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CHARLESTON, IL--The dedication of the O'Brien Stadium lights and track, Hall of Fame inductions and postgame fireworks will highlight Eastern Illinois University's football home opener Saturday (Sept. 6).

The Panthers, who lost at Illinois State, 23-20, last week, host Northeast Missouri State. Kickoff is 6:30 p.m.

Prior to the game Secretary of State Jim Edgar, an Eastern alumnus and national chairman of the Brighten O'Brien fund drive, will assist with the dedication of the new lights and artificial track.

He, along with EIU President Stan Rives, will flip a 'mock' switch to formally turn on the lights as EIU plays night football for the first time at O'Brien Stadium.

Also participating in the ceremony will be Athletic Director R.C. Johnson and the ten man Steering Committee composed of Murray Choate and J.W. Oglesby of Charleston, Roger Dettro and Dan Marvin of Mattoon, Allan Heath and Dave Musgrave of Robinson, Frank Vala and Sonny Greco of Springfield, Carl Koerner of Effingham and Ray Suddarth of Fairfield.

During halftime the eight new members of the athletic Hall of Fame will be introduced. They are Nate Anderson, Dave Kessinger, John Ritchie, John Wilson, Hop Pinther, John Milholland and, being honored posthumously, Orick Wickham and Paul Henry.

Following the game a 10-12 minute fireworks display will be presented. The Charleston IGA will supply food and refreshment for a pregame tailgate party behind the stadium.