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THE QUARTERBACKS

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CHARLESTON, IL.--No matter what problems confront Eastern Illinois University's football team during fall camp, the inevitable question will be: Who's going to replace Sean Payton at quarterback?

The nominees are '86 backup senior PAT CARROLL (DUNDEE), redshirt freshman ERIC ARNOLD (PEKIN) and junior transfer KURT SIMON (MORRIS).

The envelope, please? And the winner is . . .PAT CARROLL with a qualifying statement by offensive coordinator KIT CARTWRIGHT who says "it's not that big a gap. All three are close."

However, going into fall camp CARROLL has the lead "by virtue of a productive spring game. He's not a classic QB but he makes the plays and good things seem to happen when he's at the controls," says Cartwright.

CARROLL has paid his dues waiting patiently as a backup, first as a third teamer his sophomore season and then the No. 1 backup and holder on placement kicks last season.

Last year his playing time was indeed limited as he only completed 12 of 21 passes for 131 yards and one TD but boosted his stock in the spring game with 9-10 passes for 164 yards and rushed twice for 41 yards.

His leadership may be his as important as a strong arm because the new staff does not intend to air-it-out with the frequency seen in the past.

"We want more of a 50-50 blend of pass and run," says CARTWRIGHT.

"We're approaching the offense with the idea that we want to be able to run the ball when needed.

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"It won't be important how many times we run but be able to do when we need a first down . . . or trying to kill the clock. I've seen a lot of games where one more first down would've meant a victory."

If CARROLL looks over his shoulder he'll see freshman redshirt ERIC ARNOLD (PEKIN) and KURT SIMON (MORRIS), a junior transfer from the University of Hawaii, in close pursuit.

ARNOLD'S 6-5 and over 200 pounds so certainly has the advantage of being able to quickly see his receivers. "He has nice arm strength and very good accuracy," says CARTWRIGHT, "and is an exciting player who we predict will get better and better."

SIMON was an all-around prep athlete leading Morris HS to the '83 Class 4A state football semifinals. He sat out last year after transferring from Hawaii, where he was on the squad two seasons.

"Kurt got better as the spring drills went along and he may be the headiest of the three because he came from a system similar to what we run," said CARTWRIGHT.

"He really benefitted from the passing background so the concepts have come easy for him."

CARTWRIGHT said he doesn't want to platoon quarterbacks but "we can't go into fall practice with just one getting all the snaps either. Certainly nothing is guaranteed."