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EASTERN ILLINOIS vs. NORTHERN IOWA

THE GAME: Eastern Illinois University (4-3) at Northern Iowa (2-5), 7:30, Saturday, Oct. 31, UNI-Dome, Cedar Falls, IA.

THE OCCASION: Northern Iowa's Shrine Game

THE SERIES: Northern Iowa leads 3-2 although the Panthers have won two of the last three.

LAST YEAR: Alonzo Lee picked off a screen pass and returned it 36 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter as the Panthers claimed the Mid-Continent Conference championship after a three year chase. The defense sacked UNI quarterback Steve Sandon seven times. Chuck Wright and Otis Grant teamed for a 58 yard TD pass on the first series.

LAST WEEK: EIU lost to Youngstown State, 48-16, as halfback Paris Wicks ran for three TDs and 146 yards. QB Jeff Christensen (Gibson City) completed 28 of 49 passes for 329 yards. Tight end Rob Mehalic (Streator-Woodland) had six receptions for 121 yards.

Northern Iowa defeated Southwest Missouri State, 20-17, as Steve Sandon teamed with Kirk Hobbs on a 74 yard TD toss with 1:18 left in the game.

THE COACHES: EIU's Darrell Mudra, in his 4th season at EIU, is 34-12. Overall he is 144-62-2 in his 20th year.

UNI's Stan Sheriff, in his 22nd year as head coach, is 122-94-3. Three of his teams have been in bowl games.

MCC RACE: Eastern can win the Mid-Continent Conference championship for the second straight year with a victory over Northern Iowa. A loss would throw the conference race into a three way tie with both UNI and Western Illinois. Currently EIU is 2-0, Northern Iowa is 1-1 and Western Illinois is 2-1. Southwest Missouri will be last at 0-3. This is the final MCC game of the season.

NCAA STATS: Although still ranked, EIU's defense dropped some after giving up 397 total yards to Youngstown State. The Panthers are No. 5 in total defense with a 218 average. The pass defense is still third with 95.1. The passing offense has moved up to No. 7 with 244.4. Individually, Jeff Christensen is No. 5 in total offense with 224 yards per game. Mehalic ranks No. 7 in pass receiving with 29 catches for 395 yards.

MEHALIC MOVES UP: With his first catch at Northern Iowa Mehalic will rank No. 4 on the all-time career pass receiving list. He now has 1374 yards, just one shy of ~~Mark~~ O'Donnell's 1375.

CHRISTENSEN RECORDS: QB Jeff Christensen tied a school game record against Youngstown State by completing 28 passes, and has a chance at setting a season pass attempt record. He has thrown 265 this season (37.8 per game) while the record is 308 by Ron Gustafson in 1971 (30.8 per game). His 329 yds. against

Youngstown State was the 4th best single game effort, and 308 yards total offense was also 4th best.

PENGUIN JINX: The Panthers 48-16 loss to Youngstown State followed an unfortunate pattern. The last time EIU gave up that many points was in 1979 in a 49-21 loss to YSU, and prior to that was a 52-22 loss in 1977 to the Penguins. This was the largest losing margin since Tennessee Tech beat EIU 37-0 in 1975.

UNI FACTS: The UNI Panthers lost five of their first six before bouncing back with last week's last minute conference win over Southwest Missouri . . . they have been outscored 30-19 per game . . . QB Steve Sandon is almost as prolific as Christensen completing 136 of 233 for 1620 yards and 14 tds . . . however, he has been intercepted 18 times . . . Ken Harvey is not only Sandon's No. 1 receiver but also No. 1 in NCAA I-AA . . . he has caught 48, almost seven per game, for 702 yards and 9 TDs . . . no one else has over 20 catches . . . tailback Davey Lewis is the leading rusher with 398 yards . . . overall, UNI has thrown 1630 yards to 523 rushing, a three-to-one ratio . . . Craig Nordlie is No. 5 in NCAA I-AA kickoff returns with 19 for a 24.3 average.

MCC STANDINGS:

	<u>Overall</u>	<u>MCC</u>
Eastern Illinois	4-3	2-0
Western Illinois	4-4	2-1
Northern Iowa	2-5	2-1
Southwest Missouri	2-3-1	0-3
Last Week:		
Youngstown State	48	Eastern Illinois 16
Northern Iowa	20	Southwest Missouri 17
Northern Michigan	28	Western Illinois 14

OPPONENTS THIS WEEK: South Dakota (2-6) at Morningside
Southwest Missouri (2-3-1) at Northeast Missouri (4-3)
Central State (4-3) at Fairmont State
Illinois State (3-4) at Wichita State
Western Illinois (4-4) at New Mexico State
Youngstown State (4-3) at Middle Tennessee State
Northern Iowa (2-5) at EASTERN ILLINOIS
Ferris State (3-2) hosts Saginaw Valley
Indiana State (3-3-1) hosts Southern Illinois
Delaware State (1-6) hosts Towson State

DARRELL MUDRA SAYS: "Since the NCAA playoffs appear out of reach, we'd like nothing better than to repeat as conference champs . . . of course, Northern Iowa sees the same goal . . . they had some problems earlier this year so getting that conference trophy would be a measure of success for them . . . they have some veteran skill people . . . (QB Steve) Sandon, for instance, and (Ken) Harvey is the best pass receiver in I-AA . . . plus they've been able to move the football on some tough competition . . . hopefully, we'll be better prepared than we were against Youngstown . . . we can't afford the turnovers . . . it's a matter of concentration, and if everyone focuses on doing his job, we'll be alright . . . our line has been playing better . . . giving Christensen more time to pass, and consequently his competition percentage has improved . . . Androff is getting better weekly and that gives us another dependable receiver . . . we have everyone healthy so the more we work as a unit, the more consistent we should become . . . we're obviously disappointed with our Youngstown performance, but convinced we can end on a high note."

TENTATIVE STARTING LINEUP

EASTERN ILLINOIS

Offense

NORTHERN IOWA

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.)
11 Jeff Christensen (6-1, 180, Jr.)
8 Kevin Staple (5-8, 175, So.)
35 Tyrone Davis (5-11, 200, So.)
80 Roger Holoman (6-0, 170, Fr.)

SE
LT
LG
C
RG
RT
TE
QB
TB
FB
FL

9 Ken Harvey (6-2, 175, Sr.)
64 Roger Schultz (6-5, 241, Sr.)
62 Scott Hamilton (6-3, 238, Sr.)
51 Scott Eztel (6-4, 230, So.)
74 Kevin Webster (6-2, 238, Jr.)
72 Jim Lanning (6-4, 242, Jr.)
84 Tom Roberts (6-4, 210, Fr.)
12 Steve Sandon (6-3, 200, Sr.)
33 Davey Lewis (6-0, 202, Jr.)
31 Dave Evans (6-0, 208, So.)
88 Craig Nordlie (6-0, 175, Sr.)

Defense

77 Elvin Carmichael (6-3, 210, Fr.)
86 Keith Wojnowski (6-3, 230, Jr.)
66 Greg Duncan (6-3, 220, 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.)
31 Randy McCue (5-9, 160, So.)
10 Kevin Gray (6-0, 180, Sr.)

LE
LT
RT
RE
LB
LB/NG
LB
LCB
RCB
SS
FS

99 Jerry Griffith (6-3, 226, Sr.)
95 Fred Bryan (6-4, 240, Jr.)
71 Brad Hayes (6-5, 232, Jr.)
89 Renaldo Cade (6-2, 198, Sr.)
45 Mark Wilson (6-0, 206, Jr.)
93 Mark Salz (6-1, 201, Jr.)
38 Joe Anderson (5-11, 212, Jr.)
3 Ron King (6-0, 192, Jr.)
6 Darryl Lyons (6-0, 177, Jr.)
40 John Root (6-1, 180, Jr.)
27 Don Stewart (6-1, 175, So.)

Specialists

26 Don Manzke (6-2, 200, Jr.)
24 Ray DeLong (6-0, 205, Jr.)
30 Roy Ellis (5-9, 160, Fr.)
95 Jeff Musgray (6-0, 170, Fr.)
8 Kevin Staple (5-8, 175, So.)

P
K
Returns

15 Mike Johnson (5-10, 185, So.)
2 Steve Schonert (5-9, 165, Jr.)
88 Craig Nordlie (6-0, 175, Sr.)
28 Steve Harris (5-11, 185, Fr.)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	<u>G</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>QB SACKS</u>	<u>TFL</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>FR</u>	<u>INT</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>PAT</u>	<u>BLOCKS</u> <u>PASS</u> <u>PUNT</u>	
Ira Jefferson	7	56	17	11	11(-60)	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Tom Murray	7	57	19	8½	7(-25)	2	2	1-0-0	-	-	-	-
Bill Mines	7	34	14	-	-	-	-	1-16-0	-	-	-	-
Elvin Carmichael	7	13	12	½	2(-5)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greg Duncan	7	15	15	1½	3(-7)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Keith Wojnowski	7	24	26	1½	6(-16)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Woodrow Shaw	6	20	19	4	4(-14)	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Randy Harms	7	23	13	2	2(-4)	1	1	1-4-0	-	-	-	-
Wilbert James	6	23	4	-	-	-	1	3-0-0	-	-	-	-
Mike Angland	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kevin Jones	7	14	7	-	1(-4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dick Essman	3	2	1	-	1(-2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kevin Gray	6	24	18	-	1(-2)	1	-	1-3-0	1	-	-	-
Ortega Jackson	5	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robert Williams	7	25	20	1	1(-3)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Bob DeMoulin	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Al Jennings	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Booker Brown	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tyrone Covington	3	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mark Zwilling	6	5	3	-	1(-5)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charlie Person	7	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
David Ferguson	6	20	14	1	2(-8)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Randy McCue	4	7	3	1	-	-	-	1-0-0	-	-	-	-
David Cobb	7	3	-	-	1(-2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Frank Walsh	7	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dan Ahmer	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	7	383	217	32	43(-157)	8	11	8-23-0	1	-	-	-

KEYS: T(Tackles), AT(Assisted Tackles), TFL(Tackles for Loss), FF(Forced Fumbles), FR(Fumble Recoveries),

INT(Interceptions)

GAME SCORES (4-3)

<u>EIU</u>	<u>Opponents</u>
19	17 at South Dakota (7000)
*24	13 Southwest Missouri State (8400)
14	21 at Northeast Missouri State (5600)
58	0 Central State (6500)
3	25 at Illinois State (7808)
*20	8 Western Illinois (5000)
16	48 Youngstown State (3500)

*2-0, Mid-Continent Conference

1981 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY VARSITY FOOTBALL STATISTICS (4-3)

<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	5	75	399	50	349	69.8	4.6	-	39(USD)
Tyrone Davis	7	57	174	5	169	24.1	3.0	7	32(WIU)
Roger Holoman	7	2	16	-	16	2.3	8.0	-	11(WIU)
Keith McFadden	4	30	95	20	75	18.7	2.5	-	15(CSU)
Jeff Christensen	7	45	167	188	-21	-	-	1	25(WIU)
Teddy Coopwood	7	4	13	-	13	1.8	3.2	-	6(NEMO)
Roy Ellis	4	15	55	20	35	8.7	2.3	1	14(CSU)
Don Manzke	7	1	-	10	-10	-	-	-	-
Mark Craighead	3	5	9	16	-7	-	-	-	5(CSU)
Jeff Musgray	4	7	7	11	-4	-	-	-	3(CSU)
Ira Jefferson	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Booker Brown	2	2	5	-	5	2.5	2.5	-	3(CSU)
EIU TOTALS	7	244	940	320	620	88.6	2.5	9	39(USD)
OPPONENTS	7	356	1264	404	860	122.8	2.4	9	54(YSU)

<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	7	126	265	16	1591	.475	227.3	12.6	6.0	11	53(CSU)
Jim Molnar	2	1	2	0	30	.500	15.0	30.0	15.0	1	30(CSU)
Mark Craighead	3	5	13	2	85	.385	28.3	17.0	5.0	0	30(CSU)
Eric Treida	1	1	1	0	5	1.000	5.0	5.0	5.0	0	5(CSU)
EIU TOTALS	7	133	281	18	1711	.473	244.4	12.9	6.1	12	53(CSU)
OPPONENTS	7	50	121	8	666	.413	95.1	13.3	5.5	5	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>
Jerry Wright	1	1	5	5.0	5.0	0	5(CSU)			
Roy Ellis	4	1	14	14.0	3.5	0	14(CSU)	FIRST DOWNS	132	88
Roger Holoman	7	27	450	16.7	64.3	6	53(CSU)	by rushing	41	44
Rob Mehalic	6	29	395	13.6	65.8	2	43(YSU)	by passing	82	26
Kevin Staple	5	21	203	9.7	40.6	-	25(WIU)	by penalty	9	18
Pat Blair	4	3	33	11.0	8.2	-	13(SWMS)	TOTAL OFFENSE	2331	1526
Dirk Androff	7	23	272	11.8	38.8	1	21(NEMO)	Per Game	333.0	218.0
Tyrone Davis	7	2	15	7.5	2.5	-	8(CSU)	Total Plays	525	477
Scott Weber	7	19	227	11.9	32.4	3	23(NEMO)	Yds. P/Play	4.4	3.2
Keith McFadden	4	3	42	14.0	10.5	-	21(CSU)	PENALTIES	75	50
Teddy Coopwood	7	3	25	8.3	3.6	-	17(CSU)	Yds. Penalized	686	360
George Stuart	1	1	30	30.0	30.0	-	30(CSU)	FUMBLES	30	24
EIU TOTALS	7	133	1711	12.9	244.4	12	53(CSU)	Fumbles Lost	17	11
OPPONENTS	7	50	666	13.3	95.1	5	64(USD)			

<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	7	41	1622	39.6	125	1497	36.5	67(WIU)						
Jeff Christensen	7	3	141	47.0	0	141	47.0	60(WIU)						
Team	-	1	0	-	-	-	-	-(ISU)						
EIU TOTALS	7	45	1763	39.2	125	1638	36.4	67(WIU)	EIU	70	32	34	17	153(21.8)
OPPONENTS	7	62	2170	35.0	123	2047	33.0	57(SWMS)	OPP	27	26	46	34	133(19.0)

<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	7	3	42	14.0	-	20(SWMS)	-	-	-	-	-
Roy Ellis	4	7	92	13.1	-	21(USD)	1	7	7.0	-	7(YSU)
Charlie Person	6	-	-	-	-	-	13	73	5.6	-	11(CSU)
Kevin Staple	7	3	37	12.3	-	18(YSU)	-	-	-	-	-
Kevin Gray	6	1	6	6.0	-	6(SWMS)	5	-2	-	-	2(SWMS)
Keith McFadden	4	2	45	22.5	-	38(NEMO)	-	-	-	-	-
Jeff Musgray	4	7	83	11.8	-	13(ISU)	7	45	6.4	-	21(CSU)
EIU TOTALS	7	23	305	13.3	-	38(NEMO)	26	123	4.7	-	21(CSU)
OPPONENTS	7	19	317	16.7	-	37(USD)	17	125	7.3	1	60(YSU)