 4-11	1-2 / 1-2	24:28 / 35:32	-11:04	2.0 / 5.8	5.4 / 7.7	4.1 / 6.7	5-46.2 / 3-39.3	2-15.0 / 6-39.0	1 / 3
Illinois St.	2-10 / 11-17	1-2 / 0-1	24:03 / 35:57	-11:54	3.9 / 4.9	4.0 / 9.5	3.9 / 6.5	6-51.2 / 2-39.0	4-45.0 / 7-45.0	1 / 3
Totals	13-47 / 26-51	2-5 / 2-5	101:11 / 138:45	-37:34	2.8 / 4.8	5.7 / 8.0	4.4 / 6.2	23-46.5 / 13-39.4	16-140.0 / 23-154.0	5 / 8

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