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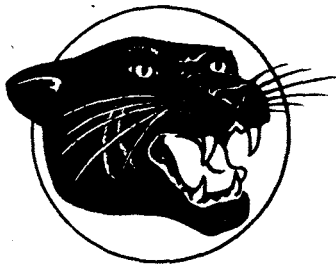
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Panther Sports News

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PANTHERS vs. BEARS

THE GAME: Eastern Illinois University (1-0) hosts Southwest Missouri State (0-0), 1:30 CDT, O'Brien Stadium, Charleston, IL.

LEAGUE OPENER: Two firsts take place in the Mid-Continent Conference this afternoon. It's the league opener for both teams, and Southwest Missouri's first ever conference game as the Bears just joined the MCC this past spring.

THE SERIES: EIU leads in this brief series, 2-1-1. EIU won the initial game 32-21 in 1971, Southwest won 41-37 in 1972, there was a 7-7 tie in 1975 with the Panthers winning the last encounter 41-0 as Poke Cobb broke upon the EIU football scene with three TDs. Cobb rushed for 40 yards and caught two passes for 70 to kickoff a record breaking career.

THE COACHES: Darrell Mudra, in his fourth season, has a 31-9 EIU record. Overall he is 141-59-2, No. 2 with most wins among active I-AA coaches. Mudra is 0-0 vs. Southwest Missouri.

Southwest's Rich Johanninger is 32-21-1 entering his sixth season. He is 0-1 against EIU.

EIU LAST WEEK: The Panthers opened with a 19-17 win over the University of South Dakota as halfback Kevin Staple (Markham-Thornwood) rushed for 146 yards. QB Jeff Christensen (Gibson City) threw for 183 yards and two TDs. The defense limited USD to just 150 yards total offense but it took a missed 42 yard field goal attempt by Kutt Seibel on the last play of the game to insure EIU's victory.

SWMS FACTS: The Bears are an inexperienced squad this fall. Offensively they have two strong running backs, Bill Hedgepath and Brian Keegan. Hedgepath has gained over 600 yards total the past two seasons while Keegan has over 800. The starting quarterback is a newcomer, sophomore Matt Marlborough, who played sparingly last year after an outstanding prep career at Raytown South HS. John Finders is an all-conference tight end, who caught 24 passes for 329 yards last season. Up front the Bears will be led by offensive guards Steve AuBuchon and Tim Bauer, both seniors, who are 240 pounds plus. The defense is led by Jon Castleman, a two year starter at free safety, who has ten career interceptions. Senior linebacker John Harvey is the other outstanding defensive player. A two year starter, Harvey has been in on over 300 tackles the past two seasons although injured late in the '80 campaign. He has six fumble recoveries and forced five others. The Bears were 6-5 last season, finishing 5-1 in league play, second behind undefeated champ Missouri-Rolla. Under Johanninger, the Bears have been 14-13 on the road and 10-8 in September.

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PANTHER PRINTS: For the first time in school history the Panthers have won four straight season openers . . . tight end Rob Mehalic (Streator-Woodland) topped 1000 career receiving yardage with three for 48 against South Dakota . . . he now has 1027 and is just four shy of moving into fifth place ahead of Tad Heminger's (1962-65) 1031 . . . the Panthers are a senior/sophomore dominated starting lineup with eight starters from each class . . . there are four juniors and two freshmen . . . Kevin Staple's 146 yard rushing performance was his career high, and fourth 100 plus game of his career . . . he carried the ball 26 of the 38 rushing plays, nearly 70% of the time . . . shades of Poke Cobb . . . EIU's seven turnovers (three interceptions, four turnovers) was the third time in four years the Panthers have turned the ball over that many times . . . they did it last year in the 14-0 loss to Indiana State and again in '78 in the 40-24 loss at Youngstown State.

MID-CONTINENT CONFERENCE:

	<u>All Games</u>	<u>MCC Games</u>
Eastern Illinois	1-0	0-0
Southwest Missouri	0-0	0-0
Northern Iowa	0-1	0-0
Western Illinois	0-1	0-0

Last Week: EIU 19 South Dakota 17
 Illinois State 31 Western Illinois 7
 Drake 39 Northern Iowa 30

This Week: EIU hosts Southwest Missouri State
 Northern Iowa hosts Grand Valley State
 Western Illinois hosts South Dakota State

DARRELL MUDRA SAYS: "The win at South Dakota came against an excellent team, and should benefit us this week since we've got first game jitters out of the way. As in any opener, we saw some good things and learned where we need work. We might have a little edge over Southwest since we've played a game and they haven't but, on the other hand, they're going to be more familiar with us after scouting the South Dakota game. We do know that if we're going to make any kind of a run at the I-AA playoffs we'll need to do well in the conference, and that first step comes Saturday against Southwest. They do run that Delaware Wing-T which is an offense that not too many people utilize but they've had good success with it. (Rich) Johannigmeier (Southwest coach) has steadily built their program to the point where they were runner-up in that Missouri league last year. They are little like us, young and inexperienced in the line but with considerable potential . . . plus they picked up some JC transfers and transfers from Villanova when it dropped the sport so if they can blend all of this together, they should be formidable."

PROBABLE STARTING LINEUPS

Eastern Illinois

88 Scott Weber (6-2, 200, Sr.)
70 Brad Mars (6-3, 250, Fr.)
50 Kent Lawrence (6-2, 225, So.)
60 Scott Gilleland (6-3, 230, Sr.)
62 Bob Norris (6-5, 265, Jr.)
65 Alvin McMurray (6-3, 260, So.)
81 Rob Mehalic (6-2, 215, Sr.)
8 Kevin Staple (5-8, 175, So.)
35 Tyrone Davis (5-11, 200, So.)
80 Roger Holoman (6-0, 170, Fr.)
11 Jeff Christensen (6-1, 180, Jr.)

77 Elvin Carmichael (6-3, 210, Fr.)
86 Keith Wojnowski (6-3, 230, Jr.)
83 Woodrow Shaw (6-2, 240, So.)
52 Randy Harms (6-3, 205, So.)
57 Tom Murray (6-2, 220, Sr.)
53 Bill Mines (6-1, 215, Jr.)
46 Ira Jefferson (5-9, 225, Sr.)
42 Kevin Jones (6-3, 205, Sr.)
20 Wilbert James (6-1, 180, Sr.)
28 Robert Williams (6-0, 185, So.)
10 Kevin Gray (6-0, 180, Sr.)

26 Don Manzke (6-2, 200, Jr.)
24 Ray DeLong (6-0, 205, Jr.)
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26 Don Manzke
30 Roy Ellis (5-9, 160, Fr.)
8 Kevin Staple
18 Charlie Person (5-10, 160, So.)
10 Kevin Gray

OFFENSE

SE
LT
LG
C
RG
RT
TE
HB
FB
FL-HB
QB

DEFENSE

LE
LT
RT
RE
SSB-MG
MLB
WSB
LCB
RCB
SS
FS

SPECIALISTS

P
KO
PAT
FG
HOLDER
KO RET
P RET

Southwest Missouri

13 Ted White (6-0, 179, So.)
75 Kirk Miller (6-1, 240, Jr.)
62 Steve AuBuchon (6-2, 245, Sr.)
57 Pervis Smith (6-0, 235, Sr.)
69 Tim Bauer (6-3, 240, Sr.)
65 Doug Walker (6-1, 250, So.)
34 John Finders (6-2, 232, Jr.)
31 Bill Conners (5-10, 182, Sr.)
33 Bill Hedgepath (5-9, 208, Sr.)
24 Brian Keegan (6-0, 196, Sr.)
15 Matt Marlborough (6-2, 213, So.)

86 Paul Kutanovski (6-0, 218, Sr.)
72 William Bates (6-2, 215, So.)
74 Dan Behlmann (6-2, 253, So.)
41 Darrin Newbold (6-2, 216, Jr.)
51 Bill Moriarty (6-0, 235, Jr.)
36 John Harvey (6-0, 221, Sr.)
61 Tim Weisman (5-11, 213, Jr.)
7 Robert Rycraw (5-10, 187, Jr.)
88 Lynn May (6-0, 179, Jr.)
6 Doug Neier (6-0, 185, Jr.)
12 John Castleman (6-1, 167, Sr.)

10 Jim Klein (6-5, 204, Sr.)
1 Scott Spackler (6-1, 160, So.)
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1981 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY VARSITY FOOTBALL STATISTICS (1-0)

<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	1	26	170	24	146	146.0	5.6	0	39 (USD)
Tyrone Davis	1	7	8	1	7	7.0	1.0	1	2 (USD)
Roger Holoman	1	1	5	0	5	5.0	5.0	0	5 (USD)
Keith McFadden	1	1	3	0	3	3.0	3.0	0	3 (USD)
Jeff Christensen	1	3	6	12	-6	---	---	0	6 (USD)

EIU TOTALS	1	38	192	37	155	155.0	4.1	1	39 (USD)
OPPONENTS	1	54	140	73	67	67.0	1.2	1	22 (USD)

<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>TF</u>	<u>LONG</u>
Jeff Christensen	1	12	30	3	183	.400	183.0	15.2	6.1	2	35 (USD)

EIU TOTALS	1	12	30	3	183	.400	183.0	15.2	6.1	2	35 (USD)
OPPONENTS	1	4	10	1	83	.400	83.0	20.7	8.3	1	64 (USD)

<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>
Roger Holoman	1	4	88	22.0	88.0	1	35 (USD)	FIRST DOWNS	20	9	
Rob Mehalic	1	3	48	16.0	48.0	1	19 (USD)	by rushing	10	6	
Kevin Staple	1	3	27	9.0	27.0	0	12 (USD)	by passing	8	2	
Pat Blair	1	1	12	12.0	12.0	0	12 (USD)	by penalty	2	1	
Tyrone Davis	1	1	8	8.0	8.0	0	8 (USD)	TOTAL OFFENSE	338	150	
EIU TOTALS	1	12	183	15.2	183.0	2	35 (USD)	Per Game	338.0	150.0	
OPPONENTS	1	4	83	20.7	83.0	1	64 (USD)	Total Plays	68	64	
								Yds. P/Play	5.0	2.3	
								PENALTIES	10	6	
								Yds. Penalized	86	67	

<u>PUNTING</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>RET</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>NET AVE</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>FUMBLES</u>	<u>Fumbles Lost</u>
Don Manzke	1	5	196	39.2	5	191	38.2	50 (USD)	5	2
EIU TOTALS	1	5	196	39.2	5	191	38.2	50 (USD)	4	1
OPPONENTS	1	9	346	38.4	7	339	37.7	45 (USD)		

<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>
Roy Ellis	1	4	67	16.7	0	21 (USD)	-	-	-	-	-
Charlie Person	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	7	1.7	0	4 (USD)

EIU TOTALS	1	4	67	16.7	0	21 (USD)	4	7	1.7	0	4 (USD)
OPPONENTS	1	4	116	29.0	0	37 (USD)	4	5	1.2	0	3 (USD)

<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>
Tyrone Davis	1	1	-	-	-	-	6
Roger Holoman	1	1	-	-	-	-	6
Rob Mehalic	1	1	-	-	-	-	6
Ray DeLong	1	0	1-2	-	-	-	1

EIU TOTALS	1	3	1-2	0-1	-	0	19
OPPONENTS	1	2	2-2	0-0	1-2	0	17