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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's 11-game 1986 football schedule was announced Thursday (Dec. 12) by Athletic Director R. C. Johnson.

The Panthers will play six home games with three of those scheduled for night based upon the successful completion of a Brighten O'Brien fund drive to install lights by next fall.

Therefore, the first night game in EIU history would be the season opener with Northeast Missouri on Saturday, Sept. 6. Kickoff for all night games is 6:30 CDT/CST.

Eastern will only play two of six Gateway Conference games at O'Brien Stadium but both will be against expected championship contenders.

Southern Illinois will play at O'Brien Stadium, also at night, on September 20 with the Homecoming contest against NCAA I-AA playoff participant Northern Iowa on October 11.

Two first time opponents are home games with Liberty University on October 4 and Winona (MN) State which is Parents Weekend on November 1.

The complete schedule is as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>
September 6 (6:30)	NORTHEAST MISSOURI	O'BRIEN STADIUM
September 13 (Noon)	at Northern Michigan	Marquette
September 20 (6:30)	* SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	O'BRIEN STADIUM
September 27 (6:30)	* at Illinois State	Normal
October 4 (6:30)	LIBERTY UNIVERSITY	O'BRIEN STADIUM
October 11 (1:30)	* NORTHERN IOWA (Homecoming)	O'BRIEN STADIUM
October 18 (1:30)	* at Western Illinois	Macomb
October 25 (2:00)	* at Southwest Missouri	Springfield
November 1 (1:30)	WINONA STATE (parents weekend)	O'BRIEN STADIUM
November 8 (12:30)	at Indiana State	Terre Haute
November 15 (1:30)	WESTERN KENTUCKY	O'BRIEN STADIUM

\* Gateway Conference - Starting Times CDT/CST