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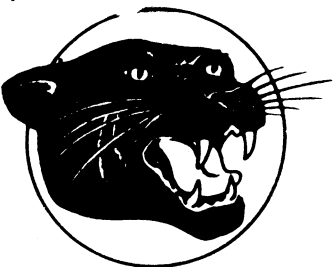
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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's 1985 football schedule features a road contest at the University of Kansas, a home game with NCAA I-AA tournament participant Indiana State and two of three Mid-Continent Conference games at O'Brien Stadium.

The 11-game schedule, six at home and five away, was approved by the Intercollegiate Athletic Board and announced Tuesday by athletic director R. C. Johnson.

Although the Panthers have played NCAA Division I-A teams in the past, the October 5 game against the Kansas Jayhawks, a Big Eight team, is the first time EIU has met a Division I-A opponent from one of the major conferences.

The Panthers open the road at Northeast Missouri on September 7. Then, the Indiana State Sycamores, ranked No. 1 most of last season in I-AA and a playoff participant the past two years, will come to Charleston for the annual Hall of Fame game on September 14.

First time opponent Saginaw Valley will be here on September 21 followed by a road game at Southern Illinois, the 1983 NCAA I-AA national champ, on September 28.

Illinois State will be the Homecoming opponent on October 12. That game begins a stretch of four in a row at home with Mid-Continent Conference opponents Southwest Missouri and Western Illinois here on October 19 and 26, respectively. Northern Michigan returns to the schedule as the Parents Weekend opponent on November 2.

EIU will close with road games at MCC foe Northern Iowa on November 9 and at Western Kentucky on November 16.

"The 1985 schedule is every bit as difficult as previous years, and equally competitive as compared with other I-AA institutions," said Johnson.

"All three conference teams finished with winning records this past fall and that presents a challenge as we go for a sixth straight Mid-Continent title.

"We believe the game with Kansas will be an enjoyable experience for our fans and players . . . and increase our visibility in the midwest," Johnson said.

"Indiana State has been among the best in I-AA the past two years. Our last three games with them have all been decided by less than one touchdown . . . that should be a great home opener.

"In fact, these 11 games should be appealing to everyone involved with our football program.

1985 SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>
Sept. 7 (1:30)	at Northeast Missouri	Kirksville, MO
Sept. 14 (1:30)	INDIANA STATE (Hall of Fame)	O'Brien Stadium
Sept. 21 (1:30)	SAGINAW VALLEY	O'Brien Stadium
Sept. 28 (1:30)	at Southern Illinois	Carbondale, IL
Oct. 5 (1:30)	at Kansas	Lawrence, KS
Oct. 12 (1:30)	ILLINOIS STATE (Homecoming)	O'Brien Stadium
Oct. 19 (1:30)	* SOUTHWEST MISSOURI	O'Brien Stadium
Oct. 26 (1:30)	* WESTERN ILLINOIS	O'Brien Stadium
Nov. 2 (1:00)	NORTHERN MICHIGAN (Parents Weekend)	O'Brien Stadium
Nov. 9 (7:30)	* at Northern Iowa	Cedar Falls, IA
Nov. 16 (1:00)	at Western Kentucky	Bowling Green, KY

* Mid-Continent Conference (all times CST & tentative)