



## EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIV. FOOTBALL

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### ***EWU Has 13th-Straight Winning Season and is No. 1 in FCS in Offense***

#### ***In finishing 7-5 overall and 6-2 in the Big Sky, Eastern doesn't get playoff berth but still finishes unbeaten at home for a second-straight season***

It was a roller-coaster kind of year for the Eastern Washington University football team in 2019, but there was so much to be proud of.

Although denied what could have been a 14th berth in the NCAA Football Championship Playoffs, the Eagles still finished the season as the champions in FCS in total offense, averaging 524.8 yards per game. Eastern also closed with its 13th-straight winning season and went undefeated at home on the red turf at Roos Field for the second-straight year.

Eastern finished 7-5 overall and 6-2 in the Big Sky Conference to finish in a three-way tie for third with two other league schools who were selected among the top six seeds in the 24-team playoffs. Big Sky co-champions Weber State and Sacramento State earned the No. 3 and 4 seeds, respectively, after finishing 7-1 in the league, while fifth-seeded Montana State and No. 6 Montana joined EWU with 6-2 records in the Big Sky.

Eastern started the season 1-3 and lost its first four road games. However, the Eagles finished a perfect 5-0 at home to extend its school-record winning streak at Roos Field to 14 games. Eastern won its last two road contests to finish the 2019 season with a four-game winning streak and its 13th-straight winning campaign.

Eastern will likely finish the 2019 season with the best offense in FCS, finishing at 524.8 yards per game. Playoff automatic qualifier San Diego is second at 498.8 per game, and postseason games count in the rankings. Eastern also ended the regular season fourth in scoring (40.6), fourth in first downs (290), fifth in passing (317.1) and seventh in turnover margin (+0.92 per game). The Eagles also ranked 21st in rushing at 207.8 yards per game, and joined Prairie View as the only team in FCS to rank in the top 21 in total offense, rushing and passing.

Individually, senior running back **Antoine Custer Jr.** finished the season with the eighth-best rushing total in school history with 1,228 yards and scored 16 touchdowns to rank fourth. He finished his 47-game career with 3,045 yards to rank fourth and 39 touchdowns to rank second. He had the 18th performance in school history with at least 1,000 yards on the ground, and became just the fourth player to hit 3,000 yards in his career. Custer ended the season ranked 16th in FCS in rushing (102.3 per game), 10th in total rushing yards (1,228), sixth in passing TDs (31) and eighth in rushing touchdowns (16). In Big Sky games only, he led the league with 914 yards.

Junior quarterback **Eric Barriere** finished his junior season with 239 passes without an interception, setting the school's single season record for interceptions-to-attempts ratio. He had only four picks in 438 attempts, a miniscule average of .009 per attempt compared to the previous record of .010 set by Erik Meyer in 2005 (five interceptions in 410 attempts). His last interception came on his 14th attempt at Sacramento State on Oct. 5, 2019.

#### *2019 Eagle Football Season Wrap-Up*

### **Eastern Washington University "Eagles"**

**EWU Coach:** Aaron Best (Eastern Washington '01)

**School/Career Record:** 26-12/19-5 Big Sky (Three Seasons)

#### ***EWU RECORDS BROKEN***

##### *Game*

##### ***Most Yards Total Offense***

769 - versus Lindenwood 9/7/19 . . . previous record 743 versus Idaho State 11/2/13

##### *Season*

##### ***Fewest Interceptions per Attempt***

.009 - **Eric Barriere** (4 interceptions, 438 attempts) . . . previous record .010 by Erik Meyer in 2005 (5 int. in 410 att.)

##### ***Highest Field Goal Percentage (tied)***

12-of-12 - **Seth Harrison** . . . shares record with Roldan Alcobendas (16-of-16 in 2018) and Tyler McNannay (11-of-11 in 2014)

##### *Career*

##### ***Games Started (tied)***

52 - **Chris Schlichting** . . . shares record with Cooper Kupp (2013-16)

##### ***Most Blocked Kicks***

6 - **Dylan Ledbetter** 2016-19

#### ***2020 SCHEDULE***

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Series</i>
Sept. 5	at Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	First Meeting
Sept. 12	Western Illinois	Cheney, Wash.	First Meeting
Sept. 19	Northern Arizona	Cheney, Wash.	EWU 22-12
Sept. 26	at Southern Utah	Cedar City, Utah	EWU 7-3
Oct. 3	Montana	Cheney, Wash.	UM 28-17-1
Oct. 10	at Northern Colorado	Greeley, Colo.	EWU 13-1
Oct. 17	Idaho	Cheney, Wash.	UI 16-7
Oct. 24	Weber State	Cheney, Wash.	EWU 19-16
Oct. 31	at UC Davis	Davis, Calif.	EWU 8-0
Nov. 7	& Montana State	Cheney, Wash.	EWU 32-10
Nov. 14	Bye		
Nov. 21	at Portland State	Hillsboro, Ore.	EWU 21-20-1

\*Big Sky Conference Game. &Senior Day.

Barriere finished with the seventh-most passing yards in school history with 3,712, and his 31 touchdown passes is eighth. Including 558 rushing yards, his 4,270 yards of total offense were the third-most all-time at EWU. He'll enter his senior season with 6,300 passing yards (seventh) and 56 touchdowns (sixth), with 7,519 yards of total offense (sixth) and 73 TDs responsible for (sixth).

He closed the 2018 regular season second in total offense with an average of 355.8, ranking only behind E.J. Perry of Brown at 367.8. He was also third in passing (309.3) and fifth in points responsible for (20.2 per game).

Eastern leaned on an all-senior offensive line which finished with 181 starts and 233 games played between them. Senior offensive tackle **Chris Schlichting** started in each of EWU's 52 games in his four seasons for the Eagles, equaling the school record originally set by Cooper Kupp (now with the Los Angeles Rams) from 2013-16. **Spencer Blackburn** finished his career with a streak of 49 consecutive starts (51 total games); **Tristen Taylor** started all 40 games he played in his career; **Kaleb Levao** had 30 starts and 51 total games; and Will Gram had 10 starts and 39 games played.

Eastern's next game is scheduled for Sept. 5, 2020, at Florida. The Eagles open a six-game home schedule the following week versus Western Illinois on Sept. 12, and also host Northern Arizona (Sept. 19), Montana (Oct. 3), Idaho (Oct. 17), Weber State (Oct. 24) and Montana State (Nov. 7).

Eastern's honored 19 seniors in its season-ending 53-46 home win over Portland State, including several who are candidates to receive sixth years and return in 2020. One senior redshirted (**Tamarick Pierce**) and one (**Jusstis Warren**) elected not to take part in the pre-game introductions because of his intention to apply for a sixth year.

Together, those seniors helped Eastern go 38-14 overall (73.1 percent) and 27-5 (84.4 percent) in Big Sky Conference play in the last four seasons. After the PSU game, those 20 seniors (including Warren) combined for 791 games played and 364 total starts in their careers. One of them, defensive end **Darnell Hogan**, made the second start of his career versus the Vikings.

Eastern's particularly large group of 27 seniors honored a year ago was reduced to 25 when **Spencer Blackburn** and **Kaleb Levao** each received a sixth year to complete four years of eligibility at EWU.

Eastern has a current school-record 14-game winning streak at "The Inferno," finishing a perfect 5-0 at home and 2-5 on the road in 2019. By winning its last four games, Eastern still hasn't had a losing season since 2006 when the Eagles were 3-8.

A week after snapping a five-game losing streak on the road with a 48-5 triumph at Idaho State, Eastern won at Cal Poly on Nov. 16 by a 42-41 score to extend EWU's streak of 26-straight seasons with at least two wins away from Roos Field/. The ISU win on Nov. 9 extended EWU's current streak of seasons with at least one road win to 51.

After starting the 2019 season 2-4, Eastern dropped out of the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision rankings on Oct. 7 for only the second time since 2011. When Eastern beat Northern Colorado 54-21 on Oct. 12, it was the first time since 2011 EWU had been unranked entering a game. The Eagles had been ranked 46-straight times in the STATS poll, and 103 of the last 104 (EWU had a 57-week streak ended with the final poll of the 2015 season). In preseason rankings in 2019, EWU was ranked fourth by STATS and third by the American Football Coaches Association – both the highest of the season -- before falling to Washington.

## 2019 Big Sky Conference Standings

Team	Big Sky Conference					All Games				
	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
*Sacramento State	7	1	.875	282	178	9	3	.750	436	250
*Weber State	7	1	.875	277	186	9	3	.750	360	252
Montana	6	2	.750	289	210	9	3	.750	431	306
Montana State	6	2	.750	278	161	9	3	.750	405	258
<b>Eastern Washington</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.750</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>.583</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>415</b>
Portland State	3	5	.375	264	279	5	7	.417	416	360
UC Davis	3	5	.375	236	250	5	7	.417	344	352
Idaho	3	5	.375	209	248	5	7	.417	308	406
Northern Arizona	2	6	.250	286	347	4	8	.333	445	496
Cal Poly	2	6	.250	194	255	3	8	.273	277	375
Southern Utah	2	6	.250	206	280	3	9	.250	295	451
Idaho State	2	6	.250	216	319	3	9	.250	270	418
Northern Colorado	2	6	.250	200	295	2	10	.167	241	453
#North Dakota	5	3	.625	231	240	7	4	.636	313	318

\*Big Sky Conference Co-Champions (Weber State received automatic berth in FCS Playoffs). #Not eligible to win league's automatic berth in FCS Playoffs.

### BIG SKY IN FCS PLAYOFFS – Saturday, Dec. 7

Central Connecticut at Albany winner at #5 Seeded Montana State  
Furman at Austin Peay winner at #4 Seeded Sacramento State  
Kennesaw State at Wofford winner at #3 Seeded Weber State  
Villanova at Southeastern Louisiana winner at #6 Seeded Montana  
(North Dakota plays at Nicholls State in first round on Nov. 30)

## EAGLE FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

**Location/Founded:** Cheney, Wash./1882  
**Enrollment:** 12,328 (fall '19)  
**Switchboard:** 509.359.6200  
**President:** Dr. Mary Cullinan  
**Nickname/Colors:** Eagles/Red and White  
**Affiliation:** NCAA Championship Subdivision (FCS)  
**Conference:** Big Sky Conference  
**Stadium:** Roos Field (formerly Woodward Field)  
**Capacity/Surface:** 8,600/Sprinfur  
**Ath. Phone:** 509.359.2463  
**Athletic Director:** Lynn Hickey  
**Senior Woman Administrator:** Sarah Adams  
**Faculty Representative:** Laurie Morley  
**Head Athletic Trainer:** TBD  
**Facilities Manager:** Kerry Pease  
**Equipment Manager:** Augie Hernandez  
**Marketing/Promotions:** Kyle Hoob  
**Business Operations:** Chad Karthaus (Associate AD)  
**Ticket Manager:** Nicole Guerra  
**Tickets Website:** WWW.GOEAGS.COM/TICKETS  
**Ticket Office:** 509.359.4339  
**Head Football Coach:** Aaron Best  
**Alma Mater:** Eastern Washington '01  
**Record at Eastern (through 2019):** 26-12, Three Seasons  
**Career Record (through 2019):** 26-12, Three Seasons  
**Big Sky Record (through 2019):** 19-5, Three Seasons  
**Best Time to Contact:** Weekday Mornings

**At This Number:** 509.359.6541  
**2019 EWU Record:** 7-5  
**Big Sky Record:** 6-2 (tie-3rd)  
**Big Sky Titles:** 10 (92-97-04-05-10-12-13-14-16-18)  
**FCS Playoff Appearances:** 13 (85-92-97-04-05-07-09-10-12-13-14-16-18)  
**FCS Record & Championships:** 19-12 . . . 2010 National Champions; 2018 Runner-Up  
**All-Time Homecoming Record:** 57-33-3  
**All-Big Sky Conference Performers Returning in 2019:** 10  
**All-Big Sky Conference Performers Lost from 2018:** 16  
**Letter Winners Returning in 2019:** 48 (23 offense/24 defense/1 specialist)  
**Letter Winners Lost from 2018:** 25 (10 offense/13 defense/2 specialists)  
**Starters Returning in 2019:** 9 (5 offense/4 defense)  
**Starters Lost from 2018:** 13 (6 offense/7 defense/2 specialists)  
**Offensive Formation:** Multiple  
**Defensive Formation:** 4-2-5  
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## Season Notes

### Eagles Have Six-Game Home Schedule in 2020

Eastern's 2020 schedule is complete and has been announced, and will include Big Sky home games against the top three favorites of Eagle fans – Montana (Oct. 3), Idaho (Oct. 17) and Montana State (Nov. 7). The Eagles will also host Weber State (Oct. 24) in a league counter, and host Western Illinois (Sept. 12) and Northern Arizona (Sept. 19) in non-conference games.

The Big Sky Conference has already announced its league football schedules for the 2020 through 2023 seasons, and as a result the Eagles will play Idaho on a regular basis and Montana less regularly. All 13 Big Sky teams will continue to play eight conference games with four at home and four on the road. Each team will have two "rivals" it will play each season. Over the course of the four years, each Big Sky team will play each other a minimum of two times.

Montana, EWU's former rival prior to the return of Idaho, is now in the rotation with the other 10 league schools. Thus, EWU will host Montana just once in that four-year span (on Oct. 3, 2020), while going to UM on Oct. 8, 2022, and not playing the Griz in both 2021 and 2023. Thus, unless a non-conference game is scheduled, EWU will have played Montana at Roos Field just once in a seven-year span from 2017 to 2023.

On the positive side, Eastern's 2020 schedule is an anomaly, with the Eagles hosting Idaho, Montana and Montana State in the same year – the first time in EWU history that will have taken place. Eastern also hosts Montana State in 2023 and plays in Bozeman in 2021, but does not play the Bobcats in the 2022 season.

The complete schedule for 2020 is available at <http://goeags.com>.

### Eagles Continue Big Sky Success With Impressive Consistency

Consistency has been a cornerstone of EWU Football, and the Eagles have cemented a 16-year run of winning the league title and/or advancing to the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs at least every other year. Since 2004, Eastern has advanced to the playoffs and/or won the league title at least every other year, and hasn't had back-back-empty seasons since 2002 and 2003.

In 2018, Eastern secured its 10th Big Sky title and 13th appearance in the FCS Playoffs in what is now 36 years as a member of the FCS (formerly I-AA). Since 2010 when EWU won the NCAA Division I title, the Eagles have won league titles six times (2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018) and advanced to the playoffs all six of those seasons. From 2004 to 2009 Eastern advanced to the playoffs four times (2004, 2005, 2007, 2009), and won the league title twice (2004, 2005). Eastern has three other playoff berths in school history (1985, 1992, 1997) and two other titles (1992, 1997), and has only had two multi-year stretches in which they accomplished neither. Those were both six-year stretches from between 1986-1991 and 1998-2003.

The Eagles have been impressive – if not dominant – in the league in the last 13 years (2007-2019), winning 80 percent of their games (83-21) and six titles. In that span, Eastern has had no league finish below 5-3 and five of them have included 7-1 or 8-0 records.

### Winningest Current FCS Teams Since 2010 (after games played Nov. 23, 2019)

By percentage . . . 1. North Dakota State .911 (133-13); 2. Kennesaw State .770 (47-14); 3. San Diego .748 (86-29); 4. Harvard .740 (74-26); 5. **Eastern Washington .735 (97-35)**; 6. James Madison .732 (93-34); 7. Jacksonville State .7280 (91-34); 8. Sam Houston State .7279 (99-37); 9. Dartmouth .700 (70-30); 10. Bethune-Cookman .690 (78-35); 11. North Carolina A&T .678 (78-37); 12. Dayton .676 (75-36); 13. Central Arkansas .672 (80-39); 14. Wofford .656 (80-42); 15. South Dakota State .654 (83-44).

By victories . . . 1. North Dakota State 133; 2. Sam Houston State 99; 3. **Eastern Washington 97**; 4. James Madison 93; 5. Jacksonville State 91; 6. San Diego 86; 7. South Dakota State 83; 8. New Hampshire, Central Arkansas & Wofford 80; 11.

## 2019 RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Result	Series
Aug. 31	at Washington!	Seattle, Wash.	L, 14-47	UW 3-0
Sept. 7	Lindenwood~	Cheney, Wash.	W, 59-31	EWU 1-0
Sept. 14	at Jacksonville St.	Jacksonville, Ala.	L, 45-49	Tied 1-1
Sept. 21	at Idaho\$	Moscow, Idaho	L, 27-35	UI 16-7
Sept. 28	North Dakota*%~	Cheney, Wash.	W, 35-20	EWU 5-0
Oct. 5	at Sacramento St.*	Sacramento, Calif.	L, 27-48	EWU 19-5
Oct. 12	Northern Colorado*#\$	Cheney, Wash.	W, 54-21	EWU 13-1
Oct. 19	Bye			
Oct. 26	at Montana*\$	Missoula, Mont.	L, 17-34	UM 28-17-1
Nov. 2	Northern Arizona*~	Cheney, Wash.	W, 66-38	EWU 22-12
Nov. 9	at Idaho State*	Pocatello, Idaho	W, 48-5	EWU 29-9
Nov. 16	at Cal Poly*	San Luis Obispo, Calif.	W, 42-41	EWU 9-2
Nov. 23	Portland State*&~	Cheney, Wash.	W, 53-46	EWU 21-20-1

\*Big Sky Conference Game. %Eastern Athletics Hall of Fame Day. #Homecoming. &Senior Day. \$Televised by ROOT Sports. !Televised on Pac-12 Networks. ~Televised by SWX (6.2 in Spokane/Cheney/Coeur d'Alene/Sandpoint/Lewiston, 23.3 in Yakima and 25.3 in the Tri-Cities. The station is also available via Comcast 306/112 in Spokane; Davis Cable 37/310 in Cheney; Spectrum 1245 in Coeur d'Alene & Pullman/Moscow; Charter 183 in Tri-Cities/Yakima; Cable One 36 in Lewiston; Northland Cable 317 in Moses Lake; and Northland Cable 115 in Sandpoint). ^Televised by Eleven Sports.

Bethune-Cookman & North Carolina A&T 78; 13. Montana State & Illinois State 76; 15. Northern Iowa & Dayton 75; 17. Harvard 74; 18. Montana & McNeese State 73.

### Eagles Denied a Berth into NCAA FCS Playoffs

Unfortunately for the Eastern Washington University football team, a deep tradition in the postseason and overall in this decade didn't translate to a berth in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoff when bids were handed out on Nov. 24, 2019.

Eastern finished 7-5 overall and 6-2 in the Big Sky Conference to finish in a three-way tie for third with two other league schools who were selected among the top six seeds in the 24-team tourney. Big Sky co-champions Weber State and Sacramento State earned the No. 3 and 4 seeds, respectively, after finishing 7-1 in the league, while fifth-seeded Montana State and No. 6 Montana joined EWU with 6-2 records in the league. North Dakota, a team EWU defeated 35-20 on Sept. 28, received one of 14 at-large berths. Eastern was 0-2 versus other teams who made the bracket (losses to Sacramento State and Montana).

Nevertheless, Eastern can take solace in that it finished the regular season with the third-most wins in this decade (2010-19) with 97 victories, and its winning percentage of .735 (97-35) is fifth-best among 124 schools currently in FCS. Moreover, the Eagles still rank 12th overall in FCS playoff berths with 13, and currently have the ninth-most victories (19) and the seventh-best percentage (.612, 19-12). Eastern has 10 playoff berths in a 16-year span (2004-19), ranking the Eagles as one of only six schools among 124 in FCS to accomplish that feat.

### Seniors Combined for 38 Victories and a 27-5 Big Sky Record in the Last Four Seasons

Eastern had yet another special group of seniors, and for the second-straight year, honored at least 19 in EWU's season finale versus Portland State on Nov. 23. Eastern had 21 seniors on its 2019 roster, including several who are candidates to receive sixth years and return in 2020, plus running back **Tamarick Pierce**, who played in just four games and received an automatic redshirt. Those other 20 seniors helped Eastern go 38-14 overall (73.1 percent) and 27-5 (84.4 percent) in Big Sky Conference play in the last four seasons. Eastern's particularly large group of 27 seniors honored a year ago was reduced to 25 when **Spencer Blackburn** and **Kaleb Levao** each received a sixth year to complete four years of eligibility at EWU.

Below is a list of EWU's 20 seniors (all were honored versus PSU except for **Jusstis Warren**, who skipped the ceremony with the expectation of getting a sixth year for



2020). They have combined for 791 games played and 364 total starts in their careers.

32 - <b>Bradley Alexander</b> - CB - Las Vegas, Nevada / Canyon Springs '19 & Grambling St.	18/0
28 - <b>Antoine Custer Jr.</b> - RB - Berkeley, Calif. / De La Salle '16	47/32
41 - <b>Trevor Davis Jr.</b> - LB - Tumwater, Wash. / Tumwater HS '15	27/6
10 - <b>Dre' Sonte Dorton</b> - WR - Pasco, Wash. / Chiawana HS '15	34/6
69 - <b>Will Gram</b> - OL - Troy, Idaho / Troy HS '15	39/10
23 - <b>Dehonta Hayes</b> - DB - Tacoma, Wash. / Lincoln HS '15	38/21
96 - <b>Darnell Hogan</b> - DL - Seattle, Wash. / Cleveland HS '15	37/2
36 - <b>Andrew Katzenberger</b> - LB - Lynnwood, Wash. / Lynnwood HS '15	45/5
66 - <b>Kaleb Levao</b> - OL - Aberdeen, Wash. / Aberdeen HS '14	51/30
6 - <b>Dennis Merritt</b> - RB - Leavenworth, Wash. / Cascade HS '15	30/1
22 - <b>Tysen Prunty</b> - DB - Beaverton, Ore. / Tigard HS '15	42/12
64 - <b>Chris Schlichting</b> - OL - North Bend, Wash. / Mount Si HS '15	52/52
65 - <b>Tristen Taylor</b> - OL - Stockton, Calif. / Stagg HS '15	40/40
49 - <b>Jim Townsend</b> - DL - Okanogan, Wash. / Okanogan HS '15	51/21
56 - <b>Jusstis Warren</b> - LB/DL - Tacoma, Wash. / Lincoln HS '15 & University of Washington	1/0
2 - <b>Jayson Williams</b> - WR - Tacoma, Wash. / Lincoln HS '15	48/12

#### Senior Co-Captains . . .

89 - <b>Jayce Gilder</b> - TE - Corvallis, Mont. / Corvallis HS '15	52/17
4 - <b>Dylan Ledbetter</b> - DL - West Seattle, Wash. / O'Dea HS '15	52/33
8 - <b>Jack Sendelbach</b> - LB - Seattle, Wash. / Blanchet HS '15	36/15
75 - <b>Spencer Blackburn</b> - OL - Bellingham, Wash. / Meridian HS '14	51/49

#### Eagles Now 57-10 on the Red Turf with Record 14-Game Winning Streak

Having won all five of its regular season home games in 2019 and all eight in 2018, Eastern will enter the 2020 season with a school-record 14-straight wins at Roos Field in the 2019 season. Eastern is now 57-10 (85.1 percent) overall at "The Inferno" since 2010. The stadium has been known as Roos Field since 2010 when a new red synthetic Sprinturf surface made its debut. Eastern's last home loss came on Nov. 4, 2017, versus Weber State.

At its current site, the previous school record was 11 consecutive home wins set between 9/16/78 and 9/27/80 (between losses was from 11/19/77 to 11/1/80). Overall, the school record is 21 set from 1935-40. Eastern had a nine-game winning streak snapped in a 36-21 loss to Montana State on Sept. 24, 2011. The Eagles also had a nine-game winning streak at that venue snapped against Sacramento State on Oct. 21, 2000, when the Hornets made a 23-yard field goal with no time remaining.

Eastern has lost just six regular season games at "The Inferno" -- 44-6 (88.0 percent), plus are 13-4 (76.5 percent) in playoff games. The only regular season losses at home for EWU since 2010 are to conference foes Montana State (2011), Portland State (2011 and 2015), Northern Arizona (2015) and Weber State (2017), as well as North Dakota State (2017).

Eastern finished a perfect 8-0 in its debut season at "The Inferno," including three playoff victories. Eastern has won 85.1 percent of its games since the red turf was installed in 2010 -- including a 4-0 record versus rival Montana.

The North Dakota State game on Sept. 9, 2017, was the 50th at Roos Field since the red turf surface was installed in 2010. In 2016, Eastern finished 7-1 in the 50th season of football at EWU's current stadium location, which opened in 1967. Eastern has a 170-65 record (72.3 percent) in 235 games at Roos Field (formerly Woodward Field) since 1967, with the Eagles utilizing Joe Albi Stadium in Spokane as the school's main home field from 1983-89.

#### Eagles Averaged 609 Yards and Outscored Opponents 267-156 at Roos Field

If only every game could be played at "The Inferno." Eastern averaged 609.6 yards of offense and 53.4 points per game in five games at Roos Field in the 2019 season, while defensively allowing 430.4 yards and 31.2 points. Eastern was quite impressive in the first half, out-scoring opponents 167-65 with advantages of 79-28 in the first quarter and 88-37 in the second period. On Oct. 12 versus Northern Colorado, EWU led 40-0 at intermission.

Quarterback **Eric Barriere**, who is a perfect 11-0 in his career as a starter at Roos Field, completed 62.6 percent of his passes and had an efficiency rating of 176.32 in those four games. He passed for 1,687 yards and had 16 touchdown passes with no interceptions. He has also rushed for an additional 234 yards and four scores for an average of 384.2 yards of total offense, while running back **Antoine Custer Jr.** totaled 606 yards on the ground with nine scores.

Defensively, **Dehonta Hayes** had 45 tackles and an interception at home in 2019, and fellow safety **Calin Criner** had 31 with a pair of picks. Linebacker **Jack Sendelbach** added 38 tackles and a pair of sacks. Eastern had 11 sacks at home, compared to just seven in seven road contests. The Eagles also had an 14-3 advantage in

## TEAM RANKINGS

### 2019 Polls

**STATS (Final Regular Season):** 1. North Dakota State; 3. Sacramento State; 4. Weber State; 5. Montana State; 7. Montana; 24. North Dakota.

**American Football Coaches Association (Final Regular Season):** 1. North Dakota State; 3. Sacramento State; 4. Weber State; 5. Montana State; 8. Montana.

### EWU in the 2019 STATS Top 25 Poll

**Final Regular Season:** NR (#1 NDSU, #3 Sac, #4 WSU, #5 MSU, #7 UM, #24 UND). **Nov. 18:** NR (#1 NDSU, #3 UM, #4 Sac, #6 WSU, #8 MSU). **Oct. 28:** NR (#1 NDSU, #3 WSU, #6 Sac, #8 UM, #14 MSU, #22 JSU, #24 UND). **Nov. 11:** NR (#1 NDSU, #3 WSU, #5 UM, #6 Sac, #10 MSU). **Oct. 28:** NR (#1 NDSU, #3 WSU, #6 Sac, #8 UM, #14 MSU, #22 JSU, #24 UND). **Nov. 4:** NR (#1 NDSU, #3 WSU, #6 UM, #8 Sac, #12 MSU, #22 UND). **Oct. 28:** NR (#1 NDSU, #3 WSU, #6 Sac, #8 UM, #14 MSU, #22 JSU, #24 UND). **Oct. 21:** NR (#1 NDSU, #4 WSU, #7 Sac, #9 MSU, #10 UM, #22 UCD, #25 JSU). **Oct. 14:** NR (#1 NDSU, #4 WSU, #5 UM, #12 MSU, #15 Sac, #16 JSU, #23 UCD). **Oct. 7:** NR (#1 NDSU, #4 WSU, #6 MSU, #8 UM, #17 JSU, #24 UCD, snapped EWU's streak of 46 straight times being ranked, and 103 of the last 104 since 2011). **Sept. 30:** 22nd (#1 NDSU, #4 WSU, #6 MSU, #8 UM, #12 UCD, #21 JSU). **Sept. 23:** 21st (#1 NDSU, #4 UCD, #5 WSU, #7 MSU, #11 JSU, #18 UM). **Sept. 16:** 11th (#1 NDSU, #4 UCD, #6 WSU, #8 MSU, #10 JSU, #19 UM). **Sept. 9:** 4th (#1 NDSU, #5 UCD, #6 WSU, #10 MSU, #17 JSU, #20 UM). **Sept. 2:** 4th (#1 NDSU, #5 UCD, #7 WSU, #13 MSU, #18 JSU, #22 UM). **Preseason:** 4th (#1 NDSU, #5 UCD, #6 JSU, #8 WSU, #14 MSU, #25 UM).

### 2019 Preseason Polls

**STATS:** 1. North Dakota State; 2. James Madison; 3. South Dakota State; 4. Eastern Washington; 5. UC Davis; 6. Jacksonville State; 7. Maine; 8. Weber State; 12. Nicholls; 14. Montana State; 25. Montana.

**AFC:** 1. North Dakota State; 2. James Madison; 3. Eastern Washington; 4. South Dakota State; 5. UC Davis; 6. Jacksonville State; 7. Maine; 9. Weber State; 11. Nicholls; 15. Montana State.

**Hero Sports:** 1. James Madison; 2. North Dakota State; 3. UC Davis; 4. Maine; 5. South Dakota State; 6. Jacksonville State; 7. Eastern Washington; 11. Weber State; 13. Nicholls; 14. Montana.

**College Sports Madness:** 1. TBA; 2. TBA; 3. TBA; 4. Jacksonville State; 5. Weber State; 6. UC Davis; 12. Montana; 17. Maine; 18. Montana State.

**Athlon Sports:** 1. North Dakota State; 2. James Madison; 3. South Dakota State; 4. Eastern Washington; 5. UC Davis; 6. Maine; 7. Jacksonville State; 8. Montana State; 9. Weber State; 13. Nicholls; 23. Montana.

### 2019 Big Sky Preseason Polls

**Coaches' Poll:** 1. Eastern Washington - 140 (10 first-place votes); 2. UC Davis - 127; 3. Weber State - 124 (2); 4. Montana - 104 (1); 5. Montana State - 100; 6. Northern Arizona - 88; 7. Idaho State - 72; 8. Idaho - 65; 9. Cal Poly - 56; 10. Portland State - 42; 11. Sacramento State - 40; 12. Southern Utah - 38; 13. Northern Colorado - 19.

**Media Poll:** 1. Eastern Washington - 536 (25 first-place votes); 2. UC Davis - 510 (13); 3. Weber State - 472 (4); 4. Montana State - 417; 5. Montana - 396 (1); 6. Northern Arizona - 302; 7. Idaho State - 285; 8. Idaho - 248; 9. Cal Poly - 196; 10. Portland State - 178; 11. Southern Utah - 160; 12. Sacramento State - 125; 13. Northern Colorado - 90.

### 2018 Polls

**STATS (Final):** 1. North Dakota State; 2. Eastern Washington; 3. South Dakota State; 4. Maine; 5. Kennesaw State; 6. Weber State; 7. UC Davis; 10. Jacksonville State; 14. Nicholls; 17. Montana State.

**American Football Coaches Association (Final):** 1. North Dakota State; 2. Eastern Washington; 3. South Dakota State; 4. Kennesaw State; 5. Maine; 6. Weber State; 8. UC Davis; 13. Jacksonville State; 14. Nicholls; 17. Montana State.

### EWU in the 2018 STATS Top 25 Poll

**Jan. 7 (final):** 2nd (#1 North Dakota State; #4 Maine, #6 Weber State; #7 UC Davis, #10 Jacksonville State, #14 Nicholls, #17 Montana State). **Nov. 19 (final regular season):** 4th (#1 North Dakota State; #3 Weber State; #7 UC Davis, #23 Montana State). **Nov. 12:** 4th (#1 NDSU; #3 WSU; #7 UCD, #25 MSU). **Nov. 5:** 5th (#1 NDSU; #3 WSU; #4 UCD, #25 Idaho State). **Oct. 29:** 5th (#1 NDSU; #4 WSU; #6 UCD). **Oct. 22:** 5th (#1 NDSU; #4 WSU; #6 UCD, #22 North Dakota). **Oct. 15:** 9th (#1 NDSU; #7 WSU; #10 UCD). **Oct. 8:** 4th (#1 NDSU; #13 WSU; #14 UCD; #22 Montana). **Oct. 1:** 5th (#1 NDSU; #6 WSU; #14 UM; #16 UCD). **Sept. 24:** 5th (#1 NDSU; #6 WSU; #17 UM; #19 UCD, #26 Montana State). **Sept. 17:** 6th (#1 NDSU; #7 WSU; #19 UM; #21 UCD; #22 UND). **Sept. 10:** 6th (#1 NDSU; #11 WSU; #15 UM; #20 Northern Arizona; #23 UCD). **Sept. 3:** 6th (#1 NDSU; #10 WSU; #14 UM; #18 NAU). **Preseason:** 9th (#1 NDSU; #8 WSU; #24 UM).

turnovers forced on the red turf, but away from home had 10 turnovers while forcing eight.

### Eastern Leads FCS in Total Offense for Third Time

Eastern will likely finish the 2019 season with the best offense in FCS, finishing at 524.8 yards per game. Playoff automatic qualifier San Diego is second at 498.8 per game, and postseason games count in the rankings. Eastern ended the regular season fourth in scoring (40.6), fourth in first downs (290), fifth in passing (317.1) and seventh in turnover margin (+0.92 per game). The Eagles also ranked 21st in rushing at 207.8 yards per game, and joined Prairie View as the only team in FCS to rank in the top 21 in total offense, rushing and passing.

In EWU's last 16 seasons (2004-2019), EWU has ranked in the top 10 in passing 13 times, total offense on 12 occasions and scoring seven times. In school history, EWU has won a trio of FCS titles for total offense (2019, 2001, 1997), as well as three passing offense titles (2016, 2015, 2011) and two for scoring offense (2014, 2001).

Junior quarterback **Eric Barriere** was second in total offense with an average of 355.8 yards per game (E.J. Perry of Brown is at 367.8). Barriere was third in passing (309.3, with Northern Arizona's Case Cookus at 342.8) and was sixth with 31 touchdown passes and fifth in points responsible for (20.2 per game with 31 TDs passing, eight rushing and a two-point conversion).

Senior running back **Antoine Custer Jr.** finished 16th in rushing (102.3), 10th in total rushing yards (1,228) and eighth in rushing touchdowns (16). Custer finished the year with six 100-yard performances – including his last four games.

On a balanced receiving corp, junior **Talolo Limu-Jones** was 58th with seven touchdown catches and his average of 24.04 per catch (second in school history behind the record of 25.8) is currently second behind the 25.18 average of Isaiah Weston of Northern Iowa, which is also participating in the playoffs. Jones, interestingly, has 42 career catches for 841 yards and 11 touchdowns – an average of 20.0 per reception in his career (currently second in school history behind the record of 22.8) and a TD every 3.8 catches.

In addition, **Andrew Boston** was 79th in receptions per game (4.5 with a total of 50) and 75th in receiving yards per game (66.4 with a total of 730). **Dehonta Hayes** was 19th in tackles (9.6 per game; 115 total). Redshirt freshman **Seth Harrison** will end the season first in field goal percentage, with a perfect 12-of-12 performance. He was the only kicker in FCS with at least one field goal attempt per game to make all of his field goals in 2019. He was 31st in field goals with an average of 1.09 per game).

Eastern had 2,450 yards of offense in the last four games of the season (612.5 per game) to take over the lead and maintain it. Eastern closed the year with 559 yards against Portland State on Nov. 23 and 496 at Cal Poly on Nov. 16. But the Eagles had 706 versus Northern Arizona on Nov. 2 to rank fifth in school history, and 689 at Idaho State on Nov. 9 to rank seventh all-time. Eastern has also had a school-record 769 in 2019 versus Lindenwood, and 637 against Northern Colorado on Oct. 12 to rank as the 19th most in EWU history.

In some of the more key categories, EWU finished 32nd in third down conversions (42.4 percent) and 15th in red zone scoring (89.1 percent). Defensively, Eastern was 73rd in third down conversions (40.5 percent) and 66th in red zone scoring (81.8 percent). They were also 84th in rushing defense (179.1), 110th in passing defense (266.3), 104th in total defense (445.4) and 97th in scoring defense (34.6) among 124 FCS schools. In addition, Eastern was seventh in turnover margin (plus 0.92 per game), with 24 takeaways (15th) and 13 giveaways (17th).

### Eagles Continue Excellence in November and Beyond

November has long been a successful month for Eastern, and they continued that in 2019 with a 4-0 record. Since 2004, EWU has lost just seven regular season games in November (Weber State in 2017; NAU, Portland State and Montana in 2015; Sac State and Weber State in 2006; and Cal Poly in 2005), with an overall record of 39-7 and a current

# HONORS

## 2019 Honors

- **#3 - Eric Barriere – Quarterback - 6-0 - 200 - Jr. - 3L\* - Inglewood, Calif. (La Habra HS '16)**
- Finalist for Walter Payton Award Given to Top Player in FCS (STATS)
- Third Team All-Big Sky (League Head Coaches)
- Hon. Mention FCS National Offensive Player of the Week (STATS - 467 total offense, 3 TD/406 passing, 23-of-38, 3 TD & 61 rushing - Idaho State - 11/9/19)
- Big Sky Conference Offensive Player of the Week (League - 467 total offense, 3 TD/406 passing, 23-of-38, 3 TD & 61 rushing - Idaho State - 11/9/19)
- Hon. Mention FCS National Offensive Player of the Week (STATS - 468 total offense, 4 TD/367 passing, 30-of-46, 3 TD & 101 rushing, 1 TD - Northern Arizona - 11/2/19)
- Hon. Mention FCS National Performer of the Week (CFPA - 468 total offense, 4 TD/367 passing, 30-of-46, 3 TD & 101 rushing, 1 TD - Northern Arizona - 11/2/19)
- Big Sky Conference Offensive Player of the Week (League - 468 total offense, 4 TD/367 passing, 30-of-46, 3 TD & 101 rushing, 1 TD - Northern Arizona - 11/2/19)
- Hon. Mention FCS National Offensive Player of the Week (STATS - 556 total offense, 6 TD/522 passing, 32-of-46, 5 TD - Lindenwood - 9/7/19)
- Big Sky Conference Off. Player of the Week (College Sports Madness - Lindenwood - 9/7/19)
- **#75 - Spencer Blackburn – Center - 6-2 - 290 - Sr. - 4L\* - Bellingham, Wash. (Meridian HS '14)**
- First Team All-Big Sky (League Head Coaches)
- National Football Foundation National Scholar-Athlete Class (one of 12 finalists nationally for the 2019 William V. Campbell Trophy to be presented on Dec. 10 in New York City).
- CoSIDA Academic All-District 8 (3.69/Professional Accounting & Economics)
- **#64 - Chris Schlichting - Off. Tackle - 6-5 - 295 - Sr. - 4L\* - North Bend, Wash. (Mount Si HS '15)**
- First Team All-Big Sky (League Head Coaches)
- **#28 - Antoine Custer Jr. - Run. Back - 5-9 - 190 - Sr. - 4L - Berkeley, Calif. (De La Salle '16)**
- Second Team All-Big Sky (League Head Coaches)
- **#65 - Tristen Taylor - Off. Tackle - 6-6 - 325 - Sr. - 3L\* - Stockton, Calif. (Stagg HS '15)**
- Second Team All-Big Sky (League Head Coaches)
- **#9 - Andrew Boston - Wide Rec. - 6-3 - 185 - So. - 2L\* - Puyallup, Wash. (Emerald Ridge HS '17)**
- Third Team All-Big Sky (League Head Coaches)
- **#66 - Kaleb Levao - Off. Guard - 6-4 - 310 - Sr. - 4L\* - Aberdeen, Wash. (Aberdeen HS '14)**
- Third Team All-Big Sky (League Head Coaches)
- **#89 - Jayce Gilder - Tight End - 6-4 - 245 - Sr. - 4L\* - Corvallis, Mont. (Corvallis HS '15)**
- Third Team All-Big Sky (League Head Coaches)
- **#49 - Jim Townsend - Def. End - 6-4 - 265 - Sr. - 4L\* - Okanogan, Wash. (Okanogan HS '15)**
- Third Team All-Big Sky (League Head Coaches)
- **#23 - Dehonta Hayes - Safety - 5-11 - 195 - Sr. - 3L\* - Tacoma, Wash. (Lincoln HS '15)**
- Third Team All-Big Sky (League Head Coaches)
- CoSIDA Academic All-District 8 (3.80/Communications Studies)
- **#2 - Jayson Williams - Wide Rec. - 6-1 - 205 - Sr. - 4L\* - Tacoma, Wash. (Lincoln HS '15)**
- Honorable Mention All-Big Sky (League Head Coaches)
- **#83 - Seth Harrison - Kicker - 5-10 - 180 - Fr. - 1L\* - Couer d'Alene, Id. (Coeur d'Alene HS '18)**
- Honorable Mention All-Big Sky (League Head Coaches)
- Big Sky Conference Special Teams Player of the Week (League - 12 Points/9-of-9 extra points, 27-yard field goal, 10 kickoffs for 50.8 average with one touchback - Northern Arizona - 1/2/19)





Thus, EWU is 55-0 since 2010 when they've won the turnover battle, 21-9 when they've been tied and 21-26 when they've lost. That's a collective record of 97-35 (73.5 percent), with 26 of those 35 losses (74 percent) coming in games EWU has lost the turnover battle and 57 percent of EWU's wins coming when they've won the turnover battle (78 percent when including ties).

Eastern finished the 2019 season seventh in turnover margin (plus 0.92 per game), with 24 takeaways (15th) and 13 giveaways (17th). Neither team had a turnover in the first game of the season between EWU and Washington, then EWU lost the battle versus Lindenwood 2-1 and tied Jacksonville State 2-2. Eastern lost by another 2-1 margin at Idaho, but swung the tide by winning 6-0 versus North Dakota. Eastern was tied 2-2 versus Sacramento State, won 2-1 versus Northern Colorado, tied 1-1 against Montana and won 2-0 against Northern Arizona. In a game in which EWU had to settle for field goals three times in the red zone and converted 43 percent on third down, Eastern's 3-0 turnover advantage led to a 48-5 win against Idaho State on Nov. 9. Eastern lost the turnover battle at Cal Poly 3-1 on Nov. 16, but won the game 42-41. Eastern was 3-0 in turnovers in a season-ending 53-46 win over Portland State on Nov. 23. In 2019, Eastern was 5-0 when it has won the turnover battle, 2-2 when it has more turnovers and 0-3 when tied.

"We are unbeaten since 2010 when we've won the turnover battle, so when you don't give the ball up you have a chance," said Eastern head coach **Aaron Best** after the ISU win. "We've done a good job of that all season. That helps when you have struggles in the red zone like we did in the first half against Idaho State, and when your third down efficiency dips a little bit. Being heavy on the plus side of turnovers allows you to overcome some of those deficiencies."

In the final 12 games of the 2018 season, Eastern had a plus-16 turnover advantage (32 takeaways and 16 giveaways), but in the first three the Eagles were a negative six (two takeaways and eight giveaways). For the season, Eastern was second in turnovers gained with 34, was third with 22 interceptions and ranked 16th overall in turnover margin (34 takeaways, 24 giveaways, +0.67 per game).

In 2018, Eastern was 9-0 it when it won the turnover battle, 1-3 when it had more turnovers and 2-0 when tied. In 2017, EWU was 3-0 when it won the turnover battle, 3-3 when it lost and 1-1 when it was tied. Eastern finished the 2017 season at minus 10 turnovers for the season, ranking EWU 105th out of 123 FCS schools in turnover margin (-0.91 per game), 90th in turnovers lost (23) and 105th in turnovers gained (13).

## 2019 Honors

### Blackburn One of 12 Finalists for Prestigious NFF Campbell Trophy

**Spencer Blackburn**, a sixth-year senior center for the Eastern Washington University football team, has been selected to the 2019 National Football Foundation (NFF) National Scholar-Athlete Class and is one of 12 finalists nationally for the 2019 William V. Campbell Trophy® Presented by Mazda, the NFF & College Hall of Fame announced Oct. 30. The Campbell Trophy annually recognizes an individual as the absolute best football scholar-athlete in the nation for his combined academic success, football performance and exemplary leadership. The winner of the award will be announced on Dec. 10.

"It's a huge honor, and it's a testament to not just being a player on the field but being a student in the classroom as well," said Blackburn, who also recently became a repeat selection on the CoSIDA Academic All-District 8 Football Team. "I wouldn't be able to earn an honor like this if it wasn't for the coaching staff and the people around me. It's cliché to say that, but it's a group which actually truly says school comes first."

"He hits the books harder than football, and he hits football pretty hard," said Eastern head coach **Aaron Best**. "It's more than football in our program here at Eastern, and he's the epitome of that."

Blackburn and the other 11 finalists will each receive an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship as a member of the 2019 NFF National Scholar-Athlete Class, presented by Fidelity Investments. They will travel to New York City for the 62nd NFF Annual Awards Dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 10, where their accomplishments will be highlighted in front of one of the most powerful audiences in all of sports.

At the event, one member of the class will be declared the winner of the 30th William V. Campbell Trophy® Presented by Mazda and have his postgraduate

## EWU PLAYOFF HISTORY

- Eastern made a 13th appearance in the playoffs in 2018, becoming just the 12th team in FCS to have 13 or more appearances (still ranked 12th following 2019 selections). The other appearances for the Eagles came in 1985, 1992, 1997, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2016. With a 6-5 record during an injury-ravaged season in 2011, Eastern fell a victory shy of making its first back-to-back-to-back appearances, but accomplished that feat in 2012-13-14. The Eagles were also 6-5 in 2015 and missed the postseason, and 7-4 in 2017 when they were also passed over. Eastern was also 7-5 in 2019 and did not receive a bid.
- The 2018 season was Aaron Best's first playoff appearance as head coach, but 10th overall. He was a player in 1997, then coached in 2004, 2005, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016 and now 2018). He has now been a part of 26 playoff games (17-9), with 23 as a coach (15-8) and three as a player (2-1). He has been involved in 21 of those games at home (15-6), just three on the road (1-2) and was offensive coordinator and offensive line coach in 2010 when the Eagles won the NCAA Division I title with a 20-19 victory over Delaware on a neutral field in Frisco, Texas. He returned to Frisco as head coach in 2018, with the Eagles falling 38-24 to North Dakota State.
- Eastern still has 10 playoff berths in a 16-year span (2004-19), ranking the Eagles as one of only six schools among 124 in FCS to accomplish that feat. Montana (2004-05-06-07-08-09- 11-13-14-15-19) now has 11 appearances in that stretch, as does James Madison has 11 (2004-06-07-08-11-14-15-16-17-18-19). Northern Iowa (2005-07-08-10-11-14-15-17-18-19) and North Dakota State (2010-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19) each have 10. New Hampshire (2004-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17) made the playoffs for the 14th-straight time in 2017 but has not qualified the last two seasons.
- The Eagles have a 19-12 record in their 13 playoff appearances, ranking ninth all-time for wins, seventh for percentage (.612, 19-12) and 12th for appearances entering the first round in 2019. Eastern has a 15-6 record at home, 3-5 on the road and 1-1 in the championship game on a neutral field. Eastern has advanced to the semifinals in the FCS Playoffs six times (1997, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2018) and is 2-4 in those games. The Eagles have won their opener 10 times (1985, 1997, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018) and are 6-4 in the quarterfinals. The Eagles won the title in 2010 in its first appearance in the championship game. The Eagles have received first-round byes in 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2018 (the playoffs were expanded to 20 teams in 2010 and to 24 teams in 2013).
- 2018 – (No. 3 seed, ranked #4)
  - #1/No. 1 seed **North Dakota State** – L, 24-38 (Championship/Frisco, Texas)
  - #14/No. 7 seed **Maine** – W, 50-19 (Semifinals/Cheney)
  - #7/No. 6 seed **UC Davis** – W, 34-29 (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
  - #14 **Nicholls** – W, 42-21 (Second Round/Cheney)
- 2016 – (No. 2 seed, ranked #3)
  - #13 **Youngstown State** – L, 38-40 (Semifinals/Cheney)
  - #12 **Richmond** – W, 38-0 (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
  - #14 **Central Arkansas** – W, 31-14 (Second Round/Cheney)
- 2014 – (No. 4 seed, ranked #4)
  - #7/No. 5 seed **Illinois State** – L, 46-59 (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
  - #12 **Montana** – W, 37-20 (Second Round/Cheney)
- 2013 – (No. 3 seed, ranked #3)
  - #5 **Towson** – L, 31-35 (Semifinals/Cheney)
  - #20 **Jacksonville State** – W, 35-24 (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
  - #13 **South Dakota State** – W, 41-17 (Second Round/Cheney)

scholarship increased to \$25,000. The event will take place at the New York Hilton Midtown and will be streamed live on ESPN3 starting at 5:30 p.m. Pacific time and can be watched [via this link](#).

"This is a great honor and will be a great experience for Spencer," added EWU Associate Vice President and Director of Athletics **Lynn Hickey**. "Spencer is the epitome of what Eastern has built with its football program. He is an outstanding young man who excels both academically and athletically. He will represent this award very well and we congratulate Spencer on this award."

Blackburn is a 2014 graduate of Meridian High School in Bellingham, Wash., ended his career with a streak of 49 consecutive starts (51 total games played) since taking over the center position in the fourth game of the 2016 season. He was a first-team All-Big Sky selection in 2019 after earning second-team honors in each of the previous three seasons. He earned NCAA Football Championship Subdivision All-America honors a year ago.

He has completed his economics major, but won't graduate until he finishes his second major in accounting this fall. In addition, Blackburn was a team co-captain in both 2019 and 2018, and both years was also named to the Academic All-District 8 Football Team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). He has also earned three Big Sky All-Academic honors, and has a 3.69 grade point average. He was the 2017 recipient of the Larry Hattemer Offensive Lineman Scholarship.

"He's a great friend to others, he's a great student and he's a great athlete, and when you put those things together great things happen," added Best. "For him to be in that group of 12 is prestigious and we're proud to be a part of such an honor. It speaks volumes to what he's done off the field, and he brings that to the field as well."

Last summer, Blackburn was one of just 28 players nationally to be honored on the Athlon 2019 Preseason NCAA Football Championship Subdivision All-America Team. It was one of four preseason All-America honors Blackburn earned in the summer, as he also earned second team preseason All-America honors from STATS, Hero Sports and Phil Steele.

Blackburn is a sixth-year senior in 2019 after he received approval from the Big Sky Conference and the NCAA for their hardship waiver requests to receive a sixth year to complete four years of eligibility. He redshirted in 2014, but couldn't play in 2015 because of a thumb injury. In 2018 he earned NCAA Football Championship Subdivision All-America honors by Associated Press (second team) and STATS (third team).

#### **Dehonta Hayes & Spencer Blackburn on Academic All-District 8 Squad**

Eastern Washington University football senior safety **Dehonta Hayes** and sixth-year senior center **Spencer Blackburn** have been selected to the Academic All-District 8 Football Team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). A total of 14 Big Sky Conference players earned spots on the 2019 academic all-district teams.

Hayes, a 2015 graduate of Lincoln High School in Tacoma, Wash., completed studies toward his communications studies degree at the end of summer quarter and is enrolled in communication studies graduate school for fall quarter. He has a 3.80 grade point average at Eastern. A 3.69 student, Blackburn has completed his economics major, but won't graduate until he finishes his second major in accounting this fall. He is a 2014 graduate of Meridian High School in Bellingham, Wash., and was a member of the Academic All-District 8 Football Team a year ago. Blackburn has been honored three times on the Big Sky Conference All-Academic team, and Hayes has been honored twice previously.

Both Hayes and Blackburn now advance to the national ballot to select Academic All-America honors. Most recently, **Cooper Kupp** earned Academic All-America honors back-to-back in 2015 and 2016 for the Eagles, who have had eight different players win 12 Academic All-America honors since 1989. A total of 69 have now been honored since then on the All-District squad, which includes NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) and Bowl Subdivision (FBS) football players from schools in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Alaska, Hawaii and British Columbia.

Both earned All-Big Sky Conference honors in 2019 – Blackburn on the first team and Hayes on the third squad. On the field, Hayes was EWU's leading tackler in 2019 with 115, and ranked 19th in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision with an average of 9.6 per game. He also had a pair of interceptions, a forced fumble and a pass broken up in 12 games played. In 38 career games (21 as a starter), Hayes had 208 tackles to rank 38th in school history, three interceptions, five passes broken up, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

#### ***EWU Playoff History (continued)***

- 2012 – (No. 2 seed, ranked #4)
  - #5 **Sam Houston State** – L, 42-45 (Semifinals/Cheney)
  - #16 **Illinois State** – W, 51-35 (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
  - **Wagner** – W, 29-19 (Second Round/Cheney)
- 2010 – (No. 5 seed, ranked #1)
  - #5 **Delaware** – W, 20-19 (Championship/Frisco, Texas)
  - #10 **Villanova** – W, 41-31 (Semifinals/Cheney)
  - #25 **North Dakota State** – W, 38-31 in OT (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
  - #9 **Southeast Missouri State** – W, 37-17 (Second Round/Cheney)
- 2009 – (ranked #13)
  - at #12 **Stephen F. Austin** – L, 33-44 (First Round)
- 2007 – (ranked #14)
  - at #15 **Appalachian State** – L, 35-38 (Quarterfinals)
  - at #3/No. 2 seed **McNeese State** – W, 44-15 (First Round)
- 2005 – (ranked #15) -
  - at #7 **Northern Iowa** – L, 38-41 (First Round)
- 2004 – (ranked #14)
  - #9 **Sam Houston State** – L, 34-35 (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
  - at #1/No. 1 seed **Southern Illinois** – W, 35-31 (First Round)
- 1997 – (No. 3 seed, ranked #4)
  - #9/No. 8 seed **Youngstown State** – L, 14-25 (Semifinals/Spokane)
  - #5/No. 5 seed **Western Kentucky** – W, 38-21 (Quarterfinals/Spokane)
  - #17/No. 14 seed **Northwestern State** – W, 40-10 (First Round/Spokane)
- 1992 – (ranked/seeded #14)
  - at #3 **Northern Iowa** – L, 14-17 (First Round)
- 1985 – (ranked/seeded #11)
  - at #4 **Northern Iowa** – L, 14-17 (Quarterfinals)
  - at #5 **Idaho** – W, 42-38 (First Round)

#### ***All-Time FCS Playoffs Leaders (entering 2019 first round)***

- Appearances (including 2019) . . . 1. Montana 24; 2. Eastern Kentucky 21; 3. Northern Iowa 21; 4. Appalachian State 20; 5. Georgia Southern 19; 6. Furman 18; 7. James Madison, Delaware, Eastern Illinois, McNeese, New Hampshire 16; 12. Eastern Washington 13.
- Playoff Wins . . . 1. Georgia Southern 45; 2. North Dakota State and Montana 32; 4. Youngstown State 28; 5. Northern Iowa and Appalachian State 24; 7. Marshall 23; 8. Delaware 22; 9. Eastern Washington, Furman & Sam Houston State 19; 12. James Madison 17.
- Percentage . . . 1. North Dakota State .942 (32-2); 2. Marshall .793 (23-6); 3. Youngstown State .777 (28-8); 4. Georgia Southern .776 (45-13); 5. Boise State .667 (8-4); 6. Sam Houston State .633 (19-11); 7. Eastern Washington .612 (19-12); 8. Montana .604 (32-21); 9. Richmond .600 (15-10) & Arkansas State .600 (6-4); 11. Delaware .595 (22-15); 12. Massachusetts .588 (10-7); 13. Appalachian State .585 (24-17); 14. James Madison .567 (17-13); 15. Nevada .563 (9-7); 16. Northern Iowa .545 (24-20).

#### ***Winningest FCS Teams Since 2010 (following 2019 regular season)***

- By percentage . . . 1. North Dakota State .911 (133-13); 2. Kennesaw State .770 (47-14); 3. San Diego .748 (86-29); 4. Harvard .740 (74-26); 5. **Eastern Washington** .735 (97-35); 6. James Madison .732 (93-34); 7. Jacksonville State .7280 (91-34); 8. Sam Houston State .7279 (99-37); 9. Dartmouth .700 (70-30); 10. Bethune-Cookman .690 (78-35); 11. North Carolina A&T .678 (78-37); 12. Dayton .676 (75-36); 13. Central Arkansas .672 (80-39); 14. Wofford .656 (80-42); 15. South Dakota State .654 (83-44).
- By victories . . . 1. North Dakota State 133; 2. Sam Houston State 99; 3. **Eastern Washington** 97; 4. James Madison 93; 5. Jacksonville State 91; 6. San Diego 86; 7. South Dakota State 83; 8. New Hampshire, Central Arkansas & Wofford 80; 11. Bethune-Cookman & North Carolina A&T 78; 13. Montana State & Illinois State 76; 15. Northern Iowa & Dayton 75; 17. Harvard 74; 18. Montana & McNeese State 73.



# Headlined by Offensive Linemen, Total of 13 Eagles Earn Honors on All-Big Sky Conference Team

Totals of 171 starts and 194 games played says a lot about a quartet of special Eagles. Senior offensive linemen **Spencer Blackburn** and **Chris Schlichting** – who combined for 101 starts in their collegiate careers -- are among the 13 Eastern Washington University players recognized on the All-Big Sky Conference football team announced Tuesday (Nov. 26) by the league office.

Among the four offensive linemen honored, Blackburn and Schlichting helped the Eagles lead the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision in offense, averaging 524.8 yards per game. A sixth-year senior honored the three previous seasons as a second team pick, Blackburn closed the season with 49-straight starts at center and played in a total of 51 games. Schlichting tied Cooper Kupp for the school record for career starts with 52 – starting all 52 games he played while also earning second team All-BSC honors in 2018.

Senior running back **Antoine Custer Jr.** and senior offensive lineman **Tristen Taylor** earned spots on the second team. Custer, honored three times by the league, finished the season with the eighth-best rushing total in school history with 1,228 yards and scored 16 touchdowns to rank fourth. In Big Sky games only, he led the league with 914 yards and a 7.1 average per rush.

On the third team were junior quarterback **Eric Barriere**, sophomore wide receiver **Andrew Boston**, senior offensive lineman **Kaleb Levao**, senior tight end **Jayce Gilder**, senior defensive end **Jim Townsend** and senior defensive back **Dehonta Hayes**. Barriere, a finalist for the Walter Payton Award given to the top player in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision, ranked second in FCS in total offense with an average of 355.8 per game and had a total of 4,270 yards to rank third all-time at EWU.

A trio of Eagles received honorable mention – senior wide receiver **Jayson Williams**, senior defensive tackle **Dylan Ledbetter** and redshirt freshman kicker **Seth Harrison**. Of the 13 players honored by the league, nine were seniors, with Taylor eligible to apply for a sixth year and possibly return in 2020. Barriere, Boston and Harrison will all be back next season.

The four senior offensive linemen honored combined for 194 total games played in their careers, with 171 starts between them. They were also honored a collective total of 10 times on All-Big Sky Conference squads from 2016-19. More importantly, EWU was 38-14 overall (73.1 percent) and 27-5 (84.9 percent) in Big Sky Conference play in the last four seasons. That matches the second-best four-year stretch in EWU's 33 seasons as a member of the Big Sky Conference. The Eagles were also 27-5 in three other four-year stretches – 2010-13, 2011-14 and 2012-15 – and were 28-4 from 2013-16.

Blackburn earned second team honors in each of the past three seasons, while Schlichting and Levao were both second team in 2018. Custer was honored for a third time, having also won second team honors in 2017 and honorable mention last season. Barriere earned third-team honors for the second-straight season, and Ledbetter earned his second straight honorable mention nod. Taylor was honorable mention in 2017.

## **First Team All-Big Sky Conference Selections**

Offensive Line - #75 - **Spencer Blackburn** - 6-2 - 290 - Sr. - 4L\*

Offensive Line - #64 - **Chris Schlichting** - 6-5 - 295 - Sr. - 4L\*

## **Second Team All-Big Sky Conference Selections**

Running Back - #28 - **Antoine Custer Jr.** - 5-9 - 190 - Sr. - 4L

Offensive Line - #65 - **Tristen Taylor** - 6-6 - 325 - Sr. - 3L\*

## **Third Team All-Big Sky Conference Selections**

Quarterback - #3 - **Eric Barriere** - 6-0 - 200 - Jr. - 3L\*

Wide Receiver - #9 - **Andrew Boston** - 6-3 - 185 - So. - 2L\*

Offensive Line - #66 - **Kaleb Levao** - 6-4 - 310 - Sr. - 4L\*

Tight End - #89 - **Jayce Gilder** - 6-4 - 245 - Sr. - 4L\*

Defensive End - #49 - **Jim Townsend** - 6-4 - 265 - Sr. - 4L\*

Defensive Back - #23 - **Dehonta Hayes** - 5-11 - 195 - Sr. - 3L\*

## **Honorable Mention All-Big Sky Conference Selections**

Wide Receiver - #2 - **Jayson Williams** - 6-1 - 205 - Sr. - 4L\*

Defensive Tackle - #4 - **Dylan Ledbetter** - 6-3 - 275 - Sr. - 4L\*

Kicker - #83 - **Seth Harrison** - 5-10 - 180 - Fr. - 1L\*

~Second Team All-Big Sky in 2016, 2017 and 2018. ^Third team in 2018. +Second team in 2018. &Second team in 2017 and honorable mention in 2018. =Honorable mention in 2018. @Honorable mention in 2017. \*Has used redshirt season.

# **FCS vs. FBS RANKED TEAMS**

Eastern's 49-46 victory at No. 25 Oregon State on Aug. 31, 2013, was just the fourth time since the division was created in 1978 that a FCS (formerly known as I-AA) team defeated a ranked FBS opponent. Here are the four times that feat has occurred, plus one since then.

1983 - Cincinnati (Ohio) def. #20 Penn State 14-3

2007 - Appalachian State def. #5 Michigan 34-32

2010 - James Madison def. #13 Virginia Tech 21-16

**2013 - Eastern Wash. def. #25 Oregon State 49-46**

2016 - North Dakota State def. #13 Iowa 23-21

# **EAGLES VS. FBS**

Since the early 1980's when it began the move to become a member of the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (in 1984), Eastern is now 10-27 all-time versus Football Bowl Subdivision teams. Against current Pac-12 Conference members, EWU is now 2-11 (2-13 including losses to Washington State in 1907 and 1908) with a 49-46 upset of 25th-ranked Oregon State in 2013 and a 45-42 win over Washington State in 2016. Eastern has won three of its last 10 games versus FBS foes. A 35-17 win over Connecticut on Sept. 8, 2001, snapped a five-game losing streak versus FBS foes, then a 20-3 win at Idaho in 2012 snapped a 10-game skid. Here is Eastern's complete list of games versus FBS members since 1983.

## **Year - Opponent - Result**

1983 - Cal State-Long Beach - W, 20-17  
1985 - at Cal State-Long Beach - W, 30-23  
1986 - at Cal State-Long Beach - L, 34-35  
1990 - at #10 Houston - L, 21-84  
1994 - at Utah State - W, 49-31  
1996 - at Boise State - W, 27-21  
1996 - at Idaho - L, 27-37  
1997 - Idaho - W, 24-21  
1998 - at Idaho - L, 14-31  
1999 - Idaho - L, 21-48  
1999 - at Boise State - L, 7-41  
2000 - at Oregon State - L, 19-21  
2000 - at Boise State - L, 23-41  
2001 - at Connecticut - W, 35-17  
2002 - at Arizona State - L, 2-38  
2003 - at San Diego State - L, 9-19  
2003 - at Idaho - W, 8-5  
2004 - at Air Force - L, 20-42  
2005 - at San Jose State - L, 21-35  
2006 - at Oregon State - L, 17-56  
2006 - at #6 West Virginia - L, 3-52  
2007 - at Brigham Young - L, 7-42  
2008 - at #12 Texas Tech - L, 24-49  
2008 - at Colorado - L, 24-31  
2009 - at #10 California - L, 7-59  
2010 - at Nevada - L, 24-49  
2011 - at Washington - L, 27-30  
2012 - at Idaho - W, 20-3  
2012 - at Washington State - L, 20-24  
2013 - at #25 Oregon State - W, 49-46  
2013 - at Toledo - L, 21-33  
2014 - at Washington (9/6/14) - L, 52-59  
2015 - at #7 Oregon (9/5/15) - L, 42-61  
2016 - at Wash. St. (9/3/16) - W, 45-42  
2017 - at Texas Tech (9/2/17) - L, 10-56  
2018 - at Washington State (9/15/18) - L, 24-59  
2019 - at Washington (8/31/19) - L, 14-47  
2020 - at Florida (9/5/20)  
2022 - at Oregon (9/3/22) ... **SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## Comments from Head Coach Aaron Best on the All-Big Sky Selections . . .

**Aaron Best on Blackburn:** "Spencer left his mark in an Eagle uniform as not only a first team all-conference offensive lineman, but as one of the best centers this program has witnessed. In 2019 was a commitment to being the best and he completed his mission."

**Aaron Best on Schlichting:** "He had 52 starts and he has reached the pinnacle with first team all-league honors. The EWU offensive line tradition has been, is, and will be alive and well – and will stay that way. He is now part of a very special offensive line fraternity – we welcome him."

**Aaron Best on Custer:** "Antoine had a phenomenal senior season. He carried much of the load at running back and put a first class season on display during the 2019 campaign. He led the league in rushing yards per game and average per carry. It speaks to his commitment to pushing the limits. He is one of the most well-rounded and finest running backs to don the Eagle jersey in my time here at EWU."

**Aaron Best on Taylor:** "Tristan is a tough-minded and gritty player. He had a brilliant bounce-back season coming off an injury in 2018. He's a physical player who still has room to grow and lead as a player, and with time to accomplish those tasks."

**Aaron Best on Levao:** "Kaleb was the vocal leader of the 2019 Eastern offensive line. He practiced every day to get better at his craft. As a senior he stayed healthy and had a very good 'second' senior campaign. He was very well-respected in the locker room and I'm proud the coaches in this league felt the same way in his play."

**Aaron Best on Barriere:** "Eric is one of the most electrifying playmakers I have witnessed play in person. He made a huge jump in touchdown-to-interception ratio in 2019, which in turn made him that much harder to defend. I expect his senior season to be even better. He is certainly one of the best players in this league and at this level. I can't wait to see what is in store."

**Aaron Best on Boston:** "Andrew is a film junky and he absolutely gives all he has on Saturdays. He will strive for more in the future and the best version of 'Boss' is yet to come. He followed up a productive freshman year with a solid sophomore campaign."

**Aaron Best on Williams:** "Jayson practices and plays like a pro. He respects the game and is a great teammate to his peers. Five years has flown by, and to cap it off being recognized for his production is awesome to see."

**Aaron Best on Townsend:** "What a great career by a great person. Jim is the consummate teammate and is well respected by his peers. We will miss Jimmy and he left his senior year on a high note."

**Aaron Best on Hayes:** "Dehonta is a fierce competitor on the field – he's a downhill safety that loves to tackle. He battled some dings this year while all the while being productive in the process. We are excited to see his recognition as a senior to end his career."

**Aaron Best on Ledbetter:** "Dylan is a blue collar, hard-nosed overachiever. He wore the No. 4 jersey this year and wore it well. His savvy play will be sorely missed."

**Aaron Best on Gilder:** "Jayce has gone from being a walk-on former high school quarterback to a college all-league tight end. He was voted team captain and did not disappoint with his play in 2019. He was a counted on individual both on and off of the field."

**Aaron Best on Harrison:** "Seth started the season as a backup and ended as the guy at our kicker position. He followed our perfect 2018 season kicking field goals with one of his own. We're excited to see him continue to grow and compete for more."

## More on EWU's Offensive Line . . .

A total of 61 Eastern offensive linemen have earned All-Big Sky accolades in 33 seasons in the league (1987-19), including 27 who have earned first team honors. They have combined for 103 honors (34 first team, 24 second team, 3 third team, 42 honorable mention).

Eastern will likely finish the 2019 season with the best offense in FCS, finishing at 524.8 yards per game. Playoff automatic qualifier San Diego is second at 498.8 per game, and postseason games count in the rankings. Eastern also ended the regular season fourth in scoring (40.6), fourth in first downs (290), fifth in passing (317.1) and seventh in turnover margin (+0.92 per game). The Eagles also ranked 21st in rushing at 207.8 yards per game, and joined Prairie View as the only team in FCS to rank in the top 21 in total offense, rushing and passing.

The four linemen honored combined to start 171 games, with 194 total games of experience. Offensive tackle **Chris Schlichting** started all 52 he played, and offensive tackle **Tristen Taylor** has started all 40 games he has played in his career. Center **Spencer Blackburn** started the last 49 of his 51-game career, and **Kaleb Levao**

**TOP CROWDS**

All but three of the 35 largest crowds Eastern has ever played in front of have occurred since the 2000 season. The 65,709 on hand for EWU's game at Washington on Aug. 31, 2019, was the largest crowd EWU has ever played against. The Eagles entered the game ranked as high as third in FCS preseason polls, while Washington was as high as 12th in FBS. That broke a 12-year-old record set in 2007 at BYU in sold-out LaVell Edwards Stadium. Strong winds, rain, snow and temperatures ranging from 37-45 degrees didn't keep many fans at home as the announced crowd of 64,522 was even larger than the stadium's listed capacity of 64,045.

Prior to that, Eastern's 2006 game versus West Virginia at sold-out Milan Puskar Stadium was the record and attended by 59,504 fans – at the time, that was the largest crowd by nearly 20,000 fans the Eagles had ever played against. The previous record was 39,581 set at Arizona State in 2002. Below is a list of the 35 crowds in excess of 20,000 the Eagles have ever played against.

*Attendance - Opponent - Date - Result*  
 65,709 - at Washington - Aug. 31, 2019 - L, 14-47  
 64,522 - at Brigham Young - Oct. 20, 2007 - L, 7-42  
 62,861 - at Washington - Sept. 6, 2014 - L, 52-59  
 59,504 - at West Virginia - Sept. 9, 2006 - L, 3-52  
 58,128 - at Oregon - Sept. 5, 2015 - L, 42-61  
 58,088 - at Washington - Sept. 3, 2011 - L, 27-30  
 58,083 - at California - Sept. 12, 2009 - L, 7-59  
 54,988 - at Texas Tech - Sept. 2, 2017 - L, 10-56  
 49,887 - at Texas Tech - Aug. 30, 2008 - L, 24-49  
 46,417 - at Colorado - Sept. 6, 2008 - L, 24-31  
 41,649 - at Oregon State - Aug. 31, 2013 - W, 49-46  
 39,581 - at Arizona State - Aug. 31, 2002 - L, 2-38  
 38,071 - at Oregon State - Aug. 31, 2006 - L, 17-56  
 34,389 - at Air Force - Sept. 11, 2004 - L, 20-42  
 33,598 - at Washington State - Sept. 8, 2012 - L, 20-24  
 32,952 - at Washington State - Sept. 15, 2018 - L, 24-59  
 32,952 - at Washington State - Sept. 3, 2016 - W, 45-42  
 30,782 - at Oregon State - Sept. 2, 2000 - L, 19-21  
 27,323 - at U.S. International - Oct. 28, 1967 - W, 44-19  
 26,082 - at Montana - Oct. 26, 2013 - W, 42-37  
 26,066 - at Montana - Sept. 17, 2011 - L, 14-17  
 25,944 - at Montana - Sept. 23, 2017 - W, 48-41  
 25,751 - at Montana - Oct. 17, 2009 - L, 34-41  
 25,493 - at Boise State - Oct. 14, 2000 - L, 23-41  
 25,213 - at Montana - Nov. 14, 2015 - L, 16-57  
 24,072 - at Montana - Oct. 26, 2019 - L, 17-34  
 23,739 - at Montana - Oct. 15, 2005 - W, 34-20  
 23,329 - at Montana - Nov. 15, 2003 - L, 10-41  
 23,226 - at Montana - Oct. 6, 2007 - L, 23-24  
 21,981 - at Boise State - Oct. 9, 1999 - L, 7-41  
 21,487 - at Boise State - Sept. 21, 1991 - L, 17-31  
 21,145 - at San Diego State - Aug. 30, 2003 - L, 9-19  
 20,901 - at Jacksonville State - Sept. 14, 2019 - L, 45-49  
 20,477 - at Montana State - Oct. 13, 2012 - W, 27-24  
 20,459 - at Toledo - Sept. 14, 2013 - L, 21-33

**EWU'S SEASON-ENDING  
FCS/I-AA RANKINGS**

1985 – 11th (NCAA Division I-AA Poll)  
 1992 – 14th (NCAA Division I-AA Poll)  
 1993 – 20th (The Sports Network)  
 1997 – 4th (The Sports Network) & 4th (ESPN/USA Today)  
 2004 – 8th (The Sports Network) & 7th (ESPN/USA Today)  
 2005 – 13th (The Sports Network) & 13th (ESPN/USA Today)  
 2007 – 8th (The Sports Network) & 8th (Coaches)  
 2009 – 13th (The Sports Network) & 13th (Coaches)  
 2010 – 1st (The Sports Network) & 1st (Coaches)  
 2012 – 4th (The Sports Network) & 4th (Coaches)  
 2013 – 3rd (The Sports Network) & 3rd (Coaches)  
 2014 – 4th (The Sports Network) & 4th (Coaches)  
 2016 – 4th (STATS) & 4th (Coaches)  
 2017 – 21st (STATS) & 22nd (Coaches)  
 2018 – 2nd (STATS) & 2nd (Coaches)

*EWU was ranked in the top 25 in 57 consecutive polls until being unranked in the season-ending rankings in 2015. Since then EWU was ranked in 46 consecutive polls (103 of 104) until falling out on Oct. 7, 2019.*

started 30 of the 51 he played.

Eastern had some impressive rushing performances in 2019, rushing for at least 174 yards eight times and at least 247 in six games (including the last four). The school's 5.29 average per rush ranked 15th in FCS. The Eagles had a season-high 320 versus Cal Poly on Nov. 16 as quarterback **Eric Barriere** rushed for a career-high 164 and a score and Custer finished with 107 and four touchdowns on just nine carries.

#### More on Custer . . .

Senior **Antoine Custer Jr.** finished the 2019 season with the eighth-best rushing total in school history with 1,228 yards and scored 16 touchdowns to rank fourth. He finished his 47-game career (32 as a starter) with 3,045 yards to rank fourth and 39 touchdowns to rank second, as he became just the fourth player in EWU history to hit 3,000 yards in his career. His career average of 5.6 per carry ranks eighth in school history.

Custer ended the season ranked 16th in FCS in rushing (102.3 per game), 10th in total rushing yards (1,228), sixth in passing TDs (31) and eighth in rushing touchdowns (16). He had 12 100-yard games as an Eagle – six times in 2019 including the last four games.

He concluded his Eastern career by rushing for a career-best 218 yards – 15th-best in school history -- and two touchdowns in a 53-46 win over Portland State on Nov. 23. He scored on runs of 29 and 2 yards, and had a non-scoring 88-yarder that was the seventh-longest in school history and the second-longest of his career behind an 89-yard TD run versus Idaho State on Nov. 9. That gave him 12 plays in his career of at least 40 yards, including nine rushes, two kickoff returns and a reception.

His is the 18th performance in school history of at least 1,000 yards in a single season, and he became the 13th different Eastern player to accomplish that feat (five have hit 1,000 yards twice in their careers). Eastern has now had a 1,000 yard rusher – including 10 different players – in 14 of the last 25 seasons (1995-2019), Sam McPherson had 1,510 in 2018, and he was the first since Quincy Forte in the 2013 season when he finished with 1,208.

Custer also had 780 receiving yards on 93 catches with three scores, and 499 yards and one more score on kickoff returns for a total of 4,324 all-purpose yards (92.0 per game) to rank eighth in school history. He scored a total of 43 touchdowns as an Eagle to rank fourth in school history. His average of 23.8 per kickoff return is 10th and his 39 rushing touchdowns only ranks behind the record of 48 set by Jesse Chatman (1999-01).

#### More on Barriere . . .

Junior quarterback and Walter Payton Award candidate **Eric Barriere** finished his junior season ranked second in total offense with an average of 355.8 yards per game (E.J. Perry of Brown was at 367.8). Barriere was third in passing (309.3, with Northern Arizona's Case Cookus at 342.8) and was sixth with 31 touchdown passes and fifth in points responsible for (20.2 per game with 31 TDs passing, eight rushing and a two-point conversion).

He closed his junior season with 239 passes without an interception, setting the school's single season record for interceptions-to-attempts ratio. He had only four picks in 438 attempts, a miniscule average of .009 per attempt compared to the previous record of .010 set by Erik Meyer in 2005 (five interceptions in 410 attempts). His last interception came on his 14th attempt at Sacramento State on Oct. 5, 2019.

Barriere finished with the seventh-most passing yards in school history with 3,712, and his 31 touchdown passes is eighth. Including 558 rushing yards, his 4,270 yards of total offense was third-most all-time at EWU.

He ended the season with 260 yards and three touchdowns passing, and other 23 yards and a score on the ground in EWU's 53-46 win over Portland State on Nov. 23. He had pass completions

### Future Schedules

(subject to change and not for publication)

(Includes non-conference games previously announced; \*Indicates Big Sky Conference Game)

#### 2020 SCHEDULE

9/5/20 - at Florida  
9/12/20 - Western Illinois  
9/19/20 - Northern Arizona  
9/26/20 - at Southern Utah\*  
10/3/20 - Montana\*  
10/10/20 - at Northern Colo.\*  
10/17/20 - Idaho\*  
10/24/20 - Weber State\*  
10/31/20 - at UC Davis\*  
11/7/20 - Montana State\*  
11/14/20 - Bye  
11/21/20 - at Portland State\*

#### 2021 SCHEDULE

9/4/21 - OPEN (FBS)  
9/11/21 - Jacksonville State  
9/18/21 - at Western Illinois  
9/25/21 - Portland State\*  
10/2/21 - Bye  
10/9/21 - at Montana State\*  
10/16/21 - Southern Utah\*  
10/23/21 - at Cal Poly\*  
10/30/21 - at Idaho\*  
11/6/21 - Sacramento State\*  
11/13/21 - at Northern Arizona\*  
11/20/21 - Idaho State\*

#### 2022 SCHEDULE

9/3/22 - at Oregon  
9/10/22 - Open  
9/17/22 - Open  
9/24/22 - Northern Colorado\*  
10/1/22 - Bye/Open  
10/8/22 - at Montana\*  
10/15/22 - UC Davis\*  
10/22/22 - at Portland State\*  
10/29/22 - Idaho\*  
11/5/22 - at Idaho State\*  
11/12/22 - at Weber State\*  
11/19/22 - Cal Poly\*

#### 2023 SCHEDULE

9/2/23 - Open  
9/9/23 - Open  
9/16/23 - Open  
9/23/23 - Bye/Open  
9/30/23 - at Northern Colorado\*  
10/7/23 - Montana State\*  
10/14/23 - at Idaho\*  
10/21/23 - Portland State\*  
10/28/23 - at Sacramento State\*  
11/4/23 - at Southern Utah\*  
11/11/23 - Northern Arizona\*  
11/18/23 - Weber State\*

of 46 and 50 yards, giving him 28 plays in his career of at least 40 yards. One game earlier, he had a career-best 164-yard rushing performance at Cal Poly, finishing with one TD rushing and one passing. He also had 176 yards through the air to give him his 340 yards of total offense.

Barriere has had 13 performances of at least 300 yards of total offense and eight with at least 300 yards passing in his 31 games as an Eagle (16-7 as a starter, including 11-0 at home). He has had seven with at least 400 yards of total offense and three with at least 400 passing. He has completed 59.7 percent of his passes (463-of-775), good for 6,300 yards, 56 touchdowns and 14 interceptions, and has rushed 236 times for 1,219 yards and 17 more TDs. He had a passing efficiency rating of 146.9 as a sophomore, 151.6 in 2019 and a 148.3 mark in his career to currently rank fifth in school history. His touchdown passes rank sixth, his total of 7,519 yards of offense already rank sixth all-time at EWU and his passing yardage is seventh. He is just 13 yards behind the career rushing record for a quarterback of 1,232 yards set by Vernon Adams Jr. (2012-14).

In Eastern's first two games in November, Barriere had a total of 935 yards of total offense to earn him two-straight ROOT Sports Offensive Player of the Week honors as announced by the Big Sky Conference office. He has now been honored twice in 2019 and three times in his career.

#### More on Boston . . .

A freshman All-America selection in 2018, **Andrew Boston** finished the 2019 season 79th in FCS in receptions per game (4.5 with a total of 50) and 75th in receiving yards per game (66.4 with a total of 730). In two seasons as an Eagle, he has 93 receptions for 1,291 yards and 10 touchdowns in 26 career games (19 as a starter). He caught a career-high 10 passes for 147 yards and a pair of touchdowns against Idaho State on Nov. 9. Earlier in the season, he had six catches for 112 yards and a TD versus Washington in EWU's opener on Aug. 31.

#### More on Gilder . . .

Senior **Jayce Gilder** finished his 2019 season with 25 catches for 292 yards and three scores while starting all but one contest. He finished his 52-game career (17 starts) with 54 receptions for 634 yards and 13 scores. Gilder caught four passes in each of his first two games, and had a career-high five receptions against Northern Arizona on Nov. 2.

#### More on Townsend . . .

Senior defensive end **Jim Townsend** led the Eagles with 3 1/2 sacks, and was fourth on the team and tops among defensive linemen with 61 tackles. He had a total of 11 tackles for loss with two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and one pass broken up. He finished his 51-game career (21 starts) with 143 tackles, including 8 1/2 sacks and a total of 23 tackles for loss. He had five forced fumbles to rank eighth in school history, and also had two fumble recoveries (one returned for a touchdown) and two passes broken up. He had a career-high 12 tackles against Idaho on Sept. 21, and had the second double-figure tackle performance of his career with 10 at Cal Poly on Nov. 19.

#### More on Hayes . . .

Senior safety **Dehonta Hayes** was EWU's leading tackler in 2019 with 115, and ranked 19th in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision with an average of 9.6 per game. He also had a pair of interceptions, a forced fumble and a pass broken up in 12 games played. His 115 tackles ranks as the 13th-most in school history, finishing with at least 10 in five games. He had career highs of 17 in games versus Idaho on Sept. 21 and Sacramento State on Oct. 5. In 38 career games (21 as a starter), Hayes had 208 tackles to rank 38th in school history, three interceptions, five passes broken up, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. He had eight double-figure



tackle performances in his career.

#### More on Williams . . .

Senior **Jayson Williams** closed his career with 46 catches for 553 yards and five touchdowns in 2019. In his 48-game career (12 starts), he had 91 catches for 1,122 yards and six scores. Williams had the first two 100-yard receiving performances in his career as a senior, finishing with seven catches for 120 yards and a touchdown against Sacramento State on Oct. 5. One game later he had eight grabs for 115 yards versus Northern Colorado.

#### More on Ledbetter . . .

Honored nationally for blocking two more kicks at Idaho on Sept. 21, Eastern senior **Dylan Ledbetter** continued the legacy of being awarded the No. 4 jersey at Eastern, a tribute that has existed for more than 10 years. He blocked a field goal in both the first half and second half versus the Vandals to give him a school-record six in his career and earn honorable mention from STATS for the National FCS Defensive Player of the Week award. He followed that with the first two fumble recoveries of his career in a 35-20 win over North Dakota on Sept. 28, and forced a key fumble on Nov. 2 in the third quarter against Northern Arizona. He finished eighth in FCS with two blocked kicks and 35th with two fumble recoveries.

A team co-captain in 2019, Ledbetter finished his senior season with 49 tackles and 1 1/2 sacks. That gave him 10 sacks in his 52-game career (33 as a starter), with totals of 168 tackles, five passes broken up, a school-record six blocked kicks, two fumble recoveries and a forced fumble. He had a season-high nine tackles versus Cal Poly on Nov. 16, coming one shy from his career high of 10 in 2018 versus the Mustangs.

#### More on Harrison . . .

Redshirt freshman **Seth Harrison** ended the 2019 season first in FCS in field goal percentage, with a perfect 12-of-12 performance. He was the only kicker in FCS with at least one field goal attempt per game to make all of his field goals in 2019, and was 31st in field goals with an average of 1.09 per game. Twice he kicked four field goals in a single game, including Oct. 12 against Northern Colorado when he made field goals of 32, 21, 21 and 23 yards. He also made all six of his extra points to finish with 18 points in Eastern's 54-21 romp. In a 48-5 victory over Idaho State on Nov. 9, he had makes of 40, 36, 21 and 36, and his 40-yarder was a career long. In both of those games, all of his field goals came in the first half.

Harrison was also 50-of-53 on extra points in 2019, having a string of 22-straight makes from Oct. 5 until missing his first attempt at Cal Poly on Nov. 16. He also averaged 52.9 yards on 78 kickoffs (six touchbacks).

## More Player Notes

### Custer Over 1,000-Yard Mark in 2019, With 12 Games of 100+ in His Career and Total of 3,045

Senior **Antoine Custer Jr.** finished the 2019 season with the eighth-best rushing total in school history with 1,228 yards and scored 16 touchdowns to rank fourth. He finished his 47-game career with 3,045 yards to rank fourth and 39 touchdowns to rank second. He recorded the 18th performance in school history with 1,000 yards on the ground in a single season, and he became just the fourth Eagle to hit 3,000 yards in his career.

Custer ended the season ranked 16th in FCS in rushing (102.3 per game), 10th in total rushing yards (1,228), sixth in passing TDs (31) and eighth in rushing touchdowns (16). In Big Sky games only, he led the league with 914 yards and a 7.1 average per carry.

He had 12 100-yard game as an Eagle – six times in 2019 including the last four games. He concluded his Eastern career by rushing for 218 yards – 15th-most in school history -- and two touchdowns in a 53-46 win over Portland State on Nov. 23. He scored on runs of 29 and 2 yards, and had a non-scoring 88-yarder that was the seventh-longest in school history and the second-longest of his career behind an 89-yard TD run versus Idaho State on Nov. 9. That gave him 12 plays in his career of at

least 40 yards, including nine rushes, two kickoff returns and a reception.

His is the 18th performance in school history of at least 1,000 yards in a single season, and he became the 13th different Eastern player to accomplish that feat (five have hit 1,000 yards twice in their careers). Eastern has now had a 1,000 yard rusher – including 10 different players – in 14 of the last 25 seasons (1995-2019), Sam McPherson had 1,510 in 2018, and he was the first since Quincy Forte in the 2013 season when he finished with 1,208.

Custer finished with 1,228 rushing yards on the year and 16 touchdowns on the ground, and finished with 3,045 rushing yards (5.6 per carry to rank eighth in school history) and 39 touchdowns in his 47-game career (32 as a starter). He also had 780 receiving yards on 93 catches with three scores, and 499 yards and one more score on kickoff returns for a total of 4,324 all-purpose yards (92.0 per game) to rank eighth in school history. He scored a total of 43 touchdowns as an Eagle to rank fourth in school history. His average of 23.8 per kickoff return is 10th and his 39 rushing touchdowns only ranks behind the record of 48 set by Jesse Chatman (1999-01).

Behind a starting offensive line that finished with 233 games of experience and 181 total starts between them, Eastern has had some impressive rushing performances in 2019, rushing for at least 174 yards eight times and at least 247 in six games (including the last four). The school's 5.29 average per rush ranked 15th in FCS. The Eagles had a season-high 320 versus Cal Poly on Nov. 16 as quarterback **Eric Barriere** rushed for a career-high 164 and a score and Custer finished with 107 and four touchdowns on just nine carries.

Custer had 145 and a touchdown in EWU's 48-5 win at Idaho State on Nov. 9. He had an 89-yard touchdown run early in the second half, ranking as the sixth-longest in school history. That was his career-longest run, having had an 83-yard TD against Idaho State in 2016 in the last meeting between the two teams in Cheney, Wash. His longest play, though, was a 93-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in 2016 versus Northern Iowa.

One game earlier versus Northern Arizona on Nov. 2, he hit the 100-yard mark in the first half alone. He finished with 139 and three touchdowns as the Eagles had 312 as a team. He had what was then a career high for rushing (184 yards) at Jacksonville State on Sept. 14, including a non-scoring 62-yard run. Two games later, he had 134 yards and a career-high three touchdowns in a 35-20 win over North Dakota on Sept. 28 when the Eagles had 284 on the ground. Eastern had 247 yards versus Lindenwood on Sept. 7 in which Custer had 47 yards and a score. He had a career-high 28 carries versus both Jacksonville State and North Dakota.

Custer, **Tamarick Pierce** and **Dennis Merritt** entered the 2019 season as seniors, although Merritt is a potential candidate for a sixth year after suffering a serious lower leg injury versus Lindenwood on Sept. 7 and missed the remainder of the season. Besides Custer's 1,228 yards, Barriere had 558 yards (eight touchdowns and 4.7 per carry) and true freshman **Silas Perreiah** finished with 255 yards (4.5 per carry), including 126 and a score versus North Dakota. Merritt had 87 yards (7.2 per rush) and Pierce made his 2019 debut versus Montana and had a team-leading 57 yards and a touchdown on just seven carries (long of 30). He finished with 177 yards in four games played, and retained his redshirt status. Pierce will enter his senior season in 2020 with a 6.3 career average per rush which currently ranks fourth in school history. Redshirt freshman **Micah Smith** rounded out the running back corp in 2019, with Perreiah joining Smith in making their debuts as Eagles versus Lindenwood on Sept. 7.

Custer, an honorable mention All-Big Sky Conference selection in 2018, was a second team all-league pick in 2017 when he rushed for 776 yards and 10 touchdowns. Pierce has rushed for 1,014 yards and 18 touchdowns in 39 games with 13 catches for 107 yards and another score; Merritt has 559 yards and four touchdowns rushing, and another eight catches for 147 yards and a score in 30 games; and quarterback **Eric Barriere** has another 1,219 rushing yards with 17 scores in 31 games. Barriere is just 36 yards behind the rushing record for a quarterback of 1,232 yards set by Vernon Adams Jr. (2012-14).

Eastern had a record-breaking 2018 campaign, with Custer, Pierce, Merritt and Barriere combining for 1,573 yards and 15 touchdowns with an average per carry of 7.21. Eastern's running game set school records for most yards (3,839) and rushing touchdowns (41) in a single season. The previous records were 3,130 yards set in 10 games in 1950 (313.0 average) and 32 TDs in 2014.

Eastern averaged 6.62 yards per carry to rank second in FCS in 2018, compared to a 4.0 average for opponents. Only Davidson's 7.44 average per rush was better in FCS, and the Eagles broke the previous school record of 6.4. The Eagles averaged 528.4 yards on offense to rank third in FCS, including 255.9 rushing to rank 10th.

Custer averaged 6.4 per carry as a junior, Pierce was at 7.86, Merritt had a 7.86 average and Lewis finished at 7.4 during a redshirt season that saw him play in three games. The school record is 7.88 set by Taiwan Jones in 2010. Custer finished his

junior season with 613 yards and eight scores in 11 games played; Pierce had 550 yards and seven TDs; Merritt had 345 with a trio of scores; and Lewis has 52. From his quarterback position, **Eric Barriere** averaged 6.2 per carry and finished with 613 yards on the ground to break the school record of 606 set by Gage Gubrud in 2016.

#### **Walter Payton Award Finalist Eric Barriere Finishes Second in FCS in Total Offense**

Junior quarterback and Walter Payton Award candidate **Eric Barriere** finished his junior season ranked second in total offense with an average of 355.8 yards per game (E.J. Perry of Brown was at 367.8). Barriere was third in passing (309.3, with Northern Arizona's Case Cookus at 342.8) and was sixth with 31 touchdown passes and fifth in points responsible for (20.2 per game with 31 TDs passing, eight rushing and a two-point conversion).

He closed his junior season with 239 passes without an interception, setting the school's single season record for interceptions-to-attempts ratio. He had only four picks in 438 attempts, a miniscule average of .009 per attempt compared to the previous record of .010 set by Erik Meyer in 2005 (five interceptions in 410 attempts). His last interception came on his 14th attempt at Sacramento State on Oct. 5, 2019.

Barriere finished with the seventh-most passing yards in school history with 3,712, and his 31 touchdown passes is eighth. Including 558 rushing yards, his 4,270 yards of total offense was third-most all-time at EWU.

He ended the season with 260 yards and three touchdowns passing, and other 23 yards and a score on the ground in EWU's 53-46 win over Portland State on Nov. 23. He had pass completions of 46 and 50 yards, giving him 28 plays in his career of at least 40 yards. One game earlier, he had a career-best 164-yard rushing performance at Cal Poly, finishing with one TD rushing and one passing. He also had 176 yards through the air to give him his 340 yards of total offense.

Barriere has had 13 performances of at least 300 yards of total offense and eight with at least 300 yards passing in his 31 games as an Eagle (16-7 as a starter, including 11-0 at home). He has had seven with at least 400 yards of total offense and three with at least 400 passing. He has completed 59.7 percent of his passes (463-of-775), good for 6,300 yards, 56 touchdowns and 14 interceptions, and has rushed 236 times for 1,219 yards and 17 more TDs. He had a passing efficiency rating of 146.9 as a sophomore, 151.6 in 2019 and a 148.3 mark in his career to currently rank fifth in school history. His touchdown passes rank sixth, his total of 7,519 yards of offense already rank sixth all-time at EWU and his passing yardage is seventh. He is just 13 yards behind the career rushing record for a quarterback of 1,232 yards set by Vernon Adams Jr. (2012-14).

In Eastern's first two games in November, Barriere had a total of 935 yards of total offense to earn him two-straight ROOT Sports Offensive Player of the Week honors as announced by the Big Sky Conference office. He has now been honored twice in 2019 and three times in his career.

His latest honor came after his 467-yard performance in a 48-5 win at Idaho State on Nov. 9, and he also received honorable mention as the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Offensive Player of the Week (STATS). Barriere passed for 406 – his eighth of his career of at least 300 and third with 400 – and rushed for 61 versus the Bengals. With a total of 467 yards of total offense, he now has seven performances with at least 400 yards of total offense. He had three passes of at least 58 yards versus Idaho State (58, 59, 80), and the 80-yarder against ISU was the longest of his career.

One week before the ISU game, he was rewarded for totaling 488 yards in EWU's 66-38 win over Northern Arizona on Nov. 2 by earning his player of the week honors from the Big Sky and also received honorable mention as the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Offensive Player of the Week (STATS) and Performer of the Week (College Football Performance Awards).

In a 66-38 win over Northern Arizona on Nov. 2, he had 367 through the air and 101 on the ground for 468 yards of total offense. He had a trio of touchdown passes, and finished 30-of-46 with no interceptions for an impressive 183.5 passing efficiency rating. He had a 75-yard touchdown pass to **Talolo Limu-Jones** on EWU's first offensive play of the game, and also caught a 20-yard pass from wide receiver **Johnny Edwards IV**.

In his previous home game on Oct. 12, he completed 28-of-43 passes for 445 yards and five touchdown passes for EWU in a 54-21 victory over Northern Colorado in which EWU led 40-0 at halftime. Coupled with his 41 yards rushing, his 486 yards were the second-most of his career.

Barriere had 309 yards passing with two touchdowns and 103 rushing and a TD versus Sacramento State on Oct. 5. He accounted for 412 of EWU's 497 yards of total

offense, including a 92-yard touchdown run after he was flushed out of the pocket by Sacramento State. That equaled the fourth-longest run in school history, ranking only behind runs of 96 by Taiwan Jones (2009 versus Idaho State), 95 by John Ditz (1954 versus Lewis & Clark) and 94 by Sam McPherson (2018 versus Northern Arizona). It was the longest run by a quarterback, with the previous long set by Barriere versus Southern Utah in 2018 when he had an 85-yard TD run (he also had a 66-yard scoring run at Portland State in 2018). The Eagles had four runs of at least 81 yards in 2018.

He accounted for all four of EWU's touchdowns with two rushing and two passing against Idaho on Sept. 21. He had just 74 passing yards at halftime, but finished 28-of-46 for 365 yards, with another 20 on the ground. His rushing TDs (2), pass attempts (46), and total plays of offense (57, including 11 rushing) were all career highs. He had at the time the second-most yards in total offense of his career with 424, ranking only behind the 556 he had versus Lindenwood on Sept. 7.

He had perhaps his fastest start as an Eagle on Sept. 14 at Jacksonville State, completing 11-of-12 passes for 156 yards in the opening quarter to help EWU to a 28-7 lead. However, EWU failed to score in the fourth quarter and JSU won 49-45, as Barriere finished 24-of-43 for 294 yards, five touchdowns and two interceptions.

One game earlier versus Lindenwood when EWU had a school-record 769 yards of offense, Barriere accounted for 556 by himself to rank as the 14th-most in Big Sky Conference history and just four away from the school record. That helped him earn Big Sky Conference Offensive Player of the Week honors from College Sports Madness, as well as honorable mention from STATS for the National FCS Offensive Player of the Week award that wide receiver **Dre' Sonte Dorton** won. Barriere completed 32-of-46 passes for 522 yards, five touchdowns and an impressive 200.76 passing efficiency rating. He recorded the second-most passing yards in school history and just missed the top 14 in the 56-year history of the league (528 yards is No. 14 on the list). He rushed for 34 more yards, giving him 556 to come four yards from the EWU total offense record of 560 set by Gage Gubrud in 2017 versus Montana in which he also set the passing yards record of 549. Barriere's previous career highs were 352 passing yards and 405 yards of total offense.

Barriere was extremely productive throwing the ball in 2018 as an injury replacement for All-American Gage Gubrud (now at Washington State), finishing 13th in FCS in passing efficiency (146.9), 29th for passing yards overall (2,450) and 13th in touchdown passes with 24 after setting school and FCS Playoff records with seven versus Maine on Dec. 15. He was ninth with 198 total points responsible for and was 26th in average per game (14.14). He also finished 45th in total offense per game (218.8). Barriere averaged 6.2 per carry and finished with 613 yards on the ground to break the school record of 606 set by Gubrud in 2016.

In 2018, Eastern finished as the only school to rank in the top 20 in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision in total offense, rushing and passing. The Eagles averaged 528.2 yards on offense to rank third in FCS, including 255.9 rushing (10th) and 272.3 passing (20th). Eastern was also ranked fourth in scoring (43.1). The Eagles as a team finished the 2018 season with a school-record 6.62 average per rush on the season to break the previous record of 6.41 set in 2001. The Eagles set team records for rushing yards (3,839) and rushing touchdowns (41).

#### **Criner Honored Again After Another Big Day as an Eagle in Front of Family at ISU**

On big turnover days – and in front of family and friends too – junior **Calin Criner** has been at his best.

The 2016 graduate of Rocky Mountain High School in Boise, Idaho, had his second two-interception game of his career and had eight tackles in EWU's 48-5 victory over Idaho State on Nov. 9 to earn College Sports Madness Big Sky Conference Defensive Player of the Week honors. Playing in front of a crowd of 14 family and friends which included his well-known father and grandfather, he also broke-up a pass and one of his tackles was for a loss of two yards.

It was the first time in 37 games that EWU hasn't allowed a touchdown since beating Richmond 38-0 in the FCS Playoffs in 2016. It had been 40 Big Sky Conference games since the Eagles held a league opponent out of the end zone, dating back to a 54-3 win over North Dakota in 2014. Eastern had a 3-0 advantage in turnovers forced, and held ISU to 4-of-17 on third down and 0-of-4 on fourth.

Earlier in the season, Criner helped Eastern to a dominating 6-0 advantage in turnovers forced with another pair of interceptions and seven tackles in EWU's 35-20 victory over North Dakota on Sept. 28. He was rewarded by earning honorable mention for STATS National Defensive Player of the Week honors. His first interception came in the first quarter and helped lead to a short Eastern drive and 14-0 lead. His second pick came with 11:46 to play and Eastern nursing a 28-20 lead. It was the first

of four-straight empty possessions for the Fighting Hawks to close out the game. He also had a pair of tackles in the decisive fourth quarter as EWU allowed a season-low 20 points (at the time) and 369 total yards. Eastern scored 21 of its 35 points as a result of the turnovers the Eagles forced.

Through 12 games, Criner was third on the team with 85 tackles on the season, and also had three passes broken up and his four picks. He has seven interceptions, 183 tackles, 10 passes broken up, two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery in his 38-game career (16 as a starter). He had a career-high 16 tackles at Montana on Oct. 26 for the fifth performance of his career with at least 10.

Criner has deep collegiate football roots. His father, Mark, is a former player at Boise State (1990 graduate) and long-time college coach with tenures at Idaho, Portland State, Utah State, Minnesota, Eastern Michigan, Cincinnati, Middle Tennessee State, Lamar, and Colorado State Pueblo, as well as with the Las Vegas Outlaws of the now defunct Xtreme Football League. Calin is the grandson of former Boise State University head football coach Jim Criner (1976-82), who guided the Broncos to the 1980 NCAA Championship Subdivision (then I-AA) title. He was 59-21-1 overall and 34-12 in the Big Sky at BSU, and was later head coach at Iowa State (1983-86).

#### **Harrison Leads FCS With Perfect 12-of-12 Field Goal Accuracy**

Redshirt freshman kicker **Seth Harrison** was the only player in FCS with an average of at least one field goal attempt per game to be perfect, going 12-of-1 in the 2019 season. He was 31st in field goals with an average of 1.09 per game, including four field goals – the second time in four games he did that – in a 48-5 victory over Idaho State on Nov. 9. He had makes of 40, 36, 21 and 36 in the first half, and his 40-yarder was a career long. He also had 10 kickoffs for a 57.5 average with one touchback.

Harrison was also 50-of-53 on extra points in 2019, having a string of 22-straight makes from Oct. 5 until missing his first attempt at Cal Poly on Nov. 16. He also averaged 52.9 yards on 78 kickoffs (six touchbacks).

Harrison garnered Big Sky Conference Special Teams Player of the Week honors from the league after converting all nine of his extra point attempts and booting a 27-yard field goal in a 66-38 win over Northern Arizona on Nov. 2. He also had 10 kickoffs for a 50.8 average versus the Lumberjacks with one touchback.

In EWU's previous home game, he kicked four field goals (32, 21, 21 and 23) and made all six of his extra points to finish with 18 points in Eastern's 54-21 romp over Northern Colorado on Oct. 12. All four of his field goals came in the first half as he came one kick away from the school record of five. He also had 10 kickoffs for a 52.9 average.

Harrison had a field goal of 35 yards versus Montana on Oct. 26. In his first action as the No. 1 kicker on Sept. 14 versus Jacksonville State, Harrison made a 22-yard field goal, converted all six of his extra points, had eight kickoffs for a 58.1 average with two touchbacks and even recovered a fumble that led to an EWU touchdown.

Harrison, a redshirt freshman from Coeur d'Alene (Idaho) High School, didn't even start out the year as EWU's kicker. That role fell to junior **Andre Slyter**, whose first field goal made in his EWU career turned out to be the longest in 11 years for the Eagles on Sept. 7 versus Lindenwood.

His 50-yarder ranked as the 17th-best in school history and it was the longest in 11 years and one day since Felipe Macias made a 52-yarder on Sept. 6, 2008. Slyter also missed a 47-yard attempt against Lindenwood, and had a 63.4 average on five kickoffs with one touchback.

However, he missed the second half of that game and every game after that. For the season, Slyter has made 1-of-3 field goals, all six of his extra points and has a 61.9 average on kickoffs with three touchbacks in his first season as EWU's place-kicker. In his career he has averaged 58.6 yards in 123 kickoffs with 50 touchbacks. He's averaged 61.9 yards per kick with three touchbacks in 2019. He's made 10-of-13 extra points as an Eagle and had not attempted a field goal until the 2019 season.

Harrison and Slyter are replacing EWU career and single season kick scoring leader Roldan Alcobendas, who was a perfect 16-of-16 kicking field goals in 2018 to win the Fred Mitchell Award as the top placekicker in the nation (all levels but FBS).

#### **Called "Eagle-Shirts," True Freshmen Received Chance to Shine**

Like they did in 2018, Eagle head coach **Aaron Best** and his coaching staff made decisions on a game-by-game basis in 2019 on which, if any, of the team's 24 true freshmen would play in games. The team allows selected "Eagle-Shirts" to suit up and potentially play, but the No. 1 focus is on making sure those players are physically and mentally ready to play Division I football. Starting in 2018, the NCAA passed a rule

that allows student-athletes to play in up to four games and retain their redshirt status for that season.

In 2019, 15 true freshmen saw action, starting Sept. 7 versus Lindenwood when running back **Silas Perreiah** and offensive lineman **Isaac Flemmer** played. Perreiah ended up rushing seven times for 19 yards in that game and scored his first career touchdown on a reception for three yards. In the next game at Jacksonville State, Perreiah and three others saw action, and two made big plays in the first quarter. **Marlon Jones Jr.** forced a fumble on a kickoff return that was recovered by EWU and led to a touchdown. Later, true freshman defensive lineman **Sebastian Gomez** deflected a pass that was intercepted. Gomez had a pair of tackles, and also seeing action on the defensive line was **Brock Harrison**. Gomez also played at Idaho, and was joined by **Nick Kokich**, who punted twice including a 54-yarder and **Jordan White** who played on special teams.

Perreiah, Kokich and White all played against North Dakota on Sept. 28, with Perreiah rushing for 126 yards and a touchdown and Kokich punting nine times for a 37.7 average with a long of 59 to equal the 38th-longest in EWU history. Perreiah, Kokich, and Harrison also played versus Sacramento State, with Kokich punting six times for a 41.3 average with a long of 54 and three punts downed inside the Hornet 20-yard line.

Perreiah played in 10 games did not redshirt, and Kokich played in nine as EWU's punter. Perreiah had 255 yards rushing, two catches for six yards and scored twice. Kokich averaged 39.0 yards in 41 punts in 2019, with 10 downed inside the opponent 20-yard line and a long of 59 to equal the 38th longest in EWU history.

Eastern's 40-0 halftime lead versus UNC on Oct. 12 helped seven true freshmen to see action, including a trio making their Eagle debuts. Running back **Kyle Bryant** carried six times for 20 yards, offensive lineman **Matthew Hewa-Baddege** was in for 10 snaps and **Warren Hardin** saw action in eight. In addition, Flemmer and White also played.

**Blake Gobel** made his Eagle debut on Oct. 26 versus Montana, and Harrison and Jones also played in that game. Harrison had his first career tackle and Jones had his first career kickoff return with a 22-yarder versus the Griz. **Soli Paleso'o** made his Eagle debut with nine snaps against Northern Arizona on Nov. 2, and finished with a tackle. **Jakobie James** also made his debut, and Jones, Hewa-Baddege and Flemmer also played in the blowout 66-38 win.

Against Idaho State on Nov. 9 in a 48-5 victory, linebacker **Steven Flowers** made his Eagle debut and saw action on 11 plays, mostly on special teams. Gobel had his first career catch on a 15-yard touchdown on a fake field goal attempt, and James had his first career catch for six yards. Bryant and Paleso'o also played.

In Eastern's 42-41 win over Cal Poly on Nov. 16, Gobel actually made the first start of his career when EWU started in a three tight end formation and turned it into a 25-yard rushing gain on EWU's first offensive play. Flowers, Bryant, Harrison and Gomez all played in that game.

In EWU's season-ending 53-46 win over Portland State, Trey Edwards got into the game to become the 15th true freshman to play in the 2019 season. Flowers, Bryant and James also played.

#### **Ledbetter Recovers Two Fumbles Versus North Dakota After Two More Blocked Kicks at Idaho: Continues Legacy of #4 Jersey**

Honored nationally for blocking two more kicks at Idaho on Sept. 21, Eastern senior **Dylan Ledbetter** continued the legacy of being awarded the No. 4 jersey at Eastern, a tribute that has existed for more than 10 years. He blocked a field goal in both the first half and second half versus the Vandals to give him a school-record six in his career and earn honorable mention from STATS for the National FCS Defensive Player of the Week award. He followed that with the first two fumble recoveries of his career in a 35-20 win over North Dakota on Sept. 28, and forced a key fumble on Nov. 2 in the third quarter against Northern Arizona. He finished eighth in FCS with two blocked kicks and 35th with two fumble recoveries.

A team co-captain in 2019, Ledbetter earned honorable mention All-Big Sky honors as a junior when he had 45 tackles, 1 1/2 sacks, broke-up three passes and blocked three kicks. Ledbetter finished his senior season with 49 tackles and 1 1/2 sacks, giving him 10 sacks in his 52-game career (33 as a starter), with totals of 168 tackles, five passes broken up, a school-record six blocked kicks, two fumble recoveries and a forced fumble.

Since the 2008 season when senior Jason Belford had the number, the coaching staff has selected a leader on defense to wear the jersey. It symbolizes the defensive player who most embodies the characteristics of defense at Eastern -- grit, toughness, effort, leadership and academic success.

Although the honor isn't necessarily given to the most talented defensive player



on the team, Eastern has had 11-straight players in that number earn All-Big Sky honors, and 13 of a possible 14 since Eastern joined the league in 1987. Below is the list of players who have worn that number since EWU became a member of the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision in 1984 (Big Sky in 1987).

*Name – Year - Pos. - Hometown / Previous School*

**Hunter, Darryl** - 1983-84-85-86 - DB - Tacoma, Wash. / Foss HS  
**%Corr, Dominic** - 1986-87-88-89 - RB - Seattle, Wash. / Garfield HS  
**%Wright, Harold** - 1990-91-92-93 - RB - Tacoma, Wash. / Lakes HS '89  
**Givens, Roderick** - 1995 - DB - Auburn, Wash. / Auburn HS '94  
**#%Brightful, Lamont** - 1998-99-00-01 - WR - Everett, Wash. / Mariner HS '97  
**%Williams, A.J.** - 2002-03 - DB - Lacey, Wash. - North Thurston HS '01  
**%Dotson, Anthony** - 2005-06-07 - DB - Federal Way, Wash. / Federal Way HS '03  
**%Belford, Jason** - 2005-06-07-08 - DL - Tacoma, Wash. / Lincoln HS '04  
**#%Sherritt, J.C.** - 2007-08-09-10 - LB - Pullman, Wash. / Pullman HS '06  
**%Brown, Allen** - 2010-11-12-13 - DB - Tacoma, Wash. / Foss HS '09  
**%Raynes, Todd** - 2012-13-14-15 - DB - Kenmore, Wash. / Inglemoor HS '11  
**%Zamora, Miquiyah** - 2013-14-15-16 - LB - Pasco, Wash. / Chiawana HS '12  
**%Havili, Albert** - 2013-14-16-17 - DL - Federal Way, Wash. / Federal Way HS '13  
**%Fettig, Mitch** - 2015-16-17-18 - DB - Olympia Wash. / Olympia HS '14  
**%Ledbetter, Dylan** - 2016-17-18-19 - DL - West Seattle, Wash. / O'Dea HS '15

*#All-America selection (Brightful was first team in 2001, second team in 2000 & second team in 1999 as return specialist, and honorable mention in 2001 as a wide receiver; Sherritt was the Buck Buchanan Award winner in 2010, and first team in 2009 and 2010 as a linebacker).*

*%All-Big Sky Conference selection (Corr was first team in 1989 & second team in 1989 as return specialist; Wright was Big Sky Newcomer of the Year in 1989, and first team in 1991 & second team in 1992 as a running back; Brightful was first team in 2001 as a wide receiver and return specialist, first team in 2000 as a return specialist, second team in 2000 as a wide receiver and first team in 1999 as a return specialist; Williams was honorable mention in 2003 and 2002 as a safety; Dotson was second team in 2007 as an outside linebacker; Belford was second team in 2008 and honorable mention in 2007 as a defensive end; Sherritt was the Big Sky Defensive MVP in 2010, first team in 2009 and 2010 as a linebacker & honorable mention in 2008 as a linebacker; Brown was second team in 2012 & honorable mention in 2013 as a safety; Raynes was third team in 2015 as a safety; Zamora was first team in 2016 & honorable mention in 2014 as a linebacker; Havili was second team in 2017 as a defensive end; Fettig was third team in 2018 & 2017 & honorable mention in 2016 as a safety; Ledbetter was honorable mention in 2018 as a defensive tackle).*

#### **Senior Chris Schlichting Started All 52 Games in His Career For a Quartet of Offensive Linemen With 171 Career Starts**

Offensive tackle **Chris Schlichting** started in each of EWU's 52 games in his four seasons for the Eagles, equaling the school record originally set by Cooper Kupp (now with the Los Angeles Rams) from 2013-16. He started all 14 games as a redshirt freshman in 2016, all 11 in 2017, all 15 in 2018 and all 12 in 2019, earning first-team All-Big Sky Conference honors as a senior and second team accolades as a junior.

Senior center **Spencer Blackburn** finished his career with a streak of 49 consecutive starts since taking over the position in the fourth game of the 2016 season. He earned first-team All-Big Sky accolades in 2019, and was on the second team in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Senior offensive tackle **Tristen Taylor** had started 28-of-28 games as an Eagle until a season-ending knee injury kept him out of the lineup on Sept. 22, 2018, versus Cal Poly. He finished starting all 40 games he played in his career, and coupled with the 30 starts by **Kaleb Levao**, the four offensive linemen combined to start 171 games (194 total games of experience) for the Eagles. Taylor was a second-team All-Big Sky selection in 2019 and honorable mention in 2017, and Levao was third team in 2019 and second team in 2018.

Guard **Will Gram** made the first start of his career against Washington, but finished his career with 39 games worth of experience and started EWU's first six games and four after that (total of 10). Junior **Conner Crist** started on Oct. 12 versus Northern Colorado and Oct. 26 against Montana, and has 22 games of experience. Thus, including Gram in the starting lineup, that's a total of 181 starts and 233 games played for the EWU starting five through the first nine weeks of the season.

More importantly, EWU was 38-14 overall (73.1 percent) and 27-5 (84.9 percent) in Big Sky Conference play in the last four seasons.

#### **Total of 19 Made Starting Debuts in 2019**

True freshman **Blake Gobel** made the first start of his young career when EWU started the Cal Poly game on Nov. 16 in a three tight end formation. He helped block for a 25-yard run by **Talolo Limu-Jones** on the first play of the game, leading to an Eagle touchdown and early lead. He gave EWU a total of 19 players who made their starting debuts in 2019.

Redshirt freshman wide receiver **Freddie Roberson** made the first start of his Eastern career against Idaho State on Nov. 9 in his ninth game as an Eagle. He is a 2018 graduate of Rainer Beach High School in Seattle, Wash. One game earlier, junior wide receiver **Talolo Limu-Jones** made the first start of his Eastern career against Northern Arizona on Nov. 2 and he made it a big one. On the first offensive play of the game for EWU, he caught a short pass from **Eric Barriere** and turned it into a 75-yard touchdown. Limu-Jones would finish the day with career highs of eight catches for 147 yards. He entered the game with 29 career catches for 553 yards and nine touchdowns – a TD for every 3.2 catches.

Redshirt freshman cornerback **Darrien Sampson** also made the first start of his young career, having entered the NAU game with seven games played. He finished with five tackles, a pass broken up and a quarterback hurry. Limu-Jones is from Vallejo, Calif., and graduated from Grace Davis High School in 2016. Sampson is from South Seattle, Wash., and graduated from Rainier Beach HS in 2018.

Junior **Conner Crist** made the first start of his career (at left guard) versus Northern Colorado on Oct. 12. He is a 2016 graduate of Tigard (Ore.) High School, and the UNC game was his 19th as an Eagle. Prior to that, senior defensive end **Darnell Hogan** made the first start of his career at Sacramento State on Oct. 5. Hogan is from Seattle and graduated in 2015 from Cleveland High School, and the Sac State game was his 31st as an Eagle as he finished with 23 total snaps.

Nose tackle **Keith Moore** made the first start of his Eastern career against North Dakota on Sept. 28, as did **Dylan Ingram** as a second tight end to begin the game. Moore, a 2016 graduate of Olympic High School in Bremerton, Wash., finished with four tackles, including a forced fumble on a sack for a loss of nine yards, and another tackle for loss of three yards. Ingram is a 2017 graduate of Camas (Wash.) HS, and his brother, Dawson, is a true freshman for the Eagles in 2019.

Senior linebacker **Trevor Davis Jr.** made the first start of his career as an injury replacement for **Chris Ojoh** against Idaho on Sept. 21, and the 2015 graduate of Tumwater (Wash.) High School finished with a career-high eight tackles. Junior defensive nose tackle **Rudolph Mataia Jr.**, made the first start of his career one game earlier in EWU's game at Jacksonville State on Sept. 14, becoming the 10th Eagle to make his starting debut in 2019. The 2016 graduate of Evergreen High School in Vancouver, Wash., wasn't credited with any tackles, but did play 40 snaps in the game.

Against Lindenwood on Sept. 7, redshirt freshman cornerback **Tre Weed** made the first start of his career for the Eagles at cornerback. Weed finished with three tackles and had a pass broken up. The 2018 Sumner (Wash.) also returned three punts for 10 yards with a long of eight. He played in four games a year ago as a true freshman, mostly on special teams, but retained his redshirt status.

Eight Eastern players made the first starts of their careers in Seattle on Aug. 31 when EWU played Washington. They included senior **Will Gram** as the starter at left guard, **Dennis Merritt** at running back and **Dre' Sonte Dorton** at wide receiver. On defense, first-time starters include "Buck" end **Mitchell Johnson**, nose tackle **Caleb Davis**, rover **Joe Lang** and cornerbacks **Ira Branch** and **Darreon Moore**. On special teams, sophomore **Trevor Bowens** made his debut as EWU's punter, junior **Andre Slyter** takes over as EWU's placekicker and sophomore **Cody Clements** is in his first year as long snapper.

Gram is a 2015 graduate of Troy (Idaho) High School where he played 8-man football, and the UW game was his 28th as an Eagle. Merritt is a senior from Cascade HS in Leavenworth, Wash., and entered the 2019 season with 28 games of experience. Dorton is also a senior and is out of Chiawana HS in Pasco, Wash., and he saw action in his 28th game versus Washington.

Johnson played in all 15 games in 2018 and earned first team Freshman All-America honors as a backup to Nick Foerstel (first two games behind Keenan Williams). He is a 2017 graduate of West Linn (Ore.) HS. Davis is a 2017 Bonney Lake (Wash.) HS graduate who finished with 26 tackles and a sack in 11 games as a redshirt freshman in 2018.

Both sophomores, Branch is a 2017 graduate of Mount Tahoma HS in Tacoma, Wash., and Moore is from Pasco, Wash., and graduated the same year from Kamiakin HS. Both were backups in 2018, with Branch finishing with three tackles in seven games played, and Moore having 11 in 14 games.

Four other players in a group of 21 redshirt freshmen also made their Eagle play-

ing debuts at Washington, including tackle **Brad Godwin**, guard **Charlie Baumann**, wide receiver **Freddie Roberson** and tight end **Julian Houston** on offense. Also playing versus UW among that group of 21 redshirts were seven of the nine players who played as true freshmen in 2018 and were able to still redshirt because of new NCAA legislation. They included defensive tackle **Joshua Jerome**, defensive end **Zion Fa'aopega**, running back **Isaiah Lewis**, tight end **Aiden Nellor**, linebacker **Justin Patterson** and cornerbacks **Darrien Sampson** and **Tre Weed**. In addition, Washington transfer **Jusstis Warren** made his Eagle debut versus his former team.

In the next game versus Lindenwood, running back **Micah Smith**, running back **Silas Perreiah**, offensive lineman **Isaac Flemmer**, kicker **Seth Harrison** and wide receiver **Michael Taras** played in their first games as an Eagle. Perreiah and Flemmer were the first two Eagle true freshmen to play in 2019, but can retain their redshirt status if they play in four games or less in 2019. In addition, wide receiver **Anthony Stell Jr.** made his season debut for EWU versus Lindenwood after playing in one game as a true freshman in 2018.

Three true freshmen – **Sebastian Gomez**, **Marlon Jones Jr.** and **Brock Harrison** – made their Eagle debuts at Jacksonville State on Sept. 14. Two more, **Nick Kokich** and **Jordan White**, made their debuts on special teams at Idaho on Sept. 21. Redshirt freshman wide receiver **Champ Grayson** made his Eagle debut versus North Dakota on Sept. 28. A trio of true freshmen – **Warren Hardin**, **Kyle Bryant** and **Matthew Hewa-Baddege** – made the first appearances of their Eagle careers on Oct. 12 versus Northern Colorado. Blake Gobel made his Eagle debut against Montana on Oct. 26, and **Soli Paleso'o** and **Jakobie James** made their debuts versus Northern Arizona on Nov. 2, and **Steven Flowers** made his a week later against Idaho State on Nov. 9, and **Trey Edwards** played in his first game as an Eagle versus Portland State on Nov. 23.

On special teams, Slyter handled kickoffs previously for EWU, but had only kicked four extra points and hadn't attempted a field goal prior to the 2019 season. Eastern's Roldan Alcobendas was a perfect 16-of-16 a year ago, and also handled EWU's punting duties. Clements is replacing Curtis Billen, who spent the previous four seasons as EWU's long snapper.

Eastern entered the 2019 season with a total of 20 players returning with 253 games of starting experience, including 10 players on defense with 72 starts and 10 on offense with 181 starts. Here are the current number of starts by EWU players on the 2019 roster.

Current Starts on Defense (204 starts by 21 players): **Dylan Ledbetter** 33, **Dehonta Hayes** 21, **Jim Townsend** 21, **Calin Criner** 16, **Jack Sendelbach** 15, **Tysen Prunty** 12, **Chris Ojoh** 11, **Mitchell Johnson** 11, **Tre Weed** 11, **Keith Moore** 8, **Darreon Moore** 7, **Kedrick Johnson** 7, **Trevor Davis Jr.** 6, **Joe Lang** 5, **Andrew Katzenberger** 5, **Ira Branch** 3, **Anfernee Gurley** 3, **Darrien Sampson** 3, **Caleb Davis** 2, **Rudolph Mataia Jr.** 2, **Darnell Hogan** 2.

Current Starts on Offense (313 starts by 18 players): **Chris Schlichting** 52, **Spencer Blackburn** 49, **Tristen Taylor** 40, **Antoine Custer Jr.** 32, **Kaleb Levao** 30 (including 1 as defensive lineman), **Eric Barriere** 23, **Andrew Boston** 19, **Jayce Gilder** 17, **Jayson Williams** 12, **Johnny Edwards IV** 12, **Will Gram** 10, **Dre' Sonte Dorton** 6, **Conner Crist** 2, **Talolo Limu Jones** 2, **Freddie Roberson** 2, **Dylan Ingram** 3, **Blake Gobel** 1, **Dennis Merritt** 1.

#### Lang's Big Day Includes Fumble Return for a TD

Redshirt junior rover **Joe Lang** had some big performances as an athlete at class 1A Royal (Wash.) High School, but he had an equally huge game in EWU's 54-21 victory over Northern Colorado on Oct. 12. Starting his fifth game as an Eagle – but first in three weeks – he had a career-high seven tackles, a forced fumble, a pass broken up and a 34-yard fumble return for a touchdown which opened the floodgates to help EWU open a 40-0 lead at halftime. His forced fumble on a kickoff earlier in the quarter led to an Eastern field goal.

On its way to a dominating 637-352 advantage in offense – 409-112 in the first half alone – Eastern established a new school record for consecutive home victories (12 at the time) at the current site of Roos Field (formerly Woodward Field), plus extended a long winning streak to 12 over UNC.

For the season, Lang has 38 tackles and three passes broken up, in addition to his fumble forced and fumble recovered. The former walk-on had just six tackles in six previous games as an Eagle special teams player entering the 2019 season.

While an All-State defensive back and running back in high school, he led Royal to a perfect 14-0 record with a 58-yard interception return for a touchdown in a 28-7 win over Kings for the State 1A title. He went on to win state titles in the long jump (21-

9 1/4) and triple jump (42-0) at the State 1A Championships in 2016 at EWU, which has been the site of the meet annually since 1996.

#### Four Current Eagles Have Completed Coursework Toward Degrees

Four seniors have already completed requirements toward their bachelor's degree, and another seven are on track to finish by the end of the fall quarter, which begins on Sept. 25.

Linebacker **Jack Sendelbach** graduated following spring quarter in marketing, and is now in a graduate program for sport and recreation administration. Safety **Dehonta Hayes** completed studies toward his communications studies degree at the end of summer quarter and is enrolled in communication studies graduate school for fall quarter. Center **Spencer Blackburn** has completed his economics major, but won't graduate until he finishes his second major in accounting this fall. Wide receiver **Jayson Williams** completed his marketing major, but won't graduate until winter with a double major in finance.

The student-athletes who can complete requirements toward their degrees this fall are **Bradley Alexander** (business management), **Conner Crist** (communication studies), **Darnell Hogan** (communication studies), **Andrew Katzenberger** (business management), **Tysen Prunty** (communication studies), **Jim Townsend** (biology) and **Kaleb Levao** (communication studies).

In fall quarter of 2018, Eastern's players had a combined 3.07 grade point average, and the accumulative average GPA of the Eagles is 3.06.

#### Dorton Returns Kickoff For Touchdown a Week After Receiving National Accolades for Receiving

The day started off with another bang for **Dre' Sonte Dorton** on Sept. 14 at Jacksonville State when he returned the game's opening kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown. It was his second career return for a TD, dating back to his first on Sept. 17, 2016, when he had a 93-yarder versus Northern Iowa. After a 50-yard catch at Idaho on Sept. 21, Dorton now has nine plays of at least 40 yards in his career, including a 78-yard reception for a touchdown on the game's first offensive play on Sept. 7 against Lindenwood.

Dorton had a record-breaking day receiving against Lindenwood, helping him earn honors as the STATS NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Offensive Player of the Week in helping EWU to a school-record 769 yards of total offense. Dorton broke the school record with 289 receiving yards on 15 receptions, which equaled the fourth most. For his breakout game, he also earned honorable mention FCS National Player of the Week honors from College Football Performance Awards.

Dorton's 289 yards broke the receiving yardage record set by current Los Angeles Ram Cooper Kupp with 275 at Northern Colorado on Oct. 24, 2015. Interestingly, both Kupp and Dorton wore the No. 10 jersey on their record-setting days, which came up short of the Big Sky record of 333 yards. Dorton's 15 catches equaled the 15th-most in Big Sky history, and were fourth in school history with Kupp owning the record of 20 at UNC. Dorton's previous single-game bests were two catches and 52 yards, and he entered the game with 17 catches for 220 yards and four touchdowns in 28 career outings. Dorton's reception was a career long, and later in the game he had 59-yard TD catch.

He was injured on the game's opening kickoff against Northern Colorado on Oct. 12 and didn't play the rest of the season. In his 34-game career (six as a starter), he had 43 receptions for 691 yards (16.1 per catch) and eight touchdowns, as well as 54 kickoff returns for 1,248 yards (seventh in EWU history) and a 23.1 average with two touchdowns. Including minus three yards in rushing, that gave him a total of 1,936 all-purpose yards as an Eagle.

#### Barriere and Blackburn Earn Variety of Preseason All-America Honors

Eastern's "battery" of junior quarterback **Eric Barriere** and sixth-year center **Spencer Blackburn** led the way in preseason honors given to EWU players entering the 2019 season. Barriere earned recognition as a first team All-American by Hero Sports, and was a listed as a FCS Player of the Year candidate by three media outlets. Blackburn was on four All-America squads, including first team accolades as one of just 24 players honored by Athlon.

In addition, Blackburn and Barriere were among the nine Eastern players selected to Phil Steele's All-Big Sky Conference squad. Blackburn joined defensive end **Mitchell Johnson** as first team selections, with offensive tackle **Chris Schlichting**, offensive guard **Kaleb Levao** and defensive tackle **Dylan Ledbetter** earning second

team honors. Named to the third team were Barriere, running back **Antoine Custer Jr.**, offensive tackle **Tristen Taylor** and linebacker **Chris Ojoh**.

#### Barriere Selected to Walter Payton Award Watch List

Junior quarterback **Eric Barriere** was selected by STATS on July 31 as one of 25 players in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision to be selected to the Walter Payton Award Watch List, and ended the season as one of the finalists.

Barriere was also selected to the College Football Performance Awards (CFPA) FCS National Performer of the Year Trophy Watch List and was the FCS Fans Nation choice to be the division's Offensive Player of the Year. In addition, he received first team preseason All-America recognition by Hero Sports, and third team honors on the Phil Steele All-Big Sky team.

Barriere took over as EWU's starter midway through the 2018 season and helped lead the Eagles to the cusp of the NCAA Division I title, going 8-1 as a starter before EWU fell in the title game. He passed for 24 touchdowns and rushed for another eight in a total of 14 games played as a sophomore.

Eastern has previously had three Walter Payton Award Winners – wide receiver Cooper Kupp in 2015, quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell in 2011 and quarterback Erik Meyer in 2005. The Eagles are the only FCS program with three Payton winners since 2000.

In 2016, Kupp and Gage Gubrud were second and third, respectively, in the voting. Gubrud, who was an All-American in 2016 and a starter in both 2017 and 2018, was on the preseason watch list the past two seasons. In both 2013 and 2014, Vernon Adams Jr. was the runner-up for the Payton Award.

In June, Barriere earned first team honors on the Hero Sports Preseason FCS All-America team. In 2018, Gubrud suffered a foot injury five games into the season and Barriere took his place for the final 10 contests. EWU won eight of those games to finish 12-3 overall and 7-1 in the Big Sky Conference to share the league title with Weber State and UC Davis.

#### Spencer Blackburn Among Elite Group of 28 Players Recognized on Athlon Preseason A-A Team

The center position is crowded when it comes to NCAA Football Championship Subdivision All-America honors, let alone Big Sky Conference honors. Sixth-year center **Spencer Blackburn** was selected as one of just 28 players nationally to be honored on the Athlon 2019 Preseason NCAA Football Championship Subdivision All-America Team announced June 11.

It was one of four preseason All-America honors Blackburn earned in the summer, as he also earned second team preseason All-America honors from STATS, Hero Sports and Phil Steele. Blackburn was listed as an offensive lineman on the Athlon team, with Zach Larsen from Southern Utah listed as the center. Larsen also earned first team honors from the other three outlets.

Larsen and Blackburn are the two best centers in the Big Sky Conference as evidenced by all-league teams. Larsen has been the first team All-BSC center each of the last two seasons while Blackburn has earned second team accolades in each of the last three years. In 2016 when Blackburn was a sophomore and started his string of 37-straight starts (entering 2019), Joey Kuperman from Cal Poly earned first team honors.

Blackburn was a sixth-year senior in 2019 after he received approval from the Big Sky Conference and the NCAA for their hardship waiver requests to receive a sixth year to complete four years of eligibility. Blackburn is a 2014 graduate of Meridian High School in Bellingham, Wash. He redshirted in 2014, but couldn't play in 2015 because of a thumb injury. In 2018 he earned NCAA Football Championship Subdivision All-America honors by Associated Press (second team) and STATS (third team).

Blackburn was a team co-captain in 2018 – and again in 2019 -- and was named in both years to the Academic All-District 8 Football Team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). He will also earn his fourth Big Sky All-Academic honor in 2019, and has a 3.69 GPA in professional accounting. He was the 2017 recipient of the Larry Hattermer Offensive Lineman Scholarship.

Eastern finished as the only school to rank in the top 20 in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision in total offense, rushing and passing. The Eagles averaged 528.2 yards on offense to rank third in FCS, including 255.9 rushing (10th) and 272.3 passing (20th). Eastern was also ranked fourth in scoring (43.1). The Eagles as a team finished the 2018 season with a school-record 6.62 average per rush on the season to break the previous record of 6.41 set in 2001. The Eagles set team records

for rushing yards (3,839) and rushing touchdowns (41).

#### Chris Schlichting is Lone Eagle on Preseason All-Big Sky Team

On a team of worthy candidates, senior offensive tackle **Chris Schlichting** was the lone Eastern Washington University football player picked to the 2019 Big Sky Conference Preseason All-Conference Team announced July 15 by the league.

The 2015 graduate of Mount Si High School in North Bend, Wash., entered the 2019 season having started all 40 games he played as an Eagle. He was a second team All-Big Sky Conference selection in 2018, and is one of nine Eagles returning who have previously received Big Sky accolades. Included were fellow offensive line-men **Spencer Blackburn** (center) and **Kaleb Levao** (guard), who also earned second team honors in 2018.

The 6-foot-5, 295-pound Schlichting started all 14 games as a redshirt freshman in 2016, all 11 in 2017 and all 15 in 2018 when EWU won a share of the Big Sky Conference championship and lost to North Dakota State 38-24 in the NCAA Division I Championship game.

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In 2017, he helped Eastern rank fifth in FCS in total offense (476.7 per game), and was also eighth in passing (320.5), 14th in scoring (34.5) and 11th in third down conversions (46.1 percent).

In 2016, Schlichting made his debut as an Eagle starter versus Washington State (9/3/16) in EWU's thrilling 45-42 win. He helped Eastern rank second in FCS in total offense with an average of 529.6 yards per game, trailing only Sam Houston State at 547.3 per outing. Eastern was the FCS leader in passing offense (401.0 yards per game), and was third in third down conversions (52.1 percent), third in completion percentage (.679), third in scoring offense (42.4), and third in passing efficiency (168.2).

## More 2019 Season Notes

#### EWU Board Approves Task Force Recommendation to Renovate Football Stadium

The Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees (BOT) unanimously approved a \$25 million private fundraising strategy to renovate the existing football stadium after long-awaited pre-design plans were unveiled Sept. 6, 2019, on the EWU campus.

A BOT-appointed task force recommended the renovation plan after studying all fundraising and facility enhancement opportunities, since state dollars cannot be used. Part of the review involved working with ALSC Architects of Spokane to create stadium renderings that would reflect a realistic project the university could pursue.

Renovating the stadium will be a game-changer for Eastern as it will create a dynamic venue with all new seats, premium seating options and an expansion of the east side stands.

"We like to talk about Eagle grit, and it's certainly taken a lot of grit and hard work to get to this point," says Lynn Hickey, director of athletics at EWU. "Eagle Nation deserves a space that matches the strength, passion and hard-work of a program and is a point of pride throughout the region and beyond. This is a reasonable plan that will give us that space."

Hickey notes the stadium's overall seating capacity won't increase much under the plan, but fans will enjoy better seats and improved sight lines, with more seatback chairs, covered club level seating and private loge box seating. Additional amenities include more concessions and new restrooms located on both sides of the stadium, reflecting feedback from surveys and focus groups. The track will also be removed to create a more intimate environment.

"This stadium renovation plan will elevate the whole campus year-round," says EWU President Mary Cullinan. "It will help Eastern recruit more high-caliber student-athletes and make that game day experience even more memorable."



Construction will begin once the funds are raised, however the immediate need is to replace the red turf before the beginning of the 2020 football season. For more information including a media kit with renderings and frequently asked questions, visit <http://ewu.edu/stadium>.

#### **Eastern Receives \$5 Million Gift Toward Stadium Renovation**

Just two weeks after unveiling renovation plans, EWU announced a \$5 million gift from a prominent local business owner—the largest individual private gift ever made to Eastern. EWU Associate Vice President and Director of Athletics Lynn Hickey revealed on Sept. 19 that Jack Gillingham, a Cheney resident who owns several businesses on the West Plains and in Spokane, made the gift to inspire others to also “Advance the Standard” of Eastern Athletics. The \$5 million gift will be structured around an initial payment to expedite the replacement of the Roos Field’s red turf, with the remainder disbursed over the next four years.

“I wanted to step up because I believe in the vision and the team Lynn Hickey has put together to move the Eastern athletic department further into greatness,” said Gillingham. “This gift is a statement to and for the community to get behind this project, which can be a catalyst for the local economy. It’s a rallying cry for current and future supporters to get involved to make this a reality.”

“Jack and I discussed EWU’s need for a champion to get this renovation kick-started,” said Hickey. “He didn’t hesitate to get on board, and he is very gracious and generous to make this commitment. The entire university will benefit from this—not just our department, the football program and our fans—as it will open doors for other philanthropists to support academics, scholarships and programs.”

Sr. Associate Athletic Director Devon Thomas said Eastern has been accepting gifts and pledges since the announcement of the stadium renovation. The 52-year-old stadium will be completely renovated with all new seats including new premium seating offerings. Those who make gifts and pledges now will be contacted regarding options of how their contributions may be utilized toward future seating options.

Thomas said stadium naming rights are still available, and that the school is working with Gillingham to thoughtfully recognize his generous contribution, which included an on-field check presentation at North Dakota game on Sept. 28.

“I’m overjoyed to contribute to this visionary project,” added Gillingham, who owns American Onsite Services, Barr-Tech and Northwest Industrial Services. “This project is real and EWU Athletics and the rest of the university will get it done.”

#### **Eagle Now 18-1 Versus FCS Schools in California From 2006-2019**

Following a 42-41 win at Cal Poly on Nov. 16, the Eagles have won 18 of their last 19 matchups against NCAA Football Championship Subdivision opponents from California. In addition, until the Eagles lost at Sacramento State on Oct. 5, it had been 14 years since Eastern had lost a road game to a FCS school in California – an 8-0 record starting back to 2008. Eastern was 2-0 versus Sacramento State, 3-0 against Cal Poly and 2-0 at UC Davis in that span, with the last road loss to those three teams a 40-35 setback at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo on Nov. 5, 2005. The Eagles did lose to California of the Pac-12 Conference 59-7 on Sept. 12, 2009, in Berkeley, Calif.

The Sac State loss earlier in 2019 ended a 17-game streak versus FCS foes from California dating back to a 15-13 home loss to Sacramento State on Nov. 1, 2008. During that streak, EWU was 5-0 versus Sac State and 6-0 against both Cal Poly and UC Davis. Overall, the Eagles are now 36-7 against those three foes (83.7 percent), but are better on the road (18-3 for 85.7 percent) than at home (18-4 for 81.8 percent). Eastern is now 12-1 at Sacramento State (19-5 overall), 2-0 at UC Davis (8-0 overall) and 4-2 at Cal Poly (9-2 overall).

#### **Streak of At Least One Road Win Extended to 51 Seasons**

A 50-year streak was extended to 51 when Eastern Washington won its first road game at Idaho State on Nov. 9 in Pocatello, Idaho. That streak now includes all 36 seasons Eastern has been a member of the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA). The last time Eastern was winless on the road was 1969 when the then-Savages were 0-4 away from home and finished 4-5 on the season. In fact, since then, Eastern has had at least two road wins in all but six seasons (1974, 1975, 1976, 1988, 1989, 1994), a current streak of 26-straight seasons with at least a pair. Eastern extended that from 25 to 26 against Cal Poly on Nov. 16.

#### **Eagles Trade Hot & Humid for Indoors**

The game Nov. 9 versus Idaho State was Eastern’s 60th game inside a dome, where the temperatures are always at about 72 degrees and wind or humidity are not factors. After the 48-5 win, Eastern is 31-29 all-time in domes, including a 15-4 record at Idaho

State’s Holt Arena. Eastern lost earlier in 2019 at Idaho, where EWU is now 4-9 at the Kibbie Dome. Eastern is also 10-7 at NAU’s Walkup Skydome, 2-0 at North Dakota, 0-1 at North Dakota State, 0-1 at South Dakota, 0-6 at Northern Iowa and 0-1 at the Houston Astrodome.

Playing in a dome is a far cry from what Eastern faced Sept. 14 in Jacksonville, Ala., where the game was delayed by 30 minutes to 3:35 p.m. because of lightning in the area. At kickoff it was 90 degrees with 67 percent humidity. That was the eighth-hottest game in recorded EWU history (since 1980), ranking behind the 106 at Arizona State (8/31/02 at 6 p.m.), 97 at Sacramento State (9/26/09 at 6 p.m.), 94 at Southwest Texas State (9/7/95 at 6 p.m. in San Marcos, Texas), 93 at Spokane’s Albi Stadium versus Portland State (9/3/88 at 7 p.m.), 93 at Sacramento State (9/26/15 at 6 p.m.), 92 at Eastern Illinois (9/14/91 at 6:30 p.m.) and 91 at Nicholls State (9/2/04 at 6:30 p.m. at Thibodeaux, La.). On two other occasions the temperature has hit 90 degrees at kickoff.

The temperature for the Nicholls State game in 2004 also came with considerable humidity, and a pre-game rain shower soaked Eastern’s footballs prior to the 37-14 loss. Eastern also faced severe weather at Sam Houston State on Sept. 28, 2013, when a thunder, lightning and rain storm stopped the game for 78 minutes. With a temperature of 84 degrees and 81 percent humidity, Eastern fell 49-34. There was also a similar one-hour weather delay when Eastern played at Southwest Texas State in San Marcos, Texas, on a 94-degree day on Sept. 7, 1995. Eastern won that game 34-16.

#### **Eagles Record Second-Most Points in the Second Quarter and First Half Versus UNC**

Eastern scored early and often versus Northern Colorado on Oct. 12 in a 54-21 victory, and the Eagles nearly broke a pair of school records in the process. Eastern’s 40 points in the first half were the second most since becoming a member of the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision in 1983, ranking only behind the 41 EWU scored versus Cal Poly in 1994. The 30 points the Eagles scored in the second quarter ranked only behind the 31 Eastern scored in a 2014 game versus North Dakota.

In Eastern’s next home game, a 66-38 win over Northern Arizona on Nov. 2, the Eagles scored 37 in the first half to rank in a tie for third on the list. Earlier in 2019, EWU had a 28-point effort versus Jacksonville State to equal the second-best effort in the first quarter (EWU had 29 versus Central Washington in 2004).

Eastern has had numerous 40-point performances in the second half in school history, including 47 versus Portland State last year which were just two from the record of 49 set on two occasions. The most points scored in the third quarter were 36 versus UC Davis in 2016 and the most in the fourth quarter came versus Cal State Northridge with 35 in 2001.

#### **Eastern is 30-18 Since 2010 Versus Ranked Opponents, Including 10-9 Versus Top 10 Foes**

Montana was the 63rd time Eastern has faced a team ranked in the top 10 in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (STATS), as well as the 131st against a ranked foe. Eastern lost that game 34-17 in Missoula.

The Jacksonville State game was the first time and only other time thus far in the 2019 season the Eagles played a ranked team in FCS in the STATS weekly poll. Eastern, ranked fourth at the time by STATS, lost 49-45 to the 17th-ranked Gamecocks. However, Washington (ranked in FBS) and North Dakota (ranked 25th in the FCS coaches poll but not by STATS), means EWU actually faced three ranked foes in EWU’s first five games.

Eastern was 5-2 versus ranked opponents in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision in 2018 and thus far are 0-2, and have now won 63 percent of its games (30-18) versus ranked teams since 2010. Eastern is 59-72 in 131 games overall against ranked teams since becoming a member of that classification in 1983 (then known as I-AA). Since 1983, Eastern is 1-7 versus ranked FBS foes, and a loss to Washington (ranked 13th by the media and 12th by the coaches) in 2019 was the eighth such foe EWU has faced.

The Eagles are 9-35 all-time versus top 5 opponents (4-7 since 2010), including 2-8 versus No. 1 (0-2 since 2010). Eastern is also 10-9 versus top 10 foes since 2010, including a 5-4 mark in the regular season and 5-5 in the playoffs Eastern is 19-44 in 63 games all-time versus top 10 opponents.

Overall, EWU has faced the No. 1 team in FCS 10 times, winning twice -- 35-31 in 2004 over Southern Illinois in the FCS Playoffs and 30-21 in 2002 over Montana at Albi Stadium in Spokane, Wash. One of the losses was in 2016 in Fargo, N.D., when North Dakota State beat No. 8 Eastern 50-44 in overtime. The following season, EWU was ranked seventh and lost 40-13 to second-ranked NDSU in Cheney. Eastern lost a third time to the top-ranked Bison by a 38-24 score on Jan. 5, 2019, in the NCAA Division I Championship Game.

In 2018, Eastern also beat the No. 9 team in NCAA Division II at the time when

EWU blasted Central Washington 58-13 to open the season. The Eagles then defeated a ranked opponent for the first time since 2016 when the Eagles beat Northern Arizona 31-26 on Sept. 8. Northern Arizona had entered the game ranked 18th in the STATS Top 25 poll, and the win snapped a three-game losing streak in games versus ranked foes. The last win over a ranked opponent before that was versus No. 12 Richmond 38-0 on Dec. 10, 2016, in the quarterfinals of the FCS Playoffs.

Eastern, however, fell 14-6 to No. 13 Weber State on Oct. 13, 2018, in Ogden, Utah, in another game versus a ranked foe, then registered victories over No. 4 UC Davis (59-20), No. 15 Nicholls (42-21), No. 7 UC Davis (34-29) and No. 12 Maine (50-19), with the latter three wins coming in the FCS Playoffs. The Eagles then fell to top-ranked North Dakota State 38-24 in the NCAA Division I Championship Game in Frisco, Texas.

#### Through First Six Games, Eagles Were Looking for More Consistency

Through six games and an uncharacteristic 2-4 start to the season, Eastern head coach **Aaron Best** found his team looking for improved consistency—“Jekyll and Hyde” performances as he pointed out after a particularly lopsided performance at Idaho on Sept. 21.

In the 13 quarters Eastern had an advantage in total offense in those first six games, the Eagles were averaging 163.8 yards per quarter (52.2 rushing/111.5 passing) and 13.1 points while completing 65.0 percent of their passes. That equated to a game average of 655.0 yards (208.9/446.2) and 52.3 points. Opponents in those 13 quarters were averaging 77.8 yards (29.7/48.2) and 7.5 points, equating to a game average of 311.1 yards (118.5/192.6) and 30.2 points. Eastern registered four shutouts of their opponent in those 13 quarters.

In the other 11 quarters, EWU was shut-out five times and had scored a total of 37 points (3.4 per quarter, equating to 13.5 per game), while opponents scored 132 (12.0 per quarter, equating to 48.0 per game). The yardage totals were 65.2 per quarter for EWU (31.5 rushing/33.7 passing) to equate to 260.7 per game (125.8/134.9), compared to 145.6 per quarter for opponents (50.7/94.9) to equate to a game total of 582.5 yards (202.9/379.6).

Most recently, Eastern had advantages in the middle two quarters against Portland State in a 53-46 victory on Nov. 23, the first three quarters at Cal Poly on Nov. 16 in a 42-41 win, and all four quarters in a 48-5 victory over Idaho State on Nov. 9. One game earlier, the Eagles had an incredible 331 yards of total offense in the first quarter (NAU had 151) in what would become a 706-yard effort in a 66-38 win over Northern Arizona. Eastern was edged out by NAU in the middle two quarters, then had a 111-66 advantage in the final quarter.

Eastern had a 174-104 advantage in yards and 14-7 on the scoreboard in the second quarter of what would become a 34-17 loss at Montana on Oct. 26. One game earlier, Eastern dominated Northern Colorado in a 40-0 first half before laying off the gas in the second half of the 54-21 win. Eastern had a 215-75 advantage in yards and 10-0 in scoring in the first quarter, and 194-37 and 30-0 in the second quarter.

Thus, when adding those statistics to the 13 previous quarters EWU had a yardage advantage, here are the numbers in 27 quarters in 2019 in which EWU has had an advantage in total offense:

- EWU – 171.9 yards per quarter (62.9 rushing/109.0 passing) and 13.1 points, 64.9 percent pass completion rate (equates to game average of 687.4 yards/251.4 rushing/436.0 passing) and 52.4 points.
- Opponents – 89.4 yards (38.3/51.1) and 6.6 points, (equates to a game average of 357.6 yards/153.0/204.6) and 26.2 points. Eastern registered nine shutouts of their opponent in those 27 quarters.

Against Sacramento State on Oct. 5, both teams had advantages in two quarters, and the game ended with EWU having a 497-471 edge in total offense. However, the difference in the game turned out to be two Eastern turnovers returned for touchdowns by the Hornets.

Eastern out-gained North Dakota in the first two quarters en route to a 28-7 lead at halftime. The Eagles were out-gained both quarters of the second half, but did have a 7-6 scoring edge in the final quarter thanks to a pair of turnovers gained en route to a 6-0 victory in the turnover battle.

Versus Idaho in a 35-27 loss on Sept. 21 in Moscow, Eastern fell behind 28-0 at halftime and was out-gained in total offense 329-103. In the second half, Eastern had a 27-7 advantage on the scoreboard and 357-134 in yards. The outcome was a reversal of a 38-14 romp past the Vandals in 2018 in which EWU led 31-0 at intermission.

Eastern fell at Jacksonville State 49-45 on Sept. 14 in a game in which the Eagles won the total offense battle and held the lead for all but 1:12 of the game – including leading for at least 10 points for 48:34. But the Gamecocks scored 21 points in the final 14:49 to overcome a 45-28 Eagle lead late in the third quarter. The Eagles had jumped out to a 28-7 lead in the first quarter.

Prior to the loss to the then No. 17/16-ranked Gamecocks, EWU beat Lindenwood 59-21 in which quarterback **Eric Barriere** had the 14th-best performance in Big Sky history (second all-time at EWU) with 556 yards of total offense. Eastern finished with a school record 769 yards as a team, with senior wide receiver **Dre' Sonte Dorton** setting a school record with his 289 yards receiving and ranking fourth with 15 catches.

The Eagles opened their 2019 campaign with a 47-14 loss at Washington of the Pac-12 Conference. The Huskies had entered the game ranked 13th in the Associated Press media poll and 12th by the coaches in the NCAA Bowl Subdivision after a 2018 season which saw them finish 10-4 overall and 7-2 in the Pac-12 North Division. Washington beat Utah 10-3 in the league championship game, then fell 28-23 to Ohio State in the Rose Bowl.

#### Eastern's 15 Pass Attempts Versus North Dakota Fewest in Nearly 30 Years

For an Eastern Washington football team to have just 100 yards passing and win by 15 points, you know the running game was clicking. Eastern had its fewest passing yards in 21 years and 255 games, equaled its fewest attempts in 29 years and 345 games, and its fewest completions in 40 years and 466 games in Eastern's weather-impacted 35-20 victory over North Dakota on Sept. 28.

In blizzard-like conditions, the Eagles completed 6-of-15 passes for 93 yards in the victory, while rushing for 284 and five scores. It was EWU's fewest passing yards since having 91 on Oct. 31, 1998, when EWU rushed for 192 in a 31-25 victory over Sacramento State. Eastern was 10-of-17 through the air in that Halloween contest.

The last time EWU had fewer attempts than 15 was back on Oct. 27, 1990, when EWU attempted 14 versus Portland State in a 21-13 win. The Eagles were 8-of-14 for 100 yards in that game, and rushed for 210. Eastern also had 15 pass attempts at Weber State on Oct. 23, 2004 (10-of-15 for 121 yards, 295 rushing in a 51-7 win) and 15 in the 1997 FCS Playoffs versus Northwestern State (9-of-15 for 196 yards, 241 rushing in a 40-10 win).

Eastern has never had fewer than six completions in 36 seasons (1984-2019) as a member of the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA). You have to go back to the first game in the coaching career of Dick Zornes to find a game in which EWU completed less than that. The Eagles were 4-of-11 for 40 yards on Sept. 13, 1979, and also rushed for 237 in the 20-7 victory.

Even in 1999 when the Eagles rushed for a school-record 456 yards in a 48-41 victory over Cal State Northridge, EWU completed 9-of-18 passes for 132 yards. Eastern won the 2019 game against North Dakota by rushing 284 yards and five touchdowns on 62 carries, including 134 yards and three scores by **Antoine Custer Jr.** and another 126 and a TD for **Silas Perreiah**.

#### In Terms of Weather, Eagles Face Another Extreme in Sacramento

The temperature at kickoff against North Dakota on Sept. 28 in Cheney, Wash., was 35 degrees and snowing, with 20-mile-an-hour winds – weather not unlike some of the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision playoff games EWU has hosted since 2010. It was the first September snowfall in the Spokane area since 1926. The 35 degrees equaled the 17th-coldest in EWU history, but the top 16 on that list include no games prior to Nov. 4.

That was sandwiched around a pair of trips to sweltering locales, including an Oct. 5 game at Sacramento, Calif., where two of the four hottest games in EWU history have been played. Eastern played there in 97-degree heat (second all-time) on Sept. 26, 2009, and it was 93 (fourth) on Sept. 26, 2015, with both kickoffs at 6 p.m. The high for the Sacramento State game this time around in 2019 was 79 degrees at kickoff and sunny.

Eastern's game on Sept. 21 at Jacksonville State equaled the eighth-hottest at 90 degrees. The hottest home game for EWU was 93 degrees when EWU tied Portland State 31-31 at Albi Stadium in Spokane on Sept. 3, 1988. The coldest game was 12 degrees when Eastern hosted Youngstown State in the semifinals of the FCS Playoffs at Roos Field on Dec. 16, 2016.

The hottest game in school history at kickoff was 106 degrees at Arizona State at 7 p.m. on Aug. 31, 2002. It was 94 at Southwest Texas on Sept. 7, 1995, also at 6 p.m. local time, to rank third in school history.

#### 70 Percent of EWU's Roster were from Washington in 2019

The Eagles had 102 players in their program in 2019, and 71 of them – 70 percent – are from the state of Washington. Eastern's coaching staff is Washington-based as well, with nine of the team's 11 full-time coaches (82 percent) hailing from the Evergreen State. Head coach **Aaron Best** is a 1996 graduate of Curtis High School in Tacoma, Wash., and shares the same alma mater with **Brian Strandley** (1990).

### Seven of EWU's 12 Games Were on the Road in 2019

Eastern 12-game football schedule in 2019 included seven road games, five at home and a couple of twists and turns along the way.

With the return of Idaho to the Big Sky Conference in 2018 and the departure of North Dakota, Eastern will annually play the Vandals in a league game. However, 2019 was left out as a league game because of schedules already in place. It worked out that both the Eagles and Vandals had the same open date in their schedule.

The Eagles and Idaho will played the final non-conference game against each other on Sept. 21 in Moscow. Starting in 2020, the two schools will be considered "rivals" by the league and will play each other every season. Portland State is EWU's other "rival," while Idaho will face Montana every year starting in 2020.

The Eagles opened their five-game home schedule with a 59-31 victory over Lindenwood, a NCAA Division II school in St. Charles, Mo., in EWU's home opener on Sept. 7. The Lions were a member of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association in 2018, and begin play in the Great Lakes Valley Conference in 2019.

Eastern's second home game was a 35-20 victory on Sept. 28 versus North Dakota, which is the last game for EWU that counts in the league standings versus the Fighting Hawks. North Dakota is in transition after leaving the Big Sky for the Missouri Valley Conference, and will begin play in that league in 2020.

Other home games for the Eagles are Oct. 12 versus Northern Colorado (54-21 victory), Nov. 2 against Northern Arizona (66-38 win) and Nov. 23 versus Portland State on Senior Day at EWU (53-46 triumph). The game versus North Dakota was Hall of Fame Day at EWU, and the UNC game was Homecoming.

Eastern opened the 2019 season with a 47-14 loss at Washington of the Pac-12 Conference, and then lost a non-conference road game at Jacksonville State of the Ohio Valley Conference by a 49-45 score on Sept. 14. That game is part of a home-and-home series that will also include a home game for EWU at Roos Field on Sept. 11, 2021.

Eastern played four league road games – Oct. 5 at Sacramento State (a 48-27 loss), Sept. 26 at Montana (a 34-17 loss), Nov. 9 at Idaho State (48-5 win) and Nov. 16 at Cal Poly (42-41 win). Because of the way the calendar fell in 2019, an additional game was allowed by the NCAA in lieu of the traditional 11-game schedule collegiate teams play.

## Recent Game Recap

### Eastern Extends Streaks in 53-46 Win Over Portland State

Senior Day for **Antoine Custer Jr.** was a memorable experience. The senior running back from Berkeley, Calif., had a career-high 218 yards rushing to help Eastern to its 13th-straight winning season and remain unbeaten at home with a 53-46 victory over Portland State on Nov. 23 at Roos Field in Cheney, Wash. Finishing the regular season 7-5 overall and 6-2 in the Big Sky, EWU closed with its fourth-straight victory – the team's only multiple game winning streak of the season. EWU has a current school-record 14-game winning streak at "The Inferno," with Eastern going a perfect 5-0 at home and 2-5 on the road in 2019. Eastern scored 28 unanswered points spanning halftime to break it open from a 17-all tie. Portland State rallied to pull within a single score in the fourth quarter, but Eastern senior wide receiver **Jayson Williams** recovered an onside kick with two minutes left and EWU was able to run out the clock. Custer averaged 13.6 yards per carry, and scored on runs of 29 and 2 yards. He had an 88-yard non-scoring rush, and finished with the 15th-most yards in school history. He finished the regular season with 1,228 yards for eighth all-time at EWU and his 3,045 career yards are fourth. Quarterback **Eric Barriere** passed for 260 yards and rushed for 23 in the win, passing for three and scoring another on a 10-yard rush. Redshirt freshman **Freddie Roberson** had his first 100-yard receiving performance as an Eagle with four catches for 104 yards. Senior **Andrew Katzenberger** had a team-high 14 tackles, with senior **Jack Sendelbach** and junior **Kedrick Johnson** finishing with 10 apiece. Senior **Dehonta Hayes**, Eastern's leading tackler, had nine to give him 115 for the year. Eastern scored 14 of its points in the first half off a pair of interceptions. The Eagles took a 17-7 lead in the first quarter on a 10-yard run by Barriere after the first career interception for senior **Tysen Prunty**. In the second quarter after PSU knotted the score at 17, an interception by redshirt freshman **Tre Weed** led to a 29-yard touchdown run by Custer. Weed originally returned the pick 33 yards for a TD, but a penalty shortened the penalty. That started the run of 28-straight points for the Eagles. A strategic EWU timeout late in the first half helped Eastern get the ball back with 2:31 to play. But the Eagles only needed 1:12 to go 88 yards on four plays, with sophomore **Andrew Boston** scoring on a 14-yard pass from Barriere and giving EWU a 30-17 halftime lead. Barriere had passes on the drive of 33 yards to Boston, 24 to senior **Jayson Williams** and 22 to redshirt freshmen **Freddie Roberson**. Eastern then scored the first two times it had the ball in the second half, including drives of 90 yards and 56. Custer scored on a 2-yard run after his 88-yarder, and then **Tamarick Pierce**

caught a 4-yard TD pass from Barriere. Eastern added an insurance TD in the fourth quarter on a 2-yard run by Pierce, who finished with 54 yards in just his fourth game played in 2019, ensuring he can still redshirt and return in 2020.

## More Aaron Best Comments

**On Finishing With Four-Game Winning Streak:** "Here we are 6-2 in the conference after going 8-0, 6-2 and 7-1 before that – there aren't many teams in this conference that can boast of that. So it's not how you start but it's how you finish. I'm proud of this bunch of seniors and our entire program."

**On Antoine Custer Jr.:** "Antoine embodies who we are. He shows up to work and he has fun during practice, and it shows during games. He's arguably one of the better backs if not the best back in this league. He's paid his dues and it's shown, not only today, but over the past four years with his body of work."

**On Seniors:** "You never like to see your family members – in this case our student-athletes – leave the nest and enter new territory. But I think we've done a good job of instilling the next phase of experiences to them and with them throughout life. They've been resilient with as much adversity as these seniors have faced throughout their careers. That's what the game of football is about, and we find a little bit more of that in Cheney than most. I'm really, really proud of everybody involved, but especially those players exhausting their eligibility here at Eastern. It's a long journey and we talked about it all week. Not everybody finishes their career as a senior – there is a lot of blood, a lot of sweat and a lot of tears involved in getting to this point, and they should be commended. This is the ultimate team sport, and it's a physical sport and is an unruly sport at times. Nonetheless, they all made it a memorable finish after starting the season 1-3."

**On Running Game:** "We're still pass/RPO first, but we're going to rely heavily on the run. Teams that are great and play at the end of November and into December are teams that play defense and run the ball consistently. That's what we've adopted here. You have to have to have different variations of running the ball, and yards per carry is where it's at. The No. 1 offense in the nation resides in Cheney, and we haven't been able to say that too often. We've been in the top five and top 10 many times, but we've done it this year after starting 1-3 on the season."

**On Keys to Winning Consistently:** "It starts with turnovers, then it's third down conversion percentage and red zone. You have to move the sticks to get to the red zone, and those are the three things we've hammered home these past three years. We have to be better in those three areas than our opponent."

**On Cal Poly Win:** "It was a game between two gutsy teams and we ended up a point better. When you give up turnovers on your last two possessions, that usually doesn't equate to victories. But our guys were resilient – our energy is zapped. It took every ounce of energy to get to this point and we ended up on top. I proud of how scrappy we were today. We found a way to win a close game late, which is what we haven't been able to do very much in 2019."

**On First Road Win at ISU & Defense:** "It's game 10 and we finally won on the road. I'm not sure what we're supposed to do to celebrate – this team hasn't won on the road before. This bunch is happy and excited, and we know that winning on the road is hard to do. Even as depleted as our defense is, the 64 guys in pads only gave up three points. I couldn't be prouder of this bunch."

**On Defense Versus ISU:** "Great is an understatement. It's awesome to only give up three offensive points on the road against a team that is going to lean on the run and the run-pass option, and then take some shots deep. They were withstanding some storms by our offense, and we just couldn't get untracked. Finally we got it going, and once the offense got going with its tempo, the defense still played up to par. Coach (Et) Ena put in a great game plan not knowing who the quarterback would be, and them coming in with the top rusher in the league."

**On NAU Win:** "We probably played our best game overall. There were some explosive plays – probably a few too many given up by our defense. But we were balanced in a lot of ways, and distributed the ball to various players well. Eric (Barriere) orchestrated the offense almost flawlessly – we had zero turnovers and caused two so that is another win when we are on the plus side of turnover margin. We're really proud of our bunch of players and coaches."

**On Montana Loss:** "We played really good football for a half, and didn't play very good football for the other half. That seems to be a common theme. I thought our protection was actually pretty good for the better part of the day. They gave Eric enough time, but our receivers weren't open when we expected them to be open. They didn't opportunistically catch the ball or tuck the ball when they were open and the ball was thrown to them."



# EAGLE EXCELLENCE

**TWO NCAA Division Championship Game Appearances • 2018 Champions, 2018 Runner-Up**

**THIRTEEN NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoff Berths  
1985, 1992, 1997, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018**

**TEN Big Sky Championships, including "three-peat" in 2012/2013/2014 &  
back-to-back titles in 2004/2005  
1992, 1997, 2004, 2005, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018**

- Eastern is the only FCS school with three Payton Award Winners (**Cooper Kupp** in 2015, **Bo Levi Mitchell** in 2011 and **Erik Meyer** in 2005) and two Buchanan Award Winners (**J.C. Sherritt** in 2010 and **Greg Peach** in 2008). In addition to a Jerry Rice Award recipient (**Cooper Kupp** in 2013), all of the honors have come in the last 14 seasons (2005-2018). The Eagles are the only FCS program with three Payton winners since 2000. In both 2013 and 2014, **Vernon Adams Jr.** was the runner-up for the Payton Award. In 2016, **Cooper Kupp** and **Gage Gubrud** were second and third, respectively, in the voting. In addition, **Roldan Alcobendas** won the 2018 Fred Mitchell Award given to the top placekicker from all college classifications except for FBS.
- Eastern was the runner-up in the 2018 NCAA Division I Championship Game after winning the title in 2010. In 2018 when EWU won its fourth league title in the last six seasons, Eastern made its 10th playoff appearance in 15 seasons. Eastern is one of only three teams to qualify for the playoffs 10 times in the last 15 seasons (2004-18).
- Eastern has had 22 winning seasons in the last 24 years (1996-2019), including a current school record string of 13-straight (2007-19) and another stretch of seven straight (1999-2005). The last time Eastern had that many winning seasons in a row came 75 years earlier in the Red Reese era when Eastern had a string of 11-straight winning seasons from 1931-1941.
- In the past 24 years (1996 through 2019), the Eagles have won 66 percent (194-101) of their games overall and 70 percent (132-55) in Big Sky Conference play. Included are nine Big Sky titles and four runner-up finishes, as well as 22 winning seasons, 11 NCAA Championship Subdivision Playoff berths and the 2010 FCS title. As a result, former head coach Beau Baldwin (2008-16) left Eastern with a 58-14 Big Sky record for a winning percentage of .806 to rank as the fifth-best in league history. His .733 winning percentage overall (85-31) ranked seventh all-time in what is now the 56-year history of the Big Sky. In three seasons at the helm, current head coach Aaron Best is close to those marks (19-5, .792; 26-12, .684).
- Eastern has averaged 31.8 points on offense and allowed 25.4 points on defense in the past 24 seasons (1996 through 2019), for totals of 9,377 points scored and 7,484 allowed in 295 games (record of 194-101).
- Eastern's 34 victories from 2012-14 represents by a landslide – by seven wins – the best three-year stretch of success in the school's football history. The 2008-2010 and 2009-11 teams won 27 games. It's also the fourth-best in Big Sky Conference history, ranking only behind the 39 games Montana won between 2000-02 and 2007-09, and the 38 the Grizzlies won between 1994-96.
- Finishing second in the final STATS top 25 poll of the 2018 season, Eastern has had a top four finish six times in the past nine years (2010-2018). In the 2015 season, Eastern extended its string of nationally-ranked weeks to 57 before the streak was ended with the final poll of the season, then followed with a 46-week streak that ended in the 2019 season -- a span of 103 of 104 polls. The 2018 season was the 15th time Eastern has finished the season nationally ranked, including 11 times since 2004. The other seasons were in 1985, 1992, 1993, 1997, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016 and 2017. Seven times the Eagles have finished in the top four – fourth in 1997, 2012, 2014 and 2016; third in 2013; second in 2018; and first in 2010 after winning the NCAA Division I title.
- Capping an 11-game winning streak to end the year, Eastern was the 2010 NCAA Division I National Champions. The top-ranked Eagles defeated #9 Southeast Missouri State (37-17), #25 North Dakota State (38-31 in overtime) and defending champion #10 Villanova (41-31) in three home playoff games, then defeated #5 Delaware (20-19) in the championship game on Jan. 7, 2011, in Frisco, Texas. Quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell was selected as the game's Most Outstanding Player after throwing three touchdowns passes in the final 16:48 as EWU rallied from a 19-0 deficit.
- The Eagles have been ranked No. 1 in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision in 2014, 2012, 2011 and 2010 for at least one week of the season. Eastern ended both the 2010 regular season and the playoffs as the No. 1-ranked FCS team by both The Sports Network and in the FCS Coaches Poll. Eastern was also No. 1 in the first two polls of the 2011 season, two weeks in 2012 and once in 2014. The Eagles were as high as second in 2018 and 2013, as high as fourth in 2015 and as high as third in 2016.

## Eagle Pride . . .

- Three FCS Total Offense Championships (2019, 2001, 1997), as well as three passing offense titles (2016, 2015, 2011) and two for scoring offense (2014, 2001). In EWU's last 16 seasons (2004-2019), EWU has ranked in the top 10 in passing 13 times, total offense on 12 occasions and scoring seven times. Eastern was the national champion in offense in 2019, averaging 524.8 yards, to go along with averages of 40.6 points (fourth), 317.1 passing (fifth) and 207.8 rushing (21st). EWU ended 2016 as the FCS leader in passing offense (401.0 per game).
- A total of 90 Eagles have been drafted or signed free agent contracts with NFL or CFL teams since 1989. Fourteen have been drafted by the NFL and five drafted by the CFL, in addition to four NFL draftees between 1965-74. The most recent additions are free agent signees **Ketner Kupp** (Los Angeles Rams), **Nsimba Webster** (Los Angeles Rams) and **Jay-Tee Tiuli** (Seattle Seahawks). One year prior, signed were **Albert Havili** (Los Angeles Chargers) and **Victor Gamboa** (Ottawa Redblacks). Two players from EWU's 2016 team were drafted – **Cooper Kupp** in the third round and **Samson Ebukam** in the fourth, both by the Los Angeles Rams. **Kendrick Bourne** and **Shaq Hill** signed free agent contracts with the San Francisco 49ers and Houston Texans, respectively.
- Ten Eagles have been selected to participate in the NFL Scouting Combine in the past 14 years (2003-2016), with 17 selected to play in eight different college all-star games. Most recently, cornerback **Josh Lewis** and nose tackle **Jay-Tee Tiuli** were selected to play in the 2019 NFL Player's Association Collegiate Bowl. In 2016, wide receivers **Cooper Kupp** and **Kendrick Bourne** were invited to the NFL Combine, and Kupp played in the Senior Bowl.

- The Eagles have won 160 first-team FCS All-America honors in the past 21 seasons (1997-2018), with a total of 166 in school history. In 2018, kicker **Roldan Alcobendas** was honored on seven different teams as a first team choice as a placekicker, and also won the Fred Mitchell Award given to the top placekicker from all college classifications except for FBS.
- Eastern players have been selected as the Big Sky Conference Offensive MVP in 12 of the last 19 seasons (through 2019). In 2016, **Gage Gubrud** and **Cooper Kupp** became the first teammates to earn co-MVP honors. In 2015, Kupp became only the second wide receiver in 42 years to win the honor. Nine of EWU's MVP awards have been quarterbacks, including Gubrud, **Vernon Adams** (2014 & 2013), **Bo Levi Mitchell** (2011), **Matt Nichols** (2009 and 2007), **Erik Meyer** (2005 and 2004) **Josh Blankenship** (2002) and **Harry Leons** (1997), as well as running backs **Jesse Chatman** (2001) and **Taiwan Jones** (2010). **Jay-Tee Tiuli** was the Defensive MVP in 2018, becoming the sixth Eagle to earn that honor (**Jason Marsh** 1993, **Chris Scott** 1997, **Joey Cwik** 2005, **Greg Peach** 2008, **J.C. Sherritt** 2010).
- Wide receiver **Cooper Kupp** capped his sensational career as a four-time consensus All-American by repeating as FCS Offensive Player of the Year by the FCS Athletic Director's Association. He also finished second in the voting for the Walter Payton Award, presented in 2016 by STATS. Teammate **Gage Gubrud** was third in the voting for the award Kupp won as a junior. Kupp finished his career as the all-time collegiate in receiving yards with 6,284, and his 418 receptions and 71 touchdown catches were both all-time NCAA Division I records (FCS and FBS). In all, he set 15 FCS, 11 Big Sky and 29 EWU records in his 52-game career (all as a starter with at least two catches in each). He broke his own Big Sky record with 117 catches as a senior, good for 1,700 yards and 17 scores. As a junior, he was selected as the FCS Offensive Player of the Year by both STATS and the FCS Athletic Director's Association, and he was also presented the 2015 Walter Payton Award. He caught 114 passes in 2015, and announced on Nov. 30, 2016, his intention to return for his senior year rather than pursue professional opportunities a year early. He was selected as the recipient of the Jerry Rice Award given to the top freshman in FCS, and also in 2013 won the College Performance Awards Wide Receiver Award. Kupp led Eastern to 41 victories overall and 28 in the Big Sky Conference, with three league championships and playoff berths in his freshman, sophomore and senior seasons.
- In his first season as a starter in his sophomore season in 2016, **Gage Gubrud** had a FCS record 5,160 passing yards on his way to winning FCS Player of the Year by the Touchdown Club of Columbus (Ohio). A first team All-American, he also finished third in the voting for the Walter Payton Award, presented in 2016 by STATS. Teammate **Cooper Kupp** was second in the voting after winning the award as a junior. Gubrud was 11-2 in 13 games as a starter and led FCS in total offense with a league and school record average of 411.9 yards per game. His senior season was cut short because of an injury, but he finished with 21 school records, eight Big Sky Conference marks and three in FCS, with most coming in 2016. With 11,026 yards of total offense in his career, Gubrud averaged 344.6 yards of total offense per game to rank third all-time in FCS and break the Big Sky record of 328.9 set by Dave Dickenson of Montana. One of his school records was 551 yards of total offense in EWU's season-opening 45-42 win at Washington State in his starting debut, and he later broke it with 560 yards versus Montana in 2017 when he finished with a school-record 549 passing yards.
- Wide receiver/kickoff returner **Shaq Hill** became the first player in school history to play for Eastern in four Big Sky Championship seasons (2012, 2013, 2014, 2016). He helped Eastern have a collective 30-2 league mark and 46-11 record in those four years, while earning All-Big Sky accolades in each season. He played an EWU record 11 postseason games and became just the second Eastern player in school history to letter in four playoff years (the other was kicker **Kevin Miller** in 2009-10 and 2012-13). Hill finished his career with 178 receptions for 2,818 yards and 32 touchdowns, and had school records for career kickoff returns (94) and yards (2,280). His 5,234 all-purpose yards were the third-most in EWU history.
- Offensive tackle **Jake Rodgers**, a consensus FCS All-American in 2014, was drafted in the seventh round of the 2015 NFL Draft by the Atlanta Falcons (he now plays for the Denver Broncos). The 2010 graduate of Shadle Park High School in Spokane, Wash., was the 225th pick overall.
- Sixth-year senior **Ronnie Hamlin** broke the Big Sky Conference career tackles record after finishing his career with 50 starts in 53 career games (both school records at the time). The three-time All-American equaled a career high with 16 tackles against Illinois State in his final game as a collegian, and finished the season with 110 tackles on the season and 473 in his career. He finished with 20 performances in his career with at least 10 tackles. Most importantly, he helped lead the Eagles to a 39-14 record overall and 28-5 Big Sky Conference mark with a trio of league titles, three playoff berths and three appearances in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs.
- Two-time All-America quarterback **Vernon Adams Jr.** was runner-up in both 2013 and 2014 for the Payton Award given to the top player in FCS, and was 28-6 as a starter at EWU. His 2014 season was shortened by four games because of a broken foot, but he still passed for 3,483 yards (348.3 per game) and 35 touchdowns. As a sophomore, he finished second in the nation in total offense (373.3 per game), with school and Big Sky record totals of 5,559 yards of offense (second in FCS history), 4,994 passing yards (third) and 55 touchdown passes (third). His passing efficiency rating of 183.13 led the nation, ranked fourth all-time in FCS and broke EWU and Big Sky records. He was selected as the College Football Performance Awards National Performer of the Year in 2013. He established Big Sky Conference and EWU records with 110 touchdown passes to rank 10th all-time in FCS history. He played his senior year at Oregon and is now in the CFL.
- After a sensational season that saw him break a NCAA Football Championship Subdivision record, wide receiver **Brandon Kaufman** earned the 2012 FCS Wide Receiver Award from College Football Performance Awards (CFPA). Kaufman finished the 2012 campaign with a FCS record 1,850 receiving yards, closing the year with 93 total catches and 16 receiving touchdowns in 14 games. Besides earning first team All-Big Sky Conference honors, Kaufman was selected to four All-America teams, including first team honors from College Sports Madness and Beyond Sports College Network. Kaufman left Eastern a year early, and signed a free agent contract with the Buffalo Bills in spring 2013. Interestingly, Kaufman and former Eagle soccer player Lauren Jacobsen were married by former Eastern head coach **Beau Baldwin** in Colorado in 2015.
- Helping teams win titles at the high school, collegiate and professional levels, quarterback **Bo Levi Mitchell** won the 2011 Walter Payton Award presented by The Sports Network to the top player in the NCAA Championship Subdivision. In 2011, Mitchell led the FCS in four categories, including passing yards (4,009) and touchdown passes (33) on his way to breaking four school records. He broke EWU's record for single season passing yards with 4,009, which at the time ranked 17th in FCS history and fifth in Big Sky Conference history. He led EWU to a 19-7 record in two years, including the 2010 NCAA Division I title with a 20-19 victory over Delaware. He was named the Most Outstanding Player of the championship game, throwing three touchdown passes as the Eagles rallied from a 19-0 deficit to score three TDs in the final 16:48. He now plays for Calgary in the Canadian Football League, and he led the Stampeders to the 2018 Grey Cup title. He was the CFL's Most Outstanding Player in 2018 after throwing a league-best 35 touchdown passes. He was also the league's Most Outstanding Player in 2016, and two years prior he was game MVP in leading Calgary to the 2014 Grey Cup championship. He also led Katy, Texas, High School to an undefeated season and a state championship in 2007. His brother, **Cory Mitchell**, played wide receiver for the Eagles, and caught passes from Bo Levi in the 2011 season. Cory also signed with Calgary after finishing his EWU eligibility in 2014, but did not make the team.
- Linebacker **J.C. Sherritt** won the 2010 Buck Buchanan Award presented by The Sports Network to the top defensive player in the NCAA Championship Subdivision. He was also selected to six different All-America teams as a first team selection, and was the College Sporting News Defensive Player of the Year and the Big Sky Defensive MVP. He broke his own league and school records by finishing his senior season with 176 tackles, which ranked sixth in FCS history. He closed his career with a school-record 432 tackles to rank second in Big Sky history and 10th all-time in FCS. As a junior, he finished second in the voting for the 2009 Buchanan Award. On his way to

- earning first-team All-America honors on five different teams, he had a school and Big Sky Conference record 170 tackles, and led FCS with an average of 14.2 tackles per game. He played eight seasons for the Edmonton Eskimos in the CFL, where he was the league's Defensive Player of the Year after finishing with a CFL record 130 tackles in 2012. A year after his former Eagle teammate Bo Levi Mitchell won the Grey Cup, Sherritt helped Edmonton win the CFL title in 2015, and announced his retirement on Jan. 16, 2019.
- Eagle All-America offensive tackle **Michael Roos** became the highest draft choice in school history when Tennessee selected him in the second round of the 2005 NFL draft. He was the 41st selection overall, the third offensive tackle selected and the first NCAA Championship Subdivision player taken. In addition, he was the first Big Sky Conference player selected and the highest since 1989. In 2008, in just his fourth NFL season, he earned prestigious All-Pro honors and was also honored in 2010 and 2011 during his 10-year career in the NFL. He started 226 consecutive football games he played in dating back to his sophomore season at EWU in 2002 until suffering a knee injury in 2014, which subsequently led him to retire on Feb. 26, 2015. He started 190 of a possible 190 games in that span until an appendicitis attack and subsequent surgery ended the streak in October 2012. He retired on Feb. 26, 2015. He was inducted into the Eastern Athletics Hall of Fame on Oct. 1, 2016, and he and his wife, Katherine, received the Hall of Fame Service and Contribution Award.
- Running back **Taiwan Jones** finished fourth in the voting for the 2010 Walter Payton Award presented by The Sports Network to the top player in FCS. He was also selected to five different All-America teams as a first team selection, and was also the Phil Steele Publications FCS Offensive Player of the Year, the College Football Performance Awards Running Back of the Year and the Big Sky Offensive MVP. Despite missing three games and parts of two others because of injuries, he rushed for 1,742 yards and scored 17 total touchdowns to rank second in FCS in rushing (145.2 per game) and second in all-purpose yards (201.8 per game). Following his junior season, he declared himself eligible for the 2011 NFL draft and was selected in the fourth round by the Oakland Raiders. He was the first player taken from the Big Sky Conference and is Eastern's second-highest draft choice in school history. The 2016 season was his sixth with the Raiders, playing as a running back, cornerback, kick returner and on other special teams units. He played in 2017 and 2018 for the Buffalo Bills and is now with the Houston Texans.
- Defensive end **Greg Peach** won the 2008 Buck Buchanan Award presented by The Sports Network to the top defensive player in FCS. He earned first-team All-America honors on five different teams and was the College Sporting News FCS Defensive Player of the Year and the Big Sky Conference Defensive MVP. The two-time All-American led FCS with averages of 1.64 sacks and 2.1 tackles for loss per game, while setting school records with totals of 18 sacks in 2008 and 35 1/2 in his career. He went on to play seven seasons in the CFL with the Edmonton Eskimos, Hamilton Tiger-Cats and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, and announced his retirement on May 28, 2016.
- Quarterback **Erik Meyer** won the 2005 Walter Payton Award presented by The Sports Network to the top player in the NCAA Championship Subdivision. He and wide receiver **Eric Kimble** were Eastern's first-ever back-to-back All-America selections at their positions. Meyer led San Jose to the Arena Football League title in 2014 after several successful seasons with the Spokane Shock, where he was the AFL MVP in 2013. He served as a student assistant coach for the Eagles in 2012.
- Quarterback **Matt Nichols** finished fourth in the voting for the 2009 Walter Payton Award presented by The Sports Network, capping a record-breaking career. He broke school and Big Sky records for passing yards with 12,616 and total offense with 13,308. At the time, both marks ranked sixth all-time in FCS history. He eventually signed a free agent contract with the Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League, and went on to play with the Edmonton Eskimos where he was reunited with former Eastern teammate **J.C. Sherritt**. Nichols is now with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, and he played in nine of the team's first 10 games in 2019 before he was injured as Winnipeg beat Hamilton 33-12 for the Grey Cup title.
- Former Eagles **T.J. Lee III** and **Ryan Phillips** both became starting defensive linebackers on the same B.C. Lions teams in 2015 and 2016. Lee, a two-time All-American and three-time first-team All-Big Sky selection as an Eagle from 2010-13, had his fifth season in the CFL in 2018, and had his 2016 campaign shortened with an Achilles injury. Phillips, who played for Eastern in 2003 and 2004, concluded his 12th season with the Lions in 2016 before joining the Montreal Alouettes in the 2017 off-season and subsequently retired. He won five West Division All-Star honors and once had an iron-man streak of 181 consecutive games played. Lee is still with the Lions, and one of his former B.C. teammates was former Eagle **Tevin McDonald**, who also previously played in the NFL for the Oakland Raiders.
- **Matt Johnson** was drafted in the fourth round of the 2012 National Football League Draft by the Dallas Cowboys, but injuries kept him from playing in in the regular season in his three seasons with the club (2012-14). The 2010 FCS All-American started every game he played as an Eagle (45) and was twice selected as a first team All-Big Sky selection. He finished his career just one interception away from the school record of 18. He was also only nine interception return yards from the record of 219 held by Kurt Schulz and his six career forced fumbles tied for the school record.

## Eagle Tradition . . .

- Eastern has made 90 National or Regional Television appearances in the last eight years alone (2012-through 2019), including broadcasts on ESPN (1), ESPN2 (2), ESPNU (3), ESPN3/ESPN+ (12), Root Sports (25), the Pac 12 Networks (7), Comcast Sports NW (2), Fox Sports Networks (1), Eleven Sports (3) and SWX (34). Eastern made 18 appearances the previous two years (2010 & 2011) on ESPN2 (2), Altitude (2), Max Media (2), Root (1), Comcast (1), Fox College Sports (1), Midco (1), KPAX (1), KSBY (1) and SWX (6). In 2018, Eastern had 13 of its 15 games nationally or regionally televised, and in 2019 that figure was 10 of 12.
- Eastern set a new school record with an average of 10,123 fans in five home games in 2017, and had a 8,367 average in five home games in 2019. Since EWU won the NCAA Division I championship in 2010, EWU has had the top 10 attendance averages in school history in those 10 years (2010-19).
- With a Roos Field crowd of 8,789 versus UC Davis to conclude the 2018 regular season home schedule, Eastern had 30-consecutive regular season sellout crowds at "The Inferno" and now has 46 all-time in stadium history (8,600 or more). Eastern had its 21st-best crowd versus Idaho in 2018 with 10,023 fans at the stadium, which enters its 53rd season of existence in 2019. Eastern had three in the top 20 in 2017, including the fifth-most fans in school history against Montana State (11,301), No. 8 against Sacramento State (10,917) and No. 17 versus North Dakota State (10,231).
- Since 2010 (after games played Nov. 23, 2019), the Eagles have the third-most wins with 97 among all 124 schools in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision. Eastern has the fifth-best percentage, winning 97 of 132 games for 73.5 percent.
- Eastern has 10 playoff berths in a 16-year span (2004-19), ranking the Eagles as one of only six schools among 124 in FCS to accomplish that feat. Montana (2004-05-06-07-08-09-11-13-14-15-19) now has 11 appearances in that stretch, as does James Madison has 11 (2004-06-07-08-11-14-15-16-17-18-19). Northern Iowa (2005-07-08-10-11-14-15-17-18-19) and North Dakota State (2010-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19) each have 10. New Hampshire (2004-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17) made the playoffs for the 14th-straight time in 2017 but has not qualified the last two seasons.
- The Eagles have now had 23 offensive linemen earn All-America accolades in 35 years in FCS (1984-2018), including 14 first team All-Americans. They have combined for 73 honors (37 first team, 19 second team, 5 third team and 12 honorable mention).



- A total of 61 Eastern offensive linemen have earned All-Big Sky accolades in 33 seasons in the league (1987-19), including 27 who have earned first team honors. They have combined for 103 honors (34 first team, 24 second team, 3 third team, 42 honorable mention). Since 1994, eight different Eagle offensive linemen have played in 10 different all-star games. Tackle **Clay DeBord** and guard **Aaron Neary** in 2015 were the most recent players to earn All-America and first team All-Big Sky honors, and tackle **Jake Rodgers** and Neary earned both in 2014. All three also played in postseason All-Star games and went on to play in the NFL.
- Since becoming a member of FCS in 1984, Eastern has had 91 players earn a total of 334 All-America honors (through 2018). In 2018, kicker **Roldan Alcobendas**, center **Spencer Blackburn** and nose tackle **Jay-Tee Tiuli** were honored, combining for 12 honors. In 2016, **Cooper Kupp**, **Gage Gubrud**, **Samson Ebukam**, **Shaq Hill** and **Kendrick Bourne** combined for 21 total honors.
- A total of 108 first-team All-Big Sky Conference honors have been won by Eastern players since 1997 (through 2019). Since joining the Big Sky in 1987, Eastern has won a total of 499 All-Big Sky accolades (first, second, third, honorable mention).
- The Eagles have won 136 Big Sky Player of the Week honors in the past 23 seasons (1997-2019). Winners in 2019 were **Eric Barriere** (twice on offense) and **Seth Harrison** (once on special teams).
- In 14 of the last 25 seasons (1995-2019), Eastern has had a 1,000-yard rusher, including 10 different players. The latest were **Antoine Custer Jr.** with 1,228 in 2019 and **Sam McPherson** with 1,510 in 2018. They were the first since **Quincy Forte** in the 2013 season when he finished with 1,208. **Taiwan Jones** had 1,213 yards in 2009 and went over the 1,000-yard mark again in 2010 with 1,742 yards.

## ***Eagle Consistency . . .***

- Having won all five of its regular season home games in 2019 and all eight in 2018, Eastern will enter the 2020 season with a school-record 14-straight wins at Roos Field in the 2019 season. Eastern is now 57-10 (85.1 percent) overall at "The Inferno" since 2010 (through 2019). The stadium has been known as Roos Field since 2010 when a new red synthetic Sprinturf surface made its debut. Eastern's last home loss came on Nov. 4, 2017, versus Weber State.
- In the past 12 seasons (2008 through 2019), the Eagles are 64-1 when they've won the turnover battle, 24-9 when they've been tied and 23-33 when they've lost (total of 111-43). The last time EWU lost when it won the turnover battle came in the 2009 FCS Playoffs at Stephen F. Austin when EWU had two miscues and forced four in the 44-33 loss. Thus, EWU is 55-0 since 2010 when they've won the turnover battle, 21-9 when they've been tied and 21-26 when they've lost. That's a collective record of 97-35 (74 percent), with 26 of those 35 losses (74 percent) coming in games EWU has lost the turnover battle and 57 percent of EWU's wins coming when they've won the turnover battle (78 percent when including ties).
- From 1999-2019, 19 out of 21 seasons have concluded with a victory in the team's final game of the regular season, and EWU has won 39 of its last 46 regular season games in November (through 2019 with a nine-game winning streak). In November and beyond since 2004 (through 2019), the Eagles are 55-16 – 39-7 in the regular season and 16-9 in the playoffs. Since 2010, EWU is 40-0 overall in November and beyond (through 2019), with a 26-4 mark in the regular season and 14-5 in the playoffs.
- Through 2019, the Eagles are 59-11 in their last 70 Big Sky games since a 0-2 start in 2011. Eastern has won 49 of its last 58 league games (including two at the end of the 2012 season), with the lone losses coming against Montana and Sacramento State in 2019; Weber State in 2018; Weber State and Southern Utah in 2017; Montana and Portland State in 2015 and Northern Arizona in both 2015 and 2014. An Oct. 25, 2014, loss at Northern Arizona snapped EWU's 14-game conference winning streak and a home loss against the Lumberjacks on Nov. 7, 2015, ended a streak of eight Big Sky wins in a row. Including non-conference victories (two versus MSU and one each against Cal Poly and Northern Arizona) and two playoff wins (Montana and UC Davis), the Eagles have won 55 of their last 64 versus conference foes, and are 65-12 since the 0-2 start in 2011.
- With two games in the 2017 regular season requiring late-game rallies and one in the 2018 FCS Playoffs, Eastern has now won 24 games since 2010 when trailing or tied in the fourth quarter (through 2019).
- Eastern has had 26 50-point games in the last eight seasons (through 2019), with four in 2019, six in 2018, six in 2014, three in 2017, two each in 2016, 2013 and 2012 and one in 2015. Eastern is now 62-3 in the 65 games they have scored at least 50 in school history. The lone losses were to Washington (59-52 in 2014), Idaho State (55-52 in 2003 in double overtime) and Weber State (63-59 in 1991, which at the time was the highest-scoring game in FCS/I-AA history).
- Eastern has returned 20 kickoffs for touchdowns in the past 24 seasons and 20 punts for scores in the same time span (1996 through 2019). Until allowing one in the 2010 FCS Playoffs against North Dakota State, the Eagles had not allowed a kickoff return for a touchdown since the 1999 season – a total of exactly 599 touchdown-less returns.

## ***EWU Football Academic Honors . . .***

- Eastern football players have earned 13 CoSIDA Academic All-America honors since 1989, including six first-team selections. **Cooper Kupp** was honored on the first team as a senior in 2016 and junior in 2015, and as a second team choice in 2014 when he was one of just two sophomores on the 50-player list (freshmen are not eligible). Kupp is the first three-time Academic All-American in school history. Nine different Eagles have been honored.
- Eastern players have been honored 69 times since 1989 on the CoSIDA Academic All-District VIII team (through 2019 season). **Spencer Blackburn** and **Dehonta Hayes** were honored in 2019, and Blackburn and **Sam McPherson** were awarded the honor in 2018.
- A total of 21 awards have been won by Eagles on the FCS Athletic Directors Association Academic All-Star team since the award began in 1998. **Spencer Blackburn** won in 2017, **Cooper Kupp** was selected in 2015 and 2016, and tight end **Jake Withnell** was honored in 2015 when he was a finalist for that organization's post-graduate scholarship award.
- A total of 463 Eagles have been selected to the Big Sky All-Academic team in the past 23 years (1996-2018) – an average of more than 20 per year. Since 2001, when the league went to an eight-team alignment, Eastern has had a league-most 397 selections through 2018 (the school with the next-best total has 278). Eastern has won a total of 596 Big Sky All-Academic honors since joining the league in 1987, including a program-best 34 in the 2016 season.
- **Jeff Minnerly** was awarded the "Elite 88" Award by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. He received the award for having the highest cumulative grade point average among the participants in the 2010 NCAA Division I Football Championship Game at Pizza Hut Park in Frisco, Texas. Eastern won that game 20-19, as Minnerly finished with two passes broken up and two tackles. Minnerly was a 4.0 student at Ferris HS in Spokane, Wash., where he excelled in football and basketball.
- Seventeen Eastern football players have been honored as EWU's recipient of the Big Sky Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award, including **Roldan Alcobendas** in 2018-19, **Cooper Kupp** in 2016-17, **Ashton Miller** in 2013-14, **Jeff Minnerly** in 2012-13 and **Matt Martin** in 2010-11.

## 2018 BSC COACH OF THE YEAR /& FCS COACH OF THE YEAR (Hero Sports Fan Vote) Head Coach **AARON BEST**



**26-12 overall/19-5 Big Sky (two+ seasons)**

**155-80 (.660) in 19 seasons as an Eastern head coach/assistant**

**A**aron Best himself claims to bleed Eagle red. The 22-year veteran of the Eastern Washington University football program was the 2018 FCS Coach of the Year in a fan vote conducted by Hero Sports after being selected as the co-Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year. Eastern finished 9-2, won a share of the Big Sky title with a 7-1 mark and won three home games in the FCS Playoffs as the No. 3 seed. Eastern fell to North Dakota State 38-24 in the NCAA Division I Championship Game to finish 12-3 on the season and ranked No. 2 in both season-ending polls.

• In his first three years at the helm, he has compiled a 26-12 record overall (68.4 percent) and 19-5 mark in the league (79.2 percent). Both percentages enter the 2020 season ranked among the best in school history, just behind Beau Baldwin with an 85-32 overall mark (72.6 percent) in nine seasons from 2008-16, and a 58-14 league record (80.6 percent). In his first season, Best guided Eastern to a 7-4 overall record and 6-2 Big Sky finish. His debut season was even better than those of previous Eagle head coaches Beau Baldwin (6-5/5-3), Paul Wulff (6-5/5-3) and Mike Kramer (4-7/2-5).

• Best was named as EWU's 21st head football coach on Jan. 21, 2017. Before taking over as head coach, Best spent 20 previous seasons since the fall of 1996 as a player and coach at Eastern. The previous nine seasons were spent as Eastern's offensive line coach under former head coach Beau Baldwin.

• Best is only the fifth head coach since 1979 for the Eagles, and the third since then who played collegiately as an offensive lineman. Dick Zornes, who is also an Eastern graduate, coached at EWU from 1979-93 before former Idaho offensive lineman Mike Kramer took over from 1994-99. Washington State offensive lineman Paul Wulff took over from 2000-2007 until Baldwin, a Central Washington graduate, took the reins in 2008. All five of those coaches have won Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year honors (total of eight honors).



• Besides coaching the offensive line as a full-time assistant for 14 of his 18 seasons (through 2018) on the coaching staff, Best has also served in various coordinator positions, most recently as the team's running game coordinator and as the program's long-time academic coordinator. He was a student assistant coach in 2000 and a graduate assistant in 2001, then became the school's primary offensive line coach from 2002-2006, and again from 2008-16.

• With Best on the coaching staff, Eastern has had 15 different offensive linemen earn All-America accolades, with those players combining to win first team All-Big Sky Conference honors on 17 occasions. He played alongside four other All-Americans at EWU who all earned first team All-Big Sky honors, in addition to himself earning both honors when he played for the Eagles from 1996-1999. In all, in Best's 23 seasons as an Eagle, EWU players have won 28 first team All-BSC honors, 27 second team accolades, 20 on the third team and 36 honorable mentions (through 2019).

• Among the offensive linemen he coached was Michael Roos, who went on to a 10-year career with the Tennessee Titans in the National Football League. Roos became the highest NFL draft choice in school history when he was chosen in the second round 41st overall by the Tennessee Titans in 2005. A season-ending knee injury in 2014 led to his retirement from the NFL after 10 seasons. He credited Best in his retirement statement on Instagram on Feb. 26, 2015.

***"I was very lucky to have the best offensive line coach possible in Aaron Best. He taught all of us the meaning of hard work and perseverance."***

• In the last 16 seasons (2004-19) – 15 with Best on the coaching staff – EWU has ranked in the top 10 in passing 13 times, in total offense on 12 occasions and scoring seven times. Eastern was the national champion in offense in 2019, averaging 524.8 yards, to go along with averages of 40.6 points (fourth), 317.1 passing (fifth) and 207.8 rushing (21st).

• Best started 22-straight games at center for Eastern in 1998 and 1999, earning honorable mention All-Big Sky honors as a junior and first team honors as a senior. He also earned honorable mention All-America honors his final season. An outstanding student with a 3.3 grade point average, as a senior he was selected to the CoSIDA Academic All-District VIII team and was selected to the FCS Athletic Directors Academic All-Star Team. Twice he was selected to the Big Sky All-Academic team. He received his bachelor's degree in social science from EWU in 2001. He was Eastern's long-snapper for four seasons and was a backup lineman in 1997 when Eastern led the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision in total offense (505.6 yards per game). That team finished 12-2 and advanced to the FCS "Final Four." The Eagles were 31-16 in the four seasons Best played for EWU, and Eastern had a 1,000-yard rusher each year. In all, the Eagles have had a 1,000-yard rusher in 12 of the 22 seasons Best has been at EWU.

• Best graduated in 1996 from Curtis High School in Tacoma, Wash., where he had a 3.75 grade point average. He was co-captain his senior season as Curtis won the State AAA championship.

• Best was born Jan. 27, 1978, in Tacoma, Wash. He and the former Kim Walker were married on July 15, 2007, in Everett, Wash. They have three children – one son, Tank (10), and two daughters, Tenli (8) and Taxis (5).





## Aaron Best's Coaching Career

Year	School	Coaching Assignment	Head Coach	Record/Big Sky
2019	Eastern Wash.	Head Coach		7-5/6-2 (t-3rd)
2018	Eastern Wash.	Head Coach		@12-3/7-1 (t-1st)
2017	Eastern Wash.	Head Coach		7-4/6-2 (t-3rd)
<b>Totals as Head Coach (3 seasons)</b>				<b>26-12 (.684)/19-5 (.792)</b>

2016	Eastern Wash.	Run. Game Coord./OL/Acad.	Beau Baldwin	<12-2/8-0
2015	Eastern Wash.	Run. Game Coord./OL/Acad.	Beau Baldwin	6-5/5-3
2014	Eastern Wash.	Run. Game Coord./OL/Acad.	Beau Baldwin	>11-3/7-1
2013	Eastern Wash.	Off. Coord./OL Coach/Acad.	Beau Baldwin	=12-3/8-0
2012	Eastern Wash.	Off. Coord./OL Coach/Acad.	Beau Baldwin	\$11-3/7-1
2011	Eastern Wash.	Off. Coord./OL Coach/Acad.	Beau Baldwin	6-5/5-3
2010	Eastern Wash.	Off. Coord./OL Coach/Acad.	Beau Baldwin	+13-2/7-1
2009	Eastern Wash.	Off. Coord./OL Coach/Acad.	Beau Baldwin	*8-4/6-2
2008	Eastern Wash.	Offensive Line Coach	Beau Baldwin	6-5/5-3
<b>Totals as O-Line Coach Under Beau Baldwin (9 seasons)</b>				<b>85-32 (.726)/58-14 (.806)</b>

2007	Toronto Argonauts	Offensive Line Coach	Michael Clemons	11-8
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2006	Eastern Wash.	Offensive Line Coach	Paul Wulff	3-8/3-5
2005	Eastern Wash.	Offensive Line Coach	Paul Wulff	&7-5/5-2
2004	Eastern Wash.	Offensive Line Coach	Paul Wulff	~9-4/6-1
2003	Eastern Wash.	Offensive Line Coach	Paul Wulff	6-5/3-4
2002	Eastern Wash.	Offensive Line Coach	Paul Wulff	6-5/3-4
2001	Eastern Wash.	Graduate Assistant Coach	Paul Wulff	7-4/3-4
2000	Eastern Wash.	Student Assistant Coach	Paul Wulff	6-5/5-3
<b>Totals as EWU Coach Under Paul Wulff (7 seasons)</b>				<b>44-36 (.550)/28-23 (.549)</b>

<b>Totals as Collegiate Coach at Eastern (19 seasons)</b>				<b>155-80 (.660)/105-42 (.714)</b>
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@NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Defeated Nicholls 42-21, defeated UC Davis 34-29, defeated Maine 50-19, lost to North Dakota State 32-24); Big Sky Conference Champions.

< NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Defeated Central Arkansas 31-14, defeated Richmond 38-0, lost to Youngstown State 40-38); Big Sky Conference Champions.

> NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Defeated Montana 37-20, lost to Illinois State 59-46); Big Sky Conference Champions.

= NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Defeated South Dakota State 41-17, defeated Jacksonville State 35-24, lost to Towson 35-31); Big Sky Conference Champions.

\$NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Defeated Wagner 29-19, defeated Illinois State 51-35, lost to Sam Houston State 45-52); Big Sky Conference Champions.

+NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Champion (Defeated Southeast Missouri State 37-17, defeated North Dakota State 38-31 in overtime, defeated Villanova 41-31, defeated Delaware 20-19); Big Sky Conference Champions.

\*NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Lost to Stephen F. Austin 44-33);

&NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Lost to Northern Iowa 41-38); Big Sky Conference Champions

~NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Defeated Southern Illinois 35-31, lost to Sam Houston State 35-34); Big Sky Conference Champions

! Won Eastern Division Championship in the Canadian Football League and advanced to the playoffs (Lost to Winnipeg 19-9 in East Final)

### Playing Career at Eastern Wash.

1996 – 6-5/4-4 Big Sky - Backup Center & Long Snapper  
 1997 – #12-2/7-1 Big Sky - Backup Center & Long Snapper  
 1998 – 5-6/4-4 - Starting Center (11 games) – Honorable Mention All-Big Sky  
 1999 – 7-4/6-2 - Starting Center (11 games) – Honorable Mention All-America; First Team All-Big Sky; Big Sky All-Academic – CoSIDA All-District VIII – FCS Athletic Directors Academic All-Star Team

**Record as a Player (all under head coach Mike Kramer): 30-17 (.638)/21-11 (.656)**

**Totals as a Player and EWU Coach (23 seasons): 184-97 (.655)/125-53 (.702)**

#NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Defeated Northwestern State 40-10, defeated Western Kentucky 38-21, lost to Youngstown State 25-14); Big Sky Conference Champions.

### Education

Bachelor's degree in social science, Eastern Wash. University, 2001  
 Graduate of Curtis High School in Tacoma, Wash., 1996



## EWU Coaching Facts

*Best Winning Percentage (Overall) . . .*

**.726 Beau Baldwin** (9 seasons, 2008-16, 85-32)

**.719 Dave Holmes** (5 seasons, 1963-67, 34-13-1)

**.684 Aaron Best** (3 seasons, 2017-19, 26-12)

*Most Victories (Overall) . . .*

**89 Dick Zornes** (15 seasons, 1979-93)

*Best Winning Percentage (Big Sky Conf.) . . .*

**.806 Beau Baldwin** (9 seasons, 2008-16, 58-14)

**.792 Aaron Best** (3 seasons, 2017-19, 19-5)

*Most Victories (Big Sky) . . .*

**58 Beau Baldwin** (8 seasons, 2008-16)

## EWU FOOTBALL ACADEMIC ALL- AMERICA HONORS

### CoSIDA Academic All-America

**All-Time Team: 1997** - Kurt Schulz, Defensive Back (played 1988-91)

### CoSIDA Academic All-America

**First Team: 2016** - Cooper Kupp, Wide Receiver. **2015** - Cooper Kupp, Wide Receiver. **2009** - Jacob Kragt, Defensive End; **2003** - Kyler Randall, Wide Receiver; **2002** - Kyler Randall, Wide Receiver; **1997** - Steve Mattson, Defensive End; **1997** - Jeff Ogden, Wide Receiver

### CoSIDA Academic All-America

**Second Team: 2014** - Cooper Kupp, Wide Receiver. **2012** - Jeff Minnerly, Safety; **2000** - Lance Ballew, Tight End; **1998** - Mike MacKenzie, Running Back; **1996** - Steve Mattson, Defensive End; **1991** - Kurt Schulz, Defensive Back

## Big Sky All-Academic Selections (2001-2018)

Eastern Washington . . .397  
 Montana . . . . .278  
 Weber State . . . . .250  
 Montana State . . . . .226  
 Idaho State . . . . .217  
 Northern Arizona . . . .179  
 Portland State . . . . .177  
 Sacramento State . . .136  
 Northern Colorado . .131\*  
 Southern Utah . . . .117#  
 UC Davis . . . . .60#  
 Cal Poly . . . . .33#

\*Since 2006-2007.

#Since 2012-13

## Eagles in Overtime (10-5)

*The Eagles are 7-2 in single overtime games, 1-3 in double overtime and 2-0 in triple overtime contests.*

2016 - North Dakota State - L, 44-50 (1 OT)

2015 - Cal Poly - W, 42-41 (1 OT)

2011 - Cal Poly - W, 53-51 (3 OT)

2011 - Sacramento State - W, 42-35 (1 OT)

2010 - North Dakota State - W, 38-31 (1 OT)

2004 - at Montana State - W, 51-44 - (1 OT)

2003 - at Idaho State - L, 52-55 - (2 OT)

2001 - at Sacramento State - W, 42-35 (1 OT)

2001 - at Montana - L, 26-29 (2 OT)

2000 - at Weber State - W, 27-24 (1 OT)

1998 - Portland State - L, 27-30 (1 OT)

1994 - Montana State - W, 34-31 (3 OT)

1991 - at Idaho - W, 34-31 (2 OT)

1990 - Montana State - L, 25-28 (2 OT)

1990 - at Idaho State - W, 33-26 (1 OT)



# EWU in NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (since 1984) and the Big Sky Conference (since 1987)

## DICK ZORNES

Year	W	L	T	PF	PA
1979	7	2	0	184	162
1980	6	4	0	221	195
1981	7	3	0	245	97
1982	8	2	0	313	116
1983	5	5	0	202	194
1984	7	2	1	306	200
1985 (FCS Playoffs)	9	3	0	381	260
1986	6	5	0	324	276
1987	4	7	0	220	303
1988	2	8	1	217	372
1989	4	6	0	255	264
1990	5	6	0	300	360
1991	5	6	0	301	364
1992 (FCS Playoffs)	7	4	0	266	194
1993	7	3	0	285	225
Totals (15, .573)	89	66	2	4020	3582

## MIKE KRAMER

1994	4	7	0	300	294
1995	3	8	0	238	357
1996	6	5	0	305	254
1997 (FCS Playoffs)	12	2	0	481	245
1998	5	6	0	316	297
1999	7	4	0	326	336
Totals (6, .536)	37	32	0	1966	1783

## PAUL WULFF

2000	6	5	0	288	243
2001	7	4	0	461	349
2002	6	5	0	365	276
2003	6	5	0	344	321
2004 (FCS Playoffs)	9	4	0	488	323
2005 (FCS Playoffs)	7	5	0	420	281
2006	3	8	0	214	296
2007 (FCS Playoffs)	9	4	0	437	288
Totals (8, .570)	53	40	0	3017	2377

## BEAU BALDWIN

2008	6	5	0	323	295
2009 (FCS Playoffs)	8	4	0	404	329
2010 (FCS Champion)	13	2	0	472	374
2011	6	5	0	356	332
2012 (FCS Playoffs)	11	3	0	472	356
2013 (FCS Playoffs)	12	3	0	592	424
2014 (FCS Playoffs)	11	3	0	618	439
2015	6	5	0	381	435
2016 (FCS Playoffs)	12	2	0	593	371
Totals (9, .726)	85	32	0	4211	3355

## AARON BEST

2017	7	4	0	379	367
2018 (FCS Runner-Up)	12	3	0	647	340
2019	7	5	0	487	415
Totals (3, .684)	26	12	0	1513	1122

## EWU All-Time . . . 111 Seasons, 1007 games

560 wins, 424 losses, 23 ties/.568

MEMBER OF FCS (I-AA) – 36 Seasons  
424 games, 256 wins, 166 losses, 2 ties/.606

BIG SKY CONFERENCE – 33 Seasons  
254 games, 160 wins, 94 losses, 0 ties/.630

W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	Place
2	6	0	.250	189	262	8th
2	6	0	.250	176	242	8th
4	4	0	.500	198	175	5th
3	5	0	.375	213	257	T-7th
4	4	0	.500	246	286	T-3rd
6	1	0	.857	169	115	T-1st
5	2	0	.714	186	163	T-2nd
26	28	0	.481	1377	1500	
2	5	0	.286	152	198	T-7th
1	6	0	.143	142	257	8th
4	4	0	.500	213	189	T-5th
7	1	0	.875	264	147	1st (outright champions)
4	4	0	.500	239	204	T-4th
6	2	0	.750	254	233	T-2nd
24	22	0	.522	1264	1228	
5	3	0	.625	218	175	T-2nd
3	4	0	.429	259	263	5th
3	4	0	.429	209	198	T-4th
3	4	0	.429	230	247	6th
6	1	0	.857	308	149	T-1st
5	2	0	.714	251	151	T-1st
3	5	0	.375	180	167	T-6th
6	2	0	.750	258	149	2nd
34	25	0	.576	1913	1499	
5	3	0	.625	223	184	3rd
6	2	0	.750	288	184	T-2nd
7	1	0	.875	246	171	T-1st
5	3	0	.571	259	221	T-3rd
7	1	0	.875	276	213	T-1st
8	0	0	1.000	338	206	1st (outright champions)
7	1	0	.875	334	206	1st (outright champions)
5	3	0	.625	249	296	T-4th
8	0	0	1.000	363	195	T-1st
58	14	0	.806	2576	1876	
6	2	0	.750	300	250	T-3rd
7	1	0	.857	384	135	T-1st
6	2	0	.714	342	253	T-3rd
19	5	0	.792	1026	638	

## EWU PUNT & KICKOFF RETURNS

In the last 24 seasons (1996-2019), Eastern has returned 40 total kicks for touchdowns while allowing just 19. Until North Dakota State had one in the FCS Playoffs in 2010, Eastern had not allowed a kickoff return for a touchdown in more than 10 years (599 total returns).

Year	Punt Return TD	Opp.	Kickoff Return TD	Opp.
2019			Dre' Sonte Dorton	
2018	Nsimba Webster	1		1
2017			Dre' Sonte Dorton	
2016	Cooper Kupp		Antoine Custer Jr.	
2015	Cooper Kupp	1		1
2014	Cooper Kupp, ****Dylan Zylstra		Shaq Hill	
2013				
2012	****Evan Day	1	Shaquille Hill	
2011				
2010	***T.J. Lee, **Darriell Beaumonte	1	Jesse Hoffman (3)	2
2009		1		
2008			Taiwan Jones	
2007			A.J. Jimerson	
2006	Tony Davis	3		
2005		1		
2004	Eric Kimble (2), *Kyle Long			
2003				
2002	Eric Kimble	1		
2001	Kyler Randall (2)	2	Lamont Brightful	
2000			Lamont Brightful (2)	
1999			Lamont Brightful (2)	2
1998	Bashir Levinston (3)	1	Bashir Levinston (3)	
1997	Maurice Perigo		Maurice Perigo, Steve Correa	
1996	Maurice Perigo			
TOTAL	20	13	20	6

\*Long recovered a loose ball for a touchdown after a blocked punt by Gregor Smith. \*\*Beaumonte recovered his own blocked punt for a TD. \*\*\*Lee recovered a loose ball for a TD after a blocked punt by Darriell Beaumonte. \*\*\*\*Day recovered a loose ball for a TD after a blocked punt by Dylan Zylstra. \*\*\*\*\*Zylstra recovered a loose ball for a TD after a blocked punt by Samson Ebukam.

## THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED . . .

### Kickoff Returned for a Touchdown

EWU: 90, Dre' Sonte Dorton, Jacksonville State, 9/14/19

OPP: 100, Travell Harris, Wash. St., 9/15/18

### Punt (not a block) Returned for a TD

EWU: 57, Nsimba Webster, 11/16/18

OPP: 75, Josh Davis, Weber State, 10/13/18

### Interception Returned for a Touchdown

EWU: 48, Nzuzi Webster, UC Davis, 11/10/18

OPP: 27, Miguel Garcia, Sac. St., 10/5/19

### Team Rushing, 300 Yards or More

EWU: 320, Cal Poly, 11/16/19

OPP: 375, North Dakota State, 9/9/17

### Team Passing, 400 Yards or More

EWU: 427, Idaho State, 11/9/19

OPP: 524, Washington State, 9/15/18

### Total Offense, 500 Yards or More

EWU: 559 Portland State, 11/23/19

OPP: 560 Portland State, 11/23/19

### Total Offense, 600 Yards or More

EWU: 689, Idaho State, 11/9/19

OPP: 626, Texas Tech, 9/2/17

### Scoring, 50 Points or More

EWU: 53 Portland State, 11/23/19

OPP: 59, Washington State, 9/15/18

### Fumble Recovered by Defense for Touchdown

EWU: 77, Andrew Katzenberger, Northern Ariz., 11/2/19

OPP: 66, George Obinna, Sac. St., 10/5/19

### Blocked Field Goal Returned for Touchdown

EWU: 55, Kedrick Johnson, Nicholls, 12/1/18

OPP: Unknown

### Blocked Punt Returned for Touchdown

EWU: 0, Dylan Zylstra, 10/4/14

OPP: 41, Miles Killebrew, Southern Utah, 10/27/12

### Interception Return for Defensive PAT

EWU: 94, Jackie Kellogg, Port. St. 10/26/90

OPP: None

### Field Goal, 50 Yards or More

EWU: 50, Andre Slyter, Lindenwood, 9/7/19

OPP: 51, Matt Blair, UC Davis, 11/10/18

### Safety For

EWU: Stephen F. Austin, 11/28/09 (L, 33-44)

OPP: Idaho State, 11/9/19 (W, 48-5)

# Michael & Katherine Roos Field (formerly Woodward Field)

Cheney, Washington • Current Location Since 1967 • Capacity 8,600 (11,000+ for Montana) • Sprinturf Surface  
235 Eastern Home Games • 170-65 (.723) • 57-10 (.851) since re-named & red Sprinturf installed in 2010

The 2019 football season at Eastern Washington University marks the 53rd season Eastern has played its football games at its current site in Cheney, Wash. But it is the 10th as "Roos Field," as a new red synthetic Sprinturf surface made its debut in 2010. Eastern finished a perfect 8-0 in its debut season at "The Inferno," including three playoff victories, and is 57-10 (85.1 percent) overall since the turf was installed, including a 44-6 (88.0 percent) record in the regular season and 13-4 (76.5 percent) mark in the FCS Playoffs.

## Roos Field Top Cro1wds

(Total of 46 sellouts with 8,600+, including 30-straight regular season games from 10/5/13 to 11/10/18)

11,702	9/18/10	Montana
11,583	10/7/06	Montana
11,339	11/8/14	Montana
11,256	10/4/14	Idaho State
11,301	10/14/17	Montana State
10,931	10/29/16	Montana
10,924	10/8/16	Northern Colorado
10,917	9/30/17	Sacramento State
10,912	9/19/15	Montana State
10,830	10/11/08	Montana
10,754	10/16/04	Montana
10,741	10/1/16	UC Davis
10,529	9/29/12	Montana
10,422	9/24/11	Montana State
10,352	10/10/15	Cal Poly
10,310	8/23/14	Sam Houston St.
10,231	9/9/17	North Dakota St.
10,223	11/9/13	Montana State
10,135	10/19/13	Southern Utah
10,064	10/18/14	Northern Colorado
10,023	10/27/18	Idaho
9,734	10/5/13	Weber State
9,522	11/23/13	Portland State
9,451	11/4/17	Weber State
9,302	11/12/16	Idaho State
9,214	11/7/15	Northern Arizona
9,212	11/1/14	North Dakota
9,156	9/18/18	Cal Poly
9,116	9/30/14	Montana Western
9,111	9/17/16	Northern Iowa
9,091	10/12/19	Northern Colo.
9,003	10/29/11	Portland State
8,887	10/6/18	Southern Utah
8,789	11/10/18	UC Davis
8,759	10/31/15	Weber State
8,742	10/15/11	Northern Colo.
8,726	9/28/19	North Dakota
8,717	11/18/17	Portland State
8,714	10/22/12	Sacramento St.
8,696	10/22/05	Weber State
8,658	9/1/18	Central Wash.
8,646	10/6/12	North Dakota
8,649	11/21/15	Portland State
8,644	11/3/12	Cal Poly
8,629	11/23/19	Portland State
8,602	11/2/19	Northern Ariz.

On Oct. 14, 1989, against Idaho State a crowd of 5,009 watched the first Eagles game played at Woodward Field since Oct. 15, 1983, when Eastern hosted Montana Tech in EWU's last game before moving to Albi Stadium in Spokane.

## Joe Albi Stadium Top Crowds (Since 1984)

17,142	11/16/02	Montana
15,678	9/30/00	Montana
10,213	10/20/84	Idaho
9,694	9/2/99	Idaho
8,721	10/24/98	Montana
8,529	12/13/97	Youngstown St.
7,891	11/8/03	Montana State
7,835	9/27/86	Idaho
7,756	11/1/97	Idaho
7,500	10/20/90	Idaho

Games played against Whitworth have had crowds estimated at 16,000 (1976), 14,000 (1975), 8,500 (1974) and 7,740 (1977).

Tennessee Titans offensive tackle Michael Roos and his wife Katherine kick-started the Red Turf Project with a \$500,000 contribution as part of their on-going legacy of giving to Eastern. As a result, the field was renamed in their honor at a dedication ceremony on Sept. 16,

2010. Two days later, 18th-ranked Eastern defeated sixth-ranked Montana 36-27 in the first game on the red Sprinturf field on Sept. 18, 2010. The nickname "The Inferno" was announced on the SWX television special "Rolling Out the Red Turf" the night before the Montana game. The other options in the fan voting for the nickname were Red Sea, Red Zone, Big Red, Red Carpet, Ring of Fire and Lava Pit.

For the previous 78 years, the stadium was named Woodward Field in honor of former Eastern head football and basketball coach Arthur C. Woodward. The "New" Woodward Field has been used by the Eagles since 1967, but prior to that, Woodward Field was located near where Eastern's JFK Library now sits and prior to that at another location on campus.

Woodward was head of Eastern's department of physical education and health for 23 years from 1927 to 1950. He was insistent that every interested student should have the opportunity to engage in competitive sports through intramural activities. He endeared himself to students, and, as a result, Woodward Field was named in his honor in 1932. Woodward passed away of a heart attack on Feb. 2, 1950, just a short time after attending a convocation and rally honoring the Eastern basketball team.

The 2016 season was the 50th year the stadium has been in use. Eastern's 38-7 win over Southwest Texas State on Sept. 21, 1996, was the 100th EWU game at the facility and the school's 26-18 win over Northern Colorado on Oct. 18, 2014, was the 200th. The team's 35-14 victory over Montana State on Nov. 12, 2005, was EWU's 100th win. Eastern has a 170-65 record (72.3 percent) in 235 games at Roos Field since 1967, with the Eagles utilizing Joe Albi Stadium in Spokane as the school's main home field from 1983-89. In 1990 and again from 1997-2002, Eastern played at least one game each year on the artificial turf surface at Albi, which enters its 70th year of existence in fall of 2019. Eastern is 43-24-2 in 69 games there dating back to 1950 when it was built.

Roos Field has 8,600 permanent seats after an expansion in 2004 that included the addition of 1,600 seats in the north end zone. Renovations to the facilities in the 1990s included resurfacing the running track, additional bleacher seating on the east side, addition of lights and two new restroom facilities. Eastern beat Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo 61-7 on Sept. 10, 1994, in the first-ever night game at Roos Field, which was also the debut of Mike Kramer's head coaching career. Eastern played its first-ever NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoff game at Roos Field on Dec. 5, 2004, in a 35-34 loss to Sam Houston State. The Eagles played three playoff games there in 2010 en route to winning the NCAA Division I Championship, as well as three in 2012, three more in 2013, a pair in 2014 and three more in 2016 and 2018 during Eastern's runs in the playoffs. That's a total of 18, including 17 from 2010-2018, with three more hosted at Albi Stadium in 1997.

With more than 2,000 temporary bleachers added, a record crowd of 11,702 attended the 2010 meeting against Montana, won by the Eagles 36-27. A crowd of 10,529 witnessed EWU's come-from-behind 32-26 win in 2012, 11,339 watched the Eagles win in 2014 and 10,931 were on hand when in EWU's 2016 victory over the Griz. Crowds of 11,583 in 2006, 10,830 in 2008 and 10,754 in 2004 attended the Eastern versus Montana showdowns that were all won by the Grizzlies. Eastern's top 46 all-time single game attendance figures at Roos Field have come since 2004, including 42 since in the last nine seasons (2011-19) after EWU won the NCAA Division I title. Seventeen of the top averages for single season attendance have come in the last 18 seasons (2002-2019), including a record of 10,123 in 2017, which broke the previous record of 9,577 in the 2015 season.

Perfect in 2019 (5-0) and 2018 (8-0), Eastern enters 2020 with a current record-breaking 14-game winning streak at Roos Field, with the last loss coming on 11/4/17 versus Weber State. At its current site, the previous school record was 11 set between 9/16/78 and 9/27/80 (between losses was from 11/19/77 to 11/1/80). Overall, the school record is 21 set from 1935-40. Eastern had a nine-game winning streak snapped in a 36-21 loss to Montana State on Sept. 24, 2011. The Eagles had a nine-game winning streak at that venue ended against Sacramento State on Oct. 21, 2000, when the Hornets made a 23-yard field goal with no time remaining. The Eagles were 4-0 in 1999 and 6-0 in 1997. In 1998, the Eagles were 3-1 at Roos Field with the lone loss a 30-27 overtime setback to Portland State when the Eagles missed a 25-yard field goal that could have won it with one second left.

A new concessions/team store building and 500 parking spaces were added at Roos Field in time for the 2013 season. A new video scoreboard was installed in 2012 to help enhance the game-day experience for students, fans and athletes. The Donor Suites and Media Center debuted in the 2004 football season. That same year, 1,600 seats were added at the north end of Roos Field. The project replaced the previous press box, which was built in 1967 when the stadium moved to its current location. The elevated structure includes nine donor suites on the first level and a facility for media and game management functions on the second level.

Improvements were made in summer 2002 to the main Roos Field entrance, including a new ticket booth structure. The previous year, a new football locker room and office complex was completed, as well as improved and increased locker room space for other Eastern sports teams. New restroom facilities at Roos Field were added in 1999 and 2000. The other phases of the project included improvements to the entry plazas and landscaping. Currently, the stadium has a permanent capacity of 8,600, but can accommodate more with the addition of portable bleachers.





## Eagles in the Pros

**S**ince 1984, when Eastern became a member of the NCAA Championship Subdivision (FCS), 90 Eastern football players have either signed free agent contracts or have been drafted by National Football League (NFL) or Canadian Football League (CFL) teams. Eleven have been drafted by the NFL and five drafted by the CFL to go along with four NFL draftees between 1965-74. Eastern has also enjoyed a recent influx of players into other existing or now-defunct leagues. They include Arena Football League (AFL) and arenafootball2 (af2), as well as in the United Football League (UFL) and Indoor Football League (IFL). Prior to that, several played in the World League, which became NFL Europa before it folded. The list below shows EWU's current professionals and the team they are currently with.

### Professionals in 2019 (most recent team listed)

Los Angeles Rams (NFL) – **Nsimba Webster** – Wide Receiver – EWU Letterwinner in 2015-16-17-18

Los Angeles Rams (NFL) – **Cooper Kupp** – Wide Receiver – 2013-14-15-16

Los Angeles Rams (NFL) – **Samson Ebukam** – Outside Linebacker – 2013-14-15-16

San Francisco 49ers (NFL) – **Kendrick Bourne** – Wide Receiver – 2013-14-15-16

Houston Texans (NFL) – **Taiwan Jones** – Running Back/Cornerback – 2008-09-10

\*\*\*Denver Broncos (NFL) – **Jake Rodgers** – Offensive Tackle – 2013-14

\*\*\*Los Angeles Rams (NFL) – **Aaron Neary** – Offensive Guard – 2012-13-14-15

\*\*\*Seattle Seahawks (NFL) – **Jay-Tee Tiuli** – Defensive Line – 2014-15-16-18

\*\*\*Seattle Seahawks (NFL) – **Josh Lewis** – Cornerback – 2015-16-17-18

\*\*\*Los Angeles Rams (NFL) – **Ketner Kupp** – Linebacker – 2015-16-17-18

British Columbia Lions (CFL) – **Victor Gamboa** – Cornerback – 2014-15-16-17

Montreal Alouettes (CFL) – **Vernon Adams Jr.** – Quarterback – 2012-13-14

British Columbia Lions (CFL) – **T.J. Lee III** – Cornerback – 2010-11-12-13

Calgary Stampeders (CFL) – **Bo Levi Mitchell** – Quarterback – 2010-11

Winnipeg Blue Bombers (CFL) – **Matt Nichols** – Quarterback – 2006-07-08-09

\*\*\*British Columbia Lions (CFL) – **D'Iondo Tucker** – Cornerback – 2013-15-16-18

\*\*\*British Columbia Lions (CFL) – **Albert Havili** – Defensive End – 2013-14-16-17

\*\*\*Not on 2019 active roster as of 9/9/19



With **COOPER KUPP** (right), **SAMSON EBUKAM**, **KENDRICK BOURNE** and **AARON NEARY**, Eastern had four rookies play in the regular season in the NFL in 2017 – certainly extremely rare if not unprecedented by a FCS school. As NFL 53-man rosters were announced for 2018, STATS reported there were 157 players from 71 different FCS schools on regular season rosters, but Eastern is the only Big Sky school with more than two. Eastern has the sixth-most in FCS, trailing only Harvard (8), North Dakota State (6), James Madison (6), Illinois State (6) and Delaware (6).

### Former Eagle Players & Coaches . . . Where are They Coaching Now?

(Only those currently coaching and with NCAA and/or professional experience)

Name	Current Position	Current School or Pro Team (Previous)
Junior Adams	Wide Receivers	Washington (Western Kentucky/Boise State/Eastern Wash.)
Steve Amrine	Head Coach	Kelso, Wash., HS (Centralia HS/Idaho State)
Beau Baldwin	Offensive Coordinator	California (Eastern Washington/Central Washington) ►
Bruce Barnum	Head Coach	Portland State (Cornell/Idaho State)
Josh Blankenship	Head Coach	Adams State (Tulsa/Muskogee HS/Union HS)
Allen Brown	Cornerbacks	Eastern Washington (Cal Poly)
Luther Carr	Assistant Coach	Union HS in Tulsa, Okla. (Chief Sealath HS in Seattle/Idaho)
Dave Christensen	Offensive Line	Arizona State (Texas A&M/Utah/Wyoming/Missouri)
Nicholas Edwards	Running Backs	California (Eastern Washington)
Greg Herd	Offensive Coordinator	Steilacoom HS in Wash.
Zak Hill	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks	Boise State (Hawaii/Eastern Washington)
Torey Hunter	Scout	B.C. Lions (Edmonton Eskimos/Idaho/Eastern Washington)
Steve Kizer	Head Coach	Skyview High School in Wash. (Eastern Washington)
Pete Kwiatkowski	Co-Def. Coord./D-Line	Washington (Boise State/Montana State)
Jimmy Lake	Co-Def. Coord./D-Backs	Washington (Boise State/Tampa Bay Buccaneers)
Kiel McDonald	Running Backs	Utah (Eastern Washington)
Jim McElwain	Head Coach	Central Mich. (Michigan/Florida/Colorado State/Alabama) ►
Brent Myers	Assoc. HC/Offensive Line	Weber State (UNLV/Louisville)
Keith Murphy	Spec. Teams Quality Control	Florida (Southern Ill./New Mexico St./St. Louis Rams)
Travis Niekamp	Def. Coord./Linebackers	Illinois State (Montana/Louisiana Monroe/Washington State)
Mike Orthmann	Offensive Coordinator	Arizona Western JC (Eastern Washington)
Timm Rosenbach	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks	Montana (Adams State/UNLV/Montana)
J.C. Sherritt	Linebackers	Calgary Roughriders in CFL
Todd Sturdy	Head Coach	MidAmerica Nazarene (No. Iowa/Iowa State/Wash. St./EWU)
Troy Taylor	Head Coach	Sacramento State (Utah/Eastern Washington/Folsom HS)
Jesse Williams	Defensive Line	Kansas (Ohio University/New Mexico State)
John Zamberlin	Head Coach	Meridian, Idaho, HS/Hamilton Tiger-Cats (Weber St./ISU/CWU)
Paul Wulff	Volunteer Assistant Coach	UC Davis (Sacramento St./South Florida/SF 49ers/Wash. State) ►

#### Recent Former Coaches . . .

Jason Belford	Defensive Line	Portland State (Weber State/Wash. State)
David Delgado	Tight Ends	Baldwin Wallace University
Bill Diedrick Jr.	Scout/Off. Coord./QB	B.C. Lions (Palomar C./Univ. HS/Notre Dame/UW/WSU/UI) ►
Randy Hanson	Assistant Secondary	Cal Poly (Sacramento Mountain Lions)
Mike Kramer	Head Coach	Idaho State (Washington State/MSU/EWU)
Tom Mason	Defensive Coordinator	Texas-El Paso (Hawaii/SMU/Fresno State)
Rich Rasmussen	Chief Administrative Officer	Washington (Boise State/Washington State)
Eric Reid	Offensive Line	Northern Arizona (Portland State/Eastern Washington)
Malik Roberson	Defensive Coordinator/LB	Portland State (Central Washington) ►
Jody Sears	Head Coach/Def. Coord.	Sacramento State (Weber State/Washington State)
J.D. Sollars	Assistant Coach	Glendale CC (Northern Arizona)
Dave Telford	Head Coach	Stanwood, Wash., HS (Indiana State/Monroe HS HC)
Rick Worman	Tight Ends	Dixie State (Wilmington/Montreal Alouettes/Miss. Valley St.)





# 2019 EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL STATISTICS

7-5 Overall (5-0 Home/2-5 Away/0-0 Neutral), 6-2 Big Sky Conference (4-0 Home/2-2 Away)

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.					
08/31/19	at #13 Washington	L 14-47	65709	* Oct 12, 2019	NORTHERN COLORADO	W	54-21	9091
Sep 7, 2019	LINDENWOOD	W 59-31	6785	* Oct 26, 2019	at #10 Montana	L	17-34	24072
Sep 14, 2019	at #16 Jacksonville State	L 45-49	20901	* Nov 2, 2019	NORTHERN ARIZONA	W	66-38	8602
Sep 21, 2019	at Idaho	L 27-35	6567	* Nov 09, 2019	at Idaho State	W	48-5	5377
* Sep 28, 2019	#25 NORTH DAKOTA	W 35-20	8726	* Nov 16, 2019	at Cal Poly	W	42-41	6582
* Oct 05, 2019	at Sacramento State	L 27-48	9640	* Nov 23, 2019	PORTLAND STATE	W	53-46	8629
				*Big Sky Conference game.				

Team Statistics	EWU	OPP
SCORING	487	415
Points Per Game	40.6	34.6
Points Off Turnovers	89	62
FIRST DOWNS	290	283
Rushing	110	119
Passing	162	142
Penalty	18	22
RUSHING YARDAGE	2493	2149
Yards gained rushing	2853	2375
Yards lost rushing	360	226
Rushing Attempts	471	500
Average Per Rush	5.3	4.3
Average Per Game	207.8	179.1
TDs Rushing	29	26
PASSING YARDAGE	3805	3196
Comp-Att-Int	268-466-6	276-467-12
Average Per Pass	8.2	6.8
Average Per Catch	14.2	11.6
Average Per Game	317.1	266.3
TDs Passing	32	27
TOTAL OFFENSE	6298	5345
Total Plays	937	967
Average Per Play	6.7	5.5
Average Per Game	524.8	445.4
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	34-628	67-1224
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	19-71	19-112
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	12-29	6-114
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	18.5	18.3
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	3.7	5.9
INT RETURN AVERAGE	2.4	19.0
FUMBLES-LOST	11-7	20-12
PENALTIES-Yards	98-940	59-556
Average Per Game	78.3	46.3
PUNTS-Yards	58-2182	59-2420
Average Per Punt	37.6	41.0
Net punt average	34.7	37.8
KICKOFFS-Yards	89-4743	73-4228
Average Per Kick	53.3	57.9
Net kick average	37.0	40.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	27:10	32:50
3RD-DOWN Conversions	78/184	79/195
3rd-Down Pct	42%	41%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	12/27	14/33
4th-Down Pct	44%	42%
SACKS BY-Yards	18-118	30-203
MISC YARDS	-32	-9
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	64	56
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	13-15	7-13
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-1	0-1
RED-ZONE SCORES	(49-55) 89%	(45-55) 82%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(38-55) 69%	(39-55) 71%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(56-59) 95%	(52-54) 96%
ATTENDANCE	41833	138848
Games/Avg Per Game	5/8367	7/19835
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Eastern Washington	131	154	125	77	0	487
Opponents	96	99	105	115	0	415

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Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Antoine Custer Jr.	12	195	1272	44	1228	6.3	16	89	102.3	47	547	3210	165	3045	5.6	39	89	64.8
Eric Barriere	12	119	804	246	558	4.7	8	92	46.5	31	236	1638	419	1219	5.2	17	92	39.3
Silas Perreiah	10	57	259	4	255	4.5	1	23	25.5	10	57	259	4	255	4.5	1	23	25.5
Tamarick Pierce	4	20	180	3	177	8.9	3	30	44.2	39	161	1039	25	1014	6.3	18	81	26.0
Micah Smith	6	27	108	2	106	3.9	0	14	17.7	6	27	108	2	106	3.9	0	14	17.7
Dennis Merritt	2	12	87	0	87	7.2	0	26	43.5	30	72	573	14	559	7.8	4	81	18.6
Isaiah Lewis	2	12	64	1	63	5.2	1	11	31.5	5	19	119	4	115	6.1	1	44	23.0
Talolo Limu-Jones	12	1	25	0	25	25.0	0	25	2.1	35	1	25	0	25	25.0	0	25	0.7
Kyle Bryant	4	7	20	1	19	2.7	0	8	4.8	4	7	20	1	19	2.7	0	8	4.8
Johnny Edwards IV	12	3	16	0	16	5.3	0	8	1.3	36	6	30	5	25	4.2	0	9	0.7
Gunner Talkington	11	6	18	17	1	0.2	0	7	0.1	18	8	18	27	-9	-1.1	0	7	-0.5
Freddie Roberson	11	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	11	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Nick Kokich	9	1	0	7	-7	-7.0	0	0	-0.8	9	1	0	7	-7	-7.0	0	0	-0.8
Team	8	10	0	35	-35	-3.5	0	0	-4.4									
Total	12	471	2853	360	2493	5.3	29	92	207.8									
Opponents	12	500	2375	226	2149	4.3	26	56	179.1									

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Eric Barriere	12	151.62	258-438-4	58.9	3712	31	80	309.3	31	148.26	463-775-14	59.7	6300	56	80	203.2
Gunner Talkington	11	55.51	9-26-2	34.6	73	1	23	6.6	18	76.16	15-38-2	39.5	135	2	27	7.5
Johnny Edwards IV	12	268.00	1-1-0	100.0	20	0	20	1.7	36	268.00	1-1-0	100.0	20	0	20	0.6
Andrew Boston	11	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	26	100.40	1-2-0	50.0	12	0	12	0.5
Total	12	146.18	268-466-6	57.5	3805	32	80	317.1								
Opponents	12	130.53	276-467-12	59.1	3196	27	53	266.3								

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Andrew Boston	11	50	730	14.6	6	64	66.4	26	93	1261	13.6	10	64	48.5
Jayson Williams	12	46	553	12.0	5	44	46.1	48	91	1122	12.3	6	59	23.4
Johnny Edwards IV	12	32	553	17.3	3	80	46.1	36	52	823	15.8	7	80	22.9
Antoine Custer Jr.	12	28	224	8.0	0	26	18.7	47	93	780	8.4	3	43	16.6
Dre' Sonte Dorton	7	27	477	17.7	4	78	68.1	34	43	691	16.1	8	78	20.3
Jayce Gilder	12	25	292	11.7	3	30	24.3	52	54	634	11.7	13	30	12.2
Talolo Limu-Jones	12	24	577	24.0	7	75	48.1	35	42	841	20.0	11	75	24.0
Freddie Roberson	11	14	220	15.7	1	46	20.0	11	14	220	15.7	1	46	20.0
Dennis Merritt	2	5	57	11.4	0	32	28.5	30	8	147	18.4	1	44	4.9
Anthony Stell Jr.	9	5	41	8.2	0	19	4.6	13	5	41	8.2	0	19	3.2
Dylan Ingram	12	2	35	17.5	0	27	2.9	27	4	41	10.2	1	27	1.5
Silas Perreiah	10	2	6	3.0	1	3	0.6	10	2	6	3.0	1	3	0.6
Tamarick Pierce	4	2	3	1.5	1	4	0.8	39	13	107	8.2	1	27	2.7
Eric Barriere	12	2	3	1.5	0	20	0.2	31	3	16	5.3	0	20	0.5
Blake Gobel	4	1	15	15.0	1	15	3.8	4	1	15	15.0	1	15	3.8
Micah Smith	6	1	11	11.0	0	11	1.8	6	1	11	11.0	0	11	1.8
Jakobie James	3	1	6	6.0	0	6	2.0	3	1	6	6.0	0	6	2.0
Champ Grayson	5	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.4	5	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.4
Total	12	268	3805	14.2	32	80	317.1							
Opponents	12	276	3196	11.6	27	53	266.3							

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Eric Barriere	12	557	558	3712	4270	355.8	31	1011	1219	6300	7519	242.5
Antoine Custer Jr.	12	195	1228	0	1228	102.3	47	547	3045	0	3045	64.8
Silas Perreiah	10	57	255	0	255	25.5	10	57	255	0	255	25.5
Tamarick Pierce	4	20	177	0	177	44.2	39	161	1014	0	1014	26.0
Micah Smith	6	27	106	0	106	17.7	6	27	106	0	106	17.7
Dennis Merritt	2	12	87	0	87	43.5	30	72	559	0	559	18.6
Gunner Talkington	11	32	1	73	74	6.7	18	46	-9	135	126	7.0
Isaiah Lewis	2	12	63	0	63	31.5	5	19	115	0	115	23.0
Johnny Edwards IV	12	4	16	20	36	3.0	36	7	25	20	45	1.2
Talolo Limu-Jones	12	1	25	0	25	2.1	35	1	25	0	25	0.7
Kyle Bryant	4	7	19	0	19	4.8	4	7	19	0	19	4.8
Nick Kokich	9	1	-7	0	-7	-0.8	9	1	-7	0	-7	-0.8
Team	8	10	-35	0	-35	-4.4						
Total	12	937	2493	3805	6298	524.8						
Opponents	12	967	2149	3196	5345	445.4						

Scoring	td	fg	PAT			dxp	saf	pts		td	fg	PAT			dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv							kick	rush	rcv			
Antoine Custer Jr.	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	96		43	-	-	-	-	-	-	258
Seth Harrison	-	12-12	50-53	-	-	-	-	86		-	12-12	50-53	-	-	-	-	86
Eric Barriere	8	-	-	-	-	4-4	-	48		17	-	-	-	-	7-7	-	102
Talolo Limu-Jones	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	42		11	-	-	-	-	-	-	66
Andrew Boston	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	38		10	-	-	-	1	-	-	62
Jayson Williams	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	32		6	-	-	-	1	-	-	38
Dre' Sonte Dorton	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	30		10	-	-	-	-	-	-	60
Tamarick Pierce	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	24		19	-	-	-	-	-	-	114
Johnny Edwards IV	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	20		7	-	-	-	1	-	-	44
Jayce Gilder	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	20		13	-	-	-	4	-	-	86
Silas Perreiah	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12		2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Andre Slyter	-	1-3	6-6	-	-	-	-	9		-	1-3	10-13	-	-	-	-	13
Andrew Katzenberger	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Freddie Roberson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Blake Gobel	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Isaiah Lewis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Joe Lang	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Gunner Talkington	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	0		-	-	-	-	-	0-3	-	0
Total	64	13-15	56-59	-	4	4-5	-	487									
Opponents	56	7-13	52-54	1-2	-	-	-	2									

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg		no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Calin Criner	11	42	3.8	0	9		18	87	4.8	0	21
Tre Weed	4	9	2.2	0	8		10	73	7.3	0	22
Johnny Edwards IV	3	4	1.3	0	5		5	0	0.0	0	5
Justin Patterson	1	16	16.0	0	0		1	16	16.0	0	0
Total	19	71	3.7	0	9						
Opponents	19	112	5.9	0	17						

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg		no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Dre' Sonte Dorton	15	301	20.1	1	90		54	1248	23.1	2	96
Anthony Stell Jr.	4	60	15.0	0	19		4	60	15.0	0	19
Johnny Edwards IV	3	41	13.7	0	34		3	41	13.7	0	34
Tre Weed	3	50	16.7	0	19		3	50	16.7	0	19
Talolo Limu-Jones	2	44	22.0	0	25		2	44	22.0	0	25
Marlon Jones Jr.	2	62	31.0	0	40		2	62	31.0	0	40
Champ Grayson	2	39	19.5	0	20		2	39	19.5	0	20
Anthany Smith	2	29	14.5	0	17		2	29	14.5	0	17
Silas Perreiah	1	2	2.0	0	0		1	2	2.0	0	0
Total	34	628	18.5	1	90						
Opponents	67	1224	18.3	0	39						

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg		no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Calin Criner	4	0	0.0	0	0		7	35	5.0	0	35
Dehonta Hayes	2	0	0.0	0	0		3	14	4.7	0	14
Tre Weed	2	13	6.5	0	13		2	13	6.5	0	13
Mitchell Johnson	1	0	0.0	0	0		3	13	4.3	0	9
Darnell Hogan	1	16	16.0	0	16		1	16	16.0	0	16
Darrien Sampson	1	0	0.0	0	0		1	0	0.0	0	0
Tysen Prunty	1	0	0.0	0	0		1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	12	29	2.4	0	16						
Opponents	6	114	19.0	2	67						

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg		no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Joe Lang	1	34	34.0	1	34		1	34	34.0	1	34
Mitchell Johnson	1	22	22.0	0	22		2	33	16.5	0	22
Andrew Katzenberger	1	77	77.0	1	77		1	77	77.0	1	77
Total	3	133	44.3	2	77						
Opponents	2	69	34.5	1	66						



All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g		g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Antoine Custer Jr	12	1228	224	0	0	0	1452	121.0		47	3045	780	0	499	0	4324	92.0
Dre' Sonte Dorto	7	0	477	0	301	0	778	111.1		34	-3	691	0	1248	0	1936	56.9
Andrew Boston	11	0	730	0	0	0	730	66.4		26	18	1261	0	0	0	1279	49.2
Talolo Limu-Jone	12	25	577	0	44	0	646	53.8		35	25	841	0	44	0	910	26.0
Johnny Edwards	12	16	553	4	41	0	614	51.2		36	25	823	0	41	0	889	24.7
Eric Barriere	12	558	3	0	0	0	561	46.8		31	1219	16	0	0	0	1235	39.8
Jayson Williams	12	0	553	0	0	0	553	46.1		48	6	1122	0	0	0	1128	23.5
Jayce Gilder	12	0	292	0	0	0	292	24.3		52	3	634	0	0	0	637	12.2
Silas Perreiah	10	255	6	0	2	0	263	26.3		10	255	6	0	2	0	263	26.3
Freddie Roberso	11	0	220	0	0	0	220	20.0		11	0	220	0	0	0	220	20.0
Tamarick Pierce	4	177	3	0	0	0	180	45.0		39	1014	107	0	0	0	1121	28.7
Dennis Merritt	2	87	57	0	0	0	144	72.0		30	559	147	0	471	0	1177	39.2
Micah Smith	6	106	11	0	0	0	117	19.5		6	106	11	0	0	0	117	19.5
Anthony Stell Jr.	9	0	41	0	60	0	101	11.2		13	0	41	0	60	0	101	7.8
Tre Weed	12	0	0	9	50	13	72	6.0		16	0	0	73	50	13	136	8.5
Isaiah Lewis	2	63	0	0	0	0	63	31.5		5	115	0	0	0	0	115	23.0
Marlon Jones Jr.	3	0	0	0	62	0	62	20.7		3	0	0	0	62	0	62	20.7
Calin Criner	12	0	0	42	0	0	42	3.5		38	0	30	87	120	35	272	7.2
Champ Grayson	5	0	2	0	39	0	41	8.2		5	0	2	0	39	0	41	8.2
Dylan Ingram	12	0	35	0	0	0	35	2.9		27	0	41	0	6	0	47	1.7
Anthony Smith	3	0	0	0	29	0	29	9.7		18	0	0	0	29	0	29	1.6
Kyle Bryant	4	19	0	0	0	0	19	4.8		4	19	0	0	0	0	19	4.8
Darnell Hogan	12	0	0	0	0	16	16	1.3		37	0	0	0	0	16	16	0.4
Justin Patterson	10	0	0	16	0	0	16	1.6		11	0	0	16	0	0	16	1.5
Blake Gobel	4	0	15	0	0	0	15	3.8		4	0	15	0	0	0	15	3.8
Jakobie James	3	0	6	0	0	0	6	2.0		3	0	6	0	0	0	6	2.0
Gunner Talkingto	11	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.1		18	-9	0	0	0	0	-9	-0.5
Nick Kokich	9	-7	0	0	0	0	-7	-0.8		9	-7	0	0	0	0	-7	-0.8
Team	8	-35	0	0	0	0	-35	-4.4									
Total	12	2493	3805	71	628	29	7026	585.5									
Opponents	12	2149	3196	112	1224	114	6795	566.2									

Field Goals	att	good	long	blkd		att	good	long	blkd
Seth Harrison	12	12	40	1		12	12	40	1
Andre Slyter	3	1	50	0		3	1	50	0
Total	15	13	50	1					
Opponents	13	7	46	2					

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	blk		no.	yds	avg	lg	blk
Nick Kokich	41	1600	39.0	59	0		41	1600	39.0	59	0
Trevor Bowens	15	541	36.1	46	1		15	541	36.1	46	1
Team	1	11	11.0	11	0						
Gunner Talkington	1	30	30.0	30	0		1	30	30.0	30	0
Total	58	2182	37.6	59	1						
Opponents	59	2420	41.0	68	1						

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob		no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Seth Harrison	78	4128	52.9	6	0		78	4128	52.9	6	0
Andre Slyter	9	557	61.9	3	0		123	7212	58.6	50	0
Trevor Bowens	1	8	8.0	0	0		1	8	8.0	0	0
Nick Kokich	1	50	50.0	0	0		1	50	50.0	0	0
Total	89	4743	53.3	9	0						
Opponents	73	4228	57.9	26	2						

## 2019 CO-CAPTAINS

Quarterback **Eric Barriere**  
(Jr. - Inglewood, Calif.)

Center **Spencer Blackburn**  
(Sr. - Bellingham, Wash.)

Tight End **Jayce Gilder**  
(Sr. - Corvallis, Ore.)

Defensive Tackle **Dylan Ledbetter**  
(Sr. - West Seattle, Wash.)

Linebacker **Jack Sendelbach**  
(Sr. - Seattle, Wash.)

## SEASON

## CAREER

#	Defensive Leaders	gp	ua	a	total	tfl	sack	int	pbu	fr	ff	blk	gp	ua	a	total	tfl	sack	int	pbu	fr	ff	blk
23	Dehonta Hayes	12	59	56	115	2	.	2	1	.	1	.	38	108	100	208	4	.	3	5	1	1	.
8	Jack Sendelbach	11	40	54	94	8	3.0	.	1	1	1	.	36	75	84	159	16	5.0	.	1	4	3	.
25	Calin Criner	12	37	48	85	2	.	4	3	.	.	.	38	92	91	183	4	.	7	10	1	2	.
49	Jim Townsend	12	23	38	61	11	3.5	.	1	1	2	.	51	52	91	143	23	8.5	.	2	2	5	.
36	Andrew Katzenberger	12	25	33	58	3	0.5	.	.	1	.	.	45	62	66	128	8	4.0	.	1	1	1	.
27	Kedrick Johnson	10	25	25	50	3	.	.	2	.	.	.	30	48	50	98	9	2.0	.	4	.	1	.
4	Dylan Ledbetter	12	22	27	49	5	1.5	.	.	2	1	2	52	64	104	168	22	10.0	.	5	2	1	6
7	Tre Weed	12	26	18	44	3	.	2	7	.	1	.	16	27	19	46	3	.	2	7	.	1	.
5	Mitchell Johnson	12	13	28	41	6	1.5	1	1	2	1	.	27	30	42	72	15	6.0	3	3	3	2	.
41	Trevor Davis Jr.	9	20	20	40	3	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	27	30	31	61	6	2.0	.	.	.	.	.
38	Joe Lang	12	17	21	38	1	.	.	3	1	1	.	18	19	25	44	1	.	.	3	1	1	.
22	Tysen Prunty	8	16	20	36	6	1.5	1	1	.	1	.	42	72	73	145	7	2.5	1	3	2	1	.
26	Darreon Moore	10	21	8	29	1	1.0	.	3	1	.	.	24	28	12	40	1	1.0	.	3	1	.	.
34	Anfernee Gurley	12	14	14	28	1	.	.	1	.	1	.	22	31	34	65	3	.	.	4	.	3	.
58	Chris Ojoh	4	14	13	27	3	.	.	1	.	.	.	30	81	69	150	14	2.5	1	3	1	1	.
72	Keith Moore	8	12	15	27	5	1.0	.	.	.	2	.	29	26	23	49	11	5.0	.	1	1	3	.
53	Joshua Jerome	11	10	16	26	4	1.5	.	1	.	.	.	15	13	28	41	5	1.5	.	1	.	.	.
99	Caleb Davis	12	6	15	21	2	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	23	13	34	47	5	2.0	.	.	1	.	.
54	Cale Lindsay	10	8	12	20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	17	12	16	28	0	.	.	.	1	.	.
14	Darrien Sampson	10	12	5	17	1	.	1	2	.	.	.	14	13	6	19	1	.	1	2	.	.	.
96	Darnell Hogan	12	3	12	15	3	0.5	1	.	.	.	.	37	13	23	36	3	0.5	1	.	.	1	.
20	Ira Branch	9	6	8	14	1	.	.	4	.	.	.	16	7	10	17	1	.	.	4	.	.	.
39	Justin Patterson	10	8	6	14	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	11	8	6	14	1	.	.	.	.	.	1
13	Debore'ae McClain	12	4	7	11	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	27	9	12	21	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Rudolph Mataia Jr.	10	2	7	9	2	0.5	.	1	1	.	.	22	8	17	25	4	0.5	.	1	1	.	.
29	Anthony Smith	3	5	4	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	18	12	15	27	0	.	1	1	.	.	.
50	Emmanuel Osuoha	4	3	4	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	4	4	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Keshaun King	11	4	2	6	0	.	.	.	1	.	.	14	4	3	7	0	.	.	.	1	.	.
83	Seth Harrison	11	3	3	6	0	.	.	.	1	.	.	11	3	3	6	0	.	.	.	1	.	.
21	Dean Sise	5	4	.	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	5	.	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Sebastian Gomez	3	2	1	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	2	1	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Trenton Harris	10	1	2	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	22	1	2	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Tamir Hill	11	3	.	3	0	.	.	2	.	.	.	17	8	3	11	0	.	.	2	.	.	.
1	Talolo Limu-Jones	12	3	.	3	0	.	.	.	.	1	.	35	5	3	8	0	.	.	.	.	1	.
32	Brad Alexander	11	.	2	2	0	.	.	2	.	.	.	19	.	2	2	0	.	1	2	.	.	.
33	Kyle Bryant	4	2	.	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	2	.	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Soli Paleso'o	2	.	2	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	2	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Demetrius Crosby Jr.	5	1	1	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	1	1	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
63	Brock Harrison	4	2	.	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	2	.	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	Zion Fa'aopega	11	.	2	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	14	.	2	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Freddie Roberson	11	2	.	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	11	2	.	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Blake Ochsner	4	1	1	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	1	1	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
81	Aiden Nellor	8	1	1	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	12	1	1	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	Jusstis Warren	1	2	.	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	.	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Marlon Jones Jr.	3	1	.	1	0	.	.	.	.	1	.	3	1	.	1	0	.	.	.	.	1	.
4D	Steven Flowers	3	1	.	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	1	.	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Jordan White	3	1	.	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	1	.	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
60	Jacob Newsom	1	.	1	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Antoine Custer Jr.	12	.	1	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	47	.	1	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Micah Smith	6	1	.	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	1	.	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		12	486	553	103	78	18	12	37	12	14	3											
Opponents		12	447	430	877	101	30	6	51	7	6	1											

## EWU SCORING RECORDS BY QUARTERS/HALVES (as a member of the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision since 1983)

1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	Halftime	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Second Half
29 Central Wash. 9/18/04	31 North Dakota 11/1/14	41 Cal Poly 9/10/94	35 UC Davis 10/1/16	35 CS Northridge 10/27/01	49 UC Davis 10/1/16
28 Jacksonville St. 9/14/19	30 Northern Colo. 10/12/19	40 Northern Colo. 10/12/19	28 Portland St. 11/18/17	28 Sam Houston St. 8/23/14	49 CS Northridge 10/27/01
28 Northern Ariz. 11/10/07	28 Sacramento St. 9/26/09	38 Northern Ariz. 11/2/19	28 Portland St. 11/16/18	28 Southern Utah 9/21/02	47 Portland St. 11/16/18
28 Rocky Mountain 9/6/97	28 Weber State 10/23/04	38 North Dakota 11/1/14		28 Stephen F. Austin 10/28/89	
28 Angelo State 9/22/84	28 Cal Poly 9/10/94	38 Central Wash. 9/8/84			
	28 Cal Poly 10/2/82				

# TEAM STATISTICS

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
08/31/19	at Washington	30	63	1	26	21	211	1	64	21	35	0	211	1	64	2	29	0	16	1	-1	0	0	274
Sep 7	LINDENWOOD	49	247	3	18	32	522	5	78	32	47	1	522	5	78	5	61	0	20	5	9	0	8	769
Sep 14	at Jacksonville State	44	175	0	62	24	294	5	51	24	44	2	294	5	51	4	118	1	90	0	0	0	0	469
Sep 21	at Idaho	32	95	2	24	28	365	2	50	28	46	1	365	2	50	3	27	0	21	1	5	0	5	460
Sep 28	NORTH DAKOTA	62	284	5	28	6	93	0	31	6	15	0	93	0	31	2	38	0	34	0	0	0	0	377
Oct 05	at Sacramento State	36	161	2	92	24	336	2	31	24	53	1	336	2	31	4	91	0	29	1	6	0	6	497
Oct 12	NORTHERN COLORADO	44	174	0	15	31	463	5	58	31	49	1	463	5	58	3	52	0	19	4	29	0	9	637
Oct 26	at Montana	24	101	1	30	22	264	1	62	22	41	0	264	1	62	3	38	0	22	1	-1	0	0	365
Nov 2	NORTHERN ARIZONA	43	312	5	50	32	394	3	75	32	42	0	394	3	75	1	40	0	40	0	0	0	0	706
Nov 09	at Idaho State	37	262	1	89	25	427	4	80	25	43	0	427	4	80	2	35	0	19	3	15	0	8	689
Nov 16	at Cal Poly	32	320	5	47	11	176	1	45	11	22	0	176	1	45	3	55	0	20	2	0	0	0	496
Nov 23	PORTLAND STATE	38	299	4	88	12	260	3	50	12	29	0	260	3	50	2	44	0	25	1	9	0	9	559
Eastern Washington		471	2493	29	92	268	3805	32	80	268	466	6	3805	32	80	34	628	1	90	19	71	0	9	6298
		500	2149	26	56	276	3196	27	53	276	467	12	3196	27	53	67	1224	0	39	19	112	0	17	5345

Games: 12 • Avg/rush: 5.3 • Avg/catch: 14.2 • Pass effic: 146.18 • KR avg: 18.5 • PR avg: 3.7 • All purpose avg/game: 585.5 • Total offense avg/gm: 524.8

		Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT Attempts			off		
Date	Opponent	ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/31/1	at Washington	43	30	73	6-13	0-0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	14
Sep 7	LINDENWOOD	32	52	84	13-42	3-0-24	0	0-0	1-16	10	2	0	8-8	0	0	0	7	59
Sep 14	at Jacksonville State	31	32	63	3-10	1-0-8	1	1-0	1-0	2	3	0	6-6	0	0	0	7	45
Sep 21	at Idaho	45	44	89	4-4	1-0-1	0	0-0	1-0	2	1	2	3-4	0	0	0	6	27
Sep 28	NORTH DAKOTA	32	46	78	14-54	5-0-39	3	3-0	3-0	2	6	0	5-5	0	0	0	21	35
Oct 05	at Sacramento State	37	42	79	5-3	0-0-0	2	1-0	1-0	5	2	0	3-4	0	0	0	0	27
Oct 12	NORTHERN COLORAD	47	30	77	6-16	1-0-7	3	2-34	0-0	7	6	1	6-6	0	0	0	10	54
Oct 26	at Montana	40	68	108	4-10	1-0-5	1	1-0	0-0	1	1	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	17
Nov 2	NORTHERN ARIZONA	37	56	93	9-13	1-0-1	1	2-77	0-0	7	6	0	9-9	0	0	0	14	66
Nov 09	at Idaho State	43	49	92	5-19	2-0-16	0	0-0	3-0	0	7	0	4-4	0	1	0	3	48
Nov 16	at Cal Poly	59	46	105	3-16	2-0-13	2	1-22	0-0	0	0	0	4-5	0	1	0	0	42
Nov 23	PORTLAND STATE	40	58	98	6-8	1-0-4	1	1-0	2-13	9	1	0	4-4	0	2	0	21	53
Eastern Washington		486	553	1039	78-208	18.0-118	14	12-133	12-29	45	37	3	56-59	0	4	0	89	487
		447	430	877	101-326	30.0-203	6	7-69	6-114	22	51	1	52-54	1	0	2	62	415

		Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
08/31/1	at Washington	6	205	34.2	44	0	0	1	0	1	0-1	0	0	4	240	60.0	2	0	
Sep 7	LINDENWOOD	3	110	36.7	38	0	0	1	0	1	1-2	50	0	10	562	56.2	1	0	
Sep 14	at Jacksonville State	5	158	31.6	42	1	0	1	0	1	1-1	22	1	8	465	58.1	2	0	
Sep 21	at Idaho	4	182	45.5	52	0	0	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	4	190	47.5	0	0	
Sep 28	NORTH DAKOTA	9	339	37.7	59	0	2	1	1	3	0-0	0	0	6	288	48.0	1	0	
Oct 05	at Sacramento State	6	248	41.3	54	0	0	2	2	3	0-0	0	0	5	200	40.0	0	0	
Oct 12	NORTHERN COLORAD	4	169	42.2	57	0	1	0	1	1	4-4	32	0	10	529	52.9	0	0	
Oct 26	at Montana	7	250	35.7	47	0	0	3	0	1	1-1	35	0	4	216	54.0	0	0	
Nov 2	NORTHERN ARIZONA	1	26	26.0	26	0	0	0	0	0	1-1	27	0	11	558	50.7	1	0	
Nov 09	at Idaho State	5	216	43.2	48	0	0	1	0	1	4-4	40	0	11	632	57.5	1	0	
Nov 16	at Cal Poly	3	120	40.0	52	0	0	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	7	370	52.9	0	0	
Nov 23	PORTLAND STATE	5	159	31.8	37	0	0	0	0	1	1-1	29	0	9	493	54.8	1	0	
Eastern Washington		58	2182	37.6	59	1	3	10	7	13	13-15	50	1	89	4743	53.3	9	0	
		59	2420	41.0	68	1	6	13	14	20	7-13	46	2	73	4228	57.9	26	2	

## MOST YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE IN EWU HISTORY

1. 769 Lindenwood 9/7/19
2. 743 Idaho State 11/2/13
3. 740 Rocky Mountain 9/6/97
4. 728 Portland State 11/18/17
5. 706 Northern Arizona 11/2/19
6. 697 Montana 10/4/86
7. 689 Idaho State 11/9/19
8. 677 Central Washington 9/1/18
9. 669 UC Davis 11/10/18
10. 667 Montana State 9/19/15
11. 659 Northern Colorado 10/8/16
12. 658 Montana 10/18/97

13. 657 Cal Poly 9/22/18
14. 651 Sacramento State 9/30/17
15. 650 Fordham 9/16/17
16. 648 Southern Utah 10/6/18
- 648 Northern Colo. 10/24/15
18. 644 Whitworth 11/18/67
19. 637 Northern Colorado 10/12/19
20. 630 Western Oregon 9/14/02
21. 627 UC Davis 10/1/16
22. 626 \*McNeese State 11/24/07
23. 625 Oregon State 8/31/13
24. 624 Portland State 11/16/18
- 624 Sam Houston State 8/23/14
26. 618 Idaho State 11/24/01
27. 617 Montana 9/23/17
- 617 Idaho State 10/4/14

29. 612 Idaho State 9/25/04
30. 608 Southern Utah 11/14/09
31. 608 CS Northridge 10/27/01
32. 606 Washington State 9/3/16
33. 603 Montana 9/17/94
34. 597 Western Oregon 9/7/13
35. 596 Montana State 10/22/16
- 596 Sacramento State 9/18/93
37. 595 \*Stephen F. Austin 11/28/09
- 595 Montana Tech 9/7/02
39. 594 Sacramento State 9/26/15
40. 592 Northern Arizona 11/8/97
41. 591 Montana State 11/9/13
42. 588 Cal State Northridge 9/25/99
43. 583 Montana Western 8/30/14
- 583 Northern Arizona 10/8/05

45. 582 Montana State 9/20/14
46. 580 \*Towson 12/21/13
47. 578 Northern Colorado 11/3/18
48. 578 Idaho State 11/19/11
49. 574 Northern Arizona 11/2/91
50. 573 Washington 9/6/14
- 573 Cal Poly 11/6/04
52. 570 Northern Arizona 9/8/18
53. 569 Western Oregon 9/17/05
54. 568 \*Maine 12/15/18
- 568 Southern Utah, 10/11/14
- 568 \*Southern Illinois 11/27/04
- 568 Southern Utah 9/21/02
58. 567 Montana-Western 8/31/07
59. 566 Sacramento State 10/29/05



# OPPONENT STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td
08/31/19	at Washington	43	200	2	34	28	370	4	50	28-38-0	370	4	50	2	39	0	22	1	6	0	6	570
Sep 7	LINDENWOOD	27	85	0	16	28	289	4	36	28-52-1	289	4	36	9	158	0	39	1	3	0	3	374
Sep 14	at Jacksonville State	34	117	3	19	14	249	3	52	14-31-1	249	3	52	5	100	0	23	2	9	0	6	366
Sep 21	at Idaho	47	223	3	27	22	240	2	29	22-31-1	240	2	29	3	82	0	33	4	33	0	13	463
Sep 28	NORTH DAKOTA	38	162	2	56	21	207	1	43	21-45-3	207	1	43	3	52	0	31	1	6	0	6	369
Oct 05	at Sacramento State	33	156	2	23	30	315	3	41	30-44-1	315	3	41	0	0	0	0	1	13	0	6	471
Oct 12	NORTHERN COLORADO	27	101	3	15	28	251	0	27	28-46-0	251	0	27	9	179	0	26	2	14	0	12	352
Oct 26	at Montana	55	254	3	45	20	176	1	37	20-29-0	176	1	37	4	74	0	21	2	-1	0	11	430
Nov 2	NORTHERN ARIZONA	32	112	3	36	31	385	2	43	31-50-0	385	2	43	10	186	0	30	0	0	0	0	497
Nov 09	at Idaho State	34	131	0	17	25	285	0	40	25-52-3	285	0	40	9	179	0	36	1	17	0	17	416
Nov 16	at Cal Poly	78	367	3	34	6	110	3	32	6-10-0	110	3	32	6	71	0	20	2	12	0	8	477
Nov 23	PORTLAND STATE	52	241	2	32	23	319	4	53	23-39-2	319	4	53	7	104	0	26	2	0	0	1	560
Opponents		500	2149	26	56	276	3196	27	53	276-467-12	3196	27	53	67	1224	0	39	19	112	0	17	5345
		471	2493	29	92	268	3805	32	80	268-466-6	3805	32	80	34	628	1	90	19	71	0	9	6298

Games: 12 • Avg/rush: 4.3 • Avg/catch: 11.6 • Pass eff: 130.53 • KR avg: 18.3 • PR avg: 5.9 • All purpose avg/game: 566.2 • Total offense avg/gm: 445.4

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble	Pass Defense			bldk	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
08/31/1	at Washington	43	14	57	9-43	4.0-32	0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	6-6	0	0	1	0	47
Sep 7	LINDENWOOD	37	66	103	3-8	2.0-8	0	1-0	1-9	3	0	0	4-4	0	0	0	7	31
Sep 14	at Jacksonville State	46	37	83	16-58	4.0-34	1	0-0	2-67	0	3	1	7-7	0	0	0	7	49
Sep 21	at Idaho	44	24	68	8-44	4.0-37	1	1-0	1-0	4	8	0	5-5	0	0	0	7	35
Sep 28	NORTH DAKOTA	39	48	87	9-9	1.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	1	3	0	2-3	0	0	0	0	20
Oct 05	at Sacramento State	42	34	76	12-50	7.0-43	2	1-66	1-27	7	6	0	6-7	0	0	0	14	48
Oct 12	NORTHERN COLORAD	38	61	99	14-22	1.0-6	0	0-0	1-11	2	6	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	21
Oct 26	at Montana	25	34	59	7-35	3.0-16	0	1-0	0-0	1	4	0	4-4	0	0	0	7	34
Nov 2	NORTHERN ARIZONA	42	40	82	4-4	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	2	5	0	5-5	0	0	0	0	38
Nov 09	at Idaho State	35	40	75	7-13	1.0-4	1	0-0	0-0	1	6	0	0-0	0	0	1	0	5
Nov 16	at Cal Poly	27	6	33	3-6	1.0-5	1	3-3	0-0	0	4	0	5-5	0	0	0	13	41
Nov 23	PORTLAND STATE	29	26	55	9-34	2.0-16	0	0-0	0-0	1	3	0	5-5	1	0	0	0	46
Opponents		447	430	877	101-326	30.0-203	6	7-69	6-114	22	51	1	52-54	1	0	2	62	415
		486	553	1039	78-208	18.0-118	14	12-133	12-29	45	37	3	56-59	0	4	0	89	487

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	bldk	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	bldk	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
08/31/1	at Washington	3	138	46.0	52	0	0	0	1	2	1-1	22	0	8	502	62.8	5	1	
Sep 7	LINDENWOOD	9	396	44.0	61	0	0	2	5	4	1-1	28	0	6	320	53.3	1	0	
Sep 14	at Jacksonville State	6	266	44.3	67	0	3	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	8	420	52.5	2	0	
Sep 21	at Idaho	3	107	35.7	38	0	0	1	0	2	0-2	0	2	6	360	60.0	3	0	
Sep 28	NORTH DAKOTA	6	188	31.3	42	0	0	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	4	188	47.0	0	0	
Oct 05	at Sacramento State	6	198	33.0	41	0	0	2	0	1	0-1	0	0	8	518	64.8	4	0	
Oct 12	NORTHERN COLORAD	6	214	35.7	49	1	1	0	0	1	0-1	0	0	4	227	56.8	0	0	
Oct 26	at Montana	5	242	48.4	68	0	2	1	2	2	2-2	46	0	7	423	60.4	4	0	
Nov 2	NORTHERN ARIZONA	2	114	57.0	58	0	0	0	2	2	1-1	22	0	6	349	58.2	3	1	
Nov 09	at Idaho State	7	277	39.6	53	0	0	3	1	4	1-2	25	0	2	128	64.0	0	0	
Nov 16	at Cal Poly	3	131	43.7	46	0	0	1	0	1	0-1	0	0	7	374	53.4	1	0	
Nov 23	PORTLAND STATE	3	149	49.7	66	0	0	1	1	1	1-1	40	0	7	419	59.9	3	0	
Opponents		59	2420	41.0	68	1	6	13	14	20	7-13	46	2	73	4228	57.9	26	2	
		58	2182	37.6	59	1	3	10	7	13	13-15	50	1	89	4743	53.3	9	0	

## 50-POINT GAMES IN EWU HISTORY (65 games - 62-3 record)

- 114 Spokane Univ. (114-0), 11/24/1914
- 84 North Stars (84-0), 10/30/1908
- 75 Southern Oregon (75-27), 11/12/1966
- \*74 Portland State (74-23), 11/16/18
- 70 Cal Poly (70-17), 9/22/2018
- 69 Lewis-Clark St. (69-0), 11/11/1933
- 68 Whitworth (68-0), 11/18/1967
- 66 Northern Arizona (66-38), 11/2/2019**
- 66 Simon Fraser (66-14), 10/13/2001
- 64 Western Washington (64-0), 10/19/1974
- 63 UC Davis (63-30), 10/1/2016
- 63 CS Northridge (63-35), 10/27/2001
- 63 Rocky Mountain (63-7), 9/6/1997
- 63 Whitworth (63-0), 9/22/1934
- 61 Cal Poly (61-7), 9/10/1994
- 60 Saint Martin's (60-7), 11/6/1948
- 59 Lindenwood 9/7/19**
- 59 UC Davis 11/10/18
- 59 Portland State 11/18/17
- 59 Weber State (59-63), 9/28/1991

- 59 Carroll (59-6), 10/19/1957
- 58 Central Washington (58-13), 9/1/2018
- 58 Western Montana (58-0), 9/18/1965
- 56 Fordham 9/16/17
- 56 Portland State (56-34), 11/21/2014
- 56 Idaho State (56-53), 10/4/2014
- 56 Sam Houston State (56-35), 09/23/2014
- 56 Sacramento State (56-30), 9/26/2009
- 55 Southern Utah 10/6/18
- 55 Montana State (55-50), 9/19/2015
- 55 Idaho State (55-3), 11/2/2013
- 55 North Dakota (55-17), 10/6/2012
- 55 Western Oregon (55-20), 9/14/2002
- 55 Whitworth (55-0), 9/22/1933
- 54 Northern Colorado (54-21), 12/13/19**
- 54 North Dakota (54-3), 11/1/2014
- 54 Montana State (54-29), 11/9/2013
- 54 Whitworth (54-0), 11/2/1923
- 53 Portland State (53-46), 11/23/19**
- 53 Cal Poly (53-51), 11/12/2011
- 53 Davenport HS (53-0), 10/18/1902
- 53 British Col. (53-7), 10/6/1956
- 52 Sacramento State (52-31), 9/30/17

- 52 Montana State (52-51), 9/20/2014
- 52 Washington (52-59), 9/6/2014
- 52 Western Washington (52-31), 9/20/2008
- 52 Northern Arizona (52-24), 11/10/2007
- 52 Montana-Western (52-13), 9/31/2007
- 52 Idaho State (52-55), 10/4/2003
- 52 Spokane Col. (52-0), 10/22/1921
- 52 Montana (52-19), 11/16/1985
- 51 Illinois State (51-35), 12/8/2012
- 51 Montana State (51-44), 11/13/2004
- 51 Weber State (51-7), 10/23/2004
- 51 Idaho State (51-7), 10/25/1997
- 51 Sacramento State (51-34), 10/12/1996
- 51 Carroll (51-0), 9/19/1981
- 50 \*Maine (50-19), 12/18/18
- 50 Northern Arizona (50-35), 9/24/2016
- 50 Portland State (50-17), 10/30/2010
- 50 Montana Tech (50-6), 9/7/2002
- 50 Weber State (50-26), 9/22/2001
- 50 Northern Colorado (50-15), 11/10/1984
- 50 Simon Fraser (50-14), 10/16/1981
- 50 Lewis-Clark St. (50-0), 9/26/1931

\*Record vs. NCAA Division I or Big Sky Opponent

## Individual Game-by-Game

#3 Eric Barriere	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
Washington	21	35	0	60.0	211	1	64	4-32	120.07
Lindenwood	32	46	0	69.6	522	5	78	2-8	200.76
Jacksonville State	24	43	2	55.8	294	5	51	4-34	142.32
Idaho	28	46	1	60.9	365	2	50	4-37	137.52
North Dakota	6	15	0	40.0	93	0	31	1-2	92.08
Sacramento State	22	42	1	52.4	309	2	31	5-34	125.13
Northern Colorado	28	43	0	65.1	445	5	58	0-0	190.42
Montana	22	41	0	53.7	264	1	62	3-16	115.80
Northern Arizona	29	38	0	76.3	367	3	75	0-0	183.49
Idaho State	23	38	0	60.5	406	3	80	1-4	176.33
Cal Poly	11	22	0	50.0	176	1	45	1-5	132.20
Portland State	12	29	0	41.4	260	3	50	2-16	150.83
TOTALS	258	438	4	58.9	3712	31	80	27-188	151.62

#15 G. Talkington	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
Lindenwood	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	-200.00
Sacramento State	2	11	0	18.2	27	0	23	2-9	38.80
Northern Colorado	3	6	1	50.0	18	0	16	1-6	41.87
Northern Arizona	2	3	0	66.7	7	0	7	0-0	86.27
Idaho State	2	5	0	40.0	21	1	15	0-0	141.28
TOTALS	9	26	2	34.6	73	1	23	3-15	55.51

#88 Johnny Edwards	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
Northern Arizona	1	1	0	100.0	20	0	20	0-0	268.00
TOTALS	1	1	0	100.0	20	0	20	0-0	268.00

#9 Andrew Boston	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
Jacksonville State	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00
TOTALS	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00

RUSHING	No-Yds/TD	WASH	LWU	JSU	IDAHO	UND	SAC	NC	UM	NAU	ISU	CP	PSU
Antoine Custer RB	195-1228/16	14-24/1	7-47/1	28-184/0	17-59/0	28-134/3	18-55/1	19-68/0	13-48/0	13-139/3	13-145/1	9-107/4	16-218/2
Eric Barriere QB	119-558/8	10-3/0	8-34/1	11--23/0	11-20/2	9-35/1	12-103/1	4-41/0	4-4/0	10-101/1	11-61/0	17-164/1	12-23/1
Silas Perreiah RB	57-255/1	DNP	7-19/0	4-11/0	DNP	23-126/1	3-7/0	7-35/0	-	5-15/0	7-34/0	-	1-8/0
Tamarick Pierce RB	20-177/3	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	7-57/1	4-30/1	DNP	2-36/0	7-54/1
Micah Smith RB	27-106/0	DNP	6-31/0	DNP	4-16/0	DNP	DNP	6-19/0	DNP	8-20/0	3-20/0	DNP	-
Dennis Merritt RB	12-87/0	5-37/0	7-50/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Isaiah Lewis RB	12-63/1	1--1/0	11-64/1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
T. Limu-Jones WR	1-25/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-25/0	-
Kyle Bryant	7-19/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	6-20/0	DNP	DNP	1-1/0	-	-
Johnny Edwards WR	3-16/0	-	1-8/0	1-3/0	-	-	-	-	-	1-5/0	-	-	-
G. Talkington QB	6-1/0	-	-	-	-	-	3-4/0	1-6/0	DNP	1-4/0	1-7/0	-	-
F. Roberson WR	1-0/0	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0/0
Nick Kokich K/P	1-7/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	1-7/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Team	10--35/0	DNP	2--6/0	-	DNP	1-4/0	DNP	1-3/0	DNP	1-2/0	1-4/0	3--12/0	1-4/0

RECEIVING	No-Yds/TD	WASH	LWU	JSU	IDAHO	UND	SAC	NC	UM	NAU	ISU	CP	PSU
Andrew Boston WR	50-730/6	6-112/1	DNP	7-68/1	5-46/0	1-18/0	4-52/0	7-96/0	5-86/1	-	10-147/2	2-47/0	3-58/1
T. Limu-Jones WR	24-577/7	-	-	2-89/1	-	-	1-7/1	4-96/3	4-97/0	8-147/1	2-69/0	2-66/1	1-6/0
Jayson Williams WR	46-553/5	1-3/0	1-18/0	7-54/2	6-59/1	-	7-120/1	8-115/0	5-24/0	6-86/1	1-25/0	2-11/0	2-38/0
Johnny Edwards WR	32-553/3	2-36/0	4-42/0	1-12/0	2-61/0	2-31/0	5-68/0	5-85/1	1-30/0	5-31/0	4-107/1	-	1-50/1
Dre Dorton WR	27-477/4	1-6/0	15-289/3	-	7-133/1	1-11/0	3-38/0	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Jayce Gilder TE	25-292/3	4-22/0	4-55/0	2-15/1	-	1-30/0	-	3-45/1	1-16/0	5-43/1	3-41/0	2-25/0	-
Antoine Custer RB	28-224/0	2--1/0	2-27/0	3-34/0	6-36/0	-	3-34/0	2-17/0	3-27/0	2-18/0	2-5/0	3-27/0	-
F. Roberson WR	14-220/1	-	4-56/1	DNP	-	-	1-17/0	1-7/0	1-2/0	3-34/0	-	-	4-104/0
Dennis Merritt RB	5-57/0	4-25/0	1-32/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Anthony Stell WR	5-41/0	DNP	-	1--5/0	1-19/0	DNP	-	-	-	2-15/0	1-12/0	-	DNP
Dylan Ingram TE	2-35/0	1-8/0	-	1-27/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blake Gobel TE	1-15/1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	1-15/1	-	DNP
Micah Smith RB	1-11/0	DNP	-	DNP	1-11/0	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	-	-	DNP	-
Jakobie James WR	1-6/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	1-6/0	DNP	-
Silas Perreiah RB	2-6/1	DNP	1-3/1	-	DNP	1-3/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eric Barriere QB	2-3/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1--17/0	1-20/0	-	-	-
Tamarick Pierce RB	2-3/1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1--1/0	-	DNP	-	1-4/1
Champ Grayson WR	1-2/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	1-2/0	-	DNP	DNP	-	DNP

PUNT RETURNS	No-Yds	WASH	LWU	JSU	IDAHO	UND	SAC	NC	UM	NAU	ISU	CP	PSU
Calin Criner	11-42	-	-	-	-	-	1-6	3-13	1--1	-	3-15	2-0	1-9
J. Patterson	1-16	-	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	1-16	-	-	-	-	-
Tre Weed	4-9	1--1	3-10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Johnny Edwards	3-4	-	2--1	-	1-5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

KICK RETURNS	No-Yds	WASH	LWU	JSU	IDAHO	UND	SAC	NC	UM	NAU	ISU	CP	PSU
Dre Dorton	15-301	2-29	4-44	2-103	2-18	-	4-91	1-16	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Marlon Jones	2-62	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-22	1-40	DNP	DNP	DNP
Anthony Stell	4-60	DNP	-	-	1-9	DNP	-	-	-	-	2-35	1-16	DNP
Tre Weed	3-50	-	-	-	-	-	-	2-36	1-14	-	-	-	-
T. Limu-Jones	2-44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2-44
Johnny Edwards	3-41	-	-	1-3	-	2-38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Champ Grayson	2-39	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	2-39	DNP
Anthony Smith	2-29	-	1-17	1-12	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Silas Perreiah	1-2	DNP	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	1-2	-	-	-	-

INT. RETURNS	No-Yds	WASH	LWU	JSU	IDAHO	UND	SAC	NC	UM	NAU	ISU	CP	PSU
Calin Criner	4-0	-	-	-	-	2-0	-	-	-	-	2-0	-	-
Dehonta Hayes	2-0	-	-	-	1-0	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tre Weed	2-13	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	1-13
Tysen Prunty	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0
Darnell Hogan	1-16	-	1-16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M. Johnson	1-0	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Darrien Sampson	1-0	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	DNP

FUMBLE RETURNS	No-Yds	WASH	LWU	JSU	IDAHO	UND	SAC	NC	UM	NAU	ISU	CP	PSU
A. Katzenberger	1-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-77	-	-	-
Joe Lang	1-34	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-34	-	-	-	-	-
M. Johnson	1-22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-22	-

## EWU BY QUARTER 2019

	1st	2nd	Half	3rd	Through 3	4th	OT	Final
EWU	0	7	7	0	7	7	--	14
UW	21	7	28	14	42	5	--	47
Lindenwood	0	17	17	14	31	0	--	31
EWU	21	10	31	21	52	7	--	59
EWU	28	7	35	10	45	0	--	45
Jack. St.	7	14	21	7	28	21	--	49
EWU	0	0	0	7	7	20	--	27
Idaho	14	14	28	0	28	7	--	35
North Dakota	7	0	7	7	14	6	--	20
EWU	14	14	28	0	28	7	--	35
EWU	7	7	14	6	20	7	--	27
Sacramento St.	21	6	27	7	34	14	--	48
Northern Colo.	0	0	0	14	14	7	--	21
EWU	10	30	40	14	54	0	--	54
EWU	0	14	14	3	17	0	--	17
Montana	3	7	10	10	20	14	--	34
Northern Ariz.	14	10	24	7	31	7	--	38
EWU	17	21	38	21	59	7	--	66
EWU	3	17	20	21	41	7	--	48
Idaho State	2	0	2	3	5	0	--	5
EWU	14	14	28	7	35	7	--	42
Cal Poly	0	14	14	14	28	13	--	41
Portland State	7	10	17	8	25	21	--	46
EWU	17	13	30	15	45	8	--	53

**EWU Record After 1st Quarter** . . . 7-1 when leading, 0-4 when trailing, 0-0 when tied

**EWU Record at Halftime** . . . 7-2 when leading, 0-3 when trailing, 0-0 when tied

**EWU Record After 3rd Quarter** . . . 7-1 when leading, 0-4 when trailing, 0-0 when tied

**EWU Record in Overtime** . . 0-0

## Largest Winning Margins as Member of FCS (since 1984) . . .

56 - Eastern 63, Rocky Mountain 7 (9/6/97)

54 - Eastern 61, Cal Poly 7 (9/10/94)

#53 - Eastern 70, Cal Poly 17 (9/22/18)

53 - Eastern 54, North Dakota 3 (11/1/14)

52 - Eastern 66, Simon Fraser 14 (10/13/01)

51 - Eastern 74, Portland State 23 (11/16/18)

#Record vs. Big Sky Opponent



SACKS	UA-A	Total	WASH	LWU	JSU	IDAHO	UND	SAC	NC	UM	NAU	ISU	CP	PSU
Jim Townsend DL	3-1	3.5	-	0.5-3	-	1.0-1	1.0-9	-	-	-	-	1.0-9	-	-
Jack Sendelbach LB	3-0	3.0	-	-	-	DNP	1.0-8	-	-	-	-	1.0-7	-	1.0-
Tysen Prunty DB	1-1	1.5	-	-	-	-	0.5-4	-	DNP	1.0-5	DNP	DNP	DNP	-
Dylan Ledbetter DL	1-1	1.5	-	0.5-4	-	-	-	-	1.0-7	-	-	-	-	-
M. Johnson DL	1-1	1.5	-	-	0.5-4	-	1.0-5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Joshua Jerome DL	1-1	1.5	-	0.5-4	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-6	-
Caleb Davis DL	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-7	-
Keith Moore DL	1-0	1.0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1.0-9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trevor Davis LB	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP
Darreon Moore	1-0	1.0	-	1.0-9	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-
Rudolph Mataia DL	0-1	0.5	-	0.5-4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	-
A. Katzenberger LB	0-1	0.5	-	-	0.5-4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Darnell Hogan DL	0-1	0.5	-	-	-	-	0.5-4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Total Tackles	UA-A	Total	WASH	LWU	JSU	IDAHO	UND	SAC	NC	UM	NAU	ISU	CP	PSU
Dehonta Hayes DB	59-56	115	6-2	6-3	3-1	7-10	5-5	7-10	3-5	6-6	4-5	8-3	0-1	4-5
Jack Sendelbach LB	40-54	94	4-3	0-3	5-7	DNP	6-6	2-5	1-1	3-9	4-7	3-4	7-4	5-5
Calin Criner DB	37-48	85	4-1	2-5	1-3	2-1	6-1	6-6	4-1	5-11	2-4	1-7	3-3	1-5
Jim Townsend DL	23-38	61	0-1	0-3	3-1	7-5	1-5	1-4	1-0	2-5	1-4	1-2	5-5	1-3
A. Katzenberger LB	25-33	58	2-0	1-2	0-2	4-4	0-2	1-3	1-1	1-2	0-1	3-3	6-5	6-8
Kedrick Johnson DB	25-25	50	3-6	0-1	1-0	1-0	DNP	DNP	2-2	-	3-5	1-1	9-5	5-5
Dylan Ledbetter DL	22-27	49	1-1	2-2	3-1	3-3	-	3-0	2-1	1-3	3-2	0-5	2-7	2-2
Tre Weed DB	26-18	44	-	1-2	1-3	3-1	-	2-4	3-0	4-4	3-2	6-2	2-0	1-0
M. Johnson DL	13-28	41	1-2	1-1	0-2	2-3	2-5	1-0	3-2	0-3	0-1	1-2	1-2	1-5
Trevor Davis LB	20-20	40	2-1	3-2	3-1	4-4	2-2	2-3	1-1	0-1	3-5	DNP	DNP	DNP
Joe Lang DB	17-21	38	2-3	1-4	0-3	2-1	-	-	4-3	1-0	2-2	3-4	2-1	-
Tysen Prunty DB	16-20	36	1-0	2-2	1-2	2-2	1-7	4-2	DNP	3-4	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-1
Darreon Moore	21-8	29	2-0	5-1	1-1	DNP	1-0	3-1	3-1	1-2	DNP	2-1	0-1	3-0
Anfernee Gurley DB	14-14	28	0-1	0-2	1-3	1-2	2-0	1-0	5-1	-	-	0-2	4-3	-
Chris Ojoh LB	14-13	27	9-2	2-3	1-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-7	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Keith Moore DL	12-15	27	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	3-1	1-1	2-0	0-3	2-3	1-2	1-2	2-3
Joshua Jerome DL	10-16	26	0-2	1-3	-	DNP	-	1-1	-	2-2	1-1	2-1	3-3	0-3
Caleb Davis DL	6-15	21	-	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	-	-	0-3	0-4	1-1	3-3	0-2
Cale Lindsay LB	8-12	20	1-0	0-2	1-0	1-0	0-1	-	3-0	DNP	DNP	0-2	2-0	0-7
Darrien Sampson DB	12-5	17	0-1	0-1	DNP	1-0	-	-	2-1	4-0	3-2	-	2-0	DNP
Darnell Hogan DL	3-12	15	0-2	0-3	-	0-1	0-3	-	-	1-0	0-1	1-1	-	1-1
J. Patterson LB	8-6	14	-	DNP	DNP	-	1-0	-	2-4	-	3-2	-	2-0	-
Ira Branch DB	6-8	14	-	DNP	1-0	1-2	2-5	DNP	-	DNP	-	-	2-0	0-1
D. McClain DL	4-7	11	-	-	1-0	2-3	0-2	1-0	-	0-1	-	0-1	-	-
Anthony Smith DB	5-4	9	2-1	2-3	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Rudolph Mataia DL	2-7	9	1-1	0-2	-	0-1	-	0-2	-	1-1	-	DNP	DNP	-
Emmanuel Osuoha LB	3-4	7	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	1-2	DNP	0-1	2-1	DNP	DNP
Keshaun King	4-2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	DNP	-	1-0	1-1	2-0
Seth Harrison	3-3	6	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-1	1-1	-	1-1
Dean Sise DB	4-0	4	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	-
Sebastian Gomez DL	2-1	3	DNP	DNP	1-1	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP
Trenton Harris	1-2	3	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	0-2	1-0	-	-
T. Limu-Jones	3-0	3	-	1-0	-	-	-	1-0	-	1-0	-	-	-	-
Tamir Hill DB	3-0	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	1-0	1-0	-	DNP
Jusstis Warren LB	2-0	2	2-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Zion Fa'aopega DL	0-2	2	-	0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	DNP	-
Brad Alexander DB	0-2	2	-	0-1	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	0-1
Blake Ochsner DL	1-1	2	DNP	-	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-1	-	DNP
Brock Harrison DL	2-0	2	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	1-0	DNP	DNP	1-0	DNP
D. Crosby DB	1-1	2	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	-	-	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-
Kyle Bryant	2-0	2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	-	-	2-0
F. Roberson	2-0	2	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	1-0	-	-
Soli Paleso'o DL	0-2	2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1	0-1	DNP	DNP
Aiden Nellor	1-1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-
Steven Flowers	1-0	1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	1-0
Antoine Custer	0-1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	-
Marlon Jones DB	1-0	1	DNP	DNP	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP

## EAGLES VS. RANKED OPPONENTS (STATS TOP 25 FCS POLL)

**59-72 Overall / 19-44 versus Top 10 – 9-35 versus Top 5 – 2-8 Versus No. 1**  
**Since 2010 . . . 30-18 overall / 10-9 versus Top 10 – 4-7 Top 5 – 0-2 Versus No. 1**  
**Also . . . 1-7 all-time versus ranked opponents from FBS**

2019 - L - #10 Montana 34, EWU 17 (Missoula, Mont.)  
 2019 - L - #17 Jacksonville State 49, #4 EWU 45 (Jacksonville, Ala.)  
 -- EWU defeated North Dakota, ranked #25 by the AFCA but unranked by STATS, 35-20 in Cheney, Wash.

2018 - L - #1 North Dakota State 38, #4 EWU 24 (Frisco, Texas)  
 2018 - W - #4 EWU 50, #12 Maine 19 (Cheney, Wash.)  
 2018 - W - #4 EWU 34, #7 UC Davis 29 (Cheney, Wash.)  
 2018 - W - #4 EWU 42, #15 Nicholls 21 (Cheney, Wash.)  
 2018 - W - #5 EWU 59, #4 UC Davis 20 (Cheney, Wash.)  
 2018 - L - #13 Weber State 14, #4 EWU 6 (Ogden, Utah)

2018 - W - #6 EWU 31, #18 Northern Arizona 26 (Flagstaff, Ariz.)

**5-2 vs. Top 25; 2-1 vs. Top 10; 1-1 vs. Top 5 in 2018**

2017 - L - #19 Weber State 28, #11 EWU 20 (Cheney, Wash.)

2017 - L - #2 North Dakota State 40, #7 EWU 13 (Cheney, Wash.)

2016 - L - #13 Youngstown State 40, #3 EWU 38 (Cheney, Wash.)

2016 - W - #3 EWU 38, #12 Richmond 0 (Cheney, Wash.)

2016 - W - #3 EWU 31, #14 Central Arkansas 14 (Cheney, Wash.)

2016 - W - #3 EWU 42, #14 Cal Poly 42 (San Luis Obispo, Calif.)

2016 - W - #3 EWU 35, #16 Montana 16 (Cheney, Wash.)

2016 - W - #4 EWU 50, #25 Northern Arizona 35 (Flagstaff, Ariz.)

2016 - W - #8 EWU 34, #10 Northern Iowa 30 (Cheney, Wash.)

2016 - L - #1 North Dakota State 50, #8 EWU 44 - 1 OT (Fargo, N.D.)

**6-2 vs. Top 25; 0-1 vs. Top 10; 0-1 vs. Top 5 in 2016**

STARTERS - OFF	Left Tackle	Left Guard	Center	Right Guard	Right Tackle	Quarterback	Tailback	Tight End/WR	Wide Receiver	Wide Receiver	FB/TE/WR
Washington	Taylor	Gram	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Barriere	Merritt	Gilder	Dorton	Edwards	Boston (wr)
Lindenwood	Taylor	Gram	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Barriere	Custer	Gilder	Dorton	Edwards	Williams (wr)
Jacksonville St.	Taylor	Gram	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Barriere	Custer	Gilder	Dorton	Edwards	Williams (wr)
Idaho	Taylor	Gram	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Barriere	Custer	Gilder	Dorton	Edwards	Williams (wr)
North Dakota	Taylor	Gram	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Barriere	Custer	Gilder	Dorton	Boston	D. Ingram (te)
Sacramento St.	Taylor	Gram	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Barriere	Custer	Edwards (wr)	Dorton	Boston	Williams (wr)
Northern Colo.	Taylor	Crist	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Barriere	Custer	Gilder	Edwards	Boston	Williams (wr)
Montana	Taylor	Crist	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Barriere	Custer	Gilder	Edwards	Boston	Williams (wr)
Northern Ariz.	Taylor	Gram	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Barriere	Custer	Gilder	Edwards	Limu-Jones	Williams (wr)
Idaho State	Taylor	Gram	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Barriere	Custer	Gilder	Edwards	Roberson	Williams (wr)
Cal Poly	Taylor	Gram	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Barriere	Custer	Gilder	Limu-Jones	Gobel (te)	D. Ingram (te)
Portland State	Taylor	Gram	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Barriere	Custer	Gilder	Edwards	Roberson	D. Ingram (te)

STARTERS - DEF	Cornerback	Cornerback	Safety	Safety	Rover	Linebacker	Linebacker	End	Tackle	Nose Tackle	"Buck" End
Washington	Branch	D. Moore	Hayes	Criner	Lang	Ojoh	Sendelbach	Townsend	Ledbetter	Davis	M. Johnson
Lindenwood	Weed	D. Moore	Hayes	Criner	Lang	Ojoh	Sendelbach	Townsend	Ledbetter	Davis	M. Johnson
Jacksonville St.	Weed	D. Moore	Hayes	Criner	Lang	Ojoh	Sendelbach	Townsend	Ledbetter	Mataia Jr.	M. Johnson
Idaho	Weed	Branch	Hayes	Criner	Lang	Davis Jr.	Katzenberger	Townsend	Ledbetter	Mataia Jr.	M. Johnson
North Dakota	Weed	Branch	Hayes	Criner	Gurley	Davis Jr.	Sendelbach	Townsend	Ledbetter	K. Moore	M. Johnson
Sacramento St.	Weed	D. Moore	Hayes	Criner	Prunty	Davis Jr.	Sendelbach	Hogan	Ledbetter	K. Moore	M. Johnson
Northern Colo.	Weed	D. Moore	Gurley	Criner	Lang	Davis Jr.	Sendelbach	Townsend	Ledbetter	K. Moore	M. Johnson
Montana	Weed	D. Moore	Hayes	Criner	Prunty	Davis Jr.	Sendelbach	Townsend	Ledbetter	K. Moore	M. Johnson
Northern Ariz.	Weed	Sampson	Hayes	Criner	K. Johnson	Davis Jr.	Sendelbach	Townsend	Ledbetter	K. Moore	M. Johnson
Idaho State	Weed	Sampson	Hayes	Criner	K. Johnson	Katzenberger	Sendelbach	Townsend	Ledbetter	K. Moore	M. Johnson
Cal Poly	Weed	Sampson	Hayes	Criner	K. Johnson	Katzenberger	Sendelbach	Townsend	Ledbetter	K. Moore	M. Johnson
Portland State	Weed	D. Moore	Hayes	Criner	K. Johnson	Katzenberger	Sendelbach	Townsend	Ledbetter	K. Moore	Hogan

## 2019 WEEKLY TEAM AWARDS

----- Players of the Week -----			----- "Eagle Teams" Players of the Week -----		
Offense	Defense	Special Teams	Offense	Defense	Special Teams
Washington	Andrew Boston	Chris Ojoh	Kedrick Johnson	Brock Kranc	Demetrius Crosby Jr.
Lindenwood	Dre' Sonte Dorton	Calin Criner	Anthony Smith	Terence Norman	Marlon Jones Jr.
Jacksonville St.	Antoine Custer Jr.	Dylan Ledbetter	Dre' Sonte Dorton	Blake Gobel	Warren Hardin
Idaho	None	None	Dylan Ledbetter	Jakobie James	Soli Paleso'o
North Dakota	Silas Perreiah	Calin Criner/Jack Sendelbach	Talolo Limu-Jones	Blake Gobel	Demetrius Crosby Jr.
Sacramento St.	Jayson Williams	Dylan Ledbetter	Joe Lang	Nate Hagreen	Jacob Newsom
Northern Colo.	Eric Barriere	Keith Moore	Justin Patterson	Jordan Purvis	Trey Edwards
Montana	Spencer Blackburn	Tyson Prunty	Dean Sise	Kellen Kranc	Blake Ochsner
Northern Ariz.	Talolo Limu-Jones	Dylan Ledbetter	Trenton Harris	Keshawn King	Emmanuel Osohwa
Idaho State	Antoine Custer Jr	Andrew Katzenberger	Seth Harrison	Luke Dahlgren	Soli Paleso'o
Cal Poly	Eric Barriere	Calin Criner			Michael Taras
	Antoine Custer Jr.	Joshua Jerome/	Joe Lang	Andrei Leonardi	Jacob Newsom
		Jim Townsend			
Portland State	Antoine Custer Jr.	Tre Weed	Dean Sise	Trey Turner	Steven Flowers
					Julian Houston

## Starts by EWU Quarterbacks Since 1998 . . .

2019 - Eric Barriere 12 (7-5)  
 2018 - Gage Gubrud 5 (4-1), Eric Barriere 10 (8-2) = 12-3  
 2017 - Gage Gubrud 10 (6-4), Eric Barriere 1 (1-0) = 7-4  
 2016 - Gage Gubrud 13 (11-2), Jordan West 1 (1-0) = 12-2  
 2015 - Jordan West 9 (6-3), Reilly Hennessey 2 (0-2) = 6-5  
 2014 - Vernon Adams Jr. 10 (8-2), Jordan West 4 (3-1) = 11-3  
 2013 - Vernon Adams Jr. 15 (12-3)  
 2012 - Kyle Padron 5 (3-2), Vernon Adams Jr. 9 (8-1) = 11-3  
 2011 - Bo Levi Mitchell 11 (6-5)  
 2010 - Bo Levi Mitchell 14 (12-2), Nick Gauthier 1 (1-0) = 13-2  
 2009 - Matt Nichols 12 (8-4)  
 2008 - Matt Nichols 10 (5-5), Alex Smart 1 (1-0) = 6-5  
 2007 - Matt Nichols 13 (9-4)  
 2006 - Chris Peerboom 1 (0-1), Matt Nichols 10 (3-7) = 3-8  
 2005 - Erik Meyer 12 (7-5)

2004 - Erik Meyer 13 (9-4)  
 2003 - Erik Meyer 10 (5-5), Skyler Allen 1 (1-0) = 6-5  
 2002 - Josh Blankenship 11 (6-5)  
 2001 - Fred Salanoa 11 (7-4)  
 2000 - Fred Salanoa 9 (5-4), Chris Samms 2 (1-1) = 6-5  
 1999 - Fred Salanoa 3 (1-2), Chris Samms 8 (6-2) = 7-4  
 1998 - Griffin Garske 10 (4-6), Scott Mitchell 1 (1-0) = 5-6

### Leaders in Starts

1. Matt Nichols - 45 (25-20 .556)
2. Erik Meyer - 35 (21-14 .600)
3. Vernon Adams Jr. - 34 (28-6 .823)
4. Gage Gubrud - 28 (21-7 .750)
5. Bo Levi Mitchell - 25 (18-7 .720)
6. Eric Barriere - 23 (16-7 .696; 11-0 at home; 5-7 on road/neutral)  
 Fred Salanoa - 23 (13-10 .565)

## BIG PLAYS (plays of 40+ Yards)

### Eric Barriere Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (28)

92 yards (TD rush) – Sacramento State – 10/5/19...**equals #4 longest in EWU history and is a school record for a quarterback**  
 85 yards (TD rush) – Southern Utah – 10/6/18...**equals #10 longest in EWU history**  
**80 yards (pass to Johnny Edwards IV) – Idaho State – 11/9/19**  
**78 yards (TD pass to Dre' Sonte Dorton) – Lindenwood – 9/7/19**  
**75 yards (TD pass to Talolo Limu-Jones) – Northern Arizona – 11/2/19**  
 68 yards (TD pass to Nsimba Webster) – Portland State – 11/16/18  
 66 yard rush (TD) – Portland State – 11/16/18  
**64 yards (TD pass to Andrew Boston) – Washington – 8/31/19**  
 64 yards (TD pass to Terence Grady) – Idaho – 10/27/18  
**62 yards (pass to Talolo Limu-Jones) – Montana – 10/26/19**  
**59 yards (TD pass to Andrew Boston) – Idaho State – 11/9/19**  
**59 yards (TD pass to Dre' Sonte Dorton) – Lindenwood – 9/7/19**  
**58 yards (pass to Talolo Limu-Jones) – Idaho State – 11/9/19**  
**58 yards (TD pass to Talolo Limu-Jones) – Northern Colorado – 10/12/19**  
 58 yards (TD pass to Nsimba Webster) – Maine – 12/15/18  
 55 yards (pass to Andrew Boston) – UC Davis – 12/8/18  
 55 yards (pass to Henderson Belk) – UC Davis – 11/10/18  
 55 yards (pass to Henderson Belk) – Idaho – 10/27/18  
**51 yards (TD pass to Talolo Limu-Jones) – Jacksonville State – 9/14/19**  
**50 yard (TD pass to Johnny Edwards IV) – Portland State – 11/23/19**  
**50 yard (pass to Dre' Sonte Dorton) – Idaho – 9/21/19**  
 48 yards (pass to Andrew Boston) – Southern Utah – 10/6/18  
 48 yards (TD rush) – Idaho – 10/27/18  
**47 yards (rush) – Cal Poly – 11/16/19**  
**50 yard (pass to Freddie Roberson) – Portland State – 11/23/19**  
**45 yards (TD pass to Talolo Limu-Jones) – Cal Poly – 11/16/19**  
**44 yards (pass to Jayson Williams) – Northern Colorado – 10/12/19**  
**40 yards (pass to Andrew Boston) – Cal Poly – 11/16/19**

### Antoine Custer Jr. Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (12)

93 yard kickoff return (TD) – Northern Iowa – 9/17/16 . . . **#17 longest in EWU history**  
**89 yard rush (TD) – Idaho State – 11/9/19 . . . #6 longest in EWU history**  
**88 yard rush – Portland State – 11/23/19 . . . #7 longest in EWU history**  
 83 yard rush (TD) – Idaho State – 11/12/16 . . . **#12 longest in EWU history**  
 55 yard kickoff return – UC Davis – 10/1/16  
**62 yard rush – Jacksonville State – 9/14/19**  
 62 yard rush (TD) – Cal Poly – 9/22/18  
**50 yard rush – Northern Arizona – 11/2/19**  
 43 yard rush (TD) – Cal Poly – 9/22/18  
 44 yard rush – Northern Colorado – 11/3/18  
 43 yard reception (TD from Gage Gubrud) – Fordham – 9/16/17  
**40 yard rush (TD) – Cal Poly – 11/16/19**

### Dre' Sonte Dorton Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (9)

96 yard kickoff ret. (TD) – Southern Utah – 10/21/17 . . . **#13 longest in EWU history**  
**90 yard kickoff return (TD) – Jacksonville State – 9/14/19**  
**78 yard reception (TD) – Lindenwood – 9/7/19 . . . equals #32 longest in EWU history**  
**59 yard reception (TD) – Lindenwood – 9/7/19**  
 51 yard kickoff return – Montana – 9/23/17  
 51 yard kickoff return – Fordham – 9/16/17  
**50 yard reception – Idaho – 9/21/19**  
 49 yard kickoff return – Sacramento State – 9/30/17  
 40 yard kickoff return – Washington State – 9/15/18

### Talolo Limu Jones Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (7)

**75 yard reception (TD pass from Eric Barriere) – Northern Arizona – 11/2/19**  
**62 yard reception (pass from Eric Barriere) – Montana – 10/26/19**  
**58 yard reception (from Eric Barriere) – Idaho State – 11/9/19**  
**58 yard reception (TD from Eric Barriere) – Northern Colorado – 10/12/19**  
**51 yard reception (TD from Eric Barriere) – Jacksonville State – 9/14/19**  
**45 yard reception (TD) – Cal Poly – 11/16/19**  
 46 yard reception (from Gage Gubrud) – UC Davis – 10/7/17

### Dennis Merritt Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (4)

81 yard rush (TD) – Cal Poly – 9/22/18 . . . **#15 longest in EWU history**  
 70 yard rush – Fordham – 9/16/17  
 46 yard rush – Central Washington – 10/1/18  
 44 yard reception (TD from Gage Gubrud) – Washington State – 9/15/18

### Andrew Boston Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (6)

**64 yard reception (from Eric Barriere) – Washington – 8/31/19**  
**58 yard reception (TD from Eric Barriere) – Idaho State – 11/9/19**  
 55 yard reception (from Eric Barriere) – UC Davis – 12/8/18  
 46 yard reception (from Gage Gubrud) – Northern Arizona – 9/8/18  
 48 yard reception (from Eric Barriere) – Southern Utah – 10/6/18  
**40 yard reception – Cal Poly – 11/16/19**

### Tamarick Pierce Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (2)

81 yard rush (TD) – Portland State – 11/16/18 . . . **#15 longest in EWU history**  
 40 yard rush – Idaho State – 11/12/16

### Johnny Edwards IV Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (3)

**80 yard reception (TD from Eric Barriere) – Idaho State – 11/9/19**  
**50 yard reception (TD from Eric Barriere) – Portland State – 11/23/19**  
 45 yard reception (from Gage Gubrud) – Portland State – 11/18/17

### Jayson Williams Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (2)

59 yard reception (from Gage Gubrud) – Sacramento State – 9/30/17  
**44 yard reception (from Eric Barriere) – Northern Colorado – 10/12/19**

### Freddie Roberson Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (1)

**46 yard reception (from Eric Barriere) – Portland State – 11/23/19**

### Jim Townsend Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (1)

62 yard fumble recovery (TD) – Cal Poly – 9/22/18 . . . **#3 longest in EWU history**

### Kedrick Johnson Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (1)

**55 blocked field goal return (TD) – Nicholls – 12/1/18**

### Andrew Katzenberger Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (1)

77 yard fumble recovery (TD) – Northern Ariz. – 1/2/19 . . . **EWU record (prev. 70yds)**

### Marlon Jones Jr. Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (1)

40 yard kickoff return – Northern Ariz. – 1/2/19

### Andre Slyter Career Long Field Goals of 45+ Yards (1)

**50 yards – Lindenwood – 9/7/19 . . . equals 17th best in EWU history & longest since 2008**

## CAREER GAME BESTS

### ERIC BARRIERE Top Passing Performances (8 with 300+, 3 with 400+)

**522 yards, 32-of-46, 5 TD, 0 Int., 34 rushing – Lindenwood – 9/7/19**

– Ranks only behind record of 549 by Gage Gubrud vs. UM in 2016

**445 yards, 28-of-43, 5 TD, 0 Int., 41 rushing – Northern Colo. – 10/12/19**

**406 yards, 23-of-38, 3 TD, 0 Int., 61 rushing – Idaho State – 11/9/19**

**367 yards, 29-of-38, 3 TD, 0 Int., 101 rushing – Northern Ariz. – 11/2/19**

**365 yards, 28-of-46, 2 TD, 1 Int., 59 rushing – Idaho – 9/21/19**

352 yards, 21-of-30, 7 TD, 1 Int., 53 rushing – Maine – 12/15/18

326 yards, 29-of-42, 3 TD, 0 Int., 70 rushing – Idaho – 10/27/18

**309 yards, 22-of-42, 2 TD, 1 Int., 103 rushing – Sacramento St. – 10/5/19**

**294 yards, 24-of-43, 5 TD, 1 Int., -23 rushing – Jacksonville St. – 9/14/19**

285 yards, 16-of-30, 1 TD, 0 Int., 60 rushing – UC Davis – 11/10/18

**264 yards, 22-of-41, 1 TD, 0 Int., -17 rushing – Montana – 10/26/19**

**260 yards, 12-of-29, 3 TD, 0 Int., 23 rushing – Portland State – 11/23/19**

245 yards, 24-of-36, 2 TD, 1 Int., 64 rushing – Northern Colo. – 11/3/18

235 yards, 21-of-25, 3 TD, 0 Int., 43 rushing – UC Davis – 12/8/18

233 yards, 13-of-21, 1 TD, 0 Int., 98 rushing – So. Utah – 10/6/18

216 yards, 15-of-27, 5 TD, 1 Int., 99 rushing – Portland State – 11/16/18

**211 yards, 21-of-35, 1 TD, 0 Int., 3 rushing – Washington – 8/31/19**

– Highs of total offense of 556 (Lindenwood, ranking him only behind the record of 560

by Gage Gubrud vs. Montana in 2016), 486 (UNC), 468 (Northern Ariz. in 2019),

467 (Idaho State in 2019), 424 (Idaho in 2019), 412 (Sacramento St.), 405 (Maine),

396 (Idaho in 2018), 345 (UCD), 340 (Cal Poly in 2019/176 pass & career-high 164

rush), 331 (SUU), 315 (PSU) & 309 (UNC) -- **13 with 300+, 7 with 400+**

### Recipients of ERIC BARRIERE TD Passes (total of 56 to 15 players)

8 - Andrew Boston (6 in '19; 2 in '18)	2 - Henderson Belk (2 in '18)
7 - Jayce Gilder (3 in '19; 7 in '18)	2 - Sam McPherson (1 in '18; 1 in '17)
7 - Nsimba Webster (7 in '18)	1 - Tamarick Pierce (1 in '19)
7 - Talolo Limu-Jones (7 in '19)	1 - Freddie Roberson (1 in '19)
6 - Johnny Edwards IV (3 in '19; 3 in '18)	1 - Silas Perreiah (1 in '19)
5 - Jayson Williams (5 in '19)	1 - Trenton Harris (1 in '18)
5 - Dre' Sonte Dorton (4 in '19; 1 in '18)	1 - Dylan Ingram (1 in '18)
2 - Terence Grady (2 in '18)	

### ANTOINE CUSTER JR Top Rushing Performances (12 with 100+)

**16 carries, 218 yards, 2 TD – Portland State – 11/23/19 – Fourth-straight in 2019**

**28 carries, 184 yards, 0 TD – Jacksonville St. – 9/14/19**

24 carries, 177 yards, 3 TD – Portland State – 11/18/17

27 carries, 147 yards, 2 TD – Montana State – 10/14/17

**13 carries, 145 yards, 1 TD – Idaho State – 11/9/19**

12 carries, 141 yards, 1 TD – Idaho State – 11/12/16

**13 carries, 139 yards, 3 TD – Northern Arizona – 11/2/19**

7 carries, 137 yards, 2 TD – Cal Poly – 9/22/18

**28 carries, 134 yards, 3 TD – North Dakota – 9/28/19**

16 carries, 122 yards, 0 TD – Northern Colorado – 11/3/18

**9 carries, 107 yards, 4 TD – Cal Poly – 11/16/19**

15 carries, 100 yards, 2 TD – UC Davis – 11/10/18



**ANTOINE CUSTER JR Top Receiving Performances (1 with 100+)**  
5 catches, 115 yards, 1 TD – Sacramento State – 9/30/17

**SILAS PERREIAH Top Rushing Performances (1 with 100+)**  
23 carries, 126 yards, 1 TD – North Dakota – 9/28/19

**DRE' SONTE DORTON Top Receiving Performances (2 with 100+)**  
15 catches, 289 yards, 3 TD – Lindenwood – 9/7/19  
– Yards were school record and catches were fourth-most in EWU history  
7 catches, 133 yards, 1 TD – Idaho – 9/21/19

**ANDREW BOSTON Top Receiving Performances (2 with 100+)**  
10 catches, 147 yards, 2 TD – Idaho State – 11/9/19  
6 catches, 112 yards, 1 TD – Washington – 8/31/19

**JAYSON WILLIAMS Top Receiving Performances (2 with 100+)**  
7 catches, 120 yards, 1 TD – Sacramento State – 10/5/19  
8 catches, 115 yards, 0 TD – Northern Colorado – 10/12/19

**FREDDIE ROBERSON Top Receiving Performances (1 with 100+)**  
4 catches, 104 yards, 0 TD – Portland State – 11/23/19

**TALOLO LIMU JONES Top Receiving Performances (1 with 100+)**  
8 catches, 147 yards, 1 TD – Northern Arizona – 11/2/19

**JOHNNY EDWARDS IV Top Receiving Performances (1 with 100+)**  
4 catches, 107 yards, 1 TD – Idaho State – 11/9/19

**DEHONTA HAYES Top Tackling Performances (8 with 10+)**  
17 tackles – Sacramento State – 10/5/19  
17 tackles – Idaho – 9/21/19  
13 tackles – Maine – 12/15/18  
12 tackles – Montana – 10/26/19  
12 tackles – Weber State – 10/13/18  
11 tackles – Idaho State – 11/9/19  
11 tackles – Southern Utah – 10/6/18  
10 tackles – North Dakota – 9/28/19

**JACK SENDELBACH Top Tackling Performances (7 with 10+)**  
13 tackles – North Dakota State – 9/9/17  
12 tackles – Montana – 10/26/19  
12 tackles – Jacksonville State – 9/14/19  
11 tackles – Cal Poly – 11/16/19  
11 tackles – Northern Arizona – 10/2/19  
11 tackles – North Dakota – 11/11/17  
10 tackles – Portland State – 11/23/19

**CALIN CRINER Top Tackling Performances (5 with 10+)**  
16 tackles – Montana – 10/26/19  
12 tackles – Sacramento State – 10/5/19  
12 tackles – North Dakota – 9/28/19  
12 tackles – UC Davis – 12/8/18  
11 tackles – Weber State – 10/13/18

**CHRIS OJOH Top Tackling Performances (4 with 10+)**  
11 tackles – Washington – 8/31/19  
11 tackles – Nicholls – 12/1/18  
10 tackles – UC Davis – 12/8/18  
10 tackles – UC Davis – 11/10/18

**JIM TOWNSEND Top Tackling Performances (2 with 10+)**  
12 tackles – Idaho – 9/21/19  
10 tackles – Cal Poly – 11/16/19

**KEDRICK JOHNSON Top Tackling Performances (3 with 10+)**  
14 tackles – Cal Poly – 11/16/19  
11 tackles – UC Davis – 12/8/18  
10 tackles – Portland State – 11/23/19

**ANDREW KATZENBERGER Top Tackling Performances (2 with 10+)**  
14 tackles – Portland State – 11/23/19  
11 tackles – Cal Poly – 11/16/19

**DYLAN LEDBETTER Top Tackling Performances (1 with 10+)**  
10 tackles – Cal Poly – 9/22/18

**TYSEN PRUNTY Top Tackling Performances (1 with 10+)**  
13 tackles – Southern Utah – 10/21/17

## EWU Career Leaders

(All averages/percentages require two seasons)

### Rushing Attempts

1.	627	Jesse Chatman	1999-01
2.	620	Harold Wright	1990-93
3.	619	Jamie Townsend	1984-88
4.	604	Jovan Griffith	1998-02
5.	588	Rex Prescott	1994-97
6.	547	Antoine Custer Jr.	2016-19
7.	517	Mel Collins	1969-71

### Rushing Yards

1.	4173	Jesse Chatman	1999-01
2.	3320	Jovan Griffith	1998-02
3.	3228	Rex Prescott	1994-97
4.	3045	Antoine Custer Jr.	2016-19
5.	2980	Quincy Forte	2011-14
6.	2970	Jamie Townsend	1984-88
7.	2955	Taiwan Jones	2008-10
8.	2678	Harold Wright	1990-93
9.	2551	Mike MacKenzie	1995-98
10.	2517	Meriel Michelson	1948-50
11.	2318	Mel Stanton	1963-65
12.	2159	Sam McPherson	2015-18
13.	2119	Joe Sewell	1995-96
14.	2111	David Lewis	1992-95
15.	2000	Mel Collins	1969-71

### Rushing Touchdowns

1.	48	Jesse Chatman	1999-01
2.	39	Antoine Custer Jr.	2016-19
3.	30	Jovan Griffith	1998-02
4.	29	Taiwan Jones	2008-10
	29	Mike MacKenzie	1995-98

### Average Yards Per Rush (min. 90 attempts)

1.	7.72	Taiwan Jones	2008-10
2.	6.66	Jesse Chatman	1999-01
3.	6.44	Sam McPherson	2015-18
4.	6.30	Tamarick Pierce	2016-19
5.	6.03	Quincy Forte	2011-14
6.	5.68	Mike MacKenzie	1996-98
7.	5.57	Antoine Custer Jr.	2016-19
8.	5.50	Jovan Griffith	1998-02
9.	5.49	Rex Prescott	1996-97
10.	5.45	Alexis Alexander	2006-08
11.	5.36	Tim Mitchell	1990-91
NR	5.17	Eric Barriere	2017-19

### Passing Yards

1.	12,616	Matt Nichols	2006-09
2.	10,438	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
3.	10,261	Erik Meyer	2002-05
4.	9984	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
5.	7505	Bo Levi Mitchell	2010-11
6.	7492	Mark Tennessee	1989-92
7.	6300	Eric Barriere	2017-19
8.	5588	Rick Worman	1984-85
9.	4973	Fred Salanoa	1999-01
10.	4964	Harry Leons	1994-97

### Pass Completion Percentage (Min. 150 att.)

1.	65.7	Erik Meyer	2002-05
2.	64.6	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
3.	64.8	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
4.	63.5	Jordan West	2013-16
5.	61.9	Matt Nichols	2005-09
6.	61.3	Bo Levi Mitchell	2010-11
7.	59.7	Eric Barriere	2017-19
8.	60.1	Harry Leons	1996-97

### Average Yards Per Pass Attempt (Min. 150 att.)

1.	9.7	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
2.	9.4	Erik Meyer	2002-05
3.	9.3	Harry Leons	1996-97
4.	8.6	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
5.	8.1	Eric Barriere	2017-19
	8.1	Jordan West	2013-16
7.	7.9	Griffin Garske	1996-98
8.	7.8	Matt Nichols	2005-09
9.	7.7	Anthony Vitto	2010-13

### Average Yards Per Completion (Min. 75 Comp.)

1.	15.4	Griffin Garske	1996-98
2.	15.4	Harry Leons	1996-97
3.	14.9	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
4.	14.2	Kyle Padron	2012
5.	14.2	Erik Meyer	2002-05
6.	13.8	Chris Samms	1997-01
7.	13.6	Eric Barriere	2017-19
8.	13.3	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
9.	12.8	Jordan West	2013-16

### Touchdown Passes

1.	110	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
2.	96	Matt Nichols	2006-09
3.	87	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
4.	84	Erik Meyer	2002-05
5.	70	Bo Levi Mitchell	2010-11
6.	56	Eric Barriere	2017-19
7.	51	Mark Tennessee	1989-92
8.	50	Bill Diedrick	1965-67, 69
9.	45	Rick Worman	1984-85
10.	39	Jordan West	2014-16

### Passing Efficiency Rating (Min. 150 Attempts, Two Seasons)

1.	173.8	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
2.	166.5	Erik Meyer	2002-05
3.	155.8	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
4.	153.6	Jordan West	2014-16

5.	148.3	Eric Barriere	2017-19
6.	141.8	Matt Nichols	2006-09
7.	141.2	Bo Levi Mitchell	2010-11
8.	140.3	Harry Leons	1994-97
9.	136.7	Bill Diedrick	1965-67, 69
10.	136.3	Rob James	1983-86
11.	130.4	Rick Worman	1984-85
12.	129.0	Griffin Garske	1996-98
13.	127.1	Fred Salanoa	1999-01

### Total Offensive Yards

1.	13,308	Matt Nichols	2006-09
2.	11,670	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
3.	11,026	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
4.	10,942	Erik Meyer	2002-05
5.	7547	Bo Levi Mitchell	2010-11
6.	7519	Eric Barriere	2017-19
7.	7428	Mark Tennessee	1989-92
8.	5482	Rick Worman	1984-85
9.	5428	Mark Lailata	1976-79
10.	5105	Fred Salanoa	1999-01

### Total Offensive Yards Per Play (min. 150 plays)

1.	8.47	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
2.	7.97	Erik Meyer	2002-05
3.	7.96	Harry Leons	1996-97
4.	7.74	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
5.	7.72	Taiwan Jones	2008-10
6.	7.44	Eric Barriere	2017-19
7.	7.27	Jordan West	2013-15
8.	7.00	R. Hennessey	2015-16
9.	6.96	Matt Nichols	2005-09
10.	6.73	Bo Levi Mitchell	2010-11

### All-Purpose Yards

1.	7038	Cooper Kupp	2013-16
2.	5934	Eric Kimble	2002-05
3.	5234	Shaugh Hill	2012-14, 2016
4.	5021	Taiwan Jones	2008-10
5.	4791	Jesse Chatman	1999-01
6.	4382	Craig Richardson	1983-86
7.	4375	Lamont Brightful	1998-01
8.	4324	Antoine Custer Jr.	2016-19
9.	4146	Jason Anderson	1991-94
10.	4102	Mel Collins	1969-71
11.	4036	Rex Prescott	1994-97
12.	3731	Brandon Kaufman	2009-12
13.	3675	Jamie Townsend	1984-88

### Kickoff Return Yards

1.	2280	Shaugh Hill	2012-14, 2016
2.	2176	Craig Richardson	1983-86
3.	1949	Lamont Brightful	1998-01
4.	1685	Dominic Corr	1985-89
5.	1639	Jason Anderson	1991-94
6.	1332	Mel Collins	1969-71
7.	1248	Dre' Sonte Dorton	2016-19
8.	1134	Taiwan Jones	2008-10
9.	1114	Nsimba Webster	2015-18
10.	1052	Vernon Williams	1986-88
11.	958	Jesse Hoffman	2006-10

### Average Per Kickoff Return (Min. 18 Returns, Two Seasons)

1.	30.0	Lamont Brightful	1998-01
2.	27.2	Craig Richardson	1983-86
3.	27.2	Mel Collins	1969-71
4.	26.3	Vernon Williams	1986-88
5.	25.9	Jesse Hoffman	2006-10
6.	25.2	Maurice Perigo	1994-97
7.	24.9	Nicholas Ramos	2006-09
8.	24.4	Steve Correa	1996-97
9.	24.3	Shaugh Hill	2012-14, 2016
10.	23.8	Antoine Custer Jr.	2016-19
11.	23.4	Dominic Corr	1985-89
NR	23.1	Dre' Sonte Dorton	2016-19

### Scoring

1.	464	Cooper Kupp	2013-15
2.	328	Eric Kimble	2002-05
3.	322	Jesse Chatman	1999-01
4.	320	Roldan Alcobendas	2014, 2016-18
5.	286	Mike Jarrett	2009-11
6.	258	Antoine Custer Jr.	2016-19
7.	231	Troy Griggs	1999-01
8.	222	Taiwan Jones	2008-10
9.	216	Shaugh Hill	2012-14, 2016
10.	202	Nicholas Edwards	2009-12
11.	200	Brandon Kaufman	2009-12

### Touchdowns Scored

1.	77	Cooper Kupp	2013-16
2.	54	Eric Kimble	2002-05
3.	53	Jesse Chatman	1999-01
4.	43	Antoine Custer Jr.	2016-19
	37	Taiwan Jones	2008-10
6.	36	Shaugh Hill	2012-14, 2016
7.	33	Nicholas Edwards	2009-12
	33	Brandon Kaufman	2009-12
	33	Jovan Griffith	1998-02
10.	30	Quincy Forte	2011-14

### TDs Responsible for

1.	121	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
2.	102	Matt Nichols	2005-09
3.	100	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
4.	91	Erik Meyer	2002-05
5.	81	Cooper Kupp	2013-15
6.	73	Eric Barriere	2017-19
7.	72	Bo Mitchell	2010-11
8.	54	Gage Gubrud	2015-16
	54	Eric Kimble	2002-05
10.	53	Jesse Chatman	1999-01

# EWU FOOTBALL ASSISTANT COACHES

## *In Pressbox . . .*



### **Ian Shoemaker**

*Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks  
1st Season  
Grinnell College, Iowa, '96*



### **Kevin Maurice**

*Running Backs/  
Video Coordinator  
3rd Season  
St. Joseph's, Ind., College '06*



### **Eti Ena**

*Associate Head Coach/  
Defensive Coordinator/  
Defensive Ends  
4th season (1st as def. coord.)  
Eastern Washington '05*



### **Jase Butorac**

*Offensive Line/  
Community Service/  
Academic Coordinator  
3rd Season; also player at EWU  
Eastern Washington '15*



### **Bryan Mills**

*Safeties  
1st Season; also previous two seasons at EWU as defensive analyst  
Pacific University, Ore., '14*



### **Heath Pulver**

*Tight Ends/  
Special Teams Coordinator  
3rd Season; also previously at EWU  
Eastern Washington '09*

## *On Sideline . . .*



### **Josh Fetter**

*Linebackers/  
High School Relations  
9th Season  
Idaho '96*



### **Allen Brown**

*Cornerbacks  
1st Season; also player at EWU and  
strength intern in 2014  
Eastern Washington '14*



### **Brian Strandley**

*Defensive Front Coordinator/  
Defensive Tackles/Pro Liaison  
9th Season  
Idaho '95*



### **Pat McCann**

*Wide Receivers/  
Recruiting Coordinator  
1st Season  
Washington State '09*

# 2019 EWU Numerical Football Roster

Does not include other players with no numbers and non-traveling true freshmen expected to redshirt.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Ex.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Talolo Limu-Jones	WR	6-5	220	Jr.	2L*	Vallejo, Calif. / Grace Davis HS '16
2	Jayson Williams	WR	6-1	205	Sr.	3L*	Tacoma, Wash. / Lincoln HS '15
3	#Eric Barriere	QB	6-0	200	Jr.	2L*	Inglewood, Calif. / La Habra HS '16
4	#Dylan Ledbetter	DL	6-3	275	Sr.	3L*	West Seattle, Wash. / O'Dea HS '15
5	Mitchell Johnson	-DL	6-3	245	So.	1L*	West Linn, Ore. / West Linn HS '17
6	Dennis Merritt	RB	5-10	180	Sr.	2L*	Leavenworth, Wash. / Cascade HS '15
7	Tre Weed	DB	6-0	190	Fr.	HS*	Sumner, Wash. / Sumner HS '18
8	Jack Sendelbach	LB	6-3	225	Sr.	2L*	Seattle, Wash. / Blanchet HS '15
9	#Andrew Boston	WR	6-3	185	So.	1L*	Puyallup, Wash. / Emerald Ridge HS '17
10	Dre' Sonte Dorton	WR	5-10	185	Sr.	2L*	Pasco, Wash. / Chiawana HS '15
11	Freddie Roberson	WR	6-3	185	Fr.	HS*	Seattle, Wash. / Rainier Beach HS '18
12	Simon Burkett	QB	6-3	185	Fr.	HS*	Bellingham, Wash. / Meridian HS '18
13	Debore'ae McClain	DL	6-3	230	So.	1L*	Bremerton, Wash. / Peninsula HS '17
13	Michael Taras	WR	6-2	195	Fr.	HS*	Vancouver, Wash. / Heritage HS '18
14	Darrien Sampson	DB	6-1	175	Fr.	HS*	South Seattle, Wash. / Rainier Beach HS '18
15	Gunner Talkington	QB	5-10	215	So.	1L*	Battle Ground, Wash. / Battle Ground HS '17
16	Micah Smith	RB	6-0	190	Fr.	HS*	Spanaway, Wash. / Graham-Kapowsin HS '18
17	Champ Grayson	WR	6-2	185	Fr.	HS*	Kennewick, Wash. / Kamiakin HS '18
18	Ty Graham	LB	6-0	205	Sr.	TR	Cheney, Wash. / Cheney HS '16 & Univ. of Idaho
19	Anthony Stell Jr.	WR	5-10	170	Fr.	HS*	Seattle Wash. / Rainier Beach HS '18
20	Ira Branch	DB	6-1	180	So.	1L*	Tacoma, Wash. / Mount Tahoma HS '17
21	Dean Sise	DB	6-2	205	So.	TR*	Kirkland, Wash. / Juanita HS '17 & Navy
22	Tysen Prunty	DB	6-1	205	Sr.	3L*	Beaverton, Ore. / Tigard HS '15
23	#Dehonta Hayes	DB	5-11	195	Sr.	2L*	Tacoma, Wash. / Lincoln HS '15
24	Tamarick Pierce	RB	5-10	215	Sr.	3L	Oakland, Calif. / Saint Mary's HS '16
25	Calin Criner	DB	5-10	185	Jr.	2L*	Boise, Idaho / Rocky Mountain HS '16
26	Darreon Moore	DB	5-10	180	So.	1L*	Pasco, Wash. / Kamiakin HS '17
27	Kedrick Johnson	DB	6-3	215	Jr.	2L*	Vancouver, Wash. / Hockinson HS '16
28	Antoine Custer Jr.	RB	5-9	190	Sr.	3L	Berkeley, Calif. / De La Salle '16
29	Anthony Smith	DB	5-11	190	So.	1L*	Everett, Wash. / Mariner HS '17
31	Demetrius Crosby Jr.	DB	6-1	190	Fr.	HS*	Tacoma, Wash. / Foss HS '18
32	Bradley Alexander	DB	5-10	175	Sr.	1L*	Las Vegas, Nevada / Canyon Springs '15 & Grambling State
34	Anfernee Gurley	DB	5-10	185	So.	1L*	Everett, Wash. / Archbishop Murphy HS '17
35	Terence Norman	WR	6-1	185	Fr.	HS*	Manvel, Texas / Manvel HS '18
36	Andrew Katzenberger	LB	6-1	220	Sr.	3L*	Lynnwood, Wash. / Lynnwood HS '15
37	Andre Slyter	K/P	6-2	220	Jr.	1L*	Kent, Wash. / Kentwood HS '16
38	Joe Lang	DB	6-2	205	Jr.	1L*	Royal, Wash. / Royal HS '16
39	Justin Patterson	LB	6-2	215	Fr.	HS*	Los Angeles, Calif. / Junipero Serra HS '18
41	Trevor Davis Jr.	LB	6-1	215	Sr.	2L*	Tumwater, Wash. / Tumwater HS '15
42	Keshawn King	DB	5-9	175	So.	SQ*	Marysville, Wash. / Marysville Pilchuck HS '17
43	Trevor Bowens	P	5-10	165	So.	SQ*	Gardena, Calif. / Redondo Union HS '17
44	Blake Ochsner	DL	6-0	230	Jr.	SQ*	Spokane, Wash. / Lewis & Clark HS '16
45	Tamir Hill	DB	5-11	185	Jr.	1L*	Meridian, Idaho / Rocky Mountain HS '15 & Western Oregon
47	Cody Clements	LS	6-2	225	So.	SQ*	Richland, Wash. / Richland HS '17
49	#Jim Townsend	DL	6-4	265	Sr.	3L*	Okanogan, Wash. / Okanogan HS '15
50	Emmanuel Osoha	LB	6-1	215	Fr.	HS*	Seattle, Wash. / Archbishop Murphy HS '18
51	Andrei Leonardi	OL	6-4	250	So.	HS*	Bothell, Wash. / Cedar Park Christian '17
53	Joshua Jerome	DL	6-1	275	Fr.	HS*	Monroe, Wash. / Monroe HS '18
54	Cale Lindsay	LB	6-1	220	So.	1L*	Tacoma, Wash. / Lakes HS '17
55	Rudolph Mataia Jr.	DL	6-1	255	Jr.	1L*	Vancouver, Wash. / Evergreen HS '16
56	Jusstis Warren	LB/DL	6-2	250	Sr.	TR	Tacoma, Wash. / Lincoln HS '15 & University of Washington
58	#Chris Ojoh	LB	6-1	220	Jr.	2L	Sunland, Calif. / Bishop Alemany HS '17
63	Brad Prestegord	OL	6-4	300	Fr.	HS*	Pe Ell, Wash. / Pe Ell HS '18
64	#Chris Schlichting	OL	6-5	295	Sr.	3L*	North Bend, Wash. / Mount Si HS '15
65	Tristen Taylor	OL	6-6	325	Sr.	2L*	Stockton, Calif. / Stagg HS '15
66	##Kaleb Levao	OL	6-4	310	Sr.	3L*	Aberdeen, Wash. / Aberdeen HS '14
67	Aaron Williams	OL	6-6	250	Fr.	HS*	Spokane, Wash. / Central Valley HS '18
68	Charlie Baumann	OL	6-5	280	Fr.	HS*	Bellevue, Wash. / Newport HS '18
69	Will Gram	OL	6-4	300	Sr.	2L*	Troy, Idaho / Troy HS '15
72	Keith Moore	DL	6-4	290	Jr.	2L*	Bremerton, Wash. / Olympic HS '16
73	Matt Shook	OL	6-4	290	So.	1L*	Graham, Wash. / Graham-Kapowsin HS '17
75	##Spencer Blackburn	OL	6-2	290	Sr.	3L*	Bellingham, Wash. / Meridian HS '14
76	Brad Godwin	OL	6-6	270	Fr.	HS*	Redlands, Calif. / Redlands HS '18
77	Wyatt Musser	OL	6-5	295	So.	1L*	Kennewick, Wash. / Kamiakin HS '17
78	Conner Crist	OL	6-3	300	Jr.	2L*	Tigard, Ore. / Tigard HS '16
79	Nicholas Blair	OL	6-7	310	Jr.	1L*	Everett, Wash. / Everett HS '16
81	Aiden Nellor	TE	6-4	225	Fr.	HS*	Vancouver, Wash. / Union HS '18
82	Xavier James	WR	6-2	175	Jr.	SQ*	Goodyear, Ariz. / Verrado HS '16
83	Seth Harrison	K/P	5-10	180	Fr.	HS*	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho / Coeur d'Alene HS '18
86	Dylan Ingram	TE	6-5	245	So.	1L*	Camas, Wash. / Camas HS '17
88	Johnny Edwards IV	WR	5-11	180	Jr.	2L	Pasadena, Calif. / Bishop Alemany HS '17
89	Jayce Gilder	TE	6-4	245	Sr.	3L*	Corvallis, Mont. / Corvallis HS '15
93	Trenton Harris	TE	6-3	240	Jr.	1L*	Kent, Wash. / Kentwood HS '16
96	Darnell Hogan	DL	6-4	250	Sr.	2L*	Seattle, Wash. / Cleveland HS '15
97	Zion Fa'aopega	DL	6-2	240	Fr.	HS*	Vancouver, Wash. / Union HS '18
99	Caleb Davis	DL	6-3	270	So.	1L*	Bonney Lake, Wash. / Bonney Lake HS '17
	Jordan Purvis	WR	6-3	165	Fr.	HS*	Napavine, Wash. (Napavine HS '18)

#2018 Starter. \*Has used redshirt season. %Received sixth year to complete four years of eligibility.

## True Freshmen

(may redshirt)

#7 **Trey Turner** - QB, 6-1, 190, Fr., HS, Pittsburg, Calif. / Pittsburg HS '19

#13 **Kellen Kranc** - QB, 6-3, 180, Fr., HS, Enumclaw, Wash. / Enumclaw HS '19

#30 **Marlon Jones Jr.** - DB, 6-0, 175, Fr., HS, Tacoma, Wash. / Curtis HS '19

#31 **Trey Edwards** - DB, 6-0, 165, Fr., HS, Los Angeles, Calif. / Narbonne HS '19

#33 **Kyle Bryant** - RB, 6-0, 185, Fr., HS, San Fernando, Calif. / San Fernando HS '19

#40 **Silas Perreiah** - RB, 5-11, 210, Fr., HS, Spokane, Wash. / Northwest Christian HS '19

#43 **Jordan White** - DB, 6-0, 190, Fr., HS, Lynwood, Calif. / Chaparral HS '19

#46 **Nick Kokich** - K/P, 6-2, 200, Fr., HS, Tacoma, Wash. / Bellarmine Prep HS '19

#46 **Steven Flowers** - LB, 6-2, 215, Fr., HS, Grand Coulee, Wash. / Lake Roosevelt HS '19

#52 **Isaac Flemmer** - OL, 6-7, 265, Fr., HS, Banks, Ore. / Valley Catholic HS '19

#57 **Luke Dahlgren** - OL, 6-3, 260, Fr., HS, Forks, Wash. / Forks HS '19

#59 **George Becker** - OL, 6-4, 265, Fr., HS, Gridley, Calif. / Gridley HS '19

#60 **Jacob Newsom** - DL, 6-3, 250, Fr., HS, Colville, Wash. / Colville HS '19

#60 **Nate Hagreen** - OL, 6-3, 265, Fr., HS, Cheney, Wash. / Cheney HS '19

#61 **Cameron Lynch** - OL, 6-3, 250, Fr., HS, Sammamish, Wash. / Eastlake HS '19

#63 **Brock Harrison** - DL, 6-3, 235, Fr., HS, Ridgefield, Wash. / Ridgefield HS '19

#70 **Matthew Hewa Baddege** - OL, 6-7, 325, Fr., HS, Port Coquitlam, B.C. / Terry Fox Secondary '19

#80 **Jakobie James** - WR, 6-2, 185, Fr., HS, Redlands, Calif. / Redlands HS '19

#85 **Chris Johnson** - WR, 6-4, 210, Fr., HS, Sammamish, Wash. / Skyline HS '19

#90 **Sebastian Gomez** - DL, 6-1, 260, Fr., HS, Salinas, Calif. / Salinas HS '19

#91 **Warren Hardin** - DL, 6-3, 225, Fr., HS, Riverside, Calif. / Riverside Poly HS '19

#92 **Dawson Ingram** - TE, 6-5, 240, Fr., HS, Camas, Wash. / Camas HS '19

#94 **Blake Gobel** - TE, 6-6, 220, Fr., HS, Banks, Ore. / Banks HS '19

#95 **James Durr** - LS, 6-1, 215, Fr., HS, Vancouver, Wash. / Union HS '19

#98 **Soli Paleso'o** - DL, 6-3, 270, Fr., HS, Fife, Wash. / Fife HS '19