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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University linebacker Ira Jefferson (Momence) and defensive tackle Keith Wojnowski (St. Anne) have been named Associated Press Honorable Mention All-American.

The selection was by a vote of the nation's sports writers/broadcasters.

Both Jefferson, a senior four year letterman, and Wojnowski, a junior, were earlier named to the First Team All-Mid Continent Conference.

Jefferson led the Panthers in nearly every defensive statistical category with 95 tackles including 73 solos, 15 quarterback sacks, 16 tackles for loss and three fumble recoveries.

He was the MCC Defensive 'Player of the Week' once this season and team 'Player of the Game' four times. During his career he had 317 tackles including 180 solos and 26 QB sacks.

Wojnowski started every game at left tackle leading the defensive linemen in tackles and third overall on the team with 75. He had 39 solos, 36 assists, nine tackles for loss, a fumble recovery and quarterback sack.

EIU finished 6-5, its fourth straight winning season. During the past four years Eastern was 36-14, the best won-lost mark among Illinois state universities.