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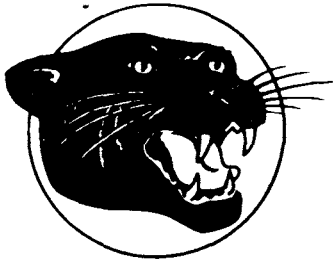
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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's Panthers are going for three in a row.

EIU will host Wayne State at 1:30 p.m. Saturday (Sept. 18) at O'Brien Stadium.

The Panthers have downed Illinois State 27-14 and Northeast Missouri 18-17 while the Tartars are 1-1, beating Albion College 14-13 and losing to Butler 20-7.

"I think we probably have more depth than Wayne State but they have some good skill people," says Coach Darrell Mudra. "We might have been looking past Northeast Missouri a bit last week and it almost caught us because they were really a solid football club . . . I don't think Wayne State will sneak up on us after that."

After establishing a rushing attack the first two weeks, the Panthers would probably like to crank up the passing game. EIU is averaging 240 yards rushing and only 100 passing.

"We've worked hard to develop a running attack and I think we are confident with its success . . . I think we'll see more balance in the weeks ahead," said Mudra.

Kevin Staple (Markham-Thornwood) leads the rushers with 133 yards per game on back-to-back outputs of 141 and 125. Last week he had 110 in the second half as the Panthers waited until the fourth quarter to begin moving the football.

Of utmost importance is the few turnovers. Although quarterback Jeff Christensen (Gibson City) has been intercepted six times, the Panthers have yet to lose the football by fumbling.

Wayne State, which is on the second of four straight road games, alternates quarterbacks Ollie Mitchell and Pat Burns.

Split end Greg Goldstein, the '81 starting quarterback, has now moved to split end where he's caught 14 passes, nine coming against Albion College tying a school record.

EIU FOOTBALL
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EIU's secondary will again get a workout as the Tartars have put the ball in the air 80 times. The No. 1 running back, Sam Cheatham, who had 850 yards last season, has been bottled up thus far.

GAME NOTES

THE SERIES: EIU leads 4-2 winning the last two under Darrell Mudra, 34-14 in '78 and 58-21 in '79.

LAST WEEK: Kevin Staple's 125 yards and two 4th quarter TD runs of 10 and eight yards propelled EIU to a come-from-behind 18-17 win over Northeast Missouri. Fumble recoveries by Ortega Jackson (Washington, DC-Cardoza) and Keith Wojnowski (St. Anne-Kankakee Bishop McNamara) set up the winning scores. NEMO held a total offense advantage of 367-98 entering the last quarter but EIU rallied to hold NEMO to just 13 yards while gathering 105 of its own.

THE COACHES: Darrell Mudra, in his 21st collegiate season and fifth at EIU, is 148-64-2 overall and 38-14 at EIU. He is No. 3 in NCAA I-AA for active coaches with most victories.

Wayne State's Dave Farris, a graduate of Central Michigan's powerful program, is in his second year with a 5-6 record. He previously was the defensive coordinator for the Tartars.

STAPLE'S STATES: Kevin Staple is now the No. 4 all-time rusher for the Panthers with 1542 yards. The No. 3 man is Nate Anderson (1971-73) with 2516. Staple, who is averaging 133 yards a game, needs to get just 108 yards a game to reach that yet this fall.

OFFENSIVE BALANCE: Last year EIU averaging 258 yards passing and just 104 rushing. To date in '82 it's the other extreme, 240 running and just 100 passing.

PASS PROTECTION: The Panthers have also improved markedly in pass protection as QB Jeff Christensen has been sacked just one time (by Northeast Missouri) in the first two games.

SLOW START: QB Jeff Christensen has had a slow start completing just 15 of 40 for 201 yards with six interceptions. However last year after two games he was just 27 of 69 for 370 and four interceptions. In 1980 in a parttime role he was 18 of 38 for 282 yards and two interceptions.

NO FUMBLES: Most encouraging has been the improvement in hanging on to the ball. Last year after two games the Panthers had fumbled eight times and lost six. This year they have fumbled just once and recovered it quickly.

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TAYLOR OUT: Starting weakside linebacker Reggie Taylor (Apopka, FL-Arizona Western CC) is out for approximately three weeks with a broken hand, team physician Dr. Jerry Heath confirmed Tuesday. Taylor was voted the MCC defensive 'player of the week' for his performance in the first game.

Defensive coordinator Cal Jones cited three players, Ortega Jackson (Washington, DC-Cardoza), Tyrone Covington (Chicago-Morgan Park) and Bob DeMoulin (Florissant, MO-Hazelwood Central), competing for the starting spot.

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR

CHUCK DICKERSON SAYS: "We set out to develop a running and we've done it . . . I think we're averaging five yards a snap . . . but we haven't done a good job with the passing game, and one of the reasons is that my concepts with this part of our game are new to our quarterbacks and receivers . . . we're working on it hard this week and next and I'm confident we'll throw better.

"Overall I'm not disenchanted with anything . . . our linemen are physically tough, and they showed a lot of character coming from behind like we did last week . . . that character will come through again before the year's over."

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

CAL JONES SAYS: "We need to get rid of the mental errors . . . we're not making many physical mistakes so we're taking time this week to stress the basics.

"We're getting good play out of (Bill) Mines and (David) Ferguson at linebacker, Randy McCue and Charlie (Person) are doing well and, of course, Wojo (Keith) Wojnowski."

1982 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL STATISTICS (2-0)

| <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 | 2 | 46 | 283 | 17 | 266 | 133.0 | 5.8 | 3 | 30(NEMO) |
| Wes Nixon | 2 | 37 | 192 | 11 | 181 | 90.5 | 4.9 | 1 | 31(ISU) |
| Jeff Christensen | 2 | 12 | 52 | 22 | 30 | 15.0 | 2.5 | 1 | 31(ISU) |
| Tyrone Davis | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | 2 | 2.0 | 2.0 | - | 2(ISU) |
| EIU TOTALS | 2 | 96 | 529 | 50 | 479 | 239.5 | 5.0 | 5 | 31(ISU) |
| OPPONENTS | 2 | 88 | 328 | 106 | 222 | 111.0 | 2.5 | 3 | 23(NEMO) |

| <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> |
|-------------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|
| Jeff Christensen | 2 | 15 | 40 | 6 | 201 | .375 | 100.5 | 13.4 | 5.0 | 1 | 52(ISU) |
| EIU TOTALS | 2 | 15 | 40 | 6 | 201 | .375 | 100.5 | 13.4 | 5.0 | 1 | 52(ISU) |
| OPPONENTS | 2 | 31 | 66 | 6 | 404 | .470 | 202.0 | 13.0 | 6.1 | 1 | 45(ISU) |

| <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> | |
|-----------------------|----------|------------|------------|----------------|---------------|------------|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Darryon White | 2 | 3 | 103 | 34.3 | 51.5 | 1 | 52(ISU) | First Downs | 30 | 38 | |
| Kevin Staple | 2 | 3 | 21 | 7.0 | 10.5 | - | 18(ISU) | by rushing | 24 | 15 | |
| Wes Nixon | 2 | 4 | 25 | 6.2 | 12.5 | - | 12(ISU) | by passing | 6 | 20 | |
| Jim Schmidt | 2 | 4 | 47 | 11.7 | 23.5 | - | 17(NEMO) | by penalty | 0 | 3 | |
| Tyrone Davis | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5.0 | 5.0 | - | 5(ISU) | TOTAL OFFENSE | 680 | 626 | |
| | | | | | | | | per game | 340 | 313 | |
| | | | | | | | | total plays | 136 | 154 | |
| | | | | | | | | yds. p/play | 5.0 | 4.1 | |
| EIU TOTALS | 2 | 13 | 506 | 38.9 | 69 | 437 | 33.6 | 50 (ISU) | PENALTIES/YDS. | 11/120 | 12/105 |
| OPPONENTS | 2 | 13 | 473 | 36.4 | 31 | 442 | 34.0 | 56 (ISU) | FUMBLES/LOST | 1/0 | 3/2 |

| <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> |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|----------------|
| Wes Nixon | 2 | 5 | 136 | 27.2 | - | 43(NEMO) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Darryon White | 2 | 1 | 16 | 16.0 | - | 16(ISU) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Randy McCue | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| Gary Bridges | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 21 | 7.0 | - | 13(ISU) |
| Chris Nicholson | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 10 | 10.0 | - | 10(ISU) |
| Brian Newby | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0 | - | - | - |
| EIU TOTALS | 2 | 6 | 152 | 25.3 | - | 43(NEMO) | 7 | 31 | 4.4 | - | 13(ISU) |
| OPPONENTS | 2 | 7 | 146 | 20.8 | - | 28(ISU) | 10 | 69 | 6.9 | - | 12(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> |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|--------------|----------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Kevin Staple | 2 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 18 |
| Wes Nixon | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Darryon White | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Dave Strauch | 2 | - | 4-5 | - | 1-3 | - | 7 |
| Jeff Christensen | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Dirk Androff | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 2 |
| EIU TOTALS | 2 | 6 | 4-5 | 1 | 1-3 | - | 45 |
| OPPONENTS | 2 | 4 | 4-4 | - | 1-3 | - | 31 |

1982 RESULTS (2-0)

27 14 ILLINOIS STATE (8200)
 18 17 NORTHEAST MISSOURI (7000)
 Sept. 18 WAYNE STATE
 Sept. 25 at Northern Iowa *
 Oct. 2 at Youngstown State
 Oct. 9 AKRON (Homecoming)
 Oct. 16 at Indiana State
 Oct. 23 at Western Illinois *
 Oct. 30 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
 Nov. 6 at Southwest Missouri *
 Nov. 13 KENTUCKY STATE

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