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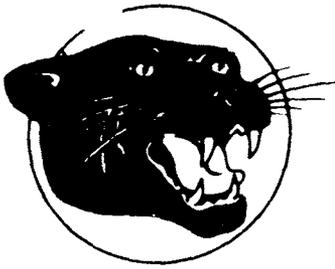
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CHARLESTON, IL--Four Eastern Illinois University football players have been selected as I-AA Honorable Mention All-Americans by the Associated Press.

Junior quarterback Sean Payton (Naperville-Central) and junior wide receiver Roy Banks (Detroit, MI-King) were selected for HM honors for the second consecutive season.

Junior wide receiver Calvin Pierce (Robbins-Oak Lawn Richards) and senior defensive lineman Tom Moskal (Lake Zurich) were picked for the first time.

It's the 11th time in the last 13 years Eastern has had at least one player picked to the AP All-American squad. The Panthers were 6-5 in '85 for an eighth straight winning season.

Payton finished fifth in the nation in total offense with 273 yards a game as he threw for 3146 yards, the second straight year over 3000. He now has a school career record total of 7199 yards passing.

Banks, who missed the season finale with a broken collarbone, caught 59 passes for 817 yards increasing his career totals to 131 for 2163.

Pierce, who started at slotback, led the Panthers in receiving yardage with 900 even while catching 60 passes. Moskal was the team's No. 2 tackler with 90 and led with seven QB sacks and six tackles for loss. In his four year career he finished with 263 tackles, 20 QB sacks and 21 tackles for loss.