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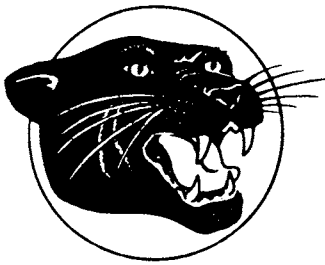
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CHARLESTON, IL--John Rafferty (Mt. Carmel), Eastern Illinois University sophomore quarterback, has been named the Mid-Continent Conference Offensive 'Player of the Week'.

It's the fourth straight week an EIU offensive player has been chosen, and the first time for Rafferty.

In Saturday's 21-20 win over Youngstown State he completed 21 of 36 passes for 307 yards and three TDs on passes of 59, 54 and 27 yards.

At one point in the second half he completed eight straight passes, and threw only one interception, that coming on a desperation throw on the last play of the first half.

"Just six weeks ago John came into fall camp unsure of his status and now he's the player of the week. That's a real tribute to the progress he's made in a short time," said coach Al Molde.

Rafferty is ranked No. 9 in the NCAA I-AA passing efficiency stats. He has completed 75 of 128 for 958 yards and 10 touchdowns. He's averaging 191.6 yards per game completing 58.6% of his passes.