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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's football team has received an invitation to compete in the NCAA II playoffs.

The Panthers, 9-2 and ranked No. 1 in NCAA II, will host a first round playoff game at O'Brien Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 29.

Game time is 12:30 p.m. The NCAA selection committee will not announce EIU's opponent until next Sunday (Nov. 23) pending the outcome of some important contests on Saturday (Nov. 22).

This is the second time in three years the Panthers will compete in the NCAA II tournament. Eastern was national champ in 1978.

They assured themselves the berth by setting or tying seven school records in a 52-13 win over Augustana (SD) Saturday.

The records were:

Most Team Passing Yardage, Season: 2719 (old, 2562 in 1978)

Most Team Touchdown Passes, Season: 28 (old, 25 in 1979)

Most Team Passes Completed, Season: 186 (old, 167 in 1978)

Individual TD Pass Receptions, Season: Scott McGhee, 16 (old, 14 by James Warring in 1978)

Tied, Most Touchdowns Scored, Season: Scott McGhee 16
(Previous, 16 by Poke Cobb, 1978)

Tied, Most Points Scored, Season: Scott McGhee, 96
(Previous, 96 by Poke Cobb, 1978)

Tied, Team TD Passes, Game: 5 (Previous, 5 vs. Northern Iowa, Northern Michigan, 1978)

Also, current eight game winning streak ties second longest in school history.