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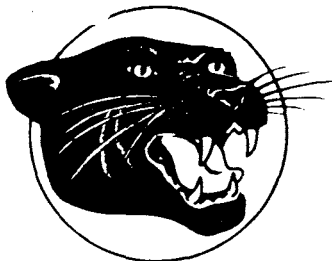
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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Two-time NCAA I-AA football playoff participant Eastern Illinois University has released its 1984 football schedule featuring a home game against NCAA I-AA National Champion Southern Illinois.

The 11-game schedule, with six home games, was announced Monday (Feb. 20) by Athletic Director R. C. Johnson.

The Panthers open the season at Grand Valley State on September 1. Then followup the next Saturday (Sept. 8) at Indiana State in Terre Haute in a rematch of last Thanksgiving weekend's NCAA I-AA playoff game with the Sycamores.

The first home game will be September 15 with Northeast Missouri, and honor Hall of Fame inductees. The season highlight, though, will be the SIU contest when the defending champion Salukis come to O'Brien Stadium for a Homecoming matchup on October 13.

The only first time opponent is the University of Toledo from the Mid-American Conference. EIU will play there on September 22 in a night game.

Conference games are at Western Illinois on October 20, at Southwest Missouri on October 27 and a home game with Northern Iowa on November 3.

Parents Weekend will be November 10 with Western Kentucky providing the opposition. The other two home games are Ferris State on September 29 and Illinois State on October 6.

"We believe this is an extremely challenging schedule," said Johnson. "Obviously the Southern Illinois game will be the one fans point to but Northern Iowa, Western Kentucky and Illinois State are three other improved I-AA teams coming here."

The complete schedule is as follows:

Sept. 1 (12:30 CDT)	at Grand Valley State	Big Rapids, MI
Sept. 8 (1:30 CDT)	at Indiana State	Terre Haute, IN
Sept. 15 (1:30 CDT)	NORTHEAST MISSOURI (Hall of Fame)	O'Brien Stadium
Sept. 22 (6:30 CDT)	at Toledo	Toledo, OH
Sept. 29 (1:30 CDT)	FERRIS STATE	O'Brien Stadium
Oct. 6 (1:30 CDT)	ILLINOIS STATE	O'Brien Stadium
Oct. 13 (1:30 CDT)	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Homecoming)	O'Brien Stadium
Oct. 20 (1:30 CDT)	at Western Illinois *	Macomb, IL
Oct. 27 (1:30 CDT)	at Southwest Missouri *	Springfield, MO
Nov. 3 (1:00 CST)	NORTHERN IOWA *	O'Brien Stadium
Nov. 10 (1:00 CST)	WESTERN KENTUCKY (Parents Weekend)	O'Brien Stadium