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PANTHERS VS. LEATHERNECKS

GAME: Eastern Illinois University (4-2) vs. Western Illinois University (2-4)
1:30 p.m. CDT, Hanson Field (17,000 cap.), Macomb, IL

OCCASION: WIU's Homecoming

THE SERIES: Western leads in this intra-state rivalry, 30-12-4. The Leathernecks have dominated since 1969 winning nine of 11 with one tie. The Panthers last defeated Western in the 1978 championship season, 40-12, at WIU.

LAST YEAR: Western won, 10-7, on ABC-TV's Regional 'Game of the Week' snapping EIU's 13-game winning streak which was the longest in the nation at that time, regardless of division. Cornerback Reggie Johnson intercepted QB Steve Turk in the endzone with 28 seconds left to thwart EIU's last drive. The Panthers were on the seven yard line. WIU tight end Mike Maher, a returning All-American, caught six passes for 65 yards but the Panther defense limited the Leathernecks to just 79 yards rushing. Poke Cobb rushed for 165 yards, EIU's lone offensive output.

PANTHER PRINTS: The Panthers take a three game winning streak into Saturday's contest while the Leathernecks have lost three straight . . . EIU's defense is closing in on a school record for most interceptions . . . the Panthers have 16, just nine shy of the record . . . overall EIU has forced the opposition to give up the football 32 times counting interceptions, fumble recoveries, blocked punts, and unsuccessful fourth down plays . . . the Panther defense has aided the offense through excellent field position . . . the average touchdown drive has been 35 yards this season . . . during the three game winning streak the Panthers have averaged 37 points while the opposition averaged 12 . . . the No. 8 ranked Panthers could move up in the NCAA II poll since three teams ahead of them lost Saturday.

McGHEE MOVES ALONG: Scott McGhee (Palos Heights) is now EIU's No. 2 pass receiver with 1564 yards . . . No. 1 on the list is Willie White with 2197 . . . McGhee also has 20 career TDs, tied at No. 2 with White and just two behind James Warring . . . McGhee was awarded the Outstanding Player Award by the Ohio Prince Hall Shriners, who sponsored the Central State game Saturday . . . McGhee had six catches for 79 yards and a 19 yard TD.

KEY MATCHUP: The Panthers four-man defensive front against Western's five man offensive interior should be the key matchup among segments . . . the Panthers average 6-2, 243 while WIU goes 6-3, 243 . . . EIU is led by All-American's Pete Catan (Penfield, NY) and Randy Melvin (Aurora-West) while Western is led by 6-3, 256 Don Greco, a 2nd team AP All-American, at right guard.

MELVIN vs. GRECO: Melvin gets the assignment to go one-on-one against Greco, says defensive coordinator Chuck Dickerson. "Greco is a great player but Randy's done the job for us, too, so it's two All-Americans going at it . . . we expect Randy to get ready for his personal best . . . in fact, we challenge these two players to see who's better . . . when the game's over we'd like to judge who's the best."

PROBABLE STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

Eastern Illinois

90	Otis Grant (6-2, 175, Sr.)	SE
77	Carl Dobrich (6-6, 260, Sr.)	LT
79	Steve Parker (6-4, 255, Sr.)	LG
76	George Tuzil (6-4, 230, So.)	C
62	Blair Brown (6-1, 245, Sr.)	RG
70	Clinton Davenport (6-4, 245, Sr.)	RT
81	Rob Mehalic (6-2, 215, Jr.)	TE
14	Chuck Wright (6-1, 205, Sr.)	QB
8	Kevin Staple (5-8, 170, Fr.)	TB
45	Rod Slaughter (6-1, 210, Sr.)	FB
25	Scott McGhee (5-10, 170, Sr.)	FL

Western Illinois

82	Bob Gablin (6-0, 185, Jr.)
76	Kyle Peterson (6-5, 247, Jr.)
61	Bill Jensen (6-1, 232, So.)
78	Alex Tsakiris (6-3, 219, Sr.)
72	Don Greco (6-3, 256, Sr.)
75	John Stadnik (6-4, 263, So.)
81	Mike Maher (6-5, 230, Sr.)
8	John Staback (6-0, 182, Sr.)
9	Jeff White (6-1, 197, Jr.)
35	Dace Richardson (5-11, 205, Sr.)
or 44	Mike Hembrough (6-0, 198, So.)
80	Marty Miller (5-11, 178, Sr.)

DEFENSE

61	Mike Cox (6-3, 200, Sr.)	LE	45	Regis Dansdill (6-2, 212, Jr.)
73	Randy Melvin (5-11, 250, Sr.)	LT	65	Tim Barbian (6-4, 229, Jr.)
66	Charlie Krutsinger (6-4, 260, Sr.)	RT	94	Keith Steffens (6-3, 232, Sr.)
83	Pete Catan (6-3, 250, Sr.)	RE	56	Mark Scott (6-3, 197, Jr.)
46	Ira Jefferson (5-9, 225, Jr.)	OLB	86	Mike Orr (6-2, 210, Jr.)
51	Bill Mines (6-1, 215, So.)	MLB·MG	93	Mark Salz (6-1, 201, So.)
57	Tom Murray (6-2, 220, Jr.)	OLB	39	Pat Bayers (6-0, 214, So.)
44	Rich Brown (5-11, 175, Sr.)	CB	43	Thad Freeman (5-11, 175, Jr.)
20	Wilbert James (6-1, 175, Jr.)	CB	29	Reggie Johnson (5-11, 182, Sr.)
12	Don Pittman (5-11, 190, Sr.)	SS	33	Erskin Bassette (6-1, 175, So.)
10	Kevin Gray (6-1, 180, Jr.)	FS	38	Rod Anderson (5-11, 190, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

26	Don Manzke	P	13	Grant Smith
24	Ray DeLong	KO	63	Bob Schachner
18	Terry Rolheiser	PAT/FG	63	Bob Schachner
8	Kevin Staple	KO RET	44	Mike Hembrough
25	Scott McGhee	P RET	7	Daryl Mosby

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY SIX-GAME FOOTBALL STATISTICS (4-2)

<u>Rushing</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>ATT</u>	<u>GAIN</u>	<u>LOST</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>P/GAME</u>	<u>P/CARRY</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>
Rod Slaughter	6	65	255	23	232	38.6	3.6	3	21(SD)
Laurent Baker	5	38	119	14	105	21.0	2.8	3	16(SIU)
Tyrone Davis	5	37	154	9	145	29.0	3.9	1	26(CSU)
Chuck Wright	6	14	35	77	-42	-	-	1	14(SD)
Kevin Staple	6	56	301	5	296	49.3	5.3	1	22(NEMO)
Keith McFadden	4	25	112	16	96	24.0	3.8	1	24(CSU)
Jeff Christensen	6	23	38	64	-26	-	-	-	8(SIU, ISU)
Darryon White	1	2	5	0	5	5.0	2.5	-	5(NEMO)
Doug Harris	1	1	2	0	2	2.0	2.0	-	2(SD)
EIU TOTALS	6	261	1021	208	813	135.5	3.1	10	26(CSU)
OPPONENTS	6	291	1167	254	913	152.2	3.1	10	60(ISU)

<u>Passing</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CPL</u>	<u>ATT</u>	<u>INT</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>P/GAME</u>	<u>P/CPL</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>
Chuck Wright	6	45	99	6	608	.454	101.3	13.5	6	33(ISU)
Jeff Christensen	6	44	94	6	572	.468	95.3	13.0	7	40(ISU)
Dirk Androff	1	0	3	1	0	.000	0.0	0.0	0	-
EIU TOTALS	6	89	196	13	1180	.454	196.6	13.2	13	40(ISU)
OPPONENTS	6	66	161	16	603	.410	100.5	9.1	3	39(SD)

<u>Pass Receiving</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>P/CATCH</u>	<u>P/GAME</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>TEAM TOTALS</u>	<u>EIU</u>	<u>OPP</u>
Scott McGhee	23	407	17.7	67.8	9	40(ISU)	FIRST DOWNS	110	85
Otis Grant	14	261	18.6	43.5	2	30(SD)	by Rushing	47	48
Laurent Baker	7	61	8.7	15.2	-	19(SD)	by Passing	54	28
Rob Mehalic	15	159	10.6	26.5	2	18(NEMO)	by Penalty	9	9
Scott Weber	4	45	11.2	7.5	-	22(ISU)	TOTAL OFFENSE	1993	1516
Rod Slaughter	15	156	10.4	26.0	-	33(ISU)	Per Game	332.2	252.7
Ricky Davis	3	33	11.0	11.0	-	20(ISU)	Total Plays	457	452
Kevin Staple	2	13	6.5	2.2	-	9(ISU)	Yards p/play	4.4	3.3
Mike Magee	3	33	11.0	11.0	-	15(CSU)	Penalties	39	36
Tyrone Davis	2	17	8.5	2.8	-	11(SD)	Penalty Yards	375	316
Doug Harris	1	-5	-	-	-	-	Fumbles/Lost	20/10	21/7
EIU TOTALS	89	1180	13.2	196.6	13	40(ISU)			
OPPONENTS	66	603	9.1	100.5	3	39(SD)			

<u>Punting</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>SCORE BY QUARTERS</u>					
Don Manzke	35	1439	41.1	58(ISU)						
Jeff Christensen	3	116	38.5	48(SIU)						
EIU TOTALS	38	1555	40.9	58(ISU)	EIU	40	52	27	62-181	(30.2)
OPPONENTS	47	1570	33.4	78(SD)	OPP	56	10	15	27-108	(18.0)

<u>Returns</u>	<u>KO</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>PT</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>
Kevin Staple	16	375	23.4	1	80(SIU)	-	-	-	-	-
Doug Harris	1	4	4.0	-	4(SD)	-	-	-	-	-
Ricky Davis	1	8	8.0	-	8(ISU)	-	-	-	-	-
Kevin Gray	-	-	-	-	-	1	-5	-	-	-
Scott McGhee	-	-	-	-	-	12	79	6.6	-	22(SIU)
EIU TOTALS	18	387	21.5	1	80(SIU)	13	74	5.7	-	22(SIU)
OPPONENTS	23	345	15.0	-	39(ISU)	13	87	6.7	-	31(SD)

<u>Scoring</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>PATK</u>	<u>PATP</u>	<u>PATR</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>SAF</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>GAME SCORES</u>		
Scott McGhee	9	-	-	-	-	-	54			
Chuck Wright	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	<u>EIU</u>	<u>OPP</u>	
Kevin Staple	2	-	-	-	-	-	12			
Don Pittman	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	34	21	S. Dakota (6500)
Laurent Baker	3	-	-	1	-	-	20			
Otis Grant	2	-	-	-	-	-	12	35	37	at Southern. Ill. (17,150)
Terry Rolheiser	-	20-25	-	-	1-2	-	23			
Rob Mehalic	2	-	-	-	-	-	12	0	14	at Indiana State (15,368)
Rod Slaughter	3	-	-	-	-	-	18			
Tyrone Davis	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	41	7	NE Missouri (5,700)
Chris Merenowicz	1	-	-	-	-	-	6			
Keith McFadden	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	31	14	Illinois State (10,500)
EIU TOTALS	26	20-25	-	1-1	1-2	-	181			(10,500)
OPPONENTS	*14	13-13	-	1-1	3-9	-	108	40	15	at Central State (3500)

* one TD by 41 yd. intercepted fumble

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

PLAYER	T	AT	QB	TFL	FR	FF	Interceptions	FG	EXP	PASS	PUNT
			SACKS				NO.-YDS.-TD				
Kevin Gray	27	25	-	3	1	-	3-73-0	-	-	-	-
Don Pittman	31	11	-	1	-	-	5-109-1	-	-	-	1
Wilbert James	12	9	-	1	-	1	4-7-0	-	-	-	-
Ira Jefferson	35	17	1	3	1	3	-	-	-	-	1
Alonzo Lee	19	17	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bill Mines	20	14	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tom Murray	23	13	-	3	1	-	1-0-0	-	-	-	-
Charlie Krutsinger	28	26	2	4	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Keith Wojnowski	7	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Steve Parker	3	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-
Rocky Becker	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Randy Melvin	36	24	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pete Catan	24	22	4	8	1	2	-	1	-	4	-
Jim Lyles	4	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Randy Harms	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kevin Jones	5	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Chris Merenowicz	4	-	-	-	-	-	1-25-1	-	-	-	-
Rich Brown	12	5	-	1	-	-	1-8-0	-	-	-	-
Mike Cox	16	11	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Rick Shipbaugh	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mike Schell	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ortega Jackson	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greg Duncan	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ed Forst	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brad Yakos	2	-	-	-	-	-	1-9-0	-	-	-	-
Bryant Hobbs	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EIU TOTALS	317	217	13	32	7	8	16-231-2	1	-	9	2

KEY: T(Tackle) AT(Assisted Tackle) TFL(Thrown for Loss) FR(Fumble Recovered)
 FF(Forced Fumble)