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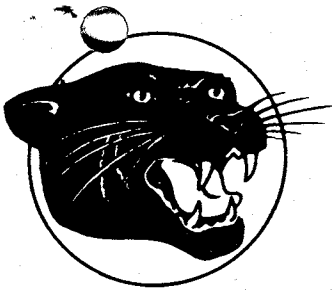
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# **Panther Sports News**

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CHARLESTON, IL--With an explosive conclusion, Eastern Illinois University's football Panthers finished 1984 with a seventh straight winning season and once again obliterated the record book.

The Panthers downed Western Kentucky, 50-19, Saturday to wind up the '84 campaign with a 6-5 record. EIU won three of its last four games averaging 30 points and 400 yards passing in that stretch.

Thanks to the potent passing attack, Eastern set 17 individual records, six team marks and tied two others. The Panthers also tied Northern Iowa for the Mid-Continent Conference title, the fifth straight year EIU has either won or shared the MCC championship.

"We feel particularly good about the way we ended the season. That really gives us something to build upon . . . with so many players returning, we're confident that we can carry some momentum right on through our winter conditioning and spring drills," said coach Al Molde.

From Saturday's depth chart there were only six seniors listed among the top 44 players. Altogether there are eight fulltime starters returning on each of the offensive and defensive units.

QB Sean Payton (Naperville-Central) set the pace as he developed into one of the best NCAA I-AA passers in the nation. He set nine school records by completing 270-473-15 for 3483 yards and 28 TDs, and averaged just under 349 yards per game.

Currently ranked No. 3 in the nation in team passing, the Panthers wound up throwing 370 yards a game and averaged just under 30 points.

Senior wide receiver Jerry Wright (Chicago-Collins) broke one of the oldest records on the books as he eclipsed the career pass receiving yardage mark ending with 2522. He set a season mark, also, catching 72 for 1029 yards and seven TDs.

The third individual in this passing combination is sophomore flanker Roy Banks (Detroit, MI-King) who set season records for yardage (1269) and touchdowns (17).

Linebacker Tyrone Covington (Chicago-Morgan Park), one of just three seniors on defense, shattered the record for most tackles in a season with 172. He also set the single game record of 25 against Illinois State back in midyear and tied a season record with six fumble recoveries.

The complete list of 1984 records is as follows:

INDIVIDUAL

Passing Yardage, Game: 486, Sean Payton vs. Southwest Missouri  
Passing Yardage, Season: 3843, Sean Payton  
Passes Attempted, Game: 58, Sean Payton vs. Northern Iowa  
Passes Attempted, Season: 473, Sean Payton  
Passes Completed, Game: 34, Sean Payton vs. Northern Iowa  
Passes Completed, Season: 270, Sean Payton  
Touchdown Passes, Season: 28, Sean Payton  
Total Offense, Game: 498, Sean Payton vs. Southwest Missouri  
Total Offense, Season: 3661, Sean Payton  
Pass Receptions, Season: 76, Jerry Wright  
Pass Receiving Yardage, Season: 1269, Roy Banks  
Pass Receiving Yardage, Career: 2522, Jerry Wright  
TD Pass Receptions, Season: 17, Roy Banks  
TDs Scored, Season: 17, Roy Banks  
Pass Receptions by Running Back, Game: 9, DuWayne Pitts vs. Southwest Missouri  
Total Tackles, Game: 25, Tyrone Covington vs. Illinois State  
Total Tackles, Season: 172, Tyrone Covington  
Tied, Most Fumbles, Season: 6, Tyrone Covington

TEAM

Passing Yardage, Game: 486 vs. Southwest Missouri  
Passing Yardage, Season: 4071  
Passes Attempted, Season: 473  
Passes Completed, Game: 34  
Passes Completed, Season: 288  
Touchdown Passes, Season: 29  
Tied, Passes Attempted, Game: 58 vs. Northern Iowa

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

NAME	G	ST	AT	SACKS	TFL	FF	FR	INT/YDS/TD	PBU	Blocks		
										PUNT	FG	PAT
Tyrone Covington	11	47	125	3½	9	1	6	1/39/0	-	-	-	-
David Ferguson	2	2	8	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tom Moskal	11	25	70	10	12	-	-	1/24/0	2	-	-	-
Rob DeVita	11	17	69	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Randy Harms	11	15	61	7	4	1	2	-	1	-	-	-
Dan Fallon	5	8	33	-	-	1	-	2/67/1	3	-	-	-
Pete Schaub	6	4	14	1½	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
James Boyd	10	9	14	-	-	-	1	4/77/1	6	-	-	1
Reggie Drew	10	29	55	-	2	2	-	3/37/0	1	-	-	-
Brian Newby	6	6	15	-	-	1	-	3/50/0	6	-	-	-
Derick Wilhelms	11	12	51	1	-	1	1	2/39/1	2	-	-	-
Dean Magro	9	2	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chris Nelson	9	4	13	½	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Jerry Jackson	11	14	31	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Will Smith	8	4	20	1	2	1	-	1/13/1*	1	-	-	-
Melvin Black	2	1	8	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Bob Bronaugh	11	13	43	-	1	-	1	2/0/0	1	-	-	-
Rod Mathis	7	3	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carl Parker	11	3	27	½	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
John Borchardt	7	1	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Derold Walls	10	3	21	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eddie Nailon	11	18	32	-	1	1	2	1/52/0	4	-	-	-
Barry Gravenhorst	11	1	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eric Landstrom	11	13	17	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Al Jennings	7	13	25	1	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Jon Moore	7	14	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dave Lewandowski	7	4	30	½	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-

\* intercepted fumble

KEY: ST (solo tackles) AT (assisted tackles) SACKS (OB only) TFL (tackles for loss) FF (forced fumble)

FR (fumble recovery) PBU (pass broken up)

1984 Results (6-5)

35 9 at Grand Valley State (700)  
 17 24 at Indiana State (9125)  
 33 7 Northeast Missouri (8253)  
 17 38 at Toledo (24,242)

44 33 Ferris State (5125)  
 21 34 Illinois State (7144)  
 40 48 Southern Illinois (10,140)  
 14 0 at Western Illinois (4894) \*  
 28 29 at Southwest Missouri (7018) \*  
 27 17 Northern Iowa (2200) \*  
 50 9 Western Kentucky (10,864)

\* MCC games

1984 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FINAL FOOTBALL STATISTICS (6-5)

<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	3	35	170	6	164	54.6	4.7	1	37(NEMO)
Calvin Pierce	11	9	67	-	67	6.7	7.4	-	19(ISU)
Tom Fendley	5	13	60	3	57	3.0	4.0	-	18(WKU)
John Rafferty	5	8	32	21	11	5.0	2.8	-	11(FSU)
Evan Arapostathis	11	1	-	10	-10	-	-	-	-
DuWayne Pitts	10	105	382	20	362	36.2	3.4	6	19(WKU)
Sean Payton	11	111	167	349	-182	-	-	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	11	307	945	428	517	47.0	1.7	10	37(NEMO)
OPP TOTALS	11	486	2202	446	1756	159.6	3.6	15	80(FSU)

<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	11	270	473	15	3843	.571	349.4	14.2	8.1	28	75(UNI)
John Rafferty	5	17	33	1	219	.515	43.8	12.9	6.6	1	28(NEMO)
Gary Scott	2	1	2	-	9	.500	9.0	9.0	4.5	-	9(NEMO)
EIU TOTALS	11	288	508	16	4071	.567	370.1	14.1	8.0	29	75(UNI)
OPP TOTALS	11	175	338	20	2157	.518	196.1	12.3	6.4	16	71(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>
Roy Banks	11	69	1269	18.4	115.4	17	75(UNI)	First Downs	233	205
Jerry Wright	10	76	1029	13.5	102.9	7	54(ISU)	by rushing	51	92
Bernard Holland	3	4	37	9.2	12.3	-	13(GVS)	by passing	169	93
Scott Sanderson	6	3	76	9.5	12.7	1	15(SIU)	by penalty	13	20
Roy Ellis	3	1	2	2.0	0.6	-	2(TOL)	Total Offense	4588	3913
Jeff Musgray	5	8	109	13.6	50.0	-	20(NEMO)	per game	417.1	355.7
Tom Fendley	5	2	18	9.0	3.6	-	8(GVS)	total plays	815	824
Charlie Vinson	6	16	152	9.5	25.3	-	53(UNI)	yds. p/play	5.6	4.7
Calvin Pierce	11	38	529	13.9	48.1	2	38(FSU)	Penalties/Yds.	84/750	58/508
Kevin Hunter	6	6	87	14.5	17.4	-	28(NEMO)	Fumbles/Lost	20/13	25/17
Brian Hardt	1	1	7	7.0	7.0	-	7(FSU)			
DuWayne Pitts	10	24	250	10.4	25.0	-	40(WKU)			
Jim Schmidt	10	35	506	14.4	50.6	2	50(SWMO)			
EIU TOTALS	11	288	4071	14.1	370.1	29	75(UNI)			

<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>					
Evan Arapostathis	11	58	1971	34.0	177	1794	30.9	50(TOL)	1	2	3	4		
Brian Necessary	1	1	37	37.0	0	37	37.0	37(TOL)	EIU	76	80	100	70	- 326
Team	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	OPP	61	64	58	75	- 258
EIU TOTALS	11	60	1008	33.5	177	1831	30.5	50(TOL)						
OPP TOTALS	11	62	2008	37.6	113	2216	35.7	57(NEMO)						

<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	11	14	341	24.3	-	39(FSU)	-	-	-	-	-
Jeff Musgray	5	2	24	14.0	-	17(FSU)	-	-	-	-	-
Calvin Pierce	11	1	14	14.0	-	14(SIU)	-	-	-	-	-
Roy Banks	11	-	-	-	-	-	3	10	3.3	-	4(NEMO)
Eric Landstrom	11	10	210	21.0	-	37(ISU)	-	-	-	-	-
Jeff Shephard	3	2	43	21.5	-	24(SWMO)	-	-	-	-	-
Jerry Wright	10	-	-	-	-	-	19	103	5.4	-	37(UNI)
Scott Sanderson	6	1	12	12.0	-	12(NEMO)	-	-	-	-	-
EIU TOTALS	11	30	644	21.4	-	39(FSU)	22	113	5.1	-	37(UNI)
	11	42	880	20.9	1	94(NEMO)	31	177	5.7	-	20(SIU)

<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	10	7	-	-	-	-	42
DuWayne Pitts	10	6	-	-	-	-	36
Roy Banks	11	17	-	-	-	-	102
Will Smith	7	1	-	-	-	-	6
Sean Payton	11	3	-	0-5	-	-	18
James Boyd	10	1	-	-	-	-	6
Bernard Holland	3	1	-	-	-	-	6
Calvin Pierce	11	2	-	-	-	-	12
Dan Fallon	5	1	-	-	-	-	6
Derick Wilhelms	11	1	-	-	-	-	6
Scott Sanderson	6	1	-	-	-	-	6
Steve Berryman	10	-	33-36	-	10-16	-	63
Evan Arapostathis	11	-	2-2	-	1-2	-	5
Jim Schmidt	10	2	-	-	-	-	12
EIU TOTALS	11	43	35-38	0-5	11-18	-	326 (29.6 ppg)
OPP TOTALS	11	33	26-28	2-5	10-20	-	258 (23.4 ppg)