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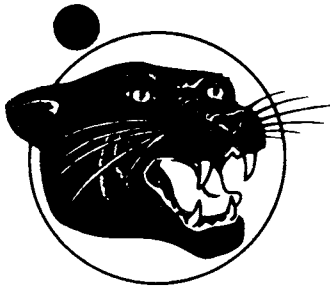
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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's football Panthers have finished the regular season with a 9-2 record following Saturday's 34-14 victory over Western Kentucky.

The victory boosted EIU to No. 10 in the NCAA I-AA poll and, more importantly, strengthened its bid for a second straight berth in the NCAA I-AA tournament.

The NCAA I-AA selection committee will announce the complete 12-team tournament field Sunday (Nov. 20) with the first round games Saturday (Nov. 26). Already selected are three automatic conference champs, Eastern Kentucky, Nevada-Reno and Boston University, and the top two independents, Southern Illinois and Holy Cross.

"I think we have an excellent chance," said coach Al Molde. "Only a couple teams will have more wins than us at the end. Everyone I've talked with is optimistic about our chances . . . now we just sit back and wait."

The Panthers have won the Mid-Continent Conference, the fourth straight year they've either won or shared the league crown, and for the fourth time in six years have nine regular season victories.

The only losses were by a combined seven points to Southern Illinois and Indiana State, the No. 2 and No. 6 ranked teams, respectively.

Molde has given the players the week off but will reassemble Sunday if a bid is forthcoming. "We thought the best thing for everyone is to have the week off to concentrate on school and heal some bumps and bruises."

Quarterback John Rafferty (Mt. Carmel) and halfback Kevin Staple (Markham-Thornwood) are hobbled by knee and ankle sprains, respectively, but expect to be ready for a possible first round game on Nov. 26.

<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	11	220	1070	62	1008	91.6	4.6	8	77(GVS)
Wes Nixon	11	129	564	26	538	48.9	4.2	1	22(WKU)
Tyrone Davis	10	55	254	4	250	25.0	4.5	1	18(ISU, GVS)
Roy Ellis	6	20	123	3	120	20.0	6.0	-	22(NEMO)
John Rafferty	11	53	128	203	-75	-	-	-	38(WIU)
Sean Payton	4	8	27	2	25	6.2	3.1	3	13(WKU)
Gary Scott	3	4	1	13	-12	-	-	1	1(NEMO)
Calvin Pierce	6	5	22	-	22	3.7	4.4	-	12(WIU)
Henry Castellanos	9	1	19	-	19	2.1	19.0	-	19(UNI)
Jerry Wright	11	6	58	-	58	5.3	9.7	1	21(WIU)
Team	-	1	-	16	-16	-	-	-	-
EIU TOTALS	11	502	2266	329	1937	176.1	3.8	15	77(GVS)
OPPONENTS	11	442	1640	516	1124	102.2	2.5	8	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	11	123	221	17	1504	.556	136.7	12.2	6.8	10	59(YSU)
Gary Scott	3	2	8	1	32	.250	16.0	16.0	4.0	-	5(GVS)
Sean Payton	4	8	18	2	210	.444	52.5	26.2	11.7	2	60(NEMO)
Kevin Staple	11	0	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EIU TOTALS	11	133	249	20	1746	.534	158.7	13.1	7.0	12	60(NEMO)
OPPONENTS	11	120	302	24	1429	.397	129.9	11.9	4.7	5	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	11	44	779	17.7	70.8	6	59(YSU)	First Downs	176	150
Wes Nixon	11	24	153	6.4	13.9	3	16(GVS)	by Rushing	98	71
Dirk Androff	11	13	266	20.5	24.2	1	45(IND)	by Passing	64	62
Kevin Staple	11	17	96	5.6	8.7	-	18(NEMO)	by Penalty	14	17
Pat Blair	11	9	80	8.9	7.3	-	17(YSU)	TOTAL OFFENSE	3683	2553
Roger Holoman	10	10	118	11.8	11.8	-	27(NEMO)	per game	334.8	232.1
Roy Banks	5	3	77	25.7	15.4	1	60(NEMO)	total plays	751	744
Jim Schmidt	7	8	144	18.0	28.0	1	54(YSU)	yds. p/play	4.9	3.4
Tyrone Davis	10	3	21	7.0	2.1	-	10(WIU)	PENALTIES/YDS	89/803	72/567
Roy Ellis	6	1	5	5.0	0.8	-	5(GVS)	FUMBLES/LOST	11/7	34/16
Darryon White	4	1	7	7.0	1.7	-	7(UNI)			
EIU TOTALS	11	133	1746	13.1	158.7	12	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	9	54	2031	37.6	183	1848	34.2	72(UNI)					
Pat Blair	10	8	298	37.2	43	255	31.9	51(GVS)					
Hector Techera	4	5	161	32.2	12	149	29.8	46(NEMO)	EIU	51	68	75	58 - 252
Team	-	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	OPP	7	23	27	49 - 106
EIU TOTALS	11	68	2490	36.6	238	2252	33.1	72(UNI)					
OPPONENTS	11	82	3000	36.6	271	2729	33.3	54(UNI)					

<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	11	6	82	13.7	-	25(WKU)	-	-	-	-	-
Charlie Person	10	-	-	-	-	-	20	87	4.3	-	12 (SWMO)
Wes Nixon	11	1	12	12.0	-	12(SIU)	-	-	-	-	-
Gary Bridges	11	-	-	-	-	-	21	172	8.2	-	18 (NEMO)
Pat Blair	11	1	3	3.0	-	3(GVS)	-	-	-	-	-
Calvin Pierce	6	3	34	11.3	-	16(IND)	-	-	-	-	-
Kevin Staple	11	3	48	16.0	-	20(WIU)	-	-	-	-	-
Reggie Taylor	11	-	-	-	-	-	1	12	12.0	-	12 (IND)
Tom Fendley	5	1	3	3.0	-	3(UA)	-	-	-	-	-
Darryon White	4	5	97	19.4	-	22(SWMO)	-	-	-	-	-
EIU TOTALS	11	20	279	13.9	-	25(WKU)	42	271	6.4	-	18 (NEMO)
OPPONENTS	11	30	536	17.9	-	30(NEMO)	36	238	6.6	-	47 (IND)

<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	9	-	14-16	-	14-20	-	56
Kevin Staple	11	8	-	-	-	-	48
Jerry Wright	11	7	-	-	-	-	42
Wes Nixon	11	4	-	-	-	-	24
Sean Payton	4	3	-	-	-	-	18
Hector Techera	4	-	14-14	-	0-5	-	14
Dirk Androff	11	1	-	-	-	-	6
Tyrone Davis	10	1	-	-	-	-	6
Ortega Jackson	11	1	-	-	-	-	6
Jim Schmidt	7	1	-	-	-	-	6
Doyle Foster	10	1	-	-	-	-	6
Gary Scott	3	1	-	-	-	-	6
* Chris Nicholson	11	1	-	-	-	-	6
Roy Banks	5	1	-	-	-	-	6
Team Safety	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Dave Strauch	1	-	-	-	0-1	-	-
Team	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-
EIU TOTALS	11	30	28-30	-	14-27	1	252 (22.9 ppg)
** OPPONENTS	11	14	11-12	1-2	3-7	-	106 (9.6 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	10	37	62	3½(-27)	4½(-17)	-	1	1/4/0	-	-	1	-
Dave Fergurson	11	31	50	5½(-46)	3½(-12)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Reggie Taylor	11	35	51	3½(-34)	2½(-6)	-	1	1/6/0	-	1	-	1
Ortega Jackson	11	23	42	2 (-19)	-	-	2	2/37/1	-	1	1	-
Robert Williams	11	46	44	-	1 (-1)	1	1	7/136/0	-	-	1	-
Greg Duncan	11	26	38	6½(-55)	4½(-9)	1	2	-	-	-	1	-
Chris Nicholson	11	60	32	8½(-49)	9 (-20)	2	4	2/76/1 *	-	-	-	-
Elvin Carmichael	1	1	1	½(-10)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tom Moskal	10	31	36	2 (-36)	3 (-6)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Frank Walsh	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dan Fallon	11	14	33	4½(-30)	1 (-5)	1	1	3/26/0	-	-	2	-
Gary Bridges	11	27	18	-	-	-	-	4/31/0	2	-	-	-
Doyle Foster	10	14	11	-	-	-	-	2/38/1	-	-	-	-
Brian Newby	6	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charlie Person	10	20	11	-	-	-	-	2/32/0	-	-	-	-
Dean Magro	9	11	13	2½(-20)	2 (-6)	1	1	-	-	-	2	-
Ira Thompson	8	4	7	1 (-15)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robert DeVita	11	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greg Coopwood	8	1	7	1 (-6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jerry Jackson	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reggie Drew	9	5	2	-	-	-	-	1/2/0	-	-	-	-
Scott Roberts	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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 recovery)

1983 RESULTS (9-2)

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)
 34 14 at Western Kentucky (5000)