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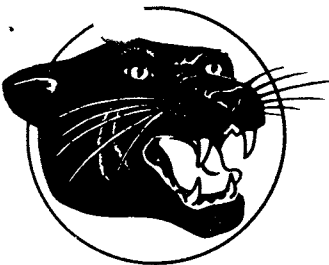
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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University's football Panthers are one victory away from a Gateway Conference championship and automatic berth in the NCAA I-AA tournament.

It won't be easy as EIU must win it on the road at Indiana State Saturday (Nov. 8). Kickoff is 12:30 CST at Terre Haute's Memorial Stadium.

EIU is 8-1 overall, has won eight straight, tied with Southern Illinois in the Gateway with a 4-1 record and ranked No. 4 in NCAA I-AA.

Indiana State is 3-6 overall and sixth in the league at 1-3.

The championship scenario shapes up like this. If EIU wins it will go into the playoffs regardless of what SIU does against Western Illinois because the Panthers whipped the Salukis earlier this season.

If EIU loses and SIU wins the Salukis are undisputed conference champs forcing the Panthers to earn a tournament bid as an at-large entry.

"We still control our destiny but the Indiana State-Eastern Illinois game has traditionally been a dog fight and this should be no exception," said Coach Al Molde.

GAME NOTES

THE GAME: Eastern Illinois University (8-1, 4-1) at Indiana State (3-6, 1-3) at 12:30 CST, Saturday, Nov. 8, O'Brien Stadium, Charleston.

THE RADIO: All the action can be heard over 50,000 watt Mattoon WLBH-FM, 97 on the dial, with Ken Wooddell and Doug Bock calling the action.

SERIES: ISU leads the series, 26-22-8.

LAST YEAR: The Panthers played their best game of the year defeating ISU, 39-7, as the defense forced seven turnovers . . . BOB BRONAUGH and DERICK WILHELMS intercepted passes and returned them for TDS of 55 and 35 yards. . . it was only the second EIU win in 19 games.

COACHES: EIU's Al Molde, in his fourth year here, is 29-14 at EIU, and 103-56-6 overall (64%) in his 16th year . . . he has had four tournament teams coaching at Sioux Falls College, Minn-Morris and Central Missouri . . . he is 1-3 vs. ISU . . . ISU's DENNIS RAETZ is 41-35-1 in his 7th year . . . he is 5-2 vs. EIU.

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NCAA I-AA STATS: The Panthers are ranked in several team/individual I-AA statistical categories . . . **SEAN PAYTON** is No. 1 in total offense (305.2) and No. 1 in passing yards (2801), WR **CALVIN PIERCE** is No. 2 in pass receiving yardage (993) and T9th in catches (6.0 p/game), **TEAM** is No. 1 in passing offense (325.8), No. 3 in scoring offense (38.1) and No. 5 in total offense (449.1).

<u>GATEWAY CONFERENCE STANDINGS:</u>	GC	OVERALL
EASTERN ILLINOIS	4-1	8-1
Southern Illinois	4-1	7-3
Illinois STate	3-2	3-4
Northern Iowa	2-2	4-3-1
Western Illinois	1-3	5-4
Indiana State	1-3	3-6
Southwest Missouri	1-5	2-7

Gateway Saturday: Illinois STate at Wichita State
 Northern IOwa hosts McNeese State
 Southern Illinois hosts Western Illinois
 Southwest Missouri at Central Missouri

NEXT WEEK: The Panthers close the regular season hosting non-conference opponent Western Kentucky . . . kickoff is 1:30 (Nov. 15) at O'Brien Stadium. . .Western Kentucky is 3-4-1 and hosts Boston University this Saturday.

COACH AL MOLDE SAYS: "There's no doubt ISU played the toughest schedule of any Gateway team, and maybe the toughest of any I-AA team with the four Division I clubs . . . because of that their record is definitely misleading . . . without those four majors they could be 7-2 and, from our standpoint, that's the way we're approaching this game. . . with Frondorf at quarterback they are throwing the ball more than usual but still have those dangerous backs who have gained a lot against us . . . this game has always been a hard fought battle and with the championship on the line for us, I'm sure Indiana State will be gearing up to play the role of spoiler. . .there's not much new to say about us . . . we're still playing well. . . we've not only moved the ball consistently, we've been able to get it in the endzone consistently . . the defense gets stronger each week, and it was nice to see that unit get the shutout against Winona State . . . that's an achievement no matter who its against."

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GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

G#	DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTENDANCE	SITE	OVERALL RECORD	CONFERENCE RECORD
1	8/30	*Illinois State	20-23 L	6,965	A	0- 1- 0	0- 1- 0
2	9/ 6	Northeast Missouri	41-31 W	9,486	H	1- 1- 0	0- 1- 0
3	9/13	Northern Michigan	24-21 W	3,935	A	2- 1- 0	0- 1- 0
4	9/20	*Southern Illinois	52- 7 W	10,100	H	3- 1- 0	1- 1- 0
5	10/ 4	Liberty University	40-15 W	6,850	H	4- 1- 0	1- 1- 0
6	10/11	*Northern Iowa	31-30 W	11,052	H	5- 1- 0	2- 1- 0
7	10/18	*Western Illinois	37- 3 W	13,527	A	6- 1- 0	3- 1- 0
8	10/25	*Southwest Missouri	34-20 W	6,000	A	7- 1- 0	4- 1- 0
9	11/ 1	Winona State	64- 0 W	11,856	H	8- 1- 0	4- 1- 0

* = Gateway Conference

Overall Record: 8 - 1 - 0 Conference: 4 - 1 - 0 Home: 5 - 0 - 0 Away: 3 - 1 - 0 Neutral: 0 - 0 - 0

Overall Attendance:	79771	Overall Average:	8863
Conference Attendance:	47644	Conference Average:	9529
Home Attendance:	49344	Home Average:	9869
Away Attendance:	30427	Away Average:	7607
Neutral Attendance:	0	Neutral Average:	0

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1ST	AVG.	2ND	AVG.	HALF	AVG.	3RD	AVG.	4TH	AVG.	HALF	AVG.	S.D.	TOTAL	GAME	AVG.
EIU	78	8.7	63	7.0	15.7	117	13.0	85	9.5	22.4	0	343	38.1			
Opponent Totals	30	3.3	46	5.1	8.5	46	5.1	28	3.1	8.2	0	150	16.7			

NET PUNTING	PUNTS	YARDS	AVG.	OPP RETURNS	OPP RETURN YARDS	OPP RETURN AVG.	NET AVG.
EIU	48	1738	36.2	18	141	7.8	33.3
Opponent Totals	64	2392	37.4	32	153	4.8	35.0

RECEIVING	G/GS	RECPTS.	YDS	YDS/RECPT.	YDS/GAME	TDS	TDS/GAME	RECPT/GAME	LONG RECPT	(AGAINST)
Calvin Pierce	9/ 9	54	993	18.4	110.3	6	.7	6.0	74	(SMD)
Roy Banks	9/ 9	43	844	19.6	93.8	10	1.1	4.8	67	(Ill.St.)
James Marable	9/ 6	27	255	9.5	28.3	2	.2	3.0	31	(NMU)
Willie Cain	9/ 9	23	377	16.4	41.9	1	.1	2.6	48	(NEMO)
DuWayne Pitts	7/ 3	15	86	5.7	12.3	0	.0	2.1	11	(LIB)
Derick Wilhelms	8/ 7	15	255	17.0	31.9	0	.0	1.9	46	(UNI)
Mike Milosovic	1/ 0	4	27	6.8	27.0	0	.0	4.0	11	(WSU)
Shon McClay	4/ 0	3	44	14.7	11.0	0	.0	.8	25	(WSU)
Rod Stroots	2/ 0	3	46	15.3	23.0	1	.5	1.5	27	(WSU)
Uasi Latu	7/ 0	1	6	6.0	.9	0	.0	.1	6	(WSU)
Mark Petersen	1/ 1	1	-2	-2.0	-2.0	0	.0	1.0	0	()
Ben Stevenson	4/ 0	1	1	1.0	.3	0	.0	.3	1	(SIU)

EIU	9/ 9	190	2932	15.4	325.8	20	2.2	21.1	—	—
Opponent Totals	9/ 9	133	1770	13.3	196.7	10	1.1	14.8	—	—

PUNT RETURNS	G	RETURNS	YDS	YDS/RETURN	YDS/GAME	RETURNS/GAME	TDS	LONG RET
Greg Rhea	9	31	153	4.9	17.0	3.4	0	26
Ray Brown	3	1	0	.0	.0	.3	0	0

EIU	9	32	153	4.8	17.0	3.6	0	—
Opponent Totals	9	18	141	7.8	15.7	2.0	0	—

KICKOFF RETURNS	G	RETURNS	YDS	YDS/RETURN	YDS/GAME	RETURNS/GAME	TDS	LONG RETURN
Greg Rhea	9	12	215	17.9	23.9	1.3	0	26
James Marable	9	9	260	28.9	28.9	1.0	1	88
Uasi Latu	7	3	17	5.7	2.4	.4	0	17
Derick Wilhelms	8	2	50	25.0	6.3	.3	0	31
Scott Johnson	6	1	0	.0	.0	.2	0	0
Daryl Holcombe	3	1	32	32.0	10.7	.3	0	32
Dan Rolewski	7	1	14	14.0	2.0	.1	0	14
John Jurkovic	5	1	6	6.0	1.2	.2	0	6

EIU	9	30	594	19.8	66.0	3.3	1	—
Opponent Totals	9	47	836	17.8	92.9	5.2	1	—

FIELD GOALS	G	1-19 YARDS		20-29 YARDS		30-39 YARDS		40-49 YARDS		OVER 50		/—TOTAL—/		BLK	FG/G	LONG
		FGA-FGM	PCT	FGA-FGM	PCT	FGA-FGM	PCT	FGA-FGM	PCT	FGA-FGM	PCT	FGA-FGM	PCT			
Rich Ehrike	9	1	1.00	4	4.00	2	0.00	6	5.83	3	1.33	16	11.69	0	1.2	58
EIU	9	1	1.00	4	4.00	2	0.00	6	5.83	3	1.33	16	11.69	0	1.2	—
Opponent Totals	9	0	0.00	6	6.00	7	4.57	5	1.20	0	0.00	18	11.61	0	1.2	—

POINT AFTER CONVERSIONS	G	KICKING		CONSECUTIVE KICKS		KICKS BLKED		RUSHING		PASS RECEIVING		TOTAL		TOTAL	
		ATT-MADE	PCT	KICKS MADE	BLKED	ATT-MADE	PCT	ATT-MADE	PCT	ATT-MADE	PCT	ATT-MADE	PCT	POINTS	
Rich Ehrike	9	41	38.93	11	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	41	38.93	38	
Roy Banks	9	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	2	0	2	0.00	0	
James Marable	9	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	
Shon McClay	4	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	
EIU	9	41	38.93	11	0	0	0	0	0.00	4	0	45	38.85	38	
Opponent Totals	9	16	15.94	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	1	0	17	15.88	15	

ALL-PURPOSE RUNNING	RUSHING			RECEIVING		PUNT RETS		KICKOFF RETS		PLAYS	YDS	YDS/PLAY	YDS/GAME
	G	ATTS.	NET YDS	NO.	YDS	NO.	YDS	NO.	YDS				
James Marable	9	127	537	27	255	0	0	9	260	163	1052	6.5	116.9
Calvin Pierce	9	7	6	54	993	0	0	0	0	61	999	16.4	111.0
Roy Banks	9	3	11	43	844	0	0	0	0	46	855	18.6	95.0
DuWayne Pitts	8	75	383	15	86	0	0	0	0	90	469	5.2	58.6
Willie Cain	9	0	0	23	377	0	0	0	0	23	377	16.4	41.9
Greg Rhea	9	0	0	0	0	31	153	12	215	43	368	8.6	40.9
Derrick Williams	8	2	20	15	255	0	0	2	50	19	325	17.1	40.6
Uasi Iatu	7	37	174	1	6	0	0	3	17	41	197	4.8	28.1
Ben Stevenson	4	18	72	1	1	0	0	0	0	19	73	3.8	18.3
Rod Strots	2	2	5	3	46	0	0	0	0	5	51	10.2	25.5
Shon McCray	4	1	-2	3	44	0	0	0	0	4	42	10.5	10.5
Daryl Holcombe	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	32	1	32	32.0	10.7
Mike Milosovic	1	0	0	4	27	0	0	0	0	4	27	6.8	27.0
Pat Carroll	5	4	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	17	4.3	3.4
Dan Polewski	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	1	14	14.0	2.0
John Jurkovic	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	1	6	6.0	1.2
Ray Brown	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	.0	.0
Scott Johnson	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	.0	.0
Mark Petersen	1	0	0	1	-2	0	0	0	0	1	-2	-2.0	-2.0
Steve Tillotson	8	1	-18	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-18	-18.0	-2.3
Team	3	1	-41	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-41	-41.0	-13.7
Sean Payton	9	54	-54	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	-54	-1.0	-6.0

ETU	9	332	1110	190	2932	32	153	30	594	584	4789	8.2	532.1
Opponent Totals	9	376	1008	133	1770	18	141	47	836	574	3755	6.5	417.2

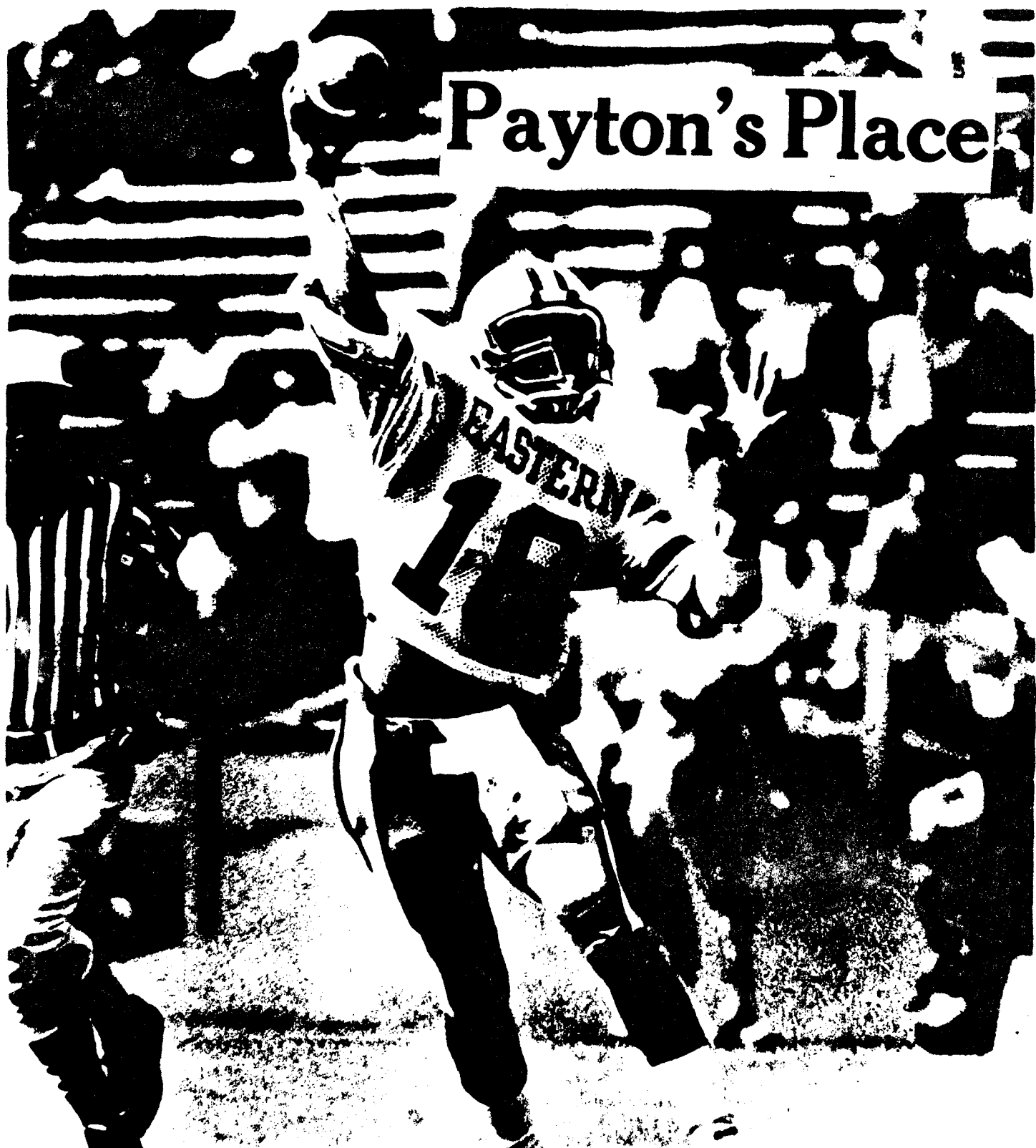
INTERCEPTIONS	G	INTPTS	YDS	YDS/RETURN	INTPTS/GAME	YDS	LONG
Rod Reynolds	8	6	63	10.5	.8	1	25
Greg Rhea	9	2	34	17.0	.2	0	34
Scott Johnson	6	2	26	13.0	.3	0	26
Jeff Mills	7	2	13	6.5	.3	0	8
Dan Polewski	7	2	21	10.5	.3	0	21
Bill Cochran	6	2	92	46.0	.3	1	85
Darius Shavers	5	1	0	.0	.2	0	0
Bob Bronaugh	5	1	3	3.0	.2	0	0

ETU	9	18	252	14.0	2.0	2	—
Opponent Totals	9	12	168	14.0	1.3	1	—

PUNTING	G	PNIS	YDS	YDS/PNT	PNIS/GAME	INSIDE		/----- DISTANCE -----/							LONG
						OPP	BLKD	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	>70	
Steve Tillotson	8	31	1159	37.4	3.9	8	0	2	3	9	17	0	0	0	49
Gordon Acton	4	16	579	36.2	4.0	6	0	1	4	4	6	1	0	0	51
Team	3	1	0	.0	.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ETU	9	48	1738	36.2	5.3	14	0	3	7	13	23	1	0	0	—
Opponent Totals	9	64	2392	37.4	7.1	18	2	1	10	20	27	3	0	1	—

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