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East St. Louis (Sr.) (11-2)

School Information

Name: East St. Louis Senior High School

City: East St. Louis

County: St. Clair

Classification Enrollment: 1194

Nickname: Flyers

Colors: Orange/Royal

Conference: Southwestern

Superintendent: Arthur Culver

Principal: Brittany Green

Athletic Director: Darren Sunkett

Asst. Athletic Director: Brian Schoby

Head Coach: Darren Sunkett

Assistant Coaches: Harith Mitchom, Dominic Nelson, Emric Johnson, Brandon Gregory, Jason Hicks

Athletic Trainer: Destinee Grove

Captains: Robert "Pops" Battle, Leontre Bradford, Jaion Jackson, Jesse Watson

Manager:

Last Year's Advancement: Defeated Crystal Lake (Prairie Ridge), 57-7, in 6A State Final

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
0	Charles Bass	DB	6-2	190	Jr.
1	Leontre Bradford	DB	6-0	190	Sr.
2	Taylor Powell	DB	6-3	200	Sr.
3	Christopher Bennett Jr	WR	5-7	175	Jr.

4	Mekhi Mixon	LB	6-0	195	Jr.
5	Larevious Woods	RB	5-8	200	Jr.
6	TaRyan Martin	RB	5-8	190	Jr.
7	Justin Price	WR	6-1	185	Jr.
8	Jaion Jackson	DB	5-10	165	Sr.
9	Robert "Pops" Battle	QB	6-0	180	Sr.
10	Jesse Watson	WR	5-10	165	Sr.
11	Reese Shanklin	QB-K	6-1	175	Fr.
12	Quentin Kirby	DB	6-0	180	Jr.
13	John Dailey	WR	5-9	170	Sr.
14	Rico Bond	WR	6-0	180	Sr.
15	Ronnie GoMiller	WR-DB	5-9	165	Fr.
16	LaRon Baker	WR	5-11	165	Fr.
17	Keylan LaGrant	LB	6-2	190	Jr.
18	Keandre McClendon	LB	6-2	230	Jr.
19	Elmo Gilliam Jr	LB	5-10	200	Jr.
20	Royce Searcy	WR-DB	5-8	160	Fr.
21	Leon Howard Jr	LB	6-2	225	So.
23	Bryce Harrison	LB	6-1	225	Sr.
24	Gregory Robinson	DB	5-9	180	Jr.
25	Amir Tillman	RB	5-10	170	Fr.
26	Demetrius Taylor	RB-DB	5-11	180	Fr.
27	Frank Luckett	DB	5-9	150	Fr.
28	Dillon Turner	FB-LB	5-10	205	Sr.
29	David Cross	CB	6-0	185	Jr.
31	Andrew Bownes	DL	6-2	235	Sr.
32	Ahmad Coleman	RB	5-11	185	Fr.
33	Raheem Floyd	DB	6-1	160	Fr.
34	Jeremiah Reed	DB	5-8	155	Fr.
35	Randy Johnson	DB	5-7	145	Fr.
36	Reggie Murphy	DB	5-9	150	Fr.
40	Carnell McIntosh	DL	6-2	245	So.
42	Oreyon Hogan	LB	6-3	185	Fr.
44	Nigel Davis	LB	6-1	205	Jr.
45	Gerad Minnix	WR	6-2	175	Fr.
50	Shamon Hamilton	OL-DL	6-2	280	Jr.
52	Traveon Mays	OL-DL	6-1	250	Sr.
53	Keyon Davis	OL	6-4	300	Fr.
54	Caleb Brown	DL	6-1	235	Fr.
55	Mytrell Tillman	OL-DL	6-3	280	So.

56	Caleb Morrow	OL	6-3	240	So.
57	Terrell Berryhill Jr	OL	6-4	250	So.
58	Cameron Taylor	OL	6-1	250	Fr.
71	Lawrence Powell	OL	6-1	320	Jr.
74	Marquell Robinson	OL	6-1	290	Sr.
75	Jordan Henderson	OL	6-1	305	So.
76	Kheagan Blakemore	OL	6-0	270	Fr.
77	Trenten Staten	OL	5-11	255	Fr.
79	Aiden Taylor	OL	6-2	290	Sr.
95	Gregory Bell	DL	6-1	290	Fr.
99	Mechki McDowell	DL	5-10	290	Sr.

Specialists

Kickoff Specialist: Reese Shanklin

Kickoff Returners: Christopher Bennett Jr, Jesse Watson

Punter: Christopher Bennett Jr

Punt Returners: Christopher Bennett Jr, Rico Bond

Placekicker: Reese Shanklin

Placekick Holder: Robert "Pops" Battle

Starters

Offense

Position	No.	Name	Height	Weight	Year
FB	28	Dillon Turner	5-10	205	Sr.
OL	50	Shamon Hamilton	6-2	280	Jr.
OL	52	Traveon Mays	6-1	250	Sr.
OL	55	Mytrell Tillman	6-3	280	So.
OL	74	Marquell Robinson	6-1	290	Sr.
OL	79	Aiden Taylor	6-2	290	Sr.
QB	9	Robert "Pops" Battle	6-0	180	Sr.
RB	5	Larevious Woods	5-8	200	Jr.
WR	10	Jesse Watson	5-10	165	Sr.
WR	14	Rico Bond	6-0	180	Sr.
WR	3	Christopher Bennett Jr	5-7	175	Jr.

Offense Averages

Backs: 5-10, 188

Line: 6-2, 275

Receivers: 5-10, 171

Defense

Position	No.	Name	Height	Weight	Year
DB	1	Leontre Bradford	6-0	190	Sr.
DB	2	Taylor Powell	6-3	200	Sr.
DB	8	Jaion Jackson	5-10	165	Sr.
DB	12	Quentin Kirby	6-0	180	Jr.
DL	18	Keandre McClendon	6-2	230	Jr.
DL	31	Andrew Bownes	6-2	235	Sr.
DL	40	Carnell McIntosh	6-2	245	So.
LB	19	Elmo Gilliam Jr	5-10	200	Jr.
LB	23	Bryce Harrison	6-1	225	Sr.
LB	17	Keylan LaGrant	6-2	190	Jr.
LB	4	Mekhi Mixon	6-0	195	Jr.

Defense Averages

Defensive Backs: 5-11, 170

Line: 6-1, 263

Linebackers: 6-1, 207

Statistics

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Scores

Date	Opponent	W/L	Own	Opp
8/26	Chicago (Mt. Carmel)	L	33	36
9/2	Baltimore (St. Frances Academy), MD	W	13	7
9/9	Humble (Atascocita), TX	L	13	43
9/16	Belleville (East)	W	48	0
9/23	O'Fallon (H.S.)	W	54	13
9/30	Belleville (West)	W	63	0
10/6	Alton (Sr.)	W	59	0
10/13	Edwardsville (H.S.)	W	27	15
10/20	Forfeit	W	1	0
IHSA Playoffs				
10/28	Lemont (H.S.)	W	61	0

11/4	Normal (Community West)	W	54	7
11/11	Kankakee (Sr.)	W	39	13
11/18	Washington	W	34	18

Head Coach Darren Sunkett

Year	W-L
St. Louis (Riverview Gardens), MO	
1996	5-5
1997	8-3
1998	13-1 (1st)
1999	8-2
4 yrs.	34-11
East St. Louis (Sr.)	
2000	7-3
2001	6-4
2002	8-3
2003	11-1
2004	8-3
2005	7-4
2006	11-1
2007	11-2
2008	13-1 (1st)
2009	10-3
2010	4-6
2011	9-3
2012	8-3
2013	9-4
2014	7-5
2015	3-6
2016	14-0 (1st)
2017	10-2
2018	9-3
2019	14-0 (1st)
2021	5-1
2021	11-3 (2nd)

2022	12-2 (1st)
2023	11-2
24 yrs.	218-65
GRAND TOTAL	
28 yrs.	252-76

Tournament History

1974-5A	13	19	3-1 (12-1)	2nd	Cornelius Perry
W	34	21	Quincy (Sr.)		
W	35	0	Naperville (Central)		
W	46	0	Chicago (Gordon Tech)		
L	13	19	Northbrook (Glenbrook North) (OT)		
1977-5A	13	36	2-1 (9-2)	DNP	Robert Shannon
W	33	26	Moline (H.S.)		
W	14	12	Dolton (Thornridge)		
L	13	36	Franklin Park (East Leyden)		
1978-5A	12	48	1-1 (9-2)	DNP	Robert Shannon
W	35	0	Rock Island (H.S.)		
L	12	48	Chicago (St. Rita)		
1979-5A	20	14	4-0 (10-0)	1st	Robert Shannon
W	36	0	New Lenox (Lincoln-Way)		
W	38	6	Oak Lawn (Richards)		
W	21	15	Elgin (Larkin)		
W	20	14	Burbank (St. Laurence)		
1982-6A	13	25	1-1 (8-3)	DNP	Robert Shannon
W	52	10	Orland Park (Sandburg)		
L	13	25	Burbank (Reavis)		
1983-6A	13	0	4-0 (13-0)	1st	Robert Shannon
W	37	8	Danville (H.S.)		
W	13	12	Romeoville (H.S.)		
W	8	0	Chicago (St. Rita)		
W	13	0	Addison (A. Trail)		
1984-6A	38	6	4-0 (13-0)	1st	Robert Shannon
W	35	13	Aurora (West Aurora)		
W	30	13	Romeoville (H.S.)		
W	35	12	Buffalo Grove		
W	38	6	Downers Grove (South)		
1985-6A	46	0	5-0 (14-0)	1st	Robert Shannon
W	44	0	Danville (H.S.)		
W	58	12	Lockport (Twp.)		
W	13	0	Orland Park (Sandburg)		
W	33	7	Buffalo Grove		
W	46	0	Chicago (Brother Rice)		

1986-6A	15	18	2-1 (10-2)	DNP	Robert Shannon
W	7	0	Belleville (East)		
W	20	0	Granite City		
L	15	18	Flossmoor (Homewood-F.)		
1987-6A	6	26	4-1 (13-1)	2nd	Robert Shannon
W	41	14	Lockport (Twp.)		
W	20	13	East Moline (United)		
W	24	8	Flossmoor (Homewood-F.)		
W	19	7	Chicago (Mt. Carmel)		
L	6	26	Arlington Heights (Hersey)		
1988-6A	7	21	4-1 (13-1)	2nd	Robert Shannon
W	30	6	Alton (Sr.)		
W	26	15	Belleville (East)		
W	27	0	Pekin		
W	14	6	Naperville (North)		
L	7	21	Chicago (Mt. Carmel)		
1989-6A	55	8	5-0 (14-0)	1st	Robert Shannon
W	53	27	East Moline (United)		
W	41	0	Pekin		
W	14	13	Orland Park (Sandburg)		
W	36	22	Hoffman Estates (Conant)		
W	55	8	Harvey (Thornton)		
1990-6A	26	28	3-1 (12-1)	DNP	Robert Shannon
W	61	0	Danville (H.S.)		
W	56	14	East St. Louis (Lincoln)		
W	49	42	Elgin (Larkin)		
L	26	28	Downers Grove (North)		
1991-6A	48	6	5-0 (13-1)	1st	Robert Shannon
W	26	6	Granite City		
W	27	7	Moline (H.S.)		
W	26	0	Downers Grove (North)		
W	20	4	Tinley Park (Andrew)		
W	48	6	Carol Stream (Glenbard North)		
1992-5A	7	15	1-1 (9-2)	DNP	Robert Shannon
W	55	0	Cahokia (H.S.)		
L	7	15	Bloomington (H.S.)		
1993-5A	13	27	2-1 (9-3)	DNP	Robert Shannon
W	31	13	Edwardsville (H.S.)		
W	12	9	Bloomington (H.S.)		
L	13	27	Belvidere (H.S.)		
1994-5A	0	27	1-1 (8-3)	DNP	Robert Shannon
W	46	11	Normal (Community)		
L	0	27	Rockford (Boylan Catholic)		
1998-5A	7	25	1-1 (7-4)	DNP	Terry Hill
W	20	14	Collinsville		
L	7	25	Cary (C.-Grove)		

2000-6A	15	38	0-1 (7-3)	DNP	Terry Hill
L	15	38	Elgin (H.S.)		
2001-7A	6	42	0-1 (6-4)	DNP	Darren Sunkett
L	6	42	Chicago (Dunbar)		
2002-7A	12	15	1-1 (8-3)	DNP	Darren Sunkett
W	27	12	Bolingbrook		
L	12	15	Oswego (H.S.)		
2003-7A	20	33	2-1 (11-1)	DNP	Darren Sunkett
W	34	3	Quincy (Sr.)		
W	45	3	O'Fallon (H.S.)		
L	20	33	Oswego (H.S.)		
2004-7A	27	28	1-1 (8-3)	DNP	Darren Sunkett
W	33	14	Bradley (B.-Bourbonnais)		
L	27	28	Chicago (Morgan Park)		
2005-7A	8	24	1-1 (7-4)	DNP	Darren Sunkett
W	18	10	Alton (Sr.)		
L	8	24	Edwardsville (H.S.)		
2006-7A	13	35	2-1 (11-1)	DNP	Darren Sunkett
W	38	0	Pekin		
W	33	27	Edwardsville (H.S.)		
L	13	35	New Lenox (Providence Catholic)		
2007-7A	0	26	3-1 (11-2)	DNP	Darren Sunkett
W	27	21	Batavia		
W	26	7	Moline (H.S.)		
W	34	26	Geneva		
L	0	26	Wheaton (W. Warrenville South)		
2008-7A	33	14	5-0 (13-1)	1st	Darren Sunkett
W	50	15	Burbank (St. Laurence)		
W	46	3	Chicago (De La Salle)		
W	35	28	Chicago (St. Rita)		
W	27	20	Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West)		
W	33	14	Geneva		
2009-7A	15	34	3-1 (10-3)	DNP	Darren Sunkett
W	50	43	Bradley (B.-Bourbonnais)		
W	48	20	Minooka		
W	27	14	O'Fallon (H.S.)		
L	15	34	Wheaton (W. Warrenville South)		
2010-7A	0	1	0-1 (4-6)	DNP	Darren Sunkett
L	0	1	Belleville (West)		
2011-7A	7	10	2-1 (9-3)	DNP	Darren Sunkett
W	33	7	Granite City		
W	41	0	Oswego (H.S.)		
L	7	10	Wheaton (W. Warrenville South)		
2012-7A	18	21	1-1 (8-3)	DNP	Darren Sunkett
W	27	13	Belleville (West)		
L	18	21	Edwardsville (H.S.)		

2013-6A	6	7	3-1 (9-4)	DNP	Darren Sunkett
W	33	6	Normal (Community West)		
W	38	16	Normal (Community)		
W	27	26	New Lenox (Providence Catholic)		
L	6	7	Oak Lawn (Richards)		
2014-6A	27	49	2-1 (7-5)	DNP	Darren Sunkett
W	40	19	Peoria (Richwoods)		
W	67	28	Normal (Community West)		
L	27	49	Peoria (Notre Dame)		
2016-7A	26	13	5-0 (14-0)	1st	Darren Sunkett
W	44	7	New Lenox (Lincoln-Way West)		
W	32	28	Carol Stream (Glenbard North)		
W	60	27	Villa Park (Willowbrook)		
W	20	0	Lisle (Benet Academy)		
W	26	13	Plainfield (North)		
2017-7A	18	21	2-1 (10-2)	DNP	Darren Sunkett
W	62	7	Libertyville		
W	40	18	Buffalo Grove		
L	18	21	Chicago (Mt. Carmel)		
2018-7A	19	29	2-1 (9-3)	DNP	Darren Sunkett
W	62	14	Hoffman Estates (H.S.)		
W	56	14	Lombard (Glenbard East)		
L	19	29	Chicago (Mt. Carmel)		
2019-6A	43	21	5-0 (14-0)	1st	Darren Sunkett
W	44	0	Chicago (Morgan Park)		
W	70	28	Rock Island (H.S.)		
W	60	0	Oak Lawn (Richards)		
W	50	28	Chatham (Glenwood)		
W	43	21	Crystal Lake (Prairie Ridge)		
2021-6A	36	37	4-1 (11-3)	2nd	Darren Sunkett
W	66	0	Riverside (R.-Brookfield)		
W	54	0	Oak Lawn (Richards)		
W	42	21	Lemont (H.S.)		
W	54	13	Crete (C.-Monee)		
L	36	37	Cary (C.-Grove)		
2022-6A	57	7	5-0 (12-2)	1st	Darren Sunkett
W	71	0	Oak Lawn (Richards)		
W	40	0	Normal (Community West)		
W	45	0	Crete (C.-Monee)		
W	32	29	Lemont (H.S.)		
W	57	7	Crystal Lake (Prairie Ridge)		