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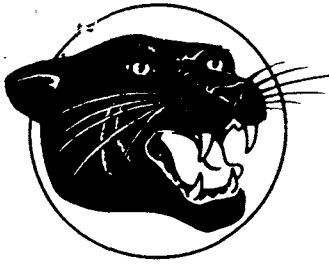
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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's football Panthers play in front of the home fans for the first time in 1984 when they host Northeast Missouri State Saturday (Sept. 15). Kickoff is 1:30 CDT at O'Brien Stadium.

The Panthers are 1-1 this year, beating Grand Valley State, 35-9, and losing to nationally ranked Indiana State, 27-14. Northeast Missouri is still looking for its first victory after losing to Neb-Omaha, 33-0, and South Dakota, 27-14.

***** GAME NOTES *****

THE GAME: Eastern Illinois University (1-1) hosts Northeast Missouri (0-2) at 1:30 CDT, Saturday, Sept. 15, O'Brien Stadium, Charleston.

RADIO: All the action can be heard on 50,000 watt WLBH-FM beginning at 1:15 with the Al Molde pre-game show . . . Ken Wooddell calls the play-by-play with Doug Bock providing commentary.

SERIES STANDING: This is the 13th meeting between the Panthers and Bulldogs . . . Eastern holds a 7-5 edge and has won five of the last six meetings since the Panthers resurrection as a midwestern football power.

LAST YEAR: Eastern downed the Bulldogs, 42-0, as the defense intercepted six passes and recovered three fumbles . . . Jerry Wright (Chicago-Collins) was the Mid-Continent 'player of the week' by catching three TD passes of 11, 14 and 44 yards . . . altogether he had nine receptions for 162 yards.

COACHES RECORD: EIU's Al Molde, in his second season, is 1-1 this season, 10-4 overall at Eastern, and 84-46-6 (64.2%) in 13 years . . . he's had ten winning seasons and four NCAA playoff teams as head coach at Central Missouri, Minnesota-Morris and Sioux Falls . . . Molde is 1-0 vs. NEMO while at EIU, and 2-2 overall including his record while coaching at Central Missouri.

NEMO's Jack Ball, also in his second season, is 4-9 following a 4-7 initial season . . . a graduate of NEMO, he coached in the St. Louis area for 19 years.

TOUGH AT HOME: EIU has won six straight home openers and is 34-5 during the past six years at O'Brien Stadium including 24 of the last 26 over a four year period . . . Indiana State is the only team to defeat the Panthers during these past four years . . . the Sycamores won 27-14 in 1981 and 17-13 here last season.

WRIGHT'S RIGHT: Wide receiver Jerry Wright (Chicago-Collins) continues to move up in pass catching records . . . he has caught 21 for 272 yards in the first two games, and now has 95 catches for 1765 yards in his career . . . he is just one yard short of catching Rob Mehalic (1978-81), who is No. 4 on the all-time yardage list . . . after passing Mehalic the other two ahead of Wright are Scott McGhee (1977-80) with 1920 yards and Willie White (1970-73) with 2197 yards.

PASSING PROFICIENCY: The Panthers will be putting the ball into the air with considerable more frequency than last year . . . in 1983 EIU averaged 22 passes a game while in the first two contests this fall are putting it up 44 times a contest . . . last year they averaged 158 yards a game passing, and have doubled that by averaging 332 early this season.

PAYTON'S STATS: Sophomore quarterback Sean Payton (Naperville-Central) tied a school record for completions (32) and attempts (56) in last Saturday's 24-17 loss to Indiana State . . . he has been over 300 yards in both games thus far, 341 against Grand Valley and 323 against Indiana State . . . even more impressive is that he's completed 60.9% of his passes on 53-87-2 with five TDs.

ABOUT NEMO: The Bulldogs have lost both of their games, 33-0 to Neb-Omaha and 27-14 to South Dakota . . . the new starting quarterback will be sophomore Matt Heidmann who came off the bench last week to complete 13-28-0 for 130 yards . . . the top rusher is tailback Andre Gillespie who has run for 117 yards and caught six passes for 75 yards . . . although the defense has allowed 30 points a contest they are only giving up 247 yards total offense per game . . . the top individual on defense is linebacker Tim Stull who has 27 total tackles . . . their defensive line averages 224 pounds while the offensive unit goes considerably more at 248.

MOLDE ON EIU: "Although disappointed with the loss at Indiana State, I think everyone involved believes they gave a good accounting of themselves . . . we gained some confidence in our abilities and found out a little more about our team's strengths and weaknesses . . . we've shown we can put the ball in the air successfully so we know people will be gearing to stop that since we aren't as adept at running the ball like last year . . . lack of depth is hurting us right now, even in practice, because we have several injuries that are going to keep people sidelined most of the week, and maybe even on Saturday . . . we need to work on moving some people around to fill some holes."

MOLDE ON NEMO: "Northeast certainly won't be an easy home opener . . . even though they've lost their first two, it was against a couple of the stronger teams in Division II (Nebraska-Omaha and South Dakota) . . . they're not as big as Indiana State but have some quickness which we must deal with if we're to win."

OPPONENTS TODAY: Grand Valley (0-2) hosts Northwest Missouri
Indiana State (2-0) is open
Toledo (1-0) is open
Ferris State (1-0) at Central State
Illinois State (2-0) at Western Michigan
Southern Illinois (0-2) hosts Western Illinois (1-0-1)
Southwest Missouri (1-0-1) at Central Missouri
Northern Iowa (2-0) is open
Western Kentucky (0-1) at Akron

EIU FOOTBALL
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TENTATIVE STARTERS:

OFFENSE

TE 15 Scott Sanderson (6-2, 205, So.)
LT 75 Del Pittman** (6-3, 275, Jr.)
LG 66 Bob Benning (6-0, 235, So.)
C 55 Tim Wyatt (6-0, 235, Jr.)
RG 79 Mike Kuhn*** (6-2, 245, Sr.)
RT 62 Steve Bonnes (6-3, 245, So.)
SE 9 Jerry Wright** (5-11, 175, Sr.)
QB 18 Sean Payton (6-0, 185, So.)
HB 35 Bernard Holland (5-10, 185, Fr.)
SB 81 Jim Schmidt** (5-10, 170, Sr.)
FL 2 Roy Banks (5-10, 180, So.)

DEFENSE

LT 85 Tom Moskal** (6-2, 240, Jr.)
NG 94 Pete Schaub (6-0, 270, So.)
RT 77 Randy Harms* (6-2, 210, Sr.)
SSB 58 Chris Nelson (6-1, 200, Fr.)
ILB 33 Tyrone Covington** (5-10, 210, Sr.)
ILB 50 Rob DeVita (6-1, 210, So.)
ILB 19 Jon Moore (6-0, 195, Fr.)
LCB 5 James Boyd (5-11, 165, Jr.)
RCB 26 Jerry Jackson (5-9, 180, Jr.)
SS 22 Dan Fallon** (5-10, 190, Sr.)
FS 4 Reggie Drew** (6-1, 180, Sr.)

PUNT RETURNS: 9 Jerry Wright, 23 Barry Gravenhorst
KO RETURNS: 23 Barry Gravenhorst, 6 Eric Lindstrom
PUNTER: 41 Evan Arapostathis (5-9, 160, Jr.), 46 Brian Necessary (5-11, 190, Fr.)
PAT, KICKOFFS: 1 Steve Berryman (5-11, 145, Jr.), 25 Dave Strauch (5-9, 185, Jr.)
HOLDER: 15 Scott Sanderson
LONG SNAPPER: 56 Barry Wolfe, 55 Tim Wyatt

1984 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL STATISTICS (1-1)

<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>
Bernard Holland	2	22	82	6	76	38.0	3.5	1	15(GVS, ISU)
Calvin Pierce	2	9	67	-	67	33.5	7.4	-	19(ISU)
Tom Fendley	1	3	12	-	12	12.0	4.0	-	10(GVS)
DuWayne Pitts	1	2	4	-	4	4.0	4.0	-	3(GVS)
Sean Payton	2	18	35	47	-12	-	-	-	11(ISU)
EIU TOTALS	2	54	200	53	147	73.5	2.7	1	19(ISU)
OPP TOTALS	2	92	422	92	330	165.0	3.6	3	41(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>
Sean Payton	2	53	87	2	648	.609	324.0	12.2	7.4	5	73(GVS)
John Rafferty	1	3	6	-	16	.500	16.0	5.3	2.7	-	9(GVS)
EIU TOTALS	2	56	93	2	664	.602	332.0	11.8	7.1	5	73(GVS)
OPP TOTALS	2	28	51	3	249	.549	124.5	8.8	4.9	-	30(GVS)

<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>	TEAM TOTALS	EIU	OPP
Roy Banks	2	12	229	19.1	114.5	3	73(GVS)	First Downs	42	37
Jerry Wright	2	21	272	12.9	136.0	2	54(ISU)	by Rushing	15	18
Bernard Holland	2	4	37	9.2	18.5	-	13(GVS)	by Passing	25	14
Scott Sanderson	2	1	9	9.0	4.5	-	9(GVS)	by Penalty	2	5
Tom Fendley	1	1	8	8.0	8.0	-	8(GVS)	Total Offense	801	579
Charlie Vinson	2	9	57	6.3	28.5	-	12(ISU)	per game	400.5	289.5
Calvin Pierce	2	2	7	3.5	3.5	-	4(GVS)	total plays	147	142
DuWayne Pitts	1	1	-1	-	-	-	-	yds. p/play	5.4	4.1
Jim Schmidt	2	5	46	9.2	23.0	-	13(ISU)	Penalties/Yds		
EIU TOTALS	2	56	664	11.8	332.0	5	73(GVS)		21/178	12/103
								Fumbles/Lost	2/1	4/2

<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>	Score by Quarters
Evan Arapostathis	2	11	389	35.4	23	366	33.3	49(GVS)	1 2 3 4
EIU TOTALS	2	11	389	35.4	23	366	33.3	49(GVS)	EIU 14 0 24 14 - 52
OPP TOTALS	2	9	331	36.7	8	323	35.8	45(GVS)	OPP 3 10 10 10 - 33

<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>
Barry Gravenhorst	2	3	55	18.3	-	23(GVS)	-	-	-	-	-
Eric Landstrom	2	3	53	17.7	-	37(ISU)	-	-	-	-	-
Jerry Wright	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	8	4.0	-	5(GVS)
EIU TOTALS	2	6	108	18.0	-	37(ISU)	2	8	4.0	-	5(GVS)
OPP TOTALS	2	5	76	15.2	-	22(ISU)	4	23	5.7	-	9(GVS)

<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>
Jerry Wright	2	2	-	-	-	-	12
Roy Banks	2	3	-	-	-	-	18
Will Smith	1	1	-	-	-	-	6
Bernard Holland	2	1	-	-	-	-	6
Steve Berryman	2	-	5-5	-	0-2	-	5
Evan Arapostathis	2	-	2-2	-	1-2	-	5
EIU TOTALS	2	7	7-7	-	1-4	-	52 (26.0 ppg)
OPP TOTALS	2	3	3-3	-	4-6	-	33 (16.5 ppg)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

NAME	G	ST	AT	SACKS	TFL	FF	FR	INT/YDS/TD	PBU	Blocks		
										PUNT	FG	PAT
Tyrone Covington	2	6	23½	1½	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
David Ferguson	2	2	8	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tom Moskal	2	6	14	2½	3	-	-	1/24/0	-	-	-	-
Rob DeVita	2	6	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Randy Harms	2	4	6	1½	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dan Fallon	2	6	18	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Pete Schaub	2	3	8	1½	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
James Boyd	2	3	2	-	-	-	-	1/33/0	1	-	-	-
Reggie Drew	2	5	16	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brian Newby	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Derick Wilhelms	2	2	7½	½	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dean Magro	2	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chris Nelson	2	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jerry Jackson	2	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Will Smith	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1/13/1*	-	-	-	*intercepted fumble
Melvin Black	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bob Bronaugh	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	1/0/0	-	-	-	-
Rod Mathis	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carl Parker	2	1	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Borchardt	2	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Derold Walls	2	1	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eddie Nailon	2	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barry Gravenhorst	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eric Landstrom	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Al Jennings	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

KEY: ST (solo tackles) AT (assisted tackles) SACKS (QB only) TFL (tackles for loss) FF (forced fumble)
FR (fumble recovery) PBU (pass broken up)

1984 RESULTS (1-1)

35 9 at Grand Valley State (700)
17 24 at Indiana State (9125)