

EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHERS

Charleston, Illinois
Enrollment: 11,996

Bob Spoo (Career 140-113-1)
23rd Year at Eastern Illinois
Spoo's record at E Illinois (140-113-1)

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2010

QUARTERBACKS - In '08 EIU ret'd former WY transfer QB Bodie Reeder, who started the last 9 in '07 throwing for 1,726 (65%, 10-5). He started all 12 in '08 throwing for 1,931 (63%, 13-7) and returned LY along with rFr Doug Reynolds. They added Iowa transfer Jake Christensen (PS#6, 12 sts in '07) for the fall. Christensen started all 12 throwing for 2,204 (58.3%, 19-11) and was 2nd Tm OVC but departs along with Reeder (84 yds). They return former JC Brandon Large, (RS here LY), Reynolds, who played in 2 (5 rush att) LY, but was inj in the spring, rFr Shandonta Travis and add 3 true fresh in the fall.

RUNNINGBACKS - The Panthers ret'd 5 of their top 6 rushers in '08 led by Travorus Bees (612, 5.8) but lost a 1,000 yd rusher. In '09 they lost 1st Tm OVC RB Bees (1086, 5.7) but ret'd former Florida trans Chevon Walker (PS#37) who was #2 with 365 (4.9) along with #3 Desmin Ward (322, 3.5, EIU rec 11 TD's). They also added Florida trans PS#23 Mon Williams (PS#23) and Mich trans Jimmy Potempa (PS#256), who split time between RB and WR. This yr they ret their top 5 rushers led by 2nd Tm OVC RB Williams (870, 4.6, 9 TD), Walker (326, 4.9), Potempa (222, 3.8) and Ward, who's numbers dropped to just 107 (3.3) as he played most of the yr at FB.

RECEIVERS - In '08 EIU had to replace 3 of their top 5 rec incl a former Minn transfer who led with 777 (14.1, 9 TD) in '07. Their top returnee was #2 Alicus Nozinger (367, 9.9) and they dropped from #5 to #7 in passing. In '09 they ret'd just 2 of their top 9 rec #1 Charles Graves (561, 14.0) and #6 Lorenzo Ricks (167, 11.9). They moved up to #4 in pass off. They look to ret everyone, who caught a pass in '09 incl 6 with 200+ yds. They are led by Ricks (381, 20.1), Kenny Whittaker (358, 12.3) and Graves (333, 13.9) and also return RB/WR Potempa, who led with 32 receptions (238, 7.4).

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '08 the OL lost 2 str's, who comb for 17 sts in '07 but ret'd 5 with starting exp led by 1st tm OVC RG Chaz Milliard. The OL suffered the majority of LY's injuries as 7 different combo's started the F/8 gms and they dropped from #4 to #2 in rushing as their ypc went from 4.6 to 3.9 and they allowed 12 more sks (22, 7.8%). That made '09's OL one of the deepest as all 5 str's ret incl 1st tm OVC RG Chaz Milliard (only one to st all 12) and ret 9 with starting exp. Surprisingly, especially with 3 former FBS RB's they fell to #8 in rushing with a 3.4 ypc and allowed 32 sks (17.4%). They lose 4 OL who comb for 41 sts LY incl 1st Tm OVC C Milliard and 2nd Tm OVC LT Chris Campbell. The OL ret 2 str's in 2 yr st LG Eric Zink and 2nd Tm OVC RG Willie Henderson, who moved to C in the spg. They may add some transfers to bolster the line over the summer.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The DL lost 2 str's in '08 but ret'd 8 of the DL's 10 man rotation. However, OIU dropped from #2 to #8 in rush



DL Perry Burge

D as they their ypc allowed went from 4.0 to 4.6 despite the D having 2 more sks (17). In '09 they lost 3 all-OVC incl AA Pierre Walters (#6 tkl', 16.5 tfl). They ret'd 1 str in DT Andre Lima (#13 tkl', 8 tfl) along with backups DT Trevor Frericks (16 tkl, 5 tfl) and DE Perry Burge (13 tkl, 4 tfl). Surprisingly they moved up to #5 in rush D and their 3.8 ypc was the lowest in 4 yrs and the D increased their sk tfl to 24. They lose 2 str's in DT Lima (#12 tkl'r) and 1st Tm OVC DT Frericks (#6 tkl'r) who was #3 in the OVC with 16 tfl. They ret 5, who had a comb 26 sts in '09 led by 2nd Tm OVC DE Burge (#10 tkl'r), who led with 5 sks and also ret former Navy transfer Mike Letton (PS#456).

LINEBACKERS - In '08 the LB unit had to replace 2 str's, who were the top 2 tkl'r's incl Buck Buchanan Awd finalist Donald Thomas (#1 tkl'r) but ret'd 2 LB who comb for 12 sts in Jack Kosinski (#9 tkl'r) and James Larson (#7 tkl'r). In '09 they lost both Kosinski (#8 tkl'r) and Larson (#7 tkl'r). This yr the unit ret'd 3 LB who each had 6 sts in Cory Leman (#3 tkl'r), Nick Nasti (#11) and Alain Marcelin (#9) along with Sean Campbell (1 st, 13 tkl, 4 tfl). They ret 5, who comb for all 36 sts in '09 in SLB Nasti (#1 tkl'r), WLB Leman (#2), MLB Gordy Kickels (#3, 4.5 tfl), Campbell (#7) and Marcelin (15 tkl).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The secondary ret'd 3 str's in '08 in FS Adrian Arrington (#3 tkl'r), and two 2nd Tm OVC DB's in SS Ke'Andre Sams (#4 tkl'r) and CB Rashad Haynes (#5, 5 int, 6 pbu). They also ret'd S Seymour Loftman, who was 2nd Tm OVC in '06 but missed '07 with inj. They improved from #5 to #1 in pass D with a 12-2 ratio. In '09 they lost Sams (#1 tkl'r) but ret'd 3 str's in FS Loftman (#8 tkl'r) and CB's Haynes (#4, 4 int, 8 pbu) and CJ James (6 sts, 29 tkl) along with backup Arrington (#10 tkl'r). They finished #2 in pass D with a 13-11 tie. They lose 3 who comb for 20 sts in '09 in FS Loftman (#8 tkl'r), CB Shelton Penrow (#9, 4 pd) and ROV Arrington (#11 tkl'r). They ret 1st Tm OVC CB CJ James (#5 tkl'r, 5 int) and 2nd Tm OVC CB Haynes (#4, 12 pd) along with ROV Bobson Mercier (18 tkl), who started 5 of the L/6.

2010 SCHEDULE

9/4	at Iowa
9/11	Central Arkansas
9/18	at UT Martin
9/25	Jacksonville St
10/2	SE Missouri St
10/9	at Eastern Kentucky
10/16	at Tennessee Tech
10/23	Murray St
10/30	Austin Peay
11/6	at Tennessee St
11/13	at Illinois St
11/20	



2009 RECORD:
(8-4)
RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 8
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (21,17,3)
Lost: 15 (7,7,1)
2009 AVG ATTENDANCE:
7,769 (#49)
OHIO VALLEY

SPECIAL TEAMS - The ST unit only lost their top PR in '08. In '09 they only ret'd P Kevin Cook (39.7). K Austin Signor was 1st tm OVC (14-22 FG) but departs. They ret their top 2 RS in CB Haynes (420 ret yds) and WR Ricks (332, 1 TD) along with P Cook (42.0).

COACHES - HC Bob Spoo is in his 23rd ssn and is #5 all time in FCS playoff appearances (9) by a HC. Roy Wittke had been OC here from '90-02 and ret'd in '08 at the same spot and was named asst HC in '09. Roc Bellantoni returns for his 10th ssn as DC.

FORECAST - The Panthers ret'd 7 off str's in '09 incl a 2 yr str but he was replaced by 1 of 3 FBS transfers. While they remained #4 in scoring they moved up 1 spot to #5 in total off this yr. They again return 7 str's but will have a new QB and ret just 2 OL str's but return their top 8 rushers and top 15 receivers. EIU's def ret'd 6 str's in '09 but improved their numbers across the board and while they remained #3 in scoring the improved from #6 to #2 in tfl def. Last year EIU was off their first losing ssn since '04 and saw their streak of 3 straight playoff appearances end. The Panthers started '09 4-0 but fell to OVC rival EKU, which looked like it would cost them the OVC Crown. After a loss to Penn St they won their next 4 including handing JSU their only conf loss and only had to beat 3-7 Tenn St to win the OVC crown but were upset. They still won as EIU lost their finale 3 days later. They then lost in the 1st rd of the playoffs for an 8th straight time. The Panthers lose just 15 lettermen but that incl 8 str's, a former 2 yr starting QB and a 1st Tm OVC K. The Panthers seem to always gain some trans over the summer and 1 or 2 in the right spot could be enough to give EIU their 2nd straight OVC title.

STADIUM: O'BRIEN (10,000) (#77) PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Pro-Grass)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	4-8	5-6	9-3	8-5	8-4	5-7	8-4	55-41
Home	5-0	3-3	3-2	4-2	5-1	3-2	3-2	8-2	29-14
Away	3-4	1-5	2-4	5-1	3-4	5-2	2-5	6-2	27-27
Conf	5-1	3-5	4-4	8-0	7-1	7-1	3-5	6-2	42-19
Non-Conf	3-3	1-3	1-2	1-3	1-4	1-3	2-2	2-2	12-22
Playoffs	0-1	-	-	0-1	0-1	0-1	-	0-1	0-5

2009 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Mon Williams	191	926	56	870	9	4.6	Nick Nasti	83	0	3.5	1	1
Chevon Walker	66	345	19	326	1	4.9	Cory Leman	63	1	1	0	0
Jimmy Potempa	58	248	26	222	0	3.8	Gordy Kickels	62	1.5	3	2	0
Desmin Ward	32	111	4	107	0	3.3	Rashad Haynes	46	0	1	1	1
Erik Lora	3	34	5	29	0	9.7	CJ James	44	2	1.5	4	5
Bodie Reeder	1	0	8	-8	0	-8.0	Trevor Frericks	44	2	14	0	0
Jake Christensen	66	214	231	-17	0	-0.3	Sean Campbell	41	1	2.5	1	1
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	Seymour Loftman	36	0	0	0	0
Jake Christensen	300	175	58.3	2204	19	11	Shelton Penrow	33	0.5	2	4	1
Bodie Reeder	18	9	50.0	84	0	0	Perry Burge	31	5	2	1	0
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	Adrian Arrington	30	0	3	3	0	
Lorenzo Ricks	19	381	20.1	3	52	Andre Lima	29	1.5	1.5	1	0	
Kenny Whittaker	29	358	12.3	2	44	Spyros Bazigos	27	1	5.5	0	0	
Charles Graves	24	333	13.9	3	45	Carlos Reyna	23	1	1	1	1	
Erik Lora	23	320	13.9	2	31	Colin Luczynski	22	1	3.5	0	0	
Chris Wright	21	263	12.5	4	35	Nathan Galan	18	1.5	2	0	0	
Jimmy Potempa	32	238	7.4	2	29	Bobson Mercier	18	0	1	0	1	
Chavar Watkins	8	170	21.2	2	45	Artavious Dowdell	17	3	1	1	0	
Chevon Walker	6	73	12.2	0	28	Taylor Dunn	16	1	1.5	0	0	
Danny Vehovic	10	66	6.6	1	22	PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Cody Bruns	4	49	12.2	0	20	Rashad Haynes	16	106	6.6	0		
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20	Lorenzo Ricks	1	26	26.0	0
Kevin Cook	50	2100	42.0	3	34.0	1	14	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL LONG	Rashad Haynes	14	314	22.4	0	0
Austin Signor	34-34	3-3	6-7	5-11	0-1	14-22	48	Lorenzo Ricks	10	306	30.6	0

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	PTS	TOTAL OFF	RUSH YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN	RET STS	PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF YPP	SKS BY			
7	23.5	315	124	3.4	59.1	56.3	13.4	32	-4	2009	6	21.3	307	136	3.8	171	57.5	14.5	24
5	22.7	304	143	3.9	161	62.8	13.4	22	+5	2008	6	23.4	363	190	4.6	173	61.1	15.5	17
4	29.4	383	191	4.6	192	64.3	13.0	10	0	2007	7	26.3	357	146	4.0	210	63.5	13.5	15
9	22.8	352	188	4.7	164	55.6	15.4	10	+12	2006	7	21.2	334	123	3.9	211	60.9	15.8	15
9	26.6	306	159	3.7	147	56.5	11.5	13	+18	2005	8	19.2	341	122	3.5	220	54.8	17.8	19
8	26.5	390	166	3.9	224	60.9	14.7	13	-9	2004	8	29.4	335	114	3.1	220	58.3	11.4	18

OFFENSE

2009 STATS BY GAME

DEFENSE

EIU 2009	ATT	OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN				
10,013	Illinois St	24	41	-217	5.3	14	-23	167	1	14	26	-18	0.7	25	-30	166	4	-1	
2,977	at Indiana St	18	42	-218	5.2	15	-21	152	3	7	25	-24	1.0	11	-22	71	3	+2	
9,053	at SE Missouri St	24	41	-231	5.6	19	-26	292	0	20	37	-210	5.7	17	-35	171	1	-3	
4,618	at Austin Peay	12	29	-51	1.8	21	-36	192	1	14	34	-95	2.8	18	-32	156	2	+2	
11,271	E Kentucky	19	26	-44	1.7	21	-36	294	7	25	50	-123	2.5	19	-31	293	4	-1	
104,488	at Penn St	14	32	-59	1.8	15	-31	147	5	28	36	-285	7.9	17	-26	268	0	-1	
8,708	Tennessee Tech	23	52	-166	3.2	17	-29	182	2	14	15	-78	5.2	19	-46	198	0	+3	
12,380	at Jacksonville St	13	35	-65	1.9	16	-29	190	1	19	38	-129	3.4	16	-26	236	2	+1	
2,444	at Murray St	12	39	-97	2.5	9	-22	121	5	10	34	-41	1.2	16	-28	127	6	+1	
5,346	UT Martin	21	40	-135	3.4	18	-23	322	1	17	31	-127	4.1	16	-32	170	0	+1	
3,509	Tennessee St	14	27	-96	3.6	12	-33	149	2	16	53	-176	3.3	9	-16	135	2	-4	
6,391	at Southern Illinois	10	36	-109	3.0	7	-18	80	4	20	53	-323	6.1	13	-17	265	0	-4	
TOTALS			204	440	-1488	3.4	184	-327	2288	32	204	532	-1629	3.8	196	-341	2067	24	-4
AVERAGES			17.0	37	-124	3.4	15	-27	191	2.7	17	36	-136	3.8	16	-28	171	2.0	-0.3

2004 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
Indiana St (OT)	30-33
at Illinois St	31-35
at E Michigan	31-28
SE Missouri St	35-28
at E Kentucky	6-49
Murray St	24-9
at UT Martin	14-32
Tennessee St	34-24
at Tennessee Tech (OT)	37-40
Jacksonville St	21-31
at Samford	28-14

2005 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
at Indiana St	24-13
at BYU	10-45
Illinois St	6-27
Samford	43-14
at SE Missouri St	48-24
E Kentucky	53-22
at Murray St	35-28
UT Martin	26-7
at Tennessee St	27-3
Tennessee Tech	31-20
at Jacksonville St	10-6
Southern Illinois	6-21

2006 RESULTS

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
Illinois St	13-24

2007 RESULTS

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
at Southern Illinois	11-30

2008 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
at Central Michigan	12-31
at Illinois	21-47
Indiana St	38-3
at Illinois St	