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# Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University's football Panthers remain as the state's most successful I-A or I-AA team over the past several years.

The Panthers reached the NCAA I-AA playoff quarterfinals before being eliminated by Eastern Kentucky, 24-22, recently. EIU concluded with an 11-2 record tying the 1982 team for second most wins in a season, and finished with a No. 3 ranking in the final I-AA poll.

This is the fifth time in the last nine years EIU has been in post season play averaging nearly 9-3 p/year with a combined record of 79-29-1. All nine seasons have been above .500.

Eastern also won the Gateway Conference championship with a 5-1 record, the sixth time in seven years EIU has won a league title.

THE FOLLOWING ARE SEASON WRAPUPS LISTED BY HOMETOWNS ON DEFENSIVE

## BACKS:

RANTOUL: BOB BRONAUGH, senior strong safety, was chosen 2nd Team All-Gateway Conference for the second straight year . . .he was the team's No. 5 tackler with 76 and led with eight pass deflections. . . a three year letterman, Bronaugh's career stats are 222 tackles, three QB sacks, two tackles for loss, seven fumble recoveries, eight pass interceptions and a forced fumble.

NEWTON: SCOTT JOHNSON, sophomore free safety, earned his second letter playing in all 11 games and starting three . . .he was No. 6 on the team with 69 tackles, intercepted three passes and knocked down five others . . . three times he was the segment 'Player of the Week'.

CHICAGO (DUNBAR): DARIUS SHAVERS, senior free safety, earned his second letter starting eight games . . .he was No. 8 on the team with 67 tackles . . . in two years he had 136 total with one pass interception, six forced fumbles and one fumble recovery.