

EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHERS

HC: BOB SPOO (132-109-1) • CHARLESTON, IL

OFFENSE - LAST 5 YEARS STATS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TTL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	TOTAL TURN	RECORD	RET STS	DEF PTS	TTL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %
5	22.7	304	143	3.9	161	62.8	+5	2008 5-7	6	23.4	363	190	4.6	173	61.1
4*	29.4	383	191	4.6	192	64.3	0	2007 8-4	7	26.3	357	146	4.0	210	63.5
9	22.8	352	188	4.7	164	55.6	+12	2006 8-5	7	21.2	334	123	3.9	211	60.9
9	26.6	306	159	3.7	147	56.5	+18	2005 9-3	8	19.2	341	122	3.5	220	54.8
8	26.5	390	166	3.9	224	60.9	-9	2004 5-6	8	29.4	335	114	3.1	220	58.3

OFFENSE - The Panthers are off a disappointing season as the expectation were for a playoff run and the final record was only 5-7. Injuries plagued the offense and the production was almost a TD less than 2007. The biggest drop was in the run game where they gained almost 50 ypg less. Two year starter QB Bodie Reeder (1931, 62.8%, 13-7 ratio) started all 12 LY and returns but will still have to battle rFr Doug Reynolds and a possible FBS transfer. The Panthers lose a 1st Tm OVC 1,000 yd rusher but are still in fine shape. Former Florida transfer, PS#37 Chevon Walker (365, 4.9), Desmin Ward (322, 3.5, EIU record 11 TD's) and another FL transfer PS#23 Mon Williams will battle for carries. The #1 WR Charles Graves (561, 14.0) returns but the next leading returning WR was #6 in Lorence Ricks (167, 11.9). Expect a recruit to make a summer impact and challenge for a starting spot. The OL suffered the majority of LY's injuries as 7 different combo's started the first 8 games. That makes this year's OL one of the deepest as all 5 starters are back and 9 return with starting exp. RG Chaz Millard was the only one to start all 12 at the same spot and earned 1st Tm OVC honors. At times in '07 5 soph started and they are all Sr's.

DEFENSE - The defense deserves credit as while the offense was much less productive, meaning more time on the field, the ppg allowed actually improved. This despite allowing a combined 78 pts to C Mich and Illinois and they held 5 of the L/6 opp to 21 pts or less. They held their 5 opp at home to an avg 308 ypg and 13.6 ppg. This years defense returns 6 starters but only 1 from the 4 man DL. Gone are 3 All-Confer performers including AA Pierre Walters (FA KC). The lone returnee is Andre Lima (37 tkl, 8 tfl) but Ill trans

D'Angelo McCray (11 tkl, 1.5 tfl) came here last Aug and will now start. LY EIU had to replace the Buck Buchanan Winner, but MLB Cory Leman (#3 tkl'r) came on at the end of the year. TY they lose 1 starter but return 3 that started at least 5 including Leman, who started the L/5, Nick Nasti (41 tkl) and Alain Marcelin (44 tkl). Three return in the secondary including both CB's, Rashad Haynes (60 tkl, 4 int, 8 pbu) and Charles James (29 tkl). They lose their #1 tkl'r but #2 tkl'r FS Seymour Loftman (3 int) does return.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This unit has to replace its K and LY's KO specialist Austin Signor will battle the newcomers. Solid P Kevin Cook returns (39.7 avg, 14 I20) and looks to return to his '07 form (#4 FCS w/44.6 avg). They lose their main returnman but Shawn Williams was exceptional in part-time duty (avg 18.8 on PR and 24.3 on KR).

COACHES - HC Bob Spoo is in his 22nd season and is hungry after having a 3 year playoff streak snapped lasy year. OC Roy Wittke returns for his 2nd season after coming from N Illinois and Roc Bellantoni returns for his 9th season as DC.

FORECAST - The Panthers had a streak of 3 straight playoff appearances snapped LY and after going an amazing 22-2 in OVC play the previous 3 seasons slipped down to 3-5 and were outgained by 40.2 ypg in OVC play. Their O-line has been hit hard by injuries the last 2 years and that gives them perhaps the most experienced off front in the FCS. They also have super talent at RB and an experienced QB. This is their most veteran unit in 3 years and after a rare trip below the Mendoza line at 5-7 last year EIU should be a prime contender in the OVC and could find themselves back in the postseason for a 4th time in 5 years.

FINISHES GOOD

Sep. 3	Illinois St
Sep. 12	at Indiana St
Sep. 19	at SE Missouri St
Sep. 26	at Austin Peay
Oct. 3	E Kentucky
Oct. 10	at Penn St
Oct. 17	Tenn Tech (HC)
Oct. 24	at Jacksonville St
Oct. 31	at Murray St
Nov. 7	at Tennessee St
Nov. 14	UT Martin
Nov. 21	Tennessee St

Last 10 FCS Playoff Games

YEAR	GAME	OPPONENT	SCORE
1989	FR	Idaho	38-21
1989	QF	Montana	19-25
1995	FR	SF Austin	29-34
1996	FR	Northern Iowa	14-21
2000	FR	Montana	13-45
2001	FR	Northern Iowa	43-49
2002	FR	Western Illinois	9-48
2005	FR	Southern Illinois	6-21
2006	FR	Illinois St	13-24
2007	FR	Southern Illinois	11-30

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7

DEFENSE: 6



2006 RESULTS (8-5)

OPPONENT	SCORE
at Illinois	17-42
Indiana St	31-21
at Illinois St	30-44
at Samford	24-13
at Hawaii	9-44
SE Missouri St	21-0
at Eastern Kentucky	28-21
Murray State	20-10
at UT Martin	9-15
Tennessee St	29-3
at Tennessee Tech	38-14
Jacksonville St	28-24

2007 RESULTS (8-4)

OPPONENT	SCORE
Tennessee Tech	45-24
at Purdue	6-52
Illinois St	21-24
at Indiana St	54-20
at SE Missouri St	31-16
Eastern Kentucky	21-28
at Murray St	27-24
UT Martin	29-23
at Tennessee St	38-35
at Jacksonville St	37-23
Samford	33-17

2008 RESULTS (5-7)

OPPONENT	SCORE
at Central Michigan	12-31
at Illinois	21-47
Indiana St	38-3
at Illinois St	25-21
Jacksonville St	10-23
at UT Martin	26-29
SE Missouri St	24-21
at Eastern Kentucky	7-20
Murray St	34-6
at Tennessee St	24-45
Austin Peay	13-15
at Tennessee Tech	38-20

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Travorus Bess	192	1111	25	1086	3	5.7	KeAndre Sams	74	1	2.5	3	0
Chevon Walker	74	399	34	365	2	4.9	Seymour Loftman	72	0	2.5	1	3
Desmin Ward	93	336	14	322	11	3.5	Cory Leman	61	0.5	1.5	1	0
Ron Jordan	22	59	3	56	0	2.5	Rashad Haynes	60	0	2	8	4
Shawn Williams	7	43	5	38	0	5.4	Donovan Johnson	58	6	8	2	0
Chip Keys	9	17	1	16	1	1.8	Pierre Walters	48	4.5	12	1	0
Quinten Ponius	1	7	0	7	0	7.0	James Larson	46	0	4	1	1
Bodie Reeder	31	18	144	-126	0	-4.1	Jack Kosinski	44	0	2	0	1
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Bodie Reeder	282	177	62.8	1931	13	7	Adrian Arrington	42	0	1.5	2	2
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT	
Charles Graves	40	561	14.0	2	58	Jeff Sobol	37	1.5	6.5	0	0	
Sean McGrath	28	301	10.8	3	36	Andre Lima	37	1	7	0	0	
Alicus Nozior	24	249	10.4	3	44	Charles James	29	0	1.5	1	0	
Travorus Bess	17	172	10.1	1	40	Shelton Penrow	25	0	1	6	0	
Adam Kesler	14	170	12.1	1	25	Trevor Frericks	16	0	5	1	0	
Lorence Ricks	14	167	11.9	2	45	William Hodor	15	1	2.5	0	0	
Chevon Walker	12	140	11.7	1	29	Sean Campbell	13	0	0	0	0	
Chip Keys	10	87	8.7	0	25	Perry Burge	13	1	3	1	0	
Quinten Ponius	9	46	5.1	0	15	PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	INT	Adam Kesler	10	78	7.8	0		
Kevin Cook	40	1587	39.7	33.8(t)	14	Shawn Williams	5	94	18.8	0		
Tyler Wilke	7	276	39.4	-	2	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
KICKING	XP	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG	Quinten Ponius	20	459	23.0	0		
Tyler Wilke	29-30	3-5	0-1	15-21	44	Shawn Williams	12	292	24.3	0		

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