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It isn't Michigan against Ohio State yet, but when SIU faces University of Northern Iowa in Saluki Stadium today, it isn't just another conference matchup either.

"This game is why you play football," junior outside linebacker Connor James said. "UNI and us is a huge rivalry. We're always two of the top teams in the conference."

For many years, the Panthers were the dominant team in the Missouri Valley Football Conference, until 2003 when SIU became a powerful team, sharing the championship title with the Panthers.

Since then, SIU or UNI have won the championship every year except one, when Youngstown State won in 2006.

The two dominant teams have fostered an intense rivalry because every game has championship implications, Saluki coach Dale Lennon said.

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GO SALUKIS!
Salukis set sights on similar Panthers

NICK JOHNSON  
Daily Egyptian

When Northern Iowa coach Mark Farley's Panthers try to spoil the Salukis' homecoming today, they'll face a team similar to their own in many ways, he said.

"The players who will be on both sidelines today have been brought up in winning programs," Farley said.

"Our players have had a lot of success in the last five years," he said. "I just think the similarities create a great respect as well."

SIU beat UNI 25-20 in Cedar Falls, Iowa, in 2009, and coach Dale Lennon said the two programs are in similar regressing phase after having dominant senior classes.

Lennon's Salukis (2-3, 1-1 MVFC) lost eight starters on defense from 2009 and Farley's Panthers (2-2, 2-0 MVFC) returned six starters.

"Anytime you have that there's going to be a little growth process that occurs the following year," Lennon said. "You have to be patient with that growth and I think both of us have the potential to be a very good football team, but we've both stabilized over here in the early part of the season."

But it's not just growing pains the two teams share in common. Both have a problem with turnovers. The Panthers have 12 giveaways in four games and the Salukis have 12 in five games.

Turnovers were decisive factors in key losses for SIU against Southeast Missouri State and Youngstown State, two games in which the Salukis held at least a two-score lead. UNI turned the ball over five times in a 27-0 loss to Iowa State.

"To have the opportunity to win you're going to have to be error free," Farley said.

Both teams also have strong defenses and both play two quarterbacks, Lennon said.

Senior Chris Dieter has started every game for the Salukis and has been backed with sophomore Paul Mabry on occasion. But UNI has developed a routine with junior quarterbacks Zach Davis and Todd Rennie in which the two signal callers sometimes alternate drives, Lennon said.

"It's a problem with two quarterbacks that are very mobile," Lennon said. "There will be familiarity with the game plan for the players which I think is helpful. We've especially since we saw a little younger on the defensive side."

SIU inside linebacker Stephen Franklin said the key to defending a mobile quarterback is to make him throw the ball.

"(Running) obviously their strength, something that they feel comfortable doing and when they get out in open space the can hurt you," Franklin said.

On the other side of the ball, Dieter said the Panthers defense is fast, but he sees an opportunity in the secondary.

"UNI has good safeties, but their corners are undisciplined and the Salukis can capitalize in the passing game," Dieter said.

"Franklin said looking at home in the Salukas has made a Panthelarming. "They're going to be big, fast and physical. That's a big rivalry here and they want to beat us real bad," he said.

Dicker said the best part about playing UNI is that it leaves both teams with a true sense of just how good they are.

Througb both teams play solid defense, Lennon and Farley wouldn't rule out a high scoring game today.

"I think you kind of start on that end of it, but at the same time it turns into a track meet you've got to be ready to put on the spikes and get ready to get," Lennon said.

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UNI coach Mark Farley said this game is just as important for his squad as it is for the Salukis. Senior wide receiver Joe Allaria said the game has determined the champion of the MVFC his first three seasons and could do the same this season. The Salukis are in a three-way tie for third place with a 1-1 conference record, while the Panthers are in a tie for first place with a 2-0 conference record.

"It has the potential to have championship implications, but our league is a little more even across the board this year with a lot of teams at the same level," Allaria said. "But it very well could determine it. It has every year I've been here."

What's unique about this year's situation is any fans could take the Salukis out of the title hunt, which makes today's matchup with UNI bigger than it already would be, Allaria said. Senior cornerback Korey Lindsey said this is a game the team looks forward to on the schedule each season.

"Every year will always be a dog fight between the two of us, but we definitely look forward to the competitive and physical nature of it," Lindsey said. "James and the Salukis are entering today's game with their focus and confidence at maximum levels because the talented and well-coached Panthers want to knock off the Salukis just as much as SIU wants to defeat UNI."

"We know if we prepare well and execute our stuff, we have a great opportunity to win the game," James said.

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SIU 21, UNI 14

- Edyta Blaszczynk - Because it is homecoming for SIU, I predict the Salukis will kick major Panther ass today. I know the team struggled during the University of Illinois and Southeast Missouri State games, both being major letdowns, but they brought my hopes back after taking a big blow out of the Redbirds on Saturday.

With UNI's ability to pick through an offensive line and get to the quarterback, I hope the line really likes Diehl, or McIntosh, enough to protect them from getting sacked. Pretty much do the opposite of what the Bear's offensive line did Sunday.

I photographed the 2009 meeting of these two teams in the UNI dome and the Panther fans were in complete shock after SIU backrownder Brandon Willians intercepted the ball with 2 minutes, 48 seconds left in the fourth quarter to solidify the win. With the fierce competition to be ranked No. 1 in the Missouri Valley Conference, I predict this game will be explosive on both ends and will be great entertainment.

but someone i'd love to take into the film room and break down plays with is Chris Diehl. He's gotta overcome the adversity and make those reads and just smoke that ball into the receiver's hands, you know what I'm saying? But Paul McIntosh, he reminds me of a young Tim Tebow. Now that's a guy who was close to winning a national championship. Even if Diehl struggles, the Saluki defense is full of guys just waiting to play. Think about it. Kacey Lindsay reminds me of a young TRAY-MON Willians, now that guy's a football player. Lindsey handles it Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, heck probably Friday, too, during walkthroughs. He's a big-time NFL player.

There are only two things I can guarantee today: I'm going to enjoy some good Turducken, and the Salukis are going to beat the Panthers into the ground because they know how to play some hard-nosed FOOTBALL.
During the rivalry between the Salukis and the Panthers, the home team has won almost every game. The 2009 game at Cedar Falls, Iowa, was the first time the road team won the matchup since the '90s. The Panthers have been nearly as dominant in the Missouri Valley Football Conference as the Salukis during the past seven seasons, and the Saluki defense will have to hold strong against a strong Panther rushing attack spearheaded by Carlos Anderson and elusive quarterback Tirrell Rennie to survive what will be the toughest conference game.

But SIU’s defense is equipped to handle rushing quarterbacks. They’ve faced a couple already this season in Illinois’ Nathan Scheelhase and SEMO’s Matt Scheible and didn’t allow either of them to do much damage on the ground. The 3-4 defense gives athletic linebackers such as leading Saluki tackler Stephen Franklin and sophomore Joe Okon the space they need to make plays behind a stingy defensive line. If the secondary can contain a speedy group of UNI receivers — and that “if” has become bigger with senior safety Mike McElroy gone for the season — then SIU may be in for a big day defensively.

Had SIU lost at Illinois State on Saturday, this prediction probably would have been totally different. But the Salukis’ defense is gaining more confidence. It’s going to be a close game early, but the defense will dominate the second half, and as long as the offense holds onto the ball, there will be a happy homecoming crowd today.

This is hands down the best matchup in the Missouri Valley Football Conference and it’s about time this is the homecoming game instead of a lesser opponent. Since 2003, SIU or UNI has been the conference champion every season except 2006. The game between the two teams usually defines who is going to be the top dog. Just like last year, the Salukis will be victorious. The three-headed rushing monster known as Loren Walker, Shaffir Harris and Steve Streeten (Hurricane K-Riff-thish) are correctly following the offensive line for protection and then finding seams in coverage for big yardage. Quarterback Chris Dickler rushed for 91 yards off 10 carries Saturday, so the UNI defense will not be able to stop him going to throw or run.

Although the secondary has suffered injuries, no one can take away that they are replacements in this game because of the high level of play. The defensive unit held SIU’s Matt Brown, conference leader in passing, to 149 yards and one touchdown and also forced a sack, fumble and interception from Lewis, who averages 337 yards per game. I’m confident the Saluki defense can follow this stifling effort with a repeat performance.

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The Salukis lost in their first 2009 playoff game 24-3 to William and Mary. The loss was the last game at McAndrew Stadium in Carbondale. SIU lost All-American running back Djal Karim to the NFL but returned nine starters, including senior quarterback Chris Dicker, and added a brand new stadium.

**Week 1:**
Southern Illinois 70, Quincy 7 — A sellout crowd of 15,276 watched SIU trample Quincy in the first game at Saluki Stadium. SIU racked up 323 yards on the ground with a stable full of running backs and outscored Quincy 42-0 in the second half. Senior running back LuTen Walker ran for 116 yards and scored three of the Salukis' seven rushing touchdowns.

Records: SIU 1-0 (0-0 MVFC), UNI 0-0

**Week 2:**
University of Illinois 35, Southern Illinois 3 — The Salukis failed to establish any momentum offensively and were blown out of Memorial Stadium in Champaign. Illini quarterback Nathan Scheelhaase went 14-of-18 passing for 229 yards and two touchdowns. SIU lost senior safety Mike McGrey for the season to a high ankle sprain that eventually required surgery. The Salukis were outgained 407 yards to 230.

Records: SIU 1-1 (0-0 MVFC)

**Week 3:**
Southeast Missouri State 21, Southern Illinois 17 — A 21-3 halftime lead for the Salukis was erased when SEMO running back Henry Harris ran for a 67-yard touchdown to put the Redhawks up 24-21 with just 41 seconds left in the game. Dicker, who was replaced in the game by McNeish, returned to the game to lead the two-minute offense but threw an interception that allowed SEMO to run the clock out. SIU coach Dale Lennon closed practice to the media after the upset loss and said he would make a game-time decision on the starting quarterback for Week 4.

Records: SIU 1-2 (0-1 MVFC)

**Week 4:**
Youngstown State 31, Southern Illinois 28 — Dicker started for the Salukis at Youngstown State and SIU jumped out to a 14-0 lead. But YSU took advantage of a Dicker fumble in the second quarter and began its comeback. Senior quarterback Kurt Hess threw three touchdowns for the Penguins and the Salukis couldn't complete a frantic late-game comeback and dropped their conference opener.

Records: SIU 1-3 (0-1 MVFC)

**Week 5:**
Southern Illinois 38, Illinois State 17 — SIU led the Redbirds 24-7 in the third quarter in Normal, but after SIU added a field goal and returned a blocked punt for a touchdown, the Salukis' lead was cut to seven. SIU then turned to its running game and wore out the Redbirds in the fourth. Junior running back Shaffi Harris ran for 171 yards and two touchdowns and SIU also got uncommonly good running numbers from Dicker. Dicker, who most consider a pocket passer, ran for 92 yards and a touchdown in the win.

Records: SIU 2-3 (1-1 MVFC)

**Photo from top left**
Senior quarterback Chris Dicker scrambles to get around University officials after the Sept. 11 game at Champaign. He was named the MVP of the game.
Preseason

Both the Salukis and Panthers were ranked in the top ten nationally in the FCS preseason coaches' poll. UNI went 7-4 overall in 2009 and earned the No. 8 spot while the Salukis, who were undefeated in conference play in 2009 and finished 11-1, came into 2010 at No. 5. The Salukis started their 2010 campaign Sept. 2 at home against Quincy and the Panthers began their season against North Dakota State on Sept. 11 in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

UNI: UNI returned just six starters after going 7-4 overall in 2009 and missing the playoffs. Junior Zach Davis and Terrell Rennie battled during the 2010 preseason for the starting quarterback position. Rennie won it, but both quarterbacks have played for the Panthers this season.

Week 2:
Northern Iowa 16, North Dakota State 9 — Northern Iowa suffocated the Bison in its season opener, recording 11 sacks and limiting the North Dakota offense to 73 rushing yards. The Panthers' Carlos Anderson ran for a career-high 158 yards.

Records: UNI 1-0, (1-0 MVFC)

Week 3:
Stephen F. Austin 32, Northern Iowa 20 — The Lumberjacks and Panthers got all their scoring done in the first half in UNI's first non-conference matchup. Rennie ran for a 35-yard touchdown on the game's first play, but the Panthers missed the extra point. SFA sacked Rennie in the end zone for a safety on the next drive and the Lumberjacks scored a touchdown on the ensuing possession to go up 15-6. Anderson answered for UNI with a 99-yard kickoff return. The Panthers took the lead 20-15 in the first half after Rennie found receiver Jarred Herring on an 83-yard touchdown pass. But SFA answered with a six-play, 48-yard touchdown drive and led at the break. The teams traded punts in the third and Davis replaced Rennie at quarterback for UNI. Davis lost a fumble in the fourth and UNI couldn't score again after Anderson lost a second fumble with 6 minutes 43 seconds left in the game.

Records: UNI 1-1 (1-0 MVFC)

Week 4:
Iowa State 27, Northern Iowa 0 — UNI outgained the Cyclones 320 yards to 210 and held the ball seven minutes longer, but the Panthers committed five turnovers and were shut out for the first time since 2004.

Records: UNI 1-2 (1-0 MVFC)

Week 5:
Northern Iowa 24, South Dakota State 14 — The Panthers out-dueled the Jackrabbits in a back-and-forth game on the legs of Rennie, who ran for 126 yards and two touchdowns. Rennie also threw the touchdown pass that extended UNI's lead to 24-14 in the fourth quarter. Anderson added another 138 yards on the ground and the UNI defense forced four turnovers in the victory.

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Junior tailback Shariff Harris says he isn't going to even try to dance around while running back.

"He prefers to run them over," running back coach Steve Craigieley said.

Harris, one of three featured running backs for the Salukis has steamed defenses since his days in Pop Warner football, he said.

"He used to try to show them all the time. My coach said, 'You know you've got to run them over, you're too big to be doing that,'" Harris said.

Harris, who transferred from the University of Pittsburgh in the off-season, leads SIU with 72 carries for 336 yards and five touchdowns, but he is no longer being blocked by the lead himself.

Senior running back Andre Liddell started for most of the season and has 48 carries for 281 yards and three touchdowns and openly aspirations Senior Strother spells the two bigger backs, but also finds work as a kick returner, on screens and on quick-strike pass plays, coach Dale Lennon said.

Walker and Strother witnessed Deji Karim, the Saluki's star runner in 2009, who was drafted by the Jacksonville Jaguars in April, pile up 855 yards and eight rushing touchdowns through five games.

As a kid, the 2010 Saluki backfield has managed Karim-like numbers the three backs have combined for a 52 yard per carry average, 721 rushing yards and 11 touchdowns in five games.

"The whole season, we were all trying to fill the shoes of Deji Karim," Harris said. "And you know, if it takes one of us going to take one of the other two going to take three of us, we're all going to do it together.

All three running backs have Eastern origins. Harris grew up in northern New Jersey, Whitehead grew up in Rochester, New York, and Strother grew up in Calumet, Va.

But the success of SIU football, coupled with a string of excellent running backs, brought all three to southern Illinois.

He said witnessing Karim comeback from a knee injury to have a breakout season in 2009 was inspiring.

"It showed how hard you can work if you really want something," Walker said.

Walker's family moved to a suburb of Daytona, Fla., before his junior year of high school, he said.

He said he played quarterback until his senior season, when the running back position was somewhat forced on him.

"My junior year we didn't really have a good running back," Walker said. "I guess they liked my running style.

Walker and Harris have nearly identical running styles, but Walker is more likely to make defenders miss in the open field, Harris said.

"We're both downhill backs but I'm probably a little more shifty," Walker said.

Walker said the running back help each other during games.

On one of Harris' carries in the Illinois State game, he said he had an outside line while open but chose instead to cut back to the inside and was tackled.

Walker approached him on the sidelines afterward.

"I came and told him 'Hey, you had the whole outside, you've got to be more patient,'" Harris said. "And I like that, I appreciate that.

Walker said the running backs always joke around and are a tight-knit group.

"We don't exaggerate anything. If we feel somebody's not doing something right then we definitely tell them about it," he said.

"We're all good at a relationship," Walker said. "You can't have a bad relationship because that shows.

Running the ball is how his tackles make their move, but Lennon said taking a hand-off is the easiest thing he asks them to do.

After his first few kickoff returns, Strother would have agreed.

"The first game of the season, I was really nervous and had gone bumps when the ball was in the air," Strother said. "The second game of the season I actually dropped one because I was so nervous.

But that changed after Strother returned a kickoff for a touchdown Week 3 against Southeast Missouri State, he said. Since that game, he's been so confident he wants opposing teams to kick to him, he said.

"You're Running Back U here," Harris said.

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In-game training pans out for young linebackers

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Daily Egyptian

"After five linebackers graduated at the end of the 2009 season, the Salukis knew they were going to have a younger group of guys standing behind the line." Schweigert said. "They don't have as much experience, the thing you have to grind through a little bit is when they see different things."

Swedegeirt said senior inside linebacker Stephen Franklin has become the leader of the unit and is teaching by example, making big plays. Against Illinois State University, Franklin intercepted a pass in the red zone to prevent a touchdown. He leads the team with 36 tackles.

"Last week he made a big play in a key situation. We need that from seniors," Schweigert said.

Franklin said he doesn't try to force anything on his teammates as far as being leaders and doesn't try to abuse the power he has, but feels they listen to him.

"The guys look up to me. They voted me team captain and I've been through some of the battles," Franklin said. "When I have something to say, I think they listen and take it to heart."

Sophomores inside linebacker Joe Okon said he has much respect for Franklin, and it's easy to play with guys such as him who helps the younger players out.

"Being a leader, he knows when to get on you," Okon said, "If you mess up, he's not going to put you on the butt. He's going to tell you to get right."

Franklin is the leader, but each of the linebackers take it upon themselves to have leadership qualities as well, junior outside linebacker Connor Okon said.

The unit feeds off each other's strengths. James said. Sophomore outside linebacker Jaron DiMarca has great athletic ability to jump and bat down balls as well as cover the field and make tackles. James said. Franklin uses his strength to his advantage, while Okon uses his athletic ability to leap, get to the feel and use the speed of the game.

The Salukis have other starters who have to know the defensive schemes as well because the defense often rotates people in, Schweigert said.

Junior inside linebacker Scott Cole, freshman inside linebacker Taylor Hunter, redshirt freshman inside linebacker Rodney Reagan, junior outside linebacker Travis Little and senior Robert Span all contribute to the defensive effort, Schweigert said.

"Because we play a lot of guys at the linebacker position, we've got to be able to run those guys in there so we can play fresh," Schweigert said.

Although the linebackers have individual strengths and use them well as a unit, there are still aspects of the game they need to work on, Franklin said.

"We have good schemes. We've still got to learn them and the intricacies, but when we get to our right spots we've got the athletic ability to make plays," Franklin said.

Defensive coordinator Schweigert said the linebackers will learn the little details as the season moves on and their number of snaps tally up.

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SIU football players celebrate after a play during the first quarter of the Sept. 11 game against the University of Illinois in Champaign.

Redshirt freshman wide receiver John Lacey watches the University of Illinois kick off during the 35-2 loss Sept. 11 in Champaign. The Salukis are playing UWF today for the homecoming game.

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(Above) Sophomore quarterback Paul McIntosh breaks away from a tackle during the 18-17 win over the Illinois State Redbirds in Normal.

(Left) Senior quarterback Chris Dieker hugs wide receiver Matt Gurem in the end zone after Gurem caught a 19-yard pass from Dieker to make the score 17-17 during the game against the Illinois State University Redbirds on Saturday in Normal. SIU beat the Redbirds 18-17.

(Below left) SIU cornerback Nick King jumps to catch Illinois State running back Pat Smith after pushing him out of bounds during the game against the Redbirds on Saturday in Normal.

(Below) Senior running back Lucien Walter breaks through a tackle during the 18-17 loss to the University of Illinois on Sept. 11 in Champaign.
Tuition increase likely

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

Early conversations have begun about increasing tuition this fall semester, though Chancellor Rita Cheng said no solid numbers have been formulated.

Cheng said Monday that preliminary talks have begun about raising tuition for the fall of 2011, which she said would help alleviate some of the university’s challenges. She said an increase would help prevent more cuts to academic units.

“I’m really committed not to erode the quality of the education experience here, but that’s where some planning needs to take place,” she said. “A responsible and moderate tuition increase seems like the appropriate thing for me to be considering.”

The chancellor’s office would have to meet with campus groups, as well as SIU President Glenn Fedak’s office and the Board of Trustees, before a rate could be determined, Cheng said.

Any possible tuition increase would only affect homeschooled freshmen, transfer or graduate students, said Dave Groes, SIU spokesman. He said Illinois law prevents tuition increases from affecting students already enrolled at the university when the increase takes effect.

Groes said the final decision to raise tuition would have to be made by the board, and a decision would not occur until late spring when the state’s budget becomes clearer.

“No light of what has happened in Springfield over the past six or seven state budgets, (the board tries) to balance that information coming out of state appropriation hearings because,” he said. “We get out budget from Springfield and get a better idea of what we need to do.”

After attending the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, SIU tuition and fees for the fall: the fifth lowest of the 11 public universities, at $10,611. Only Western Illinois University, Chicago State University, Governor State University, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville have lower tuition and student fees.

SIU was one of the few universities that did not increase its tuition last semester, Fedak said. He said the tuition freeze happened because the university had increased tuition by 135 percent over the previous nine years, and it was the point where students were being priced out of school.

Safety firm that funded Gilbert blasts Toyota

Report says automaker kept faulty vehicles on road

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Toyota Motor Corporation has had indications since 2003 that electronic throttle control systems on its vehicles could fail, according to a report released Monday by an independent research firm.

In February, Safety Research and Strategies, Inc. a research company dedicated to analyzing product defects, funded research by SUIC automotive technology professor David Gilbert on sudden unintended acceleration in Toyota vehicles. The report released Monday was a summary of findings in the research company’s investigation of Toyota’s handling of the SUA incidents and recalls since February.

“Toyota, while admitting no wrongdoing, doing, engaged in an aggressive public relations campaign to quiet critics and regain its reputation through a series of new recalls which only partially address the defects in their vehicles,” the report stated.

Toyota has taken more than eight million vehicles off the road in two separate recalls since October 2009 because unusual pattern of accelerator pedals being pressed on their own. The company has faced another 115 million by limiting the remedy of SUA in Toyota vehicles. The company has faced another 150 million by limiting the remedy of SUA in Toyota vehicles.

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Two Toyota employees resigned in the following week from their positions with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to investigate Toyota, but the probe was closed with no finding, the report stated. For its report, SUIC obtained company emails from a 2007 incident in which Toyota ignored NHSTA suggestions to install a brake override feature that would disable the SUA in the vehicle. The company avoided having to replace the control assembly that year and saved $100 million, the report stated. In 2009, the company saved another $150 million by limiting the remedy of SUA in Toyota vehicles to cover 55,000 floor mats, the report stated.

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