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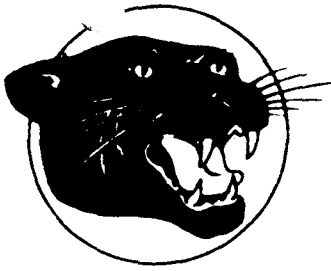
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# Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Six Eastern Illinois University football players received All-Gateway Conference recognition as selected by a vote of the league coaches.

Junior quarterback Sean Payton (Naperville-Central), junior wide receiver Roy Banks (Detroit-King), junior slotback Calvin Pierce (Oak Lawn-Richards) and senior defensive lineman Tom Moskal (Lake Zurich) were all picked to the First Team.

Junior strong safety Bob Bronaugh (Rantoul) and sophomore running back DuWayne Pitts (Detroit-MacKenzie) were Second Team picks.

The Panthers finished with a 6-5 record for their eighth straight winning season. They were 2-3 and tied for 3rd in the initial Gateway race.

For the second straight year Payton threw for over 3000 yards finishing with 3146, 5th best in NCAA I-AA, and setting seven school records. His most impressive records were career passing yards (7199) and career touchdown passes (52).

Banks caught 59 passes for 817 yards and a team high nine TD receptions. He is now tied with Scott McGhee for the EIU career TD pass reception record of 27. A broken collarbone sidelined him for the final game of the year.

Pierce led the Gateway in receiving yardage (900) and was second in catches (60). His 900 yards was the fifth best single season effort.

Moskal, the only Panther to earn a fourth letter, was the No. 2 tackler on the team with 94. He also led with seven QB sacks and had 5½ tackles for loss.

Bronaugh, who shared team defensive MVP honors with Moskal, was the team's No. 3 tackler with 90 and tied for the league lead with five pass interceptions. He also had a team high four fumble recoveries and knocked down seven passes.

Pitts, the Panthers offensive MVP, rushed for 968 yards, 88.0 p/game, and caught team and league high 65 passes for 458 yards. His 130 yards p/game all-purpose running placed him 17th in NCAA I-AA stats, and his 65 catches set an EIU record for most by a running back in a season.