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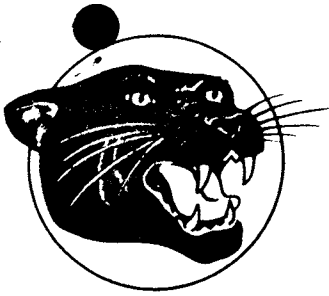
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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's football Panthers begin a four game home stand against their first 1983 Mid-Continent Conference opponent hosting Northern Iowa at 1:30 p.m. Saturday (Oct. 15) at O'Brien Stadium.

Both teams come into the contest with winning streaks. Eastern's blue Panthers have won four straight boosting their record to 5-1.

UNI's purple Panthers evened their record at 3-3 by winning the last two games, 32-26 over Western Illinois and 41-0 over Wisconsin-LaCrosse.

Besides the conference matchup, an added attraction is the return to Charleston of first year UNI head coach Darrell Mudra, who spent the past five seasons at Eastern coaching the Panthers to a 47-15-1 record and national attention.

"I'm sure there is added importance to quite a few of the players and staff members who have been part of Eastern's success when Darrell was here . . . now they view their former coach in the role of a Saturday afternoon opponent," said Coach Al Molde.

"Our preparation is routine but there are several factors that make a victory significant . . . we want to win the conference, keep alive a winning streak and maintain our position challenging for a tournament bid," said Molde.

After convincing victories over Grand Valley State and Northeast Missouri, the Panthers have won the previous two Saturdays by a total of four points over Youngstown State (21-20) and Akron (10-7), both Ohio Valley Conference members.

Displaying a balanced offense the Panthers passed for 307 yards in the YSU victory but relied on the rush with 182 yards in the Akron victory. "I think the offensive line played its best game last week. We were particularly effective on the sweep," said coach Al Molde.

Following Saturday's game the Panthers will host another conference opponent Western Illinois on October 22 with Indiana State coming here October 29 and Southwest Missouri on November 5.

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THE GAME: Eastern Illinois University (5-1) hosts University of Northern Iowa (3-3) at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, October 15 at O'Brien Stadium, Charleston.

RADIO: All the action can be heard on 50,000 watt WLBH-FM, 97 on the dial, with Ken Wooddell handling play-by-play and Doug Bock providing commentary.

SERIES RECORD: Northern Iowa leads the series 4-2. The year-by-year results are as follows:

1975	UNI, 14-8
1977	UNI, 31-21
1978	EIU, 38-22
1979	UNI, 10-7
1980	EIU, 14-9
1981	UNI, 38-17
1982	tie, 10-10

COACHES RECORD: EIU's Al Molde, in his first year, has a 79-43-6 record, the 14th best winning percentage (63%) among active I-AA coaches. He's had nine winning seasons and three NCAA playoff teams in 12 years as head coach at Central Missouri, Minnesota-Morris and Sioux Falls College

UNI's Darrell Mudra, also in his first year there, is 3-3 and 160-68-3 overall in 22 years as a head coach. While at EIU the previous five years the Panthers were 47-15-1 winning the 1978 NCAA II championship, placing second in 1980 and advancing to the quarterfinals of I-AA last fall.

LAST YEAR: Eastern tied Northern Iowa, 10-10, which was the only blemish on an otherwise perfect regular season. Dave Strauch's 28 yard field goal with 7:29 tied the contest however Strauch missed a 24 yard chipshot with four minutes left that would have given EIU a victory. The defense limited UNI to 66 yards rushing however the Panthers only had 84 on the ground with Kevin Staple getting 43 yards.

LAST WEEK: EIU downed Akron, 10-7, as the defense, led by Reggie Taylor's 14 tackles, held Akron to just 201 total yards. Kevin Staple scored on a first quarter two yard run and rushed 34 times for 147 yards. Henry Castellanos's 25 yard field goal later in the third quarter provided the victory.

UNI downed Wis-LaCrosse, 41-0, as QB Larry Miller, playing only three quarters, completed 20 of 35 passes for 280 yards and two TDs. Wide receiver Darryl Goree caught seven passes for 100 yards and a TD.

STAPLE MCC

'PLAYER OF WEEK: Halfback Kevin Staple (Markham-Thornwood) was chosen the Mid-Continent Conference Offensive 'Player of the Week' by rushing a career high 34 times for 147 yards and a two yard TD Saturday at Akron. He also caught two passes for 16 yards, accounting for more than half of EIU's 275 total offense. It's the fifth straight week an EIU player has been chosen for the offensive award, and the second selection this fall for Staple.

STAPLE'S STATS: Staple currently ranks 7th in NCAA I-AA stats with a 110.7 per game average, and is 17th in all-purpose running with 130 yards per game. In four seasons he also has 2952 career rushing yards, ranking No. 2 on the EIU list, and will soon top 3000. With 34 rushing attempts at Akron last Saturday, Staple moved into second place on the career rushing attempts list with 636 attempts. Poke Cobb's No. 1 spot is out of reach at 930 carries.

- NCAA STATS:** John Rafferty (Mt. Carmel) ranks 10th in passing efficiency based on the NCAA I-AA rating system. Rafferty has completed 59.6% of his passes, the best in recent times, but still considerably short of Bill Glenn's 1940 record 65%. However Glenn only completed 71 of 109 while Rafferty will throw almost three times that much.
- MORE NCAA STATS:** While the Panther defense has yielded more yards it still doesn't give up many points allowing just 11 per game which ranks No. 10 in the nation. The total defense is 13th with 250 yards allowed per game while the offense's 363 yard average is 20th.
- TURNOVER MARGIN:** EIU is tied for second in national stats in turnover margin. The Panthers have given up the football only 13 times while getting it 25 times, a difference of two per game. Last year at this time the Panthers had also only given up the ball 14 times so have cut down considerably on turnovers since giving up a school record 52 in 1981.
- INJURY REPORT:** Linebacker Tyrone Covington (Chicago-Morgan Park) and flanker Jim Schmidt (DeKalb), out with injuries last week, are expected to be able to play Saturday therefore the Panthers have no one sidelined as of midweek. Until last Saturday when Roger Holoman replaced Schmidt, the offense had started the same identical lineup through the first five games. The defense, however, has started the same unit in only two of the first six games as six starters or potential starters, DE Elvin Carmichael, DE Frank Walsh, DE Tom Moskal, CB Charlie Person, CB Doyle Foster and Covington have together missed a total of 14 games.
- NCAA RANKING:** The Panthers are creeping back up in the NCAA I-AA national rankings. Eastern is tied with Middle Tennessee for 14th place. Southern Illinois, who narrowly downed EIU 17-14 in the second game of the season, is rated No. 2, and Indiana State, who the Panthers play on October 29, is No. 16.
- ABOUT UNI:** The purple Panthers have lost to Indiana State 26-0, Southern Illinois 52-9 and Southwest Missouri 35-13 . . . they've beaten Drake 34-10, Western Illinois 32-26 and Wis-LaCrosse 41-0 . . . the past two games they've thrown for 674 yards with QB Larry Miller getting a career high 298 yards in the WIU victory and then, in just three quarters, throwing for 280 yards to give UNI 376 yards through the air last Saturday . . . altogether Miller has completed 94-180-7 for 1229 yards and five TDs . . . his favorite receivers are Darryl Goree and James Hutchings who have caught 24 for 375 and 21 for 314, respectively . . . the leading rusher is Chris Milner with 67 carries for 244 yards . . . no one else rushes for over 200 yards . . . UNI is averaging 204 yards passing, 99 rushing for 304 total offense per game . . . they're giving up 139 passing, 160 rushing for 299 per game.
- MOLDE ON EIU:** "We're particularly happy to have won the first two games this month and now return home for four straight . . . we feel good about our situation and with the defense getting a little healthier believe we are ready for a run at the league title and playoff berth . . . offensively, we've taken what the defense will give us . . . the past two games have been completely different in that we were able to throw against Youngstown but relied on the run at Akron . . . I thought the offensive line played as well as it has all year at Akron, and was particularly effective on the sweeps."

MOLDE ON UNI: "They've won two in a row and I'm sure they realize they can't afford another conference loss and remain in the race for the championship . . . consequently we expect them to come out throwing as they have the last couple games . . . (Larry) Miller is a very capable quarterback who seems to be getting better each week so we need to apply some pressure . . . they've gone to a defense similar to ours and that has been effective for them . . . looking at past records EIU has had more trouble with Northern Iowa than most teams during the recent success so we certainly must be aware that they play particularly well against us."

MID-CONTINENT STANDINGS:	MCC GAMES			OVERALL		
	W	L	Points	W	L	Points
Southwest Missouri	2	0	56-22	4	1	139-53
Eastern Illinois	0	0	-	5	1	160-72
Northern Iowa	1	1	45-61	3	3	129-149
Western Illinois	0	2	35-53	2	4	112-166

OPPONENTS THIS WEEK: Illinois State (3-2-1) at Tulsa
 Southern Illinois (6-0) at Southwest Missouri
 Grand Valley (2-3) hosts Northern Michigan
 Northeast Missouri (2-4) hosts Central Missouri
 Youngstown State (3-2) hosts Austin Peay
 Akron (3-3) at Morehead State
 Western Illinois (2-4) hosts Wisconsin-Whitewater
 Indiana State (4-2) hosts Wichita State
 Western Kentucky (0-5) hosts Tennessee Tech

EIU STARTERS: OFFENSE

SE 9 Jerry Wright (5-11, 170, Jr.) *
 LT 70 Brad Mars (6-3, 310, Jr.) **
 LG 50 Kent Lawrence (6-1, 240, Sr.) ***
 C 68 Teddy Coopwood (5-11, 220, Sr.) *
 RG 79 Mike Kuhn (6-1, 240, Jr.) **
 RT 65 Alvin McMurray (6-2, 260, Sr.) ***
 TE 82 Dirk Androff (6-7, 240, Sr.) ***
 QB 10 John Rafferty (6-2, 185, So.)
 HB 8 Kevin Staple (5-8, 180, Sr.) ***
 FB 3 Wes Nixon (5-7, 170, Sr.) *
 FL 81 Jim Schmidt (5-10, 170, Jr.) *

DEFENSE

LE 66 Greg Duncan (6-1, 205, Sr.) **
 LT 71 Dean Magro (6-0, 235, Fr.)
 RT 76 Chris Nicholson (6-0, 240, Sr.) *
 RE 85 Tom Moskal (6-1, 220, So.)
 SSB 55 Ortega Jackson (6-0, 200, Sr.) **
 ILB 59 Dave Ferguson (6-2, 220, Jr.) **
 WLB 5 Reggie Taylor (5-11, 195, Sr.) *
 LCB 12 Doyle Foster (5-9, 155, So.)
 RCB 42 Gary Bridges (5-11, 180, Sr.) *
 FS 28 Robert Williams (5-11, 190, Sr.) **
 SS 26 Dan Fallon (5-10, 180, Jr.) *

PUNTER: 1 Henry Castellanos (5-11, 180, Jr.), 2 Pat Blair (5-9, 185, Sr.)
 KICKER: 1 Henry Castellanos (5-11, 180, Jr.), 36 Hector Techera (5-11, 190, Jr.)
 RETURNS: 42 Gary Bridges (5-11, 180, Sr.), 18 Charlie Person (5-8, 160, Sr.)
 8 Kevin Staple (5-8, 180, Sr.)
 HOLDER: 81 Jim Schmidt (5-10, 170, Jr.)
 LONG SNAPPER: 56 Barry Wolfe (6-2, 250, So.)

* Lettermen on offense and defense

<u>RUSHING</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>ATT</u>	<u>GAIN</u>	<u>LOST</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>P/GAME</u>	<u>P/CARRY</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>
Kevin Staple	6	132	692	28	664	110.7	5.0	6	77 (GVS)
Wes Nixon	6	72	288	10	278	46.3	3.9	-	14 (ISU)
Tyrone Davis	6	15	100	-	100	16.7	6.7	-	18 (ISU, GVS)
Roy Ellis	3	11	107	-	107	26.7	9.7	-	22 (NEMO)
John Rafferty	6	31	25	124	-99	-	-	-	8 (YSU)
Sean Payton	2	3	11	-	11	5.5	3.7	1	10 (ISU)
Gary Scott	2	3	1	11	-10	-	-	1	1 (NEMO)
Calvin Pierce	2	1	4	-	4	4.0	4.0	-	4 (NEMO)
Team	-	1	-	16	-16	-	-	-	-
EIU TOTALS	6	269	1228	189	1039	173.2	3.9	8	77 (GVS)
OPPONENTS	6	231	884	267	617	102.8	2.7	5	35 (ISU)

<u>PASSING</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CPL</u>	<u>ATT</u>	<u>INT</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>P/GAME</u>	<u>P/CPL</u>	<u>P/ATT</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>
John Rafferty	6	84	141	7	1051	.596	175.2	12.5	7.5	10	59 (YSU)
Gary Scott	2	2	8	1	32	.250	16.0	16.0	4.0	-	5 (GVS)
Sean Payton	2	1	3	1	60	.333	30.0	60.0	20.0	1	60 (NEMO)
EIU TOTALS	6	87	152	9	1143	.572	190.5	13.1	7.5	11	60 (NEMO)
OPPONENTS	6	69	178	15	887	.388	147.8	12.8	5.0	4	44 (SIU)

<u>PASS RECEIVING</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>REC</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>P/CATCH</u>	<u>P/GAME</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>TEAM TOTALS</u>	<u>EIU</u>	<u>OPP</u>
Jerry Wright	6	25	429	17.2	85.8	5	59 (YSU)	First Downs	103	85
Wes Nixon	6	17	104	6.1	17.3	3	16 (GVS)	by Rushing	52	33
Dirk Androff	6	9	172	19.1	28.7	1	44 (ISU)	by Passing	44	39
Kevin Staple	6	13	92	7.1	15.3	-	18 (NEMO)	by Penalty	7	13
Pat Blair	6	6	67	11.1	11.1	-	17 (YSU)	TOTAL OFFENSE	2182	1504
Roger Holoman	6	5	59	11.8	9.8	-	27 (NEMO)	per game	363.7	250.7
Roy Banks	1	1	60	60.0	60.0	1	60 (NEMO)	total plays	421	409
Jim Schmidt	5	8	144	18.0	28.8	1	54 (YSU)	yds. p/play	5.2	3.7
Tyrone Davis	5	2	11	5.5	2.7	-	8 (SIU)	PENALTIES/YDS	61/541	46/591
Roy Ellis	3	1	5	5.0	1.7	-	5 (GUS)	FUMBLES/LOST	7/4	17/10
EIU TOTALS	6	87	1143	13.1	190.5	11	60 (NEMO)			

<u>PUNTING</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>RET</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>SCORE BY QUARTERS</u>				
Henry Castellanos	4	24	899	37.4	110	789	32.9	59 (ISU)	1	2	3	4	
Pat Blair	5	8	298	37.2	37	261	32.6	51 (GVS)	EIU	38	40	41	41 - 160
Hector Techera	4	5	161	32.2	3	158	31.6	46 (NEMO)	OPP	7	13	17	35 - 72
Team	-	1	0	-	-	-	-	-					
EIU TOTALS	6	38	1358	35.7	150	1208	31.8	59 (ISU)					
OPPONENTS	6	40	1535	38.4	174	1361	34.0	50 (SIU)					

<u>RETURNS</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>KO</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>PT</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>
Jerry Wright	6	4	49	12.2	-	18 (GVS)	-	-	-	-	-
Charlie Person	5	-	-	-	-	-	12	57	4.7	-	11 (SIU)
Wes Nixon	6	1	12	12.0	-	12 (SIU)	-	-	-	-	-
Gary Bridges	6	-	-	-	-	-	16	120	7.5	-	18 (NEMO)
Pat Blair	6	1	3	3.0	-	3 (GVS)	-	-	-	-	-
Calvin Pierce	2	1	5	5.0	-	5 (NEMO)	-	-	-	-	-
Kevin Staple	6	2	28	14.0	-	15 (YSU)	-	-	-	-	-
Tom Fendley	1	1	3	3.0	-	3 (UA)	-	-	-	-	-
EIU TOTALS	6	10	100	10.0	-	18 (GVS)	28	177	6.3	-	18 (NEMO)
OPPONENTS	6	16	316	19.7	-	30 (NEMO)	24	165	6.9	-	21 (ISU)

<u>SCORING</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>PAT/K</u>	<u>PAT/R-P</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>SAF</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
Henry Castellanos	4	-	6-7	-	4-4	-	18
Wes Nixon	6	3	-	-	-	-	18
Kevin Staple	6	6	-	-	-	-	36
Dirk Androff	6	1	-	-	-	-	6
Sean Payton	2	1	-	-	-	-	6
Team Safety	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Team	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-
* Chris Nicholson	6	1	-	-	-	-	6
Jerry Wright	6	5	-	-	-	-	30
Roy Banks	1	1	-	-	-	-	6
Jim Schmidt	5	1	-	-	-	-	6
Hector Techera	4	-	14-14	-	0-5	-	14
Doyle Foster	5	1	-	-	-	-	6
Gary Scott	2	1	-	-	-	-	6
Dave Strauch	1	-	-	-	0-1	-	-
EIU TOTALS	6	21	20-21	-	4-11	1	160 (26.7 ppg)
** OPPONENTS	6	10	7-8	1-2	1-2	-	72 (12.0 ppg)

* Intercepted Fumble
 ** Includes blocked punt in end zone

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

NAME	G	T	AT	SACKS	TFL (yds)	FF	FR	INT/YDS/TD	FG	BLOCKS		PUNT
										PAT	PASS	
Tyrone Covington	5	16	32	2½(-20)	2½ (-7)	-	-	1/4/0	-	-	1	-
Dave Fergurson	6	13	29	2½(-24)	1½ (-3)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Reggie Taylor	6	22	27	2½(-22)	2 (-4)	-	-	1/6/0	-	1	-	-
Ortega Jackson	6	7	25	1 (-10)	-	-	1	1/5/0	-	1	1	-
Robert Williams	6	26	24	-	1 (-1)	-	1	4/105/0	-	-	1	-
Greg Duncan	6	14	17	3½(-28)	2 (-3)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Chris Nicholson	6	24	19	6½(-37)	3 (-7)	1	3	1/76/1 *	-	-	-	-
Elvin Carmichael	1	1	1	½ (-10)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tom Moskal	5	11	19	½ (-13)	1 (-2)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Frank Walsh	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dan Fallon	6	7	14	1 (-6)	-	-	-	2/19/0	-	-	1	-
Gary Bridges	6	9	8	-	-	-	-	2/31/0	-	-	-	-
Doyle Foster	5	9	9	-	-	-	-	2/38/1	-	-	-	-
Brian Newby	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charlie Person	5	8	4	-	-	-	-	1/12/0	-	-	-	-
Dean Magro	6	8	7	2½(-20)	1 (-5)	1	1	-	-	-	2	-
Ira Thompson	5	4	6	1 (-15)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robert DeVita	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greg Coopwood	6	1	7	1 (-6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jerry Jackson	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reggie Drew	4	2	2	-	-	-	-	1/2/0	-	-	-	-
Scott Roberts	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pete Schaub	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rod Mathis	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* includes 76 yard intercepted fumble

KEY: T(tackles) AT(assisted tackles) SACKS(QB only) TFL(tackles for loss) FF(forced fumble) FR(fumble recoveries)

1983 RESULTS (5-1)

38 7 at Illinois State (6864)
 14 17 at Southern Illinois (12,800 est)
 35 21 Grand Valley State (6400 est)
 42 0 at Northeast Missouri (4000 est)
 21 20 Youngstown State (9400 est)
 10 7 at Akron (6113 est)