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CHARLESTON, IL--Jeff Christensen (Gibson City), Eastern Illinois University quarterback, set six school records to lead the Panthers to their fourth straight winning season.

In the process the 6-3 junior was chosen Second Team All-Mid Continent Conference behind Northern Iowa's veteran Steve Sandon.

Christensen set a single game record for pass competitions (32), season marks for passing yardage (2672), passes attempted (430), pass completions (222) and total offense (2626), and a career mark for passing yardage (4012).

He also finished No. 4 in NCAA I-AA national stats for total offense with 239 yards per game.

His per game average was 20 completions in 40 attempts for 243 yards. He threw 17 touchdown passes but also had 22 pass interceptions.

"Jeff was inconsistent at the beginning but settled down to really lead the team the latter part of the season," said offensive coordinator Mike Faulkner.

"He stayed in the pocket better and moved the team well . . . looking off receivers and concentrating on reading defenses. Due to some inexperienced receivers a lot of his balls were right on the money but dropped."

In the last three games, two of which EIU won, Christensen completed 63% of his passes (73-116) and had just two interceptions. During this stretch he completed a conference record 71 passes without an interception.

Eastern finished 6-5 for its fourth straight winning season. During three years the Panthers have a 36-14 record, the best collegiate won-lost mark among Illinois state schools.