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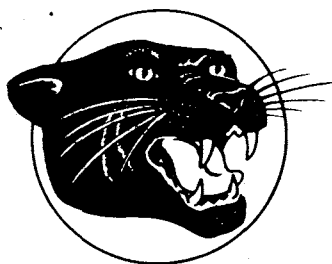
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# Panther Sports News

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## Panthers vs. Leathernecks

**THE GAME:** Eastern Illinois University (3-2) hosts Western Illinois University (4-2), 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 17 at O'Brien Stadium, Charleston, IL

**THE OCCASION:** Homecoming

**THE SERIES:** Western Illinois leads the series 30-13-4 but EIU has won two of the last three. However the last time the Panthers won at home against Western was in 1967, 12-7, and that also was a Homecoming contest.

**HOMECOMING RESULTS:** These two teams have met ten times at EIU's Homecoming and Western has a 6-2-1 edge. The last time was in 1975 which ended in a 3-3 tie.

**LAST YEAR:** The Panther defense forced nine Western fumbles, recovering a conference record seven, as EIU won 37-7 to spoil the Leathernecks Homecoming. Chuck Wright had the best day of his career with 15 of 19 passes for 228 yards including two scoring tosses to Scott McGhee. WIU also threw two pass interceptions, one of which was returned 56 yards for a TD by All-American Kevin Gray.

**LAST WEEK:** Western won its third straight, 21-14, in a MCC victory over Northern Iowa as Danny Jenkins ran for 144 yards and two TDs.

EIU lost 25-3 at Illinois State although the Panthers attempted a record tying 58 passes. They also committed a MCC record tying six pass interceptions. Rob Mehalic's return to the lineup produced 12 pass receptions for 143 yards.

**THE COACHES:** EIU's Darrell Mudra, in his 20th season, has a 143-61-2 lifetime record which places him No. 2 on the NCAA I-AA active coaching list for most victories. In his fourth season at EIU, Mudra is 33-11.

WIU's Pete Rodriguez is in his third season with an 11-16 record. He previously served as an assistant coach under Darrell Mudra at Arizona, Western Illinois and Florida State and was defensive coordinator at Iowa State before returning to WIU as head coach in '79.

**EIU FACTS:** Although the Panthers gave up nearly 350 yards last week, they are still No. 2 in NCAA I-AA total defense with a 187.4 average. They are also No. 3 in pass defense (99.4) and No. 4 in rushing defense (88.0). The team's 246 yard passing average is rated No. 7. Individually Jeff Christensen (Gibson City) is ranked No. 5 in total offense (228 yards p/game) and his 55 passes against Illinois State ties him for most in the nation this fall. Rob Mehalic's (Streator-Woodland) 12 pass receptions (143 yards) against ISU is the most in I-AA for a single game in '81. Mehalic now has a career total of 77 receptions for 1209 yards.

**RECORD DAY:** Even in losing, the Panthers continue to set records, some good and some bad. Besides tying the MCC record for most interceptions (6), Christensen set a league mark for most attempts, 55. Mehalic's 12 receptions is a league mark and ties him for No. 2 on EIU's single game list. Christensen and Mark Craighead (Chicago-Simeon) teamed for 58 pass attempts which tied the EIU record.

EIU FOOTBALL  
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**PASSING FANCY:** EIU's passing figures this year are ahead of the '78 championship pace and nip-and-tuck with the '80 average. In 1978 the Panthers passed for 232 yards a game, and last year had 247 while this year's figures are 246. The total offense average of Darrell Mudra's teams have been 425, 362, and 376 with this year's team at 330.

**PLAYERS OF THE WEEK:** Mehalic's 12 pass receptions for 143 yards earned him the offensive 'player of the week' honors.

Linebacker Tom Murray (Arlington Heights-St. Viator) was defensive 'Player of the Week'. Murray had nine solo tackles, two quarterback sacks, two fumble recoveries and a forced fumble.

**WIU FACTS:** The Leathernecks have won three straight for the first time since 1978, and are going for their first winning season since 1976. During this stretch the defense has allowed less than ten points a game. Linebacker Pat Bayers leads this unit with 52 solo tackles. He set a school record with 18 solos against Illinois State in an opening loss. Tailback Danny Jenkins, a Triton JC transfer, has rushed for 469 yards. Quarterback Tom Pence, who didn't start until the third game, has thrown for 654 yards and six TDs. The Leathernecks best player is offensive tackle John Stadnik, a 6-4, 270, junior, who twice has been WIU's segment 'player of the week'.

**COMPARATIVE SCORES:** Illinois State defeated Western, 31-7, and EIU 25-3. Southwest Missouri lost to Western, 19-7, and to the Panthers, 23-14.

**MCC RACE:** This could be for the Mid-Continent Conference championship. Western has a 2-0 league record with its final MCC game today. EIU is 1-0 and still has to go to Northern Iowa (Oct. 31). A WIU victory would clinch the title. An EIU victory would force a probable tie.

**MCC STANDINGS:**

	<u>MCC</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Western Illinois	2-0	4-2
Eastern Illinois	1-0	3-2
Northern Iowa	0-1	1-5
Southwest Missouri	0-2	2-2-1

**Last Week:**

Illinois State	25	Eastern Illinois	3
Western Illinois	21	Northern Iowa	14
Southwest Missouri	6	Central Missouri	6

**Opponents this Week:** South Dakota (2-4) at Northern Colorado  
Southwest Missouri (2-2-1) is open  
Northeast Missouri (2-3) hosts Central Missouri  
Central State (3-2) at Kentucky State  
Illinois State (3-2) hosts New Mexico State  
Western Illinois (4-2) at EIU  
Youngstown State (2-3) at Delaware  
Northern Iowa (1-5) is open  
Ferris State (2-1) hosts Hillsdale  
Indiana State (2-2-1) hosts Tulsa  
Delaware State (0-6) hosts North Carolina A & T.

**DARRELL MUDRA SAYS:** "We're disappointed with last week but we think we still have a good chance for a successful season . . . we're confident we are playing the right people but as young as we are in both lines and at the receiver spots, it will take time to get together . . . we still need to be more disciplined . . . to avoid beating ourselves . . . Western will give us a real battle . . . they have the momentum with three straight wins, and their defense seems to be improving each game . . . Pence's quarterbacking

has been a positive addition and (Danny) Jenkins is the best running back they've had in some time . . . I don't think we'll see much razzle-dazzle from either team . . . it should be a very physical game as we need to learn to dominate the line of scrimmage, plus with our youth it's going to be necessary to simplify our game a bit . . . we're counting on a large Homecoming crowd to give us that extra boost . . . we definitely want to do well in front of these people on our home turf."

TENTATIVE STARTING LINEUP

Offense

88 Scott Weber (6-2, 200, Sr.)	SE	83 Dwayne Harvey (5-11, 176, Jr.)
70 Brad Mars (6-3, 250, Fr.)	LT	76 Kyle Peterson (6-5, 250, Sr.)
50 Kent Lawrence (6-2, 225, So.)	LG	73 Jeff Ostrowski (6-3, 250, So.)
60 Scott Gilleland (6-3, 230, Sr.)	C	64 Curt Westen (6-3, 230, Jr.)
62 Bob Norris (6-5, 265, Jr.)	RG	61 Bill Jensen (6-1, 230, Jr.)
65 Alvin McMurray (6-3, 260, So.)	RT	75 John Stadnik (6-4, 270, Jr.)
81 Rob Mehalic (6-2, 215, Sr.)	TE	89 Frank Angelucci (6-3, 223, Jr.)
11 Jeff Christensen (6-1, 180, Jr.)	QB	15 Tom Pence (6-2, 220, So.)
8 Kevin Staple (5-8, 175, So.)	TB	35 Danny Jenkins (5-10, 175, Jr.)
35 Tyrone Davis (5-11, 200, So.)	FB	34 Rodney Thomas (5-11, 205, Sr.)
80 Roger Holoman (6-0, 170, Fr.)	FL	48 Jeff Meyer (6-0, 190, Jr.)

Defense

77 Elvin Carmichael (6-3, 210, Fr.)	LE	45 Regis Dansdill (6-2, 210, Sr.)
86 Keith Wojnowski (6-3, 230, Jr.)	LT	90 Kent Anselment (6-3, 235, Jr.)
66 Greg Duncan (6-3, 220, So.)	RT MG	66 Jay Heubner (6-2, 220, Sr.)
52 Randy Harms (6-3, 205, So.)	RE RT	94 Jim Johnson (6-4, 245, Jr.)
57 Tom Murray (6-2, 220, Sr.)	LB RE	56 Mark Scott (6-1, 202, Sr.)
53 Bill Mines (6-1, 215, Jr.)	LB	39 Pat Bayers (6-0, 215, Jr.)
46 Ira Jefferson (5-9, 225, Sr.)	LB	86 Mike Orr (6-1, 210, Sr.)
42 Kevin Jones (6-3, 205, Sr.)	LCB	43 Thad Freeman (6-0, 170, Sr.)
20 Wilbert James (6-1, 180, Sr.)	RCB	33 E. J. Bassette (6-1, 180, Jr.)
37 Randy McCue (5-9, 160, So.)	SS	6 Bill Flodin (5-11, 190, Sr.)
10 Kevin Gray (6-0, 180, Sr.)	FS	31 Percy Tompkins (5-11, 181, Jr.)

Specialists

26 Don Manzke (6-2, 200, Jr.)	P	14 Ray Ferrier (5-9, 160, Fr.)
24 Ray DeLong (6-0, 205, Jr.)	K	18 Mike Fogle (5-10, 175, Fr.)
30 Roy Ellis (5-9, 160, Fr.)	Returns	8 Jerome Stelly (5-9, 175, Jr.)
95 Jeff Musgray (6-0, 170, Fr.)		27 Tim Townsend (5-11, 180, Jr.)

1981 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY VARSITY FOOTBALL STATISTICS (3-2)

<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	3	52	270	39	231	77.0	4.4	-	39(USD)
Tyrone Davis	5	24	54	2	52	10.4	2.2	4	15(CSU)
Roger Holoman	5	1	5	0	5	1.0	5.0	-	5(USD)
Keith McFadden	4	30	95	20	75	18.7	2.5	-	15(CSU)
Jeff Christensen	5	26	119	12	7	1.4	0.3	1	17(ISU)
Teddy Coopwood	5	4	13	0	13	2.6	3.2	-	6(NEMO)
Roy Ellis	3	13	46	7	39	13.0	3.0	1	14(CSU)
Mark Craighead	2	5	9	16	-7	-	-	-	5(CSU)
Jeff Musgray	2	7	7	11	-4	-	-	-	3(CSU)
Booker Brown	1	2	5	0	5	5.0	2.5	-	3(CSU)
<b>EIU TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>39(USD)</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>88.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>38(SWMS)</b>

<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>
Jeff Christensen	5	85	194	12	1133	.438	226.6	13.3	5.8	9	53(CSU)
Jim Molnar	1	1	2	0	30	.500	30.0	30.0	15.0	1	30(CSU)
Mark Craighead	2	4	9	2	66	.444	33.0	16.5	7.3	0	30(CSU)
Eric Treida	1	1	1	0	5	1.000	5.0	5.0	5.0	0	5(CSU)
<b>EIU TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1234</b>	<b>.442</b>	<b>246.8</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>53(CSU)</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>.411</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>64(USD)</b>

<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	1	1	5	5.0	5.0	0	5(CSU)			
Roy Ellis	1	1	14	14.0	14.0	0	14(CSU)	FIRST DOWNS	94	55
Roger Holoman	5	22	394	17.9	78.8	5	53(CSU)	by rushing	28	26
Rob Mehalic	4	18	230	12.8	46.0	1	25(ISU)	by passing	61	17
Kevin Staple	3	12	125	10.4	41.7	-	19(SWMS)	by penalty	5	12
Pat Blair	4	3	33	11.0	8.2	-	13(SWMS)	TOTAL OFFENSE	1650	937
Dirk Androff	5	15	176	11.7	35.2	1	21(NEMO)	Per Game	330.0	187.4
Tyrone Davis	5	1	8	8.0	1.6	-	8(CSU)	Total Plays	370	347
Scott Weber	5	11	152	14.0	30.4	3	23(NEMO)	Yds. P/Play	4.4	2.7
Keith McFadden	4	3	42	14.0	10.5	-	21(CSU)	PENALTIES	54	34
Teddy Coopwood	5	3	25	8.3	5.0	-	17(CSU)	Yards Penalized	497	259
George Stuart	1	1	30	30.0	30.0	-	30(CSU)	FUMBLES	17	16
<b>EIU TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1234</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>246.8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>53(CSU)</b>	Fumbles Lost	12	8
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>64(USD)</b>			

<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>SCORE BY QUARTERS</u>
Don Manzke	5	31	1259	40.6	60	1199	38.7	55(ISU)	
Team	-	1	0	-	-	-	-	-(ISU)	
<b>EIU TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1259</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1199</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>55(ISU)</b>	<b>1 2 3 4</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1678</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>1563</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>57(SWMS)</b>	<b>EIU 63 26 28 0 117(23.4)</b>
									<b>OPP 10 19 36 12 77(15.4)</b>

<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>
Tyrone Davis	5	3	42	14.0	-	20(SWMS)	-	-	-	-	-
Roy Ellis	3	5	68	13.6	-	21(USD)	-	-	-	-	-
Charlie Person	4	-	-	-	-	-	12	73	6.1	-	11(CSU)
Kevin Gray	4	1	6	6.0	-	6(SWMS)	4	3	0.7	-	2(SWMS)
Keith McFadden	4	2	45	22.5	-	38(NEMO)	-	-	-	-	-
Jeff Musgray	2	3	32	10.7	-	13(ISU)	5	39	7.8	-	21(CSU)
<b>EIU TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38(NEMO)</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21(CSU)</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37(USD)</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14(ISU)</b>

<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>
Jeff Christensen	5	1	-	-	-	-	6
Tyrone Davis	5	4	-	-	-	-	24
Roger Holoman	5	5	-	-	-	-	30
Rob Mehalic	4	1	-	-	-	-	6
Dirk Androff	5	1	-	-	-	-	6
Ray DeLong	5	-	12-15	-	3-4	-	21
Roy Ellis	3	1	-	-	-	-	6
Scott Weber	5	3	-	-	-	-	18
<b>EIU TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12-15</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>117(23.4)</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7-7</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>6-10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>77(15.4)</b>