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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--With a NCAA I-AA tournament berth hanging in the balance, Eastern Illinois University's football Panthers finish the regular season at Western Kentucky University Saturday (Nov. 12).

Game time is 1:00 p.m. CST at WKU's 19,250 seat Smith Stadium.

The Panthers, ranked with Tennessee State in a tie for 11th in the latest NCAA I-AA poll, are 8-2 overall and champs of the Mid-Continent Conference.

Western Kentucky, which is an independent after dropping out of the Ohio Valley Conference two years ago, is 2-6-1.

"We still think we control our destiny . . . that a 9-2 record would be sufficient to get in the playoffs," said Coach Al Molde.

Western Kentucky, which started with five straight losses, has bounced back to win two and tie another in its last four games. Last week it lost a 26-7 contest to Ohio Valley Conference leader Middle Tennessee. The tie was against the defending national champ Eastern Kentucky.

"They've obviously played much better of late. Starting with five straight losses really puts you in a hole but they're starting to dig out and the tie with Eastern Kentucky certainly increased their confidence," said Molde.

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

THE GAME: Eastern Illinois University (8-2) at Western Kentucky (2-6-1), 1:00 CST, Saturday, Nov. 12, Smith Stadium, Bowling Green, KY.

RADIO: All the action can be heard on 50,000 watt WLBH-FM Mattoon, 97 on the dial, with Ken Wooddell calling play-by-play and Doug Bock providing commentary. The broadcast will begin at 12:45 with the Al Molde Show.

COACHES RECORD: EIU's Al Molde, in his first year, has an 82-44-6 (64%) record, the 14th best winning percentage 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. He has led the Panthers to their sixth straight winning season.

ABOUT WKU:

1983 RESULTS (2-6-1)

<u>WKU</u>	<u>OPPONENTS</u>
22	41 at Louisville
13	14 at Akron
3	13 at Austin Peay
7	27 Southeast Louisiana
13	24 at Youngstown State
17	0 Tennessee Tech
10	10 at Eastern Kentucky
38	7 Morehead State
7	26 at Middle Tennessee

Nov. 12 Eastern Illinois
Nov. 19 Murray State

The Hilltoppers lost their first five then bounced back to win two and tie one in the last four games. The leading rusher is Glendell Miller with 569 yards followed by Danny Embree with 465. QB Scott Travis has thrown for 981 yards and three TDs. Alan Mullins has caught 19 for 436 yards. First Team AP All-American linebacker Paul Gray leads with 113 tackles.

NCAA I-AA POLL:	Name	Record	Points
	1. Southern Illinois	10-0	80
	2. Northeast Louisiana	8-1	74
	3. Holy Cross	8-0-1	72
	4. Furman	7-1-1	69
	5. Eastern Kentucky	6-1-1	64
	6. Middle Tennessee	8-1	60
	7. South Carolina State	7-2	51
	8. Jackson State	8-2	46
	9. Indiana State	7-3	45
	10. North Texas State	6-3	42
	T11. EASTERN ILLINOIS	8-2	41
	Tennessee State	7-1-1	41
	13. Grambling	6-1-2	40
	14. Idaho	7-2	25
	15. Colgate	6-3	22

MOLDE ON EIU: "The defense is playing extremely well. They may bend but they don't break, and come up with the big plays when needed. I thought the offense moved the ball last week but we need to score when the opportunity arises."

MOLDE ON WKU: "Western Kentucky's defense is good and with (Paul) Gray at middle linebacker they have someone who can go from sideline to sideline. Their program has been very solid for years so the record is not indicative of the quality of team they have. It'll be tough at their place."

RUSHING										
	G	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	P/GAME	P/CARRY	TD	LONG	
Kevin Staple	10	206	1009	55	954	95.4	4.6	8	77(GVS)	
Wes Nixon	10	111	465	16	449	44.9	4.0	-	20(IND)	
Tyrone Davis	9	48	233	-	233	25.8	4.8	1	18(ISU, GVS)	
Roy Ellis	5	18	120	2	118	23.6	6.6	-	22(NEMO)	
John Rafferty	10	52	128	195	-67	-	-	-	38(WIU)	
Sean Payton	3	3	11	-	11	3.7	3.7	1	10(ISU)	
Gary Scott	2	3	1	11	-10	-	-	1	1(NEMO)	
Calvin Pierce	5	4	22	-	22	4.4	5.5	-	12(WIU)	
Henry Castellanos	8	1	19	-	19	2.4	19.0	-	19(UNI)	
Jerry Wright	10	5	52	-	52	5.2	10.4	1	21(WIU)	
Team	-	1	-	16	-16	-	-	-	-	
EIU TOTALS	10	452	2060	295	1765	176.5	3.9	12	77(GVS)	
OPPONENTS	10	402	1490	400	1090	109.0	2.7	7	35(ISU)	

PASSING											
	G	CPL	ATT	INT	YDS	PCT	P/GAME	P/CPL	P/ATT	TD	LONG
John Rafferty	10	122	219	16	1495	.557	149.5	12.2	6.8	10	59(YSU)
Gary Scott	2	2	8	1	32	.250	16.0	16.0	4.0	-	5(GVS)
Sean Payton	3	1	3	1	60	.333	30.0	60.0	20.0	1	60(NEMO)
Kevin Staple	10	0	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EIU TOTALS	10	125	232	18	1587	.539	158.7	12.7	6.8	11	60(NEMO)
OPPONENTS	10	106	270	24	1262	.392	126.2	11.9	4.7	4	44(SIU)

PASS RECEIVING											
	G	REC	YDS	P/CATCH	P/GAME	TD	LONG	TEAM TOTALS		EIU	OPP
Jerry Wright	10	39	637	16.3	63.7	5	59(YSU)	First Downs	159	134	
Wes Nixon	10	24	153	6.4	15.3	3	16(GVS)	by Rushing	86	63	
Dirk Androff	10	13	266	20.5	26.6	1	44(ISU)	by Passing	59	55	
Kevin Staple	10	16	96	6.0	9.6	-	18(NEMO)	by Penalty	14	16	
Pat Blair	10	9	80	8.9	8.0	-	17(YSU)	TOTAL OFFENSE	3352	2352	
Roger Holoman	10	10	118	11.8	11.8	-	27(NEMO)	per game	335.2	235.2	
Roy Banks	4	1	60	60.0	30.0	1	60(NEMO)	total plays	684	672	
Jim Schmidt	7	8	144	18.0	28.0	1	54(YSU)	yds. p/play	4.9	3.5	
Tyrone Davis	9	3	21	7.0	2.3	-	10(WIU)	PENALTIES/YDS	83/737	68/537	
Roy Ellis	5	1	5	5.0	1.2	-	5(GVS)	FUMBLES/LOST	9/5	25/11	
Darryon White	4	1	7	7.0	1.7	-	7(UNI)				
EIU TOTALS	10	125	1587	12.7	158.7	11	60(NEMO)				

PUNTING													
	G	NO	YDS	AVE	RET	NET	AVE	LONG	SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Henry Castellanos	8	49	1844	37.6	183	1661	33.9	72(UNI)	1	2	3	4	
Pat Blair	9	8	298	37.2	43	255	31.9	51(GVS)	EIU	41	58	61	58 - 218
Hector Techera	4	5	161	32.2	12	149	29.8	46(NEMO)	OPP	7	16	27	42 - 92
Team	-	1	0	-	-	-	-	-					
EIU TOTALS	10	63	2303	36.5	238	2065	32.8	72(UNI)					
OPPONENTS	10	75	2734	36.4	255	2479	33.0	54(UNI)					

RETURNS											
	G	KO	YDS	AVE	TD	LONG	PT	YDS	AVE	TD	LONG
Jerry Wright	10	4	49	12.2	-	18(GVS)	-	-	-	-	-
Charlie Person	9	-	-	-	-	-	17	71	4.2	-	12(SWMO)
Wes Nixon	10	1	12	12.0	-	12(SIU)	-	-	-	-	-
Gary Bridges	10	-	-	-	-	-	21	172	8.2	-	18(NEMO)
Pat Blair	10	1	3	3.0	-	3(GVS)	-	-	-	-	-
Calvin Pierce	5	3	34	11.3	-	16(IND)	-	-	-	-	-
Kevin Staple	10	3	48	16.0	-	20(WIU)	-	-	-	-	-
Reggie Taylor	10	-	-	-	-	-	1	12	12.0	-	12(IND)
Tom Fendley	4	1	3	3.0	-	3(UA)	-	-	-	-	-
Darryon White	4	5	97	19.4	-	22(SWMO)	-	-	-	-	-
EIU TOTALS	10	18	246	13.7	-	22(SWMO)	39	255	6.5	-	18(NEMO)
OPPONENTS	10	24	411	17.1	-	30(NEMO)	32	238	7.4	-	47(IND)

SCORING							
	G	TD	PAT/K	PAT/R-P	FG	SAF	POINTS
Henry Castellanos	8	-	10-12	-	12-17	-	46
Wes Nixon	10	3	-	-	-	-	18
Kevin Staple	10	8	-	-	-	-	48
Dirk Androff	10	1	-	-	-	-	6
Sean Payton	3	1	-	-	-	1	6
Team Safety	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	2
Team	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tyrone Davis	9	1	-	-	-	-	6
Ortega Jackson	10	1	-	-	-	-	6
* Chris Nicholson	10	1	-	-	-	-	6
Jerry Wright	10	6	-	-	-	-	36
Roy Banks	4	1	-	-	-	-	6
Jim Schmidt	7	1	-	-	-	-	6
Hector Techera	4	-	14-14	-	0-5	-	14
Doyle Foster	9	1	-	-	-	-	6
Gary Scott	2	1	-	-	-	-	6
Dave Strauch	1	-	-	-	-	-	6
EIU TOTALS	10	26	24-26	-	12-24	1	218 (21.8 ppg)
** OPPONENTS	10	12	9-10	1-2	3-7	-	92 (9.2 ppg)

* Intercepted Fumble
 ** Includes blocked punt in end zone

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

NAME	G	T	AT	SACKS	TFL (yds)	FF	FR	INT/YDS/TD	FG	PAT	BLOCKS		PUNT
											PASS		
Tyrone Covington	9	32	58	2½(-20)	3½(-12)	-	-	1/4/0	-	-	1	-	
Dave Ferguson	10	24	47	2½(-24)	2½(-4)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Reggie Taylor	10	32	47	3½(-34)	2½(-6)	-	-	1/6/0	-	1	-	1	
Ortega Jackson	10	16	39	2 (-19)	-	-	1	2/37/1	-	1	1	-	
Robert Williams	10	43	40	-	1 (-1)	1	1	7/136/0	-	-	1	-	
Greg Duncan	10	25	34	6½(-55)	4½(-9)	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	
Chris Nicholson	10	57	31	8½(-49)	9 (-20)	1	3	2/76/1 *	-	-	-	-	
Elvin Carmichael	1	1	1	½(-10)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Tom Moskal	9	27	36	1 (-20)	3 (-6)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Frank Walsh	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Dan Fallon	10	12	32	2½(-16)	1 (-5)	-	-	3/26/0	-	-	2	-	
Gary Bridges	10	21	16	-	-	-	-	4/31/0	2	-	-	-	
Doyle Foster	9	13	10	-	-	-	-	2/38/1	-	-	-	-	
Brian Newby	5	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Charlie Person	9	17	9	-	-	-	-	2/32/0	-	-	-	-	
Dean Magro	9	11	13	2½(-20)	2 (-6)	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	
Ira Thompson	8	4	7	1 (-15)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Robert DeVita	10	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Greg Coopwood	8	1	7	1 (-6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Jerry Jackson	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Reggie Drew	8	5	2	-	-	-	-	1/2/0	-	-	-	-	
Scott Roberts	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Pete Schaub	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Rod Mathis	4	-	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 (8-2)

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)
 13 0 Northern Iowa (7100 est)
 20 0 Western Illinois (1600 est)
 13 17 Indiana State (3300 est)
 12 3 Southwest Missouri (12,547)