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Panther Sports News

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's football team will take its show on the road for the second Blue-White spring game Friday (April 30) at Taylorville High School. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

The Panthers played the first of three games last Friday with the White team (No. 1 offense) defeating the Blues (No. 1 defense) 23-13 on the strength of three fourth quarter TD passes by Jeff Christensen (Gibson City).

Spring practice will conclude with a May 8 game at Effingham High School.

The Blue Team will therefore be out to even this mini-series as Coach Darrell Mudra plans to keep the squads intact for all three contests.

Although the Blues lost the first encounter, head coach Darrell Mudra said the defensive play was the brightest aspect of the game. "The defense was outstanding. In our first scrimmage on campus a week earlier the defense didn't stop the offense one time . . . I thought they came back for a great effort in this first game."

Drawing praise from the staff were defensive lineman Keith Wojnowski (St. Anne-Kankakee Bishop McNamara), linebackers Reggie Taylor (Apopka, FL-Arizona Western) and Bill Mines (Washington, DC-Woodson), and safeties Robert Williams (Chicago-Dunbar) and Gary Bridges (South Belmar, NJ-Arizona Western).

Running back Wes Nixon (Lorain, OH-Illinois Valley) and placekicker Dave Strauch (Hinsdale-Central) made favorable impressions on offense.

Nixon rushed for 73 yards and caught four passes while Strauch, a transfer from the University of Missouri, boomed field goals of 32 and 35 yards travelling far beyond the needed distance.