EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHER FOOTBALL

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GAME 11

COACHES:

Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1995)
EIU Record.....19-37 (5th)
OVC Record.....11-21 (5th)
Career Record.....70-64 (14th)
vs. Tennessee State.....2-2

Reggie Barlow (Alabama State)
TSU Record.....4-18 (2nd)
OVC Record.....0-13 (2nd)
Overall Record.....87-76 (15th)
vs. Eastern Illinois.....0-1

SERIES

30th meeting, EIU leads 17-12
Last: @EIU 31, TSU 7 on Oct. 4, 2025

RANKINGS

Eastern Illinois..... --- / ---
Tennessee State..... --- / ---
.....*STATS Media/AFCA Coaches*

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Panthers Travel To Music City For Final 2026 Road Game

Eastern Illinois at Tennessee State
Nissan Stadium (69,143) • Nashville, Tenn.
November 14, 2026 • 2:30 pm • TV: ESPN+

NOTES TO KNOW

• Eastern Illinois hits the road one final time this season as the Panthers play on Saturday afternoon against Tennessee State in Nashville. EIU has won its last two road games this season and three total this year. The Panthers are coming off a home loss to in-state rival Western Illinois last Saturday at home which ended EIU's post-season hopes. EIU enters the game at 3-7 overall, 2-3 in the OVC. TSU is looking for its first OVC win of the season as the Tigers are 2-8 overall, 0-5 in the OVC. The two wins are over Florida A&M and Morgan State.

• Jacarre Fleming-Page has become a weapon catching the ball out of the backfield for the Panthers with three consecutive touchdown receptions between the final EIU touchdown at UT Martin and the first two scores on Saturday against Western Illinois. Fleming-Page ended the game with 115 yards receiving with his 75-yard screen pass tied for the 15th longest touchdown reception in school history. He became just the seventh EIU running back to finish with 100 or more yards receiving in a game and the first since Korliss Marshall in 2016 against Western Illinois.

• In the October 31 game at UT Martin senior defensive lineman James Collins got a hand up and blocked an extra point by the Skyhawks for the first blocked PAT by the Panthers since October 2024. Collins picked up a blocked extra point for the second straight week on Saturday against Western Illinois with this one returned for a two-point score by EIU. Collins ranks first in the FCS in blocked kicks with EIU now picking up four this season.

• Jerry Addo-Boateng added his name to an exclusive list of players on Saturday as the fifth year player took a lateral from Isaac Engle following the blocked extra point and raced 80 yards for the two points. He became just the third player in school history to return a blocked extra point for a score. The first was Bradley Dewberry in September 2015 at Western Illinois. The most recent was Corneliuss Page on Nov. 16, 2019 against Southeast Missouri.

• Eastern Illinois has logged some travel miles this season with five of its first six games this season on the road including long road trips to Minnesota, South Dakota State and Gardner-Webb. EIU has picked up wins in its last two road games at Gardner-Webb and UT Martin coupled with the season opening road win at Murray State. EIU's three road wins this season are the most for the program since the 2017 season (3-3). The last time EIU won four or more road games in a year was 2016, going 4-2 away from O'Brien Field with a win at FBS member Miami (Ohio).

• The turnovers gained streak moved to 13 straight games with the Panthers defense coming up with at least one turnover in a game. On Saturday against Western Illinois it was Jordyn Stewart coming up with a fumble recovery for the Panthers in the fourth quarter. EIU opened OVC play with a six takeaway game in a road win at Gardner-Webb on Oct. 10. EIU has 17 total turnovers gained this season which ranks the Panthers 21st in the FCS and second in the OVC. The Panthers are sixth in the FCS in turnover margin ranking first in the OVC.

Eastern Illinois (3-7, 2-3 OVC)

Date		Opponent	Score/Time
Aug.	27	at Murray State	W 28-14
Sept.	3	at Minnesota	L 7-59
Sept.	**12**	**INDIANA STATE**	**L 35-42**
Sept.	19	at #4 Illinois State	L 49-13
Sept.	26	at #2 South Dakota State	L 7-42
Oct.	10	• at Gardner-Webb	W 21-7
Oct.	**17**	**• LINDENWOOD**	**L 13-20**
Oct.	**24**	**• SOUTHEAST MISSOURI**	**L 10-20**
Oct.	31	• at UT Martin	W 45-16
Nov.	**7**	**• WESTERN ILLINOIS**	**L 23-44**
Nov.	14	• at Tennessee State	2:30 pm
Nov.	**21**	**• CHARLESTON SOUTHERN**	**12 pm**

• OVC Game *All Times Central*

Tennessee State (2-8, 0-5 OVC)

Date		Opponent	Score/Time
Aug.	**29**	**JACKSON STATE**	**L 24-26**
Sept.	5	at Georgia	L 3-63
Sept.	12	at Alabama A&M	L 3-30
Sept.	19	at Florida A&M	W 29-26
Oct.	3	• at Western Illinois	L 21-28
Oct.	**10**	**• UT MARTIN**	**L 28-42**
Oct.	**17**	**MORGAN STATE**	**W 25-16**
Oct.	**24**	**• CHARLESTON SOUTHERN**	**L 7-20**
Oct.	31	• at Lindenwood	L 0-27
Nov.	**7**	**• SOUTHEAST MISSOURI**	**L 14-33**
Nov.	**14**	**• EASTERN ILLINOIS**	**2:30 pm**
Nov.	21	• at Gardner-Webb	12:30 pm

• OVC Game *All Times Central*

STATS FCS MEDIA TOP 25
(NOVEMBER 9)

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	Tarleton State (48)	10-0
2.	Montana State (6)	9-1
3.	Youngstown State (2)	8-2
4.	South Dakota State (1)	8-2
5.	Northern Arizona	8-2
6.	Austin Peay	8-2
T7.	Lamar	8-2
T7.	Stephen F. Austin	9-1
9.	Tennessee Tech	9-1
10.	South Dakota	7-3
11.	North Dakota	7-4
12.	Montana	7-3
13.	Mercer	8-2
14.	Monmouth	8-2
15.	Illinois State	7-3
16.	Campbell	8-2
17.	Lehigh	8-2
18.	Weber State	6-4
19.	Harvard	7-1
20.	South Carolina State	8-2
21.	Idaho State	6-4
22.	Incarnate Word	6-4
23.	UC Davis	6-4
24.	Abilene Christian	5-5
25.	Princeton	6-2

FCS COACHES TOP 25
(NOVEMBER 9)

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	Tarleton State (26)	10-0
2.	Montana State	9-1
3.	Youngstown State	8-2
4.	South Dakota State	8-2
5.	Northern Arizona	8-2
6.	Austin Peay	8-2
7.	Stephen F. Austin	9-1
8.	Lamar	8-2
9.	Tennessee Tech	9-1
10.	South Dakota	7-3
11.	Mercer	8-2
T12.	Montana	7-3
T12.	North Dakota	7-4
14.	Monmouth	8-2
15.	Lehigh	8-2
16.	Campbell	8-2
17.	Illinois State	7-3
18.	South Carolina State	8-2
19.	Harvard	7-1
20.	Weber State	6-4
21.	Idaho State	6-4
22.	Jackson State	7-2
23.	Princeton	6-2
24.	Abilene Christian	5-5
25.	UAlbany	6-4

• Jeremy Reeves continues to be a big play threat for the Panthers hauling in a touchdown for the second straight week and third time in the last four weeks on Saturday against Western Illinois. Reeves is tied as the Panthers leader with four touchdown receptions with Jacarre Fleming-Page, both players tied for fourth most in the OVC. Reeves is third at EIU with 16 receptions with a team-high 279 yards to average 17.4 yards per catch.

• Running back Azeon Nelson is not your typical college student as the first-year member of the Panthers program transferred into Eastern Illinois following time at El Camino City College in California. Nelson is from Kennett, Missouri and graduated from Kennett High School in 2017. Following high school he spent six years as an active duty military member in the Air Force. Against Western Illinois Nelson rushed for 19 yards on four carries, his first offensive plays this year.

• Eastern Illinois had used long snapper Matthew Toledo as the special teams snapper for all units this season as the transfer from University of Rio Grande (Ohio) took all of those snaps until suffering a season ending injury in the home game with Southeast Missouri. Jefferson McKinnon finished out as the long snapper in that game but over the last two games he has handled punts while freshman Danny Mahoney has snapped for the field goal and extra points.

• Cade Cox continues to be steady with his punting average as the graduate transfer has moved up to second in the OVC in punting average this season at 43.1 yards per punt, a total that ranks 21st in the FCS. Cox had six punts for a 41.8 yard average against Western Illinois. On the season Cox is second in the FCS with 67 punts with 15 of those covering 50 or more yards and another ten pinned inside the 20-yard line.

• Senior Ja'Wuan Nickson posted his third double figure tackle game this season as he finished with ten stops on Saturday against Western Illinois. Nickson leads the Panthers with 72 tackles this season which ranks seventh in the OVC. Earlier this season he had ten tackle games against both Murray State and Indiana State. Nickson has eight career double figure games with a high of 14 last season against UT Martin when he finished the year with 95 tackles.

• Receiver Devin Whitlock has been the Panthers top receiving target throughout the course of the season. He currently leads the team with 26 receptions for 156 yards. He scored his first touchdown as an EIU player two weeks ago in the road win at UT Martin. Over the last two games Whitlock has caught 11 passes with 43 yards receiving in both contests. Last season playing at Indiana University (Pa.) he hauled in 84 passes for 927 yards.

• Quarterback Cole LaCrue added two more touchdown tosses to his season total as the junior finished the game with 174 yards passing on 11-of-17. LaCrue has now passed for an OVC leading 14 touchdowns this season which ranks 36th in the FCS. For his two-year EIU career LaCrue is now up to 2,387 yards passing with 18 touchdowns. A mobile quarterback, LaCrue has also racked up 822 yards on the ground with 12 more touchdowns.

• Lonnie Burt continues to be a consistent play maker for the Eastern Illinois defense increasing his contributions over the last seven games with 51 tackles for just over seven per game. He finished with nine tackles on Saturday against Western Illinois with six solo tackles. Burt is the Panthers leader with 40 solo tackles (3rd in the OVC) and eight tackles for loss (8th in the OVC). His season high for tackles was 11 at Gardner-Webb.

• Eastern Illinois defense finished with five tackles for loss on Saturday against Western Illinois with five different players recording a solo tackle for loss. On the season EIU is averaging 5.3 tackles for loss per game which ranks 64th in the FCS. Lonnie Burt is the team leader with eight tackles for loss followed by Aidan Archibald with 6.5 tackles for loss and a team leading 3.5 sacks.

• Micah Valenzuela made five tackles in each of the first two games of the season at Murray State and Minnesota after the transfer linebacker made 111 tackles last year playing at the junior college level. Valenzuela suffered an injury which kept him out of the next three games returning for limited time against Gardner-Webb. He has started three of the last four games and finished Saturday's game against Western Illinois with a season high seven tackles.

• Back-up quarterback Jeremiah Salem saw time in his fourth game this season coming in late in the fourth quarter Saturday against Western Illinois. Salem completed two passes for 23 yards including a touchdown toss to Jeremy Reeves. It was the second career touchdown pass for Salem who was a four-year member of the Eastern Michigan team before coming to EIU. His previous touchdown pass was in 2024 against Saint Francis (Pa.) while at EMU.

• The Panthers were on the wrong side of the time of possession battle on Saturday against Western Illinois with the Panthers possessing the football for a season low 20:57 in the game. It was the fourth time this season EIU has held the ball for less than 25 minutes in a game. EIU opened the season with 33 minutes of possession in the road win at Murray State and had it for just over 31 minutes two weeks ago in the road win at UT Martin.

• A week after posting the team's best third down conversion percentage of the season in the road win at UT Martin, the Panthers posted their second worst third down day on Saturday against Western Illinois. EIU converted just 1-of-10 on third down as their season conversion percentage is now at 31.5 percent. The season low is 1-for-13 at Gardner-Webb for 7.7 percent. At UT Martin the Panthers were 7-of-11 for 63.6 percent, one of two 60 percent conversion games this year (9-of-15 vs. Indiana State).

• Eastern Illinois will have at least one change to its 2027 football schedule as the Panthers early September game at Illinois has been canceled. The Fighting Illini announced a home-and-home series with Notre Dame as the game with Eastern Illinois was dropped from the schedule. The Panthers are set to open the season at SEC member Ole Miss and now have an open date in the second week of the season as EIU looks for possible opponents to fill that date.

2026 OVC Football Standings

Team	CONF	Pct.	All	Pct.
Southeast Missouri	4-1	800	6-4	600
Western Illinois	4-1	800	6-4	.600
Lindenwood	4-1	800	5-4	556
UT Martin	3-2	600	4-6	400
Eastern Illinois	2-3	400	3-7	300
Gardner-Webb	2-3	400	3-7	300
Charleston Southern	1-4	200	4-6	400
Tennessee State	0-5	000	2-8	200

This Week In OVC Football

Saturday - November 14
- Gardner-Webb at Western Illinois ..... 1 pm
- Southeast Missouri at Charleston Southern..... 1 pm
- Lindenwood at UT Martin ..... 2 pm
- Eastern Illinois at Tennessee State ..... 2:30 pm

Saturday - November 21
- Charleston Southern at Eastern Illinois..... 12 pm
- Tennessee State at Gardner-Webb..... 12:30 pm
- UT Martin at Southeast Missouri..... 1 pm
- Western Illinois at Lindenwood..... 2 pm

• OVC Game ESPN+

Eastern Illinois Captains

1 - Saipeti Maiava Jr (SAF)
4 - Charles Kellom (RB)
5 - Ja'Wuan Nickson (LB)
41 - Aidan Archibald (DL)
74 - Rahfeeq Katumbusi (OL

2026 OVC Order Of Finish

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

Eastern Illinois Returning All-Conference Players

74 - Rahfeeq Katumbusi (OL) ... 2nd Team
5 - Ja'Wuan Nickson (LB) ... 2nd Team
9 - Trevon Piggee (DL) ... Honorable Mention

• Eastern Illinois offensive lineman Alejandro Arellano was named a semifinalist for the National Football Foundation Walter Campbell Trophy. The award is considered the academic Heisman of college football and presented to the top academic football player in the nation. Arellano is entering his third season as a member of the Panthers program after two years at College of DuPage. He earned his undergraduate degree from EIU this summer with a 3.78 GPA from EIU in Exercise Science. Arellano is one of 45 players selected from the FCS level and one of two from the Ohio Valley Conference (Charleston Southern LB Steve Zayachkowsky).

SEASON LONG NOTES

• Eastern Illinois football has two pairs of siblings on the Panthers roster for 2026 with both sets of brothers playing the same position as their sibling. Twins Taiye Ajose and Kenny Ajose are back for their third season with the Panthers with both seeing playing time at wide receiver last year as redshirt freshmen. On the opposite side of the ball Nephi Maiava joins his older brother Saipeti Maiava Jr., on the Panthers roster. Saipeti was a starting safety for EIU in 2025 while Nephi joined the Panthers roster for 2026.

• Eastern Illinois once again has a mixture of players transferring from both the FBS and FCS level into the Panthers program. EIU currently has eight FBS transfers on its roster with program newcomers Jeremiah Salem (Eastern Michigan), Alex Stoyanovich (Colorado), Erik Hehl (UMass), Daniel Viramontes (Central Michigan), Cole Roberson (Jacksonville State) and Adam Kaminski (Central Michigan). The Panthers roster features ten FCS transfers with six of those players new to EIU this year in Nasir Maryland (Merrimack College), Premiere Whitley (Prairie View A&M), Lonnie Burt (Portland State), Cade Cox (UC Davis), Jacob Gettman (Samford) and Antonie De Lau (Delaware State).

• Eastern Illinois jumps back into games with the Power Four FBS Conferences over the next several years as last season the Panthers played at FBS traditional power Alabama. This season EIU ventured back into the Big Ten Conference with its September 3 game at Minnesota. Other future FBS games on the EIU schedule include at Ole Miss in 2027, Kentucky in 2028 and Indiana in 2029.

• Eastern Illinois football has seven 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 Cade Cox, Jeremiah Salem, Zeke Lewis, Eric Hehl, Carson Fichtel, Alejandro Arellano and Nick Vecchiarelli.

• In this transfer portal era of college athletics Zeke Lewis, Alex Ginnever and Carson Fichtel may be the exception for the Panthers as all three players have played their entire collegiate careers at Eastern Illinois. Lewis joined the Panthers as a freshman in 2021 and was granted a sixth year for 2026 as a medical hardship. Fichtel and Ginnever both came in as part of the class of 2022 and are playing their final year having used a redshirt season. Lewis and Fichtel have both already finished their undergraduate degree from Eastern Illinois. EIU has four additional players entering their fourth year in the program as redshirt juniors in Trevon Piggee, Makhi Wilson, Panayiotis Mihalopoulos and Christopher Sharp.

• Eastern Illinois once again has several legacy players on its roster this season with offensive lineman Carson Fichtel, safety Dillon Conway and redshirt freshmen Cale Kimbro and Barron Sholl. Fichtel's father Brad was an All-American lineman for the Panthers in the early 1990's. Conway's dad Duane played offensive line at EIU in the early 1990's signing as a free agent with the Indianapolis Colts. Kimbro and Sholl's fathers (Jared Kimbro and Scott Sholl) were also offensive linemen in the early 2000's blocking for quarterback Tony Romo and running back J.R. Taylor. Sholl was a multi-time All-OVC center. All four played at EIU for head coach Bob Spoo.

• Eastern Illinois football continues to expand its reach across both the United States and North America. EIU's roster features players from 23 different states spanning from California and Washington on the West Coast to New Jersey and North Carolina on the East Coast. This year the Panthers roster also spans the globe with players from Canada (Dejan Guzina & Adam Kaminski), Germany (Leon Müller) and the tiny island nation of Curaçao (Antonie De Lau). Those international players join players from Finland, The Netherlands and Australia in recent years.

• The Ohio Valley Conference and Big South Conference merged into a joint conference for the sport of football in 2023 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 conference rebranded as the OVC-Big South Football Association in 2025 and moved back under the banner of the Ohio Valley Conference in 2026. The football membership includes Eastern Illinois, Lindenwood, Southeast Missouri, Tennessee State, UT Martin and Western Illinois from the OVC. The Big South affliate members are Charleston Southern and Gardner-Webb. All information for OVC football can be found at **www.OVCSports.com**

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 70-64 (19-37 at EIU, 5th year) career record. He was the 2003 Big South-OVC Coach of the Year.

Complete Coach Chris Wilkerson bio available on page 6 of EIU game notes...

TENNESSEE STATE HEAD COACH REGGIE BARLOW

Former NFL wide receiver Reggie Barlow is in his second season as the head coach at Tennessee State. Prior to coming to TSU, Barlow coached the previous two seasons in the XFL/UFL with the DC Defenders taking the team to the league championship game in 2023. He has previous college head coaching stops at Alabama State and Virginia State winning three SWAC East Division titles at ASU and taking VSU to the NCAA Division II playoffs one time. He has a collegiate coaching record of 87-76 including a 4-18 record at TSU (0-13 in OVC games). Barlow played college football at Alabama State before an eight-year NFL career with stops in Jacksonville, Tampa Bay and Oakland.

SCOUTING TENNESSEE STATE

Tennessee State enters the game at 2-8 overall, 0-5 in the OVC as the Tigers have struggled to run the ball consistently this season averaging just 56.9 yards per game on the ground, a total that ranks last in the FCS. TSU has relied on the arm of quarterback Daylin Lee who has passed for 2,041 yards and 14 touchdowns. His top target is Cam Bulluck with 51 catches for 697 yards and seven touchdowns. Defense has kept the Tigers in most games with Jaylon Price leading the way with 36 tackles and a league high 8.5 sacks. Epoki Fakosi is the team's leading tackler with 60 stops.

THE SERIES

Eastern Illinois and Tennessee State will be meeting for the 30th time as TSU hosts Eastern Illinois at Nissan Stadium. EIU holds a 17-12 all-time lead in the series after last year's home win in Charleston, the second in the last three years for the Panthers over Tennessee State. EIU will be looking for its first win at Tennessee State since the 2019 season when the Panthers won 49-38 in a game played at TSU's on-campus Hale Stadium. EIU's last win at Nissan Stadium was on Sept. 30, 2017 with a double overtime 19-16 victory.

LAST TEN MEETINGS

Oct. 4, 2025... EIU 31, TSU 7 at Eastern Illinois
Oct. 12, 2024... TSU 41, EIU 17 at Tennessee State
Nov. 11, 2023... EIU 30, TSU 17 at Eastern Illinois
Oct. 22, 2022... TSU 37, EIU 17 at Tennessee State
Oct. 23, 2021... TSU 28, EIU 0 at Eastern Illinois
March 14, 2021... TSU 21, EIU 20 at Tennessee State
Nov. 9, 2019... EIU 49, TSU 38 at Tennessee State
Sept. 22, 2018... TSU 41, EIU 40 at Eastern Illinois
Sept. 30, 2017... EIU 19, TSU 16 at Tennessee State (2 OT)
Oct. 8, 2016... EIU 35, TSU 34 at Eastern Illinois

SERIES DID YOU KNOW FACTS...

1.) Of the 29 meetings between Eastern Illinois and Tennessee State, two of those have occurred in the FCS playoffs with EIU beating TSU in 2013 (51-10) and TSU edging EIU 20-19 in 1982 in what later would be a game forfeited by the Tigers due to use of an ineligible player. TSU is one of three teams EIU has faced multiple times in the FCS playoffs with EIU playing both Northern Iowa and Southern Illinois three times.

2.) Eastern Illinois has had a its fair share of players reach the NFL with notable quarterbacks Tony Romo and Jimmy Garoppolo. Tennessee State has produced multiple NFL players through the years including Hall of Fame inductees Richard Dent and Claude Humphrey. In terms of the College Football Hall of Fame, EIU has two inductees in former coach Darrell Mudra along with quarterback Tony Romo. TSU is represented by former head coach John Merritt.

TALE OF THE TAPE

Points Per Game	20.2	15.4
Average Points Allowed	31.3	31.1
First Downs	135	154
Rushing Yards Per Game	122.6	56.9
Rushing Touchdowns	12	4
Passing Yards Per Game	160.5	226.2
Passing Touchdowns	15	15
Average Yards Per Game	283.1	283.1
Interceptions Thrown	5	12
Fumbles - Lost	5-4	12-6
Turnovers Gained	17	12
Punting Average	43.1	38.9
Field Goals (ATT/MADE)	4-of-5	5-of-10
3rd Down Conversions	39-of-124 (31%)	54-of-144 (38%)
4th Down Conversions	4-of-8 (50%)	7-of-18 (39%)
Sacks By (Yards)	8 (54)	19 (122)
Penalties (Yards)	60 (59.6 pypg)	50 (43.4 pypg)
Time of Possession (Game)	26:36	28:57

Statistical Leaders

RUSHING YARDS (Touchdowns)

EASTERN ILLINOIS		TENNESSEE STATE	
Charles Kellom	596 (7)	Brenton Paul	227 (2)
Cole LaCrue	324 (5)	Jeremiah Treadaway	150 (0)

PASSING YARDS (Touchdowns)

EASTERN ILLINOIS		TENNESSEE STATE	
Cole LaCrue	1536 (14)	Daylin Lee	2041 (13)
Jeremiah Salem	59 (1)	Byron McNair	159 (1)

RECEPTIONS (Yards / TDs)

EASTERN ILLINOIS		TENNESSEE STATE	
Devin Whitlock	26 (156 / 1)	Cam Bulluck	51 (697 / 7)
Charles Kellom	20 (157 / 1)	Jayden Guy	25 (349 / 0)
Jeremy Reeves	16 (279 / 4)	Brock Montgomery	20 (347 / 2)

TACKLES

EASTERN ILLINOIS		TENNESSEE STATE	
Ja'Wuan Nickson	72	Epoki Fakaosi	60
Lonnie Burt	69	Brendan Hale	53
Nick Vecchiarelli	43	Sammy Taylor	38
Kaleb Lyons	39	Bryce Gray	37
Brandon Worsley	38	Jaylon Price	36

TACKLES FOR LOSS / SACKS

EASTERN ILLINOIS			TENNESSEE STATE		
Lonnie Burt	8	0	Jaylon Price	8.5	8.5
Aidan Archibald	6.5	3.5	Brandon Collins	5	3
Ja'Wuan Nickson	6	0	Epoki Fakosi	3.5	0

Eastern Illinois In The OVC/NCAA Stats

2026 SEASON

TEAM

	NCAA	CONF
Rushing Offense	92nd	5th
Passing Offense	108th	6th
Passing Efficiency	60th	3rd
Total Offense	116th	6th
Scoring Offense	96th	7th
Rushing Defense	107th	8th
Pass Defense	63rd	5th
Pass Efficiency Def.	82nd	5th
Total Defense	103rd	8th
Scoring Defense	89th	7th
Net Punting	59th	5th
Punt Returns	68th	6th
Kickoff Returns	101st	7th
Turnover Margin	10th	1st
Turnovers Gained	21st	2nd
Sacks	123rd	8th
Tackles For Loss	64th	5th
Sacks Allowed	46th	4th
3rd Down Conversion	110th	6th
4th Down Conversion	64th	5th
3rd Down Defense	78th	6th
Red Zone Offense	21st	1st
Red Zone Defense	39th	3rd
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game	77th	4th
Time of Possession	118th	8th

INDIVIDUAL (Top 50)

	NCAA	CONF
Cole LaCrue (Passing TDs)	36th	1st
Cole LaCrue (Passing Efficiency)	49th	3rd
Isaac Engle (Fumbles Recovered)	8th	1st
Jerry Addo-Boateng (Interceptions)	29th	4th
James Collins (Blocked Kicks)	1st	1st
Cade Cox (Punting)	21st	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. EIU's current active streak is 11 games after they were shutout in 2024 season opener at Illinois.

Longest EIU Streaks

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

Current EIU Streak

10 games (last time shutout 11/22/2025 at Alabama)

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

2026 WEEKLY AWARDS

Aug. 31 - Charles Kellom (Offensive)
Sept. 14 - Cole LaCrue (Offensive)
Sept. 14 - Ja'Wuan Nickson (Defensive)
Oct. 12 - Davian Humphrey (Rookie)

***** Indicates National Player of the Week***

NCAA PLAYOFF APPEARANCES

School	# Appearances (Last)
Montana	29 (2025)
Eastern Kentucky	23 (2024)
Northern Iowa	22 (2021)
Furman	20 (2023)
New Hampshire	19 (2025)
Villanova	17 (2025)
EASTERN ILLINOIS	**16 (2015)**
McNeese State	16 (2015)
Eastern Washington	15 (2021)
Montana State	15 (2025)
South Dakota State	15 (2025)
Idaho	14 (2024)
Richmond	14 (2024)

Former FCS members now playing at FBS level

Delaware	19 (2023)
Appalachian State	20 (2012)
Georgia Southern	19 (2012)
James Madison	18 (2021)
North Dakota State	16 (2025)

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

5th year at Eastern Illinois as Head Coach (12th season at EIU overall)

Eastern Illinois, 1995

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Eastern Illinois			
Year	Overall	Conf.	
2022	2-9	1-4 (OVC)	
2023	8-3	4-2 (OVC)	No. 24
2024	3-9	2-6 (OVC)	
2025	3-9	2-6 (OVC)	
2026	3-6	2-2 (OVC)	
EIU	19-36	11-20	
University of Chicago Record			
2021	8-2	7-2 (MWC)	
2020	*Season cancelled COVID-19		
2019	6-3	6-1 (MWC)	
2018	7-3	7-1 (MWC)	
2017	6-4	6-2 (MWC)	
2016	4-6	4-4 (SAA)	
2015	6-4	5-3 (SAA)	
2014	8-1	3-0 (UAA)	UAA title
2013	6-4	1-2 (UAA)	
Totals	51-27	39-15	9 years
Career	70-63	50-35	

Eastern Illinois

* Hired as 26th head coach in Eastern Illinois history on January 26, 2022
* Begins fifth year as head coach for 2026 season
* Finished 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 and No. 24 FCS Coaches Poll final ranking
* Coached OVC-Big South Special Teams Player of the Year Mason Miller in 2025 (two time All-American)
* Coached 12 All-Conference selections in 2025 (two first team)
* Defense ranked first in the OVC-Big South in turnovers gained (18), 29th in FCS in 2025
* Offense set EIU single game record by rushing yards by a quarterback with 193 vs Dayton
* Offense set EIU single game passing record by a freshman with 411 yards vs Illinois State
* Defense ranked second in FCS in fourth down defense and 15th in red zone defense in 2025
* Coached six All-Conference selections in 2024 (three first team)
* Team ranked 13th in the FCS in passing offense and 9th in FCS in fewest penalty yards
* Team featured quarterback Pierce Holley who became just fourth QB in school history with 3,000 passing yards in a season
* Wide receiver Cooper Willman set school single game record with 291 yards receiving against Gardner-Webb (3rd most in OVC history)
* 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
(5th year)
Butler, 2003



Mason Keeler
Special Teams / Tight Ends
(2nd year)
Wyoming, 2020



Tino Smith II
Wide Receivers
(3rd year)
Savannah State, 2021



Shaun Wick
Running Backs
(1st year)
Wyoming, 2017



Mike McClanathan
Offensive Line
(1st year)
Drake, 2015



Andrew Strobel
Def Cord / Safeties
(3rd year)
Northern Michigan, 2009



Rodman Noel
Linebackers
(2nd year)
North Carolina State, 2016



Alex Gray
Defensive Backs
(1st year)
Walsh University



Casey Walker
Defensive Line
(1st year)
Oklahoma



Tre'jon Lewis
Asst. Defensive Line
(1st year)
Eastern Illinois, 2023

FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF & QUALITY CONTROL

Graduate Assistant Coach - Defense ..... Matt Lindsey
Graduate Assistant Coach - Offense ..... Kevin Moynihan
Quality Control Coach - Special Teams ..... Dustin Zieman
Graduate Assistant - Operations ..... Andrew Scheff
Student Assistant Coach ..... Peyton Wilkerson
Graduate Assistant Football Performance ..... Zac Vereen
Graduate Assistant Football Performance ..... Noam Cohen

Football Athletic Trainers ..... Alexis Fenrick
..... Samantha Reinert
..... Kyrrah Randolph
Football Equipment Manager ..... Clint Bays
Director of Football Operations ..... David Brubaker
Football Academics ..... Nicole Jackson
Nutrition ..... Amanda Davis
Director of Football Performance ..... Andreas Missios

ADDITIONAL FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF

Head Strength Coach ..... Joe Neihaus
Head Athletic Trainer ..... Jim Nave
Orthopedic Surgeon ..... Sarah Bush Lincoln Sports Medicine
Team Doctor ..... Dr. Daniel Fishel
Team Dentist ..... Dr. Jennifer Kennedy

EIU ADMINISTRATION

University President ..... Dr. Jay Gatrell
Athletic Director ..... Mark Wilson (Begin Sept. 1)
Deputy Athletic Director ..... Mark Bonnstetter
Associate AD Development ..... TBA
Associate AD Media & PR ..... Rich Moser
Assistant AD Academic Services / SWA ..... Jenn King
Assistant AD Compliance ..... Dwight Rutledge
Assistant AD Marketing / Fan Engagement ..... Will Hunker
Assistant AD Sports Performance / Wellness ..... Jim Nave
Business Manager ..... Cristine Shick

EIU LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

Passed for more than 300 yards...
Pierce Holley, 338 vs. Western Illinois (Nov. 2, 2024)
Holley with six straight 300-yard passing games

Passed for more than 400 yards...
Connor Wolf, 411, vs. Illinois State (Sept. 13, 2025)

Threw four touchdown passes...
Cole LaCrue, 4, vs. UT Martin (Oct. 31, 2026)

Rushed for more than 150 yards...
Charles Kellom, 171, at Murray State (Aug. 27, 2026)
Charles Kellom, 153 at Gardner-Webb (Oct. 10, 2026)

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...
Charles Kellom, 3, at Murray State (Aug. 27, 2026)

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...
Cooper Willman, 3, at Gardner-Webb (Nov. 9, 2024)

Had 150 yards receiving...
CJ Nelson, 194, vs Illinois State (Sept. 13, 2025)

Had 200 yards receiving...
Cooper Willman, 291, at Gardner-Webb (Nov. 9, 2024) **** EIU Single Game Record**

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...
Kaleb Lyons, 1 vs. Southeast Missouri (Oct. 24, 2026)

Returned a blocked punt for touchdown - blocked by...
DeAirious Smith, 1 vs. Illinois State (Sept. 18, 2021)... - Charles Shelton IV

Blocked a field goal...
Premiere Whitley, 1, at Murray State (Aug. 27, 2026) - field goal
James Collins, 1, vs Western Illinois - (Nov. 7, 2026) - extra point

Returned a blocked field goal for touchdown - blocked by...
Mark Aitken, 1 vs. Tennessee Tech (Oct. 29, 2022) - Jordan Vincent (65 yards return)

*****Returned a point after attempt for 2-point conversion...**
Jerry Addo-Boateng vs. Western Illinois (Nov. 7, 2026)

EIU scored a two-point conversion
- (Rush) - Pierce Holley vs. Bryant (Oct. 21, 2023)
- (Pass) - Eli Mirza from Pierce Holley vs. Lindenwood (Sept. 28, 2024)

Won a game on a field goal...
Julian Patino, 18 yards, vs Charleston Southern (Nov. 16, 2024) - overtime

Had 15 or more tackles on defense...
Colin Bohanek, 15, vs. Tennessee Tech (Oct. 29, 2022)

Had 10 or more solo tackles on defense...
Tylan Foster, 11, vs. UT Martin (Nov. 8, 2025)

Had 3 or more sacks on defense...
Drake Van Hyfte, 3, at Robert Morris (Nov. 18, 2023)

Had 4 or more tackles for loss on defense...
Dytarious Johnson, 4 at UT Martin (Oct. 19, 2019)

Had 2 or more interceptions
NiJhay Burt, 2, vs. Indiana State (Sept. 27, 2024)

Recovered an onside kick...
Cooper Willman, 1, at Tennessee State (Oct. 22, 2022)

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

2026 EASTERN ILLINOIS TOUCHDOWNS

Qtr	Touchdown	Opponent
2	Charles Kellom 10 run	at Murray State
2	Charles Kellom 88 run	at Murray State
3	Charles Kellom 2 run	at Murray State
4	Landers Green 20 pass from Cole LaCrue	at Murray State
2	Tyren Buggs 8 pass from Cole LaCrue	at Minnesota
1	Charles Kellom 76 run	Indiana State
3	Jeremy Reeves 21 pass from Cole LaCrue	Indiana State
3	Cole LaCrue 8 run	Indiana State
4	Jacarre Fleming-Page 7 pass from Cole LaCrue	Indiana State
4	Charles Kellom 8 pass from Cole LaCrue	Indiana State
4	Cole LaCrue 1 run	at Illinois State
2	Cole LaCrue 9 run	at South Dakota State
3	Charles Kellom 1 run	at Gardner-Webb
4	Cole LaCrue 4 run	at Gardner-Webb
4	Charles Kellom 4 run	at Gardner-Webb
2	Jeremy Reeves 49 pass from Cole LaCrue	Lindenwood
3	Alex Ginnever 24 pass from Cole LaCrue	Lindenwood
2	Samuel Gonzalez 18 pass from Cole LaCrue	Southeast Missouri
1	Devin Whitlock 14 pass from Cole LaCrue	at UT Martin
1	Charles Kellom 5 run	at UT Martin
2	Jeremy Reeves 12 pass from Cole LaCrue	at UT Martin
3	Eli Evans 19 pass from Cole LaCrue	at UT Martin
4	Cole LaCrue 50 run	at UT Martin
4	Jacarre Fleming-Page 67 pass from Cole LaCrue	at UT Martin
1	Jacarre Fleming-Page 36 pass from Cole LaCrue	Western Illinois
4	Jacarre Fleming-Page 75 pass from Cole LaCrue	Western Illinois
4	Jeremy Reeves 17 pass from Jeremiah Salem	Western Illinois

EASTERN ILLINOIS NFL CONNECTIONS
(During 2026 NFL SEASON)

DENVER BRONCOS
Sean Payton - Head Coach

NEW YORK GIANTS
Tim Kelly - Tight Ends Coach

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS
Adam Gristick - Linebackers Assistant

DALLAS COWBOYS
Steven Bravo Brown - Wide Receivers Assistant

MINNESOTA VIKINGS
Ryan Pace - Football Advisor

FREE AGENT
Jimmy Garoppolo - Quarterback

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

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:

34	at Alabama	Nov. 22, 2025
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
11	at Gardner-Webb (2-of-4)	Oct. 10, 2026
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.

QUATERBACK SACKS:

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

TURNOVERS:

8	vs. Youngstown State	1981

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
Nov. 16, 2024 vs. Charleston Southern	W 16-13
Nov. 1, 2025 vs. UT Martin	L 20-27

+ 1982 & 1983 games in FCS playoffs

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

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)	

INDIVIDUAL GAME RECORDS

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

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
Pierce Holley..... 458 at Gardner-Webb 2024
Jimmy Garoppolo... 453 vs. Austin Peay 2012
Jimmy Garoppolo... 450 at Northern Illinois.....2013

PASSING ATTEMPTS:
Harry Woodbery..... 68 vs. Tennessee Tech 2019
Jimmy Garoppolo... 61 at Illionis 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):
Cooper Willman.... 291 at Gardner-Webb.....2024
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

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:
Cole LaCrue ..... 193 vs Dayton.....2025

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
Others (5 touchdown passes in a game)
Jimmy Garoppolo (4), Sean Payton (2), Tony Romo, Steve Turk, Harry Woodbery, Pierce Holley

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

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

TACKLES FOR LOSS:
Trevor Frericks ..... 7.0 vs. Tennessee State 2009

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

MOST PASS RECEPTIONS BY A RUNNING BACK:
MJ Flowers..... 11 vs Southeast Misssouri .2024
Devin Church ..... 10 at Northern Iowa 2015
DuWayne Pitts..... 9 vs. SW Missouri 1984

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

LONGEST FUMBLE RETURN FOR TD:
Bryce Dewberry, 90 at Tennessee Tech 2021

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

MOST FUMBLE RECOVERIES:
Tied by many..... 2
Last - Dytarious Johnson at Murray State 2019

MOST INTERCEPTIONS THROWN:
Jeff Thorne ..... 7 vs. McNeese State.....1993



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/LAST)
0	Nasir Maryland	DB	6-2	200	R-Sr	TR	Ramsey, NJ (Don Bosco Prep / Merrimack College)
0	Carlyun Neal	WR	5-11	190	So	1	Cincinnati, Ohio (Withrow)
1	Saipeti Maiava Jr	SAF	5-11	200	Sr	1	Fontana, Calif. (Etiwanda / Riverside City College)
1	Jacarre Fleming-Page	RB	5-9	195	R-So	1	Hahira, Ga. (Lowndes)
2	Bruce Mitchell	DB	6-0	200	R-Jr	1	Little Rock, Ark. (Lone Star (Texas / Mississippi Valley State Univ.)
2	Devin Whitlock	WR	5-7	160	R-Jr	TR	Monessen, Pa. (Belle Vernon Area / Indiana (Pa.) Univ.)
3	Daniel Autrey	DB	6-2	205	R-Jr	RS	Glendale, Calif. (Glendale / Glendale College)
3	Samuel Gonzalez	WR	6-1	185	R-Jr	TR	Daytona Beach, Fla. (Seabreeze / MidAmerica Nazarene Univ.)
4	Dillon Conway	SAF	6-3	230	R-So	1	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Mt. Carmel)
4	Charles Kellom	RB	6-0	215	R-Sr	1	Cincinnati, Ohio (St. Xavier / Akron Univ.)
5	Ja'Wuan Nickson	LB	6-0	240	Sr	1	Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Hillcrest / Riverside City College)
5	Taiye Ajose	WR	6-6	230	R-So	1	Akron, Ohio (St. Vincent-St. Mary's)
6	Jerry Addo-Boateng	DB	6-1	190	R-Sr	RS	Sanford, Fla. (Orangewood Christian / Defiance College)
6	Eli Evans	WR	6-1	190	Jr	TR	Lacey, Wash. (Timberline / Santa Rosa JC)
7	Collin Henry	DB	6-3	185	R-So	TR	LaVerne, Calif. (Bonita / Chaffey College)
7	Cole LaCrue	QB	6-1	210	R-Jr	1	Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield / Univ. of Wisconsin)
8	Nick Vecchiarelli	SAF	6-0	220	Grad	RS	Howell, NJ (Howell / Marist College)
8	Landers Green	WR	6-4	195	R-Sr	1	Wharton, NJ (St. Peter's Prep / Union College)
9	Trevon Piggee	DL	6-1	305	R-Jr	2	St. Louis, Mo. (DeSmet Jesuit)
9	Ayden Billups	WR	6-1	185	Jr	TR	San Diego, Calif. (Lincoln / Grossmont CC)
11	Noah Williams	LB	5-11	210	R-Jr	RS	Dallas, Texas (Princeton / Dodge City CC)
11	Kenny Ajose	WR	6-6	225	R-So	1	Akron, Ohio (St. Vincent-St. Mary's)
12	Salah Hill	DB	5-11	180	R-Sr	SQ	Norfolk, Va. (Chaminade Prep / Willamette Univ.)
12	Jadhari Young	WR	6-0	205	Jr	TR	Stafford, Va. (Brooke Point / De Anza College)
13	Premiere Whitley	DL	6-2	285	Sr	TR	San Diego, Calif. (Helix Charter / Prairie View A&M Univ.)
13	Jazel Riley IV	QB	6-1	205	R-Jr	TR	Lakewood, Colo. (Golden / College of the Canyons)
14	Le'Javier Payne	DB	5-8	180	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Mt. Carmel)
14	Logan Duhachek	QB	6-4	225	Fr	HS	Arvada, Colo. (Arvada West)
15	Brandon Worsley	SAF	6-0	200	Sr	1	San Marcos, Calif. (Mission Hills / San Diego Mesa College)
15	Jeremiah Salem	QB	6-3	205	Grad	TR	Germantown, Tenn. (Houston / Eastern Michigan Univ.)
16	Micah Valenzuela	LB	6-0	225	R-So	TR	Pacoima, Calif. (Lincoln / Riverside City College)
16	Payton Faker	QB	6-5	215	So	TR	Burien, Wash. (Kennedy Catholic / College of the Sequoias)
19	Mafileo Tupou	LB	5-11	240	R-Sr	TR	Riverside, Calif. (John W. North / Adams State Univ.)
20	Nephi Maiava	SAF	5-8	190	R-Fr	TR	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Etiwanda / Riverside City College)
21	Kaleb Lyons	DB	6-0	195	R-Sr	1	Antioch, Tenn. (Brentwood Academy / Morehead State Univ.)
22	Tyren Buggs	RB	6-2	215	So	TR	LaGrange, Ga. (Callaway / Andrew College)
23	Kendall Ayersman	DB	6-1	175	5th	TR	Las Vegas, Nev. (Green Valley / Angelo State Univ.)
24	Alex Koulovatos	SAF	6-2	205	R-So	TR	Charlotte, NC (Providence / Long Beach City College)
25	Christopher Sharp	CB	5-11	180	R-Jr	2	St. Louis, Mo. (DeSmet Jesuit)
26	Makhi Wilson	SAF	6-0	185	R-Jr	1	Bettendorf, Iowa (Pleasant Valley)
27	Josh Brown	SAF	6-1	205	R-So	1	Suwanee, Ga. (Peachtree Ridge)
28	Micheal Curry Jr	RB	5-11	200	R-Fr	RS	Louisville, Ky. (Atherton)
29	Kham Boecker	SAF	6-0	210	R-Sr	SQ	Toledo, Ohio (Whitmer / College of DuPage)
30	Dajon Doss	LB	6-1	220	R-So	TR	Lancaster, Calif. (St. Bonaventure Univ. of Arkansas Monticello)
31	Azeon Nelson	RB	5-10	200	R-Jr	TR	Kennett, Mo. (Kennett / El Camino City College)
32	Cale Kimbro	LB	6-2	225	R-Fr	RS	Mattoon, Ill. (Mattoon)
33	Chris Viveros	TE	6-4	215	R-So	TR	Frisco, Texas (Lone Star / Navarro JC)
34	Jordyn Stewart	LB	6-1	230	R-So	1	Homewood, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor)
35	Zeke Lewis	RB	6-0	205	Grad	SQ	Decatur, Ill. (Decatur St. Teresa)
36	Jesse Eaton	TE	6-5	220	Fr	HS	Clarksville, Tenn. (Clarksville Academy)
37	Calvin Ogawa	K	6-1	200	Fr	HS	San Diego, Calif. (Carlsbad)
38	Matthew Toledo	LS	6-0	225	R-So	TR	Fairfield, Ohio (Fairfield / Univ. of Rio Grande)
39	Davian Humphrey	LB	6-2	230	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Phillips)
40	Alex Stoyanovich	K	5-9	175	R-So	TR	South Lyon, Mich. (South Lyon / Univ. of Colorado)
41	Aidan Archibald	DL	6-2	250	R-So	1	Charleston, Ill. (Charleston)
42	Isaac Engle	DL	6-1	230	R-Jr	RS	Highland Ranch, Colo. (Highland Ranch / Univ. South Dakota Mines)
43	Lonnie Burt	LB	6-0	225	Jr	TR	Portland, Ore. (Jesuit / Portland State Univ.)
45	Erik Hehl	DL	6-0	245	Grad	TR	Newport Beach, Calif. (Newport Harbor / Univ. of Massachusetts)

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC)
46	Cade Cox	P	6-0	175	Grad	TR	Redding, Calif. (Foothill / UC Davis)
47	Drew Schiller	K	6-1	185	R-So	1	New Lenox, Ill. (Lincoln-Way Central)
48	Maximo Vaughn	DL	6-5	245	R-Jr	RS	San Diego, Calif. (Kearny / San Diego Mesa College)
50	Jacob Simmons	LB	6-1	200	Fr	HS	Charlotte, NC (Charlotte Christian School)
51	Jacob Gettman	P	6-0	185	R-So	TR	Daytona Beach, Fla. (Mainland / Samford Univ.)
52	Barron Sholl	DL	6-4	255	R-Fr	RS	Rockford, Ill. (Boylan Central Catholic)
53	Daniel Viramontes	DL	6-1	275	R-Jr	TR	Anaheim, Calif. (Katella / Central Michigan Univ.)
55	James Collins II	DL	6-2	295	R-Sr	1	Mesquite, Texas (Mesquite Horn / College of the Sequoias)
56	Christian Markum	DL	6-0	275	Jr	TR	Jacksonville, Fla. (Trinity Christian Academy / College of the Sequoias)
57	Panayiotis Mihalopoulos	OL	6-3	310	R-Jr	1	Chicago, Ill. (Loyola Academy)
59	Tyler Fortis	DL	6-3	295	R-Fr	RS	Park Ridge, Ill. (Maine South)
61	Antonie De Lau	OL	6-7	320	Sr	TR	Willemsted, Curaçao (Bishop Alemany (Calif.) / Delaware State Univ.)
62	Cole Roberson	OL	6-3	305	R-Jr	TR	River Forest, Ill. (Oak Park-River Forest / Jacksonville State Univ.)
63	Nick Thomas	OL	6-4	295	Fr	HS	Hannibal, Mo. (Hannibal)
65	Carson Fichtel	OL	6-3	310	Grad	1	Heath, Texas (Rockwall-Heath)
66	Jalin Strowder	OL	6-1	340	Fr	HS	Mundelein, Ill. (Carmel Catholic)
67	Dejan Guzina	OL	6-8	325	R-Fr	RS	Delta, British Columbia – Canada (Football Canada North)
69	Tatum Bentley	OL	6-3	290	Jr	TR	Cedar Park, Texas (Vista Ridge / Monterey Peninsula College)
70	Alejandro Arellano	OL	6-3	300	Grad	2	Sterling, Ill. (Sterling / College of DuPage)
71	Peter Williams	OL	6-5	340	Fr	HS	San Diego, Calif. (University City)
72	Brandin Carpenter	OL	6-6	315	So	1	Pasadena, Calif. (Pasadena)
73	Jordan Yandila	OL	6-4	300	R-Jr	SQ	Snohomish, Wash. (Glacier Peak / Adams State Univ.)
74	Rahfeeq Katumbusi	OL	6-3	320	R-So	1	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Mt. Carmel)
75	David Trujillo	OL	6-2	310	Jr	TR	Ontario, Calif. (Ontario / Riverside City College)
76	Dominic Fasano	OL	6-3	300	R-Fr	RS	Plainfield, Ill. (Plainfield North)
77	Gianni Pangallo	OL	6-6	310	Jr	TR	Farmingdale, NY (Farmingdale / SUNY Buffalo State)
78	Grady Farley	OL	6-6	280	Fr	HS	Brookfield, Wis. (Brookfield East)
79	Aidan Hubble	OL	6-7	305	R-Sr	SQ	Boulder, Colo. (New Vista / San Diego Mesa College)
80	Johnovan Wysinger	WR	6-1	185	R-So	SQ	Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park)
81	Max Loveall	TE	6-3	220	R-So	1	Richmond, Ill. (Richmond-Burton)
82	Whitten Weems	TE	6-5	255	Jr	TR	Crawford, Texas (Crawford / East Texas Baptist Univ.)
83	Niko Menos	WR	6-2	200	Fr	HS	Roselle, Ill. (Lake Park)
84	Jeremy Reeves	WR	6-4	205	R-So	SQ	Chicago, Ill. (Gary Comer College Prep)
85	Jefferson McKinnon	LS	6-0	225	R-So	SQ	Copley, Ohio (Revere / Marist College)
86	OJ Powell	WR	6-3	195	Fr	HS	Villa Park, Ill. (Willowbrook)
87	Alex Ginnever	TE	6-5	230	R-Sr	2	Wentzville, Mo. (Holt)
88	Abbas Clark	TE	6-3	240	R-So	TR	Lake Elsinore, Calif. (Temescal Canyon / Mt. San Jacinto College)
89	Danny Mahoney	LS	6-1	230	Fr	HS	Carol Stream, Ill. (Glenbard North)
92	Aidan Flores	DL	6-1	280	R-Jr	TR	Sparks, Nev. (Reed / Feather River College)
93	Osvaldo Avila	DL	6-2	290	R-Jr	TR	Chula Vista, Calif. (Otay Ranch / San Diego Mesa College)
95	Leon Müller	DL	6-4	250	Sr	TR	Munich, Germany (Fachoberschule Karlsfeld / Kentucky State Univ.)
96	Micah Williams	DL	6-2	250	R-So	TR	Jacksonville, Fla. (Riverside / Dodge City CC)
97	David Uzoma	DL	6-2	250	R-Jr	TR	Los Angeles, Calif. (Westchester / LA Southwestern College)
98	Adam Kaminski	DL	6-7	260	R-So	TR	Cambridge, Ontario – Canada (Asheville School (NC) / Central Michigan Univ.)
99	Joey Hiner	DL	6-0	290	R-Jr	TR	Chula Vista, Calif. (Mater Dei Catholic / San Diego Mesa College)
	Jaxon Cummings	LS	6-0	215	Jr	TR	Chapel Hill, Texas (Chapel Hill / Navarro JC)

EASTERN ILLINOIS FOOTBALL PRONUNCIATIONS

0 NAW-seer Maryland
0 Carly-on Neal
1 Sy-PETTY MAW-vuh
1 juh-CAR-ee Fleming-Page
5 TY-ay uh-JOE-say
6 Jerry AW-doo
8 Nick VECK-uh-RELLY
9 TRAY-von Piggy
11 Kenny uh-JOE-say
12 suh-LAW Hill
12 juh-DAR-ee Young
13 JAY-zell Riley
14 luh-HAW-vee-air Payne
14 Logan doo-HAW-check
16 Micah VAL-en-ZWAY-luh
16 Payton Faker (Rhymes with "Baker")
19 LAY-oh TOO-po
20 NEE-fuh MAW-vuh
20 Jeremiah kuh-DET
24 Alex Koo-luh-VOT-us
26 muh-KY Wilson
29 Cam BO-ker (Rhymes with "Poker")
30 DAY-zhawn Doss
31 AY-zee-on Nelson
33 Chris vuh-VAIR-os
40 Alex stoy-AW-nuh-vitch
45 Eric HALE
48 MAX-uh-mo Vaughn
53 Daniel VEER-uh-MON-tez
57 panny-OH-tee MEEK-uh-LOP-oh-lis
59 Tyler FOR-tis (Rhymes with "Tortoise")
61 an-TONE duh-LOW
65 Carson FICK-tul
67 DAY-un guh-ZEE-nuh
70 Alejandro ARE-ee-AW-no
73 Jordan yan-DEE-luh
74 raw-FEEK KAT-um-BOO-see
75 David true-HEE-oh
76 Dominic fuh-SAW-no
77 jee-AW-nee pan-GAL-oh
83 Niko MEN-os
87 Alex juh-NEVER
88 uh-BOSS Clark
92 Aidan FLOOR-ez
93 OHS-valdo AW-vee-lah
95 Leon Mueller (Rhymes with "Ruler")
97 David Ew-ZOM-uh

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

6	Jerry Addo-Boateng	DB
11	Kenny Ajose	WR
5	Taiye Ajose	WR
41	Aidan Archibald	DL
70	Alejandro Arellano	OL
3	Daniel Autrey	DB
93	Osvaldo Avila	DL
23	Kendall Ayersman	DB
69	Tatum Bentley	OL
9	Ayden Billups	WR
29	Kham Boecker	SAF
27	Josh Brown	SAF
22	Tyren Buggs	RB
43	Lonnie Burt	LB
72	Brandin Carpenter	OL
88	Abbas Clark	TE
55	James Collins II	DL
4	Dillon Conway	SAF
46	Cade Cox	P
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28	Micheal Curry Jr	RB
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42	Isaac Engle	DL
6	Eli Evans	WR
16	Payton Faker	QB
78	Grady Farley	OL
76	Dominic Fasano	OL
65	Carson Fichtel	OL
1	Jacarre Fleming-Page	RB
92	Aidan Flores	DL
59	Tyler Fortis	DL
51	Jacob Gettman	P
87	Alex Ginnever	TE
3	Samuel Gonzalez	WR
8	Landers Green	WR
67	Dejan Guzina	OL
45	Erik Hehl	DL
7	Collin Henry	DB
12	Salah Hill	DB
99	Joey Hiner	DL
79	Aidan Hubble	OL
39	Davian Humphrey	LB
98	Adam Kaminski	DL
74	Rahfeeq Katumbusi	OL
4	Charles Kellom	RB
32	Cale Kimbro	LB
24	Alex Koulovatos	SAF
7	Cole LaCrue	QB
35	Zeke Lewis	RB
81	Max Loveall	TE
21	Kaleb Lyons	DB
89	Danny Mahoney	LS
20	Nephi Maiava	SAF
1	Saipeti Maiava Jr	SAF
56	Christian Markum	DL
0	Nasir Maryland	DB
85	Jefferson McKinnon	LS
83	Niko Menos	WR
57	Panayiotis Mihalopoulos	OL
2	Bruce Mitchell	DB
95	Leon Müller	DL
0	Carlyun Neal	WR
31	Azeon Nelson	RB
5	Ja'Wuan Nickson	LB
37	Calvin Ogawa	K
77	Gianni Pangallo	OL
14	Le'Javier Payne	DB
9	Trevon Piggee	DL
86	OJ Powell	WR
84	Jeremy Reeves	WR
13	Jazel Riley IV	QB
62	Cole Roberson	OL
15	Jeremiah Salem	QB
47	Drew Schiller	K
25	Christopher Sharp	CB
52	Barron Sholl	DL
50	Jacob Simmons	LB
34	Jordyn Stewart	LB
40	Alex Stoyanovich	K
66	Jalin Strowder	OL
63	Nick Thomas	OL
38	Matthew Toledo	LS
75	David Trujillo	OL
19	Mafileo Tupou	LB
97	David Uzoma	DL
16	Micah Valenzuela	LB
48	Maximo Vaughn	DL
8	Nick Vecchiarelli	SAF
53	Daniel Viramontes	DL
33	Chris Viveros	TE
82	Whitten Weems	TE
13	Premiere Whitley	DL
2	Devin Whitlock	WR
96	Micah Williams	DL
11	Noah Williams	LB
71	Peter Williams	OL
26	Makhi Wilson	SAF
15	Brandon Worsley	SAF
80	Johnovan Wysinger	WR
73	Jordan Yandila	OL
12	Jadhari Young	WR

MISC. SEASON NOTES & STATS

EIU NCAA FBS TRANSFERS

4 - Charles Kellom (Akron Univ.)
7 - Cole LaCrue (Univ. of Wisconsin)
15 - Jeremiah Salem (Eastern Michigan Univ.)
40 - Alex Stoyanovich (Univ. of Colorado)
45 - Erik Hehl (Univ. of Massachusetts)
53 - Daniel Viramontes (Central Michigan Univ.)
62 - Cole Roberson (Jacksonville State Univ.)
98 - Adam Kaminski (Central Michigan Univ.)

EIU NCAA FCS TRANSFERS

0 - Nasir Maryland (Merrimack College)
2 - Bruce Mitchell (Mississippi Valley State Univ.)
8 - Nick Vecchiarelli (Marist College)
13 - Premiere Whitley (Prairie View A&M Univ.)
21 - Kaleb Lyons (Morehead State Univ.)
43 - Lonnie Burt (Portland State Univ.)
46 - Cade Cox (UC Davis)
51 - Jacob Gettman (Samford Univ.)
61 - Antonie De Lau (Delaware State Univ.)
85 - Jefferson McKinnon (Marist College)

EIU ROSTER BY CLASS

Graduate Student	7
Senior	18
Junior	31
Sophomore	27
RS-Freshman	9
Freshman	11

EIU ROSTER BY STATE

Illinois	22
California	22
Ohio	7
Texas	7
Colorado	5
Florida	5
Missouri	5
New Jersey	3
Tennessee	3
Washington	3
Georgia	2
North Carolina	2
Nevada	2
Virginia	2
Alabama	1
Arkansas	1
Iowa	1
Kentucky	1
Michigan	1
New York	1
Oregon	1
Pennsylvania	1
Wisconsin	1
Canada	2
Curaçao	1
Germany	1

EIU OFFENSE (games played / started)

QUARTERBACK

7.... Cole LaCrue *(21 / 17)* .....6-1.... 210.... R-Jr ..... Broomfield, Colo.
15.... Jeremiah Salem *(7 / 0)*.....6-3.... 205... Grad.....Germantown, Tenn.

RUNNING BACK

4.... Charles Kellom *(47 / 23)*.....6-0.... 215....R-Sr..... Cincinnati, Ohio
1.... Jacarre Fleming-Page *(22 / 0)*..5-9.... 195... R-So..... Hahira, Ga.

TIGHT END

82.... Whitten Weems *(21 / 3)*.....6-5.... 255.....Jr .....Crawford, Texas
88.... Abbas Clark *(7 / 0)*.....6-3.... 240... R-So.....Lake Elsinore, Calif.

RIGHT TACKLE

73.... Jordan Yandila *(12 / 9)* .....6-4.... 300.... R-Jr .....Snohomish, Wash.
67.... Dejan Guzina *(14 / 2)* .....6-8.... 325....R-Fr ..... Delta, B.C.

RIGHT GUARD

75.... David Trujillo *(8 / 7)*.....6-2.... 310.....Jr .....Ontario, Calif.
70.... Alejandro Arellano *(32 / 13)* ..6-3.... 300... Grad.....Sterling, Ill.

CENTER

74.... Rahfeeq Katumbusi *(21 / 21)* ..6-3.... 320... R-So.....Chicago, Ill.
62.... Cole Roberson *(10 / 0)*.....6-3.... 305.... R-Jr .....River Forest, Ill.

LEFT GUARD

57.... Panayiotis Mihalopoulos *(22 / 12)*..6-3.... 310.... R-Jr .....Chicago, Ill.
70.... Alejandro Arellano *(32 / 13)* ..6-3.... 300... Grad.....Sterling, Ill.

LEFT TACKLE

67.... Dejan Guzina *(14 / 2)* .....6-8.... 325....R-Fr ..... Delta, B.C.
61.... Antonie De Lau *(18 / 8)* .....6-7.... 320.....Sr.....Willemsted, Curaçao

RECEIVER

6.... Eli Evans *(10 / 4)*.....6-1.... 190.....Jr ..... Lacey, Wash.
11.... Kenny Ajose *(15 / 2)*.....6-6.... 225... R-So.....Akron, Ohio

RECEIVER

3.... Samuel Gonzalez *(21 / 20)*...6-1.... 185.... R-Jr ..... Daytona Beach, Fla.
2.... Devin Whitlock *(21 / 14)*.....5-7.... 160.... R-Jr .....Monessen, Pa.

RECEIVER

84.... Jeremy Reeves *(10 / 3)*.....6-4.... 205... R-So.....Chicago, Ill.
8.... Landers Green *(35 / 19)* .....6-4.... 195....R-Sr.....Wharton, NJ

EIU COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1994) - 5th year
Career 70-64 (14), EIU Record 19-37 (5); OVC Record 11-21 (5)

Associate HC/OC/QB's: Kyle Derickson (5th year)
Offensive Line: Mike McClanathan (1st year)
Running Backs: Shaun Wick (1st year)
Special Teams Coordinator / Tight Ends: Mason Keeler (2nd year)
Wide Receivers: Tino Smith II (3rd year)
Graduate Assistant Offensive Coach: Kevin Moynihan (2nd year)
Defensive Coordinator / Safeties: Andrew Strobel (3rd year)
Defensive Backs: Alex Gray (1st year)
Defensive Line: Casey Walker (1st year)
Assistant Defensive Line: Tre'jon Lewis (1st year)
Linebackers: Rodman Noel (2nd year)
Graduate Assistant Defesive Coach: Matt Lindsey (3rd year)
Director of Football Ops: David Brubaker (4th year)
Football Ops Assistant / Video: Andrew Scheff (3rd year)
Director of Football Performance: Andreas Missios (2nd year)
Football Athletic Trainers: Alexis Fenrick, Samantha Reinert, Kyrrah Randolph
Equipment Manager: Clint Bays
Quality Control: Dustin Zieman (ST), Noam Coehn (S&C), Zac Vereen (S&C)
Student Assistants: Peyton Wilkerson

EIU DEFENSE (games played / started)

DEFENSIVE END

41.... Aidan Archibald *(22 / 9)*.....6-2.... 250... R-So.....Charleston, Ill.
53.... Daniel Viramontes *(4 / 0)* .....6-1.... 275.... R-Jr ..... Anaheim, Calif.

NOSE TACKLE

13.... Premiere Whitley *(18 / 7)*.....6-2.... 285.....Sr.....San Diego, Calif.
9.... Trevon Piggee *(30 / 16)* .....6-1.... 305.... R-Jr .....St. Louis, Mo.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

55.... James Collins *(20 / 10)*.....6-2.... 295.... R-Jr .....Mesquite, Texas
99.... Joey Hiner *(2 / 0)* .....6-0.... 290.... R-Jr ..... Chula Vista, Calif.

DEFENSIVE END

45.... Erik Hehl *(22 / 8)* .....6-0.... 245... Grad.... Newport Beach, Calif.
42.... Issac Engle *(35 / 21)*.....6-1.... 230.... R-Jr ...Highland Ranch, Colo.

LINEBACKER

5.... Ja'Wuan Nickson *(22 / 21)*....6-0.... 240.....Sr.....Tuscaloosa, Ala.
34.... Jordyn Stewart *(21 / 8)* .....6-1.... 230... R-So.....Homewood, Ill.

LINEBACKER

43.... Lonnie Burt *(22 / 7)*.....6-0.... 225.....Jr ..... Portland, Ore.
19.... Mafileo Tupou *(20 / 12)*.....5-11 ... 240....R-Sr.....Riverside, Calif.

LINEBACKER OR NICKEL

16.... Micah Valenzuela *(7 / 3)* .....6-0.... 225... R-So.....Pacoima, Calif.
4.... Dillon Conway *(22 / 4)* .....6-3.... 230... R-So..... Chicago, Ill.

CORNER

6.... Jerry Addo-Boateng *(39 / 22)* ...6-1.... 190....R-Sr ..... Sanford, Fla.
25.... Christopher Sharp *(30 / 6)* ....5-11 ... 180.... R-Jr .....St. Louis, Mo.

STRONG SAFETY

15.... Brandon Worsley *(18 / 10)*....6-0.... 200.....Sr..... San Marcos, Texas
8.... Nick Vecchiarelli *(43 / 24)* .....6-0.... 220... Grad.....Howell, NJ

FREE SAFETY

21.... Kaleb Lyons *(47 / 29)*.....6-0.... 195....R-Sr ..... Antioch, Tenn.
27.... Josh Brown *(27 / 1)* .....6-1.... 205... R-So..... Suwanee, Ga.

CORNER

7.... Collin Henry *(9 / 3)*.....6-3.... 185... R-So..... LaVerne, Calif.
0.... Nasir Maryland *(32 / 24)* .....6-2.... 200....R-Sr .....Ramsey, NJ

EIU SPECIALISTS (games played)

KICKER

47.... Drew Schiller *(26)*.....6-1.... 185... R-So..... New Lenox, Ill.
40.... Alex Stoyanovich *(9)*.....5-9.... 175... R-So..... South Lyon, Mich.

KICKOFF

40.... Alex Stoyanovich *(9)*.....5-9.... 175... R-So..... South Lyon, Mich.

PUNTER

46.... Cade Cox *(19)*.....6-0.... 175... Grad..... Redding, Calif.
47.... Drew Schiller *(26)*.....6-1.... 185... R-So..... New Lenox, Ill.

HOLDER

46.... Cade Cox *(19)*.....6-0.... 175... Grad..... Redding, Calif.

LONG SNAPPER

85.... Jefferson McKinnon *(4)*.....6-0.... 225... R-So..... Copley, Ohio
89.... Danny Mahoney *(2)* .....6-1.... 230.....Fr..... Carol Stream, Ill.

PUNT RETURNS

2.... Devin Whitlock *(21)*.....5-7.... 160.... R-Jr .....Monessen, Pa.
6.... Eli Evans *(10)*.....6-1.... 190.....Jr ..... Lacey, Wash.

KICK RETURNS

1.... Jacarre Fleming-Page *(22)*.....5-9.... 195... R-So..... Hahira, Ga.
9.... Ayden Billups *(9)*.....6-1.... 185.....Jr .....San Diego, Calif.

GAME 1 - Aug. 27, 2026
Eastern Illinois 28
Murray State 14

Murray, Ky.
Roy Stewart Stadium (5,671)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	0	14	7	7	28
Murray State	0	14	0	0	14

SECOND QUARTER
MUR - Porter 13 pass from Shannon (kick failed) - 14:29
EIU - Kellom 10 run (Schiller kick) - 9:36
EIU - Kellom 88 run (Schiller kick) - 0:58
MUR - Firestone 7 pass from Shannon (Firestone rec) - 0:00

THIRD QUARTER
EIU - Kellom 2 run (Schiller) - 9:05

FOURTH QUARTER
EIU - Green 20 pass from LaCrue (Schiller) - 8:25

TEAM STATS	EIU	MUR
First Downs	20	18
Rushes-Yards	47-267	26-63
Passing-Yards	101	257
Comp-Att-Int	11-18-0	26-40-2
Total Offense	368	320
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-45	4-30
Int Returns-Yards-TD	2-40-0	0-0-0
Time of Possession	33:11	26:49
Sacks-Yards	1-8	5-24

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)
EIU - Kellom (19-171-3), Fleming-Page (13-81-0)
MUR - Allen (10-54-0), Campbell (8-21-0)

PASSING (Att-Cmp-Int-Yds-TD)
EIU - LaCrue (18-11-0-101-1)
MUR - Shannon (40-26-2-257-2)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)
EIU - Gonzalez (3-50-0), Green (2-23-1)
MUR - Campbell (5-66-0), Firestone (10-50-1)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)
EIU - Nickson (7-3-2), Maiava (6-1-0), Sharp (3-2-0)
MUR - Ingram (3-7-0), Rowsey (2-6-0), McCall (2-6-0)

RECAP

Charles Kellom rushed for 171 and three touchdowns to power Eastern Illinois to a season opening 28-14 win over Murray State. Kellom broke off an 88-yard run before halftime and his 2-yard plunge in the third quarter helpd give the Panthers the win. EIU's defense picked up two turnovers with Ja'Wuan Nickson's fourth quarter interception icing the game for EIU. Cole LaCrue passed for 101 yards with one touchdown pass to Landers Green in the fourth quarter. Nickson had a team-high ten tackles with Kaleb Lyons picking off a pass for EIU's other turnover gained.

GAME 2 - Sept. 3, 2026
Eastern Illinois 7
Minnesota 59

Minneapolis, Minn.
Huntington Bank Stadium (41,048)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	0	7	0	0	7
Minnesota	14	21	10	14	59

FIRST QUARTER
UM - Taylor 1 run (Jackson kick) - 4:29
UM - Tracy 87 punt return (Jackson kick) - 2:14

SECOND QUARTER
UM - Taylor 27 run (Jackson kick) - 14:20
EIU - Buggs 8 pass from LaCrue (Schiller kick) - 9:00
UM - Taylor 3 run (Jackson kick) - 3:15
UM - Walsh 1 pass from Lindsey (Jackson kick) - 0:06

THIRD QUARTER
UM - Tracy 69 pun return (Jackson kick) - 13:26
UM - Jackson 31 field goal - 3:17

FOURTH QUARTER
UM - Shikenjanski 2 run (Jackson kick) - 12:29
UM - Ford 1 run (Sunderland kick) - 0:25

TEAM STATS	EIU	MINN
First Downs	4	24
Rushes-Yards	28-51	38-147
Passing-Yards	59	348
Comp-Att-Int	9-15-0	26-33-0
Total Offense	110	495
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-35	210
Int Returns-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Time of Possession	23:39	36:21
Sacks-Yards	0-0	1-3

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)
EIU - LaCrue (5-22-0), Kellom (7-20-0)
MINN - Taylor (14-56-3), Thomas (7-52-0)

PASSING (Att-Cmp-Int-Yds-TD)
EIU - LaCrue (12-7-0-51-1), Salem (3-2-0-10-0)
MINN - Lindsey (24-19-0-264-1), Palmer (6-4-0-34-0)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)
EIU - Kellom (4-15-0), Buggs (2-38-1)
MINN - Tracy (5-98-0), Jennings (3-57-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)
EIU - Burt (4-2-2.5), Brown (4-1-0), Sharp (3-2-0)
MINN - Baranowski (1-5-1), Bush (2-2-1.5), Harden (2-2-1.5)

RECAP

Minnesota used a first quarter special teams play to spark its momentum as the Gophers beat Eastern Illinois, 59-7 in the second ever meeting between the two schools. Javon Tracy returned two punts for touchdowns covering 87 yards in the opening quarter and 69 yards to open the third quarter. EIU did find some offensive rhythm midway through the second quarter with Tyren Buggs hauling in two big passes including an eight yard pass from Cole LaCrue to put EIU on the board. Lonnie Burt led EIU's defense with six tackles including 2.5 tackles for loss.

GAME 3 - Sept. 12, 2026
Indiana State.....42
Eastern Illinois 35

Charleston, Ill.
O'Brien Field (6,971)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Indiana State	14	14	7	7	42
Eastern Illinois	7	0	14	14	35

FIRST QUARTER
ISU - Ball 3 run (Lopez kick) - 12:06
EIU - Kellom 76 run (Schiller kick) - 11:18
ISU - Owens 1 run (Lopez kick) - 0:10

SECOND QUARTER
ISU - Pardridge 35 pass from Owens (Lopez kick) - 7:50
ISU - Ball 1 pass from Owens (Lopez kick) - 0:07

THIRD QUARTER
ISU - Wuest 42 pass from Owens (Lopez kick) - 11:11
EIU - Reeves 21 pass from LaCrue (Schiller kick) - 4:23
EIU - LaCrue 8 run (Schiller kick) - 1:23

FOURTH QUARTER
ISU - Owens 15 run (Lopez kick) - 10:40
EIU - Fleming-Page 7 pass from LaCrue (Schiller kick) - 6:16
EIU - Kellom 8 pass from LaCrue (Schiller kick) - 4:03

TEAM STATS	EIU	ISU
First Downs	20	26
Rushes-Yards	32-184	37-208
Passing-Yards	282	284
Comp-Att-Int	20-34-0	21-34-1
Total Offense	466	492
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	15-145	5-52
Int Returns-Yards-TD	1-12-0	0-0-0
Time of Possession	30:04	29:56
Sacks-Yards	2-14	3-16

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)
EIU - Kellom (14-106-1), LaCrue (12-65-1)
ISU - Owens (17-98-2), Ball (13-87-1)

PASSING (Att-Cmp-Int-Yds-TD)
EIU - LaCrue (34-20-0-282-3)
ISU - Owens (33-210-1-284-3)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)
EIU - Gonzalez (4-78-0), Kellom (4-44-1), Whitlock (4-30-0)
ISU - Wuest (6-142-1), Singleton (5-66-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)
EIU - Nickson (5-5-1.5), Worsley (4-3-1), Engle (4-1-2)
ISU - Sampson (5-2-1), Rose (2-5-0), Harris (4-2-1)

RECAP

Eastern Illinois come back effort came up just short in a 42-35 loss to Indiana State. The Panthers trailed 35-7 at one point narrowing the margin to 42-35 with four minutes left in the game. Cole LaCrue led a solid effort by the Panthers passing for 282 yards and three touchdowns while rushing for 65 yards and another score. Charles Kellom posted his second 100-yard rushing game of the season with 106 and a long TD run in the first quarter. Ja'Wuan Nickson had ten tackles and a big interception that set up a Panthers score late in the fourth quarter.

GAME 4 - Sept. 19, 2026
Eastern Illinois 13
#4 Illinois State.....49

Normal, Ill.
Hancock Stadium (11,589)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	3	3	0	7	13
Illinois State	14	14	14	7	49

FIRST QUARTER
ISU - Lofton 12 run (Cosentino kick) - 12:38
ISU - Herrera 2 pass from Roy (Cosentino kick) - 7:51
EIU - Schiller 41 field goal - 1:50

SECOND QUARTER
ISU - Gary 37 pass from Pellant (Cosentino kick) - 14:15
EIU - Schiller 21 field goal - 6:00
ISU - Lord 4 pass from Roy (Cosentino kick) - 2:45

THIRD QUARTER
ISU - Lord 79 punt return (Cosentino kick) - 13:25
ISU - Hall 3 run (Cosentino kick) - 5:30

FOURTH QUARTER
ISU - Lofton 1 run (Cosentino kick) - 14:08
EIU - LaCrue 1 run (Schiller kick) - 7:59

TEAM STATS	EIU	ISU
First Downs	14	34
Rushes-Yards	26-66	45-226
Passing-Yards	150	330
Comp-Att-Int	15-26-0	25-33-0
Total Offense	216	556
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-44	8-61
Int Returns-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Time of Possession	25:45	34:15
Sacks-Yards	1-11	0-0

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)
EIU - Buggs (9-23-0), LaCrue (5-15-1)
ISU - Lofton (15-62-2), Hall (11-58-1)

PASSING (Att-Cmp-Int-Yds-TD)
EIU - LaCrue (25-15-0-150-0)
ISU - Roy (19-13-0-172-2), Pellant (11-9-0-116-1)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)
EIU - Reeves (2-44-0), Green (2-23-0), Whitlock (2-22-0)
ISU - Lord (6-77-1), Gary (3-26-1)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)
EIU - Tupou (3-6-0), Vecchiarelli (1-8-0), Maryland (4-4-0)
ISU - Niekamp (2-6-0), Corona (0-6-0.5)

RECAP

Illinois State held Eastern Illinois offense in check as the No. 4 ranked Redbirds beat the Panthers 49-13 in the 114th playing of the Mid-America Classic. ISU jumped up 14-0 before EIU was able to get on the board with the first of two Drew Schiller field goals. Midway through the second quarter ISU stuffed an EIU drive in the redzone as the Panthers settled for a second Schiller field goal trailing 28-6 at the half. Dylan Lord had a 79-yard punt return for touchdown to start the second half ISU scoring as the Redbirds picked up the win. Cole LaCrue scored late in the fourth quarter for the Panthers touchdown.

GAME 5 - Sept. 26, 2026
Eastern Illinois 7
#2 South Dakota State.....42

Brookings, SD
Dykhouse Stadium (18,264)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	0	7	0	0	7
South Dakota State	7	7	21	7	42

FIRST QUARTER
SDS - Johnson 18 run (Alvano kick) - 11:56

SECOND QUARTER
EIU - LaCrue 9 run (Schiller kick) - 12:11
SDS - Basinger 39 run (Alvano kick) - 8:29

THIRD QUARTER
SDS - Basinger 48 run (Alvano kick) - 11:58
SDS - Blair 61 run (Alvano kick) - 10:31
SDS - Johnson 55 run (Alvano kick) - 1:30

FOURTH QUARTER
SDS - Brooks 16 pass from Holst (Alvano kick) - 10:33

TEAM STATS	EIU	SDS
First Downs	10	26
Rushes-Yards	36-73	45-408
Passing-Yards	123	189
Comp-Att-Int	10-21-0	12-24-1
Total Offense	196	597
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-42	4-40
Int Returns-Yards-TD	1-0-0	0-0-0
Time of Possession	27:56	32:04
Sacks-Yards	0-0	2-22

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)
EIU - Kellom (11-28-0), LaCrue (12-24-1)
SDS - Johnson (14-121-2), Basinger (9-116-2)

PASSING (Att-Cmp-Int-Yds-TD)
EIU - LaCrue (16-6-0-85-0), Salem (4-3-0-28-0)
SDS - Holst (22-11-0-176-1), Henry (2-1-1-13-0)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)
EIU - Kellom (3-30-0), Buggs (2-8-0), Gonzalez (1-37-0)
SDS - Kuntz (4-81-0), Smith (2-26-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)
EIU - Vecchiarelli (7-5-0), Koulovatos (6-5-1.5), Burt (6-3-0)
SDS - Jes Krcil (6-6-1), Leifeman (0-5-0)

RECAP

Eastern Illinois faced a top five ranked team for the second straight week and the Panthers held their own for the first half trailing 14-7. In the second half South Dakota State pulled away as the No. 2 ranked Jackrabbits posted a 42-7 win over EIU. In the game the Panthers scored on a Cole LaCrue 9-yard run in the second quarter to tie the game at 7-7. The drive was sustained on a successful fake punt with Cade Cox hitting Makhi Wilson for a first down completion. EIU's defense also came away with two fourth down stops in the opening half. Nick Vecchiarelli led the defense with 12 tackles followed by Alex Koulovatos with 11 stops.

GAME 6 - Oct. 10, 2026
Eastern Illinois 21
Gardner-Webb.....7

Boiling Springs, NC
Spangler Stadium (1,517)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	0	0	7	14	21
Gardner-Webb	0	0	0	7	7

THIRD QUARTER
EIU - Kellom 1 run (Schiller kick) - 13:21

FOURTH QUARTER
GWU - Jones 37 pass from Farmer (Simpson kick) - 9:41
EIU - LaCrue 4 run (Schiller kick) - 2:31
EIU - Kellom 4 run (Schiller kick) - 1:18

TEAM STATS	EIU	GWU
First Downs	6	13
Rushes-Yards	50-162	46-138
Passing-Yards	11	108
Comp-Att-Int	2-4-0	14-24-1
Total Offense	173	246
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	7-5
Penalties-Yards	9-80	3-15
Int Returns-Yards-TD	1-0-0	0-0-0
Time of Possession	28:14	29:25
Sacks-Yards	1-7	0-0

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)
EIU - Kellom (34-153-2), LaCrue (8-10-1)
GWU - Farmer (18-65-0), Vann (10-48-0)

PASSING (Att-Cmp-Int-Yds-TD)
EIU - LaCrue (4-2-0-11-0)
GWU - Doolittle (3-2-0-12-0), Farmer (21-12-1-96-1)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)
EIU - Whitlock (2-11-0)
GWU - Green (2-16-0), Vann (2-14-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)
EIU - Burt (8-3-0), Nickson (4-2-0), Archibald (4-1-2)
GWU - Yanez (6-1-1.5), Haynes (6-0-0)

RECAP

Eastern Illinois took advantage of six turnovers gained by the Panthers defense on a rain soaked day in North Carolina as EIU won its OVC opener 21-7 at Gardner-Webb. The Panthers used the running game of Charles Kellom as he plowed his way to 153 yards on the ground and two touchdowns. Cole LaCrue scored the other touchdown in the win. EIU had two of its takeaways on special teams with freshman Davian Humphrey forcing a fumble on one punt return and then recovering a mishandled punt by GWU at the 1-yard line in the third quarter. That fumble recovery led to the Panthers first touchdown in the game.

GAME 7 - Oct. 17, 2026

Lindenwood.....20
Eastern Illinois 13

Charleston, Ill.
O'Brien Field (1,645)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Lindenwood	3	7	3	7	20
Eastern Illinois	0	7	6	0	13

FIRST QUARTER
LWU - Graham 36 field goal - 5:43

SECOND QUARTER
EIU - Reeves 49 pass from LaCrue (Schiller kick) - 12:12
LWU - Hall 10 run (Graham kick) - 0:26

THIRD QUARTER
LWU - Graham 22 field goal - 8:00
EIU - Ginnever 24 pass from LaCrue (kick blocked) - 2:47

FOURTH QUARTER
LWU - Battle 1 run (Graham kick) - 11:00

TEAM STATS	EIU	LWU
First Downs	13	23
Rushes-Yards	20-53	44-137
Passing-Yards	203	230
Comp-Att-Int	15-24-1	26-35-1
Total Offense	256	367
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-35	3-35
Int Returns-Yards-TD	1-21-0	1-19-0
Time of Possession	21:46	38:14
Sacks-Yards	1-2	1-22

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)
EIU - LaCrue (8-26-0), Kellom (10-19-0)
LWU - Rhodes (19-67-0), Hall (14-39-1)

PASSING (Att-Cmp-Int-Yds-TD)
EIU - LaCrue (24-15-1-203-2)
LWU - Battle (34-26-1-230-0)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)
EIU - Reeves (4-79-1), Kellom (3-27-0), Whitlock (3-5-0)
LWU - Krobath (6-81-0), Smith (5-44-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)
EIU - Burt (6-3-3), Nickson (3-6-0), Lyons (8-0-0)
LWU - Owens (6-1-2), Lyons (5-0-0)

RECAP

Eastern Illinois and Lindenwood's Saturday OVC contest came down to the final drive as the Lions defense stopped a fourth down play in the red zone to hold on for a 20-13 win over Eastern Illinois. Cole LaCrue threw touchdown passes to Jeremy Reeves in the second quarter to put EIU up 7-3 and then to Alex Ginnever in the third quarter. Following Ginnever's touchdown, the extra point was blocked knotting the game at 13-13. Lindenwood scored with 11 minutes left in the game and them made a stand on the final EIU drive ending the Panthers hopes of forcing overtime or winning with 21 seconds left on the clock.

GAME 8 - Oct. 24, 2026

Southeast Missouri.....20
Eastern Illinois 10

Charleston, Ill.
O'Brien Field (6.822)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Southeast Missouri	3	10	7	0	20
Eastern Illinois	3	7	0	0	10

FIRST QUARTER
SEMO - Keller 44 field goal - 5:09
EIU - Schiller 29 field goal - 0:02

SECOND QUARTER
EIU - Gonzalez 18 pass from LaCrue (Schiller kick) - 12:22
SEMO - Keller 29 field goal - 3:37
SEMO - Bryant 4 pass from Ragland (Keller kick) - 0:00

THIRD QUARTER
SEMO - Spain 16 run (Keller kick) - 14:04

TEAM STATS	EIU	SEMO
First Downs	13	23
Rushes-Yards	21-31	47-219
Passing-Yards	210	233
Comp-Att-Int	14-34-1	19-27-1
Total Offense	241	358
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-80	8-80
Int Returns-Yards-TD	1-0-0	1-19-0
Time of Possession	23:10	36:50
Sacks-Yards	0-0	2-15

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)
EIU - Kellom (10-19-0), LaCrue (9-9-0)
SEMO - Reed (18-109-0), Spain (22-74-1)

PASSING (Att-Cmp-Int-Yds-TD)
EIU - LaCrue (34-14-1-210-1)
SEMO - Ragland (27-19-1-139-1)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)
EIU - Evans (6-61-0), Reeves (2-39-0), Gonzalez (2-24-1)
SEMO - Bryant (5-35-1), Reed (4-43-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)
EIU - Koulovatos (4-4-0), Burt (3-4-1), Archibald (3-3-0.5)
SEMO - Delmore (3-2-0), Minner (0-5-0), A. Jones (4-0-1)

RECAP

Southeast Missouri scored on both sides of the halftime break and used that production for a 20-10 win over Eastern Illinois during the Panthers homecoming game on Saturday. Tied 3-3 after the opening quarter EIU went up in the second quarter on a Samuel Gonzalez touchdown reception from Cole LaCrue. SEMO cut into the lead with a late field goal and then scored a touchdown as time expired in the first half. A big kickoff return to open the second half set the Redhawks up for the final score of the game. EIU recorded a takeaway for the 11th straight game as Jerry Addo-Boateng came up with an interception while Kaleb Lyons had a blocked punt for the special teams unit.

GAME 9 - Oct. 31, 2026

Eastern Illinois 45
UT Martin 16

Martin, Tenn.
Graham Stadium (5,168)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	14	10	7	14	45
UT Martin	0	13	3	0	16

FIRST QUARTER
EIU - Whitlock 14 pass from LaCrue (Schiller kick) - 11:06
EIU - Kellom 5 run (Schiller kick) - 6:29

SECOND QUARTER
EIU - Schiller 36 field goal - 12:52
UTM - Franklin 8 run (kick blocked) - 5:04
UTM - Franklin 14 run (Sims kick) - 1:04
EIU - Reeves 12 pass from LaCrue (Schiller kick) - 0:13

THIRD QUARTER
EIU - Evans 19 pass from LaCrue (Schiller kick) - 8:59
UTM - Sims 39 field goal - 0:56

THIRD QUARTER
EIU - LaCrue 50 run (Schiller kick) - 12:52
EIU - Fleming-Page 67 pass from LaCrue (Schiller kick) - 8:34

TEAM STATS	EIU	UTM
First Downs	25	16
Rushes-Yards	32-283	32-236
Passing-Yards	269	105
Comp-Att-Int	20-31-1	14-28-2
Total Offense	552	341
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-30	4-30
Int Returns-Yards-TD	2-46-0	1-0-0
Time of Possession	31:16	28:44
Sacks-Yards	2-12	0-0

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)
EIU - LaCrue (12-112-1), Fleming-Page (6-98-0)
UTM - Peete (11-99-0), Franklin (11-67-2)

PASSING (Att-Cmp-Int-Yds-TD)
EIU - LaCrue (31-20-1-269-4)
UTM - Surber (23-12-2-76-0), Calvez (5-2-0-29-0)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)
EIU - Whitlock (6-43-1), Evans (4-49-1), Reeves (3-45-1)
UTM - Olivier (2-34-0), Brice (2-19-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)
EIU - Nickson (6-2-1.5), Addo-Boateng (4-2-0), Burt (3-3-1.5)
UTM - Washington (5-1-0), Jamarcus Smith (4-2-0)

RECAP

Eastern Illinois scored on its first three possessions of the game as the Panthers put together their best offensive game of the season with a 45-16 win at UT Martin. Cole LaCrue passed for 269 yards and four touchdowns while rushing for 112 yards and another score in the road win. EIU's defense came up with two fourth quarter interceptions to extend the Panthers streak of consecutive games with at least one turnover gained to 12 straight. Jacarre Fleming-Page added 98 yards on the ground and 75 yards receiving including a long touchdown reception in the fourth quarter.

GAME 10 - Nov. 7, 2026
Western Illinois.....44
Eastern Illinois 23

Charleston, Ill.
O'Brien Field (3,609)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Western Illinois	7	14	10	13	44
Eastern Illinois	7	0	0	16	23

FIRST QUARTER
EIU - Fleming-Page 36 pass from LaCrue (Schiller kick) - 10:49
WIU - McGill 8 run (Culkin kick) - 7:13

SECOND QUARTER
WIU - McGill 4 run (Culkin kick) - 11:36
WIU - Romulus 4 interception return (Culkin kick) - 0:44

THIRD QUARTER
WIU - Culkin 22 field goal - 7:01
WIU - Hiraldo 76 pass from McKill (Culkin kick) - 4:28

FOURTH QUARTER
WIU - Jackson-Anderson 5 run (kick blocked) - 14:55
EIU - Addo-Boateng 80 yard blocked PAT return - 14:55
EIU - Fleming-Page 75 pass from LaCrue (Schiller kick) - 14:41
WIU - McNeil Jr 44 kickoff return (Culkin kick) - 14:35
EIU - Reeves 17 pass from Salem (Schiller kick) - 8:36

TEAM STATS	EIU	WIU
First Downs	10	22
Rushes-Yards	20-44	52-216
Passing-Yards	197	214
Comp-Att-Int	13-27-2	13-15-0
Total Offense	241	430
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-60	8-75
Int Returns-Yards-TD	0-0-0	2-7-1
Time of Possession	20:57	39:03
Sacks-Yards	0-0	2-20

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)
EIU - Nelson (4-19-0), Kellom (6-13-0)
WIU - McGill (26-106-2), Jackson-Anderson (10-50-1)

PASSING (Att-Cmp-Int-Yds-TD)
EIU - LaCrue (17-11-2-174-2), Salem (10-2-0-23-1)
WIU - McGill (14-12-0-215-0),

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)
EIU - Whitlock (5-43-0), Fleming-Page (4-105-2)
WIU - Hiraldo (6-153-1), Jackson-Anderson (3-21-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)
EIU - Nickson (6-4-0), Burt (6-3-0), Valenzuela (2-5-0)
WIU - Morgan (5-3-1), McKinzie (3-1-2.5)

RECAP

In a game that featured a number of oddities including four scores in the span of 20 seconds off the game clock, Western Illinois beat Eastern Illinois 44-23. EIU scored first with a Cole LaCrue touchdown pass to Jacarre Fleming-Page on the opening drive. WIU responded with the first of two touchdown runs by Kennedy McGill. An interception touchdown just before the half gave the Leathernecks momentum as they extended the lead to 37-9 before EIU scored late in the fourth quarter to close the margin.

2026 EIU PANTHERS FOOTBALL
EASTERN ILLINOIS Game Results

	Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	Conf Record	Time	Attend
	Aug 27, 2026	at Murray State	W 28-14	1-0	0-0	3:06	5,671
	Sep 3, 2026	at Minnesota	7-59 L	1-1	0-0	3:16	41,048
	Sep 12, 2026	INDIANA STATE	35-42 L	1-2	0-0	3:31	6,971
	Sep 19, 2026	at #4 Illinois State	13-49 L	1-3	0-0	3:05	11,589
	Sep 26, 2026	at #2 South Dakota St	7-42 L	1-4	0-0	2:59	18,264
*	Oct 10, 2026	at Gardner-Webb	W 21-7	2-4	1-0	3:16	1,517
*	Oct 17, 2026	LINDENWOOD	13-20 L	2-5	1-1	2:53	1,645
*	Oct 24, 2026	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	10-20 L	2-6	2-1	3:13	6,822
*	Oct 31, 2026	at UT Martin	W 45-16	3-6	2-2	3:07	5,168
*	Nov 7, 2026	WESTERN ILLINOIS	23-44 L	3-7	2-3	3:02	3,609

* indicates OVC Game

2026 EASTERN ILLINOIS STARTERS

OPPONENT	WR/TE	WR	RT	RG	C	LG	LT	WR	TE	RB	QB
Murray State	Gonzalez	Evans	Yandila	Trujillo	Katumbusi	Mihalopoulos	Carpenter	Green	Ginnever	Kellom	LaCrue
Minnesota	Gonzalez	Whitlock	Yandila	Trujillo	Katumbusi	Mihalopoulos	Carpenter	Green	Ginnever	Kellom	LaCrue
Indiana State	Gonzalez	Whitlock	Yandila	Trujillo	Katumbusi	Mihalopoulos	Guzina	Green	Ginnever	Kellom	LaCrue
Illinois State	Gonzalez	Evans	Yandila	Trujillo	Katumbusi	Mihalopoulos	De Lau	Green	Ginnever	Kellom	LaCrue
South Dakota St	Gonzalez	Evans	Yandila	Trujillo	Katumbusi	Mihalopoulos	De Lau	Green	Ginnever	Kellom	LaCrue
Gardner-Webb	Gonzalez	Evans	Yandila	Arellano	Katumbusi	Mihalopoulos	De Lau	Green	Trujillo (OL)	Kellom	LaCrue
Lindenwood	Weems	K. Ajose	Yandila	Arellano	Katumbusi	Mihalopoulos	De Lau	Green	Farley (OL)	Kellom	LaCrue
SE Missouri	Gonzalez	Neal	Yandila	Arellano	Katumbusi	Mihalopoulos	De Lau	Reeves	Weems	Kellom	LaCrue
UT Martin	Gonzalez	Whitlock	Yandila	Arellano	Katumbusi	Mihalopoulos	De Lau	Reeves	Weems	Kellom	LaCrue
Western Illinois	Gonzalez	Fleming-Page	Yandila	Trujillo	Katumbusi	Mihalopoulso	Guzina	Reeves	Arellano (OL)	Kellom	LaCrue

OPPONENT	DE	NT	DT	DE	LB	LB	LB / NICKEL	CB	SAF	SAF	CB
Murray State	Hehl	Fortis	Collins	Whitley	Nickson	Stewart	Valenzuela	Sharp	Lyons	S. Maiava	Maryland
Minnesota	Hehl	Archibald	Collins	Whitley	Nickson	Stewart	Conway	Sharp	Lyons	Worsley	Maryland
Indiana State	Engle	Archibald	Piggee	Whitley	Nickson	Stewart	Conway	Henry	Brown	S. Maiava	Maryland
Illinois State	Collins	Archibald	Piggee	Whitley	Nickson	Tupou	Engle	Addo-Boateng	Lyons	Worsley	Maryland
South Dakota St	Hehl	Archibald	Piggee	Whitley	Nickson	Burt	Conway	Addo-Boateng	Lyons	Vecchiarelli	Maryland
Gardner-Webb	Hehl	Archibald	Piggee	Whitley	Nickson	Burt	Conway	Addo-Boateng	Lyons	Worsley	Sharp
Lindenwood	Hehl	Archibald	Piggee	Collins	Nickson	Burt	Valenzuela	Addo-Boateng	Lyons	Worsley	Maryland
SE Missoui	Hehl	Archibald	Piggee	Collins	Tupou	Burt	Valenzuela	Sharp	Lyons	Worsley	Maryland
UT Martin	Hehl	Archibald	Piggee	Collins	Nickson	Burt	Vecchiarelli	Addo-Boateng	Lyons	Worsley	Henry
Western Illinois	Hehl	Archibald	Whitley	Collins	Nickson	Burt	Valenzuela	Addo-Boateng	Lyons	Worsley	Henry

Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conf	Time	Attend
	08/27/2026	at Murray St.	W	28-14	1-0	0-0	3:06	5671
	09/03/2026	at Minnesota	L	7-59	1-1	0-0	3:16	41048
	09/12/2026	Indiana St.	L	35-42	1-2	0-0	3:32	6971
	09/19/2026	at Illinois St.	L	13-49	1-3	0-0	3:05	11589
	09/26/2026	at South Dakota St.	L	7-42	1-4	0-0	3:00	18264
*	10/10/2026	at Gardner-Webb	W	21-7	2-4	1-0	4:17	1517
*	10/17/2026	Lindenwood	L	13-20	2-5	1-1	2:54	1645
*	10/24/2026	Southeast Mo. St.	L	10-20	2-6	1-2	3:14	6822
*	10/31/2026	at UT Martin	W	45-16	3-6	2-2	3:07	5168
*	11/07/2026	Western Ill.	L	23-44	3-7	2-3	3:03	3609

Team Statistics

	EIU	OPP
Scoring	**202**	**313**
Points per game	20.2	31.3
Points Off Turnovers	38	33
First Downs	**135**	**225**
Rushing	50	105
Passing	71	99
Penalty	14	21
Rushing Yardage	**1226**	**1998**
Yards gained rushing	1451	2208
Yards lost rushing	225	210
Rushing attempts	312	412
Average per rush	3.9	4.8
Average per game	122.6	199.8
TDs Rushing	12	24
Passing Yardage	**1605**	**2204**
Comp-Att-Int	129-234-5	196-293-9
Average per pass	6.9	7.5
Average per catch	12.4	11.2
Average per game	160.5	220.4
TDs Passing	15	13
Total offense	**2831**	**4202**
Total plays	546	705
Average per play	5.2	6.0
Average per game	283.1	420.2
Kick returns: #-Yards	**16-273**	**15-370**
Punt returns: #-Yards	**11-93**	**20-341**
Int returns: #-Yards	**9-119**	**5-45**
Kick return average	**17.1**	**24.7**
Punt return average	**8.5**	**17.1**
Int return average	**13.2**	**9.0**
Fumbles-Lost	**8-4**	**13-8**
Penalties-Yards	**60-596**	**49-428**
Average per game	59.6	42.8
Punts-Yards	**67-2889**	**38-1533**
Average per punt	43.1	40.3
Net punt average	36.2	37.4
Kickoffs-Yards	**41-2499**	**56-3448**
Average per kick	61.0	61.6
Net kick average	36.8	39.8
Time of possession / game	**26:36**	**33:10**
3rd-down conversion	**39/124**	**60/144**
3rd-down pct	31%	42%
4th-down conversion	**4/8**	**16/22**

	EIU	OPP
4th-down pct	50%	73%
Sacks by-Yards	**8-54**	**16-111**
Misc Yards	**0**	**0**
Touchdowns scored	**27**	**42**
Field goals - attempts	**4-5**	**7-14**
On-Side kicks	**0-1**	**0-0**
Red-zone scores	**(22-25) 88%**	**(33-42) 79%**
Red-zone touchdowns	**(19-25) 76%**	**(27-42) 64%**
PAT-attempts	**(26-27) 96%**	**(38-41) 93%**
2-point conversion-attempts	**(0-0) 0%**	**(1-1) 100%**
Attendance	**19047**	**83257**
Games / Avg per game	4/4762	6/13876
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Eastern Ill.	34	55	41	72	0	202
Opponents	62	114	75	62	0	313

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Charles Kellom	10	128	642	46	596	4.7	7	88	59.6
Cole LaCrue	10	88	449	125	324	3.7	5	50	32.4
Jacarre Fleming-Page	10	45	245	23	222	4.9	0	58	22.2
Tyren Buggs	5	25	46	9	37	1.5	0	9	7.4
Devin Whitlock	10	11	42	8	34	3.1	0	10	3.4
Azeon Nelson	5	4	19	0	19	4.8	0	7	3.8
Zeke Lewis	8	5	6	4	2	0.4	0	5	0.3
Eli Evans	10	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.2
Team	10	5	0	10	-10	-2.0	0	0	-1.0
Total	**10**	**312**	**1451**	**225**	**1226**	**3.9**	**12**	**88**	**122.6**
Opponents	**10**	**412**	**2208**	**210**	**1998**	**4.8**	**24**	**61**	**199.8**

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Cole LaCrue	10	133.1	121-215-5	56.3	1536	14	75	153.6
Jeremiah Salem	4	89.7	7-17-0	41.2	59	1	17	14.8
Cade Cox	10	184.0	1-1-0	100.0	10	0	10	1.0
Devin Whitlock	10	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	**10**	**129.6**	**129-234-5**	**55.1**	**1605**	**15**	**75**	**160.5**
Opponents	**10**	**138.6**	**196-293-9**	**66.9**	**2204**	**13**	**76**	**220.4**

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Devin Whitlock	10	26	156	6.0	1	21	15.6
Charles Kellom	10	20	157	7.9	1	28	15.7
Jeremy Reeves	10	16	279	17.4	4	49	27.9
Samuel Gonzalez	10	15	273	18.2	1	37	27.3
Eli Evans	10	14	162	11.6	1	20	16.2
Jacarre Fleming-Page	10	8	212	26.5	4	75	21.2
Tyren Buggs	5	8	47	5.9	1	30	9.4
Landers Green	8	6	116	19.3	1	54	14.5
Alex Ginnever	8	5	84	16.8	1	31	10.5
Carlyun Neal	9	3	42	14.0	0	21	4.7
Whitten Weems	10	2	8	4.0	0	5	0.8
Abbas Clark	7	2	11	5.5	0	6	1.6
Zeke Lewis	8	1	10	10.0	0	10	1.3
Makhi Wilson	10	1	10	10.0	0	10	1.0
Kenny Ajose	9	1	31	31.0	0	31	3.4
Ayden Billups	10	1	7	7.0	0	7	0.7
Total	**10**	**129**	**1605**	**12.4**	**15**	**75**	**160.5**
Opponents	**10**	**196**	**2204**	**11.2**	**13**	**76**	**220.4**

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Devin Whitlock	8	91	11.4	0	43
Kenny Ajose	1	2	2.0	0	2
Kaleb Lyons	1	0	0.0	0	0
Le'Javier Payne	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	**11**	**93**	**8.5**	**0**	**43**
Opponents	**20**	**341**	**17.1**	**3**	**87**

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jerry Addo-Boateng	3	0	0.0	0	0
Ja'Wuan Nickson	2	37	18.5	0	25
Brandon Worsley	2	21	10.5	0	21
Kaleb Lyons	1	15	15.0	0	15
Makhi Wilson	1	46	46.0	0	46
Total	**9**	**119**	**13.2**	**0**	**46**
Opponents	**5**	**45**	**9.0**	**1**	**19**

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jacarre Fleming-Page	6	102	17.0	0	23
Carlyun Neal	5	123	24.6	0	61
Johnovan Wysinger	2	36	18.0	0	18
Ayden Billups	2	16	8.0	0	16
Brandon Worsley	1	-4	-4.0	0	0
Total	**16**	**273**	**17.1**	**0**	**61**
Opponents	**15**	**370**	**24.7**	**1**	**73**

Fumbles Recovered

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Isaac Engle	2	0	0.0	0	0
Kaleb Lyons	1	0	0.0	0	0
Nick Vecchiarelli	1	0	0.0	0	0
Jordyn Stewart	1	0	0.0	0	0
Kham Boecker	1	0	0.0	0	0
Davian Humphrey	1	0	0.0	0	0
Brandon Worsley	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	**8**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**
Opponents	**4**	**11**	**2.8**	**0**	**10**

Scoring

			PAT						
Player	**td**	**fg**	**kick**	**rush**	**rcv**	**pass**	**dxp**	**saf**	**pts**
Charles Kellom	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Drew Schiller	-	4-5	26-27	-	-	-	-	-	38
Cole LaCrue	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Jacarre Fleming-Page	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Jeremy Reeves	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Alex Ginnever	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Landers Green	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Devin Whitlock	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Tyren Buggs	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Eli Evans	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Samuel Gonzalez	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jerry Addo-Boateng	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Total	**27**	**4-5**	**26-27**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**202**
Opponents	**42**	**7-14**	**38-41**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**313**

Field Goals

Player	**fg**	**pct.**	**01-19**	**20-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50-99**	**lg**	**blk**
Drew Schiller	4-5	80.0	0-0	2-2	1-2	1-1	0-0	41	0
Opponents	**7-14**	**50.0**	**0-0**	**3-5**	**3-5**	**1-3**	**0-1**	**44**	**1**

FG Sequence

Team Name	**Eastern Ill.**	**Opponents**
Murray St.		27
Minnesota		(31)
Indiana St.	31	25
Illinois St.	(41),(21)	
South Dakota St.		41
Gardner-Webb		
Lindenwood		(36),37,(22),32
Southeast Mo. St.	(29)	(44),(29),48
UT Martin	(36)	(39)
Western Ill.		53,(22)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	**g**	**plays**	**rush**	**pass**	**total**	**avg/g**
Cole LaCrue	10	303	324	1536	1860	186.0
Charles Kellom	10	128	596	0	596	59.6
Jacarre Fleming-Page	10	45	222	0	222	22.2
Jeremiah Salem	4	17	0	59	59	14.8
Tyren Buggs	5	25	37	0	37	7.4
Devin Whitlock	10	12	34	0	34	3.4
Azeon Nelson	5	4	19	0	19	3.8
Cade Cox	10	1	0	10	10	1.0
Zeke Lewis	8	5	2	0	2	0.3
Eli Evans	10	1	2	0	2	0.2
Team	10	0	-10	0	-10	-1.0
Total	**10**	**546**	**1226**	**1605**	**2831**	**283.1**
Opponents	**10**	**705**	**1998**	**2204**	**4202**	**420.2**

Punting

Player	**no.**	**yds**	**avg**	**lg**	**tb**	**fc**	**i20**	**50+**	**blk**
Cade Cox	67	2889	43.1	56	6	24	10	15	0
Total	**67**	**2889**	**43.1**	**56**	**6**	**24**	**10**	**15**	**0**
Opponents	**38**	**1533**	**40.3**	**66**	**1**	**10**	**11**	**7**	**1**

Kickoffs

Player	**no.**	**yds**	**avg**	**tb**	**ob**	**retn**	**net**	**ydln**
Alex Stoyanovich	24	1444	60.2	13	1			
Drew Schiller	17	1055	62.1	11	0			
Total	**41**	**2499**	**61.0**	**24**	**1**	**15**	**36.8**	**28**
Opponents	**56**	**3448**	**61.6**	**30**	**2**	**16**	**39.8**	**25**

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Charles Kellom	10	596	157	0	0	0	753	75.3
Jacarre Fleming-Page	10	222	212	0	102	0	536	53.6
Cole LaCrue	10	324	0	0	0	0	324	32.4
Devin Whitlock	10	34	156	91	0	0	281	28.1
Jeremy Reeves	10	0	279	0	0	0	279	27.9
Samuel Gonzalez	10	0	273	0	0	0	273	27.3
Carlyun Neal	9	0	42	0	123	0	165	18.3
Eli Evans	10	2	162	0	0	0	164	16.4
Landers Green	8	0	116	0	0	0	116	14.5
Alex Ginnever	8	0	84	0	0	0	84	10.5
Tyren Buggs	5	37	47	0	0	0	84	16.8
Makhi Wilson	10	0	10	0	0	46	56	5.6
Ja'Wuan Nickson	10	0	0	0	0	37	37	3.7
Johnovan Wysinger	4	0	0	0	36	0	36	9.0
Kenny Ajose	9	0	31	2	0	0	33	3.7
Ayden Billups	10	0	7	0	16	0	23	2.3
Azeon Nelson	5	19	0	0	0	0	19	3.8
Brandon Worsley	10	0	0	0	-4	21	17	1.7
Kaleb Lyons	10	0	0	0	0	15	15	1.5
Zeke Lewis	8	2	10	0	0	0	12	1.5
Abbas Clark	7	0	11	0	0	0	11	1.6
Whitten Weems	10	0	8	0	0	0	8	0.8
Team	10	-10	0	0	0	0	-10	-1.0
Total	**10**	**1226**	**1605**	**93**	**273**	**119**	**3316**	**331.6**
Opponents	**10**	**1998**	**2204**	**341**	**370**	**45**	**4958**	**495.8**

Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
5	Ja'Wuan Nickson	10	33	39	72	6-16	0.5-3	2-37	1	2	.	1	.	.
43	Lonnie Burt	10	40	29	69	8-13	.	.	1	2	.	1	.	.
8	Nick Vecchiarelli	10	24	19	43	3-10	1-7	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
21	Kaleb Lyons	10	28	11	39	1-1	.	1-15	2	.	1-0	.	1	.
15	Brandon Worsley	10	30	8	38	1-3	0.5-3	2-21	2	.	1-0	.	.	.
41	Aidan Archibald	10	17	15	32	6.5-33	3.5-25	.	4	2	.	1	.	.
0	Nasir Maryland	8	23	8	31	2.5-4	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
6	Jerry Addo-Boateng	10	19	10	29	1-3	.	3-0	2	.	.	.	.	.
19	Mafileo Tupou	10	13	15	28	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
16	Micah Valenzuela	7	13	15	28	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Saipeti Maiava Jr	6	16	11	27	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Isaac Engle	9	15	10	25	5-24	1-8	.	1	3	2-0	.	.	.
45	Erik Hehl	10	9	16	25	4.5-10	1-2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
9	Trevon Piggee	8	11	12	23	1.5-5	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
24	Alex Koulovatos	8	11	12	23	1.5-2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
13	Premiere Whitley	10	11	11	22	2.5-13	0.5-6	.	1	.	.	1	1	.
55	James Collins	10	9	12	21	1-2	.	.	2	3	.	.	2	.
25	Christopher Sharp	5	11	9	20	2-4	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
27	Josh Brown	10	14	6	20	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
4	Dillon Conway	6	14	5	19	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
34	Jordyn Stewart	8	10	6	16	1-1	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
7	Collin Henry	9	7	9	16	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
11	Noah Williams	10	10	5	15	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
39	Davian Humphrey	9	7	3	10	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
96	Micah Williams	6	2	4	6	1-2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
53	Daniel Viramontes	3	2	2	4	1-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Le'Javier Payne	4	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Maximo Vaughn	9	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Drew Schiller	10	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	Kham Boecker	8	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
59	Tyler Fortis	5	.	2	2	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Cale Kimbro	10	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Joey Hiner	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Cade Cox	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Cole LaCrue	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Bruce Mitchell	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
38	Matthew Toledo	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Makhi Wilson	10	.	1	1	.	.	1-46	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Adam Kaminski	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Dajon Doss	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Alex Stoyanovich	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70	Alejandro Arellano	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Kendall Ayersman	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Barron Sholl	10	1	.	1	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
67	Dejan Guzina	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Eli Evans	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Samuel Gonzalez	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals	**10**	**419**	**314**	**733**	**53-165**	**8-54**	**9-119**	**24**	**17**	**8-0**	**6**	**4**	**0**
	Opponents	10	297	260	557	73-233	16-111	5-45	31	27	4-11	5	1	0

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		Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off
08/27/2026	at Murray St.	47	267	3	88	11	101	1	24	11-18-0	101	1	24	0	0	0	0	3	46	0	43	368
09/03/2026	at Minnesota	28	51	0	17	9	59	1	30	9-15-0	59	1	30	2	31	0	17	0	0	0	0	110
09/12/2026	Indiana St.	32	184	2	76	20	282	3	54	20-34-0	282	3	54	2	79	0	61	3	26	0	16	466
09/19/2026	at Illinois St.	26	66	1	10	15	150	0	34	15-26-0	150	0	34	1	12	0	12	0	0	0	0	216
09/26/2026	at South Dakota St.	36	73	1	15	10	123	0	37	10-21-0	123	0	37	2	23	0	12	1	18	0	18	196
10/10/2026	at Gardner-Webb	50	162	3	36	2	11	0	16	2-4-0	11	0	16	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	3	173
10/17/2026	Lindenwood	20	53	0	20	15	203	2	49	15-24-1	203	2	49	1	20	0	20	1	0	0	0	256
10/24/2026	Southeast Mo. St.	21	42	0	11	14	210	1	31	14-34-1	210	1	31	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	252
10/31/2026	at UT Martin	32	284	2	58	20	269	4	67	20-31-1	269	4	67	1	17	0	17	1	0	0	0	553
11/07/2026	Western Ill.	20	44	0	24	13	197	3	75	13-27-2	197	3	75	6	91	0	23	0	0	0	0	241
Eastern Ill.		**312**	**1226**	**12**	**88**	**129**	**1605**	**15**	**75**	**129-234-5**	**1605**	**15**	**75**	**16**	**273**	**0**	**61**	**11**	**93**	**0**	**43**	**2831**
Opponents		**412**	**1998**	**24**	**61**	**196**	**2204**	**13**	**76**	**196-293-9**	**2204**	**13**	**76**	**15**	**370**	**1**	**73**	**20**	**341**	**3**	**87**	**4202**

Eastern Ill. Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
10	3.9	12.4	129.6	17.1	8.5	331.6	283.1

		Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT attempts			off		
Date	Opponent	ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/27/2026	at Murray St.	43	24	67	8.0-40	1-8	0	0-0	2-40	1	3	1	4-4	0	0	0	0	28
09/03/2026	at Minnesota	48	22	70	7.0-11	0-0	1	1-0	0-0	1	1	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	7
09/12/2026	Indiana St.	41	24	65	6.0-25	2-14	0	0-0	1-12	2	3	0	5-5	0	0	0	7	35
09/19/2026	at Illinois St.	28	72	100	1.0-11	1-11	1	1-0	0-0	2	1	0	1-1	0	0	0	3	13
09/26/2026	at South Dakota St.	37	28	65	2.0-3	0-0	0	0-0	1-0	1	3	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	7
10/10/2026	at Gardner-Webb	46	24	70	4.0-11	1-7	4	5-0	1-0	0	2	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	21
10/17/2026	Lindenwood	54	22	76	8.0-18	1-2	0	0-0	1-21	3	3	0	1-2	0	0	0	7	13
10/24/2026	Southeast Mo. St.	48	40	88	6.0-15	0-0	0	0-0	1-0	3	1	1	1-1	0	0	0	7	10
10/31/2026	at UT Martin	34	24	58	6.0-18	2-12	0	0-0	2-46	3	7	1	6-6	0	0	0	0	45
11/07/2026	Western Ill.	40	34	74	5.0-13	0-0	0	1-0	0-0	1	0	1	3-3	0	0	0	7	23
Eastern Ill.		**419**	**314**	**733**	**53.0-165**	**8-54**	**6**	**8-0**	**9-119**	**17**	**24**	**4**	**26-27**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**38**	**202**
Opponents		**297**	**260**	**557**	**73.0-233**	**16-111**	**5**	**4-11**	**5-45**	**27**	**31**	**1**	**38-41**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**33**	**313**

		Punting									Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
08/27/2026	at Murray St.	7	275	39.3	45	0	2	1	0	2	0-0	0	0	5	311	62.2	2	0
09/03/2026	at Minnesota	10	445	44.5	55	0	0	2	3	0	0-0	0	0	2	114	57.0	1	0
09/12/2026	Indiana St.	4	177	44.3	55	0	0	1	1	3	0-1	0	0	6	370	61.7	4	0
09/19/2026	at Illinois St.	6	306	51.0	56	0	2	0	4	1	2-2	41	0	4	260	65.0	4	0
09/26/2026	at South Dakota St.	8	324	40.5	50	0	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	2	130	65.0	2	0
10/10/2026	at Gardner-Webb	11	481	43.7	56	0	1	6	2	1	0-0	0	0	4	218	54.5	0	0
10/17/2026	Lindenwood	5	213	42.6	53	0	0	2	2	1	0-0	0	0	3	189	63.0	1	1
10/24/2026	Southeast Mo. St.	7	281	40.1	50	0	1	3	1	1	1-1	29	0	3	193	64.3	1	0
10/31/2026	at UT Martin	3	136	45.3	52	0	0	3	1	1	1-1	36	0	8	510	63.8	6	0
11/07/2026	Western Ill.	6	251	41.8	49	0	0	5	0	0	0-0	0	0	4	204	51.0	3	0
Eastern Ill.		**67**	**2889**	**43.1**	**56**	**0**	**6**	**24**	**15**	**10**	**4-5**	**41**	**0**	**41**	**2499**	**61.0**	**24**	**1**
Opponents		**38**	**1533**	**40.3**	**66**	**1**	**1**	**10**	**7**	**11**	**7-14**	**44**	**1**	**56**	**3448**	**61.6**	**30**	**2**

2026-27 Eastern Ill. Football
Opponents Game-by-Game
All games

		Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off
08/27/2026	at Murray St.	26	63	0	21	26	257	2	27	26-40-2	257	2	27	3	97	0	49	3	17	0	15	320
09/03/2026	at Minnesota	38	147	5	27	26	348	1	55	26-33-0	348	1	55	1	11	0	11	5	193	2	87	495
09/12/2026	Indiana St.	37	208	3	57	21	284	3	42	21-34-1	284	3	42	2	26	0	17	1	-2	0	0	492
09/19/2026	at Illinois St.	45	226	3	37	25	330	3	40	25-33-0	330	3	40	0	0	0	0	2	92	1	79	556
09/26/2026	at South Dakota St.	45	408	5	61	12	189	1	31	12-24-1	189	1	31	0	0	0	0	3	17	0	12	597
10/10/2026	at Gardner-Webb	46	138	0	16	14	108	1	37	14-24-1	108	1	37	4	57	0	25	2	7	0	8	246
10/17/2026	Lindenwood	44	137	2	19	26	230	0	25	26-35-1	230	0	25	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	6	367
10/24/2026	Southeast Mo. St.	47	219	1	34	19	139	1	27	19-27-1	139	1	27	2	87	0	73	2	1	0	1	358
10/31/2026	at UT Martin	32	236	2	50	14	105	0	29	14-28-2	105	0	29	2	48	0	28	0	0	0	0	341
11/07/2026	Western Ill.	52	216	3	20	13	214	1	76	13-15-0	214	1	76	1	44	1	44	1	10	0	10	430
Opponents		**412**	**1998**	**24**	**61**	**196**	**2204**	**13**	**76**	**196-293-9**	**2204**	**13**	**76**	**15**	**370**	**1**	**73**	**20**	**341**	**3**	**87**	**4202**
Eastern Ill.		**312**	**1226**	**12**	**88**	**129**	**1605**	**15**	**75**	**129-234-5**	**1605**	**15**	**75**	**16**	**273**	**0**	**61**	**11**	**93**	**0**	**43**	**2831**

Opponents Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
10	4.8	11.2	138.6	24.7	17.1	495.8	420.2

		Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT attempts			off		
Date	Opponent	ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/27/2026	at Murray St.	37	40	77	12.0-35	5-24	0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0-1	0	1	0	0	14
09/03/2026	at Minnesota	23	26	49	9.0-20	1-3	1	0-0	0-0	5	2	0	8-8	0	0	0	0	59
09/12/2026	Indiana St.	37	26	63	6.0-22	3-16	1	1-1	0-0	1	4	0	6-6	0	0	0	7	42
09/19/2026	at Illinois St.	13	56	69	5.0-16	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	6	5	0	7-7	0	0	0	0	49
09/26/2026	at South Dakota St.	31	34	65	6.0-28	2-22	2	2-10	0-0	2	7	0	6-6	0	0	0	7	42
10/10/2026	at Gardner-Webb	42	16	58	12.0-26	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	7
10/17/2026	Lindenwood	30	8	38	7.0-36	1-22	1	1-0	1-19	0	2	1	2-2	0	0	0	0	20
10/24/2026	Southeast Mo. St.	22	18	40	6.0-11	2-4	0	0-0	1-19	4	6	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	20
10/31/2026	at UT Martin	34	24	58	4.0-8	0-0	0	0-0	1-0	3	2	0	1-2	0	0	0	6	16
11/07/2026	Western Ill.	28	12	40	6.0-31	2-20	0	0-0	2-7	5	1	0	5-6	0	0	0	13	44
Opponents		**297**	**260**	**557**	**73.0-233**	**16-111**	**5**	**4-11**	**5-45**	**27**	**31**	**1**	**38-41**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**33**	**313**
Eastern Ill.		**419**	**314**	**733**	**53.0-165**	**8-54**	**6**	**8-0**	**9-119**	**17**	**24**	**4**	**26-27**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**38**	**202**

		Punting									Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
08/27/2026	at Murray St.	6	239	39.8	47	0	0	2	0	2	0-1	0	1	2	109	54.5	1	1
09/03/2026	at Minnesota	2	70	35.0	37	0	0	1	0	1	1-1	31	0	10	644	64.4	8	0
09/12/2026	Indiana St.	3	151	50.3	51	0	0	0	3	0	0-1	0	0	7	445	63.6	5	0
09/19/2026	at Illinois St.	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	8	516	64.5	7	0
09/26/2026	at South Dakota St.	2	89	44.5	50	0	0	1	1	0	0-1	0	0	7	435	62.1	2	0
10/10/2026	at Gardner-Webb	7	279	39.9	50	0	0	4	1	1	0-0	0	0	1	28	28.0	0	0
10/17/2026	Lindenwood	3	107	35.7	47	0	0	0	0	0	2-4	36	0	5	318	63.6	3	0
10/24/2026	Southeast Mo. St.	6	179	29.8	48	1	0	1	0	3	2-3	44	0	4	260	65.0	4	0
10/31/2026	at UT Martin	6	293	48.8	66	0	1	1	2	2	1-1	39	0	4	245	61.3	0	1
11/07/2026	Western Ill.	3	126	42.0	44	0	0	0	0	2	1-2	22	0	8	448	56.0	0	0
Opponents		**38**	**1533**	**40.3**	**66**	**1**	**1**	**10**	**7**	**11**	**7-14**	**44**	**1**	**56**	**3448**	**61.6**	**30**	**2**
Eastern Ill.		**67**	**2889**	**43.1**	**56**	**0**	**6**	**24**	**15**	**10**	**4-5**	**41**	**0**	**41**	**2499**	**61.0**	**24**	**1**

Eastern Ill. Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent		Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	TDs	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/27/2026	at Murray St.	W	28-14	4	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/03/2026	at Minnesota	L	7-59	1	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/12/2026	Indiana St.	L	35-42	5	4	28	4	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/19/2026	at Illinois St.	L	13-49	2	2	10	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/26/2026	at South Dakota St.	L	7-42	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/10/2026	at Gardner-Webb	W	21-7	3	3	21	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/17/2026	Lindenwood	L	13-20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
10/24/2026	Southeast Mo. St.	L	10-20	2	2	10	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
10/31/2026	at UT Martin	W	45-16	5	5	31	4	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
11/07/2026	Western Ill.	L	23-44	1	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Totals 22 of 25 (88.0%)			**25**	**22**	**142**	**19**	**9**	**10**	**3**	**4**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Opponents Inside Eastern Ill. Red-Zone

Date	Opponent		Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	TDs	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/27/2026	Murray St.	W	28-14	3	2	14	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/03/2026	Minnesota	L	7-59	6	6	38	5	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/12/2026	Indiana St.	L	35-42	5	4	28	4	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/19/2026	Illinois St.	L	13-49	6	5	35	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
09/26/2026	South Dakota St.	L	7-42	5	2	14	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
10/10/2026	Gardner-Webb	W	21-7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
10/17/2026	Lindenwood	L	13-20	6	4	20	2	2	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0
10/24/2026	Southeast Mo. St.	L	10-20	3	3	17	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
10/31/2026	UT Martin	W	45-16	3	3	16	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
11/07/2026	Western Ill.	L	23-44	4	4	23	3	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Totals 33 of 42 (78.6%)			**42**	**33**	**205**	**27**	**19**	**8**	**6**	**11**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**2**

3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
08/27/2026	at Murray St.	W	28-14	4-13	30.8	1-4	25.0	0-2	0.0	3-5	60.0	0-2	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/03/2026	at Minnesota	L	7-59	3-13	23.1	0-3	0.0	3-4	75.0	0-4	0.0	0-2	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/12/2026	Indiana St.	L	35-42	9-15	60.0	0-1	0.0	3-7	42.9	3-3	100.0	3-4	75.0	0-0	0.0
09/19/2026	at Illinois St.	L	13-49	4-12	33.3	2-4	50.0	0-3	0.0	0-3	0.0	2-2	100.0	0-0	0.0
09/26/2026	at South Dakota St.	L	7-42	6-16	37.5	1-4	25.0	1-3	33.3	2-6	33.3	2-3	66.7	0-0	0.0
10/10/2026	at Gardner-Webb	W	21-7	1-13	7.7	0-4	0.0	0-4	0.0	0-2	0.0	1-3	33.3	0-0	0.0
10/17/2026	Lindenwood	L	13-20	1-8	12.5	1-3	33.3	0-1	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-3	0.0	0-0	0.0
10/24/2026	Southeast Mo. St.	L	10-20	3-13	23.1	0-3	0.0	1-2	50.0	2-4	50.0	0-4	0.0	0-0	0.0
10/31/2026	at UT Martin	W	45-16	7-11	63.6	5-5	100.0	0-2	0.0	0-1	0.0	2-3	66.7	0-0	0.0
11/07/2026	Western Ill.	L	23-44	1-10	10.0	1-2	50.0	0-2	0.0	0-2	0.0	0-4	0.0	0-0	0.0
	Eastern Ill.			**39-124**	**31.5**	**11-33**	**33.3**	**8-30**	**26.7**	**10-31**	**32.3**	**10-30**	**33.3**	**0-0**	**0.0**
	Opponents			**60-144**	**41.7**	**13-31**	**41.9**	**22-43**	**51.2**	**9-30**	**30.0**	**16-40**	**40.0**	**0-0**	**0.0**

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
08/27/2026	at Murray St.	W	28-14	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0
09/03/2026	at Minnesota	L	7-59	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/12/2026	Indiana St.	L	35-42	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/19/2026	at Illinois St.	L	13-49	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/26/2026	at South Dakota St.	L	7-42	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
10/10/2026	at Gardner-Webb	W	21-7	0-1	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
10/17/2026	Lindenwood	L	13-20	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0
10/24/2026	Southeast Mo. St.	L	10-20	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0
10/31/2026	at UT Martin	W	45-16	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
11/07/2026	Western Ill.	L	23-44	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0
	Eastern Ill.			**4-8**	**50.0**	**0-1**	**0.0**	**2-2**	**100.0**	**0-1**	**0.0**	**2-4**	**50.0**	**0-0**	**0.0**
	Opponents			**16-22**	**72.7**	**4-5**	**80.0**	**4-5**	**80.0**	**3-5**	**60.0**	**5-7**	**71.4**	**0-0**	**0.0**

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/27/2026	at Murray St.	W	28-14	33:11	06:03	07:43	09:52	09:33	00:00
09/03/2026	at Minnesota	L	7-59	23:39	05:34	06:58	07:01	04:06	00:00
09/12/2026	Indiana St.	L	35-42	30:04	03:03	09:48	11:04	06:09	00:00
09/19/2026	at Illinois St.	L	13-49	25:45	06:59	07:37	05:00	06:09	00:00
09/26/2026	at South Dakota St.	L	7-42	27:56	02:28	11:19	08:06	06:03	00:00
10/10/2026	at Gardner-Webb	W	21-7	28:14	06:54	07:57	04:19	09:04	00:00
10/17/2026	Lindenwood	L	13-20	21:46	06:06	05:08	04:29	06:03	00:00
10/24/2026	Southeast Mo. St.	L	10-20	23:10	09:29	03:35	06:46	03:20	00:00
10/31/2026	at UT Martin	W	45-16	31:16	06:48	10:09	05:20	08:59	00:00
11/07/2026	Western Ill.	L	23-44	20:57	06:46	05:25	02:44	06:02	00:00
	Eastern Ill.		**Total**	**265:58**	**60:10**	**75:39**	**64:41**	**65:28**	**00:00**
			Avg.	**26:36**	**06:01**	**07:34**	**06:28**	**06:33**	**00:00**
	Opponents		**Total**	**331:41**	**66:05**	**95:45**	**66:33**	**103:18**	**00:00**
			Avg.	**33:10**	**06:37**	**09:34**	**06:39**	**10:20**	**00:00**

2026-27 Eastern Ill. Football
Team Game-by-Game Comparison
All games

Opponent	Score	First Downs				Rushing	Passing		Total Offense	Return	Turn-
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Number-Yards	Comp-Att.-Int	Yards	Plays-Yards	Yards	Overs
Murray St.	28-14	20 / 18	12 / 4	6 / 13	2 / 1	47-267 / 26-63	11-18-0 / 26-40-2	101 / 257	65-368 / 66-320	86 / 114	0 / 2
Minnesota	7-59	4 / 24	1 / 9	3 / 13	0 / 2	28-51 / 38-147	9-15-0 / 26-33-0	59 / 348	43-110 / 71-495	31 / 204	0 / 1
Indiana St.	35-42	20 / 26	10 / 6	9 / 14	1 / 6	32-184 / 37-208	20-34-0 / 21-34-1	282 / 284	66-466 / 71-492	117 / 25	1 / 1
Illinois St.	13-49	14 / 34	2 / 14	8 / 16	4 / 4	26-66 / 45-226	15-26-0 / 25-33-0	150 / 330	52-216 / 78-556	12 / 92	0 / 1
South Dakota St.	7-42	10 / 26	2 / 16	7 / 9	1 / 1	36-73 / 45-408	10-21-0 / 12-24-1	123 / 189	57-196 / 69-597	41 / 27	2 / 1
Gardner-Webb	21-7	6 / 13	4 / 8	1 / 4	1 / 1	50-162 / 46-138	2-4-0 / 14-24-1	11 / 108	54-173 / 70-246	3 / 64	0 / 6
Lindenwood	13-20	13 / 23	4 / 10	8 / 12	1 / 1	20-53 / 44-137	15-24-1 / 26-35-1	203 / 230	44-256 / 79-367	41 / 25	2 / 1
Southeast Mo. St.	10-20	13 / 23	2 / 13	10 / 6	1 / 4	21-42 / 47-219	14-34-1 / 19-27-1	210 / 139	55-252 / 74-358	0 / 107	1 / 1
UT Martin	45-16	25 / 16	11 / 11	13 / 5	1 / 0	32-284 / 32-236	20-31-1 / 14-28-2	269 / 105	63-553 / 60-341	63 / 48	1 / 2
Western Ill.	23-44	10 / 22	2 / 14	6 / 7	2 / 1	20-44 / 52-216	13-27-2 / 13-15-0	197 / 214	47-241 / 67-430	91 / 61	2 / 1
Totals	**202-313**	**135 / 225**	**50 / 105**	**71 / 99**	**14 / 21**	**312-1226 / 412-1998**	**129-234-5 / 196-293-9**	**1605 / 2204**	**546-2831 / 705-4202**	**485 / 767**	**9 / 17**

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
Murray St.	4-13 / 5-15	1-1 / 0-1	33:11 / 26:49	06:22	5.7 / 2.4	5.6 / 6.4	5.7 / 4.8	7-39.3 / 6-39.8	3-45.0 / 4-30.0	1 / 5
Minnesota	3-13 / 10-15	0-0 / 1-1	23:39 / 36:21	-12:42	1.8 / 3.9	3.9 / 10.5	2.6 / 7.0	10-44.5 / 2-35.0	6-35.0 / 2-10.0	0 / 1
Indiana St.	9-15 / 10-15	1-1 / 0-0	30:04 / 29:56	00:08	5.8 / 5.6	8.3 / 8.4	7.1 / 6.9	4-44.3 / 3-50.3	15-145.0 / 5-52.0	2 / 3
Illinois St.	4-12 / 8-12	0-0 / 3-3	25:45 / 34:15	-08:30	2.5 / 5.0	5.8 / 10.0	4.2 / 7.1	6-51.0 / 0-0.0	5-44.0 / 8-61.0	1 / 0
South Dakota St.	6-16 / 6-14	1-2 / 2-4	27:56 / 32:04	-04:08	2.0 / 9.1	5.9 / 7.9	3.4 / 8.7	8-40.5 / 2-44.5	4-42.0 / 4-40.0	0 / 2
Gardner-Webb	1-13 / 2-16	0-1 / 2-5	28:14 / 29:25	-01:11	3.2 / 3.0	2.8 / 4.5	3.2 / 3.5	11-43.7 / 7-39.9	9-80.0 / 3-15.0	1 / 0
Lindenwood	1-8 / 5-16	0-1 / 3-3	21:46 / 38:14	-16:28	2.7 / 3.1	8.5 / 6.6	5.8 / 4.6	5-42.6 / 3-35.7	3-35.0 / 3-35.0	1 / 1
Southeast Mo. St.	3-13 / 6-18	0-1 / 2-2	23:10 / 36:50	-13:40	2.0 / 4.7	6.2 / 5.1	4.6 / 4.8	7-40.1 / 6-29.8	7-80.0 / 8-80.0	0 / 2
UT Martin	7-11 / 3-11	0-0 / 1-1	31:16 / 28:44	02:32	8.9 / 7.4	8.7 / 3.8	8.8 / 5.7	3-45.3 / 6-48.8	3-30.0 / 4-30.0	2 / 0
Western Ill.	1-10 / 5-12	1-1 / 2-2	20:57 / 39:03	-18:06	2.2 / 4.2	7.3 / 14.3	5.1 / 6.4	6-41.8 / 3-42.0	5-60.0 / 8-75.0	0 / 2
Totals	**39-124 / 60-144**	**4-8 / 16-22**	**265:58 / 331:41**	**-65:43**	**3.9 / 4.8**	**6.9 / 7.5**	**5.2 / 6.0**	**67-43.1 / 38-40.3**	**60-596.0 / 49-428.0**	**8 / 16**

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

NCAA Statistics

Eastern Ill. - 2026-27 Football Ranking Summary thru games 11/07/2026

Statistic	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
3rd Down Conversion Pct (124 ranked)	110	6	0.315	Youngstown St.	0.569	Tennessee St.	0.375
3rd Down Conversion Pct Defense (124 ranked)	78	6	0.417	Gardner-Webb	0.255	Gardner-Webb	0.255
4th Down Conversion Pct (124 ranked)	64	5	0.500	Texas Southern	0.909	Southeast Mo. St.	0.769
4th Down Conversion Pct Defense (124 ranked)	118	8	0.727	Holy Cross Tennessee Tech	0.235 0.235	Southeast Mo. St.	0.357
Blocked Kicks (54 ranked)	9	1	4	Marist Valparaiso	7 7	Eastern Ill.	4
Blocked Kicks Allowed (124 ranked)	29	3	1	28 teams tied	0	Charleston So. Lindenwood	0 0
Blocked Punts (17 ranked)	17	2	1	Valparaiso	5	Charleston So.	3
Blocked Punts Allowed (124 ranked)	1	1	0	66 teams tied	0	Charleston So. Eastern Ill. Lindenwood	0 0 0
Completion Percentage (124 ranked)	94	6	0.551	Youngstown St.	0.752	Western Ill.	0.636
Defensive TDs (46 ranked)				Charleston So.	5	Charleston So.	5
Fewest Penalties (124 ranked)	61	3	60	Princeton The Citadel	38 38	Tennessee St.	50
Fewest Penalties Per Game (124 ranked)	53	2	6.00	Cal Poly	3.73	Tennessee St.	5.00
Fewest Penalty Yards (124 ranked)	83	5	596	VMI	287	Tennessee St.	434
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game (124 ranked)	77	4	59.60	VMI	28.70	Tennessee St.	43.40
First Downs Defense (124 ranked)	109	8	225	Yale	120	Western Ill.	151
First Downs Offense (124 ranked)	122	8	135	UIW	255	Western Ill.	222
Fumbles Lost (124 ranked)	28	1	4	Butler	0	Eastern Ill.	4
Fumbles Recovered (124 ranked)	23	1	8	4 teams tied	11	Charleston So. Eastern Ill. Gardner-Webb	8 8 8
Kickoff Return Defense (124 ranked)	109	7	24.67	Yale	11.73	Charleston So.	17.05
Kickoff Returns (124 ranked)	101	7	17.06	Montana St.	33.05	Charleston So.	25.44
Net Punting (124 ranked)	59	5	36.24	South Dakota	43.37	UT Martin	40.56
Passes Had Intercepted (124 ranked)	17	3	5	Lehigh	1	Charleston So. Lindenwood	4 4
Passes Intercepted (123 ranked)	34	5	9	Harvard UTRGV	15 15	Southeast Mo. St.	13
Passing Offense (124 ranked)	108	6	160.5	Campbell	313.8	Gardner-Webb	239.1
Passing Yards Allowed (124 ranked)	63	5	220.4	Harvard	131.0	Gardner-Webb	158.6
Passing Yards per Completion (124 ranked)	35	2	12.44	Tarleton St.	15.83	Western Ill.	12.60
Punt Return Defense (124 ranked)	117	8	17.05	Princeton	-0.50	Southeast Mo. St.	6.33
Punt Returns (124 ranked)	68	6	8.45	Houston Christian	25.80	Lindenwood	18.75
Red Zone Defense (124 ranked)	39	3	0.786	Colgate	0.621	Charleston So.	0.735
Red Zone Offense (124 ranked)	21	1	0.880	Howard	1.000	Eastern Ill.	0.880
Rushing Defense (124 ranked)	107	8	199.8	Butler	87.5	Western Ill.	112.4
Rushing Offense (124 ranked)	92	5	122.6	South Dakota St.	259.3	Western Ill.	227.4
Sacks Allowed (124 ranked)	46	4	1.60	Monmouth	0.40	Western Ill.	1.10
Scoring Defense (124 ranked)	89	7	31.3	Harvard	12.6	Charleston So.	22.2
Scoring Offense (124 ranked)	96	7	20.2	Alcorn	42.5	Western Ill.	36.2
Tackles for Loss Allowed (124 ranked)	109	6	7.30	South Dakota St.	2.40	Western Ill.	4.30
Team Passing Efficiency (124 ranked)	60	3	129.62	Youngstown St.	181.11	Western Ill.	142.29
Team Passing Efficiency Defense (124 ranked)	82	5	138.58	Harvard	91.13	Charleston So.	103.88
Team Sacks (124 ranked)	123	8	0.80	SFA	4.00	Gardner-Webb	2.80
Team Tackles for Loss (124 ranked)	64	5	5.3	SFA	8.6	Gardner-Webb	8.3
Time of Possession (124 ranked)	118	8	26:36	Sacred Heart	34:23	Western Ill.	32:49
Total Defense (124 ranked)	103	8	420.2	South Carolina St.	250.2	Western Ill.	280.7

Statistic	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
Total Offense (124 ranked)	116	6	283.1	Tarleton St.	503.7	Western Ill.	465.6
Turnover Margin (124 ranked)	10	1	0.80	Butler	1.60	Eastern Ill.	0.80
Turnovers Gained (124 ranked)	21	2	17	N.C. Central Norfolk St. Northern Ariz.	21 21 21	Charleston So.	19
Turnovers Lost (124 ranked)	17	1	9	Butler	4	Eastern Ill. Lindenwood	9 9
Winning Percentage (123 ranked)	94	6	0.300	Tarleton St.	1.000	Southeast Mo. St. Western Ill.	0.600 0.600

Statistic	Player	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
All Purpose (200 ranked)	Charles Kellom	140	6	75.30	Eli Gillman, Montana	166.60	Kennedy McGill, Western Ill.	129.10
Blocked Kicks (1 ranked)	James Collins	1	1	2	17 players tied	2	James Collins, Eastern Ill. Chris Wilson, UT Martin	2 2
Combined Kick Returns (198 ranked)	Carlyun Neal Jacarre Fleming-Page	165 184	11 13	123 102	Jaxon Bell, Eastern Wash.	727	Khylen Harris-Norman, Southeast Mo. St.	498
Completion Percentage (100 ranked)	Cole LaCrue	73	5	0.563	Beau Brungard, Youngstown St.	0.757	Kennedy McGill, Western Ill.	0.637
Completions Per Game (150 ranked)	Cole LaCrue	82	6	12.10	Riley Warzynski, Drake	26.22	Daylin Lee, Tennessee St.	16.90
Field Goal Percentage (86 ranked)					Weston Schofield, Southern Ill. Drew Crabtree, Brown Trey Glymph, Ark.-Pine Bluff	1.000 1.000 1.000	Ronan Culkin, Western Ill.	0.737
Field Goals Per Game (132 ranked)	Drew Schiller	114	8	0.40	Nathan Chapman, Furman	2.10	Justin Keller, Southeast Mo. St.	1.90
Forced Fumbles (29 ranked)					Javon Bejarano, Houston Christian Brayden Rosa, UC Davis Stephen Sparrow Jr., Bethune-Cookman	0.40 0.40 0.40	4 players tied	0.30
Fumbles Recovered (77 ranked)	Isaac Engle Kham Boecker Davian Humphrey Kaleb Lyons Jordyn Stewart Nick Vecchiarelli Brandon Worsley	8 77 77 77 77 77 77	1 7 7 7 7 7 7	2 1 1 1 1 1 1	7 players tied	3	6 players tied	2
Interceptions Per Game (94 ranked)	Jerry Addo-Boateng Ja'Wuan Nickson Brandon Worsley	29 94 94	4 11 11	0.30 0.20 0.20	Xaden Benson, Harvard	1.13	DJ Delmore, Southeast Mo. St. David Jones, Southeast Mo. St.	0.40 0.40
Kickoff Return TDs (4 ranked)					Tony Phillips Jr., Grambling Lindsey Graves, Northern Ariz. Quay Kindell, Charleston So.	2 2 2	Quay Kindell, Charleston So.	2
Kickoff Returns (63 ranked)					Tony Phillips Jr., Grambling	34.8	Khylen Harris-Norman, Southeast Mo. St.	31.1
Passes Defended (31 ranked)					Xaden Benson, Harvard	1.88	4 players tied	1.00
Passing Efficiency (100 ranked)	Cole LaCrue	49	3	133.1	Beau Brungard, Youngstown St.	181.5	Kennedy McGill, Western Ill.	140.1
Passing TDs (129 ranked)	Cole LaCrue	36	1	14	Jaylon Tolbert, Alcorn	31	Cole LaCrue, Eastern Ill.	14
Passing Yards (150 ranked)	Cole LaCrue	74	6	1,536	Kamden Sixkiller, Campbell	3,016	Daylin Lee, Tennessee St.	2,041
Passing Yards Per Game (150 ranked)	Cole LaCrue	77	5	153.6	Kamden Sixkiller, Campbell	301.6	Daylin Lee, Tennessee St.	204.1
Passing Yards per Completion (100 ranked)	Cole LaCrue	25	1	12.69	Kaden Anderson, Tarleton St.	16.28	Cole LaCrue, Eastern Ill.	12.69
Points Responsible For (197 ranked)	Cole LaCrue	37	2	114	Beau Brungard, Youngstown St.	226	Kennedy McGill, Western Ill.	176
Points Responsible For Per Game (147 ranked)	Cole LaCrue	48	2	11.4	Beau Brungard, Youngstown St.	22.6	Kennedy McGill, Western Ill.	17.6
Punt Return TDs (7 ranked)					Chris Gundy, Valparaiso Jason Wonodi, Norfolk St. Dkhai Joseph, Southeastern La.	3 3 3	Hakeem Watters, Charleston So.	1
Punt Returns (42 ranked)					Dkhai Joseph, Southeastern La.	22.9	Joel Salien, Western Ill.	10.7
Punting (84 ranked)	Cade Cox	21	2	43.1	Brook Honore Jr., South Dakota	47.7	Max Zuluaga, UT Martin	47.4
Receiving TDs (142 ranked)	Jacarre Fleming-Page Jeremy Reeves	82 82	4 4	4 4	Brooks Davis, Montana	12	Cam Bulluck, Tennessee St.	7
Receiving Yards (150 ranked)					Brooks Davis, Montana	1,233	Kory Jones, Gardner-Webb	856
Receiving Yards Per Game (200 ranked)					Brooks Davis, Montana	123.3	Kory Jones, Gardner-Webb	85.6
Receptions Per Game (196 ranked)					Brooks Davis, Montana	8.10	Kory Jones, Gardner-Webb	5.20
Rush Yards Per Carry (127 ranked)	Charles Kellom	70	4	4.66	Eli Gillman, Montana	7.71	Kennedy McGill, Western Ill.	5.98
Rushing TDs (139 ranked)	Charles Kellom Cole LaCrue	51 101	2 8	7 5	Eli Gillman, Montana	19	Kennedy McGill, Western Ill.	17
Rushing Yards (200 ranked)	Charles Kellom Cole LaCrue	65 192	4 13	596 324	Luke Yoder, Lehigh	1,452	Kennedy McGill, Western Ill.	1,291
Rushing Yards Per Game (200 ranked)	Charles Kellom	74	4	59.6	Luke Yoder, Lehigh	145.2	Kennedy McGill, Western Ill.	129.1
Sacks (178 ranked)	Aidan Archibald	128	8	0.35	Khalid Bueno, Stony Brook	1.40	Jaylon Price, Tennessee St.	0.85
Scoring (194 ranked)	Charles Kellom	163	7	4.8	Eli Gillman, Montana	15.0	Kennedy McGill, Western Ill.	10.4
Solo Tackles (192 ranked)	Lonnie Burt Ja'Wuan Nickson	62 167	3 9	4.00 3.30	Omari Bursey, Villanova	6.50	Tre Yanez, Gardner-Webb	5.50
Tackles For Loss (176 ranked)	Lonnie Burt Aidan Archibald	100 176	7 12	0.80 0.65	Khalid Bueno, Stony Brook	2.25	Tre Yanez, Gardner-Webb	1.50
Total Offense (200 ranked)	Cole LaCrue Charles Kellom	70 189	4 9	186.0 59.6	Beau Brungard, Youngstown St.	349.4	Kennedy McGill, Western Ill.	331.6
Total Points Scored (139 ranked)	Charles Kellom	139	7	48	Eli Gillman, Montana	150	Kennedy McGill, Western Ill.	104

Statistic	Player	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
Total Tackles (200 ranked)	Ja'Wuan Nickson Lonnie Burt	95 117	5 7	7.2 6.9	Max Malo, Brown	12.6	Tre Yanez, Gardner-Webb	10.9
Total Touchdowns (127 ranked)	Charles Kellom	66	2	8	Eli Gillman, Montana	25	Kennedy McGill, Western Ill.	17
Yards per Pass Attempt (100 ranked)	Cole LaCrue	49	3	7.14	Kaden Anderson, Tarleton St.	10.30	Kennedy McGill, Western Ill.	7.91
Yards per Reception (200 ranked)					Mike Williams, Utah Tech	24.30	Israel Hiraldo, Western Ill.	19.00