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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL.--Robert Williams (Chicago-Dunbar), Eastern Illinois University free safety, has been chosen to the American Football Coaches Association I-AA All-American football team.

It's the second straight year Williams has been selected to the squad, which is sponsored by Kodak, and the sixth straight year that an EIU player has been chosen.

Williams, though, is the first Panther to be picked twice, and is one of four repeaters on the 1983 squad. Previous Eastern athletes selected were Nate Anderson in 1972, James Warring in 1978, Poke Cobb in 1979, Pete Catan in 1980, and Kevin Gray in 1981.

At 5-10,190, Williams was third on the team in tackles this fall with 90 total including 46 solos and a team high seven pass interceptions which tied for eighth in I-AA stats.

He started three seasons in the defensive backfield for EIU, the previous two at strong safety before switching to free safety this fall. He had 259 career tackles with 12 pass interceptions.

Eastern finished the year with a 9-3 record losing in the first round of the NCAA I-AA playoffs, 16-13, to Indiana State in double overtime. It's the second straight year the Panthers were selected for the I-AA tournament.

The complete Kodak All-American team is as follows:

OFFENSE

QB Ken Hobart	Idaho
RB Rich Erenberg	Colgate
RB Paul Lewis	Boston University
WR Jerry Rice	Mississippi Valley
WR Ray Alexander	Florida A & M
TE Brian Salonen	Montana
OL Mark Cannon	Texas-Arlington
OL Chris Sullivan	Eastern Kentucky
OL Roger Carroll	Middle Tennessee
OL Mario Shaffer	William & Mary
OL Ralph Green	South Carolina State
PL Tony Zendejas	Nevada-Reno

DEFENSE

DB Terry Taylor	Southern Illinois
DB ROBERT WILLIAMS	EASTERN ILLINOIS
DB Ernest Gibson	Furman
DL Ed Martin	Indiana State
DL Steve Raquet	Holy Cross
DL Rayford Cooks	North Texas State
DL Tony DeLuca	Rhode Island
DL Robert Smith	Brambling
LB John Dorsey	Connecticut
LB John Shigo	Lehigh
LB Gary Reasons	Northwestern (La.) State
P Bret Wright	Southeastern Louisiana