



**EASTERN ILLINOIS**

# EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHER FOOTBALL

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## GAME 10



### COACHES:

**Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1995)**  
 EIU Record..... 16-27 (4th)  
 OVC Record..... 9-16 (4th)  
 Career Record..... 67-54 (13th)  
 vs. Tennessee Tech..... 0-2

**Bobby Wilder (Maine, 1987)**  
 TTU Record..... 16-5 (2nd)  
 OVC Record..... 14-2 (2nd)  
 Career Record..... 93-61 (13th)  
 vs. Eastern Illinois ..... 1-0

### SERIES

31st meeting, EIU leads 21-9  
 Last: @TTU 23, EIU 6 on Nov. 23, 2024

### RANKINGS

Eastern Illinois..... --- /---  
 Tennessee Tech ..... 5 / 5  
 .....STATS Media/AFCA Coaches

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## EIU Face Nationally Ranked Tennessee Tech

Eastern Illinois vs. No. 5 Tennessee Tech  
 O'Brien Field (10,000) • Charleston, Ill  
 November 8, 2025 • 12 pm • TV: ESPN+

### NOTES TO KNOW

• Eastern Illinois hosts nationally ranked Tennessee Tech on Saturday for the Panthers senior day at 12 pm at O'Brien Field. EIU is coming off an overtime loss to UT Martin on Family Weekend which dropped the Panthers to 3-6 overall, 2-4 in the OVC. It marked the fourth straight loss for EIU and second week in a row the Panthers have had the game decided on the final play. Tennessee Tech enters with the nation's longest winning streak at 14 straight games dating back to last year. The No. 5 national ranking is the highest in school history as they enter the week 9-0 overall, 6-0 in the OVC.

• Eastern Illinois will honor the 14 members of its 2025 football senior class prior to the start of Saturday's game with Tennessee Tech. The list includes offensive lineman Johnathan Arellano, linebacker Tylan Foster, long snapper Brett Galletti, defensive lineman Alton Jefferson, running back Zeke Lewis, safety Jihad McCall, tight end Joe McNab, punter Mason Miller, wide receiver DeAirious Smith, offensive lineman Joseph Solomon, offensive lineman Dante Thompson, defensive lineman Drake Van Hyfte, nickel back Tienne Fridge and wide receiver Cooper Willman. From that group Galletti, Jefferson, Lewis, McNab, Smith, Van Hyfte and Willman have played their entire careers at Eastern Illinois with nine of those fourteen players having already earning their undergraduate degrees.

• Tylan Foster finished Saturday's game against UT Martin making 14 tackles for his second straight double figure tackle game. He finished with game-high honors with fellow EIU linebacker Ja'Wuan Nickson as both recorded 14 tackles. Of Foster's 14 tackles, 11 were solo stop as he has 19 solo tackles over the last two games moving his season total to 47 which ranks him 12th in the FCS and first in the OVC-Big South. The last EIU player with ten or more solo tackles in a game was Colin Bohanek in 2022 against Tennessee Tech. Foster has 77 total tackles this season ranking him third in the OVC-Big South and 34th in the FCS.

• Ja'Wuan Nickson moved his season tackles total to 78 on the weekend as he made 14 stops in the overtime loss to UT Martin. It was the fourth double figure tackles game this season for the junior college transfer. Nickson is currently tied for the team lead with 6.5 tackles for loss while his 37 solo tackles this season are third on the team. Nickson is now 33rd in the FCS in total tackles and second in the OVC-Big South this season.

### Eastern Illinois (3-6, 2-4)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Aug. 28	DAYTON	W 24-14
Sept. 6	at Indiana State	L 14-38
Sept. 13	#4 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	L 20-27 (ot)
Nov. 8	• #5 TENNESSEE TECH	12 pm
Nov. 15	• at Lindenwood	2 pm
Nov. 22	at Alabama	1 pm

• OVC-Big South Game

All Times Central

### Tennessee Tech (9-0, 6-0)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Aug. 30	CUMBERLAND (TN)	W 65-0
Sept. 6	CHATTANOOGA	W 45-17
Sept. 13	DAVIDSON	W 72-14
Sept. 27	• at Tennessee State	W 35-8
Oct. 4	• WESTERN ILLINOIS	W 66-20
Oct. 11	• at Charleston Southern	W 27-13
Oct. 18	• at Lindenwood	W 52-28
Oct. 25	• SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	W 42-23
Nov. 1	• GARDNER-WEBB	W 27-21
Nov. 8	• at Eastern Illinois	12 pm
Nov. 15	at Kentucky	12:30 pm
Nov. 22	• UT MARTIN	12 pm

• OVC-Big South Game

All Times Central

STATS FCS MEDIA TOP 25  
(Nov. 3 - Week 10)

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

• Samuel Robles added to his team leading sack total on Saturday against UT Martin collecting the lone sack in the contest for the Panthers defense. Robles is also tied for the team lead with 6.5 tackles for loss with 28 total tackles this season. His four sacks rank him 9th in the OVC Big South while his 6.5 tackles for loss are good for 14th best in the conference.

• Isaiah Houi was active at one of the two corner positions on Saturday against UT Martin as the sophomore finished with nine tackles including one tackle for loss. Houi has been the Panthers top coverage corner this season with a team high nine pass break-ups. He enters the week ranked 32nd in the FCS in passes defended which is first in the OVC Big South. Houi needs one pass break-up to crack the EIU single season Top Ten.

• Landers Green made his second start of the season on Saturday against UT Martin resulting in his most productive day of the season for the Panthers. Green hauled in four passes for 77 yards scoring his first EIU touchdown in the fourth quarter on a 25-yard pass from Connor Wolf. For the season Green has 14 passes for 234 yards for a 16.1 yards per catch average.

• CJ Nelson continues to rank among the NCAA leaders in yards per reception as the junior added to that total on Saturday against UT Martin with four catches for 48 yards and a touchdown. Nelson currently ranks 26th in the FCS in yards per catch at 18.0 which lands third in the OVC Big South. Earlier this year he posted his second career 100-yard receiving day with seven catches for 192 yards and two scores against Illinois State.

• Punter Mason Miller continues to hover around the FCS leaders in punting average as the graduate transfer had three punts against UT Martin over the weekend for an average of 45.7 yards per punt with a long of 52 yards. Miller is currently fourth in the FCS in punting average at 48.0 yards per punt with 16 of his 38 punts traveling 50 or more yards and 15 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.

• EIU veteran wide receivers Cooper Willman and DeAirious Smith both have climbed the EIU career receiving list this season. Willman had two catches for 12 yards against UT Martin while Smith hauled in three passes for 27 yards. Willman's receiving yards moved his EIU career total up to 1,680 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 122 and needs five more to tie Alexander Hollins for 10th. Earlier this season Smith joined Willman on the career 1,000 yard receiving list. He now has 1,180 career receiving yards moving up to 24th 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.

FCS COACHES TOP 25  
(Nov. 3 - Week 10)

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	North Dakota State (25)	9-0
2.	Montana	9-0
3.	Montana State	7-2
4.	Lehigh	9-0
5.	Tennessee Tech	9-0
6.	Monmouth	8-1
7.	Tarleton State	9-1
8.	Villanova	6-2
9.	South Dakota State	7-2
T10.	Mercer	7-1
T10.	Rhode Island	7-2
12.	UC Davis	6-2
13.	Harvard	7-0
14.	Southeastern Louisiana	7-0
15.	North Dakota	6-3
16.	Southern Illinois	6-3
17.	Illinois State	6-3
18.	Lamar	7-2
19.	Jackson State	6-2
20.	Abilene Christian	5-4
21.	Stephen F. Austin	7-2
22.	Youngstown State	5-4
23.	Presbyterian	8-1
24.	Western Carolina	6-3
25.	South Dakota	6-4

• Eastern Illinois used a two quarterback system once again on Saturday against UT Martin with Cole LaCrue getting the start and Connor Wolf also playing in selected series. LaCrue passed for 140 yards and two touchdowns going 14-of-18 through the air. Considered more of a running quarterback, LaCrue added a team-high 42 yards on the ground in the game. Wolf was equally effective moving the ball going 5-of-5 for 100 yards with one touchdown. It marked the second straight week EIU did not turn the ball over on offense after having six turnovers in the road loss at Southeast Missouri on October 18.

• Redshirt freshman Jordyn Stewart made his second straight start playing between the linebacker and nickel position in the Panthers defense. In his first start at Charleston Southern, Stewart finished with two solo tackles. On Saturday against UT Martin he recorded eight tackles with four solo stops to finish fifth on the team in tackles. Stewart began the year as a starter on EIU's special teams units but has found a more active role on the defense the last couple of games. For the year he now has 17 tackles with one tackle for loss.

• Eastern Illinois played an overtime game for the fourth consecutive year when EIU and UT Martin played overtime this past Saturday. The 27-20 loss to the Skyhawks snapped a two-game overtime win streak by the Panthers after beating Charleston Southern in OT last year and Bryant in OT the previous season. EIU is now 11-10 all-time in overtime games. It marked the third time that EIU has faced UT Martin in overtime.

• Eastern Illinois entered last week's game with UT Martin as one of the top five teams in the nation in terms of time of possession. In the game EIU was only able to possess the football for 20:45. It was the lowest time of possession for the Panthers this season and only the second time this year EIU had held the ball for less than 25 minutes. EIU is now averaging 31:55 for time of possession which ranks 17th in the FCS.

• Eastern Illinois continues to lead the OVC Big South in red zone defense as the Panthers rank 24th in the FCS entering the weekend. This year opponents are scoring on just 75.9 percent of their trips in the red zone with EIU holding teams to 22 scores in 29 total red zone chances. Of those 29 chances only 16 have resulted in touchdowns with the Panthers forcing a pair of turnovers to end drives.

• Drew Schiller had his first missed extra point of his collegiate career on Saturday as UT Martin was able to block the point-after-attempt in the first half. Schiller opened his EIU career making 26 consecutive extra points. After the miss he would convert on his next two attempts in the third and fourth quarters.

### 2025 OVC-Big South Football Standings

Team	CONF	Pct	All	Pct
Tennessee Tech	6-0	1.000	9-0	1.000
UT Martin	4-1	.800	4-5	.444
Gardner-Webb	3-2	.600	5-4	.555
Lindenwood	3-2	.600	4-5	.444
Charleston Southern	3-3	.500	4-6	.400
Southeast Missouri	2-3	.400	3-6	.333
Eastern Illinois	2-4	.333	3-6	.333
Western Illinois	1-4	.250	2-7	.222
Tennessee State	0-5	.000	2-7	.222

### This Week In OVC-Big South Football

#### Saturday - November 8

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

Charleston Southern (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

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



### Eastern Illinois Returning All-Conference Players

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



• Eastern Illinois will play its second top five FCS nationally ranked team this season when the Panthers host Tennessee Tech on Saturday afternoon. EIU lost earlier this year to No. 4 Illinois State (L, 42-30) in the Mid-America Classic. EIU is 26-80 all-time against FCS ranked opponents with the last win coming Sept. 16, 2023 against No. 14 Illinois State. EIU's last win over a Top 5 FCS ranked team was Sept. 17, 2016 with a 24-21 home win over No. 5 Illinois State. The Panthers are 5-23 all-time against FCS Top 5 ranked teams.

#### 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, defensive back Dillon Conway 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. Conway's dad Duane played offensive line at EIU in the early 1990's signing as a free agent with the Indianapolis Colts. Kimbro and Sholl's fathers (Jared Kimbro and Scott Sholl) were also offensive linemen in the early 2000's blocking for quarterback Tony Romo and running back J.R. Taylor. Sholl was a multi-time All-OVC center. All four played at EIU for head coach Bob Spoo.

• Eastern Illinois football continues to expand its reach across both the United States and North America. EIU's roster features players from 23 different states spanning from California and Washington on the West Coast to New Jersey and 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 67-54 (16-27 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...

**TENNESSEE TECH HEAD COACH BOBBY WILDER**

Long time college head coach Bobby Wilder is in his second season as the head coach at Tennessee Tech taking the program to its highest FCS national ranking at No. 5. Wilder was previously the head coach at Old Dominion as the program reinstated football at the FCS level in 2009 and then as the Monarchs transitioned to the FBS level in 2013. He posted 77 wins at ODU including a pair of FCS playoff appearances and one bowl game at the FBS level. His first season at ODU, the team went 9-2 for the best record by a first-year program in the modern era. In his first season at Tennessee Tech the Golden Eagles went 7-5 overall, 6-2 in the OVC-Big South for a four-way tie for the conference regular season title. TTU could lock up at least a share of a second straight conference title with a win over Eastern Illinois.

**SCOUTING TENNESSEE TECH**

Tennessee Tech is off to one of the best starts in school history with both its offense and defense ranked among the FCS national leaders in just about every national category. The Golden Eagles are first in the FCS in scoring defense allowing 16 points per game while ranking fourth in scoring offense at 47.9 points per game. Transfer quarterback Kekoa Visperas has passed for 1953 yards and 21 touchdowns. The rushing attack has 31 touchdowns led by Quintell Quinn with nine and Q'Daryius Jennings with nine. On defense the team leads the nation in tackles for loss with Theron Gaines (11.5), Aaron Swafford (7.5) and Chima Iwuagwu (7.5) leading the charge. The Golden Eagles defense has scored four touchdowns this season.

**THE SERIES**

Eastern Illinois and Tennessee Tech will be meeting for the 31st time as both schools play their second to last OVC-Big South regular season game. EIU holds a 21-9 all-time series lead with Tennessee Tech snapping a two-game EIU win streak with their 20-17 win in 2022. The schools did not meet in 2023 in the OVC-Big South unbalanced schedule. EIU had won nine of the last 11 meetings between the two schools including a seven game win streak from 2012-18 before the Golden Eagles current two-game win streak. TTU has never won three straight against EIU with the first meeting between the two schools in 1975.

**LAST TEN MEETINGS**

- Nov. 23, 2024..... Tennessee Tech 23, EIU 6 at TTU
- Oct. 29, 2022..... Tennessee Tech 20, EIU 17 at EIU
- Sept. 25, 2021..... EIU 28, Tennessee Tech 14 at TTU
- March 21, 2021..... EIU 28, Tennessee Tech 20 at EIU
- Sept. 28, 2019..... Tennessee Tech 40, EIU 29 at EIU
- Sept. 29, 2018..... EIU 52, Tennessee Tech 38 at TTU
- Oct. 7, 2017..... EIU 24, Tennessee Tech 23 at EIU
- Oct. 15, 2016..... EIU 30, Tennessee Tech 24 at TTU
- Oct. 24, 2015..... EIU 51, Tennessee Tech 20 at EIU
- Nov. 1, 2014..... EIU 41, Tennessee Tech 10 at TTU
- Nov. 2, 2013..... EIU 56, Tennessee Tech 21 at EIU

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

1.) Tennessee Tech starting center Drew Wilder is the son of Golden Eagles head coach Bobby Wilder. Prior to joining the TTU team this season Drew played two seasons at Eastern Illinois earning second team All-OVC Big South honors at center last season.

2.) This will be the last football contest as conference rivals between Eastern Illinois and Tennessee Tech as the Golden Eagles have announced they will be leaving to join the Southern Conference in all sports starting with the 2026-27 academic year. The two programs first met as OVC rivals on October 26, 1996 with EIU winning 35-27 in Cookeville. Current EIU head coach Chris Wilkerson was an assistant on head coach Bob Spoo's EIU staff that season.

**TALE OF THE TAPE**



Points Per Game .....	21.0	47.9
Average Points Allowed .....	25.7	16.0
First Downs.....	169	207
Rushing Yards Per Game .....	151.6	226.4
Rushing Touchdowns .....	13	31
Passing Yards Per Game .....	177.0	240.3
Passing Touchdowns.....	10	23
Average Yards Per Game.....	328.6	466.8
Interceptions Thrown.....	10	3
Fumbles - Lost.....	10-3	13-6
Turnovers Gained.....	12	14
Punting Average .....	45.9	35.9
Field Goals (ATT/MADE).....	10-of-15	7-of-9
3rd Down Conversions .....	44-of-121 (36%)	43-of-95 (45%)
4th Down Conversions .....	6-of-15 (40%)	7-of-14 (50%)
Sacks By (Yards).....	10 (78)	36 (218)
Penalties (Yards).....	45 (359)	54 (597)
Time of Possession (Game).....	31:55	28:26

**Statistical Leaders**

**RUSHING YARDS (Touchdowns)**

<b>EASTERN ILLINOIS</b>	<b>TENNESSEE TECH</b>
Charles Kellom.....548 (3)	Quintell Quinn ..... 607 (9)
Cole LaCru.....460 (7)	Q'Daryius Jennings ..... 467 (9)

**PASSING YARDS (Touchdowns)**

<b>EASTERN ILLINOIS</b>	<b>TENNESSEE TECH</b>
Connor Wolf.....909 (7)	Kekoa Visperas ..... 1953 (21)
Cole LaCru.....630 (2)	Jace Wilson..... 194 (2)

**RECEPTIONS (Yards / TDs)**

<b>EASTERN ILLINOIS</b>	<b>TENNESSEE TECH</b>
Cooper Willman.....24 (345 / 3)	Maury Sullivan..... 32 (408 / 3)
CJ Nelson.....21 (379 / 3)	Noah Robinson..... 28 (415 / 6)
DeAirious Smith..... 16 (240 / 1)	Tremel Jones..... 26 (303 / 2)

**TACKLES**

<b>EASTERN ILLINOIS</b>	<b>TENNESSEE TECH</b>
Ja'Wuan Nickson..... 78	Theron Gaines.....60
Tylan Foster..... 77	Aaron Swafford.....58
Saipeti Maiava Jr..... 47	Tim Coutras.....44
Isaiah Houi..... 45	Greg Turner III.....24
Jihad McCall..... 30	Kaleb Brown.....23

**TACKLES FOR LOSS / SACKS**

<b>EASTERN ILLINOIS</b>	<b>TENNESSEE TECH</b>
Samuel Robles .....6.5..... 4	Theron Gaines..... 11.5 ..... 4.5
Ja'Wuan Nickson.....6.5 ..... 0	Chima Iwuagwu .....7.5 ..... 3
Tylan Foster..... 4..... 0	Aaron Swafford.....7.5 ..... 2.5

**Eastern Illinois In The  
OVC/NCAA Stats  
2025**

**TEAM**

	NCAA	CONF
Rushing Offense	59th	4th
Passing Offense	96th	8th
Passing Efficiency	80th	7th
Total Offense	91st	7th
Scoring Offense	90th	6th
Rushing Defense	41st	3rd
Pass Defense	83rd	6th
Pass Efficiency Def.	104th	6th
Total Defense	57th	3rd
Scoring Defense	51st	2nd
Net Punting	7th	1st
Punt Returns	44th	5th
Kickoff Returns	113th	8th
Turnover Margin	69th	5th
Turnovers Gained	47th	3rd
Sacks	117th	9th
Tackles For Loss	56th	6th
Sacks Allowed	108th	7th
3rd Down Conversion	79th	4th
4th Down Conversion	97th	8th
3rd Down Defense	88th	8th
Red Zone Offense	100th	8th
Red Zone Defense	24th	1st
Time of Possession	17th	2nd

**INDIVIDUAL (Top 50)**

	NCAA	CONF
Cole LaCruce (Rushing Touchdowns)	40th	4th
CJ Nelson (Yards Per Reception)	26th	3rd
Isaiah Houi (Passes Defended)	32nd	1st
Tylan Foster (Solo Tackles)	12th	1st
Tylan Foster (Total Tackles)	34th	3rd
Ja'Wuan Nickson (Total Tackles)	33rd	2nd
Drake Van Hyfte (Fumbles Recovered)	7th	1st
Christopher Sharp (Forced Fumbles)	8th	2nd
Cooper Willman (Punt Returns)	22nd	3rd
Mason Miller (Punting)	4th	2nd

**SHUT OUT STREAK ENDS**

Eastern Illinois had a 139 game streak of not being shut out in a game end Sept. 12, 2015 at Northwestern during 41-0 loss. The last time EIU had been shut out was Oct. 11, 2003 during a 41-0 loss versus Eastern Kentucky. In the 2015 season opener EIU had its streak of consecutive games scoring a touchdown end at 65 after the Panthers were held out of the end zone. The last time EIU had failed to score a touchdown was October 10, 2009 at Penn State. EIU's longest streak of consecutive games without being shutout was 197 from 1977-1997 which ranks fourth all-time among FCS schools. EIU's current active streak is 11 games after they were shutout in 2024 season opener at Illinois.

**Longest EIU Streaks**

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

**Current EIU Streak**

20 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)
<b>EASTERN ILLINOIS ... 16 (2015)</b>	
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

Eastern Illinois			
Year	Overall	Conf.	
2022	2-9	1-4 (OVC)	No. 24
2023	8-3	4-2 (OVC)	
2024	3-9	2-6 (OVC)	
2025	3-4	2-3 (OVC)	
<b>EIU</b>	<b>16-27</b>	<b>9-16</b>	
University of Chicago Record			
2021	8-2	7-2 (MWC)	UAA title
2020	*Season cancelled COVID-19		
2019	6-3	6-1 (MWC)	
2018	7-3	7-1 (MWC)	
2017	6-4	6-2 (MWC)	
2016	4-6	4-4 (SAA)	
2015	6-4	5-3 (SAA)	
2014	8-1	3-0 (UAA)	9 years
2013	6-4	1-2 (UAA)	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>51-27</b>	<b>39-15</b>	
<b>Career</b>	<b>67-54</b>	<b>48-31</b>	

**Prior To Eastern Illinois**

- \* Head football coach at University of Chicago from 2013-21
- \* Team posted a winning record in seven of eight seasons, 2020 year was not played due to COVID
- \* Coached an offensive unit that featured the leading rusher in NCAA Division III in 2021 as team posted 8-2 record
- \* Team also posted an 8-1 record in 2014 winning UAA Conference title
- \* Guided the University of Chicago program through three different conference alignments posting a 39-15 record in conference play
- \* Coached three Division III All-Americans
- \* Coached nine All-Region selections
- \* Coached four Conference Players of the Year
- \* Coached 94 All-Conference selections
- \* (University of Chicago Record – 51-27)
- \* Coached at Dartmouth College from 2005-13, serving as Associate Head Coach since 2007
- \* Served as Defensive Coordinator, Special Teams Coordinator, running backs coach and linebackers coach in tenure
- \* Team ranked in FCS Top 10 nationally in several categories including punt return average, blocked kicks, individual rushing average, fewest fumbles lost
- \* Dartmouth pass defense ranked 14th in the FCS in debut season as defensive coordinator
- \* Coached at San Jose State from 2002-04
- \* In 2003 was a nominee for Broyles Award, given annually to nation's top assistant coach

**Personal**

- \* Played football at Eastern Illinois for head coach Bob Spoo
- \* Bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois in 1995
- \* He and wife Sharna (a former EIU softball player) have three children
- \* Native of Indianapolis, Indiana



**Kyle Derickson**  
Assoc HC / Off Cord / QBs  
(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 10 or more solo tackles on defense...

Tylan Foster, 11, vs. UT Martin (Nov. 8, 2025)

### Had 3 or more sacks on defense...

Drake Van Hyfte, 3, at Robert Morris (Nov. 18, 2023)

### Had 4 or more tackles for loss on defense...

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

### Had 2 or more interceptions

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

### Recovered an onside kick...

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

### Offensive Lineman Scored a Touchdown

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

## 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
2	Cooper Willman 4 pass from Cole LaCrue	UT Martin
3	CJ Nelson 13 pass from Cole LaCrue	UT Martin
4	Landers Green 25 pass from Connor Wolf	UT Martin

## 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 McNeese 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
Nov. 1, 2025 vs. UT Martin.....	L 20-27

+ 1982 & 1983 games in FCS playoffs

**OPPONENTS AGAINST EASTERN ILLINOIS**

**TOTAL OFFENSE:**

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

**RUSHING YARDAGE:**

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

**PASSING YARDAGE:**

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

**POINTS**

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

**LOWEST OFFENSIVE TOTAL:**

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

**OPPONENT FEWEST RUSHING YARDS:**

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

**OPPONENT FEWEST PASSING YARDS:**

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

**MOST PLAYS IN A GAME:**

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

**MOST PLAYS IN A GAME BY BOTH TEAMS:**

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

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

**PASSES COMPLETED:**

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

**RECEIVING (CATCHES):**

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

**RECEIVING (YARDS):**

<b>Cooper Willman.....</b>	<b>291 at Gardner-Webb.....</b>	<b>2024</b>
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:**

<b>Cole LaCruce.....</b>	<b>193 vs Dayton.....</b>	<b>2025</b>
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**TOUCHDOWNS:**

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

**TOUCHDOWN PASSES:**

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

**SOLO TACKLES:**

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

**TOTAL TACKLES:**

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

**TACKLES FOR LOSS:**

Trevor Frericks.....	7.0 vs. Tennessee State.....	2009
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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 Johnovan 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
29..... Kham Boecker.....	SAF	2..... Bruce Mitchell.....	DB
27..... Josh Brown.....	SAF	88..... Trayvon Moore.....	TE
5..... Surahz Buncom.....	WR	80..... Carlyun Neal.....	WR
20..... Chris Caldwell.....	RB	2..... CJ Nelson.....	WR
72..... Brandin Carpenter.....	OL	5..... Ja'Wuan Nickson.....	LB
46..... Nico Carrier.....	K	14..... Le'Javier Payne.....	DB
41..... Kennyan Chandler.....	LB	1..... Jay Pearson.....	RB
55..... James Collins.....	DL	99..... Kefa Pereira.....	DL
36..... Dillon Conway.....	SAF	9..... Trevon Piggee.....	DL
33..... Micheal Curry Jr.....	RB	61..... Ruben Popoca.....	K
91..... Knowledge Davis.....	DL	50..... Jett Reese.....	LB
54..... Nic DiSanto.....	OL	84..... Jeremy Reeves.....	WR
7..... Blainey Dowling.....	QB	42..... Aaron Rice.....	P
35..... Isaac Engle.....	DL	40..... Isaiah Richardson.....	SAF
90..... Gerliaer Ervin.....	DL	44..... Samuel Robles.....	DL
76..... Dominic Fasano.....	OL	4..... Quenton Rogers.....	WR
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
0..... Alton Jefferson.....	DL	12..... Collin Willard.....	WR
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 (8 / 4) ..... 6-1 .... 205.... R-So..... Broomfield, Colo.  
 15.... Connor Wolf (8 / 5)..... 6-3 .... 210.... R-Fr..... Ada, Mich.

**RUNNING BACK**

22.... Charles Kellom (34 / 10) ..... 6-0 .... 205.... R-Jr ..... Cincinnati, Ohio  
 1.... Jay Pearson (24 / 0) ..... 6-0 .... 210.... R-Jr ..... McKees Rocks, Pa.

**TIGHT END**

87.... Alex Ginnever (21 / 10) ..... 6-5 .... 240.... R-Jr ..... Wentzville, Mo.  
 82.... Joe McNab (32 / 4) ..... 6-6 .... 260.... R-Sr ..... Madison Heights, Mich.

**RIGHT TACKLE**

54.... Nic DiSanto (27 / 27) ..... 6-5 .... 330..... Jr ..... Wyandotte, Mich.  
 77.... Sandro Malicevic (18 / 6)..... 6-5 .... 330..... Jr ..... Saratoga, Calif.

**RIGHT GUARD**

58.... Dante Thompson (43 / 31) ..... 6-1 .... 330.... R-Sr ..... Montgomery Village, Md.  
 54.... Nic DiSanto (27 / 27) ..... 6-5 .... 330..... Jr ..... Wyandotte, Mich.

**CENTER**

74.... Rahfeeq Katumbusi (8 / 8) ... 6-3 .... 325.... R-Fr ..... Chicago, Ill.  
 65.... Carson Fichtel (4 / 1) ..... 6-3 .... 310.... R-Jr ..... Heath, Texas

**LEFT GUARD**

70.... Alejandro Arellano (20 / 6) ..... 6-3 .... 315.... R-Jr ..... Sterling, Ill.  
 58.... Dante Thompson (43 / 31) ..... 6-1 .... 330.... R-Sr ..... Montgomery Village, Md.

**LEFT TACKLE**

69.... Kwan Johnson (9 / 9) ..... 6-5 .... 310.... R-Fr ..... Blue Island, Ill.  
 75.... Jonathan Arellano (24 / 6) ..... 6-3 .... 325.... R-Sr ..... Lancaster, Calif.

**RECEIVER**

8.... Landers Green (25 / 10) ..... 6-3 .... 190.... R-Jr ..... Wharton, NJ  
 6.... DeAirious Smith (44 / 15)..... 6-0 .... 180... Grad..... Lexington, Ky.

**RECEIVER**

2.... CJ Nelson (34 / 12) ..... 5-11 .... 185.... R-Jr ..... North Richland Hills, Texas  
 19.... Alex Herrera (13 / 4) ..... 6-2 .... 240.... R-Jr ..... Linden, Calif.

**RECEIVER**

13.... Cooper Willman (53 / 35) ..... 6-1 .... 205... Grad..... Sterling, Ill.  
 80.... Carlyun Neal (8 / 0) ..... 5-11 ... 190..... Fr..... Cincinnati, Ohio

**EIU COACHING STAFF**

**Head Coach:** Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1994) - 4th year  
 Career 67-54 (13), EIU Record 16-26 (4); OVC Record 9-17 (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 (9 / 9) ..... 6-2 .... 260..... Jr ..... Alief, Texas  
 60.... Aidan Archibald (9 / 0)..... 6-2 .... 260.... R-Fr ..... Charleston, Ill.

**NOSE TACKLE**

0.... Alton Jefferson (36 / 16) ..... 6-0 .... 300.... R-Sr ..... Louisville, Ky.  
 99.... Kefa Pereira (9 / 0)..... 6-1 .... 305.... R-Jr ..... San Antonio, Texas

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE**

9.... Trevon Piggee (19 / 6)..... 6-1 .... 315.... R-So..... St. Louis, Mo.  
 55.... James Collins (9 / 3) ..... 6-2 .... 295.... R-Jr ..... Mesquite, Texas

**DEFENSIVE END**

95.... Drake Van Hyfte (42 / 10) ..... 6-4 .... 255... Grad..... Annawan, Ill.  
 91.... Knowledge Davis (9 / 1)..... 6-2 .... 260... R-So..... Humble, Texas

**LINEBACKER**

5.... Ja'Wuan Nickson (9 / 9) ..... 6-0 .... 235..... Jr ..... Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
 34.... Jordyn Stewart (10 / 2) ..... 6-0 .... 230.... R-Fr ..... Homewood, Ill.

**LINEBACKER**

1.... Tylan Foster (28 / 21)..... 5-11 ... 225..... Sr ..... Houston, Texas  
 49.... Jesse Garza (16 / 1) ..... 6-2 .... 235... Grad..... Nipomo, Calif.

**NICKEL or LINEBACKER**

34.... Jordyn Stewart (10 / 2) ..... 6-0 .... 230.... R-Fr ..... Homewood, Ill.  
 8.... Tienne Fridge (24 / 9) ..... 6-2 .... 210... Grad..... Sacramento, Calif

**CORNER**

4.... Moses Alexander (20 / 8) ..... 6-3 .... 195.... R-Sr ..... Galveston, Texas  
 25.... Christopher Sharp (23 / 2) ..... 5-11 ... 180... R-So..... St. Louis, Mo.

**STRONG SAFETY**

20.... Saipeti Maiava Jr (8 / 6) ..... 5-11 ... 200..... Jr ..... Fontana, Calif.  
 15.... Brandon Worsley (8 / 3) ..... 5-11 ... 205.... Jr ..... San Marcos, Texas

**FREE SAFETY**

7.... Jihad McCall (50 / 42) ..... 6-0 .... 205... Grad..... Jersey City, NJ  
 36.... Dillon Conway (13 / 0) ..... 6-3 .... 225.... R-Fr ..... Chicago, Ill.

**CORNER**

23.... Isaiah Houi (16 / 11) ..... 5-10 ... 175..... So ..... Rockton, Ill.  
 21.... Kaleb Lyons (34 / 20) ..... 5-11 ... 195.... R-Jr ..... Antioch, Tenn.

**EIU SPECIALISTS** (games played)**KICKER**

47.... Drew Schiller (13) ..... 6-1 .... 175.... R-Fr ..... New Lenox, Ill.  
 46.... Nico Carrier (0) ..... 5-9 .... 175.... R-Fr ..... Naperville, Ill.

**KICKOFF**

47.... Drew Schiller (13) ..... 6-1 .... 175.... R-Fr ..... New Lenox, Ill.

**PUNTER**

13.... Mason Miller (31) ..... 6-0 .... 185... Grad..... Avon, Ind.  
 42.... Aaron Rice (0) ..... 6-5 .... 205..... So ..... Naperville, Ill.

**HOLDER**

13.... Mason Miller (31) ..... 6-0 .... 185... Grad..... Avon, Ind.

**LONG SNAPPER**

98.... Brett Galletti (30) ..... 6-1 .... 230... Grad..... Frankfort, Ill.  
 85.... Jefferson McKinnon (0) ..... 6-0 .... 240.... R-Fr ..... Copley, Ohio

**PUNT RETURNS**

13.... Cooper Willman (53) ..... 6-1 .... 205... Grad..... Sterling, Ill.  
 80.... Carlyun Neal (8) ..... 5-11 ... 190..... Fr..... Cincinnati, Ohio

**KICK RETURNS**

37.... Taylor Goodson (10) ..... 5-10 ... 205.... R-Sr ..... Suwanee, Ga.  
 80.... Carlyun Neal (8) ..... 5-11 ... 190..... Fr..... Cincinnati, Ohio



**GAME 1 - Aug. 28, 2025**  
 Dayton .....14  
 Eastern Illinois .....24

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 Illinois .....14  
 Indiana State.....38

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 State.....42  
 Eastern Illinois .....30

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 Illinois .....31  
 Western Illinois.....23

Macomb, Ill.  
 Hanson Field (2,183)

<b>Scoring</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Final</b>
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 State .....7  
 Eastern Illinois .....31

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

<b>Scoring</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Final</b>
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-Webb .....21  
 Eastern Illinois.....10

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

<b>Scoring</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Final</b>
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), Bevineau (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)**

<b>Scoring</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Final</b>	
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

<b>TEAM STATS</b> .....EIU.....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 Southern .....17	

**Charleston, SC  
Buccaneer Field (3,891)**

<b>Scoring</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Final</b>	
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

<b>TEAM STATS</b> .....EIU.....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.

**GAME 9 - Nov. 1, 2025**

UT Martin .....27	
Eastern Illinois.....20	

**Charleston, Ill.  
O'Brien Field (4,017)**

<b>Scoring</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Final</b>
UT Martin	3	3	7	7	7		27
Eastern Illinois	0	6	7	7	0		20

**FIRST QUARTER**  
UTM - Hechter 28 field goal - 1:13

**SECOND QUARTER**  
EIU - Willman 4 pass from LaCrue (kick blocked) - 12:20  
UTM - Hechter 29 field goal - 4:15

**THIRD QUARTER**  
EIU - Nelson 13 pass from LaCrue (Schiller kick) - 5:50  
UTM - Ansley 25 pass from Bauer (Hechter kick) - 0:07

**FOURTH QUARTER**  
EIU - Green 25 pass from Wolf (Schiller kick) - 13:06  
UTM - Bauer 1 run (Hechter kick) - 0:46

**OVERTIME**  
UTM - Bailey 6 pass from Bauer (Hechter kick)

<b>TEAM STATS</b> .....EIU.....UTM
First Downs.....17.....26
Rushes-Yards.....20-54.....48-225
Passing-Yards.....240.....172
Comp-Att-Int.....19-23-0.....22-29-0
Total Offense.....294.....397
Fumbles-Lost.....2-0.....1-0
Penalties-Yards.....4-24.....9-68
Int Returns-Yards-TD.....0-0-0.....0-0-0
Time of Possession.....20:45.....39:15
Sacks-Yards.....1-6.....1-4

**LEADERS**

**RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)**  
EIU - LaCrue (11-42-0), Kellom (7-20-0)  
UTM - Franklin (10-79-0), Bauer (14-64-1), Ansley (15-60-0)

**PASSING (Att-Cmp-Int-Yds-TD)**  
EIU - LaCrue (18-14-0-140-2), Wolf (5-5-0-100-1)  
UTM - Bauer (29-22-0-172-1)

**RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)**  
EIU - Green (4-77-1), Nelson (4-48-1), D. Smith (3-27-0)  
UTM - Bailey (4-24-1), Martinez (4-21-0)

**DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)**  
EIU - Foster (11-3-0), Nickson (8-6-0), Houi (8-1-1)  
UTM - Stevenson (3-4-0), Weir (3-3-1), Banda (1-4-0.5)

**RECAP**

EIU missed a field goal to win the game in regulation for the second straight week as the Panthers Family Weekend game went to overtime against UT Martin. In the extra session the Skyhawks scored on their opening drive and then stuffed a fourth and one run by the Panthers on EIU's possession to win the game. The Panthers took the lead twice in the second half only to see UTM score late in the third and fourth quarter to tie the game. EIU did not turn the ball over in the game and allowed only one sack to the Skyhawks defense.

2025 EIU PANTHERS FOOTBALL  
EASTERN ILLINOIS Game Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	Conf Record	Time	Attend
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	#4 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	20-27 L ot	3-6	2-4	3:21	4,017
* Nov 8, 2025	#5 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	Nelson	Willman	DiSanto	Thompson	Katumbusi	A. Arellano	K. Johnson	Green	Ginnever	Kellom	LaCrue
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	Robles	Jefferson	Piggee	Van Hyfte	Nickson	Foster	Stewart	Houi	McCall	Maiava	Alexander
Tennessee Tech											
Lindenwood											
Alabama											



**2025-26 Eastern Ill. Football  
Overall Team Statistics  
All games**

**Team Statistics**

	<b>EIU</b>	<b>OPP</b>
<b>Scoring</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>231</b>
Points per game	21.0	25.7
Points Off Turnovers	13	41
<b>First Downs</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>171</b>
Rushing	80	73
Passing	67	84
Penalty	22	14
<b>Rushing Yardage</b>	<b>1364</b>	<b>1230</b>
Yards gained rushing	1643	1400
Yards lost rushing	279	170
Rushing attempts	370	295
Average per rush	3.7	4.2
Average per game	151.6	136.7
TDs Rushing	13	10
<b>Passing Yardage</b>	<b>1593</b>	<b>2098</b>
Comp-Att-Int	126-220-10	188-279-2
Average per pass	7.2	7.5
Average per catch	12.6	11.2
Average per game	177.0	233.1
TDs Passing	10	19
<b>Total offense</b>	<b>2957</b>	<b>3328</b>
Total plays	590	574
Average per play	5.0	5.8
Average per game	328.6	369.8
<b>Kick returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>17-274</b>	<b>23-488</b>
<b>Punt returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>17-176</b>	<b>26-189</b>
<b>Int returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>2-12</b>	<b>10-155</b>
<b>Kick return average</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>21.2</b>
<b>Punt return average</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>7.3</b>
<b>Int return average</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>15.5</b>
<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	<b>10-3</b>	<b>16-10</b>
<b>Penalties-Yards</b>	<b>45-359</b>	<b>58-526</b>
Average per game	39.9	58.4
<b>Punts-Yards</b>	<b>41-1882</b>	<b>40-1695</b>
Average per punt	45.9	42.4
Net punt average	39.4	39.1
<b>Kickoffs-Yards</b>	<b>41-2477</b>	<b>43-2644</b>
Average per kick	60.4	61.5
Net kick average	37.4	40.0
<b>Time of possession / game</b>	<b>31:55</b>	<b>28:05</b>
<b>3rd-down conversion</b>	<b>44/121</b>	<b>53/121</b>
3rd-down pct	36%	44%
<b>4th-down conversion</b>	<b>6/15</b>	<b>4/14</b>



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All games**

	<b>EIU</b>	<b>OPP</b>
4th-down pct	40%	29%
<b>Sacks by-Yards</b>	<b>10-78</b>	<b>26-161</b>
<b>Misc Yards</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Touchdowns scored</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Field goals - attempts</b>	<b>10-15</b>	<b>7-11</b>
<b>On-Side kicks</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>0-1</b>
<b>Red-zone scores</b>	<b>(21-28) 75%</b>	<b>(22-29) 76%</b>
<b>Red-zone touchdowns</b>	<b>(14-28) 50%</b>	<b>(16-29) 55%</b>
<b>PAT-attempts</b>	<b>(21-22) 95%</b>	<b>(30-30) 100%</b>
<b>2-point conversion-attempts</b>	<b>(0-1) 0%</b>	<b>(0-0) 0%</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>26912</b>	<b>16431</b>
Games / Avg per game	5/5382	4/4108
Neutral site games	-	0/0

**Score by Periods**

<b>Team</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>TOT</b>
Eastern Ill.	17	55	42	75	0	189
Opponents	45	71	31	77	7	231



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**Rushing**

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Charles Kellom	9	150	587	39	548	3.7	3	25	60.9
Cole LaCruce	8	103	583	123	460	4.5	7	59	57.5
Jay Pearson	8	44	199	14	185	4.2	0	26	23.1
Jacarre Fleming	6	23	175	0	175	7.6	2	55	29.2
CJ Nelson	8	5	28	2	26	5.2	0	14	3.3
Mason Miller	9	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	0.8
Chris Caldwell	1	3	4	0	4	1.3	0	2	4.0
Cooper Willman	9	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.1
Alex Ginnever	9	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.1
Connor Wolf	8	31	59	89	-30	-1.0	1	18	-3.8
Team	9	8	0	11	-11	-1.4	0	0	-1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>1643</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>1364</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>151.6</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>1400</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>1230</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>136.7</b>

**Passing**

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Cole LaCruce	8	104.5	58-106-5	54.7	630	3	47	78.8
Connor Wolf	8	146.7	64-106-4	60.4	909	7	75	113.6
Brady Ford	1	108.9	4-6-1	66.7	54	0	32	54.0
Cooper Willman	9	0.0	0-2-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>124.0</b>	<b>126-220-10</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>1593</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>177.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>151.6</b>	<b>188-279-2</b>	<b>67.4</b>	<b>2098</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>233.1</b>

**Receiving**

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Cooper Willman	9	24	345	14.4	2	55	38.3
CJ Nelson	8	21	379	18.0	3	75	47.4
DeAirious Smith	9	16	240	15.0	1	47	26.7
Landers Green	9	14	234	16.7	1	32	26.0
Alex Herrera	9	12	107	8.9	0	27	11.9
Charles Kellom	9	11	64	5.8	0	22	7.1
Jacarre Fleming	6	8	41	5.1	0	17	6.8
Alex Ginnever	9	6	48	8.0	0	15	5.3
Joe McNab	9	5	50	10.0	2	23	5.6
Jay Pearson	8	4	29	7.3	0	17	3.6
Carlyun Neal	8	3	47	15.7	0	20	5.9
Cole LaCruce	8	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.5
Quenton Rogers	2	1	5	5.0	0	5	2.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>1593</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>177.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>2098</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>233.1</b>

**Punt Returns**

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Cooper Willman	17	176	10.4	0	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>

**Interceptions**

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

**Kick Returns**

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jacarre Fleming	8	139	17.4	0	26
Taylor Goodson	5	88	17.6	0	30
Carlyun Neal	4	47	11.8	0	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>

**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
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



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**Scoring**

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
Drew Schiller	-	10-15	21-22	-	-	-	-	-	51
Cole LaCrue	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
CJ Nelson	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Charles Kellom	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Cooper Willman	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Joe McNab	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Connor Wolf	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Jacarre Fleming	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
DeAirious Smith	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Landers Green	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>10-15</b>	<b>21-22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>189</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7-11</b>	<b>30-30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>231</b>

**Total Offense**

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Cole LaCrue	8	209	460	630	1090	136.3
Connor Wolf	8	137	-30	909	879	109.9
Charles Kellom	9	150	548	0	548	60.9
Jay Pearson	8	44	185	0	185	23.1
Jacarre Fleming	6	23	175	0	175	29.2
Brady Ford	1	6	0	54	54	54.0
CJ Nelson	8	5	26	0	26	3.3
Mason Miller	9	1	7	0	7	0.8
Chris Caldwell	1	3	4	0	4	4.0
Cooper Willman	9	3	1	0	1	0.1
Alex Ginnever	9	1	-1	0	-1	-0.1
Team	9	0	-11	0	-11	-1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>1364</b>	<b>1593</b>	<b>2957</b>	<b>328.6</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>1230</b>	<b>2098</b>	<b>3328</b>	<b>369.8</b>

**Field Goals**

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Drew Schiller	10-15	66.7	0-0	5-5	3-6	2-4	0-0	43	1
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>7-11</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>5-5</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1</b>

**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)
UT Martin	41	(28),(29)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

**Punting**

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Mason Miller	38	1824	48.0	65	1	4	15	16	0
Team	3	58	19.3	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1882</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1695</b>	<b>42.4</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

**Kickoffs**

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydIn
Drew Schiller	41	2477	60.4	15	1			
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>2477</b>	<b>60.4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2644</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>25</b>



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All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Charles Kellom	9	548	64	0	0	0	612	68.0
Cooper Willman	9	1	345	176	0	0	522	58.0
Cole LaCrue	8	460	4	0	0	0	464	58.0
CJ Nelson	8	26	379	0	0	0	405	50.6
Jacarre Fleming	6	175	41	0	139	0	355	59.2
DeAirious Smith	9	0	240	0	0	0	240	26.7
Landers Green	9	0	234	0	0	0	234	26.0
Jay Pearson	8	185	29	0	0	0	214	26.8
Alex Herrera	9	0	107	0	0	0	107	11.9
Carlyun Neal	8	0	47	0	47	0	94	11.8
Taylor Goodson	9	0	0	0	88	0	88	9.8
Joe McNab	9	0	50	0	0	0	50	5.6
Alex Ginnever	9	-1	48	0	0	0	47	5.2
Brandon Worsley	8	0	0	0	0	12	12	1.5
Mason Miller	9	7	0	0	0	0	7	0.8
Quenton Rogers	2	0	5	0	0	0	5	2.5
Chris Caldwell	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0
Connor Wolf	8	-30	0	0	0	0	-30	-3.8
Team	9	-11	0	0	0	0	-11	-1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1364</b>	<b>1593</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3419</b>	<b>379.9</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1230</b>	<b>2098</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>4160</b>	<b>462.2</b>



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**Team Defense**

##	Player	gp	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	no-yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf	
5	Ja'Wuan Nickson	9	37	41	78	6.5-12	.	.	2	.	1-0	1	.	.	
1	Tylan Foster	9	47	30	77	4-12	.	.	1	3	1-0	.	.	.	
20	Saipeti Maiava Jr	8	28	19	47	1.5-2	.	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.	
23	Isaiah Houi	9	38	7	45	3.5-10	.	.	9	.	.	.	.	.	
7	Jihad McCall	9	25	5	30	0.5-1	.	.	5	.	1-0	.	.	.	
44	Samuel Robles	9	14	14	28	6.5-35	4-30	.	.	2	.	1	.	.	
8	Tienne Fridge	9	17	9	26	1-2	.	.	4	1	.	2	.	.	
21	Kaleb Lyons	9	17	4	21	3.5-12	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	
0	Alton Jefferson	8	7	12	19	3.5-14	1-7	.	.	2	.	.	1	.	
4	Moses Alexander	6	15	4	19	1-6	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.	
49	Jesse Garza	9	8	10	18	1.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
25	Christopher Sharp	9	14	4	18	.	.	.	1	.	1-0	3	.	.	
9	Trevon Piggee	9	7	10	17	2.5-23	2-23	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	
34	Jordyn Stewart	8	12	5	17	1-4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	
95	Drake Van Hyfte	9	6	10	16	3.5-18	2-14	.	2	4	2-0	1	.	.	
91	Knowledge Davis	9	7	9	16	2-3	.	.	1	3	1-0	.	.	.	
36	Dillon Conway	9	6	8	14	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	
15	Brandon Worsley	8	9	4	13	.	.	1-12	1	.	.	.	.	.	
55	James Collins	8	4	7	11	4-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
99	Kefa Pereira	9	3	8	11	1.5-3	.	.	.	2	1-0	.	.	.	
60	Aidan Archibald	9	3	4	7	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
37	Taylor Goodson	9	5	2	7	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
27	Josh Brown	8	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
90	Gerliaer Ervin	4	1	3	4	1-4	1-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
59	Brock VanDeveer	7	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
35	Isaac Engle	4	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	
38	Max Loveall	9	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
51	Steven Arteaga	8	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
98	Brett Galletti	9	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
40	Isaiah Richardson	9	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
93	Isaiah Hare	2	1	1	2	1-3	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	
87	Alex Ginnever	9	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
96	Cole Silzer	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	
8	Landers Green	9	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
24	Nick Vecchiarelli	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
3	Cole LaCrue	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
20	Chris Caldwell	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
47	Drew Schiller	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
53	King Smith	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
77	Sandro Malicevic	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
3	Daniel Autrey	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
48	Maximo Vaughn	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>51-176</b>	<b>10-78</b>	<b>2-12</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10-0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	
Opponents		9	338	278	616	83-280	26-161	10-155	24	24	3-0	7	5	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
11/01/2025	UT Martin	20	54	0	28	19	240	3	28	19	23	0	240	3	28	1	18	0	18	0	0	0	0	294
<b>Eastern Ill.</b>		<b>370</b>	<b>1364</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>1593</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1593</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2957</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>295</b>	<b>1230</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>2098</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2098</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3328</b>

**Eastern Ill. Averages**

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
9	3.7	12.6	124.0	16.1	10.4	379.9	328.6

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
11/01/2025	UT Martin	56	30	86	3.0-9	1-6	0	0-0	0-0	4	0	0	2-3	0	0	0	0	20
<b>Eastern Ill.</b>		<b>357</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>51.0-176</b>	<b>10-78</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10-0</b>	<b>2-12</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>21-22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>189</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>338</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>83.0-280</b>	<b>26-161</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>10-155</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>30-30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>231</b>

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
11/01/2025	UT Martin	4	164	41.0	52	1	0	1	1	1	0-1	0	0	4	229	57.3	0	0
<b>Eastern Ill.</b>		<b>41</b>	<b>1882</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10-15</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>2477</b>	<b>60.4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>40</b>	<b>1695</b>	<b>42.4</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7-11</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2644</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>



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Opponents Game-by-Game  
All games**

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
11/01/2025	UT Martin	48	225	1	16	22	172	2	25	22	29	0	172	2	25	4	92	0	44	3	15	0	12	397
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>295</b>	<b>1230</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>2098</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2098</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3328</b>
<b>Eastern Ill.</b>		<b>370</b>	<b>1364</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>1593</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1593</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2957</b>

**Opponents Averages**

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
9	4.2	11.2	151.6	21.2	7.3	462.2	369.8

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
11/01/2025	UT Martin	19	28	47	5.0-19	1-4	1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	3-3	0	0	0	0	27
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>338</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>83.0-280</b>	<b>26-161</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>10-155</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>30-30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>231</b>
<b>Eastern Ill.</b>		<b>357</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>51.0-176</b>	<b>10-78</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10-0</b>	<b>2-12</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>21-22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>189</b>

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
11/01/2025	UT Martin	1	32	32.0	32	0	0	0	0	0	2-2	29	0	5	317	63.4	4	0
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>40</b>	<b>1695</b>	<b>42.4</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7-11</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2644</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Eastern Ill.</b>		<b>41</b>	<b>1882</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10-15</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>2477</b>	<b>60.4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>



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**Eastern III. - Game Highs**

<b>RUSHES</b>	62	Dayton (08/28/2025)
<b>YARDS RUSHING</b>	336	Dayton (08/28/2025)
<b>YARDS PER RUSH</b>	5.8	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
<b>TD RUSHES</b>	4	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS</b>	44	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	28	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>YARDS PASSING</b>	411	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>YARDS PER PASS</b>	10.4	UT Martin (11/01/2025)
<b>TD PASSES</b>	4	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>TOTAL PLAYS</b>	80	Dayton (08/28/2025)
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	465	Dayton (08/28/2025)
<b>YARDS PER PLAY</b>	6.8	UT Martin (11/01/2025)
<b>POINTS</b>	31	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
	31	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
<b>SACKS BY</b>	3	Dayton (08/28/2025)
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	26	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
<b>PENALTIES</b>	8	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
<b>PENALTY YARDS</b>	85	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
<b>TURNOVERS</b>	6	at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
<b>PUNTS</b>	8	at Indiana St. (09/06/2025)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	53.8	at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
<b>LONG PUNT</b>	65	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>PUNTS INSIDE 20</b>	3	at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
<b>LONG PUNT RETURN</b>	37	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)



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<b>RUSHES</b>	48	UT Martin (11/01/2025)
<b>YARDS RUSHING</b>	251	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
<b>YARDS PER RUSH</b>	7.2	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
<b>TD RUSHES</b>	3	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS</b>	42	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	27	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
<b>YARDS PASSING</b>	299	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>YARDS PER PASS</b>	9.3	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
<b>TD PASSES</b>	4	at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
<b>TOTAL PLAYS</b>	80	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	485	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>YARDS PER PLAY</b>	7.8	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
<b>POINTS</b>	42	at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
	42	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>SACKS BY</b>	8	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	26	UT Martin (11/01/2025)
<b>PENALTIES</b>	14	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
<b>PENALTY YARDS</b>	95	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
<b>TURNOVERS</b>	3	at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
	3	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
<b>PUNTS</b>	7	at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
	7	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
	7	Dayton (08/28/2025)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	49.8	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
<b>LONG PUNT</b>	59	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
<b>PUNTS INSIDE 20</b>	3	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>LONG PUNT RETURN</b>	26	at Indiana St. (09/06/2025)



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**Eastern III. - Game Lows**

<b>RUSHES</b>	20	UT Martin (11/01/2025)
<b>YARDS RUSHING</b>	35	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>YARDS PER RUSH</b>	1.3	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>TD RUSHES</b>	0	UT Martin (11/01/2025)
	0	at Charleston So. (10/25/2025)
	0	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS</b>	10	at Western III. (09/27/2025)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	4	at Western III. (09/27/2025)
<b>YARDS PASSING</b>	90	at Western III. (09/27/2025)
<b>YARDS PER PASS</b>	3.6	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
<b>TD PASSES</b>	0	at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
	0	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
	0	at Western III. (09/27/2025)
	0	at Indiana St. (09/06/2025)
	0	Dayton (08/28/2025)
<b>TOTAL PLAYS</b>	43	UT Martin (11/01/2025)
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	229	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
<b>YARDS PER PLAY</b>	3.2	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
<b>POINTS</b>	10	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
<b>SACKS BY</b>	0	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
	0	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	12	at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
<b>PENALTIES</b>	3	at Charleston So. (10/25/2025)
	3	at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
	3	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
<b>PENALTY YARDS</b>	15	at Charleston So. (10/25/2025)
<b>INTERCEPTIONS BY</b>	0	UT Martin (11/01/2025)
	0	at Charleston So. (10/25/2025)
	0	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
	0	at Western III. (09/27/2025)
	0	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
	0	at Indiana St. (09/06/2025)
	0	Dayton (08/28/2025)
<b>PUNTS</b>	2	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	35.3	at Western III. (09/27/2025)
<b>LONG PUNT</b>	44	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
<b>PUNTS INSIDE 20</b>	1	UT Martin (11/01/2025)
	1	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
	1	Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
	1	Dayton (08/28/2025)
<b>LONG PUNT RETURN</b>	0	UT Martin (11/01/2025)
	0	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)



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<b>RUSHES</b>	19	Dayton (08/28/2025)
<b>YARDS RUSHING</b>	30	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
<b>YARDS PER RUSH</b>	1.5	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
<b>TD RUSHES</b>	0 0 0	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025) at Western Ill. (09/27/2025) Dayton (08/28/2025)
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS</b>	22 22	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025) Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	14	Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
<b>YARDS PASSING</b>	172	UT Martin (11/01/2025)
<b>YARDS PER PASS</b>	4.8	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
<b>TD PASSES</b>	1 1 1	at Charleston So. (10/25/2025) Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025) Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
<b>TOTAL PLAYS</b>	42	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	235	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
<b>YARDS PER PLAY</b>	4.1	at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
<b>POINTS</b>	7	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
<b>SACKS BY</b>	1 1 1 1	UT Martin (11/01/2025) Tennessee St. (10/04/2025) at Western Ill. (09/27/2025) Dayton (08/28/2025)
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	9	Dayton (08/28/2025)
<b>PENALTIES</b>	2	Dayton (08/28/2025)
<b>PENALTY YARDS</b>	18	Dayton (08/28/2025)
<b>INTERCEPTIONS BY</b>	0 0 0 0	UT Martin (11/01/2025) at Charleston So. (10/25/2025) Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025) Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
<b>PUNTS</b>	1	UT Martin (11/01/2025)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	32.0	UT Martin (11/01/2025)
<b>LONG PUNT</b>	32	UT Martin (11/01/2025)
<b>PUNTS INSIDE 20</b>	0 0 0	UT Martin (11/01/2025) Tennessee St. (10/04/2025) at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
<b>LONG PUNT RETURN</b>	3	Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)



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**Eastern III. - Individual Game Highs**

<b>RUSHES</b>	30	Charles Kellom vs Dayton (08/28/2025)
<b>YARDS RUSHING</b>	193	Cole LaCrue vs Dayton (08/28/2025)
<b>TD RUSHES</b>	3	Cole LaCrue vs Dayton (08/28/2025)
<b>LONG RUSH</b>	59	Cole LaCrue at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS</b>	43	Connor Wolf vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	28	Connor Wolf vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>YARDS PASSING</b>	411	Connor Wolf vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>TD PASSES</b>	4	Connor Wolf vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>LONG PASS</b>	75	Connor Wolf vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>RECEPTIONS</b>	7	CJ Nelson vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>YARDS RECEIVING</b>	194	CJ Nelson vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>TD RECEPTIONS</b>	2	CJ Nelson vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>LONG RECEPTION</b>	75	CJ Nelson vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>PUNTS</b>	8	Mason Miller at Indiana St. (09/06/2025)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	53.8	Mason Miller at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
<b>LONG PUNT</b>	65	Mason Miller vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>PUNTS INSIDE 20</b>	3	Mason Miller at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
<b>LONG PUNT RETURN</b>	37	Cooper Willman at Western III. (09/27/2025)
<b>LONG KICKOFF RETURN</b>	30	Taylor Goodson at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
<b>TACKLES</b>	14	Tylan Foster vs UT Martin (11/01/2025)
	14	Ja'Wuan Nickson vs UT Martin (11/01/2025)
<b>SACKS</b>	1	Samuel Robles vs UT Martin (11/01/2025)
	1	Gerliaer Ervin at Charleston So. (10/25/2025)
	1	Samuel Robles at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
	1	Trevon Piggee vs Tennessee St. (10/04/2025)
	1	Trevon Piggee at Western III. (09/27/2025)
	1	Samuel Robles at Western III. (09/27/2025)
	1	Drake Van Hyfte at Indiana St. (09/06/2025)
	1	Drake Van Hyfte vs Dayton (08/28/2025)
	1	Alton Jefferson vs Dayton (08/28/2025)
	1	Samuel Robles vs Dayton (08/28/2025)
<b>TACKLES FOR LOSS</b>	3	Kaleb Lyons at Indiana St. (09/06/2025)



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<b>RUSHES</b>	23	Markell Holman at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
<b>YARDS RUSHING</b>	137	Carson Gresock vs Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
<b>TD RUSHES</b>	3	Wenkers Wright vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>LONG RUSH</b>	64	Carson Gresock vs Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS</b>	38	Zolten Osborne at Charleston So. (10/25/2025)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	26	Zolten Osborne at Charleston So. (10/25/2025)
<b>YARDS PASSING</b>	299	Tommy Rittenhouse vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>TD PASSES</b>	4	Johnny Weber at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
<b>LONG PASS</b>	67	Johnny Weber at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
	67	Bryce Schondelmyer vs Dayton (08/28/2025)
<b>RECEPTIONS</b>	10	Tristin Duncan at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
<b>YARDS RECEIVING</b>	165	Donnie Cheers at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
<b>TD RECEPTIONS</b>	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)
<b>LONG RECEPTION</b>	67	Donnie Cheers at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)
	67	Michael Mussari vs Dayton (08/28/2025)
<b>FIELD GOALS</b>	3	Antonio Chadha at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
<b>LONG FIELD GOALS</b>	49	Antonio Chadha at Western Ill. (09/27/2025)
<b>PUNTS</b>	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)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	49.8	Brady Braun vs Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
<b>LONG PUNT</b>	59	Brady Braun vs Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
<b>PUNTS INSIDE 20</b>	3	Hayden Futch vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>LONG PUNT RETURN</b>	26	Rashad Rochelle at Indiana St. (09/06/2025)
<b>LONG KICKOFF RETURN</b>	44	Dazalin Worsham vs UT Martin (11/01/2025)
<b>TACKLES</b>	14	Tye Niekamp vs Illinois St. (09/13/2025)
<b>SACKS</b>	2	Robert Holtz vs Gardner-Webb (10/11/2025)
<b>TACKLES FOR LOSS</b>	3.5	Malik McKinzie at Charleston So. (10/25/2025)
<b>INTERCEPTIONS</b>	2	Justus Johnson at Southeast Mo. St. (10/18/2025)



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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	0-1 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
11/01/2025	UT Martin	Lot1 20-27	4-8 50.0	0-1 0.0	1-1 100.0	1-2 50.0	2-3 66.7	0-0 0.0
<b>Eastern Ill.</b>			<b>44-121 36.4</b>	<b>13-35 37.1</b>	<b>4-25 16.0</b>	<b>14-31 45.2</b>	<b>13-29 44.8</b>	<b>0-1 0.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>			<b>53-121 43.8</b>	<b>15-28 53.6</b>	<b>13-36 36.1</b>	<b>9-28 32.1</b>	<b>14-27 51.9</b>	<b>2-2 100.0</b>

**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	0-1 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
11/01/2025	UT Martin	Lot1 20-27	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
<b>Eastern Ill.</b>			<b>6-15 40.0</b>	<b>2-4 50.0</b>	<b>0-1 0.0</b>	<b>2-6 33.3</b>	<b>2-3 66.7</b>	<b>0-1 0.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>			<b>4-14 28.6</b>	<b>0-1 0.0</b>	<b>3-8 37.5</b>	<b>0-2 0.0</b>	<b>1-3 33.3</b>	<b>0-0 0.0</b>

**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
11/01/2025	UT Martin	Lot1 20-27	20:45	01:36	07:59	06:14	04:56	00:00
<b>Eastern Ill.</b>			<b>Total 287:19</b>	<b>69:04</b>	<b>75:15</b>	<b>57:44</b>	<b>85:16</b>	<b>00:00</b>
			<b>Avg. 31:55</b>	<b>07:40</b>	<b>08:22</b>	<b>06:25</b>	<b>09:28</b>	<b>00:00</b>
<b>Opponents</b>			<b>Total 252:47</b>	<b>42:10</b>	<b>83:31</b>	<b>59:58</b>	<b>67:08</b>	<b>00:00</b>
			<b>Avg. 28:05</b>	<b>04:41</b>	<b>09:17</b>	<b>06:40</b>	<b>07:28</b>	<b>00:00</b>



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All games**

**Eastern Ill. Inside Opponent Red-Zone**

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ						
									FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game	
08/28/2025	Dayton	W 24-14	5	4	24	3	3	0	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
09/13/2025	Illinois St.	L 30-42	3	2	14	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
09/27/2025	at Western Ill.	W 31-23	2	2	10	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
10/04/2025	Tennessee St.	W 31-7	4	4	24	3	2	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
10/18/2025	at Southeast Mo. St.	L 13-42	3	1	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0
10/25/2025	at Charleston So.	L 16-17	5	3	9	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	0
11/01/2025	UT Martin	L 20-27	3	2	13	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals 21 of 28 (75.0%)</b>			<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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									FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game	
08/28/2025	Dayton	W 24-14	1	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	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
09/27/2025	Western Ill.	W 31-23	5	4	20	2	0	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
10/11/2025	Gardner-Webb	L 10-21	3	1	7	1	0	1	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	1	0	0	0
10/25/2025	Charleston So.	L 16-17	4	3	17	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
11/01/2025	UT Martin	L 20-27	5	4	20	2	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals 22 of 29 (75.9%)</b>			<b>29</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>



**2025-26 Eastern Ill. Football  
Team Game-by-Game Comparison  
All games**

Opponent	Score	First Downs				Rushing Number-Yards	Passing		Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn- Overs
		Total	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
UT Martin	20-27	17 / 26	4 / 14	11 / 11	2 / 1	20-54 / 48-225	19-23-0 / 22-29-0	240 / 172	43-294 / 77-397	18 / 107	0 / 0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>189-231</b>	<b>169 / 171</b>	<b>80 / 73</b>	<b>67 / 84</b>	<b>22 / 14</b>	<b>370-1364 / 295-1230</b>	<b>126-220-10 / 188-279-2</b>	<b>1593 / 2098</b>	<b>590-2957 / 574-3328</b>	<b>462 / 832</b>	<b>13 / 12</b>

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
UT Martin	4-8 / 10-16	0-1 / 0-2	20:45 / 39:15	-18:30	2.7 / 4.7	10.4 / 5.9	6.8 / 5.2	4-41.0 / 1-32.0	4-24.0 / 9-68.0	1 / 1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>44-121 / 53-121</b>	<b>6-15 / 4-14</b>	<b>287:19 / 252:47</b>	<b>34:32</b>	<b>3.7 / 4.2</b>	<b>7.2 / 7.5</b>	<b>5.0 / 5.8</b>	<b>41-45.9 / 40-42.4</b>	<b>45-359.0 / 58-526.0</b>	<b>10 / 26</b>

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