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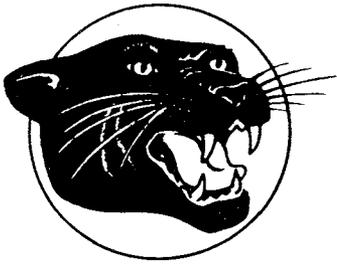
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# Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Defensive tackle Randy Melvin (Aurora-West) lived up to his All-American rating and quarterback Chuck Wright (Canton) had his best game to earn Defensive and Offensive 'Player of the Week' honors for their performance in Eastern Illinois University's 37-7 win over Western Illinois Saturday at Macomb.

Melvin, an Honorable Mention All-American, had 11 solo tackles, two assisted tackles, a quarterback sack, a tackle for loss and forced fumble.

"He had a fantastic game against Don Greco, who reportedly is the best offensive lineman in the conference," said defensive coordinator Chuck Dickerson. "Randy consistently whipped him all day long."

Wright completed 15 of 19 passes with just one interception for 228 yards and two touchdowns, both to Scott McGhee (Palos Heights-Sandburg) who tied a school career TD pass reception record with 22.

"This was definitely Chuck's best game . . . he was flawless," said offensive coordinator Dennis Shaw, "plus he was playing in front of hometown people since Canton is very near Macomb."

For the fifth time in seven games, Kevin Gray (Chicago-Hyde Park/Kennedy-King JC) was the secondary 'Player of the Week' after intercepting a pass and returning it 56 yards for a touchdown, plus recovering a fumble and forcing another.

"Besides the stats, Kevin did a nice job in man coverage and stole the ball right out of the hands of their All-American tight end," said Assistant Coach Rick Schachner.

Alonzo Lee (Washington, DC-Dunbar) was named linebacker 'Player of the Week' by assistant Jeff Gardner. "Alonzo really had a nose for the ball Saturday . . . he forced a fumble, recovered a fumble and knocked one of their quarterbacks out of the game all on the same play," Gardner said.

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Clinton Davenport (Washington, DC-Woodson) is the offensive lineman of the week after "playing his best game of the season," said Coach Ray Ogas. "Clinton's run and pass blocking were both very consistent."

Rob Mehalic (Streator-Woodland) is the receiving corps 'Player of the Week'. Mehalic caught four passes for 77 yards, including a 40 yarder that got EIU out of a hole on its own two yard line.

"Rob made some key catches in clutch situations, plus his blocking was very consistent," said Shaw. Mehalic's seven-game totals are 19 catches for 236 yards and two TDs.

Mike Murray (Arlington Heights-St. Viator), brother of starting linebacker Tom Murray, made his presence known earning the specialty team 'Player of the Week' honors.

"Mike has two solo tackles, one assisted tackle, caused a fumble and recovered a fumble," said Coach CHuck Budde. "Usually it's only the kicker who gets noticed, but I thought Mike had one of the best specialty games anyone could have."