



EASTERN ILLINOIS

EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHER FOOTBALL

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GAME 2



COACHES:

Adam Cushing (Univ. of Chicago, 2002)
 EIU Record..... 2-17 (3rd)
 OVC Record..... 2-12 (3rd)
 vs. South Carolina 0-0

Shane Beamer (Virginia Tech, 1999)
 SC Record 0-0 (1st)
 SEC Record..... 0-0 (1st)
 Overall Record Same
 vs. Eastern Illinois 0-0

SERIES

First Meeting
 Last: n/a

RANKINGS

Eastern Illinois / ---
 South Carolina..... / ---
 *STATS Media/AFCA Coaches*

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EIU Faces SEC Opponent South Carolina

Eastern Illinois at South Carolina
 Williams-Brice Stadium (80,250) • Columbia, SC
 Sept. 4, 2021 • 6 p.m. • TV: ESPN+

NOTES TO KNOW

• Eastern Illinois heads into the second week of its season after the Panthers suffered a tough 26-21 road loss at Indiana State in a Week Zero game. The contest was one of seven collegiate games at the FBS or FCS level last weekend. This will be the second of three straight road games to open the season for EIU. The last time EIU opened the year with three straight on the road was 1993. This will be the season opener for South Carolina after the Gamecocks went 2-8 last season. South Carolina will be under the direction of first year head coach Shane Beamer.

• Eastern Illinois will have two players on its roster returning to the Palmetto State when the Panthers play on Saturday night in Columbia, SC. Tyler Hamilton and Kobe Rodgers are both South Carolina natives with Hamilton from Hilton Head (160 miles) and Rodgers from Gaffney (100 miles). EIU has five additional players from the neighboring states of Georgia (3) and North Carolina (2) as this will be the first time that any player on the EIU roster has played a college game at Williams-Brice Stadium.

• Tyler Ringwood had a big start to his Eastern Illinois career as the transfer wide receiver hauled in five passes for 116 yards in the Week Zero opener at Indiana State. Ringwood's biggest catch of the night covered 61 yards. Ringwood previously played at UNC Charlotte catching 36 passes over three years. During the 2019 season he was the third leading receiver on the 49ers team as the program made its first-ever bowl game appearance. Ringwood scored five touchdowns that season averaging 15.8 yards per catch with a long reception of 52 yards.

• This will be the 43rd time that Eastern Illinois has played an FBS team with the Panthers holding a 6-36 all-time mark in those previous contests. EIU's last win over a FBS program was a 21-17 win over Miami (Ohio) in 2016. The Panthers biggest win over an FBS program was a 40-19 win at San Diego State to open the 2013 season. This will be EIU's second game against a member of the Southeastern Conference losing previously at Arkansas in 2018. This will be South Carolina's first game against a member of the Ohio Valley Conference.

Eastern Illinois (0-1, 0-0 OVC)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Aug. 28	at Indiana State	L 21-26
Sept. 4	at South Carolina	6 pm
Sept. 11	at Dayton	12 pm
Sept. 18	ILLINOIS STATE	6 pm
Sept. 25	• at Tennessee Tech	1:30 pm
Oct. 2	at Murray State	4 pm
Oct. 16	• UT MARTIN	2 pm
Oct. 23	• TENNESSEE STATE	2 pm
Oct. 30	• at Southeast Missouri	1 pm
Nov. 6	• at Austin Peay	2 pm
Nov. 20	• MURRAY STATE	12 pm

• Ohio Valley Conference Game All Times Central

South Carolina (0-0, 0-0 OVC)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Sept. 4	EASTERN ILLINOIS	6 pm
Sept. 11	at East Carolina	11 am
Sept. 18	• at Georgia	6 pm
Sept. 25	• KENTUCKY	TBA
Oct. 2	TROY	TBA
Oct. 9	• at Tennessee	TBA
Oct. 16	• VANDERBILT	TBA
Oct. 23	• at Texas A&M	TBA
Nov. 6	• FLORIDA	TBA
Nov. 13	• at Missouri	TBA
Nov. 20	• AUBURN	TBA
Nov. 27	CLEMSON	TBA

• Southeastern Conference Games All Times Central

STATS FCS MEDIA TOP 25

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	Sam Houston State (39)	10-0
2.	James Madison (8)	7-1
3.	South Dakota State (3)	8-2
4.	North Dakota State	7-3
5.	Delaware	7-1
6.	Weber State	5-1
7.	Southern Illinois	6-4
8.	North Dakota	5-2
9.	Montana	2-0
10.	Jacksonville State	10-3
11.	Eastern Washington	5-2
12.	Montana State	DNP
13.	Monmouth	3-1
14.	Central Arkansas	5-4
15.	Southeastern Louisiana	4-3
16.	Villanova	2-2
17.	VMI	6-2
18.	Chattanooga	3-2
19.	Kennesaw State	4-1
20.	Austin Peay	4-5
21.	North Iowa	3-4
22.	Nicholls State	4-3
23.	UC Davis	3-2
24.	Missouri State	5-5
25.	North Carolina A&T	DNP

- For the second straight week Eastern Illinois will face off against the son of a former long time college football coach. EIU played Indiana State to open the season with the Sycamores coached by Curt Mallory, son of former college coach Bill Mallory. This week's opponent is coached by Shane Beamer, son of former college coach Frank Beamer. The elder Beamer faced Eastern Illinois one time when he was the head coach at Murray State, losing to the Panthers 28-21 in the 1986 FCS playoffs. The Panthers were quarterbacked that season by current New Orleans Saints head coach Sean Payton.

- Jason Johnson was named a preseason first team All-Ohio Valley Conference selection after earning first team All-OVC honors last season at linebacker. The third year player led the OVC in tackles per game last season finishing the year with 66 tackles. His 11 tackles per game ranked ninth in the FCS. Johnson ended the season with a streak of four straight games with double figure tackles including 15 against Tennessee Tech. Johnson led EIU in tackles in the Week Zero game at Indiana State making eight tackles.

- Defensive lineman Jordan Miles picked up where he left off in the spring as he had a tackle for loss in the Week Zero opener at Indiana State. Last season Miles was tied for the team lead in tackles for loss with six while ranking as the team leader with two sacks.

- Running back Harrison Bey-Buie scored the first touchdown of the season for EIU as he rushed in from 2-yards out on Saturday at Indiana State. Bey-Buie finished with 57 yards in the game on 11 carries for a 5.2 yards per carry average. EIU had three rushing touchdowns in the game with Tyler Hamilton and Otto Kuhns also finding the end zone. It was the first time EIU had three or more rushing touchdowns in a game since Nov. 9, 2019 when the Panthers had four rushing touchdowns in a road win at Tennessee State.

- Eastern Illinois offense spread the ball around on Saturday at Indiana State as five different players carried the ball and six different receivers hauled in at least one pass. Tyler Ringwood led the Panthers with five catches for 116 yards. Robbie Lofton was second on the team with four catches for 35 yards. Arron Foulkes was the only other Panthers player with multiple catches finishing with two receptions for 39 yards.

FCS COACHES TOP 25

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	Sam Houston State (18)	10-0
2.	James Madison (9)	7-1
3.	North Dakota State	7-3
4.	South Dakota State (1)	8-2
5.	Delaware	7-1
6.	Weber State	5-1
7.	North Dakota	5-2
8.	Jacksonville State	10-3
9.	Montana	2-0
10.	Southern Illinois	6-4
11.	Montana State	DNP
12.	Monmouth	3-1
13.	Central Arkansas	5-4
14.	Eastern Washington	5-2
15.	Villanova	2-2
16.	Northern Iowa	3-4
17.	Southeastern Louisiana	4-3
18.	Chattanooga	3-2
19.	VMI	6-2
20.	Kennesaw State	4-1
21.	UC Davis	3-2
22.	Richmond	3-1
23.	Nicholls State	4-3
24.	North Carolina A&T	DNP
25.	Austin Peay	4-5

- Transfer punter Logen Neidhardt had a good debut for the Panthers special teams unit as he averaged 43.2 yards per punt on four punts at Indiana State. Neidhardt was a two-time NCAA Division II All-American punter at Ohio Dominican prior to transferring to EIU to play his additional COVID-19 season.

- EIU's linebacker corps finished as the Panthers top three tacklers in the Week Zero game at Indiana State as the group combined for 19 tackles. Jason Johnson led the team with eight tackles including a half tackle for loss. Colin Bohanek (six) and Phoenix Porter (five) were second and third on the team in tackles. Last season Johnson led the OVC in tackles per game while Bohanek was tenth in the OVC in tackles, first among league freshmen.

- EIU started two new players at corner during the Week Zero opener at Indiana State. Junior college transfer Russell Dandy started at one corner with second-year freshman Tyrus Harvey at the other corner. EIU rotated four players through the corner position with transfer Elijah Benoit leading the group with five tackles. Dandy would add four tackles with Harvey and Charles Shelton combining for three stops.

- Eastern Illinois won the time of possession battle against Indiana State with the Panthers holding the ball for 35:32 of the game including a ten minute, twenty second (10:20) touchdown drive that consumed much of the fourth quarter. The last time EIU had the ball for 35 or more minutes in a game was Nov. 9, 2019 as the EIU held the ball 36:50 in the win at Tennessee State.

- Quarterback Otto Kuhns made his fourth career start at Indiana State going 14-of-29 for 253 yards. It was the first time in his collegiate career he passed for more than 200 yards after a season high of 153 in last year's home win over Tennessee Tech.

2020 OVC Standings

Team	OVC	Pct.	All	Pct.
Austin Peay	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Eastern Illinois	0-0	.000	0-1	.000
Murray State	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Southeast Missouri	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Tennessee State	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Tennessee Tech	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
UT Martin	0-0	.000	0-0	.000

This Week In OVC Football

Thursday - Sept. 2

Tennessee Tech at Samford - 6 pm
 Southern Illinois at Southeast Missouri - 6:30 pm
 Austin Peay at Chattanooga - 6:30 pm
 Mississippi Valley State at Murray State - 7 pm

Saturday - Sept. 4

Eastern Illinois at South Carolina - 6 pm
 UT Martin at Western Kentucky - 7 pm

Sunday - Aug. 5

Tennessee State vs. Grambling State - 3 pm

Eastern Illinois Captains

EIU captains will be selected on a game-by-game basis

OVC Predicted Order Of Finish

1. Murray State
2. Austin Peay
 Southeast Missouri
4. UT Martin
5. Tennessee State
6. Tennessee Tech
7. Eastern Illinois

Eastern Illinois Players On All-OVC Preseason Team

Jason Johnson - Linebacker
 Matt Judd - Kick Returner

2020 OVC Players of the Week (Played in Spring of 2021)

March 23 - Jason Johnson (Defense)
 March 30 - Jordan Smith (Newcomer)

• Eastern Illinois defense had one fumble recovery in its final game of the 2020-21 season against Jacksonville State as the Panthers had ten turnovers gained to rank 26th in the FCS. EIU entered the 2021 season with a streak of 16 straight games of forcing at least one turnover. That streak ended in the Week Zero contest at Indiana State. In that 16 game span, two of those turnovers were converted into touchdowns with an interception return for touchdown and fumble return for a score.

• Matt Judd was named a preseason first team All-Ohio Valley Conference selection at kick returner. Last season he earned second team honors at the position leading the OVC in kick return average at 24.8 yards per return. Judd had a long return on the season of 53 yards at UT Martin. Judd also sees time at wide receiver hauling in eight passes for 109 yards and a touchdown in six games last season. In the Week Zero opener at Indiana State Judd had two kickoff returns for 33 yards to average 16.5 yards per return.

• Ben Solomon has been named a nominee for this year's Allstate AFCA Good Works Team. Solomon is one of three nominee's from the Ohio Valley Conference and 17 players from the FCS ranks. Solomon has been a leader for the Panthers Uplifting Athletes Chapter spearheading two campaigns over the last two summers (Walk for Life & Lift for Life).

• Over the last two seasons Eastern Illinois has been aggressive in terms of going for it on 4th down, in fact EIU ranks first in the FCS in fourth down attempts in the last two seasons with 82. The Panthers have converted on 38 of those 82 fourth down attempts good for 46.3 percent. The Citadel (47 conversions) and Davidson (43 conversions) are the only schools with more fourth down conversions in the last two seasons. In the Week Zero contest at Indiana State, EIU was 2-for-2 on 4th down attempts.

• Eastern Illinois special teams had a knack for blocking kicks last season as the Panthers blocked two punts and a field goal during the six game season. The blocked field goal came against Jacksonville State with blocked punts at UT Martin and Tennessee Tech. The UT Martin punt was blocked by DeAirious Smith and resulted in a safety. The TTU blocked punt by Marcus Bornslater was recovered for a touchdown.

• Eastern Illinois utilized both of its long snappers on the roster during the Panthers Week Zero opener at Indiana State. Long time player Stephen Elmore handled long snapper duties for field goals and extra points. It is his fourth year in the starting line-up as a long snapper. Freshman Jack Valente handled long snapping duties for the Panthers on punts as EIU had four punts on the evening.

• Eastern Illinois has 12 players on its current roster that have already completed their undergraduate degree and are playing as graduate students this fall. The list includes Ben Solomon, Isaiah Hill, James Ubaikie and Steven Frank who all completed their undergraduate degrees at EIU. Joining that list as graduates from other schools now playing at EIU are Jay Vallie, Elijah Benoit, Justin Growel, Chris Katrenick, Logen Neidhardt, Markenzy Pierre, Tyler Ringwood and Kobe Rodgers.

• With a capacity crowd of over 80,000 at Williams-Brice Stadium, Saturday's contest may be the second largest crowd that Eastern Illinois has ever played in front of. The largest crowd was 104,488 when the Panthers played at Penn State in October of 2009. The second largest crowd EIU has played in front of was 70,585 at Iowa during the 2010 season. During EIU's other game against a member of the Southeastern Conference, EIU played in front of 63,342 fans at Arkansas in September of 2018.

• Eastern Illinois has had some ties to the state of South Carolina during its long history including one of the Panthers all-time greats. Running back Poke Cobb was from Clover, SC which sits roughly 85 miles north of Columbia. Cobb is the Panthers career rushing leader with 5,042 yards which at the end of his playing career was the NCAA College Division record for rushing yards. Cobb would help lead EIU to the 1978 NCAA Division II National Championship rushing for 1,330 yards that season.

EIU HEAD COACH ADAM CUSHING

Adam Cushing was hired as the 25th head coach in Eastern Illinois football history on Dec. 9, 2018. A Chicago native, Cushing made an immediate impact on the recruiting trail as the Panthers brought in more than 40 new players that first season with a majority from the state of Illinois. Cushing came to EIU following a 15-year stint as an assistant coach at Northwestern where he coached the offensive line since 2009. He played collegiate football at the University of Chicago graduating in 2002. Complete Coach Adam Cushing bio available on page 6 of EIU game notes...

SOUTH CAROLINA HEAD COACH SHANE BEAMER

Shane Beamer enters his first season as the head coach at South Carolina as the son of long time Virginia Tech head coach Frank Beamer takes over for his first head coaching gig. Beamer who played at Virginia Tech for his father comes to South Carolina after a stint working at Oklahoma as the assistant head coach/tight ends coach. Beamer has previous assistant coaching stops at Georgia Tech, Tennessee, Mississippi State, South Carolina, Virginia Tech and Georgia.

SCOUTING SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina returns its leading rusher from last season as Kevin Harris became the 11th player in program history to post a 1,000 yard season on the ground. Harris rushed for 1,138 yards and 15 touchdowns. Luke Doty appeared in eight games at quarterback passing for 405 yards and a pair of scores. Damani Staley is the Gamecocks top returner on defense from last season with 51 tackles. South Carolina returns five of its top ten tacklers from last season.

THE SERIES

Eastern Illinois and South Carolina will be meeting for the first time on Saturday. This will be the first time EIU has played a game against a team from the state of South Carolina. This will be the second time EIU has played a game against a member of the Southeastern Conference. EIU lost at Arkansas in 2018. EIU was slated to play at Kentucky during the 2020 season but that game was canceled due to COVID-19 shifting schedules for college teams last fall. The Panthers also lost at current SEC member Missouri when the Tigers were members of the Big 12 in 2003.

LAST TEN MEETINGS (EIU VS FBS GAMES)

<i>Sept. 7, 2019</i>	<i>Indiana 52, EIU 0 at Indiana</i>
<i>Sept. 1, 2018</i>	<i>Arkansas 55, EIU 20 at Arkansas</i>
<i>Sept. 9, 2017</i>	<i>Northern Illinois 38, EIU 10 at NIU</i>
<i>Sept. 10, 2016</i>	<i>EIU 21, Miami (Ohio) 17 at Miami</i>
<i>Sept. 12, 2015</i>	<i>Northwesern 41, EIU 0 at Northwestern</i>
<i>Sept. 27, 2014</i>	<i>Ohio 34, EIU 19 at Ohio</i>
<i>Aug. 28, 2014</i>	<i>Minnesota 42, EIU 20 at Minnesota</i>
<i>Sept. 21, 2013</i>	<i>Northern Illinois 43, EIU 39 at NIU</i>
<i>Aug. 31, 2013</i>	<i>EIU 40, San Diego State 19 at SDSU</i>
<i>Sept. 8, 2012</i>	<i>Western Michigan 52, EIU 21 at EIU</i>

TALE OF THE TAPE



Points Per Game.....	21.....	23.5
Average Points Allowed.....	26.....	36.0
First Downs.....	21.....	195
Rushing Yards Per Game	125.....	167.9
Rushing Touchdowns	3.....	21
Passing Yards Per Game	253.....	187.2
Passing Touchdowns	0.....	8
Average Yards Per Game	378.....	355.1
Interceptions Thrown	2.....	9
Fumbles - Lost	1-1.....	15-6
Turnovers Gained.....	0.....	11
Punting Average	43.2.....	43.3
Field Goals (ATT/MADE)	0-of-1.....	11-of-19
3rd Down Conversions	4-of-13 (31%).....	50-of-137 (36%)
4th Down Conversions.....	2-of-2 (100%).....	17-of-23 (74%)
Sacks By (Yards).....	0 (0).....	14 (84)
Penalties (Yards)	9 (79).....	50 (437)
Time of Possession (Game)	35:32.....	29:21

Statistical Leaders (Returners for SC)

RUSHING YARDS (Touchdowns)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	SOUTH CAROLINA
Harrion Bey-Buie.....57 (1)	Kevin Harris.....1138 (15)
Markenzy Pierre.....46 (0)	Rashad Amos .....297 (1)

PASSING YARDS (Touchdowns)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	SOUTH CAROLINA
Otto Kuhns.....253 (0)	Luke Doty .....405 (2)
.....

RECEPTIONS (Yards)

EASTERN ILLINOIS	SOUTH CAROLINA
Tyler Ringwood.....5 (116)	Nick Muse.....30 (425)
Robbie Lofton.....4 (34)	Kevin Harris.....21 (159)
Arron Foulkes.....2 (39)	Jalen Brooks.....11 (100)

TACKLES

EASTERN ILLINOIS	SOUTH CAROLINA
Jason Johnson.....8	Damani Staley.....51
Colin Bohanek.....6	Jaylan Foster.....43
Phoenix Porter.....5	Zacch Pickens.....35
Elijah Benoit.....5	Kingsley Enagbare.....30
Russell Dandy.....4	Jabari Ellis.....27

TACKLES FOR LOSS / SACKS

EASTERN ILLINOIS	SOUTH CAROLINA
Justin Growel.....1.....0	Kingsley Enagbare.....7.....6
Jordan Miles.....1.....0	Jabari Ellis.....3.....0.5
Jason Johnson.....0.5.....0	Zacch Pickens.....2.5.....1

**Eastern Illinois In The
OVC/NCAA Stats**
2020 (Spring 2021)

TEAM	NCAA	OVC
.....
Rushing Offense	52nd	4th
Passing Offense	56th	5th
Passing Efficiency	82nd	9th
Total Offense	58th	4th
Scoring Offense	61st	8th
Rushing Defense	39th	3rd
Pass Defense	82nd	9th
Pass Efficiency Def.	63rd	6th
Total Defense	70th	8th
Scoring Defense	82nd	9th
Net Punting	74th	7th
Punt Returns	21st	2nd
Kickoff Returns	24th	2nd
Turnover Margin	69th	8th
Turnovers Gained	26th	7th
Sacks	77th	8th
Tackles For Loss	56th	5th
Sacks Allowed	56th	5th
3rd Down Conversion	92nd	9th
4th Down Conversion	80th	8th
3rd Down Defense	61st	7th
Red Zone Offense	84th	9th
Red Zone Defense	61st	7th
Time of Possession	67th	8th

INDIVIDUAL (Top 40)

.....	NCAA	OVC
Matt Judd (Kick Returns).....	17th	2nd
Otto Kuhns (Passing TDs)	37th	7th
Jay Vallie (Touchdown Receptions).....	26th	5th
JJ Ross (Fumbles Recovered)	29th	6th
Dytarious Johnson (Fumbles Recovered).....	29th	6th
Anthony Shockey (Fumbles Recovered)..	29th	6th
Cam Leach (Fumbles Recovered).....	29th	6th
Jason Johnson (Solo Tackles)	21st	1st
Jason Johnson (Tackles).....	9th	1st

SHUT OUT STREAK ENDS

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

Longest EIU Streaks

197 (1997-97) ended 8/28/97 at Western Illinois
139 (2003-15) ended 9/12/15 at Northwestern

OVC SUCCESS

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

FCS Playoff Appearances Since 1996

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

NCAA PLAYOFF APPEARANCES

School# Appearances (Last)

Montana	24 (2019)
Eastern Kentucky	21 (2014)
Northern Iowa	21 (2019)
Appalachian State*	20 (2012)
Georgia Southern*	19 (2012)
Furman	18 (2019)
Delaware	17 (2020)
James Madison.....	17 (2020)
EASTERN ILLINOIS	16 (2015)
New Hampshire	16 (2017)
McNeese State	16 (2015)
Eastern Washington.....	14 (2020)

* moved to the FBS level in 2013

FCS Division I Playoffs

- 1982 - Quarterfinals
- 1983 - First Round
- 1986- Quarterfinals
- 1989 - Quarterfinals
- 1995 - First Round
- 1996 - First Round
- 2000 - First Round
- 2001 - First Round
- 2002 - First Round
- 2005 - First Round
- 2006 - First Round
- 2007 - First Round
- 2009 - First Round
- 2012 - First Round
- 2013 - Quarterfinals
- 2015 - First Round

Division II Playoffs

- 1978 (National Champions)
- 1980 (National Runners-up)



ADAM CUSHING

Eastern Illinois
 Head Football Coach
 3rd year at Eastern Illinois
 (University of Chicago, 2002)

Eastern Illinois

- Hired as 25th head coach in program history – Dec. 9, 2018 (enters third season in 2021)
- * First career win on Nov. 9, 2019 - 49-38 at Tennessee State
- * Posted 1-11 record, 1-7 in Ohio Valley Conference in first year
- * Coached nine All-OVC selections (two 1st team, four 2nd team, three All-Newcomer)
- * Coached three Freshmen All-Americans
- * Coached one Sophomore All-American
- * Had biggest Illinois based recruiting class in more than 20 seasons (in 2019)
- * Team ranked 30th in FCS in total defense in 2019
- * Team ranked 18th in FCS in fewest penalties in 2019, improved to 5th in the FCS in 2020
- * Team ranked 1st in FCS in fourth down conversions in 2019
- * Team ranked in Top 25 in FCS in special teams in 2020 (2nd in kick return defense, 9th in blocked kicks, 22nd in punt returns, 23rd in kick returns)
- * Team ranked 39th in FCS in rushing defense in 2020, 44th in turnovers gained
- * FCS Coaches Poll Top 25 voter in 2020
- * Named to Football Oversight Committee
- * Career record (2-16, 2-12 in OVC)

Northwestern

- Coached 15 years on NU Staff, 13 seasons under Coach Pat Fitzgerald
- Team won Big Ten Conference West Division in 2018 (8-1 record)
- Helped coach team to win over Utah in 2018 Holiday Bowl in final game at Northwestern
- Coached Offensive Line for Wildcats since 2009
- Coached Superbacks position in 2008
- Coached Tight Ends & H-Backs in 2005-07
- Served as recruiting coordinator from 2008-10
- Graduate assistant coach in 2004
- Twice named one of Big Ten Top Recruiters by Rivals.com & ESPN.com
- Coached Drake Dunsmore (Freshman All-Big Ten / 7th Round NFL Pick)
- Offensive Line Blocked For Five (5) 1,000 yard rushers
- Offensive Line allowed fewest sacks in Big Ten in 2012
- Coached two selections to the East-West Shrine Game
- Coached Three Academic All-Americans
- Coached Seven All-Big Ten Offensive Line Selections
- Helped coach team to Ten (10) post-season Bowl appearances
- Coached two-time Rimington Award candidate Ben Burkett
- Coached Brandon Vitabile, a finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy
- Coached offensive line that blocked for NCAA record plays vs. Auburn
 --- 115 offensive plays in 2010 Outback Bowl
 --- helped quarterback Mike Kafka set Outback Bowl record
- Coached offensive line unit that ranked in top four in Big Ten

University of La Verne

- Assistant Coach in 2002 & 2003
- Coached Tight Ends in 2002
- Coached Offensive Line in 2003

Personal

- Played collegiately at University of Chicago
- Three-time All-University Athletic Association Selection (1999-01) at Tight End
- Helped team win two UAA titles in 1998 & 2000
- Finished career with 72 receptions, 10th on University of Chicago all-time list
- Bachelor's Degree from University of Chicago in 2002 (Psychology)
- Master's Degree from University of La Verne in 2004
- Brother Matt Cushing played six years in National Football League (Pittsburgh)
- He and wife Dr. Jaime Cushing, DDS, have three children – Abigail, Dana and Alexander
- Native of Chicago, Illinois (attended Chicago Mt. Carmel HS)

CAREER

Head Coach - Eastern Illinois (2019--)
 Offensive Line Coach - Northwestern (2009-18)
 Superbacks Coach - Northwestern (2008)
 Tight Ends Coach - Northwestern (2005-07)
 Graduate Assistant - Northwestern (2004)
 Offensive Line Coach - La Verne (2003)
 Tight Ends Coach - La Verne (2002)

POST SEASON APPEARANCES

2018 - Holiday Bowl (Northwestern)
 2017 - Music City Bowl (Northwestern)
 2016 - Pinstripe Bowl (Northwestern)
 2015 - Outback Bowl (Northwestern)
 2012 - Gator Bowl (Northwestern)
 2011 - Mienke Car Care Bowl of Texas (Northwestern)
 2010 - TicketCity Bowl (Northwestern)
 2009 - Outback Bowl (Northwestern)
 2008 - Alamo Bowl (Northwestern)
 2005 - Sun Bowl (Northwestern)

PLAYING CAREER

Played at University of Chicago (1998-01)
 Tight End

1998 - UAA Champions
 2000 - UAA Champions

1999-01 - 3-time All-UAA selection at tight end

EDUCATION

Bachelor's - University of Chicago, 2002
 Master's - University of La Verne, 2004

FAMILY

Wife: Dr. Jaime Cushing
 Children: Abigail, Dana, Alexander





Chris Bowers
Def. Coordinator
(3rd year)
Wittenberg Univ., 1999



John Kuceyeski
Off Cord. / Super Backs
(3rd year)
Penn State, 2009



Neal Renna
Safeties & co-Special Teams
(3rd year)
Heidelberg Univ., 2011



Omar Young
Running Backs & co-ST
(3rd year)
Savannah State, 2005



Chris Batti
Quarterbacks
(3rd year)
Illinois, 2008



Adam Gristick
Linebackers & Def. Run
Game Coordinator
(4th year)
Eastern Illinois, 2015



Dan Hernandez
Offensive Line
(3rd year)
Upper Iowa, 2009



Adam Morris
Defensive Line
(2nd year)
Ball State, 2013



Cliff Odom Jr.
Defensive Backs
(2nd year)
Baylor, 2011



Mark Philmore II
Wide Receivers
(2nd year)
Northwestern, 2006

**FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF
& QUALITY CONTROL**

Graduate Assistant Coach - DefenseBrad Jarman
Graduate Assistant Coach - OffenseMark Gorogianis Jr
Quality Control Coach - Offense.....Rocky Zingale
Quality Control Coach - Defense.....Andrew Zimmer

Graduate Assistant - OperationsJimmy Muessling
Quality Control - Player PersonnelBrian Gorsky
Quality Control - RecruitingPayton Naylor
Quality Control - OperationsDJ Marquardt
Student Assistant CoachChris Rouse
Student Assistant - Data & Analytics Jason Tabit

Football Athletic Trainer Scott Goehner
Football Equipment Manager Clint Bays
Director of Football Operations / Asst. HC.....Jesse Walton
Football Academics Zach Mentzer
NutritionTBA
Director of Football Performance.....Derek Stein
Graduate Assistant - Football Strength..... Dan Baur

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Head Strength Coach Joe Neihaus
Head Athletic Trainer Jim Nave
Assistant Football Athletic Trainer Michaela DeSantis
Football GA Athletic TrainerMaria Garcia
Football GA Athletic Trainer Kevin Bravo
Orthopedic Surgeon Sarah Bush Lincoln Sports Medicine
Team DoctorDr. Robert Biggs
Team Dentist.....Dr. Jennifer Kennedy

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University President..... Dr. David Glassman
Athletic Director Tom Michael
Deputy Athletic Director Mark Bonnstetter
Associate AD Compliance/SWAKiersten Klekner-Alt
Associate AD/DevelopmentMike Murray
Associate AD Media & PR Rich Moser
Assistant AD Academic Services..... Cindy Almon
Business Manager & TicketsBrian Carlin

EIU LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

Passed for more than 300 yards...

Harry Woodbery, 334, vs. Tennessee Tech (Sept. 28, 2019)

Passed for more than 400 yards...

Johnathan Brantley, 443, vs. Indiana State (Sept. 15, 2018)

Threw four touchdown passes...

Harry Woodbery, 5, at Tennessee Tech (Sept. 29, 2018)
Johnathan Brantley, 4, vs. Indiana State (Sept. 15, 2018)

Rushed for more than 200 yards...

Isaiah Johnson, 236, at Murray State (Oct. 14, 2017)

Rushed for three touchdowns...

Isaiah Johnson, 3, vs. Austin Peay (Nov. 10, 2018)

Rushed for four touchdowns...

J.R. Taylor, 4 vs. Florida Atlantic (Nov. 16, 2002)

Had 12 Receptions...

Isaiah Hill 15, at UT Martin (Oct. 19, 2019)
Isaiah Hill 13, vs. Southeast Missouri (Nov. 16, 2019)
Erik Lora, 21 vs. Murray State (Sept. 22, 2012) ** OVC & EIU Single Game Record
Erik Lora, 18 vs. Towson (Dec. 13, 2013) ** FCS Playoff Single Game Record

Had 3 touchdown receptions...

Alexander Hollins, 3, at Arkansas (Sept. 1, 2018)
Alexander Hollins, 3, vs. Indiana State (Sept. 15, 2018)

Had 200 yards receiving...

Erik Lora, 269 vs. Murray State (Sept. 22, 2012) ** EIU Single Game Record
Adam Drake, 225 at UT Martin (Nov. 23, 2013)

Returned a punt for a touchdown...

Erik Lora, 1, vs. Tennessee Tech (Nov. 2, 2013) - (80 yards)
Shepard Little, 1, vs. Tennessee Tech (Nov. 2, 2013) - (75 yards)
Shepard Little, 1 at San Diego State (Aug. 31, 2013) - (60 yards)

Returned a kick-off for touchdown...

Matt Reyna, 1, vs. Indiana State (Sept. 15, 2018) - (96 yards)

Returned an interception for touchdown...

Mark Williams, 1, at Murray State (March 28, 2021) - (38 yards)

Returned a fumble for touchdown...

Raymond Crittenden, 1, at UT Martin (Oct. 19, 2019) - (51 yards)

Recorded a safety...

Robert Haynes, 1 at Illinois State (Sept. 13, 2014) - combined with Taylor
Laquesse Taylor, 1 at Illinois State (Sept. 13, 2014) - combined with Haynes
Team at UT Martin (March 7, 2021) - blocked punt out of back of end zone

Blocked a punt...

DeAirious Smith (March 7, 2021) at UT Martin
Marcus Bornslater (March 22, 2021) vs. Tennessee Tech

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

Marcus Bornslater, 1 vs. Tennessee Tech (March 21, 2021)... - Marcus Bornslater

Blocked a field goal...

Jestin Morrow, 1 vs Jacksonville State (Apr 3, 2021)

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

Rashad Haynes, 1 vs. Samford (Nov. 17, 2007) - Trevor Frericks

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

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

EIU scored a two-point conversion

- (Rush) - J.R. Taylor, 2, at Murray State (Nov. 23, 2002)
- (Pass) - Isaiah Hill from Harry Woodbery, at UT Martin (Oct. 19, 2019)

Won a game on a field goal...

Nick Bruno, 38 yards vs. UT Martin (Oct. 20, 2018) - overtime

Had 15 or more tackles on defense...

Jason Johnson, 15, vs. Tennessee Tech (March 21, 2021)

Had 3 or more sacks on defense...

Kory Lothe, 4 vs. Tennessee Tech (Nov. 8, 2003)

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

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

Had 2 or more interceptions

JJ Ross, 2, at Ausitn Peay (Nov. 23, 2019)

Recovered an onside kick...

Charles Shelton, 1, at Tennessee State (Nov. 9, 2019)

Offensive Lineman Scored a Touchdown

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

2020 EASTERN ILLINOIS TOUCHDOWNS

Qtr.....	Play	Opponent
2.....	Kendi Young 72 run	vs Southeast Missouri
2.....	Matt Judd 6 pass from Harry Woodbery	at UT Martin
4.....	DeWayne Cooks 45 pass from Harry Woodbery	at UT Martin
2.....	Jay Vallie 4 pass from Otto Kuhns.....	at Tennessee State
2.....	Jay Vallie 13 pass from Otto Kuhns.....	at Tennessee State
1.....	Marcus Bornslater 0 blocked punt recovery	Tennessee Tech
1.....	Jaelin Benefield 4 run.....	Tennessee Tech
2.....	Arron Foulkes 17 pass from Otto Kuhns	Tennessee Tech
3.....	Arron Foulkes 36 pass from Otto Kuhns	Tennessee Tech
2.....	Robbie Lofton 18 pass from Otto Kuhns.....	at Murray State
3.....	Mark Williams 38 interception return.....	at Murray State
3.....	Jordan Smith 80 run.....	at Murray State
2.....	Jordan Smith 6 run	Jacksonville State
2.....	Jay Vallie 7 pass from Hary Woodbery.....	Jacksonville State
3.....	Harry Woodbery 4 run	Jacksonville State

2021 EASTERN ILLINOIS TOUCHDOWNS

2.....	Harrison Bey-Buie 2 run	at Indiana State
3.....	Tyler Hamilton 4 run.....	at Indiana State
4.....	Otto Kuhns 1 run.....	at Indiana State

EASTERN ILLINOIS NFL CONNECTION

SAN FRANCISCO 49ers

Jimmy Garoppolo - Quarterback

HOUSTON TEXANS

Kamu Grugier-Hill - Linebacker

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Sean Payton - Head Coach

CHICAGO BEARS

Ryan Pace - General Manager

HOUSTON TEXANS

Tim Kelly - Offensive Coordinator

CLEVELAND BROWNS

Alexander Hollins - Wide Receiver (released in camp)

TEAM GAME RECORDS

TOTAL OFFENSE:

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

RUSHING YARDAGE:

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

RUSHING ATTEMPTS:

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

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

PASSING ATTEMPTS:

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

PASSES COMPLETED:

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

TOUCHDOWNS:

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

TOUCHDOWN PASSES:

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

MOST EIU POINTS IN A QUARTER:

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

MOST POINTS SCORED BY BOTH TEAMS:

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

POINTS

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

EIU LOWEST OFFENSIVE TOTAL:

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

EIU FEWEST RUSHING YARDS:

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

EIU FEWEST PASSING YARDS:

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

* EIU did not attempt a pass in the game
+ EIU completed one pass for 5 yards and one pass for negative 6 yards in the game.

QUARTERBACK SACKS:

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

TURNOVERS:

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

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

EIU OVERTIME GAMES

DOUBLE OVERTIME

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

OVERTIME

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

+ 1982 & 1983 games in FCS playoffs

MOST PLAYS IN A GAME:

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

MOST PLAYS IN A GAME BY BOTH TEAMS:

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

OPPONENTS AGAINST EASTERN ILLINOIS

TOTAL OFFENSE:

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

RUSHING YARDAGE:

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

PASSING YARDAGE:

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

POINTS

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

LOWEST OFFENSIVE TOTAL:

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

OPPONENT FEWEST RUSHING YARDS:

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

OPPONENT FEWEST PASSING YARDS:

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

INDIVIDUAL GAME RECORDS

TOTAL OFFENSE:

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

RUSHING YARDAGE:

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

RUSHING ATTEMPTS:

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

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

PASSING ATTEMPTS:

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

PASSES COMPLETED:

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

RECEIVING (CATCHES):

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

RECEIVING (YARDS):

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

ALL-PURPOSE RUSHING:

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

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS:

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

RUSHING YARDS BY A QB:

Jalen Whitlow	142 at UT Martin	2015
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TOUCHDOWNS:

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

TOUCHDOWN PASSES:

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

SOLO TACKLES:

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

TOTAL TACKLES:

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

TACKLES FOR LOSS:

Trevor Frericks	7.0 vs. Tennessee State	2009
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QUARTERBACK SACKS:

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

PASSES INTERCEPTED:

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

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

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS:

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

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN:

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

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR TD:

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

Anthony Goodman,	70 vs. Eastern Kentucky	2013
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LONGEST FIELD GOAL:

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

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN:

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

LONGEST PUNT:

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

LONGEST PUNT RETURN:

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

MOST BLOCKED KICKS:

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

MOST CONSECUTIVE PASSES COMPLETED:

Sean Payton.....	17 vs. Western Kentucky...1986	
Tony Romo.....	16 vs. Indiana State	2001

MOST FIELD GOALS:

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

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

MOST INTERCEPTIONS THROWN:

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

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/LAST)
0	Bryce Dewberry	SAF	5-10	210	Jr	2	McDonough, Ga. (Eagles Landing)
0	Arron Foulkes	WR	5-8	165	Fr	HS	Southfield, Mich. (Southfield A&T)
1	Jordan Vincent	DB	5-10	185	Fr	HS	Lincolnshire, Ill. (Stevenson)
1	Markenzy Pierre	RB	5-11	215	R-Jr	TR	Kissimmee, Fla. (Liberty / Syracuse Univ.)
2	DeWayne Cooks Jr	WR	6-2	155	R-So	1	Tulsa, Okla. (Booker T. Washington)
2	Mark Aitken	DB	5-9	175	R-Fr	TR	Chicago, Ill. (Kenwood Academy / Northern Illinois Univ.)
3	Russell Dandy	DB	6-0	175	Jr	TR	Hinesville, Ga. (Liberty County / Butte College)
3	Jaelin Benefield	RB	5-10	160	So	1	Pearland, Texas (Pearland)
4	Otto Kuhns	QB	6-3	205	Fr	HS	Carroll, Ohio (Bloom Carroll)
4	Kobe Rodgers	DB	6-1	190	R-Sr	TR	Gaffney, SC (Gaffney/Gardner-Webb Univ.)
5	Matt Judd	WR	6-2	185	R-Fr	TR	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East/Univ. of Illinois)
5	Nick Coates	DB	5-10	175	Fr	HS	Louisville, Ky. (Male)
6	Joel Barrows	LB	6-3	215	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Brooks Prep)
6	Tyler Hamilton	DB	5-9	175	R-Jr	TR	Hilton Head, S.C. (Hilton Head / Purdue Univ.)
7	Isaiah Hill	WR	5-11	190	R-Jr	1	Shorewood, Ill. (Minooka/South Dakota State Univ.)
7	Tyris Harvey	DB	5-11	165	Fr	HS	Olympia Fields, Ill. (Rich Central)
8	Zach Weir	QB	6-2	185	Fr	HS	Grafton, Wis. (Grafton)
8	Jason Johnson	LB	6-2	200	So	1	Matteson, Ill. (Rich Central)
9	Chris Katrenick	QB	6-3	215	R-So	TR	Algonquin, Ill. (Jacobs / Duke Univ.)
9	Elijah Benoit	DB	6-0	170	R-Jr	TR	Tampa, Fla. (Seffner Christian/Univ. of Central Florida)
11	Eric Rooks	WR	6-3	195	R-So	1	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle Institute / Univ. of Hawaii)
12	Justin Growel	DL	6-4	260	R-Sr	TR	East Troy, Wis. (East Troy / Lake Erie College)
13	Trey Shaw III	S	6-1	170	Fr	HS	Nashville, Tenn. (East Nashville Magnet)
13	Cooper Willman	WR	6-1	180	Fr	HS	Sterling, Ill. (Sterling)
14	Kirk Pinkston Jr.	WR	5-10	175	So	1	Indianapolis, Ind. (Lawrence Central)
15	Will Shumpert	DL	6-6	215	R-Fr	RS	St. Louis, Mo. (Belleville West)
16	Grant Ciccarone	QB	6-2	205	R-Fr	TR	Aurora, Colo. (Cherokee Trail / Univ. of Colorado)
19	Robbie Lofton II	WR	6-3	185	R-Sr	2	Lexington, Ky. (Tates Creek)
20	Jason Moore Jr.	RB	5-10	190	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle Institute)
21	Tyler Ringwood	WR	6-2	215	R-Sr	TR	Buffalo, NY (Bishop-Timon-St. Jude / UNC Charlotte)
22	Kaelin Drakeford	S	6-4	185	Fr	HS	Harrodsburg, Ky. (Mercer County)
23	AJ Sanders	SAF	6-0	185	Fr	HS	Pickerington, Ohio (Pickerington Central)
24	Collin Tyson	DB	6-0	185	Fr	HS	Kansas City, Mo. (Platte County R-3)
25	Charles Shelton IV	DB	5-11	160	R-So	1	Maryland Heights, Mo. (Pattonville)
26	Tyler Clark	RB	5-10	175	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Phillips)
27	Zay Gentry	DB	6-0	165	Fr	HS	Anna, Texas (Anna)
28	Brandon Guido	DB	5-9	190	R-Fr	RS	Naperville, Ill. (Waubonsie Valley)
29	Kendi Young	RB	5-11	185	Fr	HS	Calumet City, Ill. (Thornton Fractional North)
30	Matt Spofford	RB	6-1	200	Fr	HS	Painesville, Ohio (Riverside)
31	Anthony Manaves	SB	6-4	225	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (St. Patrick)
32	Harrison Bey-Buie	RB	5-10	205	Fr	HS	Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf)
33	Nile Hill	DB	5-11	175	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Marist)
34	Josh St. Preux	SAF	5-11	165	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Ag & Sciences)
35	Zeke Lewis	RB	6-0	190	Fr	HS	Decatur, Ill. (St. Teresa)
36	Chauncey Lee	DB	5-9	175	Fr	HS	Bellwood, Ill. (Immaculate Conception)
37	Devin Blakley	DB	5-10	175	R-Fr	TR	Broadview, Ill. (Nazareth Acad./South Dakota State Univ.)
38	Blake Ruffin	SAF	6-4	200	Fr	HS	Louisville, Ky. (Trinity)
39	Liam Conaghan	SB	6-3	240	Fr	HS	Glenview, Ill. (Loyola Academy)
40	Phoenix Porter	LB	6-1	210	Fr	HS	Fairfield, Ohio (Fairfield)
41	Zach Reddinger	SB	6-2	210	Fr	HS	Morris, Ill. (Morris Community)
42	Henry Woods Jr.	DB	5-10	165	Fr	HS	New Lenox, Ill. (Lincoln-Way Central)
43	Elijawah Tolbert	LB	6-1	225	Fr	HS	Country Club Hills, Ill. (Hillcrest)
44	Nick Stricker	SB	6-2	245	So	1	Lemont, Ill. (Lemont)
45	Colin Bohanek	LB	6-0	210	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Marist)
46	Ameer Aqel	LB	6-2	220	So	1	Orland Hills, Ill. (Andrew)
47	Albert Pontrelli	DL	6-2	205	Fr	HS	Lemont, Ill. (Lemont)
48	Michael Jarosz	LB	6-1	255	R-So	RS	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton North)

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC)
49	Grant Edwards	SB	6-1	225	So	1	Springfield, Ill. (Sacred Heart Griffin)
50	Cam Mattox	DL	6-2	260	So	TR	Markham, Ill. (Hillcrest/Northern Illinois Univ.)
51	Payton Orth	LB	5-11	210	Fr	HS	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East)
52	Jeremy Gelino	LB	6-0	220	Fr	HS	Lombard, Ill. (Glenbard South)
53	Stone Galloway	K	5-11	205	So	1	Collinsville, Ill. (Althoff Catholic)
54	Drake Van Hyfte	DL	6-4	240	Fr	HS	Annawan, Ill. (Annawan-Wethersfield)
55	Dominic Moore	DL	6-7	290	R-Fr	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Perspectives Charter)
56	Daegan Bush	OL	6-3	275	Fr	HS	Versailles, Ky. (Woodford County)
58	Anthony Imperio	OL	6-4	275	So	1	Auburn, Ala. (Auburn)
59	Logan Brown	LB	6-2	195	Fr	HS	Effingham, Ill. (Effingham)
60	Brock Griffin	OL	6-4	295	Fr	HS	Normal, Ill. (Normal Community)
61	Ben Solomon	OL	6-2	300	R-Jr	2	Indianapolis, Ind. (Bishop Chatard)
62	Michael McNicholas	OL	6-4	310	R-Fr	TR	Lombard, Ill. (Lombard Montini / Kent State Univ.)
63	William Orth	K	5-10	150	Fr	HS	Ames, Iowa (Ames)
64	Jerit Medler	OL	6-2	265	R-Fr	RS	Assumption, Ill. (Central A&M)
65	Julian Patino	K	5-10	210	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Mount Carmel)
66	Jack Valente	OL/LS	6-4	250	Fr	HS	Batavia, Ill. (Batavia)
67	Chad Strickland	OL	6-5	280	So	1	Salem, Ala. (Smiths Station)
68	Simon France	OL	6-1	265	Fr	HS	Elyria, Ohio (Elyria)
69	Stephen Elmore	LS	6-0	240	Jr	2	Belleville, Ill. (Belleville East)
72	Elkhanan Tanelus	OL	6-2	330	So	1	Naples, Fla. (Barron Collier)
73	Dylan Czerlanis	OL	6-4	290	R-Fr	RS	Antioch, Ill. (Antioch)
74	William Redden	OL	6-6	300	Fr	HS	Malvern, Pa. (Malvern Prep)
75	Matthew Bean	SB	6-6	265	Fr	TR	Lima, Ohio (Shanwe)
76	Dakota Kerr	OL	6-4	275	Fr	TR	Brownstown, Mich. (Woodhaven / College of DuPage)
77	Ivan Gleyzer	OL	6-4	290	So	1	Lincolnshire, Ill. (Stevenson)
78	Bryson Broadway	OL	6-5	255	Fr	HS	Dawsonville, Ga (Dawson County)
79	Demond Butcher	DL	6-1	260	Fr	HS	Lombard, Ill. (Lombard Montini)
80	Logen Neidhardt	P	6-2	220	Sr	TR	Hicksville, Ohio (Hicksville / Ohio Dominican Univ.)
80	Jay Vallie	SB	6-3	245	Gr.	TR	Grand Blanc, Mich. (Goodrich / Univ. of Dayton)
81	Demetrius Garrett Jr.	WR	5-11	155	Fr	HS	Michigan City, Ind. (Michigan City)
82	Xander Richards	WR	6-4	180	R-So	1	Burleson, Texas (Burleson Centennial)
83	Joe McNab	SB	6-6	215	Fr	HS	Madison Heights, Mich. (Lamphere)
84	Ryan James	WR	6-3	205	R-Jr	1	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle/Purdue Univ.)
85	Adarius Dent	WR	6-1	175	Jr	TR	Pahokee, Fla. (Pahokee/Florida State Univ.)
86	L'Den Skinner	WR	6-2	195	Fr	HS	Houston, Texas (Mayde Creek)
87	Eric Hoff	WR	5-7	155	Jr	TR	Pembroke Pines, Fla. (West Broward/Concordia College Chicago)
88	DeAirious Smith	WR	5-11	175	Fr	HS	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Christian Academy)
89	Daniel Luoma	SB	6-2	205	Fr	HS	Porvoo, Finland (Porvoon)
90	Michael Young Jr.	LB	6-0	220	Fr	HS	Warren, Mich. (De La Salle Collegiate)
91	Jordan Miles	DE	6-2	215	Fr	HS	Indianapolis, Ind. (Decatur Central)
92	James Ubaik	DL	6-4	280	R-Sr	2	Meriden, Conn. (Maloney / ND College of Science)
93	Cameron Leach	DL	6-1	285	So	1	Chicago, Ill. (Nazareth Academy)
94	Alton Jefferson	DL	6-0	260	Fr	HS	Louisville, Ky. (Trinity)
95	Kinstin Reaves	DL	6-0	285	Fr	HS	Statesville, NC (Statesville)
96	Ethan Roberts	DL	6-0	290	Fr	HS	Lumberton, NC (Saint Paul's)
97	Tim Varga	DL	6-3	240	So	1	Elk Grove Village, Ill. (Elk Grove Village)
98	Connor Corrigan	DL	6-3	230	Fr	HS	Naperville, Ill. (Naperville North)
99	Jaron Hacha	DL	5-11	255	Fr	HS	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East)
	Steven Frank	SB	6-4	225	R-Sr	TR	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego/Butler CC)
	Jamari Johnson	DL	6-4	220	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle Institute)
	Joshua Johnson	OL	6-4	310	Fr	HS	Westerville, Ohio (Westerville Central)
	Anthony Shockey	LB	6-1	210	So	1	Lombard, Ill. (Glenbard East)
	Chris Williams	DB	6-2	190	Fr	HS	Peoria, Ill. (Peoria)
	Sereno Winn	DB	6-1	165	Fr	HS	Cincinnati, Ohio (Walnut Hills)

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

2	Mark Aitken	DB	89	Daniel Luoma	SB
46	Ameer Aqel	LB	31	Anthony Manaves	SB
6	Joel Barrows	LB	50	Cam Mattox	DL
75	Matthew Bean	SB	83	Joe McNab	SB
3	Jaelin Benefield	RB	62	Michael McNicholas	OL
9	Elijah Benoit	DB	64	Jerit Medler	OL
32	Harrison Bey-Buie	RB	91	Jordan Miles	DE
37	Devin Blakely	DB	55	Dominic Moore	OL
45	Colin Bohanek	LB	20	Jason Moore Jr.	RB
78	Bryson Broadway	OL	80	Logen Neidhardt	P
59	Logan Brown	LB	51	Payton Orth	LB
56	Daegan Bush	OL	63	William Orth	K
79	Demond Butcher	DL	65	Julian Patino	K
16	Grant Ciccarone	QB	1	Markenzy Pierre	RB
26	Tyler Clark	RB	14	Kirk Pinkston Jr.	WR
5	Nick Coates	DB	47	Albert Pontrelli	DL
39	Liam Conaghan	SB	40	Phoenix Porter	LB
2	DeWayne Cooks Jr.	WR	95	Kinstin Reaves	DL
98	Connor Corrigan	DL	74	William Redden	OL
73	Dylan Czertlanis	OL	41	Zach Reddinger	SB
3	Russell Dandy	DB	82	Xander Richards	WR
85	Adarius Dent	WR	21	Tyler Ringwood	WR
0	Bryce Dewberry	SAF	96	Ethan Roberts	DL
22	Kaelin Drakeford	SAF	4	Kobe Rodgers	DB
49	Grant Edwards	SB	11	Eric Rooks	WR
69	Stephen Elmore	LS	38	Blake Ruffin	SAF
0	Arron Foulkes	WR	23	AJ Sanders	SAF
68	Simon France	OL	13	Trey Shaw III	SAR
	Steven Frank	SB	25	Charles Shelton IV	DB
53	Stone Galloway	K		Anthony Shockey	LB
81	Demetrius Garrett Jr.	WR	15	Will Shumpert	DL
52	Jeremy Gelino	LB	86	L'Den Skinner	WR
27	Zay Gentry	DB	88	DeAirious Smith	WR
77	Ivan Gleyzer	OL	61	Ben Solomon	OL
60	Brock Griffin	OL	30	Matt Spofford	RB
12	Justin Growel	DL	34	Josh St. Preux	SAF
28	Brandon Guido	DB	44	Nick Stricker	SB
99	Jaron Hacha	DL	67	Chad Strickland	OL
6	Tyler Hamilton	WR	72	Elkhanan Tanelus	OL
7	Tyris Harvey	DB	43	Elijawah Tolbert	DB
7	Isaiah Hill	WR	24	Collin Tyson	DB
33	Nile Hill	DB	92	James Ubaikae	DL
87	Eric Hoff	WR	66	Jack Valente	OL/LS
58	Anthony Imperio	OL		Jay Vallie	SB
84	Ryan James	WR	54	Drake Van Hyfte	DL
48	Michael Jarosz	LB	97	Tim Varga	DL
94	Alton Jefferson	DL	1	Jordan Vincent	DB
	Jamari Johnson	DL	8	Zach Weir	QB
8	Jason Johnson	LB		Chris Williams	DB
	Joshua Johnson	OL	13	Cooper Willman	WR
5	Matt Judd	WR		Sereno Winn	DB
9	Chris Katrenick	QB	42	Henry Woods Jr.	DB
76	Dakota Kerr	OL	29	Kendi Young	RB
4	Otto Kuhns	QB	90	Michael Young Jr.	LB
93	Cameron Leach	DL			
36	Chauncey Lee	DB			
19	Robbie Lofton II	WR			

MISC. SEASON NOTES & STATS

EIU NCAA FBS TRANSFERS

- 1 - Markenzy Pierre (Syracuse Univ.)
- 2 - Mark Aitken (Northern Illinois Univ.)
- 5 - Matt Judd (Univ. of Illinois)
- 6 - Tyler Hamiton (Purdue Univ.)
- 9 - Chris Katrenick (Duke Univ.)
- 9 - Elijah Benoit (Univ. of Central Florida)
- 11 - Eric Rooks (Univ. of Hawai'i)
- 16 - Grant Ciccarone (Univ. of Colorado)
- 21 - Tyler Ringwood (UNC Charlotte)
- 50 - Cam Mattox (Northern Illinois Univ.)
- 62 - Michael McNicholas (Kent State Univ.)
- 84 - Ryan James (Purdue Univ.)
- 85 - Adarius Dent (Florida State Univ.)

EIU NCAA FCS TRANSFERS

- 4 - Kobe Rodgers (Gardner-Webb Univ.)
- 7 - Isaiah Hill (South Dakota State Univ.)
- 37 - Devin Blakely (South Dakota State Univ.)
- 80 - Jay Vallie (Univ. of Dayton)

EIU ROSTER BY CLASS

Graduate Student / 5th Year	4
Senior	4
Junior	10
Sophomore	26
COVID-Freshman	32
Freshman	26

EIU ROSTER BY STATE

Alabama	2
Colorado	1
Connecticut	1
Florida	5
Georgia	3
Illinois	56
Indiana	4
Iowa	2
Kentucky	7
Michigan	5
Missouri	2
New York	1
North Carolina	2
Ohio	10
Oklahoma	1
Pennsylvania	1
South Carolina	2
Tennessee	1
Texas	4
Wisconsin	2
Finland	1

EIU OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

4 ... Otto Kuhns.....	6-3	205	Fr
9 ... Chris Katrenick.....	6-3	215	R-So

RUNNING BACK

1 ... Markenzy Piere.....	5-11	215	R-Jr
32 ... Harrison Bey-Buie.....	5-10	205	Fr

SUPER BACK

44 ... Nick Stricker.....	6-2	245	So
31 ... Antony Manaves.....	6-4	225	R-Fr

LEFT TACKLE

67 ... Chad Strickland.....	6-5	280	So
78 ... Bryson Broadway.....	6-5	255	Fr

LEFT GUARD

72 ... Elkhanan Tanelus.....	6-2	330	So
68 ... Simon France.....	6-1	265	Fr

CENTER

61 ... Ben Solomon.....	6-2	300	R-Jr
77 ... Ivan Gleyzer.....	6-4	290	So

RIGHT GUARD

77 ... Ivan Gleyzer.....	6-4	290	So
62 ... Michael McNicholas.....	6-4	310	R-Fr

RIGHT TACKLE

78 ... Bryson Broadway.....	6-5	255	Fr
58 ... Anthony Imperio.....	6-4	275	So

RECEIVER

21 ... Tyler Ringwood.....	6-2	215	R-Sr
5 ... Matt Judd.....	6-2	185	R-Fr

RECEIVER

19 ... Robbie Lofton.....	6-3	185	R-Sr
82 ... Xander Richards.....	6-4	180	R-So

RECEIVER

6 ... Tyler Hamiton.....	5-9	175	Fr
2 ... DeWayne Cooks.....	6-2	155	R-So

EIU COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Adam Cushing (Univ. of Chicago, 2002 - 3rd year)
(Career Record 2-17; OVC Record 2-12)

Defensive Coordinator: Chris Bowers (3rd year)

Offensive Coordinator/SB's: John Kuceyeski (3rd year) -- booth

Defensive Backs: Cliff Odom (2nd year)

Safeties & co-Special Teams: Neal Renna (3rd year) -- booth

Defensive Line: Adam Morris (2nd year)

Linebackers: Adam Gristick (4th year) -- booth

Graduate Assistant Defensive Coach: Jim Phelps (1st year)

Running Backs & co-Special Teams: Omar Young (3rd year) -- booth

Wide Receivers: Mark Philmore II (3rd year)

Quarterbacks: Chris Batti (3rd year)

Offensive Line: Dan Hernandez (3rd year)

Graduate Assistant Offensive Coach: Mark Gorogianis (1st year)

Asst. Head Coach / Director of Football Ops: Jesse Walton (3rd year)

Director of Football Performance: Derek Stein (2nd year)

Trainer: Scott Goehner (1st year)

Equipment Manager: Clint Bays (13th year)

Quality Control Staff:

Jimmy Meussling, Brian Gorsky, Andrew Zimmer, DJ Marquard,
Payton Naylon, Chris Rouse, Andrew Tabit, Dan Bauer

EIU DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE END

91 ... Jordan Miles.....	6-2	215	Fr
90 ... Michael Young Jr.....	6-0	220	Fr

NOSE TACKLE

93 ... Cameron Leach.....	6-1	285	So
99 ... Jaron Hacha.....	5-11	255	Fr

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

12 ... Justin Growel.....	6-4	260	R-Sr
54 ... Drake Van Hyfte.....	6-4	240	Fr

DEFENSIVE END/LINEBACKER

97 ... Tim Varga.....	6-3	240	So
92 ... James Ubaike.....	6-4	280	R-Sr

LINEBACKER

45 ... Colin Bohanek.....	6-0	210	Fr
51 ... Payton Orth.....	5-11	210	Fr

LINEBACKER

8 ... Jason Johnson.....	6-2	200	So
40 ... Phoenix Porter.....	6-1	210	Fr

CORNERBACK

3 ... Russell Dandy.....	6-0	175	Jr
25 ... Charles Shelton IV.....	5-11	160	R-So

SAFETY

0 ... Bryce Dewberry.....	5-10	210	Jr
37 ... Devin Blakely.....	5-10	175	R-Fr

FREE SAFETY

22 ... Kaelin Drakeford.....	6-4	185	Fr
2 ... Mark Aitken.....	5-9	175	R-Fr

STRONG SAFETY

1 ... Jordan Vincent.....	5-10	185	Fr
38 ... Blake Ruffin.....	6-4	200	Fr

CORNERBACK

7 ... Tyris Harvey.....	5-11	165	Fr
9 ... Elijah Benoit.....	6-0	170	R-Jr

EIU SPECIALISTS

KICKER

53 ... Stone Galloway.....	5-11	205	So
63 ... Will Orth.....	5-10	150	Fr

KICKOFF

89 ... Daniel Luoma.....	6-2	205	Fr
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PUNTER

80 ... Logen Neidhardt.....	6-2	220	Sr
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HOLDER

13 ... Cooper Willman.....	6-1	180	Fr
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LONG SNAPPER

69 ... Stephen Elmore (FG).....	6-0	240	Jr
66 ... Jack Valente (PUNT).....	6-4	250	Fr

PUNT RETURNS

13 ... Cooper Willman.....	6-1	180	Fr
5 ... Matt Judd.....	6-2	185	R-Fr

KICK RETURNS

5 ... Matt Judd.....	6-2	185	R-Fr
13 ... Cooper Willman.....	6-1	180	Fr
21 ... Demetrius Garrett.....	5-11	155	Fr



GAME 1 - Aug. 28, 2021

Eastern Illinois 21
Indiana State 26

Terre Haute, Ind.
 Memorial Field (5,540)

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
Eastern Illinois	0	7	7	7	21
Indiana State.....	7	3	7	9	26

FIRST QUARTER

INS - Kerlegrand 3 run (Selzer kick) - 9:12

SECOND QUARTER

INS - Selzer 48 field goal - 13:01
 EIU - Bey-Buie 2 run (Galloway kick) - 6:56

THIRD QUARTER

INS - Haupt 44 run (Selzer kick) - 13:59
 EIU - Hamilton 4 run (Galloway kick) - 11:49

FOURTH QUARTER

INS - Thomas 75 interception return (Selzer kick) - 13:16
 EIU - Kuhns 1 run (Galloway kick) - 2:56
 INS - Moala safety - 0:00

TEAM STATS EIU INS

First Downs.....	21	13
Rushes-Yards.....	40-125	33-158
Passing-Yards.....	253	87
Comp-Att-Int.....	14-29-2	13-23-0
Total Offense.....	378	245
Fumbles-Lost.....	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards.....	9-79	9-79
Int Returns-Yards-TD.....	0-0-0	2-75-0
Time of Possession.....	24:35	24:28
Sacks-Yards.....	0-0	5-35

LEADERS

RUSHING (No-Yds-TD)

EIU - Bey-Buie (11-57-1), Pierre (11-46-0)
 INS - Kerlegrand (19-73-1), Haupt (5-59-1)

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

EIU - Kuhns (29-14-2-253-0)
 INS - Thompson (23-13-0-87-0)

RECEIVING (No -Yds -TD)

EIU - Ringwood (5-116-0), Lofton (4-35-0)
 INS - Morgan (6-26-0), Hendrix (5-52-0)

DEFENSE (Tackles - Solo, Assist, TFL)

EIU - J. Johnson (4-4-0.5), Bohanek (2-4-0)
 INS - Thomas (7-3-0), Stephen (2-6-1)

RECAP

Indiana State took advantage of two key Eastern Illinois turnovers as the Sycamores slid past the Panthers 26-21 in a Week Zero contest. Trailing 17-14, EIU fumbled the ball inside the redzone midway through the third quarter. Following a defensive stand that gave EIU the ball back, Michael Thomas ended a Panthers drive with a 75-yard interception return for touchdown which put ISU up 24-14 early in the fourth quarter. EIU would go on a 19-play drive to get within one score with just under three minutes remaining and the defense would get the ball back one final time for EIU. On the final play of the game, ISU recorded a safety to end the scoring. Tyler Ringwood had a nice EIU debut hauling in five passes for 116 yards.

2021 EIU PANTHERS FOOTBALL
EASTERN ILLINOIS Game Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	Ohio Valley Record	Time	Attend
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Aug 28, 2021	at Indiana State	21-26 L	0-1	0-0	3:26	5,540

* indicates Ohio Valley Conferece game

2021 EASTERN ILLINOIS STARTERS

OPPONENT	WR	WR	RT	RG	C	LG	LT	WR	SB/WR	RB	QB
Indiana State	Lofton	Hamilton	Broadway	Gleyzer	Solomon	Tanelus	Strickland	Ringwood	Cooks	Pierre	Kuhns

OPPONENT	DE	NT	DT	DE	LB	LB	CB	SAF	SAF	SAF	CB
Indiana State	Growel	Leach	Varga	Miles	Bohanek	J. Johnson	Dandy	Dewberry	Drakeford	Vincent	Harvey

Eastern Illinois Panther Football
 Eastern Illinois Overall Team Statistics (as of Aug 31, 2021)
 All games

Team Statistics	EIU	OPP
SCORING	21	26
Points Per Game	21.0	26.0
Points Off Turnovers	0	7
FIRST DOWNS	21	13
Rushing	9	6
Passing	8	5
Penalty	4	2
RUSHING YARDAGE	125	158
Yards gained rushing	171	162
Yards lost rushing	46	4
Rushing Attempts	40	33
Average Per Rush	3.1	4.8
Average Per Game	125.0	158.0
TDs Rushing	3	2
PASSING YARDAGE	253	87
Comp-Att-Int	14-29-2	13-23-0
Average Per Pass	8.7	3.8
Average Per Catch	18.1	6.7
Average Per Game	253.0	87.0
TDs Passing	0	0
TOTAL OFFENSE	378	245
Total Plays	69	56
Average Per Play	5.5	4.4
Average Per Game	378.0	245.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	2-33	2-50
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	2-9	1-14
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	0-0	2-0
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	16.5	25.0
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	4.5	14.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	0.0	0.0
FUMBLES-LOST	1-1	0-0
PENALTIES-Yards	9-79	9-79
Average Per Game	79.0	79.0
PUNTS-Yards	4-173	7-265
Average Per Punt	43.2	37.9
Net punt average	39.8	36.6
KICKOFFS-Yards	4-242	5-262
Average Per Kick	60.5	52.4
Net kick average	35.5	40.8
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	35:32	24:28
3RD-DOWN Conversions	4/13	3/14
3rd-Down Pct	31%	21%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	2/2	2/2
4th-Down Pct	100%	100%
SACKS BY-Yards	0-0	5-35
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	3	3
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	0-1	1-2
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(3-3) 100%	(1-2) 50%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(3-3) 100%	(1-2) 50%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(3-3) 100%	(3-3) 100%
ATTENDANCE	0	5540
Games/Avg Per Game	0/0	1/5540
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Eastern Illinois	0	7	7	7	0	21
Opponents	7	3	7	9	0	26

Eastern Illinois Panther Football
 Eastern Illinois Overall Individual Statistics (as of Aug 31, 2021)
 All games

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
BEY-BUIE, Harrison	1	11	57	0	57	5.2	1	18	57.0
PIERRE,Markenzy	1	11	50	4	46	4.2	0	12	46.0
YOUNG, Kendi	1	6	35	7	28	4.7	0	20	28.0
HAMILTON, Tyler	1	1	4	0	4	4.0	1	4	4.0
KUHNS, Otto	1	11	25	35	-10	-0.9	1	9	-10.0
Total	1	40	171	46	125	3.1	3	20	125.0
Opponents	1	33	162	4	158	4.8	2	44	158.0

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
KUHNS, Otto	1	107.77	14-29-2	48.3	253	0	61	253.0
Total	1	107.77	14-29-2	48.3	253	0	61	253.0
Opponents	1	88.30	13-23-0	56.5	87	0	25	87.0

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
RINGWOOD, Tyler	1	5	116	23.2	0	61	116.0
LOFTON, Robbie	1	4	35	8.8	0	15	35.0
FOULKES, Arron	1	2	39	19.5	0	26	39.0
RICHARDS,Xander	1	1	33	33.0	0	33	33.0
HAMILTON, Tyler	1	1	15	15.0	0	15	15.0
COOKS, DeWayne	1	1	15	15.0	0	15	15.0
Total	1	14	253	18.1	0	61	253.0
Opponents	1	13	87	6.7	0	25	87.0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
WILLMAN, Cooper	2	9	4.5	0	5
Total	2	9	4.5	0	5
Opponents	1	14	14.0	0	14

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	2	0	0.0	0	0

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
JUDD, Matt	2	33	16.5	0	20
Total	2	33	16.5	0	20
Opponents	2	50	25.0	0	27

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	1	75	75.0	1	75

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
BEY-BUIE, Harrison	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
HAMILTON, Tyler	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
KUHNS, Otto	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
GALLOWAY, Stone	-	0-1	3-3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total	3	0-1	3-3	-	-	-	-	-	21
Opponents	3	1-2	3-3	-	-	-	-	1	26

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
KUHNS, Otto	1	40	-10	253	243	243.0
BEY-BUIE, Harrison	1	11	57	0	57	57.0
PIERRE,Markenzy	1	11	46	0	46	46.0
YOUNG, Kendi	1	6	28	0	28	28.0
HAMILTON, Tyler	1	1	4	0	4	4.0
Total	1	69	125	253	378	378.0
Opponents	1	56	158	87	245	245.0

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
GALLOWAY, Stone	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	0

FG Sequence	Eastern Illinois	Opponents
Indiana St.	46	(48),40

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
NEIDHARDT,Logen	4	173	43.2	45	0	2	1	0	0
Total	4	173	43.2	45	0	2	1	0	0
Opponents	7	265	37.9	49	0	2	1	0	0

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
LUOMA, Daniel	4	242	60.5	2	0			
Total	4	242	60.5	2	0	25.0	35.5	29
Opponents	5	262	52.4	1	0	16.5	40.8	24

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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
RINGWOOD, Ty	1	0	116	0	0	0	116	116.0
BEY-BUIE, Harri	1	57	0	0	0	0	57	57.0
PIERRE,Marken	1	46	0	0	0	0	46	46.0
FOULKES, Arro	1	0	39	0	0	0	39	39.0
LOFTON, Robbi	1	0	35	0	0	0	35	35.0
JUDD, Matt	1	0	0	0	33	0	33	33.0
RICHARDS,Xan	1	0	33	0	0	0	33	33.0
YOUNG, Kendi	1	28	0	0	0	0	28	28.0
HAMILTON, Tyl	1	4	15	0	0	0	19	19.0
COOKS, DeWay	1	0	15	0	0	0	15	15.0
WILLMAN, Coop	1	0	0	9	0	0	9	9.0
KUHNS, Otto	1	-10	0	0	0	0	-10	-10.0
Total	1	125	253	9	33	0	420	420.0
Opponents	1	158	87	14	50	0	309	309.0

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#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot				int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
8D	JOHNSON, Jason	1	4	4	8	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	BOHANEK, Colin	1	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9D	BENOIT, Elijah	1	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	PORTER, Phoenix	1	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	DRAKEFORD, Kaelin	1	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3D	DANDY, Russell	1	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1D	VINCENT, Jordan	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
93	LEACH, Cameron	1	1	2	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	YOUNG, Michael	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
0D	DEWBERRY, Bryce	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	VARGA, Tim	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
12	GROWEL, Justin	1	1	1	2	1.0-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
7D	HARVEY, Tyris	1	.	2	2	0.5-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
38	RUFFIN, Blake	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	SHELTON, Charles	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2D	AITKEN, Mark	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89	LUOMA, Daniel	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	BLAKELY, Devin	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	HACHA, Jaron	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	MILES, Jordan	1	1	.	1	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Total	1	31	26	57	3-4	0-0	.	3	5	.	.	.	.	.
	Opponents	1	39	30	69	9-46	5-35	2-0	4	7	1-75	1	.	1	.