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CHARLESTON, IL.--Four Eastern Illinois University football players have been cited for Division I-AA All-America honors by the Associated Press.

Jerry Wright (Chicago-Collins), senior wide receiver, was chosen to the Third Team while sophomore quarterback Sean Payton (Naperville-Central), senior linebacker Tyrone Covington (Chicago-Morgan Park) and sophomore wide receiver Roy Banks (Detroit, MI-King) were selected on the Honorable Mention list.

It's repeat honors for Wright and Covington who were picked HM last season. Wright set a single season school record with 76 catches and a career record with 2522 yards. Covington set a season record for most tackles (172) and single game mark (25).

Payton, the Mid-Continent Conference's 'player of the year', set nine EIU game and season records and 16 MCC records for passing and total offense.

His 1984 stats were 270-473-15 passing for 3483 yards and 28 TDs, averaging just under 350 yards per game. He was No. 2 in the country in total offense (333 yards per game).

Banks set EIU and MCC single season records for most pass receiving yardage (1269) and touchdowns (17), and ranked No. 2 in NCAA I-AA in each category.