



EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHER FOOTBALL

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GAME 9



COACHES:

Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1995)

EIU Record..... 16-26 (4th)
OVC Record..... 9-15 (4th)
Career Record..... 67-53 (13th)
vs. UT Martin..... 0-3

Jason Simpson (Southern Miss,

UTM Record..... 127-97 (20th)
OVC Record..... 96-51 (20th)
Career Record..... Same
vs. Eastern Illinois..... 14-5

SERIES

31st meeting - series tied 15-15

Last: @UTM 52, EIU 17 on Oct. 26, 2024

RANKINGS

Eastern Illinois..... --- / ---
UT Martin..... --- / ---
.....STATS Media/AFCA Coaches

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EIU Hosts UT Martin To Kickoff November

Eastern Illinois vs. UT Martin

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

November 1, 2025 • 2 pm • TV: ESPN+

NOTES TO KNOW

• Eastern Illinois returns home following back-to-back road games as the Panthers host UT Martin for Family Weekend on the Charleston campus. EIU is looking to snap a three-game losing skid as they lost at home to Gardner-Webb and then suffered tough road losses at Southeast Missouri and Charleston Southern. The Panthers enter the month of November at 3-5 overall, 2-3 in the OVC-Big South. EIU hosts a UT Martin team still in the hunt for the OVC-Big South title at 3-5 overall, 3-1 in the conference. The Skyhawks have won or shared four straight conference titles advancing to the second round of the FCS playoffs last season.

• Eastern Illinois and UT Martin will battle for time of possession on Saturday as the two schools rank among the nation's leaders in time of possession. The Skyhawks are currently fifth in the FCS in time of possession and first in the OVC-Big South at 33:33 per game. The Panthers have been among the FCS leaders all season and currently rank sixth at 33:17 per game. On the season EIU has had the ball for more than its opponents in six of eight games this year including a 40:17 minute time of possession in the home opening win over Dayton. The Panthers held the ball for 39:48 in another home win over Tennessee State.

• Sophomore corner Isaiah Houi finished with seven solo tackles on Saturday at Charleston Southern while adding two pass break-ups to his season total. Houi now has nine pass break-ups this season which ranks him 21st in the FCS and first in the OVC-Big South. He needs one more pass break-up to crack the EIU single season top ten for pass break-ups. The EIU single season record is 18 set by Russell Dandy in 2023. Last season Houi became a regular in the defensive secondary late in the season finishing the year as the team leader with seven pass break-ups.

• Punter Mason Miller continues to hover around the FCS leaders in punting average as the graduate transfer had three punts at Charleston Southern over the weekend for an average of 53.7 yards per punt with a long of 64 yards. Miller is currently third in the FCS in punting average at 48.2 yards per punt with 15 of his 35 punts traveling 50 or more yards and 14 landing inside the opponents 20-yard line. Miller is chasing the EIU single season punting average record of 44.6 set by Kevin Cook during the 2007 season. He is on pace to become the fourth punter in school history to average 44 yards or better for the season.

Eastern Illinois (3-5, 2-3)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Aug. 28	DAYTON	W 24-14
Sept. 6	at Indiana State	L 14-38
Sept. 13	ILLINOIS STATE	L 30-42
Sept. 27	• at Western Illinois	W 31-23
Oct. 4	• TENNESSEE STATE	W 31-7
Oct. 11	• GARDNER-WEBB (HC)	L 10-21
Oct. 18	• at Southeast Missouri	L 13-42
Oct. 25	• at Charleston Southern	L 16-17
Nov. 1	• UT MARTIN	2 pm
Nov. 8	• TENNESSEE TECH	12 pm
Nov. 15	• at Lindenwood	2 pm
Nov. 22	at Alabama	1 pm
• OVC-Big South Game		All Times Central

UT Martin (3-5, 3-1)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Aug. 28	at Oklahoma State	L 7-27
Sept. 6	at UTEP	L 17-42
Sept. 13	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	L 10-37
Sept. 20	at Missouri State	L 10-42
Sept. 27	• SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	W 34-10
Oct. 4	• at Lindenwood	L 14-30
Oct. 11	• WESTERN ILLINOIS	W 32-31
Oct. 18	• at Gardner-Webb	W 37-7
Nov. 1	• at Eastern Illinois	2 pm
Nov. 8	• TENNESSEE STATE	1 pm
Nov. 15	• CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	1 pm
Nov. 22	• at Tennessee Tech	12 pm
• OVC-Big South Game		All Times Central

STATS FCS MEDIA TOP 25
(Oct. 27 - Week 9)

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	North Dakota State (56)	8-0
2.	Tarleton State	9-0
3.	Montana	8-0
T4.	Montana State	6-2
T4.	South Dakota State (1)	7-0
6.	UC Davis	6-1
7.	Lehigh	8-0
8.	North Dakota	6-2
9.	Tennessee Tech	8-0
10.	Monmouth	7-1
11.	Vilanova	6-2
12.	Harvard	6-0
13.	Rhode Island	7-2
14.	Lamar	7-1
15.	Mercer	6-1
16.	Southern Illinois	5-3
17.	Illinois State	5-3
18.	Youngstown State	5-3
19.	Northern Arizona	5-3
20.	Stephen F. Austin	6-2
21.	Southeastern Louisiana	6-2
22.	Austin Peay	5-3
23.	Jackson State	5-2
24.	Abilene Christian	4-4
25.	Presbyterian	7-1

FCS COACHES TOP 25
(Oct. 27 - Week 9)

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	North Dakota State (25)	8-0
2.	Tarleton State	9-0
3.	Montana	8-0
4.	Montana State	6-2
5.	South Dakota State	7-1
6.	UC Davis	6-1
7.	Lehigh	8-0
8.	Tennessee Tech	8-0
9.	Monmouth	7-1
10.	North Dakota	6-2
11.	Villanova	6-2
12.	Rhode Island	7-2
13.	Mercer	6-1
14.	Lamar	7-1
15.	Harvard	6-0
16.	Southeastern Louisiana	6-2
17.	Southern Illinois	5-3
18.	Illinois State	5-3
19.	Youngstown State	5-3
20.	Jackson State	5-2
21.	Northern Arizona	5-3
22.	Presbyterian	7-1
23.	Stephen F. Austin	6-2
24.	Austin Peay	5-3
25.	Abilene Christian	4-4

• Eastern Illinois defense forced and recovered two fumbles on Saturday at Charleston Southern as the Panthers have at least one fumble recovery in five straight games with multiple recoveries in four of those five contests. On the season EIU has ten fumbles recovered which ranks the Panthers third in the FCS with UT Rio Grand Valley. Tarleton State is the national leader in fumble recoveries with 13 followed by Monmouth with 11. Individually Drake Van Hyfte has two fumble recoveries to lead the Panthers. Those ten fumble recoveries are added to EIU's two interceptions this year ranking the Panthers tied for 30th in turnovers gained with 12.

• As a defensive unit Eastern Illinois ranks 25th in the FCS in rushing defense as the Panthers are allowing teams to rush for 125.6 yards per game. On Saturday, EIU held Charleston Southern well below that season average as the Buccaneers finished with 61 yards on the ground. Twice this season EIU has held an opponent to less than 35 yards rushing with Dayton rushing for 31 yards in the opener and Tennessee State mustering 30 yards on the ground on October 4. EIU ranks 45th in the FCS in team tackles for loss this year averaging 6.0 per game.

• Tylan Foster finished with double digit tackles on Saturday at Charleston Southern as the transfer linebacker recorded his third double figure tackle game of the season. He made ten tackles at CSU with eight solo stops and one pass break-up. His season high for tackles is 11 against Illinois State. On the season Foster ranks second on the Panthers team with 63 total tackles (8th in the OVC-Big South). He is the team leader with 36 solo tackles which is fourth in the OVC-Big South.

• Fellow linebacker Ja'Wuan Nickson leads the Panthers this season in both total tackles (64) and tackles for loss (6.5). On Saturday at Charleston Southern he was once again among the Panthers leaders for tackles in the game finishing with eight (five solo). Three times this season Nickson has finished a game with double-figure tackles with a season high 12 tackles against both Southeast Missouri and Illinois State.

• Gerlaer Ervin joined the Eastern Illinois sack party for the year as the Panthers defense has recorded nine this year with five different players collecting at least one. Ervin was playing in just his third game this season had the one sack. For the year he has four tackles. Samuel Robles is the team leader in sacks with three followed by Drake Van Hyfte and Trevon Piggee with two sacks each. Alton Jefferson has the final EIU sack. Van Hyfte led the team in sacks two seasons ago with five while Nicholas Oliviera-Chace led the team with six last year.

• Tight end Joe McNab hauled in a 23-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Cole LaCrue on Saturday at Charleston Southern. It was the only catch of the day for McNab who has spent most of his EIU career as a blocking tight end after seeing his first Panthers career action as a reserve offensive lineman in 2022 against nationally ranked UT Martin. He did not catch a pass and was rarely targeted during his first four seasons with the Panthers. This year McNab has five catches for 50 yards and two touchdowns. His first career catch was for a touchdown against Tennessee State.

• Quarterback Cole LaCrue has done most of his damage on the ground this season rushing for 418 yards and a team-high seven touchdowns. On Saturday at Charleston Southern, LaCrue threw his first collegiate touchdown pass connecting with tight end Joe McNab. LaCrue finished the game 10-of-18 for 121 yards. This season the Wisconsin transfer has passed for 490 yards going 44-of-88 with the one touchdown and five interceptions. As a prep player at Broomfield (Colo.) HS he passed for more than 6,000 yards with 56 touchdowns.

• Cooper Willman had two punt returns for 21 yards on Saturday at Charleston Southern as he continues to move up the EIU career punt return yards list. Willman has climbed to fifth in career punt return yards with 364 on 35 total punt returns making his 10.4 yards per return average currently third on EIU's career charts. He enters the week ranked 23rd in the FCS in punt return average at 10.4 yards per return this season.

• EIU veteran wide receivers Cooper Willman and DeAirious Smith both have climbed the EIU career receiving list this season. Willman had three catches for 33 yards at Charleston Southern while Smith was held without a reception for the first time in 16 games (Sept. 2023 vs McNeese). Willman's receiving yards moved his EIU career total up to 1,668 yards which places him 15th on the Panthers all time chart. Willman is also closing in on the EIU career Top Ten for receptions. He has 120 and needs seven more to tie Alexander Hollins for 10th. Earlier this season Smith joined Willman on the career 1,000 yard receiving list. He now has 1,153 career receiving yards moving up to 25th on the career list. Currently just EIU and North Dakota State have active 1,000 yard receivers at the FCS level with all of those yards accumulated at the same school.

• Knowledge Davis earned a start at defensive end on Saturday at Charleston Southern and the junior college transfer responded with four tackles (3 solo) and one of the Panthers six tackles for loss in the game. Davis has played in all eight games this season with 15 tackles and three quarterback hurries to his credit.

• Redshirt freshman Kwan Johnson is the lone player to start all eight games this season at his left tackle position as the Panthers have not started the same offensive line combination in more than two straight games. A total of nine different players have made starts on the offensive line this year with Johnson (8), DiSanto (7), Rahfeeq Katumbusi (7), Dante Thompson (7), Alejandro Arellano (3), Johnathan Arellano (2), Panayiotis Mihalopoulos (2), Sandro Malicevic (1) and Carson Fichtel (1) all getting at least one start this season.

2025 OVC-Big South Football Standings

Team	CONF	Pct	All	Pct
Tennessee Tech	5-0	1.000	8-0	1.000
UT Martin	3-1	.750	3-5	.375
Gardner-Webb	3-1	.750	5-3	.625
Lindenwood	2-2	.500	3-5	.375
Southeast Missouri	2-2	.500	3-5	.375
Charleston Southern	2-3	.400	3-6	.333
Eastern Illinois	2-3	.400	3-5	.375
Western Illinois	1-4	.250	2-7	.222
Tennessee State	0-4	.000	2-6	.250

This Week In OVC-Big South Football**Saturday - November 1**

- Gardner-Webb at Tennessee Tech..... 12 pm
- Charleston Southern at Southeast Missouri..... 1 pm
- UT Martin at Eastern Illinois 2 pm
- Lindenwood at Tennessee State 3:30 pm

Western Illinois (open week)

- OVC-Big South Football Association Games

Eastern Illinois Captains

8 - Tienne Fridge (NICKEL)

13 - Cooper Willman (WR)

49 - Jesse Garza (LB)

54 - Nic DiSanto (OL)

OVC - Big South Order Of Finish

- Tennessee Tech (5)
- UT Martin (2)
- Southeast Missouri (2)
- Lindenwood
- Western Illinois
- T6. EASTERN ILLINOIS**
- T6. Gardner-Webb
- Tennessee State
- Charleston Southern

**Eastern Illinois
Returning All-Conference Players**

- 13 - Cooper Willman (1st Team WR / AP)



• Drew Schiller knocked home three more field goals on Saturday at Charleston Southern giving the redshirt freshman ten makes this season in 14 attempts. His miss came from 37 yards in the fourth quarter and then he had a field goal blocked to end the game. He enters the week ranked 49th in field goal percentage in the FCS. Last season he kicked in four games prior to his redshirt making him 13-of-21 in his EIU career. Schiller knocked home his extra point attempt at CSU moving his career total to 26-of-26.

• Cole Silzer made his first career start on Saturday at Charleston Southern as senior Alton Jefferson missed the contest due to injury. Silzer had played in two other games this season and in two during his prior three years in the program taking a redshirt season in 2022 and playing in two contests as a redshirt freshman in 2023. He missed all of last season due to injury.

SEASON LONG NOTES

• Graduate student Brett Galletti has been named a semifinalist for the William V. Campbell Award which is presented to the top academic student in college football. Galletti earned his bachelor's degree in construction management with a 3.97 GPA and is currently enrolled in the MBA program at Eastern Illinois. Galletti opened the season as the starting long snapper, a role he has performed in for the past three years. He was one of 44 FCS players selected as semifinalists and four from the OVC-Big South.

• Eastern Illinois once again has a mixture of players transferring from both the FBS and FCS level into the Panthers program. EIU currently has seven FBS transfers on its roster with program newcomers Cole LaCrue (Wisconsin), Charles Kellom (Akron) and Jack Tremblay (Central Michigan). The Panthers roster features eight FCS transfers with seven of those players new to EIU this year in Tylan Foster (Incarnate Word), Bruce Mitchell (Mississippi Valley State), Jihad McCall (Morehead State), Nick Vecchiarelli (Marist), Dante Thompson (Robert Morris), Jourden Hale-Frater (Tennessee State) and Jefferson McKinnon (Marist).

• Eastern Illinois jumps back into games with the Power Four FBS Conferences over the next several years as last season the Panthers played a pair of Big Ten schools with games at Illinois and Northwestern. This year's schedule dips back into the SEC as the Panthers end the 2025 regular season at Alabama. Other future FBS games on the EIU schedule include a trip to play at Minnesota in 2026, Illinois in 2027, Kentucky in 2028 and Indiana in 2029.

• Eastern Illinois football has 12 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 Tienne Fridge, Brett Galletti, Jesse Garza, Zeke Lewis, Jihad McCall, Mason Miller, Trayvon Moore, Phoenix Porter, DeAirious Smith, Joseph Solomon, Drake Van Hyfte and Cooper Willman.

• Based on a combination of COVID football seasons and redshirt football seasons, Eastern Illinois has seven players that will be competing in their sixth year of collegiate football this season. Moses Alexander, Jihad McCall, Mason Miller, DeAirious Smith, Joseph Solomon, Drake Van Hyfte and Cooper Willman all began their collegiate careers during the 2020 season. Of the seven, Smith (40 games), Van Hyfte (37 games) and Willman (48 games) have spent their entire careers at EIU.

• Eastern Illinois once again has several legacy players on its roster this season with offensive lineman Carson Fichtel and incoming freshmen Cale Kimbro and Barron Sholl. Fichtel's father Brad was an All-American lineman for the Panthers in the early 1990's. 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 three 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 Maryland on East Coast. Dejan Guzina gives the Panthers a player from Canada as EIU has had players on its roster from Canada, 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 will play with nine member schools Eastern Illinois, Lindenwood, Southeast Missouri, Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech, UT Martin and Western Illinois from the OVC. The Big South is represented by Charleston Southern and Gardner-Webb. The league announced in July 2024 that the partnership would be extended to 2030 (previous deal was to 2026) with the OVC Conference Office overseeing the day-to-day operation of the league. Tennessee Tech has announced that it will depart the conference following the 2025-26 academic year.

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 67-53 (16-26 at EIU, 4th 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...

UT MARTIN HEAD COACH JASON SIMPSON

Jason Simpson is currently the longest tenured head coach in the Ohio Valley Conference entering his 20th season with UT Martin. In his debut season of 2006, Simpson earned OVC Coach of the Year honors as he led the Skyhawks to a share of the OVC Championship and the school's first FCS Playoff appearance. More recently, UTM advanced to the second round of the FCS playoffs in 2021 and 2024 winning four straight OVC regular season championships. Simpson has posted a record of 127-97 with an OVC mark of 96-51. In 2019 he became UTM's career leader in coaching wins and currently ranks third in OVC history. Simpson is a 1995 graduate of Southern Mississippi where he played baseball.

SCOUTING UT MARTIN

UT Martin got off to a slow start for the season playing three of their first four contests against FBS teams and the other against a nationally ranked Southern Illinois team. That tough schedule resulted in an 0-4 start to the season. UTM bounced back with a win over Southeast Missouri in the OVC-Big South opener and has since improved to 3-1 in the conference standings. Quarterback Jase Bauer has passed for 1,376 yards and six touchdowns while rushing for another six scores accounting for 12 of the Skyhawks 19 touchdowns this season. John Gentry and Tommy Ansley have split the tailback load with both over 300 yards. On defense Keyshawn Johnson has been a force with 11 tackles for loss and 7.5 sacks this season as part of his 34 tackles. As a pass defense UTM has seven interceptions with 29 pass break-ups.

THE SERIES

Eastern Illinois and UT Martin will be meeting for the 31st time with UT Martin having won six straight in the series and eight of the last nine. With last year's win by UT Martin the all-time series is now tied at 30-30. EIU's last win in the series came in 2018 when the Panthers picked up a 24-21 overtime win at O'Brien Field. In 2023, the game between the two schools also went to overtime with the Skyhawks collecting a 28-27 win when both teams were nationally ranked during the game.

LAST TEN MEETINGS

Oct. 26, 2024... UTM 52, EIU 17 at UTM
Oct. 7, 2023... UTM 28, EIU 27 (OT) at EIU
Nov. 19, 2022... UTM 34, EIU 31 at UTM
Oct. 16, 2021... UTM 28, EIU 17 at EIU
March 7, 2021... UTM 28, EIU 15 at UTM
Oct. 19, 2019... UTM 27, EIU 18 at UTM
Oct. 20, 2018... EIU 24, UTM 21 (OT) at EIU
Oct. 28, 2017... UTM 27, EIU 10 at UTM
Nov. 5, 2016... UTM 33, EIU 17 at EIU
Nov. 14, 2015... EIU 23, UTM 21 at UTM

SERIES DID YOU KNOW FACTS...

Eastern Illinois and UT Martin have been home to two of the most successful head coaches in Ohio Valley Conference history. Long time former EIU head coach Bob Spoo (92 while OVC member only, 144 total at EIU) ranks sixth on the all-time OVC wins list while current UT Martin head coach Jason Simpson (127 wins) recently moved into third place on the all-time wins list by an OVC head coach

TALE OF THE TAPE

Points Per Game	21.1	20.1
Average Points Allowed	25.5	28.3
First Downs	152	147
Rushing Yards Per Game	163.8	149.1
Rushing Touchdowns	13	11
Passing Yards Per Game	169.1	191.8
Passing Touchdowns	7	8
Average Yards Per Game	332.9	340.9
Interceptions Thrown	10	3
Fumbles - Lost	8-3	10-4
Turnovers Gained	12	11
Punting Average	46.4	41.5
Field Goals (ATT/MADE)	10-of-14	10-of-11
3rd Down Conversions	40-of-113 (35%)	47-of-112 (42%)
4th Down Conversions	6-of-14 (43%)	5-of-13 (38%)
Sacks By (Yards)	9 (72)	16 (91)
Penalties (Yards)	41 (335)	67 (572)
Time of Possession (Game)	33:19	33:33

Statistical Leaders**RUSHING YARDS (Touchdowns)**

EASTERN ILLINOIS	UT MARTIN
Charles Kellom 528 (3)	John Gentry 358 (1)
Cole LaCru 418 (7)	Tommy Ansley 309 (2)

PASSING YARDS (Touchdowns)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	UT MARTIN
Connor Wolf 809 (6)	Jase Bauer 1376 (6)
Cole LaCru 490 (1)	Julian Calvez 104 (1)

RECEPTIONS (Yards / TDs)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	UT MARTIN
Cooper Willman 22 (333 / 2)	Bryce Bailey 31 (436 / 3)
CJ Nelson 17 (331 / 2)	Phaizon Wilson 23 (265 / 1)
DeAirious Smith 13 (213 / 1)	Scottie Alexander 15 (145 / 0)

TACKLES

EASTERN ILLINOIS	UT MARTIN
Ja'Wuan Nickson 64	Jacob Stevenson 50
Tylan Foster 63	Tah Banda 39
Saipeti Maiava Jr. 38	Jabaree Dawkins 37
Isaiah Houi 36	Shamari Weir 36
Jihad McCall 26	Josh Hastings 35

TACKLES FOR LOSS / SACKS

EASTERN ILLINOIS	UT MARTIN
Ja'Wuan Nickson 6.5 0	Keyshawn Johnson 11 7.5
Samuel Robles 5 3	Shamari Weir 4.5 3.5
Tylan Foster 4 0	Jabaree Dawkins 3.5 1

Eastern Illinois In The OVC/NCAA Stats 2025

TEAM

TEAM	NCAA	CONF
Rushing Offense	53rd	3rd
Passing Offense	101st	9th
Passing Efficiency	99th	8th
Total Offense	85th	5th
Scoring Offense	85th	5th
Rushing Defense	25th	2nd
Pass Defense	91st	7th
Pass Efficiency Def.	104th	7th
Total Defense	52nd	3rd
Scoring Defense	45th	2nd
Net Punting	9th	1st
Punt Returns	45th	5th
Kickoff Returns	113th	8th
Turnover Margin	69th	5th
Turnovers Gained	30th	2nd
Sacks	112th	9th
Tackles For Loss	45th	5th
Sacks Allowed	116th	8th
3rd Down Conversion	89th	4th
4th Down Conversion	86th	8th
3rd Down Defense	64th	5th
Red Zone Offense	97th	8th
Red Zone Defense	21st	1st
Time of Possession	6th	2nd

INDIVIDUAL (Top 50)

INDIVIDUAL (Top 50)	NCAA	CONF
Cole LaCruce (Rushing Touchdowns)	27th	4th
CJ Nelson (Yards Per Reception)	17th	2nd
Isaiah Houi (Passes Defended)	21st	1st
Alton Jefferson (Blocked Kicks)	38th	3rd
Drake Van Hyfte (Fumbles Recovered)	5th	1st
Saipeti Maiava Jr (Fumbles Recovered)	46th	6th
Tylan Foster (Fumbles Recovered)	46th	6th
Dillon Conway (Fumbles Recovered)	46th	6th
Ja'Wuan Nickson (Fumbles Recovered)	46th	6th
Knowledge Davis (Fumbles Recovered)	46th	6th
Jihad McCall (Fumbles Recovered)	46th	6th
Kefa Pereira (Fumbles Recovered)	46th	6th
Christopher Sharp (Forced Fumbles)	6th	2nd
Christopher Sharp (Fumbles Recovered)	46th	6th
Tienne Fridge (Forced Fumbles)	34th	4th
Cooper Willman (Punt Returns)	23rd	3rd
Mason Miller (Punting)	3rd	2nd
Drew Schiller (Field Goal Pct)	49th	4th

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

19 games (last time shutout 8/29/24 at Illinois)

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

2025 WEEKLY AWARDS

Sept. 15 - Connor Wolf (Freshman)

Sept. 29 - Jacarre' Fleming (Freshman) **

** Indicates National Player of the Week

NCAA PLAYOFF APPEARANCES

School.....# Appearances (Last)

Montana	28 (2024)
Eastern Kentucky	23 (2024)
Northern Iowa	22 (2021)
Furman	20 (2023)
New Hampshire	18 (2024)
EASTERN ILLINOIS ... 16 (2015)	
McNeese State	16 (2015)
Villanova	16 (2024)
Eastern Washington	15 (2021)
North Dakota State	15 (2024)
Idaho	14 (2024)
Montana State	14 (2024)
Richmond	14 (2024)
South Dakota State	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)

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

**4th year at Eastern Illinois as Head Coach
(11th season at EIU overall)**

Eastern Illinois, 1995

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Eastern Illinois

- * Hired as 26th head coach in Eastern Illinois history on January 26, 2022
- * Begins fourth year as head coach for 2025 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 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

Eastern Illinois			No. 24
Year	Overall	Conf.	
2022	2-9	1-4 (OVC)	
2023	8-3	4-2 (OVC)	
2024	3-9	2-6 (OVC)	
2025	3-4	2-3 (OVC)	
EIU	16-26	9-15	
University of Chicago Record			UAA title 9 years
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)	
2013	6-4	1-2 (UAA)	
Totals	51-27	39-15	
Career	67-53	48-30	



Kyle Derickson
Assoc HC / Off Cord / QBs
(4th year)
Butler, 2003



Andrew Strobel
Defensive Coordinator
(2nd year)
Northern Michigan, 2009



Andrew Brady
ST Cord. / Safeties
(4th year)
Wheaton College, 2019



Maurice Fleming
Def Pass Cord / DBs
(3rd year)
Iowa, 2016



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



Tino Smith II
Wide Receivers
(2nd year)
Savannah State, 2021



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



Spencer Treadwell
Running Backs
(1st year)
Miami (Ohio), 2015



Rodman Noel
Linebackers
(1st year)
North Carolina State, 2016



Mason Keeler
Tight Ends
(1st year)
Wyoming, 2020

FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF & QUALITY CONTROL

Graduate Assistant Coach - Defense Ryan DeMarois
Graduate Assistant Coach - Offense Joshua George
Quality Control Coach - Defense Matt Lindsey
Quality Control Coach - Special Teams Kevin Moynihan
Player Personnel Liam Whelan
Recruiting Analyst Brendan Lamanna
Graduate Assistant - Operations Andrew Scheff
Student Assistant Coach Peyton Wilkerson
Student Assistant Coach Ryan Kilburg

Football Athletic Trainers Jim Nave
..... Alexis Fenrick
..... Samantha Reinert
Football Equipment Manager Clint Bays
Director of Football Operations David Brubaker
Football Academics Nicole Jackson
Nutrition TBA
Director of Football Performance Jacob Hillman
Graduate Assistant - Football Strength Andreas Missios
Quality Control Coach - Strength Arie Jenkins

ADDITIONAL FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF

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

EIU ADMINISTRATION

University President Dr. Jay Gatrell
Athletic Director Tom Michael
Deputy Athletic Director Mark Bonnstetter
Associate AD Development Mike Murray
Associate AD Media & PR Rich Moser
Assistant AD Academic Services / SWA Jenn King
Assistant AD Compliance Dwight Rutledge
Assistant AD Development / Corporate Sales Amber May
Assistant AD Marketing / Fan Engagement Elliott Hansing
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...

Connor Wolf, 4, vs. Illinois State (Sept. 13, 2025)

Rushed for more than 150 yards...

Cole LaCrue, 193, vs. Dayton (Aug. 28, 2025)

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...

Cole LaCrue, 3, vs. Dayton (Aug. 28, 2025)

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...

Cody Silzer, 1 vs. Charleston Southern (Nov. 16, 2024)

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

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

Blocked a field goal...

Alton Jefferson, 1, vs. Dayton (Aug. 28, 2025)

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

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

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

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

EIU scored a two-point conversion

- (Rush) - Pierce Holley vs. Bryant (Oct. 21, 2023)
- (Pass) - 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 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

2025 EASTERN ILLINOIS TOUCHDOWNS

Qtr.....	Touchdown.....	Opponent
3.....	Cole LaCrue 11 run.....	Dayton
4.....	Cole LaCrue 1 run.....	Dayton
4.....	Cole LaCrue 6 run.....	Dayton
3.....	Charles Kellom 13 run.....	Indiana State
4.....	Charles Kellom 2 run.....	Indiana State
2.....	CJ Nelson 75 pass from Connor Wolf.....	Illinois State
4.....	Cooper Willman 18 pass from Connor Wolf.....	Illinois State
4.....	CJ Nelson 51 pass from Connor Wolf.....	Illinois State
4.....	DeAirious Smith 9 pass from Connor Wolf.....	Illinois State
1.....	Connor Wolf 1 run.....	Western Illinois
2.....	Charles Kellom 25 run.....	Western Illinois
2.....	Jacarre' Fleming 55 run.....	Western Illinois
4.....	Jacarre' Fleming 30 run.....	Western Illinois
1.....	Cole LaCrue 3 run.....	Tennessee State
2.....	Joe McNab 1 pass from Connor Wolf.....	Tennessee State
3.....	Cole LaCrue 1 run.....	Tennessee State
4.....	Copper Willman 26 pass from Connor Wolf.....	Tennessee State
3.....	Cole LaCrue 19 run.....	Gardner-Webb
4.....	Cole LaCrue 21 run.....	Southeast Missouri
3.....	Joe McNabb 23 pass from Cole LaCrue.....	Charleston Southern

EASTERN ILLINOIS NFL CONNECTIONS

DENVER BRONCOS

Sean Payton - Head Coach

LOS ANGELES RAMS

Jimmy Garoppolo - Quarterback

FREE AGENT (START 2025 SEASON)

Kamu Grugier-Hill - Linebacker

NEW YORK GIANTS

Tim Kelly - Tight Ends Coach

TENNESSEE TITANS

Matt Jones - Offensive Assistant Coach

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Adam Gristick - Linebackers Assistant

CLEVELAND BROWNS

Steven Bravo Brown - Special Teams Assistant

ATLANTA FALCONS

Ryan Pace - Senior Personnel Executive

BROADCAST

Tony Romo - CBS Color Analyst with Jim Nantz

TEAM GAME RECORDS**TOTAL OFFENSE:**

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

RUSHING YARDAGE:

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

RUSHING ATTEMPTS:

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

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

PASSING ATTEMPTS:

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

PASSES COMPLETED:

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

TOUCHDOWNS:

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

TOUCHDOWN PASSES:

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

MOST EIU POINTS IN A QUARTER:

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

MOST POINTS SCORED BY BOTH TEAMS:

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

POINTS

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

EIU LOWEST OFFENSIVE TOTAL:

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

EIU FEWEST RUSHING YARDS:

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

EIU FEWEST PASSING YARDS:

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

* EIU did not attempt a pass in the game

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

QUARTERBACK SACKS:

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

TURNOVERS:

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

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

EIU OVERTIME GAMES**DOUBLE OVERTIME**

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

OVERTIME

+ Nov. 27, 1982 vs. Jackson State.....	W 16-13
Sept. 11, 2004 vs. Indiana State.....	L 30-33
Nov. 6, 2004 at Tennessee Tech.....	L 37-40
Nov. 6, 2010 at Tennessee State.....	W 31-28
Sept. 22, 2012 vs. Murray State.....	W 50-49
Oct. 11, 2014 at Eastern Kentucky.....	L 33-36
Sept. 19, 2015 vs. Illinois State.....	L 31-34
Oct. 17, 2015 at Tennessee State.....	W 25-22
Nov. 4, 2017 vs. Eastern Kentucky.....	W 23-20
Oct. 20, 2018 vs. UT Martin.....	W 24-21
Oct. 7, 2023 vs. UT Martin.....	L 27-28
Oct. 21, 2023 vs. Bryant.....	W 25-24
Nov. 16, 2024 vs. Charleston Southern.....	W 16-13
+ 1982 & 1983 games in FCS playoffs	

MOST PLAYS IN A GAME:

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

MOST PLAYS IN A GAME BY BOTH TEAMS:

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

OPPONENTS AGAINST EASTERN ILLINOIS**TOTAL OFFENSE:**

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

RUSHING YARDAGE:

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

PASSING YARDAGE:

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

POINTS

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

LOWEST OFFENSIVE TOTAL:

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

OPPONENT FEWEST RUSHING YARDS:

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

OPPONENT FEWEST PASSING YARDS:

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

TOTAL OFFENSE:

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

RUSHING YARDAGE:

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

RUSHING ATTEMPTS:

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

Sean Payton.....	509 vs. Saginaw Valley.....	1985
Sean Payton.....	486 vs. SW Missouri.....	1984
Jimmy Garoppolo.....	480 vs. Illinois State.....	2013
Jimmy Garoppolo.....	477 at UT Martin.....	2013
Sean Payton.....	461 vs. W. Kentucky.....	1984
Pierce Holley.....	458 at Gardner-Webb.....	2024
Jimmy Garoppolo.....	453 vs. Austin Peay.....	2012
Jimmy Garoppolo.....	450 at Northern Illinois.....	2013

PASSING ATTEMPTS:

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

PASSES COMPLETED:

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

RECEIVING (CATCHES):

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

RECEIVING (YARDS):

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
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TOUCHDOWNS:

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

TOUCHDOWN PASSES:

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

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

PASSES INTERCEPTED:

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

MJ Flowers.....	11 vs Southeast Missouri.....	2024
Devin Church.....	10 at Northern Iowa.....	2015
DuWayne Pitts.....	9 vs. SW Missouri.....	1984

INDIVIDUAL GAME RECORDS**LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS:**

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

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN:

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

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR TD:

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

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

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

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN:

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

LONGEST PUNT:

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

LONGEST PUNT RETURN:

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

MOST BLOCKED KICKS:

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

MOST CONSECUTIVE PASSES COMPLETED:

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

MOST FIELD GOALS:

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

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

MOST INTERCEPTIONS THROWN:

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

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/LAST)
0	Alton Jefferson	DL	6-0	300	R-Sr	3	Louisville, Ky. (Trinity)
1	Tylan Foster	LB	5-11	225	Sr	TR	Houston, Texas (Cypress Woods / Univ. of Incarnate Word)
1	Jay Pearson	RB	6-0	210	R-Jr	2	McKees Rocks, Pa. (Sto-Rox Junior-Senior)
2	Bruce Mitchell	DB	6-0	190	R-So	TR	Little Rock, Ark. (Lone Star (Texas) / Mississippi Valley State Univ.)
2	CJ Nelson	WR	5-11	185	R-Jr	1	North Richland Hills, Texas (Richland / Univ. of Houston)
3	Daniel Autrey	DB	6-2	205	Jr	TR	Glendale, Calif. (Glendale / Glendale College)
3	Cole LaCrue	QB	6-1	205	R-So	TR	Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield / Univ. of Wisconsin)
4	Moses Alexander	DB	6-3	195	R-Sr	1	Galveston, Texas (Ball / Univ. of Houston)
4	Quenton Rogers	WR	6-2	195	R-So	1	Mahomet-Seymour, Ill. (Mahomet-Seymour)
5	Surahz Buncom	WR	6-3	180	R-So	SQ	Chula Vista, Calif. (Mater Dei Catholic / Univ. of Kansas)
5	Ja'Wuan Nickson	LB	6-0	235	Jr	TR	Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Hillcrest / Riverside City College)
6	DeAirious Smith	WR	6-0	180	Grad	4	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Christian Academy)
7	Blainey Dowling	QB	6-2	205	R-So	1	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Mount Carmel)
7	Jihad McCall	SAF	6-0	205	Grad	TR	Jersey City, NJ (Hoboken / Morehead State Univ.)
8	Tienne Fridge	DB	6-2	210	Grad	2	Sacramento, Calif. (Elk Grove / Sacramento City College)
8	Landers Green	WR	6-3	190	R-Jr	RS	Wharton, NJ (St. Peter's Prep / Union College)
9	Brady Ford	QB	6-0	205	Fr	HS	Toledo, Ohio (Whitmer)
9	Trevon Piggee-Blake	DL	6-1	315	R-So	1	St. Louis, Mo. (DeSmet Jesuit)
11	Noah Williams	LB	5-11	205	R-Jr	TR	Dallas, Texas (Princeton / Dodge City CC)
12	Salah Hill	DB	5-11	185	R-Jr	TR	Norfolk, Va. (Chaminade Prep / Willamette Univ.)
12	Collin Willard	WR	5-11	200	R-Fr	RS	North Olmsted, Ohio (North Olmsted)
13	Mason Miller	P	6-0	185	Grad	TR	Avon, Ind. (Avon / Marian Univ.)
13	Cooper Willman	WR	6-1	205	Grad	4	Sterling, Ill. (Sterling)
14	Le'Javier Payne	DB	5-8	175	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Mt. Carmel)
15	Connor Wolf	QB	6-3	210	R-Fr	RS	Ada, Mich. (Grand Rapids Central Catholic)
15	Brandon Worsley	SAF	5-11	205	Jr	TR	San Marcos, Calif. (Mission Hill / San Diego Mesa College)
16	Reed Blake-Thomas	LB	6-0	235	Fr	HS	Brighton, Mich. (Brighton)
19	Alex Herrera	TE	6-2	240	R-Jr	RS	Linden, Calif. (Linden / College of the Sequoias)
20	Chris Caldwell	RB	5-9	200	R-So	RS	O'Fallon, Ill. (O'Fallon / Western Kentucky Univ.)
20	Saipeti Maiava Jr	SAF	5-11	200	Jr	TR	Fontana, Calif. (Etiwanda / Riverside City College)
21	Kaleb Lyons	DB	5-11	195	R-Jr	RS	Antioch, Tenn. (Brentwood Academy / Morehead State Univ.)
22	Charles Kellom	RB	6-0	205	R-Jr	TR	Cincinnati, Ohio (St. Xavier / Akron Univ.)
23	Isaiah Houi	DB	5-10	175	So	1	Rockton, Ill. (Hononegah)
24	Nick Vecchiarelli	SAF	6-0	220	Sr	TR	Howell, NJ (Howell / Marist College)
25	Christopher Sharp	CB	5-11	180	R-So	1	St. Louis, Mo. (DeSmet Jesuit)
26	Makhi Wilson	SAF	6-0	190	R-So	1	Bettendorf, Iowa (Pleasant Valley)
27	Josh Brown	SAF	6-1	200	R-Fr	RS	Suwanee, Ga. (Peachtree Ridge)
28	Jacarre Fleming	RB	5-8	195	R-Fr	RS	Hahira, Ga. (Lowndes)
29	Kham Boecker	SAF	6-2	205	R-Jr	TR	Toledo, Ohio (Whitmer / College of DuPage)
30	Joey Sprinkle	TE	6-4	240	R-Jr	RS	Monticello, Ill. (Monticello / St. Ambrose Univ.)
31	Johnovan Wysinger	WR	6-1	175	R-Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park)
32	Cale Kimbro	LB	6-1	215	Fr	HS	Mattoon, Ill. (Mattoon)
33	Micheal Curry Jr	RB	5-10	190	Fr	HS	Louisville, Ky. (Atherton)
34	Jordyn Stewart	LB	6-0	230	R-Fr	RS	Homewood, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor)
35	Isaac Engle	DL	6-1	210	Jr	TR	Highland Ranch, Colo. (Highland Ranch HS/Univ. South Dakota Mines)
36	Dillon Conway	SAF	6-3	225	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Mt. Carmel)
37	Taylor Goodson	SAF	5-10	205	R-Sr	SQ	Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinnett / Iowa Western CC)
38	Max Loveall	WR	6-3	210	R-Fr	RS	Richmond, Ill. (Richmond-Burton)
39	Davian Humphrey	LB	6-2	210	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Phillips)
40	Isaiah Richardson	SAF	6-5	230	R-So	1	Suwanee, Ga. (Collins Hill)
41	Kennyan Chandler	LB	5-11	235	Fr	LB	Kankakee, Ill. (Kankakee)
42	Aaron Rice	P	6-5	205	So	TR	Naperville, Ill. (Neuqua Valley / College of DuPage)
43	Tovie Martin	DL	6-4	230	Jr	TR	Clovis, Calif. (Clovis / College of the Sequoias)
44	Samuel Robles	DL	6-2	260	Jr	HS	Alief, Texas (Alief Taylor / Tyler JC)
45	Caden Telleson	LB	5-11	220	R-So	RS	Redondo Beach, Calif. (Redondo Union)
46	Nico Carrier	K	5-9	175	R-Fr	SQ	Naperville, Ill. (Metea Valley)
47	Drew Schiller	K	6-1	175	R-Fr	RS	New Lenox, Ill. (Lincoln-Way Central)
48	Maximo Vaughn	DL	6-5	250	Jr	TR	San Diego, Calif. (Kearny / San Diego Mesa College)
49	Jesse Garza	LB	6-2	235	Grad	RS	Nipomo, Calif. (Nipomo / Allan Hancock College)
50	Jett Reese	LB	6-2	235	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (DePaul College Prep)

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC)
51	Steven Arteaga	LB	6-0	220	Jr	TR	Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta / Palomar CC)
52	Barron Sholl	DL	6-4	265	Fr	HS	Rockford, Ill. (Boylan Central Catholic)
53	King Smith	DL	6-3	315	R-Fr	RS	Decatur, Ill. (Decatur MacArthur)
54	Nic DiSanto	OL	6-5	330	Jr	2	Wyandotte, Mich. (Gabriel Richard)
55	James Collins	DL	6-2	295	R-Jr	TR	Mesquite, Texas (Mesquite Horn / College of the Sequoias)
56	Christian Takatch	DL	6-3	250	R-So	RS	Sunbury, Ohio (Big Walnut / Notre Dame College)
57	Panayiotis Mihalopoulos	OL	6-3	325	R-So	1	Chicago, Ill. (Loyola Academy)
58	Dante Thompson	OL	6-1	330	R-Sr	TR	Montgomery Village, Md. (Quince Orchard / Robert Morris (Pa.) Univ.)
59	Brock VanDeever	LB	5-11	225	Fr	HS	Mahomet, Ill. (Mahomet-Seymour)
60	Aidan Archibald	DL	6-2	260	R-Fr	RS	Charleston, Ill. (Charleston)
61	Ruben Popoca	K	5-11	185	R-So	SQ	Mundelein, Ill. (Carmel Catholic)
64	Cody Weaver	OL	6-6	330	Jr	TR	Turlock, Calif. (Turlock / Modesto JC)
65	Carson Fichtel	OL	6-3	310	R-Jr	SQ	Heath, Texas (Rockwall-Heath)
66	Jordan Yandila	OL	6-4	310	R-So	TR	Snohomish, Wash. (Glacier Peak / Adams State Univ.)
67	Dejan Guzina	OL	6-8	340	Fr	HS	Delta, British Columbia – Canada (Football Canada North)
69	Kwan Johnson	OL	6-5	310	R-Fr	RS	Blue Island, Ill. (Dwight D. Eisenhower)
70	Alejandro Arellano	OL	6-3	315	R-Jr	1	Sterling, Ill. (Sterling / College of DuPage)
71	Jourden Hale-Frater	OL	6-4	350	R-Jr	TR	Cincinnati, Ohio (Sycamore / Tennessee State Univ.)
72	Brandin Carpenter	OL	6-6	280	Fr	HS	Pasadena, Calif. (Pasadena)
73	Chuck Lanier	OL	6-6	260	Fr	HS	Springfield, Ill. (Sacred Heart Griffin)
74	Rahfeeq Katumbusi	OL	6-3	325	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Mt. Carmel)
75	Jonathan Arellano	OL	6-3	325	R-Sr	1	Lancaster, Calif. (Bishop Alemany / College of the Canyons)
76	Dominic Fasano	OL	6-3	320	Fr	HS	Plainfield, Ill. (Plainfield North)
77	Sandro Malicevic	OL	6-5	330	Jr	1	Saratoga, Calif. (Prospect / San Jose City College)
78	Joseph Solomon	OL	6-5	305	Grad	1	Indianapolis, Ind. (Bishop Chatard / Appalachian State Univ.)
79	Aidan Hubble	OL	6-7	320	R-Jr	TR	Boulder, Colo. (New Vista / San Diego Mesa College)
80	Carlyun Neal	WR	5-11	190	Fr	HS	Cincinnati, Ohio (Withrow)
81	Chase McConnell	TE	6-5	235	R-Fr	RS	Lebanon, Tenn. (Watertown)
82	Joe McNab	TE	6-6	260	R-Sr	2	Madison Heights, Mich. (Lamphere)
83	Taiye Ajose	WR	6-5	225	R-Fr	RS	Akron, Ohio (St. Vincent-St. Mary's)
84	Jeremy Reeves	WR	6-4	210	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Gary Comer College Prep)
85	Jefferson McKinnon	LS	6-0	240	R-Fr	TR	Copley, Ohio (Revere / Marist College)
86	Jack Tremblay	WR	6-0	210	R-Jr	TR	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East / Central Michigan Univ.)
87	Alex Ginnever	TE	6-5	240	R-Jr	1	Wentzville, Mo. (Holt)
88	Trayvon Moore	TE	6-4	235	Grad	TR	Hattiesburg, Miss. (Oak Grove / Univ. of Nebraska Kearney)
89	Kenny Ajose	WR	6-6	225	R-Fr	RS	Akron, Ohio (St. Vincent-St. Mary's)
90	Gerlaer Ervin	DL	6-4	260	R-Jr	TR	Baltimore, Md. (Dunbar / Riverside City College)
91	Knowledge Davis	DL	6-2	260	R-So	TR	Humble, Texas (Atascocita / Tyler JC)
92	Tyler Miller	DL	6-3	295	R-Jr	TR	Brooklyn Park, Minn. (Park Center / Independence CC)
93	Isaiah Hare	DL	6-2	295	R-Fr	RS	Mt. Washington, Ky. (Bullitt East)
94	Tyler Fortis	DL	6-3	290	Fr	HS	Park Ridge, Ill. (Maine South)
95	Drake Van Hyfte	DL	6-4	255	Grad	3	Annawan, Ill. (Annawan-Wethersfield)
96	Cole Silzer	DL	6-3	300	R-Jr	SQ	Lockport, Ill. (Lockport Township)
97	Tray Ross	DL	6-4	250	R-Fr	RS	Danville, Ind. (Danville Community)
98	Brett Galetti	LS	6-1	230	Grad	2	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln Way East)
99	Kefa Pereira	DL	6-1	305	R-Jr	TR	San Antonio, Texas (Veterans Memorial / Monterey Peninsula College)
	Jerry Addo-Boateng	DB	6-1	180	Sr	TR	Sanford, Fla. (Orangewood Christian / Defiance College)
	Jesse Lajes	RB	5-10	205	R-Jr	TR	Fremont, Calif. (American / San Jose City College)
	Zeke Lewis	RB	6-0	210	Grad	SQ	Decatur, Ill. (Decatur St. Teresa)

EASTERN ILLINOIS FOOTBALL PRONUNCIATIONS

1 TY-lun Foster
 3 Daniel AW-tree
 3 Cole Luh-CREW
 5 Suh-RAWZ Bun-kum
 5 Juh-WON Nickson
 7 Jih-HODD McCall
 8 TEE-en Fridge
 9 TRAY-von PIGGY
 12 Suh-LAW Hill
 14 Luh-HAW-vee-air Payne

20 SY-pecky My-AW-vuh
 23 Isaiah WHO-ee
 24 Nick VECK-uh-rely
 26 Muh-KY Wilson
 28 Juh-CAR-ee Fleming
 29 Cameron BO-ker
 31 Johnvan WHY-singer
 43 TOE-vee Martin
 44 Sam ROBE-lus
 45 Kayden TELL-uh-son

48 MAX-uh-mo Vaughn
 51 Steven Ar-tee-AY-guh
 52 Baron Sholl (rhymes with "toll")
 54 Nic Duh-SAWN-toe
 56 Christian TOCK-awtch
 57 PAN-ee-OAT-ee MEEK-uh-LOP-oh-lis
 59 Brock VAN-duh-VEER
 60 AY-dun Archibald
 61 Ruben Puh-POKE-uh
 65 Carson FICK-tul

66 Jordan Yan-DEE-luh
 67 Dan Guh-ZEE-nuh
 70 All-uh-HAWN-dro ARE-ee-ON-oh
 74 Raw-FEEK Cat-um-BOO-see
 75 Jonathan ARE-ee-ON-oh
 76 Dominic Fuh-SAW-no
 77 SAWN-dro Muh-LEECH-uh-vitch
 79 AY-dun Hubble
 80 CARLY-on Neal
 83 TY-ay Uh-JOE-say

87 Alex Jin-EVER
 88 TRAY-von Moore
 89 KEN-yay Uh-JOE-say
 90 Jer-LEER Ervin
 95 Drake Van Hefty
 98 Brett Guh-LETTY
 99 KEY-fuh Puh-RARE-uh

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

	Jerry Addo-Boateng	DB	20	Saipeti Maiava Jr	SAF
89	Kenny Ajose	WR	77	Sandro Malicevic	OL
83	Taiye Ajose	WR	43	Tovie Martin	DL
4	Moses Alexander	DB	7	Jihad McCall	SAF
60	Aidan Archibald	DL	81	Chase McConnell	TE
70	Alejandro Arellano	OL	85	Jefferson McKinnon	LS
75	Jonathan Arellano	OL	82	Joe McNab	TE
51	Steven Arteaga	LB	57	Panayiotis Mihalopoulos	OL
3	Daniel Autrey	DB	13	Mason Miller	P
16	Reed Blake-Thomas	LB	92	Tyler Miller	DL
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90	Gerliaer Ervin	DL	44	Samuel Robles	DL
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65	Carson Fichtel	OL	97	Tray Ross	DL
28	Jacarre Fleming	RB	47	Drew Schiller	K
9	Brady Ford	QB	25	Christopher Sharp	CB
94	Tyler Fortis	DL	52	Barron Sholl	DL
1	Tylan Foster	LB	96	Cole Silzer	DL
8	Tienne Fridge	DB	6	DeAirious Smith	WR
98	Brett Galetti	LS	53	King Smith	DL
49	Jesse Garza	LB	78	Joseph Solomon	OL
87	Alex Ginnever	TE	30	Joey Sprinkle	TE
37	Taylor Goodson	SAF	34	Jordyn Stewart	LB
8	Landers Green	WR	56	Christian Takatch	DL
67	Dejan Guzina	OL	45	Caden Telleson	LB
71	Jourden Hale-Frater	OL	58	Dante Thompson	OL
93	Isaiah Hare	DL	86	Jack Tremblay	WR
19	Alex Herrera	TE	59	Brock VanDeever	LB
12	Salah Hill	DB	95	Drake Van Hyfte	DL
23	Isaiah Houi	DB	48	Maximo Vaughn	DL
79	Aidan Hubble	OL	24	Nick Vecchiarelli	SAF
39	Davian Humphrey	LB	64	Cody Weaver	OL
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69	Kwan Johnson	OL	11	Noah Williams	LB
74	Rahfeeq Katumbusi	OL	13	Cooper Willman	WR
22	Charles Kellom	RB	26	Makhi Wilson	SAF
32	Cale Kimbro	LB	15	Connor Wolf	QB
3	Cole LaCrue	QB	15	Brandon Worsley	SAF
	Jesse Lajes	RB	31	Johnovan Wysinger	WR
73	Chuck Lanier	OL	66	Jordan Yandila	OL
	Zeke Lewis	RB			
38	Max Loveall	WR			
21	Kaleb Lyons	DB			

MISC. SEASON NOTES & STATS

EIU NCAA FBS TRANSFERS

- 2 - CJ Nelson (Univ. of Houston)
- 3 - Cole LaCrue (Univ. of Wisconsin)
- 4 - Moses Alexander (Univ. of Houston)
- 5 - Surahz Buncom (Univ. of Kansas)
- 22 - Charles Kellom (Akron Univ.)
- 78 - Joseph Solomon (Appalachian State Univ.)
- 86 - Jack Tremblay (Central Michigan Univ.)

EIU NCAA FCS TRANSFERS

- 1 - Tylan Foster (Univ. of Incarnate Word)
- 2 - Bruce Mitchell (Mississippi Valley State Univ.)
- 7 - Jihad McCall (Morehead State Univ.)
- 21 - Kaleb Lyons (Morehead State Univ.)
- 24 - Nick Vecchiarelli (Marist College)
- 58 - Dante Thompson (Robert Morris (Pa.) Univ.)
- 71 - Jourden Hale-Frater (Tennessee State Univ.)
- 85 - Jefferson McKinnon (Marist College)

EIU ROSTER BY CLASS

Graduate Student	11
Senior	8
Junior	34
Sophomore	18
RS-Freshman	21
Freshman	15

EIU ROSTER BY STATE

Illinois	35
California	16
Ohio	10
Texas	9
Georgia	4
Kentucky	4
Indiana	3
Michigan	3
Missouri	3
New Jersey	3
Colorado	2
Maryland	2
Tennessee	2
Alabama	1
Arkansas	1
Florida	1
Iowa	1
Minnesota	1
Mississippi	1
Pennsylvania	1
Virginia	1
Washington	1
Canada	1

EIU OFFENSE (games played / started)**QUARTERBACK**

3.... Cole LaCrue (7 / 3) 6-1 205.... R-So..... Broomfield, Colo.
 15.... Connor Wolf (7 / 5)..... 6-3 210 R-Fr..... Ada, Mich.

RUNNING BACK

22.... Charles Kellom (33 / 9)..... 6-0 205.... R-Jr..... Cincinnati, Ohio
 1.... Jay Pearson (23 / 0) 6-0 210 R-Jr..... McKees Rocks, Pa.

TIGHT END

87.... Alex Ginnever (20 / 9) 6-5 240 R-Jr..... Wentzville, Mo.
 82.... Joe McNab (31 / 4) 6-6 260 R-Sr..... Madison Heights, Mich.

RIGHT TACKLE

54.... Nic DiSanto (26 / 26) 6-5 330 Jr..... Wyandotte, Mich.
 77.... Sandro Malicevic (18 / 6)..... 6-5 330 Jr..... Saratoga, Calif.

RIGHT GUARD

58.... Dante Thompson (42 / 30) 6-1 330 R-Sr..... Montgomery Village, Md.
 54.... Nic DiSanto (26 / 26) 6-5 330 Jr..... Wyandotte, Mich.

CENTER

74.... Rahfeeq Katumbusi (7 / 7) ... 6-3 325 R-Fr..... Chicago, Ill.
 65.... Carson Fichtel (4 / 1) 6-3 310 R-Jr..... Heath, Texas

LEFT GUARD

70.... Alejandro Arellano (19 / 5) 6-3 315 R-Jr..... Sterling, Ill.
 58.... Dante Thompson (42 / 30) 6-1 330 R-Sr..... Montgomery Village, Md.

LEFT TACKLE

69.... Kwan Johnson (8 / 8) 6-5 310 R-Fr..... Blue Island, Ill.
 75.... Jonathan Arellano (23 / 6) 6-3 325 R-Sr..... Lancaster, Calif.

RECEIVER

6.... DeAirious Smith (43 / 15) 6-0 180 ... Grad..... Lexington, Ky.
 8.... Landers Green (24 / 9) 6-3 190 R-Jr..... Wharton, NJ

RECEIVER

2.... CJ Nelson (33 / 11) 5-11 185 R-Jr..... North Richland Hills, Texas
 19.... Alex Herrera (12 / 4) 6-2 240 R-Jr..... Linden, Calif.

RECEIVER

13.... Cooper Willman (52 / 34) 6-1 205 ... Grad..... Sterling, Ill.
 80.... Carlyun Neal (7 / 0) 5-11 190 Fr..... Cincinnati, Ohio

EIU COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1994) - 4th year
 Career 67-53 (13), EIU Record 16-25 (4); OVC Record 9-16 (4)

Associate HC/OC/QB's: Kyle Derickson (4th year)

Offensive Line: Cole Hoover (2nd year)

Running Backs: Spencer Treadwell (1st year)

Tight Ends: Mason Keeler (1st year)

Wide Receivers: Tino Smith II (2nd year)

Graduate Assistant Offensive Coach: Joshua George (1st year)

Defensive Coordinator: Andrew Strobel (2nd year)

Special Teams Coordinator / Safeties: Andrew Brady (4th year)

Defensive Backs / Def. Pass Game Cord.: Maurice Fleming (3rd year)

Defensive Line: Carlif Taylor (2nd year)

Linebackers: Rodman Noel (1st year)

Graduate Assistant Defensive Coach: Ryan DeMarois (2nd year)

Director of Football Ops: David Brubaker (3rd year)

Director of Football Performance: Jacob Hillman (2nd year)

Trainers: Alexis Fenrick (3rd year) and Samantha Reinert (3rd year)

Equipment Manager: Clint Bays (16th year)

Quality Control Staff: Matt Lindsey (Def.), Kevin Moynihan (ST), Liam Whelan (Player Personnel), Brendan Lamanna (Recruiting)

Student Assistants: Peyton Wilkerson and Ryan Kilburg

EIU DEFENSE (games played / started)**DEFENSIVE END**

44.... Samuel Robles (8 / 8) 6-2 260 Jr..... Alief, Texas
 60.... Aidan Archibald (8 / 0) 6-2 260 R-Fr..... Charleston, Ill.

NOSE TACKLE

96.... Cole Silzer (5 / 1) 6-3 300 R-Jr..... Lockport, Ill.)
 99.... Kefa Pereira (8 / 0) 6-1 305 R-Jr..... San Antonio, Texas

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

9.... Trevon Piggee (18 / 5) 6-1 315 R-So..... St. Louis, Mo.
 55.... James Collins (8 / 3) 6-2 295 R-Jr..... Mesquite, Texas

DEFENSIVE END

91.... Knowledge Davis (8 / 1) 6-2 260 ... R-So..... Humble, Texas
 95.... Drake Van Hyfte (41 / 9) 6-4 255 ... Grad..... Annawan, Ill.

LINEBACKER

5.... Ja'Wuan Nickson (8 / 8) 6-0 235 Jr..... Tuscaloosa, Ala.
 34.... Jordyn Stewart (9 / 1) 6-0 230 R-Fr..... Homewood, Ill.

LINEBACKER

1.... Tylan Foster (27 / 20) 5-11 225 Sr..... Houston, Texas
 49.... Jesse Garza (15 / 1) 6-2 235 ... Grad..... Nipomo, Calif.

NICKEL or LINEBACKER

8.... Tienne Fridge (23 / 9) 6-2 210 ... Grad..... Sacramento, Calif
 37.... Taylor Goodson (9 / 0) 5-10 205 R-Sr..... Suwanee, Ga.

CORNER

4.... Moses Alexander (19 / 7) 6-3 195 R-Sr..... Galveston, Texas
 25.... Christopher Sharp (22 / 2) 5-11 180 ... R-So..... St. Louis, Mo.

STRONG SAFETY

20.... Saipeti Maiava Jr (7 / 5) 5-11 200 Jr..... Fontana, Calif.
 or 15.... Brandon Worsley (8 / 3) 5-11 205 Jr..... San Marcos, Texas

FREE SAFETY

7.... Jihad McCall (49 / 41) 6-0 205 ... Grad..... Jersey City, NJ
 36.... Dillon Conway (12 / 0) 6-3 225 R-Fr..... Chicago, Ill.

CORNER

23.... Isaiah Houi (15 / 10) 5-10 175 So..... Rockton, Ill.
 21.... Kaleb Lyons (33 / 20) 5-11 195 R-Jr..... Antioch, Tenn.

EIU SPECIALISTS (games played)**KICKER**

47.... Drew Schiller (12) 6-1 175 R-Fr..... New Lenox, Ill.
 46.... Nico Carrier (0) 5-9 175 R-Fr..... Naperville, Ill.

KICKOFF

47.... Drew Schiller (12) 6-1 175 R-Fr..... New Lenox, Ill.

PUNTER

13.... Mason Miller (30) 6-0 185 ... Grad..... Avon, Ind.
 42.... Aaron Rice (0) 6-5 205 So..... Naperville, Ill.

HOLDER

13.... Mason Miller (30) 6-0 185 ... Grad..... Avon, Ind.

LONG SNAPPER

98.... Brett Galletti (29) 6-1 230 ... Grad..... Frankfort, Ill.
 85.... Jefferson McKinnon (0) 6-0 240 R-Fr..... Copley, Ohio

PUNT RETURNS

13.... Cooper Willman (52) 6-1 205 ... Grad..... Sterling, Ill.
 80.... Carlyun Neal (7) 5-11 190 Fr..... Cincinnati, Ohio

KICK RETURNS

80.... Carlyun Neal (7) 5-11 190 Fr..... Cincinnati, Ohio
 37.... Taylor Goodson (9) 5-10 205 R-Sr..... Suwanee, Ga.



GAME 1 - Aug. 28, 2025
 Dayton14
 Eastern Illinois24

Charleston, Ill.
 O'Brien Field (6,775)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Dayton	7	0	0	7	14
Eastern Illinois	0	3	7	14	24

FIRST QUARTER

UD - Lochow 48 pass from Schondelmyer (Smart kick) - 9:55

SECOND QUARTER

EIU - Schiller 25 field goal - 6:12

THIRD QUARTER

EIU - LaCrue 11 run (Schiller kick) - 6:03

FOURTH QUARTER

EIU - LaCrue 1 run (Schiller kick) - 10:26

UD - Mussari 67 pass from Schondelmyer (Smart kick) - 9:31

EIU - LaCrue 6 run (Schiller kick) - 2:15

TEAM STATS	EIU	UD
First Downs	25	9
Rushes-Yards	62-336	19-31
Passing-Yards	129	261
Comp-Att-Int	9-18-1	17-31-0
Total Offense	465	292
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-44	2-18
Int Returns-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-0-0
Time of Possession	40:17	19:43
Sacks-Yards	3-17	1-4

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - LaCrue (26-193-3), Kellom (30-133-0)

UD - Hackett (8-24-0), Hansen (6-15-0)

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

EIU - LaCrue (17-9-1-129-0), Willman (1-0-0-0-0)

UD - Schondelmyer (31-17-0-261-2)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Willman (3-50-0), Smith (2-58-0), Herrera (2-12-0)

UD - Lochow (6-124-1), Mussari (6-101-1)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Maiava (5-1-0), Nickson (4-1-0), Robles (2-3-1.5)

UD - Mitchell (6-4-1), Firenze (7-2-0)

RECAP

Eastern Illinois opened the season at home for the first time since the 2016 season and the result did not disappoint as the Panthers rushed past Dayton 24-14. Quarterback Cole LaCrue set the school record for single game rushing yards by a quarterback with 193 while scoring all three EIU touchdowns. Running back Charles Kellom added 133 yards on the ground as the Panthers churned out 336 total yards with a 5.4 yards per carry average. After a slow start in the first half, EIU turned a 7-3 halftime deficit into a third quarter lead on the first of LaCrue's three scores. The defense was solid holding Dayton to just 31 yards rushing on 19 carries. Saipeti Maiava Jr led EIU's defense with six tackles while Ja'Wuan Nickson, Christopher Sharp and Samuel Robles each added five stops.



GAME 2 - Sept. 6, 2025
 Eastern Illinois14
 Indiana State38

Terre Haute, Ind.
 Memorial Stadium (5,281)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	0	0	7	7	14
Indiana State	7	10	7	14	38

FIRST QUARTER

INS - Lawrence 19 pass from Owens (Lopez kick) - 11:49

SECOND QUARTER

INS - Stephens 4 pass from Patterson (Lopez kick) - 6:18

INS - Lopez 25 field goal - 3:19

THIRD QUARTER

EIU - Kellom 13 run (Schiller kick) - 8:47

INS - Lawrence 4 run (Lopez kick) - 3:34

FOURTH QUARTER

EIU - Kellom 2 run (Schiller kick) - 10:20

INS - Rochelle 40 pass from Patterson (Lopez kick) - 8:42

INS - Osho 31 run (Lopez kick) - 3:10

TEAM STATS	EIU	INS
First Downs	18	22
Rushes-Yards	45-89	36-211
Passing-Yards	150	201
Comp-Att-Int	16-25-1	21-28-0
Total Offense	239	412
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-28	6-65
Int Returns-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-16-0
Time of Possession	35:00	25:00
Sacks-Yards	1-10	5-39

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Kellom (23-86-2), Pearson (5-7-0)

INS - Patterson (5-78-0), Owens (9-50-0)

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

EIU - LaCrue (12-7-1-38-0), Wolf (13-9-0-112-0)

INS - Owens (10-9-0-67-1), Patterson (17-11-0-111-2)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Willman (3-18-0), Fleming (3-11-0)

INS - Stephens (5-63-1), Rochelle (5-57-1)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Maiava (5-6-0.5), Lyons (6-1-3), Foster (1-6-0.5)

INS - Clark (5-5-0), Wilson (4-5-3),

RECAP

Indiana State held Eastern Illinois run game in check for a majority of the game as the Sycamores beat the Panthers 38-14. Charles Kellom rushed for 86 yards and two second half touchdowns but as a team EIU finished the day with just 89 yards on the ground. Redshirt freshman Connor Wolf came in to provide a second half spark through the air to move the ball going 9-of-13 for 112 yards. Both teams finished the game with back-up quarterbacks leading the charge. Elijah Owens left in the first half with Indiana State up 7-0. Back-up Keegan Patterson rushed for a team high 78 yards and passed for 111 and two touchdowns to lead the ISU offense.



GAME 3 - Sept. 13, 2025
 #4 Illinois State42
 Eastern Illinois30

Charleston, Ill.
 O'Brien Field (6,720)
 113th Mid-America Classic

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Illinois State	7	14	7	14	42
Eastern Illinois	0	10	0	20	30

FIRST QUARTER

ILS - Wright 2 run (Maldonado kick) - 7:13

SECOND QUARTER

ILS - Sobkowicz 10 run from Rittenhouse (Maldonado kick) - 13:49

EIU - Nelson 75 pass from Wolf (Schiller kick) - 13:30

EIU - Schiller 43 field goal

ILS - Mailander 46 pass from Rittenhouse (Maldonado kick) - 0:08

THIRD QUARTER

ILS - Wright 18 run (Maldonado kick) - 7:21

FOURTH QUARTER

EIU - Willman 18 pass from Wolf (Schiller kick) - 11:43

EIU - Nelson 51 pass from Wolf (run failed) - 8:30

ILS - Wright 16 run (Maldonado kick) - 6:21

ILS - Sobkowicz 22 pass from Rittenhouse (Maldonado kick) - 3:13

EIU - D. Smith 9 pass from Wolf (Schiller kick) - 1:47

TEAM STATS	EIU	ILS
First Downs	20	24
Rushes-Yards	28-35	37-186
Passing-Yards	411	299
Comp-Att-Int	28-44-2	24-35-0
Total Offense	446	485
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-54	8-80
Int Returns-Yards-TD	0-0-0	2-0-0
Time of Possession	29:30	30:30
Sacks-Yards	0-0	2-17

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Kellom (15-22-0), Fleming (3-16-0)

ILS - Wright (14-94-3), Dawson (12-42-0)

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

EIU - Wolf (43-22-2-411-4), Willman (1-0-0-0-0)

ILS - Rittenhouse (35-24-0-299-3)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Nelson (7-194-2), Willman (5-86-1), Kellom (4-28-0)

ILS - Sobkowicz (6-95-2), Mailander (5-109-1)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Nickson (4-8-1), Foster (8-3-1), Maiava (5-2-0)

ILS - Niekamp (10-4-2), Anderson (2-3-0), Dwyer (2-3-0.5)

RECAP

Eastern Illinois threatened No. 4 Illinois State on several occasions in the 113th Mid-America Classic but each time the Redbirds countered picking up a 42-30 win over EIU. Redshirt freshman Connor Wolf passed for an EIU freshman single game passing record of 411 yards with four touchdown tosses. He connected twice with CJ Nelson on long touchdown strikes as Nelson finished with seven catches for 194 yards. Cooper Willman and DeAirious Smith caught the other touchdowns from Wolf. On defense linebackers Ja'Wuan Nickson (12) and Tylan Foster (11) led the team in tackles with both finishing in double figures.



GAME 4 - Sept. 27, 2025
 Eastern Illinois31
 Western Illinois.....23

Macomb, Ill.
 Hanson Field (2,183)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	7	14	0	10	31
Western Illinois	0	6	10	7	23

FIRST QUARTER

EIU - Wolf 1 run (Schiller kick) - 5:52

SECOND QUARTER

WIU - Chadha 34 field goal - 14:56
 EIU - Kellom 25 run (Schiller kick) - 10:52
 WIU - Chadha 49 field goal - 2:31
 EIU - Fleming 55 run (Schiller kick) - 1:46

THIRD QUARTER

WIU - Williams 8 pass from Carswell (Chadha kick) - 9:36
 WIU - Chadha 22 field goal - 0:34

FOURTH QUARTER

EIU - Fleming 30 run (Schiller kick) - 10:37
 EIU - Schiller 20 field goal - 4:49
 WIU - Williams 6 pass from Carswell (Chadha kick) - 0:22

TEAM STATS	EIU.....	WIU
First Downs.....	16.....	23
Rushes-Yards	41-239.....	38-124
Passing-Yards	90.....	202
Comp-Att-Int	4-10-1.....	27-42-0
Total Offense	329.....	326
Fumbles-Lost.....	0-0.....	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-55.....	14-95
Int Returns-Yards-TD.....	0-0-0.....	1-0-0
Time of Possession	24:45.....	35:15
Sacks-Yards	2-29.....	1-6

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Fleming (9-111-2), Kellom (10-74-1), Pearson (11-59-0)
 WIU - Holman (23-91-0), Carswell (4-20-0)

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

EIU - Wolf (10-4-1-90-0)
 WIU - Irvin (20-11-0-84-0), Carswell (22-16-0-118-2)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - D. Smith (1-33-0), Green (1-32-0)
 WIU - Duncan (10-78-0), Anaya (6-40-0), Williams (3-20-2)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Nickson (7-3-1), Foster (4-6-0), Maiava (6-1-0.5)
 WIU - Aumua-Tuisavura (4-3-1), Washington (5-0-1)

RECAP

Jacarre' Fleming rushed for a career high 111 yards on nine carries with two long touchdown runs to help Eastern Illinois post its first win in Macomb since 1990. Fleming scored just before halftime on a 55-yard touchdown to put EIU up 21-6. His early fourth quarter score from 30-yards out put the Panthers back in front by two scores. EIU rushed for 239 yards with Charles Kellom and Connor Wolf also adding rushing touchdowns. Ja'Wuan Nickson and Tylan Foster both racked up ten tackles to lead the Panthers defense.



GAME 5 - Oct. 4, 2025
 Tennessee State7
 Eastern Illinois31

Charleston, Ill.
 O'Brien Field (3,315)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Tennessee State.....	0	0	0	7	7
Eastern Illinois	7	10	7	7	31

FIRST QUARTER

EIU - LaCrue 3 run (Schiller kick) - 5:34

SECOND QUARTER

EIU - Schiller 28 field goal - 5:17
 EIU - McNab 1 pass from Wolf (Schiller kick) - 0:26

THIRD QUARTER

EIU - LaCrue 1 run (Schiller kick) - 10:29

FOURTH QUARTER

TSU - Reed 28 pass from McNair (Perez kick) - 12:08
 EIU - Willman 26 pass from Wolf (Schiller kick) - 7:06

TEAM STATS	EIU.....	TSU
First Downs.....	26.....	15
Rushes-Yards	52-171.....	20-30
Passing-Yards	168.....	205
Comp-Att-Int	15-23-0.....	16-22-1
Total Offense	339.....	235
Fumbles-Lost.....	0-0.....	4-2
Penalties-Yards	8-85.....	7-85
Int Returns-Yards-TD.....	1-12-0.....	0-0-0
Time of Possession	39:48.....	20:12
Sacks-Yards	1-10.....	1-11

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Kellom (20-69-0), Fleming (9-41-0), Pearson (5-33-0)
 TSU - Rhymes (7-11-0), Simmons-Brown (4-10-0)

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

EIU - Wolf (20-13-0-134-2), LaCrue (3-2-0-34-0)
 TSU - McNair (20-16-1-205-1), Palmer (1-0-0-0-0)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Willman (3-53-1), Herrera (3-28-0), McNab (3-22-1)
 TSU - Reed (4-52-1), Slaughter (3-30-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Nickson (2-5-1), Piggee (2-2-1.5), Foster (1-3-0.5)
 TSU - Taylor (5-3-0), Stewart (4-3-3), Snipes (5-0-0)

RECAP

Eastern Illinois defense held Tennessee State to just 30 rushing yards as the Panthers improved to 2-0 in the OVC-Big South with a 31-7 win over the Tigers. The Panthers defense and special teams forced three turnovers while EIU's balanced offensive attack carried the day. Connor Wolf passed for 134 yards and two touchdowns with strikes to Joe McNab and Cooper Willman. Cole LaCrue rushed for two touchdowns as the Panthers successfully used both quarterbacks to run the offense on Saturday. Ja'Wuan Nickson led the EIU defense with Christopher Sharp and Tienne Fridge forcing fumbles. Brandon Worsley had the Panthers first interception of the season.



GAME 6 - Oct. 11, 2025
 Gardner-Webb21
 Eastern Illinois.....10

Charleston, Ill.
 O'Brien Field (6,085)
 104th Homecoming Game

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Gardner-Webb.....	7	14	0	0	21
Eastern Illinois	0	3	7	0	10

FIRST QUARTER

GWU - Holmes 14 pass from Hampton (Viorel kick) - 4:51

SECOND QUARTER

GWU - Gresock 64 run (Viorel kick) - 12:36
 GWU - Gresock 55 run (Viorel kick) - 4:28
 EIU - Schiller 42 field goal - 1:43

THIRD QUARTER

EIU - LaCrue 19 run (Schiller kick) - 1:12

TEAM STATS	EIU.....	GWU
First Downs.....	17.....	20
Rushes-Yards	42-121.....	35-251
Passing-Yards	175.....	2195
Comp-Att-Int	13-30-0.....	14-22-0
Total Offense	229.....	446
Fumbles-Lost.....	1-0.....	2-2
Penalties-Yards	3-34.....	4-50
Int Returns-Yards-TD.....	0-0-0.....	0-0-0
Time of Possession	33:11.....	26:49
Sacks-Yards	0-0.....	8-46

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Kellom (16-56-0), LaCrue (15-39-1), Pearson (6-33-0)
 GWU - Gresock (6-137-2), Holmes (19-74-0)

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

EIU - Wolf (7-2-0-13-0), LaCrue (23-11-0-95-0)
 GWU - Hampton (22-14-0-195-1)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Nelson (3-45-0), Willman (3-32-0), D. Smith (2-19-0)
 GWU - Lowe (6-93-0), Bevinau (3-49-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Foster (5-4-0), McCall (5-1-0), Fridge (5-0-0)
 GWU - Haynes (5-3-2.5), Young (3-4-1.5), O'Berry (5-1-2)

RECAP

Eastern Illinois attempted to rally from a 21-0 deficit but the Panthers efforts came up short losing to Gardner-Webb, 21-10, during EIU's 104th homecoming game. GWU broke two long touchdown runs in the second quarter by Carson Gresock to jump out to the 21-0 lead. EIU cut into the lead with a Drew Schiller field goal right before halftime and closed to 21-10 with a late third quarter rushing touchdown by Tylan Foster. The Panthers were turned away on two fourth quarter drives to get any closer. Tylan Foster led the Panthers with nine tackles. Christopher Sharp and Tienne Fridge both forced fumbles as the Panthers had multiple turnovers gained for the second straight week.



GAME 7 - Oct. 18, 2025
Eastern Illinois.....13
Southeast Missouri.....42

Cape Girardeau, Mo.
Houck Field (5,076)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois.....	3	3	0	7	13
Southeast Missouri...	14	21	0	7	42

FIRST QUARTER

SEMO - Delmore 95 interception return (Keller kick) - 10:47
SEMO - Cheers 54 pass from Weber (Keller kick) - 8:35
EIU - Schiller 38 field goal - 1:27

SECOND QUARTER

EIU - Schiller 32 field goal - 12:00
SEMO - Cheers 67 pass from Weber (Keller kick) - 11:25
SEMO - Gilbert 44 pass from Weber (Keller kick) - 1:45
SEMO - Gilbert 4 pass from Weber (Keller kick) - 0:07

FOURTH QUARTER

EIU - LaCrue 21 run (Schiller kick) - 11:20
SEMO - Epton 7 run (Keller kick) - 7:34

TEAM STATSEIU.....SEMO

First Downs.....	12	15
Rushes-Yards.....	41-144	33-111
Passing-Yards.....	175	283
Comp-Att-Int.....	12-29-5	21-31-1
Total Offense.....	320	394
Fumbles-Lost.....	2-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards.....	3-20	4-32
Int Returns-Yards-TD.....	1-0-0	5-139-1
Time of Possession.....	33:25	26:35
Sacks-Yards.....	1-2	3-18

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - LaCrue (13-99-1), Kellom (15-22-0)
SEMO - Epton (14-48-1), Weber (7-30-0)

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

EIU - Wolf (8-3-1-49-0), LaCrue (15-5-3-73-0), Ford (6-4-1-54-0)
SEMO - Weber (31-21-1-283-4)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Willman (2-61-0), D. Smith (2-46-0), Nelson (2-40-0)
SEMO - Cheers (7-165-2), Epton (5-36-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Nickson (4-8-2.5), Foster (5-3-0), Houi (4-2-1.5)
SEMO - Dollar (4-5-0), Walton (1-6-3)

RECAP

Each team forced a turnover on the opening possession of the football game, Southeast Missouri was able to convert its turnover gained on a 95-yard interception return by DJ Delmore as the Redhawks beat Eastern Illinois 42-13. EIU committed six turnovers on the day with five interceptions with those turnovers leading to 21 SEMO points. EIU was able to create three turnovers of its own but only managed a field goal from those on the afternoon. EIU drove inside the 25-yard line five times in the game but struggled to convert those into opportunities into touchdowns. Cole LaCrue rushed for 99 yards and passed for 73 as the Panthers played three quarterbacks. Ja'Wuan Nickson led the defense with 12 tackles including 2.5 tackles for loss.



GAME 8 - Oct. 25, 2025
Eastern Illinois.....16
Charleston Southern17

Charleston, SC
Buccaneer Field (3,891)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois.....	0	6	7	3	16
Charleston Southern..	0	3	0	14	17

SECOND QUARTER

EIU - Schiller 22 field goal - 12:09
EIU - Schiller 30 field goal - 6:13
CSU - Gordon 27 field goal - 0:00

THIRD QUARTER

EIU - McNab 23 pass from LaCrue (Schiller kick) - 3:34

FOURTH QUARTER

EIU - Schiller 25 field goal - 12:49
CSU - Cunningham 5 pass from Osborne (Gordon kick) - 5:49
CSU - Watters 1 run (Gordon kick) - 1:57

TEAM STATSEIU.....CSU

First Downs.....	18	17
Rushes-Yards.....	39-175	29-61
Passing-Yards.....	121	280
Comp-Att-Int.....	10-18-0	26-39-0
Total Offense.....	296	341
Fumbles-Lost.....	2-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards.....	3-15	4-33
Int Returns-Yards-TD.....	0-0-0	0-0-0
Time of Possession.....	30:38	29:22
Sacks-Yards.....	1-4	4-16

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Kellom (14-66-0), LaCrue (14-64-0), Pearson (9-26-0)
CSU - Baldwin (17-33-0), Watters (8-23-1)

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

EIU - LaCrue (18-10-0-121-1)
CSU - Osborne (38-26-0-280-1)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Green (3-37-0), Willman (3-33-0), McNab (1-23-1)
CSU - Campfield (6-80-0), Cunningham (5-77-1)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - Foster (8-2-0), Nickson (5-3-0), Houi (7-0-0)
CSU - McKinzie (9-4-3.5), Cook (4-3-0), Paulk (4-2-0)

RECAP

For the second straight season the game between Eastern Illinois and Charleston Southern came down to a game ending field goal. Last season in Charleston, Illinois, EIU won in overtime on its field goal attempt. This season Charleston Southern blocked a game winning field goal attempt by EIU to pick up the one-point win. EIU led 16-3 early in the fourth quarter but missed on an opportunity to extend the game a three score game with a missed fourth quarter field goal. CSU drove down the field for touchdowns twice in the final six minutes to take a 17-16 lead. EIU moved the ball into field goal position one final time but had a 35-yard attempt blocked to end the contest. Cole LaCrue hit Joe McNab on a 23-yard touchdown for the Panthers lone touchdown of the game. Tylan Foster led the Panthers defense with ten tackles.

2025 EIU PANTHERS FOOTBALL
EASTERN ILLINOIS Game Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	Conf Record	Time	Attend
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Aug 28, 2025	DAYTON	W 24-14	1-0	0-0	3:13	6,775
Sep 6, 2025	at Indiana State	14-38 L	1-1	0-0	3:47	5,281
Sep 13, 2025	ILLINOIS STATE	30-42 L	1-2	0-0	3:24	6,720
* Sep 27, 2025	at Western Illinois	W 31-23	2-2	1-0	3:30	2,183
* Oct 4, 2025	TENNESSEE STATE	W 31-7	3-2	2-0	2:59	3,315
* Oct 11, 2025	GARDNER-WEBB	10-21 L	3-3	2-1	3:02	6,085
* Oct 18, 2025	at Southeast Missouri	13-42 L	3-4	2-2	3:05	5,076
* Oct 25, 2025	at Charleston Southern	16-17 L	3-5	2-3	2:53	3,891
* Nov 1, 2025	UT MARTIN					
* Nov 8, 2025	TENNESSEE TECH					
* Nov 15, 2025	at Lindenwood					
Nov 22, 2025	at Alabama					

* indicates OVC-Big South Football Association Game

2025 EASTERN ILLINOIS STARTERS

OPPONENT	WR/TE	WR	RT	RG	C	LG	LT	WR	TE	RB	QB
Dayton	Hernandez	Willman	J. Arellano	DiSanto	Fichtel	Thompson	K. Johnson	D. Smith	Ginnever	Kellom	LaCrue
Indiana State	Nelson	Willman	DiSanto	Mihalopoulos	Katumbusi	Thompson	K. Johnson	D. Smith	McNab	Kellom	LaCrue
Illinois State	Nelson	Willman	DiSanto	Mihalopoulos	Katumbusi	Thompson	K. Johnson	Green	Hernandez	Kellom	Wolf
Western Illinois	Nelson	Willman	Malicevic	DiSanto	Katumbusi	A. Arellano	K. Johnson	D. Smith	McNab	Kellom	Wolf
Tennessee St	Nelson	Willman	DiSanto	A. Arellano	Katumbusi	Thompson	K. Johnson	D. Smith	McNab	Kellom	Wolf
Gardner-Webb	Nelson	Willman	DiSanto	A. Arellano	Katumbusi	Thompson	K. Johnson	D. Smith	Ginnever	Kellom	Wolf
SE Missouri	Nelson	Willman	J. Arellano	Thompson	Katumbusi	A. Arellano	K. Johnson	D. Smith	Herrera	Kellom	Wolf
Charleston Sou.	Nelson	Willman	DiSanto	Thompson	Katumbusi	A. Arellano	K. Johnson	D. Smith	Ginnever	Kellom	LaCrue
UT Martin											
Tennessee Tech											
Lindenwood											
Alabama											

OPPONENT	DE	NT	DT	DE	LB	LB	NICKEL	CB	SAF	SAF	CB
Dayton	Robles	Jefferson	Collins	Van Hyfte	Nickson	Foster	Fridge	Houi	McCall	Maiava	Lyons
Indiana State	Robles	Jefferson	Collins	Van Hyfte	Nickson	Foster	Fridge	Sharp	McCall	Maiava	Lyons
Illinois State	Robles	Jefferson	Piggee	Van Hyfte	Nickson	Foster	Fridge	Houi	McCall	Maiava	Lyons
Western Illinois	Robles	Jefferson	Collins	Van Hyfte	Nickson	Garza	Fridge	Houi	McCall	Maiava	Lyons
Tennessee St	Robles	Jefferson	Piggee	Van Hyfte	Nickson	Foster	Fridge	Houi	McCall	Maiava	Lyons
Gardner-Webb	Robles	Jefferson	Piggee	Van Hyfte	Nickson	Foster	Fridge	Houi	McCall	Worsley	Lyons
SE Missouri	Robles	Jefferson	Piggee	Van Hyfte	Nickson	Foster	Fridge	Houi	McCall	Worsley	Sharp
Charleston Sou.	Robles	Silzer	Piggee	Davis	Nickson	Foster	Stewart	Houi	McCall	Worsley	Alexander
UT Martin											
Tennessee Tech											
Lindenwood											
Alabama											



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Team Statistics

	EIU	OPP
Scoring	169	204
Points per game	21.1	25.5
Points Off Turnovers	13	41
First Downs	152	145
Rushing	76	59
Passing	56	73
Penalty	20	13
Rushing Yardage	1310	1005
Yards gained rushing	1569	1164
Yards lost rushing	259	159
Rushing attempts	350	247
Average per rush	3.7	4.1
Average per game	163.8	125.6
TDs Rushing	13	9
Passing Yardage	1353	1926
Comp-Att-Int	107-197-10	166-250-2
Average per pass	6.9	7.7
Average per catch	12.6	11.6
Average per game	169.1	240.8
TDs Passing	7	17
Total offense	2663	2931
Total plays	547	497
Average per play	4.9	5.9
Average per game	332.9	366.4
Kick returns: #-Yards	16-256	19-396
Punt returns: #-Yards	17-176	23-174
Int returns: #-Yards	2-12	10-155
Kick return average	16.0	20.8
Punt return average	10.4	7.6
Int return average	6.0	15.5
Fumbles-Lost	8-3	15-10
Penalties-Yards	41-335	49-458
Average per game	41.9	57.3
Punts-Yards	37-1718	39-1663
Average per punt	46.4	42.6
Net punt average	40.4	39.3
Kickoffs-Yards	37-2248	38-2327
Average per kick	60.8	61.2
Net kick average	37.8	40.0
Time of possession / game	33:19	26:41
3rd-down conversion	40/113	43/105
3rd-down pct	35%	41%
4th-down conversion	6/14	4/12



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	EIU	OPP
4th-down pct	43%	33%
Sacks by-Yards	9-72	25-157
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	20	27
Field goals - attempts	10-14	5-9
On-Side kicks	0-1	0-1
Red-zone scores	(19-25) 76%	(18-24) 75%
Red-zone touchdowns	(12-25) 48%	(14-24) 58%
PAT-attempts	(19-19) 100%	(27-27) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-1) 0%	(0-0) 0%
Attendance	22895	16431
Games / Avg per game	4/5724	4/4108
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Eastern Ill.	17	49	35	68	0	169
Opponents	42	68	24	70	0	204



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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Charles Kellom	8	143	567	39	528	3.7	3	25	66.0
Cole LaCrue	7	92	529	111	418	4.5	7	59	59.7
Jay Pearson	7	44	199	14	185	4.2	0	26	26.4
Jacarre Fleming	5	23	175	0	175	7.6	2	55	35.0
CJ Nelson	7	4	28	0	28	7.0	0	14	4.0
Mason Miller	8	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	0.9
Chris Caldwell	1	3	4	0	4	1.3	0	2	4.0
Cooper Willman	8	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.1
Alex Ginnever	8	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.1
Connor Wolf	7	30	59	83	-24	-0.8	1	18	-3.4
Team	8	8	0	11	-11	-1.4	0	0	-1.4
Total	8	350	1569	259	1310	3.7	13	59	163.8
Opponents	8	247	1164	159	1005	4.1	9	64	125.6

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Connor Wolf	7	137.4	59-101-4	58.4	809	6	75	115.6
Cole LaCrue	7	89.2	44-88-5	50.0	490	1	47	70.0
Brady Ford	1	108.9	4-6-1	66.7	54	0	32	54.0
Cooper Willman	8	0.0	0-2-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	8	113.6	107-197-10	54.3	1353	7	75	169.1
Opponents	8	152.0	166-250-2	66.4	1926	17	67	240.8

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Cooper Willman	8	22	333	15.1	1	55	41.6
CJ Nelson	7	17	331	19.5	2	75	47.3
DeAirious Smith	8	13	213	16.4	1	47	26.6
Landers Green	8	10	157	15.7	0	32	19.6
Alex Herrera	8	10	77	7.7	0	16	9.6
Charles Kellom	8	9	39	4.3	0	18	4.9
Jacarre Fleming	5	8	41	5.1	0	17	8.2
Alex Ginnever	8	6	48	8.0	0	15	6.0
Joe McNab	8	5	50	10.0	2	23	6.3
Jay Pearson	7	3	12	4.0	0	11	1.7
Carlyun Neal	7	3	47	15.7	0	20	6.7
Quenton Rogers	2	1	5	5.0	0	5	2.5
Total	8	107	1353	12.6	7	75	169.1
Opponents	8	166	1926	11.6	17	67	240.8

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Cooper Willman	17	176	10.4	0	37
Total	17	176	10.4	0	37
Opponents	23	174	7.6	0	26

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Moses Alexander	1	0	0.0	0	0
Brandon Worsley	1	12	12.0	0	12
Total	2	12	6.0	0	12
Opponents	10	155	15.5	1	95

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jacarre Fleming	8	139	17.4	0	26
Taylor Goodson	4	70	17.5	0	30
Carlyun Neal	4	47	11.8	0	18
Total	16	256	16.0	0	30
Opponents	19	396	20.8	0	30

Fumbles Recovered

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Drake Van Hyfte	2	0	0.0	0	0
Jihad McCall	1	0	0.0	0	0
Christopher Sharp	1	0	0.0	0	0
Dillon Conway	1	0	0.0	0	0
Tylan Foster	1	0	0.0	0	0
Saipeti Maiava Jr	1	0	0.0	0	0
Ja'Wuan Nickson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Knowledge Davis	1	0	0.0	0	0
Kefa Pereira	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	10	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	3	0	0.0	0	0



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Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
Drew Schiller	-	10-14	19-19	-	-	-	-	-	49
Cole LaCrue	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Charles Kellom	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Joe McNab	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
CJ Nelson	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Connor Wolf	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Jacarre Fleming	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
DeAirious Smith	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Cooper Willman	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	20	10-14	19-19	0	0	0	0	0	169
Opponents	27	5-9	27-27	0	0	0	0	0	204

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Drew Schiller	10-14	71.4	0-0	5-5	3-6	2-3	0-0	43	1
Opponents	5-9	55.6	0-0	3-3	1-2	1-3	0-1	49	1

FG Sequence

Team Name	Eastern Ill.	Opponents
Dayton	(25)	33,50
Indiana St.		(25)
Illinois St.	(43)	
Western Ill.	(20)	(34),(49),(22)
Tennessee St.	(28),43	48
Gardner-Webb	(42)	42
Southeast Mo. St.	(38),(32),35	
Charleston So.	(22),(30),(25),37,35	(27)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Cole LaCrue	7	180	418	490	908	129.7
Connor Wolf	7	131	-24	809	785	112.1
Charles Kellom	8	143	528	0	528	66.0
Jay Pearson	7	44	185	0	185	26.4
Jacarre Fleming	5	23	175	0	175	35.0
Brady Ford	1	6	0	54	54	54.0
CJ Nelson	7	4	28	0	28	4.0
Mason Miller	8	1	7	0	7	0.9
Chris Caldwell	1	3	4	0	4	4.0
Cooper Willman	8	3	1	0	1	0.1
Alex Ginnever	8	1	-1	0	-1	-0.1
Team	8	0	-11	0	-11	-1.4
Total	8	547	1310	1353	2663	332.9
Opponents	8	497	1005	1926	2931	366.4

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Mason Miller	35	1687	48.2	65	1	3	14	15	0
Team	2	31	15.5	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	37	1718	46.4	65	1	3	14	15	2
Opponents	39	1663	42.6	59	1	13	9	6	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydIn
Drew Schiller	37	2248	60.8	15	1			
Total	37	2248	60.8	15	1	19	37.8	27
Opponents	38	2327	61.2	22	0	15	40	24



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All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Charles Kellom	8	528	39	0	0	0	567	70.9
Cooper Willman	8	1	333	176	0	0	510	63.8
Cole LaCrue	7	418	0	0	0	0	418	59.7
CJ Nelson	7	28	331	0	0	0	359	51.3
Jacarre Fleming	5	175	41	0	139	0	355	71.0
DeAirious Smith	8	0	213	0	0	0	213	26.6
Jay Pearson	7	185	12	0	0	0	197	28.1
Landers Green	8	0	157	0	0	0	157	19.6
Carlyun Neal	7	0	47	0	47	0	94	13.4
Alex Herrera	8	0	77	0	0	0	77	9.6
Taylor Goodson	8	0	0	0	70	0	70	8.8
Joe McNab	8	0	50	0	0	0	50	6.3
Alex Ginnever	8	-1	48	0	0	0	47	5.9
Brandon Worsley	8	0	0	0	0	12	12	1.5
Mason Miller	8	7	0	0	0	0	7	0.9
Quenton Rogers	2	0	5	0	0	0	5	2.5
Chris Caldwell	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0
Connor Wolf	7	-24	0	0	0	0	-24	-3.4
Team	8	-11	0	0	0	0	-11	-1.4
Total	8	1310	1353	176	256	12	3107	388.4
Opponents	8	1005	1926	174	396	155	3656	457.0



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Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles	blkd		
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
5	Ja'Wuan Nickson	8	29	35	64	6.5-12	.	.	2	.	1-0	1	.	.
1	Tylan Foster	8	36	27	63	4-12	.	.	1	2	1-0	.	.	.
20	Saipeti Maiava Jr	7	23	15	38	1.5-2	.	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
23	Isaiah Houi	8	30	6	36	2.5-9	.	.	9	.	.	.	.	.
7	Jihad McCall	8	22	4	26	.	.	.	5	.	1-0	.	.	.
8	Tienne Fridge	8	16	9	25	1-2	.	.	4	1	.	2	.	.
44	Samuel Robles	8	13	11	24	5-28	3-24	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
21	Kaleb Lyons	8	17	3	20	3.5-12	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
25	Christopher Sharp	8	14	4	18	.	.	.	1	.	1-0	3	.	.
0	Alton Jefferson	7	5	11	16	3.5-14	1-7	.	.	2	.	.	1	.
49	Jesse Garza	8	7	9	16	1.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Drake Van Hyfte	8	6	9	15	3.5-18	2-14	.	2	3	2-0	1	.	.
91	Knowledge Davis	8	7	8	15	2-3	.	.	1	3	1-0	.	.	.
9	Trevon Piggee	8	7	8	15	2.5-23	2-23	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
36	Dillon Conway	8	6	8	14	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
15	Brandon Worsley	8	9	4	13	.	.	1-12	1	.	.	.	.	.
4	Moses Alexander	5	9	3	12	1-6	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.
55	James Collins	7	3	7	10	4-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Kefa Pereira	8	2	8	10	1.5-3	.	.	.	2	1-0	.	.	.
34	Jordyn Stewart	7	8	1	9	1-4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
60	Aidan Archibald	8	3	4	7	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	Taylor Goodson	8	5	2	7	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Josh Brown	7	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59	Brock VanDeveer	6	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Gerliaer Ervin	3	1	3	4	1-4	1-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Isaac Engle	4	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
51	Steven Arteaga	7	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Brett Galletti	8	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Isaiah Hare	2	1	1	2	1-3	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
38	Max Loveall	8	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Daniel Autrey	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
77	Sandro Malicevic	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Cole LaCrue	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Landers Green	8	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Cole Silzer	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87	Alex Ginnever	8	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Maximo Vaughn	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53	King Smith	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Isaiah Richardson	8	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Chris Caldwell	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals	8	301	206	507	48-167	9-72	2-12	29	17	10-0	10	1	0



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			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
	Opponents	8	319	250	569	78-261	25-157	10-155	23	23	3-0	6	3	0



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Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
08/28/2025	Dayton	62	336	3	28	9	129	0	47	9-18-1	129	0	47	0	0	0	0	3	19	0	15	465
09/06/2025	at Indiana St.	45	89	2	15	16	150	0	30	16-25-1	150	0	30	3	29	0	15	1	7	0	7	239
09/13/2025	Illinois St.	28	35	0	9	28	411	4	75	28-44-2	411	4	75	4	59	0	24	2	15	0	13	446
09/27/2025	at Western Ill.	41	239	4	55	4	90	0	33	4-10-1	90	0	33	3	61	0	26	3	50	0	37	329
10/04/2025	Tennessee St.	52	171	2	18	15	168	2	26	15-23-0	168	2	26	1	19	0	19	0	0	0	0	339
10/11/2025	Gardner-Webb	42	121	1	19	13	108	0	26	13-30-0	108	0	26	2	42	0	24	3	45	0	29	229
10/18/2025	at Southeast Mo. St.	41	144	1	59	12	176	0	55	12-29-5	176	0	55	3	46	0	30	3	19	0	27	320
10/25/2025	at Charleston So.	39	175	0	24	10	121	1	25	10-18-0	121	1	25	0	0	0	0	2	21	0	13	296
Eastern Ill.		350	1310	13	59	107	1353	7	75	107-197-10	1353	7	75	16	256	0	30	17	176	0	37	2663
Opponents		247	1005	9	64	166	1926	17	67	166-250-2	1926	17	67	19	396	0	30	23	174	0	26	2931

Eastern Ill. Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
8	3.7	12.6	113.6	16.0	10.4	388.4	332.9

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks		Fumble		Pass Defense				blkd	PAT attempts				off	
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts		
08/28/2025	Dayton	31	18	49	8.0-31	3-17	1	1-0	0-0	4	4	1	3-3	0	0	0	0	24		
09/06/2025	at Indiana St.	31	48	79	8.0-32	1-10	0	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	14		
09/13/2025	Illinois St.	47	20	67	3.0-7	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	7	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	30		
09/27/2025	at Western Ill.	52	28	80	5.0-33	2-29	2	1-0	0-0	2	5	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	31		
10/04/2025	Tennessee St.	28	16	44	7.0-25	1-10	2	2-0	1-12	0	1	0	4-4	0	0	0	7	31		
10/11/2025	Gardner-Webb	37	22	59	4.0-9	0-0	2	2-0	0-0	3	1	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	10		
10/18/2025	at Southeast Mo. St.	29	42	71	7.0-16	1-2	1	2-0	1-0	2	3	0	1-1	0	0	0	3	13		
10/25/2025	at Charleston So.	46	12	58	6.0-14	1-4	2	2-0	0-0	4	6	0	1-1	0	0	0	3	16		
Eastern Ill.		301	206	507	48.0-167	9-72	10	10-0	2-12	17	29	1	19-19	0	0	0	13	169		
Opponents		319	250	569	78.0-261	25-157	6	3-0	10-155	23	23	3	27-27	0	0	0	41	204		

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
08/28/2025	Dayton	4	200	50.0	57	0	0	1	3	1	1-1	25	0	5	320	64.0	2	0	
09/06/2025	at Indiana St.	8	381	47.6	59	0	1	0	3	2	0-0	0	0	3	166	55.3	2	0	
09/13/2025	Illinois St.	5	237	47.4	65	0	0	0	1	1	1-1	43	0	5	293	58.6	2	1	
09/27/2025	at Western Ill.	4	141	35.3	55	1	0	0	1	2	1-1	20	0	6	378	63.0	0	0	
10/04/2025	Tennessee St.	2	88	44.0	44	0	0	0	0	1	1-2	28	0	6	328	54.7	3	0	
10/11/2025	Gardner-Webb	6	264	44.0	56	0	0	2	2	2	1-1	42	0	3	189	63.0	0	0	
10/18/2025	at Southeast Mo. St.	4	215	53.8	60	0	0	0	3	3	2-3	38	0	4	257	64.3	3	0	
10/25/2025	at Charleston So.	4	192	48.0	64	1	0	0	2	2	3-5	30	1	5	317	63.4	3	0	
Eastern Ill.		37	1718	46.4	65	2	1	3	15	14	10-14	43	1	37	2248	60.8	15	1	
Opponents		39	1663	42.6	59	0	1	13	6	9	5-9	49	1	38	2327	61.2	22	0	



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Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
08/28/2025	Dayton	19	31	0	19	17	261	2	67	17-31-0	261	2	67	3	77	0	30	3	36	0	14	292
09/06/2025	at Indiana St.	36	211	2	47	21	201	3	40	21-28-0	201	3	40	1	20	0	20	4	50	0	26	412
09/13/2025	Illinois St.	37	186	3	21	24	299	3	46	24-35-0	299	3	46	2	41	0	24	3	6	0	6	485
09/27/2025	at Western Ill.	38	124	0	16	27	202	2	17	27-42-0	202	2	17	4	78	0	21	3	13	0	12	326
10/04/2025	Tennessee St.	20	30	0	13	16	205	1	30	16-22-1	205	1	30	3	42	0	18	1	3	0	3	235
10/11/2025	Gardner-Webb	35	251	2	64	14	195	1	32	14-22-0	195	1	32	3	66	0	27	2	35	0	20	446
10/18/2025	at Southeast Mo. St.	33	111	1	16	21	283	4	67	21-31-1	283	4	67	1	28	0	28	3	13	0	14	394
10/25/2025	at Charleston So.	29	61	1	9	26	280	1	43	26-39-0	280	1	43	2	44	0	25	4	18	0	16	341
Opponents		247	1005	9	64	166	1926	17	67	166-250-2	1926	17	67	19	396	0	30	23	174	0	26	2931
Eastern Ill.		350	1310	13	59	107	1353	7	75	107-197-10	1353	7	75	16	256	0	30	17	176	0	37	2663

Opponents Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
8	4.1	11.6	152.0	20.8	7.6	457.0	366.4

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/28/2025	Dayton	53	24	77	8.0-20	1-4	1	2-0	1-0	1	6	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	14
09/06/2025	at Indiana St.	38	44	82	14.0-52	5-39	1	0-0	1-16	0	4	0	5-5	0	0	0	3	38
09/13/2025	Illinois St.	40	24	64	7.0-29	2-17	0	0-0	2-0	7	1	0	6-6	0	0	0	14	42
09/27/2025	at Western Ill.	31	26	57	7.0-24	1-6	0	0-0	1-0	2	0	1	2-2	0	0	0	3	23
10/04/2025	Tennessee St.	50	24	74	6.0-23	1-11	0	0-0	0-0	2	4	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	7
10/11/2025	Gardner-Webb	46	24	70	15.0-56	8-46	1	0-0	0-0	5	6	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	21
10/18/2025	at Southeast Mo. St.	28	52	80	13.0-35	3-18	1	1-0	5-139	5	2	0	6-6	0	0	0	21	42
10/25/2025	at Charleston So.	33	32	65	8.0-22	4-16	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	2-2	0	0	0	0	17
Opponents		319	250	569	78.0-261	25-157	6	3-0	10-155	23	23	3	27-27	0	0	0	41	204
Eastern Ill.		301	206	507	48.0-167	9-72	10	10-0	2-12	17	29	1	19-19	0	0	0	13	169

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20		md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
08/28/2025	Dayton	7	299	42.7	47	0	0	3	0	2		0-2	0	1	3	195	65.0	3	0
09/06/2025	at Indiana St.	4	179	44.8	55	0	0	1	1	1		1-1	25	0	7	416	59.4	4	0
09/13/2025	Illinois St.	7	314	44.9	53	0	1	2	2	3		0-0	0	0	7	408	58.3	3	0
09/27/2025	at Western Ill.	4	164	41.0	48	0	0	1	0	0		3-3	49	0	5	319	63.8	2	0
10/04/2025	Tennessee St.	2	77	38.5	40	0	0	2	0	0		0-1	0	0	2	119	59.5	1	0
10/11/2025	Gardner-Webb	4	199	49.8	59	0	0	1	2	1		0-1	0	0	4	232	58.0	2	0
10/18/2025	at Southeast Mo. St.	7	281	40.1	52	0	0	2	1	1		0-0	0	0	7	443	63.3	4	0
10/25/2025	at Charleston So.	4	150	37.5	47	0	0	1	0	1		1-1	27	0	3	195	65.0	3	0
Opponents		39	1663	42.6	59	0	1	13	6	9		5-9	49	1	38	2327	61.2	22	0
Eastern Ill.		37	1718	46.4	65	2	1	3	15	14		10-14	43	1	37	2248	60.8	15	1



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RUSHES	62	Dayton (08/28/2025)
YARDS RUSHING	336	Dayton (08/28/2025)
YARDS PER RUSH	5.8	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
TD RUSHES	4	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
PASS ATTEMPTS	44	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
PASS COMPLETIONS	28	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
YARDS PASSING	411	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
YARDS PER PASS	9.3	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
TD PASSES	4	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
TOTAL PLAYS	80	Dayton (08/28/2025)
TOTAL OFFENSE	465	Dayton (08/28/2025)
YARDS PER PLAY	6.5	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
POINTS	31	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
	31	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
SACKS BY	3	Dayton (08/28/2025)
FIRST DOWNS	26	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
PENALTIES	8	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
PENALTY YARDS	85	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
TURNOVERS	6	at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
PUNTS	8	at Indiana St. (09/06/2025)
PUNTING AVG	53.8	at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
LONG PUNT	65	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
LONG PUNT RETURN	37	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)



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RUSHES	38	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
YARDS RUSHING	251	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
YARDS PER RUSH	7.2	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
TD RUSHES	3	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
PASS ATTEMPTS	42	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
PASS COMPLETIONS	27	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
YARDS PASSING	299	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
YARDS PER PASS	9.3	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
TD PASSES	4	at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
TOTAL PLAYS	80	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
TOTAL OFFENSE	485	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
YARDS PER PLAY	7.8	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
POINTS	42	at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
	42	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
SACKS BY	8	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
FIRST DOWNS	24	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
PENALTIES	14	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
PENALTY YARDS	95	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
TURNOVERS	3	at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
	3	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
PUNTS	7	at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
	7	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
	7	Dayton (08/28/2025)
PUNTING AVG	49.8	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
LONG PUNT	59	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
LONG PUNT RETURN	26	at Indiana St. (09/06/2025)



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RUSHES	28	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
YARDS RUSHING	35	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
YARDS PER RUSH	1.3	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
TD RUSHES	0	at Charleston So. (10/25/2025)
	0	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
PASS ATTEMPTS	10	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
PASS COMPLETIONS	4	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
YARDS PASSING	90	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
YARDS PER PASS	3.6	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
TD PASSES	0	at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
	0	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
	0	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
	0	at Indiana St. (09/06/2025)
	0	Dayton (08/28/2025)
TOTAL PLAYS	51	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
TOTAL OFFENSE	229	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
YARDS PER PLAY	3.2	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
POINTS	10	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
SACKS BY	0	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
	0	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
FIRST DOWNS	12	at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
PENALTIES	3	at Charleston So. (10/25/2025)
	3	at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
	3	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
PENALTY YARDS	15	at Charleston So. (10/25/2025)
INTERCEPTIONS BY	0	at Charleston So. (10/25/2025)
	0	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
	0	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
	0	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
	0	at Indiana St. (09/06/2025)
	0	Dayton (08/28/2025)
PUNTS	2	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
PUNTING AVG	35.3	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
LONG PUNT	44	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	1	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
	1	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
	1	Dayton (08/28/2025)
LONG PUNT RETURN	0	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)



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RUSHES	19	Dayton (08/28/2025)
YARDS RUSHING	30	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
YARDS PER RUSH	1.5	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
TD RUSHES	0 0 0	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025) at Western Ill. (09/27/2025) Dayton (08/28/2025)
PASS ATTEMPTS	22 22	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025) Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
PASS COMPLETIONS	14	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
YARDS PASSING	195	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
YARDS PER PASS	4.8	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
TD PASSES	1 1 1	at Charleston So. (10/25/2025) Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025) Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
TOTAL PLAYS	42	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
TOTAL OFFENSE	235	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
YARDS PER PLAY	4.1	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
POINTS	7	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
SACKS BY	1 1 1	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025) at Western Ill. (09/27/2025) Dayton (08/28/2025)
FIRST DOWNS	9	Dayton (08/28/2025)
PENALTIES	2	Dayton (08/28/2025)
PENALTY YARDS	18	Dayton (08/28/2025)
INTERCEPTIONS BY	0 0 0	at Charleston So. (10/25/2025) Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025) Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
PUNTS	2	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
PUNTING AVG	37.5	at Charleston So. (10/25/2025)
LONG PUNT	40	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	0 0	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025) at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
LONG PUNT RETURN	3	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)



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RUSHES	30	Charles Kellom vs Dayton (08/28/2025)
YARDS RUSHING	193	Cole LaCrue vs Dayton (08/28/2025)
TD RUSHES	3	Cole LaCrue vs Dayton (08/28/2025)
LONG RUSH	59	Cole LaCrue at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
PASS ATTEMPTS	43	Connor Wolf vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
PASS COMPLETIONS	28	Connor Wolf vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
YARDS PASSING	411	Connor Wolf vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
TD PASSES	4	Connor Wolf vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
LONG PASS	75	Connor Wolf vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
RECEPTIONS	7	CJ Nelson vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
YARDS RECEIVING	194	CJ Nelson vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
TD RECEPTIONS	2	CJ Nelson vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
LONG RECEPTION	75	CJ Nelson vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
PUNTS	8	Mason Miller at Indiana St. (09/06/2025)
PUNTING AVG	53.8	Mason Miller at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
LONG PUNT	65	Mason Miller vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	Mason Miller at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
LONG PUNT RETURN	37	Cooper Willman at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	30	Taylor Goodson at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
TACKLES	12 12	Ja'Wuan Nickson at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025) Ja'Wuan Nickson vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
SACKS	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Gerliaer Ervin at Charleston So. (10/25/2025) Samuel Robles at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025) Trevon Piggee vs Tennessee St. (10/04/2025) Trevon Piggee at Western Ill. (09/27/2025) Samuel Robles at Western Ill. (09/27/2025) Drake Van Hyfte at Indiana St. (09/06/2025) Drake Van Hyfte vs Dayton (08/28/2025) Alton Jefferson vs Dayton (08/28/2025) Samuel Robles vs Dayton (08/28/2025)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	3	Kaleb Lyons at Indiana St. (09/06/2025)



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RUSHES	23	Markell Holman at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
YARDS RUSHING	137	Carson Gresock vs Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
TD RUSHES	3	Wenkers Wright vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
LONG RUSH	64	Carson Gresock vs Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
PASS ATTEMPTS	38	Zolten Osborne at Charleston So. (10/25/2025)
PASS COMPLETIONS	26	Zolten Osborne at Charleston So. (10/25/2025)
YARDS PASSING	299	Tommy Rittenhouse vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
TD PASSES	4	Johnny Weber at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
LONG PASS	67	Johnny Weber at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
	67	Bryce Schondelmyer vs Dayton (08/28/2025)
RECEPTIONS	10	Tristin Duncan at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
YARDS RECEIVING	165	Donnie Cheers at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
TD RECEPTIONS	2	Donnie Cheers at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
	2	Kalvin Gilbert at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
	2	Alex Williams at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
	2	Daniel Sobkowicz vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
LONG RECEPTION	67	Donnie Cheers at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
	67	Michael Mussari vs Dayton (08/28/2025)
FIELD GOALS	3	Antonio Chadha at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
LONG FIELD GOALS	49	Antonio Chadha at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
PUNTS	7	Ryan Kingston at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
	7	Hayden Futch vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
	7	Logan Forcum vs Dayton (08/28/2025)
PUNTING AVG	49.8	Brady Braun vs Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
LONG PUNT	59	Brady Braun vs Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	Hayden Futch vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
LONG PUNT RETURN	26	Rashad Rochelle at Indiana St. (09/06/2025)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	30	Mason Hackett vs Dayton (08/28/2025)
TACKLES	14	Tye Niekamp vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
SACKS	2	Robert Holtz vs Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	3.5	Malik McKinzie at Charleston So. (10/25/2025)
INTERCEPTIONS	2	Justus Johnson at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)



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Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total				Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ				
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/28/2025	Dayton	W 24-14	5	4	24	3	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
09/06/2025	at Indiana St.	L 14-38	2	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/13/2025	Illinois St.	L 30-42	3	2	14	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
09/27/2025	at Western Ill.	W 31-23	2	2	10	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
10/04/2025	Tennessee St.	W 31-7	4	4	24	3	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
10/11/2025	Gardner-Webb	L 10-21	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/18/2025	at Southeast Mo. St.	L 13-42	3	1	3	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0
10/25/2025	at Charleston So.	L 16-17	5	3	9	0	0	0	3	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 19 of 25 (76.0%)			25	19	105	12	9	3	7	10	1	1	1	0	0	0

Opponents Inside Eastern Ill. Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total				Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ				
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/28/2025	Dayton	W 24-14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/06/2025	Indiana St.	L 14-38	4	4	24	3	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/13/2025	Illinois St.	L 30-42	4	4	28	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/27/2025	Western Ill.	W 31-23	5	4	20	2	0	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
10/04/2025	Tennessee St.	W 31-7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/11/2025	Gardner-Webb	L 10-21	3	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
10/18/2025	Southeast Mo. St.	L 13-42	3	2	15	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
10/25/2025	Charleston So.	L 16-17	4	3	17	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Totals 18 of 24 (75.0%)			24	18	111	14	6	8	4	5	2	1	1	0	0	1



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3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
08/28/2025	Dayton	W 24-14	9-17	52.9	2-5	40.0	0-4	0.0	3-4	75.0	4-4	100.0	0-0	0.0
09/06/2025	at Indiana St.	L 14-38	5-16	31.3	2-5	40.0	0-2	0.0	2-4	50.0	1-5	20.0	0-0	0.0
09/13/2025	Illinois St.	L 30-42	3-14	21.4	1-4	25.0	0-4	0.0	1-5	20.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0
09/27/2025	at Western Ill.	W 31-23	2-9	22.2	1-3	33.3	0-1	0.0	1-3	33.3	0-2	0.0	0-0	0.0
10/04/2025	Tennessee St.	W 31-7	7-12	58.3	2-3	66.7	3-4	75.0	1-3	33.3	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0
10/11/2025	Gardner-Webb	L 10-21	6-17	35.3	1-5	20.0	0-3	0.0	3-5	60.0	2-4	50.0	0-0	0.0
10/18/2025	at Southeast Mo. St.	L 13-42	6-17	35.3	3-6	50.0	0-4	0.0	2-4	50.0	1-3	33.3	0-0	0.0
10/25/2025	at Charleston So.	L 16-17	2-11	18.2	1-3	33.3	0-2	0.0	0-1	0.0	1-5	20.0	0-0	0.0
Eastern Ill.			40-113	35.4	13-34	38.2	3-24	12.5	13-29	44.8	11-26	42.3	0-0	0.0
Opponents			43-105	41.0	13-24	54.2	10-32	31.3	8-26	30.8	12-23	52.2	0-0	0.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
08/28/2025	Dayton	W 24-14	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/06/2025	at Indiana St.	L 14-38	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0
09/13/2025	Illinois St.	L 30-42	1-3	33.3	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/27/2025	at Western Ill.	W 31-23	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0
10/04/2025	Tennessee St.	W 31-7	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
10/11/2025	Gardner-Webb	L 10-21	2-4	50.0	2-3	66.7	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
10/18/2025	at Southeast Mo. St.	L 13-42	0-2	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-2	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
10/25/2025	at Charleston So.	L 16-17	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
Eastern Ill.			6-14	42.9	2-4	50.0	0-1	0.0	2-6	33.3	2-3	66.7	0-0	0.0
Opponents			4-12	33.3	0-0	0.0	3-8	37.5	0-2	0.0	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/28/2025	Dayton	W 24-14	40:17	08:28	11:32	06:53	13:24	00:00
09/06/2025	at Indiana St.	L 14-38	35:00	10:33	05:58	08:30	09:59	00:00
09/13/2025	Illinois St.	L 30-42	29:30	07:57	08:04	07:09	06:20	00:00
09/27/2025	at Western Ill.	W 31-23	24:45	06:56	02:59	05:27	09:23	00:00
10/04/2025	Tennessee St.	W 31-7	39:48	10:41	08:01	04:31	16:35	00:00
10/11/2025	Gardner-Webb	L 10-21	33:11	07:25	11:51	06:22	07:33	00:00
10/18/2025	at Southeast Mo. St.	L 13-42	33:25	10:38	08:01	07:51	06:55	00:00
10/25/2025	at Charleston So.	L 16-17	30:38	04:50	10:50	04:47	10:11	00:00
Eastern Ill.			Total	266:34	67:28	67:16	51:30	00:00
			Avg.	33:19	08:26	08:25	06:26	00:00
Opponents			Total	213:32	29:59	75:17	51:19	00:00
			Avg.	26:41	03:45	09:25	06:25	00:00



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Opponent	Score	Total	First Downs			Rushing Number-Yards	Passing		Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn- Overs
			Rush	Pass	Pen		Comp-Att.-Int	Yards			
Dayton	24-14	25 / 9	18 / 2	6 / 6	1 / 1	62-336 / 19-31	9-18-1 / 17-31-0	129 / 261	80-465 / 50-292	19 / 113	3 / 1
Indiana St.	14-38	18 / 22	8 / 12	6 / 7	4 / 3	45-89 / 36-211	16-25-1 / 21-28-0	150 / 201	70-239 / 64-412	36 / 86	1 / 0
Illinois St.	30-42	20 / 24	3 / 12	13 / 11	4 / 1	28-35 / 37-186	28-44-2 / 24-35-0	411 / 299	72-446 / 72-485	74 / 47	2 / 0
Western Ill.	31-23	16 / 23	10 / 10	3 / 11	3 / 2	41-239 / 38-124	4-10-1 / 27-42-0	90 / 202	51-329 / 80-326	111 / 91	1 / 1
Tennessee St.	31-7	26 / 15	11 / 3	10 / 8	5 / 4	52-171 / 20-30	15-23-0 / 16-22-1	168 / 205	75-339 / 42-235	31 / 45	0 / 3
Gardner-Webb	10-21	17 / 20	10 / 12	6 / 8	1 / 0	42-121 / 35-251	13-30-0 / 14-22-0	108 / 195	72-229 / 57-446	87 / 101	0 / 2
Southeast Mo. St.	13-42	12 / 15	6 / 4	5 / 10	1 / 1	41-144 / 33-111	12-29-5 / 21-31-1	176 / 283	70-320 / 64-394	65 / 180	6 / 3
Charleston So.	16-17	18 / 17	10 / 4	7 / 12	1 / 1	39-175 / 29-61	10-18-0 / 26-39-0	121 / 280	57-296 / 68-341	21 / 62	0 / 2
Totals	169-204	152 / 145	76 / 59	56 / 73	20 / 13	350-1310 / 247-1005	107-197-10 / 166-250-2	1353 / 1926	547-2663 / 497-2931	444 / 725	13 / 12

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
Dayton	9-17 / 3-13	0-1 / 0-1	40:17 / 19:43	20:34	5.4 / 1.6	7.2 / 8.4	5.8 / 5.8	4-50.0 / 7-42.7	5-44.0 / 2-18.0	3 / 1
Indiana St.	5-16 / 3-9	1-2 / 0-1	35:00 / 25:06	09:54	2.0 / 5.9	6.0 / 7.2	3.4 / 6.4	8-47.6 / 4-44.8	7-28.0 / 6-65.0	1 / 5
Illinois St.	3-14 / 7-17	1-3 / 1-2	29:30 / 30:30	-01:00	1.3 / 5.0	9.3 / 8.5	6.2 / 6.7	5-47.4 / 7-44.9	7-54.0 / 8-80.0	0 / 2
Western Ill.	2-9 / 5-15	1-1 / 2-3	24:45 / 35:15	-10:30	5.8 / 3.3	9.0 / 4.8	6.5 / 4.1	4-35.3 / 4-41.0	5-55.0 / 14-95.0	2 / 1
Tennessee St.	7-12 / 5-10	1-1 / 0-2	39:48 / 20:12	19:36	3.3 / 1.5	7.3 / 9.3	4.5 / 5.6	2-44.0 / 2-38.5	8-85.0 / 7-85.0	1 / 1
Gardner-Webb	6-17 / 5-10	2-4 / 0-0	33:11 / 26:49	06:22	2.9 / 7.2	3.6 / 8.9	3.2 / 7.8	6-44.0 / 4-49.8	3-34.0 / 4-50.0	0 / 8
Southeast Mo. St.	6-17 / 8-16	0-2 / 0-1	33:25 / 26:35	06:50	3.5 / 3.4	6.1 / 9.1	4.6 / 6.2	4-53.8 / 7-40.1	3-20.0 / 4-32.0	1 / 3
Charleston So.	2-11 / 7-15	0-0 / 1-2	30:38 / 29:22	01:16	4.5 / 2.1	6.7 / 7.2	5.2 / 5.0	4-48.0 / 4-37.5	3-15.0 / 4-33.0	1 / 4
Totals	40-113 / 43-105	6-14 / 4-12	266:34 / 213:32	53:02	3.7 / 4.1	6.9 / 7.7	4.9 / 5.9	37-46.4 / 39-42.6	41-335.0 / 49-458.0	9 / 25

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