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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's football Panthers can achieve their final goal of the '84 campaign as they go for a seventh straight winning season Saturday (Nov. 10).

The Panthers host Western Kentucky in a Parents Weekend season finale at O'Brien Stadium. Kickoff is 1:00 CST (a half hour earlier than usual).

Eastern has a 5-5 record and kept alive its bid for a winning season by downing Northern Iowa, 27-17, last week. In the process the Panthers achieved another season goal by getting a share of the Mid-Continent Conference title, the fifth straight season EIU has either won or tied for the MCC championship.

Western Kentucky, a NCAA I-AA independent, is 2-7 but the Hilltoppers have rallied around freshman passing sensation Jeff Cesarone, a transplanted Illinoisan from Geneva, to win two of their last three games.

Both teams are averaging over 40 pass attempts per game with EIU No. 3 in the nation in passing with 338 yards per game and WKU No. 13 with 260 yards passing but over 300 since Cesarone was inserted in the lineup.

Besides finishing with the winning season a win would also give EIU back-to-back victories for the first time this fall, and put them over .500 for the first time in six weeks.

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

THE GAME: Eastern Illinois University (5-5) hosts Western Kentucky (2-7), 1:00 CST, Saturday, Nov. 10, O'Brien Stadium, Charleston.

RADIO: All the action can be heard on 50,000 watt WLBH Mattoon, 97 on the dial, beginning with the Al Molde pre-game show at 12:45 . . . Ken Wooddell calls play-by-play with Doug Bock providing commentary.

LAST YEAR: EIU downed Western Kentucky, 34-14, at Bowling Green in the first meeting between these two teams . . . the win gave EIU a 9-2 season record and clinched its berth in the NCAA I-AA playoffs . . . Sean Payton, a reserve QB at the time, made his presence known for EIU as the future QB when he replaced the injured John Rafferty and earned MCC 'player of the week' honors . . . he threw a 57 yard scoring pass to Jerry Wright, ran for TDs of two and 13 yards and completed 7-15-1 for 150 yards . . . Kevin Staple reached his 1000 yard rushing, also, finishing with 1008.

COACHES RECORD: EIU's Al Molde, finishing his second season, is 5-5 this fall, 14-8 overall at Eastern and 89-50-6 (63.4%) in his 14th season . . . he's had ten winning seasons and four NCAA playoff teams as head coach at Central Missouri, Minn-Morris and Sioux Falls . . . he's 1-0 vs. Western Kentucky.

WKU's Dave Roberts, in his first season after serving as an assistant at Vanderbilt, is 2-7 . . . this is his first game against Eastern Illinois.

WKU FACTS: The Hilltoppers started off 0-6 but have rebounded to win two of their last three including a 17-10 victory over Eastern Kentucky which currently is ranked No. 12 in the latest NCAA I-AA poll . . . two of the losses have been by one point and four of the seven got away in the fourth quarter . . . WKU is quite similar to EIU in that they rely on the pass and lately the arm of freshman quarterback Jeff Cesarone who will start his fourth straight game . . . in a 33-31 win over Morehead he completed 26-44 for 373 yards, the second most yardage ever . . . then he came back with 322 in the 45-24 loss to nationally ranked Middle Tennessee Saturday . . . altogether he is 123-238-8 for 1546 yards and six TDs . . . the Hilltoppers are averaging 260 yards passing and just 66 rushing . . . Ty Campbell is the leading receiver with 43 for 453 yards but no less than five have caught more than 20 passes . . . cornerback Vernard Johnson is the leading tackler with 84, 43 of those are solos.

MCC HONORS BOYD: CB James Boyd (Santa Ana, CA-Santa Ana CC) was picked the Mid-Continent Conference defensive 'player of the week' after getting two pass interceptions and a fumble recovery . . . WR Roy Banks (Detroit, MI-King) was nominated as the offensive 'player of the week' after getting 11 catches for 172 yards and two TDs.

PAYTON IN NCAA: QB Sean Payton is still second in the nation in total offense with 322 yards per game . . . he is up to 16th in passing efficiency and is No. 2 in passing yardage (3382) and touchdown passes (23) . . . overall he is averaging 338.2 yards per game leading the Panthers to the No. 3 spot in team passing with 358.9 yards per game.

MORE ON PAYTON: Although already breaking virtually all game and season passing and total offense records, Payton can set one more Saturday . . . he has 23 TD passes, just two short of the season record 25 set by Steve Turk for the 1978 NCAA II championship team.

BANKS UPDATE: Sophomore wide receiver Roy Banks (Detroit, MI-King) has caught 65 passes for a record 1144 yards with 15 TDs . . . he is just one short of the season TD mark which is 16 by Poke Cobb and Scott McGhee.

YOUNG TEAM: For the second straight week the Panthers are likely to start one of their youngest teams in years as only six seniors are listed on offense and defense . . . and with only one senior on the second team there are just seven total seniors among the top 44 players.

OTHER NCAA I-AA STATS: Roy Banks is No. 4 in scoring with 9.0 points per game, Jerry Wright (Chicago-Collins) is No. 3 in receiving with 8.0 catches and Banks is 10th with 6.4, Barry Gravenhorst (Effingham) is 10th in kickoff returns with 24.3 and the team is 15th in total offense at 401.0.

MID-CONTINENT STANDINGS:

	<u>MCC W-L</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>OVERALL W-L</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
Northern Iowa	2-1-1	71-54	7-2-0	284-159
Western Illinois	0-2-1	43-44	5-3-1	229-175
Southwest Missouri	1-1-1	52-65	5-3-1	209-176
Eastern Illinois	2-1-0	69-46	5-5-0	276-239

OPPONENTS THIS WEEK: Grand Valley (0-9) hosts Wayne State
 Indiana State (9-0) hosts Tulsa
 Northeast Missouri (2-7) at Western Illinois (5-3-1)
 Toledo (6-1-1) hosts Northern Illinois
 Ferris State (2-7) hosts Northwood Institute
 Illinois State (4-5) hosts Marshall
 Southern Illinois (3-7) at Southwest Missouri (5-3-1)
 Northern Iowa (7-2) hosts Central Missouri

MOLDE ON EIU: "We have a chance for a seventh straight winning season and since it's the final game for several seniors, there's considerable incentive to wind up with a win . . . last week's win over Northern Iowa was probably as complete a game as we've had both offensively and defensively . . . plus for the third straight game, for the most part, we're going to have our same starters or top reserves able to play and I would like to think that has contributed to some consistency on the field . . . we also saw the positive aspect of getting a lead last week . . . it helped take some pressure off the defense, and they responded with a good performance . . . we're confident of playing well in front of all the parents."

MOLDE ON WKU: "They're very similar to us in that they have a young team that has started to develop the past few weeks . . . beating Eastern Kentucky had to be a real morale booster and then they were able to put some points on the board against Middle Tennessee and they're also a ranked team . . . their quarterback is like (Sean) Payton . . . he (Jeff Cesarone) is in his first collegiate season but has really gotten them moving offensively since they stuck him in the lineup a few games back . . . we're going to need to apply pressure like we did against Western (Illinois) and Northern Iowa last week . . . with two passing teams I would expect this to be a real crowd pleaser."

EIU TWO DEEP:

OFFENSE

TE 21 Calvin Pierce (6-1, 200, So.)	86 Charlie Vinson (6-0, 205, So.)
LT 75 Del Pittman ** (6-3, 275, Jr.)	72 Mark Petersen (6-3, 235, Fr.)
LG 66 Bob Benning (6-0, 235, So.)	69 Jim Miteff (6-0, 215, Fr.)
C 55 Tim Wyatt (6-0, 235, Jr.)	65 Mike Hurley (6-0, 235, Jr.)
RG 69 Jim Miteff (6-0, 215, Fr.)	79 Mike Kuhn *** (6-2, 245, Sr.)
RT 62 Steve Bonnes (6-3, 245, So.)	56 Barry Wolfe * (6-2, 250, Jr.)
SE 9 Jerry Wright ** (5-11, 175, Sr.)	24 Kevin Hunter (5-9, 160, Fr.)
QB 18 Sean Payton (6-0, 185, So.)	10 John Rafferty * (6-2, 190, So.)
HB 20 DuWayne Pitts (5-9, 170, Fr.)	31 Jeff Shephard (5-7, 200, Fr.)
FL 2 Roy Banks (5-10, 180, So.)	45 Jeff Musgray * (5-9, 170, So.)
SB 81 Jim Schmidt ** (5-10, 170, Sr.)	15 Scott Sanderson (6-2, 205, So.)

DEFENSE

LT	85	Tom Moskal ** (6-2, 250, Jr.)	70	Derold Walls (6-4, 240, Jr.)
NG	95	Dave Lewandowski (6-3, 260, Fr.)	71	Dean Magro * (6-0, 235, So.)
RT	77	Randy Harms * (6-2, 235, Sr.)	93	Carl Parker (5-10, 225, Fr.)
SSB	57	Will Smith (6-2, 200, Jr.)	58	Chris Nelson (6-1, 200, Fr.)
ILB	33	Tyrone Covington ** (5-10, 210, Sr.)	50	Rob DeVita (6-1, 210, So.)
ILB	40	Derick Wilhelms (6-1, 210, Fr.)	50	Rob DeVita (6-1, 210, So.)
WSB	48	Ed Nailon (5-11, 190, Jr.)	58	Chris Nelson (6-1, 200, Fr.)
LCB	26	Jerry Jackson (5-9, 180, Jr.)	5	James Boyd (5-11, 165, Jr.)
RCB	14	Brian Newby (6-0, 185, Jr.)	5	James Boyd (5-11, 165, Jr.)
SS	42	Bob Bronaugh (5-10, 195, So.)	23	Barry Gravenhorst (5-9, 170, Fr.)
FS	4	Reggie Drew ** (6-1, 180, Sr.)	6	Eric Landstrom (5-11, 170, Fr.)

PUNT RETURNS: 9 Jerry Wright, 23 Barry Gravenhorst

KO RETURNS: 23 Barry Gravenhorst, 6 Eric Landstrom

PUNTER: 41 Evan Arapostathis (5-9, 160, Jr.), 46 Brian Necessary (5-11, 190, Fr.)

KICKOFF: 41 Evan Arapostathis

PAT, FIELD GOALS: 1 Steve Berryman (5-11, 145, Jr.)

HOLDER: 81 Jim Schmidt, 15 Scott Sanderson

LONG SNAPPER: 55 Tim Wyatt, 56 Barry Wolfe

1984 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL STATISTICS (5-5)

<u>Rushing</u>	G	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	P/GAME	P/CARRY	TD	LONG
Bernard Holland	3	35	170	6	164	54.6	4.7	1	37(NEMO)
Calvin Pierce	10	9	67	-	67	6.7	7.4	-	19(ISU)
Tom Fendley	4	3	12	-	12	3.0	4.0	-	10(GVS)
John Rafferty	4	7	32	12	20	5.0	2.8	-	11(FSU)
Evan Arapostathis	10	1	-	10	-10	-	-	-	-
DuWayne Pitts	9	92	300	18	282	31.3	3.1	4	12(FSU)
Sean Payton	10	108	167	329	-162	-	-	3	15(SWMO)
Jeff Shephard	3	7	25	3	22	7.3	3.1	-	12(FSU)
Roy Ellis	3	17	42	4	38	12.7	2.2	-	12(ISU)
Team	-	1	-	12	-12	-	-	-	-
EIU TOTALS	10	280	815	394	421	42.1	1.5	8	37(NEMO)
OPP TOTALS	10	439	2010	408	1602	160.2	3.6	15	80(FSU)

<u>Passing</u>	G	CPL	ATT	INT	YDS	PCT	P/GAME	P/CPL	P/ATT	TD	LONG
Sean Payton	10	248	437	15	3382	.567	338.2	13.6	7.7	23	75(UNI)
John Rafferty	4	15	29	1	198	.517	49.5	13.2	6.8	1	28(NEMO)
Gary Scott	1	1	2	-	9	.500	9.0	9.0	4.5	-	9(NEMO)
EIU TOTALS	10	264	468	16	3589	.564	358.9	13.6	7.7	24	75(UNI)
OPP TOTALS	10	148	288	18	1965	.514	196.5	13.3	5.8	13	71(SIU)

<u>Pass Receiving</u>	G	REC	YDS	P/CATCH	P/GAME	TD	LONG	TEAM TOTALS	EIU	OPP
Roy Banks	10	64	1144	17.9	114.4	15	75(UNI)	First Downs	208	181
Jerry Wright	9	72	965	13.4	107.2	5	54(ISU)	by rushing	45	78
Bernard Holland	3	4	37	9.2	12.3	-	13(GVS)	by passing	151	84
Scott Sanderson	6	8	76	9.5	12.7	1	15(SIU)	by penalty	12	19
Roy Ellis	3	1	2	2.0	0.6	-	2(TOL)	Total Offense	4010	3567
Jeff Musgray	4	8	109	13.6	50.0	-	20(NEMO)	per game	401.0	356.7
Tom Fendley	4	1	8	8.0	2.0	-	8(GVS)	total plays	748	727
Charlie Vinson	5	15	134	8.9	26.8	-	53(UNI)	yds. p/play	5.4	4.9
Calvin Pierce	10	35	459	13.1	45.9	2	38(FSU)	Penalties/Yds.	79/695	53/457
Kevin Hunter	6	6	87	14.5	17.4	-	28(NEMO)		17/11	24/16
Brian Hardt	1	1	7	7.0	7.0	-	7(FSU)			
DuWayne Pitts	9	20	164	8.2	18.2	-	19(SWMO)			
Jim Schmidt	9	29	397	13.7	44.1	1	50(SWMO)			
EIU TOTALS	10	264	3589	13.6	358.9	24	75(UNI)			

<u>Punting</u>	G	NO	YDS	AVE	RET	NET	AVE	LONG	<u>Score by Quarters</u>					
Evan Arapostathis	10	55	1879	34.2	177	1702	30.9	50(TOL)	1	2	3	4		
Brian Necessary	1	1	37	37.0	0	37	37.0	37(TOL)	EIU	63	53	90	70	- 276
Team	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	OPP	54	64	58	63	- 239
EIU TOTALS	10	57	1916	33.6	177	1739	30.5	50(TOL)						
OPP TOTALS	10	56	2099	37.5	104	1905	35.6	57(NEMO)						

<u>Returns</u>	G	KO	YDS	AVE	TD	LONG	PT	YDS	AVE	TD	LONG
Barry Gravenhorst	10	14	341	24.3	-	39(FSU)	-	-	-	-	-
Jeff Musgray	4	2	24	14.0	-	17(FSU)	-	-	-	-	-
Calvin Pierce	10	1	14	14.0	-	14(SIU)	-	-	-	-	-
Roy Banks	10	-	-	-	-	-	3	10	3.3	-	4(NEMO)
Eric Landstrom	10	10	210	21.0	-	37(ISU)	-	-	-	-	-
Jeff Shephard	3	2	43	21.5	-	24(SWMO)	-	-	-	-	-
Jerry Wright	9	-	-	-	-	-	15	94	6.3	-	37(UNI)
Scott Sanderson	6	1	12	12.0	-	12(NEMO)	-	-	-	-	-
EIU TOTALS	10	30	644	21.4	-	39(FSU)	18	104	5.8	-	37(UNI)
OPP TOTALS	10	35	721	20.6	1	94(NEMO)	31	177	5.7	-	20(SIU)

<u>Scoring</u>	G	TD	PAT/K	PAT/R-P	FG	SAF	POINTS
Jerry Wright	9	5	-	-	-	-	30
DuWayne Pitts	9	4	-	-	-	-	24
Roy Banks	10	15	-	-	-	-	90
Will Smith	6	1	-	-	-	-	6
Sean Payton	10	3	-	0-4	-	-	18
James Boyd	9	1	-	-	-	-	6
Bernard Holland	3	1	-	-	-	-	6
Calvin Pierce	10	2	-	-	-	-	12
Dan Fallon	5	1	-	-	-	-	6
Derick Wilhelms	10	1	-	-	-	-	6
Scott Sanderson	6	1	-	-	-	-	6
Steve Berryman	9	-	28-30	-	9-15	-	55
Evan Arapostathis	10	-	2-2	-	1-2	-	5
Jim Schmidt	9	1	-	-	-	-	6
EIU TOTALS	10	36	30-32	0-4	10-17	-	276 (27.6 ppg)
OPP TOTALS	10	30	25-27	2-3	10-20	-	239 (23.9 ppg)