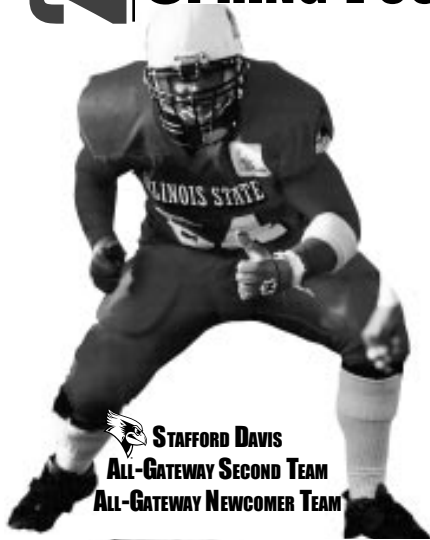


# 2003 ILLINOIS STATE SPRING FOOTBALL PROSPECTUS




 **STAFFORD DAVIS**  
ALL-GATEWAY SECOND TEAM  
ALL-GATEWAY NEWCOMER TEAM



 **BOOMER GRIGSBY**  
BUCH BUCHANAN LIST  
GATEWAY DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR  
FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN • THE SPORTS NETWORK



 **MIKE SOUZA**  
GATEWAY ALL-NEWCOMER  
TEAM



 **RAY ROBINSON**  
SECOND TEAM ALL-GATEWAY

## ILLINOIS STATE

**Founded:** 1857  
**Location:** Normal, IL 61790-7130  
**Affiliation:** NCAA Division I-AA  
**Conference:** Gateway Football  
**Stadium:** Hancock Stadium (15,000)  
**Nickname:** Redbirds  
**Colors:** Red (PMS 186) and White  
**Enrollment:** 20,975  
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**Chris Patton** Oklahoma State '89 / DL  
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## SPRING PRACTICE SCHEDULE

**Practice Dates:** April 3-6, 10-13, 17-20, 24-25.  
 Practice times may vary and dates can change on short notice. Call the media relations office to verify.  
**Interviews:** Please arrange with Athletics Media Relations. Practice day interviews will be conducted after the workout.

## OTHER IMPORTANT DATES (TENTATIVE)

Fall Freshman Report Date Sat., Aug. 2  
 Fall Varsity Report Date Mon., Aug. 4  
 Media/Photo Day Tue., Aug. 5  
 Practice Begins Wed., Aug. 6

## RED/WHITE SPRING GAME

**SAT., APRIL 26, 2003 • 2:30 P.M.**

• **HANCOCK STADIUM** •

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## 2003 SCHEDULE

A28	Drake
S6	at Illinois
S13	Truman State (HOF/Varsity I)
S20	at Eastern Illinois
O4	Northern Iowa* (Family Day)
O11	at Southern Illinois*
O18	Western Kentucky* (Homecoming)
O25	at Youngstown State*
N1	Western Illinois
N8	at SMS*
N15	Indiana State*
N22	Open
N29	NCAA I-AA First Round
D6	NCAA I-AA Quarterfinals
D13	NCAA I-AA Semifinals
D20	NCAA I-AA Championship



**BOOMER GRIGSBY**

**2002 Gateway Defensive Player of the Year**  
**First Team All-American • The Sports Network**  
**Buck Buchanan I-AA Defensive Player of the Year Finalist**  
**Nation's Top Returning Defensive Player**

# 2003 SPRING NOTES

## ***THE SECRET OF SOUZA'S SUCCESS***

Senior quarterback **Mike Souza** garnered Gateway All-Newcomer honors last season and the senior from California also left his mark on the Redbird record books. He started 10 games in 2002 and passed for 1,404 yards while rushing for 224, the second-highest total on the team. He finished the year ranked No. 3 for rushing yards in a season by a quarterback.

## ***CERONE THE INTERCEPTOR***

The Illinois State defense only had four interceptions last season, and three of them were picked by junior **Cerone Colvin**. Colvin snagged Southern Illinois quarterback Joel Sambrusky's first two interceptions of the season and got his first pick of the season in a game-saving play against Murray State in the waning seconds of the fourth quarter. With his three picks last year, Colvin has six for his Illinois State career.

## ***THE GREAT GRIGSBY***

The list of honors **Boomer Grigsby** received after becoming the nation's leading tackler in 2002 was long. Needless to say, it is just going to get longer with two more years to claim the only award he didn't win last year—the Buck Buchanan Award for the top defensive player in I-AA football. Awards he did claim included the 2002 Gateway Defensive Player of the Year, Dopke.com Performer of the Year, First-Team All-Gateway, Second-Team All-American by *The Sports Network*, The College Sporting News/I-AA.org All-Star Team, First-Team All-American by *Don Hansen Football Gazette*.

## ***EXPLORING THE NEW-MORE EXPERIENCED-FRONT YEAR***

In 2002, the Illinois State offensive line started the season with four new starters and one starting in a new position. In 2003, the big guys up front have more experience and return a solid group that was tested last year and is ready to make an impact on the Gateway. Returning starters include **Jim**

## ***WHAT RETURNS IN 2003?***

Total Yards .....	56.0%	Sacks .....	42.6%
All Purpose Yards .....	40.8%	Interceptions .....	100%
Rushing Yards .....	38.0%	Scoring .....	66.3%
Passing Yards .....	71.9%	Punting .....	100%
Receiving Yards .....	51.0%	Punt Returns .....	0%
Tackles .....	50.5%	Kickoff Returns .....	31.2%

**Ferguson, Jeremy Melville, Stafford Davis and Mike Stegeman.** Melville, Davis and Stegeman got the start 11 times last year while Ferguson started 10. Even with the return of all that experience, the 'Birds will only lose Ferguson at the end of this season.

## ***ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST***

When Illinois State defeated No. 25 Southern Illinois on Oct. 19, and then topped No. 17 Northern Iowa a week later, it marked the sixth-straight year in which the Redbirds beat at least one ranked foe. The 'Birds have won 10 of their last 21 tilts against ranked I-AA foes.

## ***RUNNING WITH THE BIG DOGS***

Last year, running back Quincy Washington set Redbird records and had back-to-back 100+ yard performances, all after transferring to Illinois State from Big Ten foe Illinois. While Washington's career has concluded, the Redbirds had no problem filling the void left by the all-conference performer...with another Big Ten transfer named **Demetrus Johnson** from Minnesota. The junior from Milwaukee, Wis., was named Wisconsin Player of the Year in high school and tallied 55 yards in 10 games as a Golden Gopher in 2002.

## ***THE RETURN OF THE KICKOFF TD***

It has been over three seasons, since 1999, that a Redbird has returned a kickoff for a touchdown but Illinois State hopes all that will change this year with the addition of three key players in **Leon Kittrell, Antwan Oliver and Joe Walkins**. Kittrell is a redshirt freshman

while Oliver and Walkins both gained special teams experience while playing at Eastern Illinois and Auburn, respectively.

## ***ALL-AMERICA U***

Illinois State's football program has produced at least one all-American player in 17 of its last 20 seasons. Over the last four seasons, players from ten different positions have been honored. **Boomer Grigsby** and Jonathan Friend were both honored after the 2002 season.

## ***MCCRAY TO TOLEDO***

**Randall McCray**, Illinois State's former defensive coordinator and assistant head coach, took a coaching position with the University of Toledo, a I-A football institution, in March. McCray left his mark on Redbird football, however, leading the ISU defense, guided by Boomer Grigsby, to new heights which included a defense that ranked No. 11 nationally in pass defense and No. 23 in total defense his first year.

## ***TRANSFERRABLE***

Since 1993, when the NCAA rules changed to allow players immediate eligibility at the I-AA level, Illinois State has had 31 players transfer from I-A schools. Those players are listed, along with the year they arrived in Normal and the school that they transferred from: Conrad Adams (1998, Illinois); Garrett Anderson (1998, Wyoming); Lester Anderson (1993, Michigan State); Duane Butler (1994, Eastern Michigan); Garry Davis (2000, Kentucky); Corey Day (1995, Ball State); **Jim Ferguson (2001, Illinois)**; Armandos Fischer

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(1994, Tennessee); Kevin Glenn (1993, Florida); Damian Gregory (1999, Indiana); Jarrett Jackson (1994, Pittsburgh); T.J. Jackson (2002, Virginia Tech); **Demetrus Johnson (2003, Minnesota)**; Eric Johnson (1994, Pittsburgh); Daryl Jones (1997, East Carolina); Lee Lafayette (2000, Notre Dame); Jeff Martin (1997, Central Michigan); Marquis Mosley (1997, Illinois); Osa Nosa (2000, West Virginia); D’Juan O’Donald (2001, Duke); Jon Omotola (2000, Iowa); Chad Pegues (1998, Miami (Fla.)); Andy Reinwald (1995, Wyoming); Kyle Robinson (1994, Ball State); **Dwayne Smith (2002, Illinois)**; Hickey Thompson (1994, Ball State); Tim Thornton (1998, Illinois); Mark Thurston (2000, West Virginia); **Joe Walkins (2003, Auburn)**; Quincy Washington (2001, Illinois); Marcus White (1998, Wisconsin) Charles Williams (1994, Pittsburgh); Sam Zanders (1998, Clemson).

## NOTABLE NEWCOMERS

Since the Gateway Football Conference began recognizing an all-newcomer team in 1994, some 39 Redbirds have been cited for achievement in their first season. Here is a list of who was named to the Gateway’s All-Newcomer Team in 2002....  
 OL, Stafford Davis • WR, Dwayne Smith • QB, Mike Souza • DB, Brandon Allen • LB, TJ Jackson • PK, Troy Maskel

## RULE CHANGES FOR 2003

- Rule 1-2-4-b:** The team area shall be limited to squad members in full uniform and a maximum of 60 other individuals directly involved in the game. The individuals not in full uniform shall wear a credential marked ‘team.’ Credentials should be numbered 1 through 60. No other credential is valid for the team area.
- Rule 3-2-5:** Start the game clock on all kickoffs when the ball is legally touched in the field of play. Legally touched in the field of play also includes winding the clock when a runner crosses the goal line into the field of play after catching the ball in the end zone, and winding the clock when the ball rolls across the goal line from the end zone after being touched in the end zone.
- Rule 6-4-1-a and 6-4-1-d:** Delete the two-yard restricted area around a player positioned to catch a free or scrimmage kick.
- Rule 6-5-1:** When a valid fair catch signal is made, the unimpeded opportunity to catch a free or scrimmage kick is extended to a player who muffs a kick. This protection terminates when the kick touches the ground.
- Rule 6-5-3:** Delete all references to illegal fair catch signals.
- Rule 8-3-6:** Delete the option allowing a team that a touchdown is scored upon to kick.
- Rule 8-4-2-a:** Delete the option allowing a team that a field goal is scored upon to kick.
- Rule 9-1-2-e-1-(a):** Offensive linemen at the snap positioned more than seven yards in any direction from the middle lineman of the offensive formation are prohibited from blocking below the waist toward the original position of the ball in or behind the neutral zone and within 10 yards beyond the neutral zone.
- Rule 9-1-2-e-1-(b):** Backs at the snap positioned outside the normal tackle position in either direction toward a sideline, or in motion at the snap, are prohibited from blocking below the waist toward the original position of the ball in or behind the neutral zone and within 19 yards beyond the neutral zone.
- Rule 10-2-2-g-1:** Enforce all penalties for unsportsmanlike acts (as defined in Rule 9-2-1-a) occurring during or after a down that ends in a touchdown and before a try, either on the try or on the succeeding kickoff (Exception: during extra period[s]).

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For spring, some position changes have taken place. Redshirt freshman Michael Heffernan and Justin Martindale have moved over to the defensive line from the offensive line while Sesamir Yearby will see some time at defensive end.

## COMPARING THE TWO • A LOOK AT RAY ROBINSON AND JONATHAN FRIEND

When comparing Jonathan Friend’s junior-year stats to that of Ray Robinson’s stats from his junior stint, one might think they are reading the same stat line. And if Robinson and Friend are so comparable on the numbers end, then Robinson’s career has a good chance of ending with numerous accolades as Friend’s did-with all-conference first-team honors and all-american status. The following is a tale of the tape comparison of two Redbird defensive linemen.



**JONATHAN FRIEND**

Jr./Sr.	Stats	Jr./Sr.
11/11	GP	11/?
38/58	UT	49/?
16/30	AT	32/?
54/88	TT	81/?
12/25	TFL	10/?
5/7.5	Sacks	4.5/?
0/0	FR	0/?
2/3	FF	2/?
0/0	Int.	0/?
0/1	PBU	0/?



**RAY ROBINSON**

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## 2003 SPRING PROSPECTUS

In addition to being a football coach, Denver Johnson is also a music enthusiast, so it is only fitting that the prospect of the 2003 season be compared to the Five Man Electrical Band's hit single *Signs*. As the 2002 campaign and recruiting season came to a completion, there have been "signs, signs everywhere there's been signs" that a run for the Gateway Football Conference Championship and the NCAA I-AA Playoffs is in the near future for the Redbirds.

The Redbirds rebounded with a 6-5 season after a 2-9 campaign in 2001 and return experience at nearly all the talent positions. The 'Birds also got a hearty taste of big games in 2002 and will have to convert those match-ups to wins in 2003 to keep title hopes alive. The Redbirds' five losses came to 2002 Sun Bowl Champion Purdue, I-AA Playoff participant Eastern Illinois, 2002 GFC Champion Western Illinois, 2002 National Champion Western Kentucky and five-time national champion Youngstown State.

On the winning side, the youthful Redbirds learned to win on the road in 2002 and can build on that this season with a 31-20 victory over preseason-favorite Northern Iowa at the UNI-Dome. Illinois State also capped the season with a 20-12 win at Indiana State to clinch the Redbirds' fourth winning season in the last five years. The 'Birds also learned to protect the home field, by posting a 4-1 record at Hancock Stadium.

The Redbirds cracked the top 25 prior to the game at Western Kentucky and wouldn't be a surprise in the 2003 preseason poll. With eight starters returning, the Redbird offense should continue to build on its 2002 success. Defensively, like last season, the 'Birds are deep at the talent positions, possess a lot of speed and continue to get better.

With all the experience returning, the addition of impact transfers, the development of redshirt freshmen and a favorable schedule without consecutive road games, there is no wonder why this program is beginning to show "signs."

### DEFENSE

In the second half of the 2002 season, the Redbird defense began to take shape and started to show glimpses of what was in store for 2003. Shutting down the nation's leading rusher, defeating the reigning conference champions Northern Iowa on their field and holding eventual National Champion Western Kentucky to just three field goals were all highlights that this defense can build on.

Junior linebacker **Boomer Grigsby** deservedly claimed many of the individual awards, but every great leader needs an even better supporting cast. That again will be the case in 2003. There are some voids to fill and some positions to be learned, but by the time the Gateway Football Conference season starts the Redbird defense should be cranking on all cylinders. The old adage is "defense wins championships." If that's the case, the conference title could be on its way back to Normal.

**LINE:** At least during spring practice, this area will prove to be thin for the 'Birds. With senior **Ray Robinson** as the only returning starter, a pool of unproven talent will be asked to fill the void left by graduates Eugene Boyd, Stuart Sands and all-American Jonathan Friend.

Robinson collected league honorable mention honors last season and ranked sixth on the team in tackles, second

among defensive linemen. He finished with 81 stops, including 10 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks. Robinson also added five pass break-ups and a forced fumble. Adding depth behind Robinson, will be senior **Austin Dunlap** and walk-on **Montell Conner**.

At left end, sophomore **Mike Blough** and **Ryan Thorne** will occupy the position during the spring. Blough, who was pulled off his redshirt campaign four games into the season, finished with five tackles in seven games. He has some big-game experience playing at Western Illinois, Northern Iowa and Western Kentucky.

Thorne, from Vista, Calif., redshirted last season. In addition to competing at end, Thorne will also provide depth at defensive tackle.

Dunlap has the speed to back-up Robinson, but he also has the strength and size to occupy the left tackle position and will start there. In his first season with the Redbirds, Dunlap finished with 21 tackles and four tackles for loss. He was also fifth on the team with 10 hurries.

The other spot is up for grabs among three redshirt freshmen. **Justin Martindale**, of Wadsworth, Ill., will likely play for the defense in the spring, but by fall could be back on the offensive side of the ball. **Michael Heffernan**, a native of Hawthorn Woods, Ill., and walk-on **Kent Lathrope**, from Bloomingdale, Ill., will also see plenty of opportunities this spring.

**Summary:** This area was hit hard with attrition. But, Robinson is poised to have a breakout senior year like his former teammate Friend accomplished last season. He will have to carry the load, especially in the spring, as the others gain experience. Dunlap and Thorne will provide flexibility by playing both outside and inside. During the spring, the line might look like an area of concern at times, but depth is on its way with six talented signees joining the squad in the fall.

**LINEBACKERS:** Even with having to replace two starters, the Redbird linebacking corp will once again prove to be a strong asset to the Redbird defense. All-American **Boomer Grigsby** continues to improve, but has already been recognized multiple times for his talents.

Grigsby became the first sophomore in league history to win player of the year honors. He also finished third in the Buck Buchanan Award voting, an honor given to the nation's top defender. Grigsby finished the season with a nation's-best 179 tackles, including an NCAA record 108 solo stops. He also had 16 tackles for loss and four sacks.

In addition to Grigsby, the 'Birds return **Andrew Papoccia**. Papoccia will make the move from rover to the whip linebacker position. He finished third on the team in tackles last season with 89 and he ranks No. 7 all-time in career tackles for loss with 28.

Spotting Papoccia will be junior **Sesamir Yearby**. Yearby, who predominately played special teams last season, is still learning the system and recorded three tackles last season.

Filling the rover position left by Papoccia, will be sophomores **William Rolle** and **Glen Eaton**. Each played sparingly in 2002, but their time has come and the position is ready for the taking.

In addition to filling the rover, the Redbirds will have to



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secure the middle with Grigsby. Lost to graduation is Greg Helle, the team's second-leading tackler with 110 stops. Senior **Gean Gilot** has the talent and experience, but a torn ACL in the season-opener at Purdue has left some question marks. If Gilot can't fully recover, redshirt freshman **Niall Campbell**, a Grigsby clone, or junior **Rick Splant** will be expected to step up.

Junior **Adam Redenius** and sophomore **Joe Bendoraitis** will also provide some added depth behind Grigsby.

**Summary:** Illinois State is starting to get a reputation for the quality linebackers it produces. This group should continue that tradition. Grigsby needs to continue to improve, especially in pass coverage, while Papocchia will have to adjust to a new position. But, like the defensive line, more depth and talent will be added in the fall as a strong signing class filters into camp.

**SECONDARY:** This area gained some much needed experience last season and continued to improve. Now with the addition of a pair of transfers and some redshirt freshmen, this group now has quality depth.

**Cerone Colvin, Brandon Allen, Chris Govan, Cedric Jackson and Sam Yeargin** all return. Colvin started all 11 games and led the team with three interceptions. He also tallied 53 tackles and five pass break-ups.

Allen, who was pulled from his redshirt season, started the last seven games at free safety. He led all defensive backs with 57 tackles and posted two tackles for loss, an interception and a sack.

Govan played in all 11 games, including two starts, and finished with 26 tackles. Jackson only played in three games, but was still recovering from a torn ACL that he suffered in 2001. He is 100 percent heading into the spring and is expected to be a heavy contributor. Yeargin saw action in 11 games and registered 17 tackles with two pass break-ups.

Transfers **Antwan Oliver** and **Tyler Larrick** will have immediate impacts. Oliver, a junior from Eastern Illinois, is a proven player that carries a physical presence in the secondary.

Larrick, from Harnell Community College, had 120 tackles and two interceptions last season en route to being named the 2002 Coast Conference Defensive Player of the Year. In addition to the transfers, redshirt freshmen **Leon Kittrell** and **James Temple** will also vie for a starting nod.

**Summary:** With a good combination of returnees, transfers and newcomers this will definitely be a fun group to watch. The area is talented, continues to improve and should be solid. With the quality of depth, coverage should not pose a problem, but forcing turnovers will continue to be a focus this spring. Last season, the Redbirds picked off only four passes. That number will need to increase in the Redbirds' run for the title.

## OFFENSE

The Illinois State offense has a lot to hang its hat on, but probably the biggest is its offensive line. The Redbirds return eight starters from a young, talented and experienced group. A healthy Mike Souza also returns as the Redbird signal-caller and he has an arsenal of receivers to throw to.

In the spring, the coaching staff will look at a variety of combinations on the offensive line to get the top five players on the field. The offense will also look for more consistency in the passing game. Late in the year last season, defenses were able to key on the Redbird rushing attack.

**LINE:** Youth and battle-tested are adjectives that usually aren't used in combination, but this is the case for the Redbird offensive line. Returning starters include senior **Jim Ferguson**, junior **Jeremy Melville** and sophomores **Stafford Davis** and **Mike Stegeman**. Melville, Davis and Stegeman started all 11 games, while Ferguson drew the starting nod 10 times.

Davis, who will likely stay at left guard, earned second team all-conference honors and was selected to the all-newcomer team, while Ferguson was also named lineman of the week during the season. Ferguson played mostly right guard in 2002, but can play all three interior positions. He will see some time at center, while Melville will also see time at right tackle. Melville has collected 19 starts in his two seasons of action, including 11 at center last season.

Stegeman, who posted all of his starting assignments at left tackle, will also be given an opportunity at the vacant right tackle spot. If the line wasn't young and talented enough, junior college transfer **Noah Washington** and redshirt freshmen **Janiah Downing** and **Kory Anderson** will also challenge for starting roles. Washington, a 6-foot-4, 344-pounder, will also see time at right tackle, along with Downing.

**Joe Pantoja** and **Matt Pezdek** will add depth at tackle and **Geoff Pearson** will provide the same at center.

**Summary:** The depth, talent and experience on the Redbird offensive line is unmatched by any other area

on the squad. This group should start to assert itself as one of the better units in the Gateway. Even with all the experience returning, the Redbirds will only be losing one (Ferguson) from this group after the season.

**TIGHT END:** **Mike Larson** and **Steve Statz** both return for the Redbirds, along with **Jon Gusman**, **Kevin Kreger** and **Alex Filin**. Statz started in nine games for the Redbirds last season. He caught six balls for 45 yards and is the best blocker in the group. Larson, who is the best receiver, posted 11 catches for 127 yards in his debut season. Gusman made the switch from defensive line to tight end mid-year last season and is still adjusting, while Kreger and Filin will also find time at the fullback position.

**BACKS:** The graduation of 1,000-yard rusher Quincy Washington will be a blow to the Redbird offense. But another Big Ten transfer **Demetrus Johnson**, from



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Minnesota, along with a committee of backs should be able to fill the void. Johnson only rushed for 55 yards last season with the Golden Gophers after spending time at receiver, but will bring some speed and elusiveness to the Redbird backfield.

When defenses are tired of chasing Johnson, the Redbirds will be able to turn to **Sha-ron Edwards, Tristan Davis, T.J. Watts, LaShawn Bullock** and **Dan Dechert** for some reps. Edwards came on strong in the second half and rushed for 190 yards on 41 carries. He also added three touchdowns.

Davis, who played most of the season with an injured shoulder, gives the Redbirds some versatility. He can play both the halfback and fullback positions. Davis logged 28 carries last season for 141 yards and a touchdown.

Watts, like Johnson, is a speedster, but is coming off of a fractured left fibula. Prior to the injury, Watts rushed for 123 yards on 18 attempts for the best average on the team.

Bullock, a redshirt freshman, is another quick-footed back that is making his way back from an injury. He suffered a torn ACL last season during practice.

At fullback, in addition to Davis, **J.P. Dundas, Harry Lattimore, Kevin Kreger** and **Alex Filin** will all compete for the position. Dundas, Lattimore and Kreger saw the bulk of the snaps last season in a position that was primarily used for blocking. This season, the fullback, or H-back, position will be more involved in the offensive scheme.

**Summary:** With a solid offensive line and an arsenal of running backs with varying characteristics, the Redbird running game looks to be the foundation of the offensive attack once again. There will be more breakaway speed this season, but Johnson doesn't have the size to pass protect as often as Washington. There will be plenty of carries to go around, each member of the committee will just have to be ready to respond when their number is called.

**QUARTERBACK:** All-newcomer selection **Mike Souza** returns to lead the Redbird offense. Souza started in 10 games last season and passed for 1,404 yards and eight touchdowns. The scrambling signal-caller also rushed for 224 yards and five TDs. Souza has had a full year in the system and has a lot of stability around him. His numbers in every category should increase. He just needs to become more consistent throwing the ball.

Junior **Yance Vaughan** will also challenge for playing time. Vaughan saw action in two games last season, after a strong spring campaign. He threw for 34 yards on only four attempts.

Adding depth will be sophomore **Steve Kolodziej**. Kolodziej played against Quincy and threw for a touchdown and 35 yards.

**Summary:** Souza needs to bounce back this season after finishing the year battling injuries. He is a tough competitor, but his mobility puts him in adverse situations and he is going to get hit. With that in mind, both Vaughan and Kolodziej need to be prepared. Their time could come at a drop of a hat.

**RECEIVERS:** Losing a wideout like Vito Golson would normally send the offense reeling, but that is not the case this season. In addition to returnees **Dwayne Smith,**

**Ramon Barber** and **LaMonte Jones**, the Redbirds add Auburn transfer **Joe Walkins** to their receiving corp.

Smith will move to Golson's old spot and will look to build off of his debut season with the 'Birds after transferring from Illinois. Smith ranked second on the team in catches (39) and yards (470). He also collected three touchdowns.

Barber is coming off a tremendous season as a true freshman. He ended with 16 catches for 237 yards and two touchdowns. Both scores came at Northern Iowa in the Redbirds' victory. He will likely stay in the same position.

Another first-year player last season, Jones finished with eight balls for 117 yards and a touchdown after transferring from Fresno City Community College. Jones is able to play all three spots and will step in for the four receiver set.

Walkins is expected to play the motion receiver position. The staff likes him in motion and his elusiveness is multiplied when he is coming off of formations. He sat out last season with a leg injury at Auburn, but had 12 catches for 124 yards as a freshman.

Also competing for time will be redshirt freshman **Clarence Glenn**, who will make the move from tight end, **Brian Busser** and walk-on **Pete Holak**.

**Summary:** The receivers are deep and talented. With Smith, Jones and Barber having a full year in the system, along with Souza at quarterback, the passing game should begin to progress. Walkins brings a lot of versatility to the offense and combined with the other three, will cause a lot of problems for defenses.

## SPECIAL TEAMS

**KICKING:** Junior **Stephen Carroll** becomes more and more consistent each season as the Redbird placekicker. Heralded with honorable mention honors last season, Carroll converted 68.4 percent of his field goal attempts last season, including 2-of-2 from 50-plus yards. He also finished the campaign

making his last five attempts. He ranked No. 7 nationally with 1.3 field goals per game and No. 41 in scoring.

Sophomore **Troy Maskel** earned the punting and kickoff duties last fall and is listed at No.1 this spring. Maskel helped the 'Birds rank No. 10 nationally in net punting at 36.89 yards. **Ryan Hoffman**, who battled a bad hamstring all season, looks to give Maskel competition as he tries to capture his job back.

**RETURNS:** The Redbirds could have some of the top return specialists in all of I-AA football. Transfers **Joe Walkins** and **Antwan Oliver** and redshirt freshman **Leon Kittrell** will make the Illinois State return game an exciting one. Each is elusive and has explosive breakaway speed.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** **J.P. Dundas** will return for his second season as the Redbirds' long and short snapper.

**Summary:** Two years ago, the special teams proved to be the Achilles' heel for the Redbirds. But in 2002, that all changed. With a solid foundation to build off, look for the special teams to improve even more in 2003, especially in the return area where the Redbirds have not returned a kick for a touchdown since 1999.





# REDBIRDS AT A GLANCE

## 2003 LETTERWINNERS CHART

### OFFENSE RETURNING (15)

LT	Mike Stegemen
LG	Stafford Davis
C	Jeremy Melville
RG	Jim Ferguson
RT	Matt Pezdek, Joe Pantoja
WR	Dwayne Smith
WR	LaMonte Jones
TE	Steve Statz, Mike Larson
QB	Mike Souza
RB	Tristan Davis, Sha-ron Edwards, Harry Lattimore
WR	Ramon Barber

### DEFENSE RETURNING (16)

DE	Austin Dunlap
DT	
DT	
DE	Ray Robinson, Mike Blough
OLB	Andrew Papocchia, William Rolle
ILB	Gene Gilot, Adam Redenius
ILB	Boomer Grigsby, Rick Splant
OLB	Sesamir Yearby, Glen Eaton
RC	Cerone Colvin, Sam Yeargin
LC	Cedric Jackson
FS	Brandon Allen, Chris Govan

### SPECIAL TEAMS RETURNING (5)

*\*not listed on offense or defense*

PK	Stephen Carroll
KO	Troy Maskel
P	Troy Maskel, Ryan Hoffman
LS	J.P. Dundas, Kevin Kreger
SS	
HD	Mike Souza
KR	Sha-ron Edwards
PR	

### OFFENSE LOST (10)

LT	Kevin Keenan
LG	
C	Tony Reetz,
RG	
RT	Wes Burgess, Aaron Peterson
WR	Chip Taylor
WR	Vito Golson, Troy Hunter
TE	
QB	Kevin Zouzounis
RB	Quincy Washington
WR	Jon Laurenti

### DEFENSE LOST (10)

DE	Jonathan Friend
DT	Stuart Sands, Brian Ahsoon
DT	Eugene Boyd, Ronald Maye
DE	
OLB	
ILB	Greg Helle
ILB	
OLB	T.J. Jackson, Hassan Abdul-Malik
RC	
LC	Dennis Butler
FS	Randolph Waite

### SPECIAL TEAMS LOST (0)

*\*not listed on offense or defense*

PK	
KO	
P	
LS	
SS	Tony Reetz
HD	Kevin Zouzounis
KR	Dennis Butler
PR	Dennis Butler, Chip Taylor

## POST-SEASON HONOREES

All-America Players Returning (1): LB Boomer Grigsby  
 All-America Players Lost (1): DE Jonathan Friend  
 All-Gateway Players Returning (4): LB Boomer Grigsby, OL Stafford Davis, DE Ray Robinson,  
 PK Stephen Carroll  
 All-Gateway Players Lost (3): DE Jonathan Friend, WR Vito Golson, KR Dennis Butler  
 Verizon Academic All-Americans Returning (0):  
 All-Verizon District V Academic Returning (0):  
 All-Verizon District V Academic Returning (2): OL Aaron Peterson, WR Jon Laurenti

## PRONUNCIATIONS

Ramon Barber: Ra-MON  
 Mike Blough: rhymes with Plow  
 Cerone Colvin: suh-ROAN COHL-vin  
 Evan Gessesse: ga-SES-a  
 Gean Gilot: gene guh-LOT  
 Steve Kolodziej: CALL-uh-jay  
 Drew Laurenti: law-REN-tee  
 Jim Mancuso: MAN-coo-so  
 Joe Pantoja: PAN-toy-yuh  
 Andrew Papocchia: puh-POE-see  
 Adam Redenius: RUH-deen-yus  
 Laurént Robinson: Lar-AUNT  
 William Rolle: ROLL-ee  
 Steve Statz: STAHTZ  
 Mike Stegeman: STEG-eh-man  
 Sam Yeargin: YEAR-gun

## REDBIRDS BY CLASS

### Seniors (17):

Cerone Colvin	Cedric Jackson
Tristan Davis	LaMonte Jones
Dan Dechert	Mike Larson
Austin Dunlap	Harry Lattimore
Sha-ron Edwards	Andrew Papocchia
Jim Ferguson	Ray Robinson
Gean Gilot	Dwayne Smith
Jon Gusman	Mike Souza
Pete Holak	

### Juniors (20):

Stephen Carroll	Geoff Pearson
Josh Chrestman	Matt Pezdek
J.P. Dundas	Adam Redenius
Evan Gessesse	Rick Splant
Boomer Grigsby	Steve Statz
Demetrus Johnson	Yance Vaughan
Tyler Larick	Joe Walkins
Jeremy Melville	Noah Washington
Antwan Oliver	Sesamir Yearby
Joe Pantoja	Sam Yeargin

### Sophomores (18):

Brandon Allen	Ryan Hoffmann
Ramon Barber	Steve Kolodziej
Joe Bendoraitis	Kevin Kreger
Mike Blough	Drew Laurenti
Brian Busser	Jim Mancuso
Montell Conner	Troy Maskel
Stafford Davis	William Rolle
Glen Eaton	Mike Stegeman
Chris Govan	TJ Watts

### Redshirted Last Season (14):

Kory Anderson	Alex Filin
Victor Arlis	Clarence Glenn
Joe Bendoraitis	Michael Heffernan
LaShawn Bullock	Leon Kittrell
Brian Busser	Justin Martindale
Niall Campbell	James Temple
Janiah Downing	Ryan Thorne

### True Freshmen (26):

Jesse Caesar	Kentin Lathrope
Ross Crampton	Jonathan Lyon
Jonathan Deloach	Dave Mordis
Darius Givens	Garry Roberts
Barry Hartman	Laurént Robinson
Kyle Hill	Matt Rowan
Horrace Holloway	Dan Simnick
Jason Horton	Kye Stewart
Jeff Huntzinger	Robert Taylor
Nate Johnson	Jarek Thomas
Clint Keller	Jared Villers
Anthony Kirkland	Robby Wages

2003 SPRING PROSPECTUS



# SPRING NUMERICAL ROSTER

## 2003 SPRING PROSPECTUS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (HS/Previous College)
1	Sam Yeargin	DB	5-11	175	Jr.-2L	Lauderhill, FL (Dillard)
2	Antwan Oliver	CB	5-10	168	Jr.-TR	Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Dillard/Eastern Illinois)
3	Alex Filin	RB/TE	6-4	214	Fr.-RS	Skokie, IL (Niles West)
5	Mike Souza	QB	6-0	177	Sr.-1L	Royal Oaks, CA (N. Monterey County/Hartnell)
7	Brandon Allen	DB	6-3	210	So.-1L	Plantation, FL (Hollywood Hills)
9	Joe Walkins	WR	5-9	177	Jr.-TR	Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Dillard/Auburn)
11	Steve Kolodziej	QB	6-3	209	So.-Sq.	Schaumburg, IL (Schaumburg)
12	Andrew Papoccia	LB	5-11	191	Sr.-3L	Sterling, IL (Newman Central Catholic)
13	Ramon Barber	WR	6-0	188	So.-1L	West Palm Beach, FL (Palm Beach Gardens)
14	Ryan Hoffman	P/K	6-2	186	So.-1L	Stevens Point, WI (Area)
16	Brian Busser	WR	6-1	184	So.-Sq.	Stillman Valley, IL (Stillman Valley)
17	Cedric Jackson	DB	5-11	188	Sr.-2L	Winter Garden, FL (West Orange)
18	Yance Vaughan	QB	6-3	204	Jr.-Sq.	Ada, OK (Ada)
20	Demetrus Johnson	RB	5-9	185	Jr.-TR	Milwaukee, WI (Homestead/Minnesota)
21	Cerone Colvin	DB	5-9	181	Sr.-3L	St. Louis, MO (Hazelwood East)
22	TJ Watts	RB	5-7	162	So.-Sq.	Dunnellon, FL (Dunnellon)
23	Chris Govan	DB	6-0	187	So.-1L	Milwaukee, WI (Vincent)
25(W)	Pete Holak	WR	5-10	195	Sr.-Sq.	Canton, IL (Canton)
25(R)	Leon Kittrell	DB	5-9	165	Fr.-RS	Oak Creek, WI (Oak Creek)
27	Tyler Larick	LB	6-1	201	Jr.-TR	Chualar, CA (Salinas/Hartnell)
28	James Temple	DB	6-0	200	Fr.-RS	Savannah, GA (Savannah)
31	Sha-ron Edwards	RB	6-0	201	Sr.-1L	Uniondale, NY (Longwood/C. Conn. St.)
32	Troy Maskel	K/P	6-3	247	So.-1L	Ridge Farm, IL (Georgetown)
33	J.P. Dundas	RB	6-0	214	Jr.-1L	Lockport, IL (Providence Catholic/St. Xavier)
34	LaShawn Bullock	RB	5-7	166	Fr.-RS	Milwaukee, WI (Vincent)
35	Tristan Davis	RB	6-0	225	Sr.-3L	Pontiac, IL (Pontiac)
36	William Rolle	LB	5-10	191	So.-1L	Immokolee, FL (Immokolee)
37	Sesamir Yearby	LB	6-3	196	Jr.-1L	Quincy, IL (Quincy)
39	Harry Lattimore	RB	6-0	247	Sr.-1L	Peoria, IL (Central)
41(W)	Victor Arlis	RB	6-1	215	Fr.-RS	Glendale Heights, IL (Driscoll)
41(R)	Montell Conner	DE	6-2	228	So.	Decatur, IL (Eisenhower)
42	Gean Gilot	LB	6-0	202	Sr.-2L	Immokolee, FL (Immokolee)
43	Dan Dechert	RB	6-0	203	Sr.-Sq.	Geneva, IL (Geneva)
44	Niall Campbell	LB	6-2	226	Fr.-RS	Lemont, IL (Chicago Mt. Carmel)
45	Adam Redenius	LB	5-11	215	Jr.-2L	Gilman, IL (Iroquois West)
46	Boomer Grigsby	LB	6-0	245	Jr.-2L	Canton, IL (Canton)
47	Drew Laurenti	LB	6-2	195	So.-Sq.	Kankakee, IL (Bishop McNamara)
48	Jon Gusman	TE	6-4	250	Sr.-Sq.	Decatur, MS (Newton County/East Central)
51	Mike Stegeman	OL	6-5	285	So.-1L	Chatham, IL (Glenwood)
52	Jim Mancuso	LB	6-0	200	So.-Sq.	Wisconsin Rapids, WI (Lincoln)
53	Glen Eaton	LB	6-3	190	So.-1L	Milwaukee, WI (Vincent)
54	Rick Splant	LB	6-2	210	Jr.-2L	Lockport, IL (Lockport Township)
55	Noah Washington	OL	6-4	334	Jr.-TR	LaGrange, IL (Lyons Township/DuPage)
57	Kentin Lathrope	DL	6-3	268	Fr.-RS	Bloomington, IL (Driscoll)
59	Joe Bendoraitis	LB	5-11	213	So.-Sq.	New Lennox, IL (Lincoln-Way)
60	Geoff Pearson	OL	6-2	275	Jr.-Sq.	Naperville, IL (Central/DuPage)
61	Jeremy Melville	OL	6-4	266	Jr.-2L	Wisconsin Rapids, WI (Lincoln)
63	Matt Pezdek	OL	6-4	308	Jr.-Sq.	Brookfield, IL (Nazareth Academy)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (HS/Previous College)
64	Stafford Davis	OL	6-1	267	So.-1L	Orange Park, FL (Clay)
65	Ryan Thorne	DL	6-2	237	Fr.-RS	Vista, CA (Rancho Buena Vista)
69	Jim Ferguson	OL	6-3	267	Sr.-2L	Morton, IL (Morton/Illinois)
70	Mike Blough	DL	6-5	224	So.-1L	Leonard, MI (Brother Rice)
73	Justin Martindale	DL	6-3	260	Fr.-RS	Wadsworth, IL (Warren Township)
75	Janiah Downing	OL	6-3	310	Fr.-RS	North Marion, FL (North Marion)
76	Michael Heffernan	DL	6-1	337	Fr.-RS	Hawthorn Woods, IL (Lake Zurich)
77	Joe Pantoja	OL	6-2	269	Jr.-1L	Gurnee, IL (Warren Township)
78	Kory Anderson	OL	6-2	267	Fr.-RS	Hanska, MN (St. James)
80	Dwayne Smith	WR	6-3	194	Sr.-1L	Rantoul, IL (Rantoul/Illinois)
81	Clarence Glenn	WR	6-4	209	Fr.-RS	Southfield, MI (Southfield-Lathrop)
82	Kevin Kreger	TE	6-0	226	So.-1L	Frankfurt, IL (Lincoln-Way)
83	Steve Statz	TE	6-5	264	Jr.-2L	Wisconsin Rapids, WI (Lincoln)
85	LaMonte Jones	WR	5-11	178	Sr.-1L	Fresno, CA (Fresno/Fresno City College)
89	Mike Larson	TE	6-4	235	Sr.-1L	Palatine, IL (Mascoutah/Harper CC)
90	Austin Dunlap	DL	6-3	240	Sr.-1L	Riverside, IA (Iowa City West/Iowa Central)
97	Ray Robinson	DE	6-2	230	Sr.-3L	Trenton, NJ (Willingboro)
99	Stephen Carroll	K	5-11	180	Jr.-2L	O'Fallon, IL (O'Fallon)
	Jesse Caesar	DB	6-0	170	Fr.-HS	Rockledge, FL (Rockledge)
	Josh Chrestman	DL	6-4	255	Jr.-TR	Sandwich, IL (Sandwich/Joliet JC)
	Ross Crampton	LB	6-2	212	Fr.-HS	Joliet, IL (Joliet Catholic Acad.)
	Jonathan Deloach	DB	6-2	185	Fr.-HS	West Palm Beach, FL (Palm Beach Gardens)
	Evan Gessesse	DB	5-11	185	Jr.-TR	Chicago, IL (Gordon Tech/Joliet JC)
	Darius Givens	LB	6-1	190	Fr.-HS	Tallahassee, FL (Lincoln)
	Barry Hartman	DL	6-5	270	Fr.-HS	Manitowoc, WI (Lincoln)
	Kyle Hill	WR	5-11	180	Fr.-HS	Longwood, FL (Wintersprings)
	Horrace Holloway	DL	6-1	295	Fr.-HS	West Palm Beach, FL (Palm Beach Gardens)
	Jason Horton	WR	6-0	170	Fr.-HS	Bolingbrook, IL (Neuqua Valley)
	Jeff Huntzinger	OL	6-3	275	Fr.-HS	Tulsa, OK (Union)
	Nate Johnson	DL	6-3	222	Fr.-HS	Longwood, FL (Lake Brantley)
	Clint Keller	TE	6-3	235	Fr.-HS	Lexington, KY (Paul Laurence Dunbar)
	Anthony Kirkland	DL	6-2	245	Fr.-HS	Gary, IN (West Side)
	Jonathan Lyon	OL	6-8	265	Fr.-HS	Urbana, IL (Urbana)
	Dave Mordis	RB/LB	6-3	225	Fr.-HS	Palos Park, IL (Stagg)
	Garry Roberts	LB	6-2	185	Fr.-HS	Edna, TX (Edna)
	Laurént Robinson	WR	6-2	165	Fr.-HS	Rockledge, FL (Rockledge)
	Matt Rowan	OL	6-6	260	Fr.-HS	Des Plaines, IL (Maine West)
	Dan Simnick	DL	6-2	210	Fr.-HS	Naperville, IL (North)
	Kye Stewart	LB	5-11	190	Fr.-HS	Nashville, TN (Pearl-Cohn)
	Robert Taylor	DL	6-5	300	Fr.-HS	Oak Creek, WI (Oak Creek/Iowa Central CC)
	Jarek Thomas	DL	6-3	260	Fr.-HS	Orlando, FL (Edgewater)
	Jared Villers	LB	6-2	215	Fr.-HS	Akron, OH (St. Vincent-St. Mary)
	Robby Wages	QB	6-2	180	Fr.-HS	Orlando, FL (Olympia)

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7	Brandon Allen	DB	6-3	210	So.-1L	Plantation, FL (Hollywood Hills)
78	Kory Anderson	OL	6-2	267	Fr.-RS	Hanska, MN (St. James)
41(W)	Victor Artis	RB	6-1	215	Fr.-RS	Glendale Heights, IL (Driscoll)
13	Ramon Barber	WR	6-0	188	So.-1L	West Palm Beach, FL (Palm Beach Gardens)
59	Joe Bendoraitis	LB	5-11	213	So.-Sq.	New Lennox, IL (Lincoln-Way)
70	Mike Blough	DL	6-5	224	So.-1L	Leonard, MI (Brother Rice)
34	LaShawn Bullock	RB	5-7	166	Fr.-RS	Milwaukee, WI (Vincent)
16	Brian Busser	WR	6-1	184	So.-Sq.	Stillman Valley, IL (Stillman Valley)
	Jesse Caesar	DB	6-0	170	Fr.-HS	Rockledge, FL (Rockledge)
44	Niall Campbell	LB	6-2	226	Fr.-RS	Lemont, IL (Chicago Mt. Carmel)
99	Stephen Carroll	K	5-11	180	Jr.-2L	O'Fallon, IL (O'Fallon)
	Josh Chrestman	DL	6-4	255	Jr.-TR	Sandwich, IL (Sandwich/Joliet JC)
21	Cerone Colvin	DB	5-9	181	Sr.-3L	St. Louis, MO (Hazelwood East)
41(R)	Montell Conner	DE	6-2	228	So.	Decatur, IL (Eisenhower)
	Ross Crampton	LB	6-2	212	Fr.-HS	Joliet, IL (Joliet Catholic Acad.)
64	Stafford Davis	OL	6-1	267	So.-1L	Orange Park, FL (Clay)
35	Tristan Davis	RB	6-0	225	Sr.-3L	Pontiac, IL (Pontiac)
43	Dan Dechert	RB	6-0	203	Sr.-Sq.	Geneva, IL (Geneva)
	Jonathan Deloach	DB	6-2	185	Fr.-HS	West Palm Beach, Fla. (Palm Beach Gardens)
75	Janiah Downing	OL	6-3	310	Fr.-RS	North Marion, FL (North Marion)
33	J.P. Dundas	RB	6-0	214	Jr.-1L	Lockport, IL (Providence Catholic/St. Xavier)
90	Austin Dunlap	DL	6-3	240	Sr.-1L	Riverside, IA (Iowa City West/Iowa Central)
53	Glen Eaton	LB	6-3	190	So.-1L	Milwaukee, WI (Vincent)
31	Sha-ron Edwards	RB	6-0	201	Sr.-1L	Uniondale, NY (Longwood/C. Conn. St.)
69	Jim Ferguson	OL	6-3	267	Sr.-2L	Morton, IL (Morton/Illinois)
3	Alex Filin	RB/TE	6-4	214	Fr.-RS	Skokie, IL (Niles West)
	Evan Gessesse	DB	5-11	185	Jr.-TR	Chicago, IL (Gordon Tech/Joliet JC)
42	Gean Gilot	LB	6-0	202	Sr.-2L	Immokolee, FL (Immokolee)
	Darius Givens	LB	6-1	190	Fr.-HS	Tallahassee, FL (Lincoln)
81	Clarence Glenn	WR	6-4	209	Fr.-RS	Southfield, MI (Southfield-Lathrop)
23	Chris Govan	DB	6-0	187	So.-1L	Milwaukee, WI (Vincent)
46	Boomer Grigsby	LB	6-0	245	Jr.-2L	Canton, IL (Canton)
48	Jon Gusman	TE	6-4	250	Sr.-Sq.	Decatur, MS (Newton County/East Central)
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27	Tyler Larick	LB	6-1	201	Jr.-TR	Chualar, CA (Salinas/Hartnell)
89	Mike Larson	TE	6-4	235	Sr.-1L	Palatine, IL (Mascoutah/Harper CC)
57	Kentin Lathrope	DL	6-3	268	Fr.-RS	Bloomington, IL (Driscoll)
39	Harry Lattimore	RB	6-0	247	Sr.-1L	Peoria, IL (Central)
47	Drew Laurenti	LB	6-2	195	So.-Sq.	Kankakee, IL (Bishop McNamara)
	Jonathan Lyon	OL	6-8	265	Fr.-HS	Urbana, IL (Urbana)
52	Jim Mancuso	LB	6-0	200	So.-Sq.	Wisconsin Rapids, WI (Lincoln)
73	Justin Martindale	DL	6-3	260	Fr.-RS	Wadsworth, IL (Warren Township)
32	Troy Maskel	K/P	6-3	247	So.-1L	Ridge Farm, IL (Georgetown)
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	Garry Roberts	LB	6-2	185	Fr.-HS	Edna, TX (Edna)
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	Kye Stewart	LB	5-11	190	Fr.-HS	Nashville, TN (Pearl-Cohn)
	Robert Taylor	DL	6-5	300	Fr.-HS	Oak Creek, WI (Oak Creek/Iowa Central CC)
28	James Temple	DB	6-0	200	Fr.-RS	Savannah, GA (Savannah)
	Jarek Thomas	DL	6-3	260	Fr.-HS	Orlando, FL (Edgewater)
65	Ryan Thorne	DL	6-2	237	Fr.-RS	Vista, CA (Rancho Buena Vista)
18	Yance Vaughan	QB	6-3	204	Jr.-Sq.	Ada, OK (Ada)
	Jared Villers	LB	6-2	215	Fr.-HS	Akron, OH (St. Vincent-St. Mary)
	Robby Wages	QB	6-2	180	Fr.-HS	Orlando, FL (Olympia)
9	Joe Walkins	WR	5-9	177	Jr.-TR	Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Dillard/Auburn)
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22	TJ Watts	RB	5-7	162	So.-Sq.	Dunnellon, FL (Dunnellon)
37	Sesamir Yearby	LB	6-3	196	Jr.-1L	Quincy, IL (Quincy)
1	Sam Yeargin	DB	5-11	175	Jr.-2L	Lauderhill, FL (Dillard)

# DEPTH CHART

## Offense

### Specialists

**Placekicker**  
Stephen Carroll

**Punter**  
Troy Maskel  
Ryan Hoffman

**Long Snapper**  
J.P. Dundas

### Injured

Drew Laurenti  
*(lower back)*  
Jim Mancuso  
*(left foot)*



**A-Back**  
Demetrus Johnson  
Sha-ron Edwards  
Tristan Davis  
T.J. Watts  
LaShawn Bullock  
Victor Arlis  
Dan Dechert



**H-back**  
J.P. Dundas  
Harry Lattimore  
Kevin Kreger  
Alex Filin  
Brian Busser  
Pete Holak



**Z Receiver**  
Joe Walkins  
LaMonte Jones



**Quarterback**  
Mike Souza  
Yance Vaughan  
Steve Kolodziej



**X Receiver**  
Dwayne Smith  
Ramon Barber  
Clarence Glenn



**Right Tackle**  
Noah Washington  
Janiah Downing



**Right Guard**  
Jim Ferguson  
Joe Pantoja



**Center**  
Jeremy Melville  
Jim Ferguson  
Geoff Pearson



**Left Guard**  
Stafford Davis  
Kory Anderson



**Left Tackle**  
Mike Stegeman  
Matt Pezdek



**Tight End (Y)**  
Steve Statz  
Mike Larson  
Jon Gusman



**Defensive End**  
Mike Blough  
Ryan Thorne



**Defensive Tackle**  
Michael Heffernan  
Justin Martindale



**Defensive Tackle**  
Austin Dunlap  
Kentin Lathrope



**Defensive End**  
Ray Robinson  
Montell Conner



**Rover**  
William Rolle  
Glen Eaton



**Mike**  
Boomer Grigsby  
Adam Redenius  
Joe Bendoraitis



**Backer**  
Gean Gilot  
Niall Campbell  
Rick Splant



**Whip**  
Andrew Papoccia  
Sesamir Yearby



**Cornerback**  
Antwan Oliver  
Sam Yeargin  
James Temple



**Free Safety**  
Brandon Allen  
Tyler Larrick  
Chris Govan



**Cornerback**  
Cerone Colvin  
Cedric Jackson  
Leon Kittrell

## Defense

# 2003 REDBIRDS

## #7 • Brandon Allen • DB

6-3 • 210 • So.-1L • Plantation, Fla. (Hollywood Hills)

• 2002 All-Gateway Newcomer Team

**2002:** Notched a season-best 10 tackles, four solo and six assisted, against reigning I-AA national champion Western Kentucky and Youngstown State ... started the final seven games of the season ... had eight tackles against SMS in first collegiate game ... one sack recorded on the year at Northern Iowa, for a one-yard loss ... two tackles for a loss of four yards ... 57 total tackles including 27 solo stops ... picked off one pass, forced two fumbles and recovered one which he returned for six yards. **Hollywood Hills HS:** Had 25 receptions for 535 yards and six touchdowns ... CBS, Prep Star and Nike All-American ... ranked the 76th best prep player in the nation by Rivals.com ... *Miami Herald's* Broward County Offensive Player of the Year.

### Allen's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	UT	AT	IT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	Int.	PBU
2002	7-7	27	30	57	2-4	1	1	2	1/25	1

**Career Bests:** Tackles - 10 at Western Kentucky 11/2/02 and vs. Youngstown State 11/9/02; Tackles for loss - 1 vs. Northern Iowa, 10/26/02 and 1 vs. Southern Illinois 10/19/02; Interceptions - 1 vs. Northern Iowa, 10/26/02.

## #78 • Kory Anderson • OL

6-2 • 267 • Fr.-RS • Hanska, Minn. (St. James)

**2002:** Redshirted. **St. James HS:** Set a school record with eight fumble recoveries ... 59 tackles and five sacks ... all-conference selection ... team captain ... won the team lineman award ... ranked No. 1 in the state of Minnesota in wrestling at the heavyweight division (hasn't even been scored on) ... defending state champion in wrestling ... all-conference in football, track and wrestling his junior season ... coached by Scott Allen ... born 3-13-84 in Madelia, Minn. ... son of Arlon Anderson and Rhonda Froehling.

## #41 • Victor Arlis • RB

6-1 • 215 • Fr.-RS • Glendale Heights, Ill. (Driscoll)

**2002:** Did not play. **Driscoll HS:** Team captain and conference MVP ... leading rusher and scorer in DuPage County senior year ... IHSA Coaches Association All-State pick ... *Chicago Tribune* All-Area team ... *Daily Herald* Second-Team All-State ... team crowned 4A state champions senior year ... all-conference honorable mention both sophomore and junior years ... team won 12-straight games final prep year.

## #13 • Ramon Barber • WR

6-0 • 188 • So.-1L • West Palm Beach, Fla. (Palm Beach Gardens)

**2002:** Played in all 11 games for the 'Birds as a true freshman, getting the starting nod in three contests ... 237 receiving yards on 16 catches, a 21.5 per game average ... one rush for an eight-yard gain against Southern Illinois ... totaled 81 yards on three catches against Southern Illinois ... recorded 65 yards at Eastern Illinois and 60 at Northern Iowa ... scored the eventual game-winning 33-yard touchdown with 1:44 left in ISU's contest at Northern Iowa en route to Illinois State 's first road win of the year ... 245 all-purpose yards on the year.

**Palm Beach Gardens HS:** Played his first three prep seasons at Palm Beach Lakes ... had 25 receptions senior year for 351 yards in a run-oriented offense ... first team all-conference selection ...

all-area honorable mention ... selected to play at the Palm Beach County All-Star Game ... team finished No. 5 in the state with a 10-2 mark ... coached by Tim Thorp.

### Barber's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Yds./Rec.	Yds./Gm.	R	Yds.
2002	11-3	16	237	2	14.8	21.5	1	8

**Career Bests:** Receptions - 6 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/28/02; Receiving Yards - 81 vs. Southern Illinois, 10/19/02; TD Receptions - 2 vs. Northern Iowa, 10/26/02.

## #59 • Joe Bendoraitis • LB

5-11 • 213 • So.-Sq. • New Lenox, Ill. (Lincoln-Way)

**2002:** Did not compete in any games due to a broken foot.

**2001:** Redshirted. **Lincoln-Way HS:** Posted 127 tackles and 10 sacks as a high school senior ... a three-year starter on a team that tallied a 34-4 record during that time ... two-time all-conference and all-area selection ... named all-state by the coaches poll, *Chicago Tribune* and *Champaign News Gazette* ... coach: Rob Glielmi.

## #70 • Mike Blough • DL

6-5 • 224 • So.-1L • Leonard, Mich. (Brother Rice)

**2002:** Contributed in seven games ... had two tackles against Western Illinois and one tackle in the last three games of the year for a total of five ... two solo stops for the season ... two quarterback hurries. **Brother Rice HS:** Named second team all-area as a senior ... posted 49 tackles and 3.5 sacks as a senior prep ... during junior campaign, team won state championship and finished No. 24 in the national rankings ... a four-year letterwinner in football and a two-year letterwinner in track and field ... coached by Albert Fracassa ... born 2-15-84 in Warren, Mich. ... son of John and Linda Blough.

## #34 • LaShawn Bullock • RB

5-7 • 166 • Fr.-RS • Milwaukee, Wis. (Vincent)

**2002:** Redshirted ... is participating for Redbird track and field this spring, running sprints. **Vincent HS:** Owned the eighth fastest 60-meter time in the nation senior year ... as a senior averaged 10.2 yards per carry with 28 touchdowns ... also had a 35-yard kickoff return average ... conference offensive player of the year ... elected to play in the Shrine Game ... all-state selection ... three-year letterwinner in football, basketball and track and field ... coached by Adam Walker ... born 9-11-83 in Milwaukee, Wis. ... son of Lee and Stephanie Bullock.

## #16 • Brian Busser • WR

6-1 • 184 • So.-Sq. • Stillman Valley, Ill. (Stillman Valley)

**2002:** Did not play. **2001:** Redshirted. **Stillman Valley HS:** Led Stillman Valley to back-to-back state championships as a varsity starter in 1999 and 2000 (MVP in 2000 title game) ... ran and passed for over 1,000 yards in each of his senior and junior season ... an all-state selection by the Illinois Coaches Association and *Chicago Sun-Times* ... coach: Mike Lalor.

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## #44 • Niall Campbell • LB

6-2 • 226 • Fr.-RS • Lemont, Ill. (Chicago Mt. Carmel)

**2002:** Redshirted. **Chicago Mt. Carmel HS:** Finished his prep career as the second all-time leading tackler in school history ... garnered all-state and All-Catholic League honors ... was named all-area by five different local papers ... named defensive player of the year by the *Hammond Times* ... team captain as a senior ... had three interceptions, two touchdowns and two fumble recoveries ... named team MVP ... as a sophomore and junior the Caravan won state titles ... coach: Frank Lenti ... pronounced: NILE ... born 3-13-84 in Chicago, Ill. ... son of Eamonn and Ita Campbell.

## #99 • Stephen Carroll • K

5-11 • 180 • Jr.-2L • O'Fallon, Ill. (O'Fallon)  
 • 2002 All-Gateway Honorable Mention  
 • 2001 Gateway All-Newcomer Team

**2002:** Connected on 13-of-19 field goals and 30-of-30 extra points ... has connected on 69 percent of his career field goal attempts (25-of-36) ... topped the Hancock Stadium record with a 53-yard field goal against Quincy before bettering that mark with a 56-yarder against Youngstown State ... No. 7 in the nation in field goals (1.30)... ranked No. 41 nationally in scoring (6.90) ... ranked No. 3 in the Gateway in field goals and and No. 4 in field goal percentage ... 100 percent, good for No. 1 in the league, in PAT kicking ... logged a season-high three field goals on four attempts against SMS. **2001:** Played in 11 games for the Redbirds ... ranked No. 18 nationally in field goals (1.09) and No. 92 in scoring (5.82) ... converted 28-of-29 extra point attempts ... made 12-of-17 on field goals ... his longest was 47 yards, which happened twice, versus SW Texas State (9/29) and SMS (11/17) ... ranked third in the Gateway in scoring with 6.0 points per game, field goal percentage (64) and field goals per game (1.00). **O'Fallon HS:** Holds 10 school kicking marks including career scoring (117), most PAT attempts for a career (83), most PAT attempts in a season (35), most PAT attempts in a game (10), most PATs made for a career (77), most PATs made in a season (33), most PATs made in a game (10), highest PAT percentage in a season (94.3%), consecutive PATs made (33) and most field goals career (14) ... three-year starter ... two-time first team all-conference selection ... three-time member of the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* and *Belleville News Democrat* All-Metro Teams ... named one of the top-10 kickers at the Michigan State kicker camp ... coached by Gary Bridell. **Data:** Son of Mike and Linda Carroll ... his uncle Mel Konade coaches basketball at Douglas Byrd HS in Fayetteville, N.C. ... one of two children ... applied computer science major ... born 7-4-83 in Camden, N.J.

### -----Carroll's Statistics

Year	G-GS	FGs	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	PAT
2001	11-11	12-17	1-1	5-5	3-6	3-5	0-0	28-29
2002	10-10	13-19	0-0	4-4	4-5	3-8	2-2	30-30
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21-21</b>	<b>25-36</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>9-9</b>	<b>7-11</b>	<b>6-13</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>58-59</b>

**Career Bests:** Field Goals Made - 3 at Youngstown State, 10/20/01 and vs. SMS, 10/5/02; Field Goals Attempted - 4, vs. SMS, 10/5/02; Longest Field Goal Made - 46 vs. Youngstown State, 11/9/02.

## #21 • Cerone Colvin • DB

5-9 • 181 • Sr.-3L • St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood East)

**2002:** Ranked No. 9 on the team with 53 tackles, including 34 solos ... one of only two Redbirds to pick off a pass in 2002 and led the team with three on the year ... played in all 11 games for the 'Birds and made 10 stops against reigning I-AA national champion Western Kentucky ... against Murray State, picked off a pass attempt, giving Illinois State a 24-23 victory over the Racers with 23 seconds remaining in the game ... added six solo stops against Racers, a season high ... one fumble recovery on the year against SMS ... recorded two interceptions against southern Illinois. **2001:** Started five games and played in 11 ... had two picks for 14 yards versus Western Illinois (10/13) ... led the team in interceptions (3) and ranked third in the Gateway ... 47 solo tackles on year ranked second on the team ... had one tackle for loss ... five pass breakups. **2000:** In his first collegiate start against Youngstown State, he had six tackles, including three solos and one for -2 yards ... other starts came vs. Indiana State and Prairie View A&M. **1999:** Redshirted after a preseason injury. **Hazelwood East HS:** Team leader in tackles and interceptions ... honorable mention all-metro, first-team all-conference ... team was ranked No. 2 in Missouri, went 9-1 and won league crown ... six INTs as a junior ... coach: Rick Gorzynski ... honor roll student. **Data:** Son of Darryl and Brady Colvin ... one of three children ... born 10-24-80 in Leonardtown, Md. ... best athlete he has played against is NBA star Larry Hughes ... has vacationed in England ... major: industrial technology ... pronunciation: suh-RONE COHL-vin.

### -----Colvin's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	UI	AT	TI	TFL	Sacks	FR	FE	Int.	PBU
2000	11-3	8	7	15	1/2	0	0	0	0	0
2001	11-8	47	14	61	1/1	0	1	0	3/14	8
2002	11-11	34	19	53	0	0	1	0	3/9	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33-22</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>2/3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6/23</b>	<b>13</b>

**Career Bests:** Tackles - 10 vs. SMS, 11-17-01 and at Western Kentucky, 11/2/02; Tackle for loss - 9 vs. SMS, 11-17-01; Interceptions - 2 vs. Southern Illinois, 10/19/02.

## #41 • Montell Conner • DE

6-2 • 228 • So. • Decatur, Ill. (Eisenhower)

**2002:** Walkon who joined the team in the spring. **Eisenhower HS:** All-county, and team captain of football squad senior year ... was named all-county as a quarterback ... also named all-area in basketball while being named to county all-star basketball team ... was a three-sport athlete (football, basketball, track and field) ... coached by Tim Cruz at Eisenhower ... born 8-31-82 ... son of Almedia McClenton ... majoring in physical education.

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## #64 • Stafford Davis • OL

6-1 • 267 • So.-1L • Orange Park, Fla. (Clay)

- 2002 All-Gateway Second Team
- 2002 All-Gateway Newcomer Team

**2002:** Started all 11 games at left guard ... played 785 snaps, without allowing a sack and only three missed assignments ... 98 knockdowns and the second-highest grade on the line at 87 percent ... pass offense ranked No. 3 in the league (186.4 yards per game) and rush offense is No. 4 in the league (164.0 yards per game). **2001:** Redshirted. **Clay HS:** First team all-county and all-district ... also earned honorable mention all-state honors as team finished district runners-up ... wrestled his junior season, helping the team to a first-place finish in the region and fifth-place at state ... coach: James Teter. **Data:** Son of Stafford and Dorothy Lee Davis ... born 7-17-83 in Jacksonville, Fla.

## #35 • Tristan Davis • RB

6-0 • 225 • Sr.-3L • Pontiac, Ill. (Pontiac)

**2002:** Saw limited playing time due to right shoulder injury but still participated in 10 games ... rushed for a career-high 141 yards on 28 carries ... scored his first collegiate touchdown against Quincy after notching 71 all-purpose yards against the Hawks ... tallied two tackles on the year, each solo stops ... logged 29 receiving yards on seven catches ... was the fourth leading rusher on the Redbird roster. **2001:** Started at fullback in seven games with a two-back set ... third-leading receiver on team, with 21 catches for 147 yards ... averaged seven receiving yards per catch ... season-high nine rushes for 40 yards against Northern Iowa (10/27). **2000:** Started all five games in which team opened in two-back set ... five of his six carries came in the opener as did 13 of his 16 yards ... six tackles on special teams. **Pontiac HS:** Set five records, including 65 career TDs ... all-area by *Bloomington Pantagraph* ... all-state by IHSFCA ... all-state special mention by *Champaign News-Gazette* ... senior team was 10-2 and won a sixth straight Corn Belt title ... during that season, he had 183 rushes for 1,358 yards and 22 touchdowns ... three-time all-league ... Pontiac was 22-3 over his final two seasons with trips to the state quarter-finals as a senior and semis as a junior ... coached by ISU alumnus Mick Peterson.

**Data:** Son of Jim and Debbie Davis ... father played football at Western Illinois ... one of three children ... major: industrial technology ... born 5-30-80 in Normal, Ill.

### -----Davis' Career Statistics

Year	G	R	YDS	TD	REC	YDS	TD	TACK
2000	11-5	6	16	0	4	37	0	6
2001	11-8	15	69	0	21	147	0	6
2002	10-0	28	141	1	7	29	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32-13</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>

**Career Bests:** Carries - 10 vs. SMS, 10/5/02; Rushing Yards - 51 vs. Quincy, 9/7/02; Longest rush - 22 vs. Quincy, 9/7/02; Receiving - 7, at Youngstown State, 10/20/01; Receiving Yards - 44 vs. SMS, 11/17/01.

## #43 • Dan Dechert • RB

6-0 • 203 • Sr.-Sq. • Geneva, Ill. (Geneva)

**2002:** Contributed in three games ... rushed for 10 yards on one carry against Quincy. **Geneva HS:** All-conference selection in football and track and field. **Data:** Born 8-29-80 ... son of Jim and Kim Dechert ... majoring in actuarial science.

## #75 • Janiah Downing • OL

6-3 • 310 • Fr.-RS • North Marion, Fla. (North Marion)

**2002:** Redshirted. **North Marion HS:** Named conference offensive lineman of the year ... first team all-state ... first team all-area junior and senior seasons ... won back-to-back district championships his junior and senior seasons ... his team finished 8-3 last season ... lettered in football, track and field and weightlifting ... coach: Craig Damon ... born 7-3-84 ... son of Carl and Myra Sherman.

## #33 • J.P. Dundas • RB

6-0 • 214 • Jr.-1L • Lockport, Ill. (Providence Catholic/St. Xavier)

**2002:** Played in all 11 games, primarily the long snapper position ... forced one fumble in Illinois State's game at Purdue. **St. Xavier:** Played in 11 games and had 30 tackles as a line-backer. **Providence Catholic HS:** Started last two years of high school career with a 21-4 record ... member of the state championship team his sophomore season ... third-leading tackler in the area with 152 stops as a senior ... all-conference and all-area selection ... team captain ... coach: Matt Senffner. **Data:** Son of John and Angie Dundas ... one of two children ... born 4-11-82 in Chicago, Ill.

## #90 • Austin Dunlap • DL

6-3 • 240 • Sr.-1L • Riverside, Iowa (Iowa City West/Iowa Cent.)

**2002:** Played in 10 games ... recorded 21 tackles including 11 solo stops ... season-high five tackles against Eastern Illinois. **Iowa Central CC:** Ranked second on the team in sacks and led the defensive line in tackles ... named all-region ... team finished 7-3 ... coached by Kevin Twait. **Iowa City West HS:** Set the school record for most sacks and tackles by a defensive lineman ... ranked No. 51 in the nation for defensive lineman by *The Sporting News* ... all-American selection by *Gridiron Greats*, *The Sporting News* and *USA Today* ... all-state first team elite ... all-state first team ... all-conference and all-area ... graduated with an overall record of 35-1 ... went undefeated his junior and senior seasons (26-0) with two state championships ... lettered in football four years ... coached by Reese Morgan.

## #53 • Glen Eaton • LB

6-3 • 190 • So.-1L • Milwaukee, Wis. (Vincent)

**2002:** Participated in 11 games for the 'Birds ... season and career-high seven tackles against Quincy ... notched four solo stops against Quincy and nine on the year ... 14 total tackles for the season. **2001:** Redshirted. **Vincent HS:** Had 98 tackles, including 10 sacks and 18 for loss as a senior ... first team all-conference player ... team won conference crown with a 5-1 mark ... member of the state champion track and field team ... coach: Adam Walker. **Data:** Son of Glen and Barbara Eaton ... born 4-3-82 in Milwaukee, Wis.

### -----Eaton's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	UI	AT	TI	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	INT.	PBU
2002	11-0	9	5	14	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Career Bests:** Tackles - 7 vs. Quincy, 9/7/02.

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## #31 • Sha-ron Edwards • RB

6-0 • 201 • Sr.-1L • Uniondale, NY (Longwood/C. Conn. St.)

**2002:** In eight games played, compiled 41 rushes for 190 yards ... ranked No. 3 on the team in rushing ... scored two touchdowns against Southern Illinois and one against Youngstown State for a total of three on the year ... rushed for a season-high 57 yards against Quincy ... had one reception for eight yards against Quincy ... four kick returns on season for 90 yards ... longest single-catch return was 31 yards at Northern Iowa ... ranked fourth on team in total offense (23.8 yards per game) and tied for fifth in scoring (18 pts.). **Central Connecticut State:** Ranked second on the team in rushing in 2000 ... played in eight games with 536 yards and one touchdown ... averaged 67 yards per game and 4.5 yards per carry ... in 1999, had 89 carries for 340 yards and five TDs ... averaged 3.8 yards per run and 48.6 yards a game. **Longwood HS:** As a senior, Longwood posted an 11-0 mark and won the state championship ... was named all-division, all-county, all-Long Island, all-state and a Super Prep All-American ... two-time all-county track and field ... coach: Joe Cipp. **Data:** Majoring in communications with goals of being a sports broadcaster ... son of Stanley and Renata Jones ... born 7-16-81 in Hempstead, N.Y. ... one of two children.

### -----Edward's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	R	YDS	TD	Rec.	Yds.	TD
2002	8-0	41	190	3	2	8	0

**Career Bests:** Carries - 9, twice; Rushing yards - 57 vs. Quincy, 9/7/02.

## #69 • Jim Ferguson • OL

6-3 • 267 • Sr.-2L • Morton, Ill. (Morton/Illinois)

**2002:** Named Gateway Offensive Lineman of the Week ... 586 snaps ... graded out at 77% ... led team with 97 knockdowns and allowed only two sacks ... only four missed assignments. **2001:** Played in seven games, all as a back-up. **2000 at Illinois:** Did not play. **1999 at Illinois:** Redshirted. **Morton HS:** Two-time Mid-Illini all-conference selection ... two-time all-area selection by the *Pantagraph* and *Peoria Journal-Star* ... named honorable mention all-state by *Chicago Tribune* during junior and senior seasons ... *Champaign News-Gazette* Top 100 all-state selection ... "Up-and coming junior," all-region and national all-star by *Gridiron Greats* ... played defensive tackle and center ... team reached IHSA playoffs all four years, including Class 4A quarterfinals during junior season ... team was 9-3 during junior year and 7-3 senior year ... earned three varsity letters in football, one in wrestling and freshman letters in baseball and football ... coach: Hal Chiodo. **Data:** Majoring in criminal justice ... son of Don and Jo Ferguson ... born 7-6-81 in Peoria, Ill.

## #3 • Alex Filin • RB/TE

6-4 • 214 • Fr.-RS • Skokie, Ill. (Niles West)

**2002:** Walk-on ... redshirted. **Niles West HS:** All-state selection ... conference offensive player of the year ... team captain of the *Pioneer Press* All-Area Team ... *Chicago Tribune* and *Chicago Sun-Times* All-State Honorable Mention ... team captain the last two seasons ... rushed for a team-high 958 yards ... caught 21 passes for 412 yards ... had 121 tackles, including 71 unassisted ... key player on special teams as the punter, kicker, kick returner and punt returner ... averaged 30.6 yards per kickoff return ... currently averages 15.5 points and 10 rebounds per game in basketball ... clocked a 400-meter time of 51 seconds ... lettered in football, basketball and track ... coached by Mark Egofske.

## #42 • Gean Gilot • LB

6-0 • 202 • Sr.-2L • Immokolee, Fla. (Immokolee)

**2002:** Suffered a torn ACL in the right knee against Purdue ... did not contribute rest of season ... will practice in spring. **2001:** Season-high 15 tackles versus Southern Illinois (10/6) ... ranked third on the team with 79 total tackles on season ... notched nine solo tackles against Western Illinois ... posted four games with double-digit tackles ... eight tackles for loss for 28 yards ... played in eight games, missing three with a stinger. **2000:** Worked on special teams and in a reserve role as an inside linebacker ... blocked a field goal, which the Redbirds returned for a touchdown vs. West Virginia Tech ... 12 of his 18 tackles came over the last half of the season. **1999:** Redshirted. **Immokolee HS:** Made 154 tackles in senior season with 90 solos ... also had five sacks, four fumbles forced and 14 tackles for loss ... all-state and finalist for Florida Mr. Football, the state's highest grid honor ... conference most valuable player ... had 90 tackles, including eight for loss as a junior ... coach: John Weber ... National Honor Society ... same HS as former Redbird Jeffrey James. **Data:** Born 4-30-81 ... son of Marie Gilot ... pronunciation: GENE guh-LOT ... major: biochemistry/molecular biology ... plays the trumpet ... hopes to become an anesthesiologist ... attracted to ISU by "atmosphere of expectancy."

### -----Gilot's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	INT.	PBU
2000	11-0	10	8	18	3/5	0	0	0	0	1
2001	8-7	43	36	79	8/28	2/17	0	0	0	0
2002	1-1	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>19-7</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>11/33</b>	<b>2/17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

**Career Bests:** Tackles - 15 vs. Southern Illinois, 10/6/01; Unassisted Tackles - 9 vs. Western Illinois, 10/13/01; TFL - 3 vs. Western Illinois, 10/31/01.

## #81 • Clarence Glenn • WR

6-4 • 209 • Fr.-RS • Southfield, Mich. (Southfield-Lathrop)

**2002:** Redshirted. **Southfield-Lathrop High School:** All-conference senior season ... only played football two seasons and started his senior year ... lettered in tennis four years ... coached by Stephon Thompson.

## #23 • Chris Govan • DB

6-0 • 187 • So.-1L • Milwaukee, Wis. (Vincent)

**2002:** Contributed in all 11 games of the season ... tallied 26 tackles, including 17 solos ... notched a season and career-high seven tackles in Illinois State's one-point victory over Murray State ... logged five tackles at Eastern Illinois, including three solos ... forced one fumble against Murray State. **2001:** Redshirted. **Vincent HS:** Had 56 tackles as a senior, including nine for loss ... all-conference in his junior and senior seasons helping the teams to consecutive conference championships ... two interceptions and three forced fumbles as a senior ... recovered two fumbles and broke up four passes ... part of 4x100m relay state championship team ... coach: Adam Walker. **Data:** Son of Jaspas Govan and Anita Lewis ... born 5-11-83 in Little Rock, Ark.

### -----Govan's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	INT.	PBU
2002	11-2	17	9	26	0	0	0	1	0	0

**Career Bests:** Tackles - 7 vs. Murray State, 9/21/02.



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## #46 • Boomer Grigsby • LB

6-0 • 245 • Jr.-2L • Canton, Ill. (Canton)

- 2002 Gateway Defensive Player of the Year
- 2002 All-Gateway First Team
- 2002 Dopke.com Performer of the Year
- 2002 Associated Press Second-Team All-American
- Finished third in voting for Buck Buchanan Award
- 2002 The Sports Network First-Team All-American
- 2002 The College Sporting News/I-AA.org All-Star Team
- 2002 Don Hansen Football Gazette First-Team All-American
- 2002 Don Hansen Football Gazette West Region First Team
- Nation's Top Returning Defensive Player Vote Getter
- Nation's leading tackler
- 2001 All-Gateway Honorable Mention
- 2001 All-Gateway Newcomer Team

**2002:** Compiled a league-high 179 tackles on the year to become the nation's leading tackler ... also led the nation in solos stops (108) ... finished season with 16 tackles for loss (-38) and four sacks ... named *The Sports Network* National Player of the Week and Gateway Defensive Player of the Week after making the game-saving tackle against Murray State in ISU's one-point victory over the Racers ... also named *The College Sporting News/I-AA.org* All-Star of the Week for game-saving effort ... two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries on the year ... six quarterback hurries ... had a season and career-best 26 tackles in a single game, against Youngstown State, which ranks No. 2 in the record book ... tallied 21 tackles against reigning I-AA national champion Western Kentucky ... logged double-digit total tackles in 10 of 11 games on the year ... led the team with 128 tackles in league games ... had 10 tackles for loss in league games including 78 solos ... ranks No. 1 in the record book for tackles in a season ... No. 12 all-time in career tackles (272).

**2001:** Led the team and set the school freshman record with 93 stops ... had 52 solo tackles ... posted five tackles for loss totaling 35 yards ... finished with three sacks for -31 yards ... a season-high 15 tackles at Southern Illinois ... two sacks against Indiana State for -28 yards ... had five double-digit tackle games ... averaged 11.3 tackles per game over the last four contests ... started seven games at inside linebacker. **2000:** Redshirted.

**Canton HS:** All-area as a senior when Canton was 10-2 with a spot in 4A's elite eight ... 120 tackles as a senior with 80 solos, 10 TFL and 5 sacks ... his INT sealed playoff win over top-seeded Rochelle ... coach: Steve Graves ... honor roll student.

**Data:** USTA Trampoline and double mini champion and a member of the AAU national team ... three-time AAU All-American Trampoline Award ... son of David and Paula Grigsby ... born 11-5-81 in Canton ... nicknamed Boomer by his grandmother on the date of his birth (real name is James) ... major: business administration.

### -----Grigsby's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	UI	AT	TI	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	Int.	PBU
2002	11-11	108	71	179	16/-38	4/-11	2	2	0	1
2001	11-7	52	41	93	5/-35	3/-31	1	0	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22-18</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>21/-73</b>	<b>7/-42</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

**Career Bests:** Tackles - 26 vs. Youngstown State, 11/9/02; Unassisted tackles - 14 vs. Southern Illinois 10/19/02 and Youngstown State, 11/9/02; Tackles for loss - 4 vs. Murray State, 9/21/02; Sacks - two, vs. Youngstown State, 11/9/02 and Indiana State, 11/10/01.

## #48 • Jon Gusman • TE

6-4 • 250 • Sr.-Sq. • Decatur, Miss. (Newton County/East Central)

**2002:** Saw limited action. **East Central Junior College:** Tallied 24 solo tackles and 20 assists during 2001 ... named honorable mention all-state. **Newton County HS:** As a senior was voted all-district and was a second-team all-state tight end ... also named all-district as a junior ... member of the Beta Club. **Data:** Last name pronounced GUSS-man ... son of Errol and Yolanda Gusman ... born 12-10-81 in Jefferson Parrish, La. ... one of two children.

## #76 • Michael Heffernan • DL

6-1 • 337 • Fr.-RS • Hawthorn Woods, Ill. (Lake Zurich)

**2002:** Redshirted. **Lake Zurich HS:** Named Fox Valley All-Conference ... *Northwest Herald* First Team All-Area ... *Lake Zurich Courier* First Team All-Area ... voted lineman of the year ... selected for the Illinois Coaches East-West All-Star Game ... lettered in football, track and tennis ... coached by Mike DiMatteo ... born 12-14-83 ... son of Joseph and Adrienne Heffernan.

## #14 • Ryan Hoffman • P/K

6-2 • 186 • So.-1L • Stevens Point, Wis. (Area)

**2002:** Contributed in one game ... against Eastern Illinois, tallied five punts for 208 yards, including a 51-yarder ... averaged 41.6 yards per punt in the game ... suffered a right hamstring pull ... is currently petitioning the NCAA for a medical redshirt to gain a year of eligibility. **2001:** Played and started all 11 games ... ranked fifth in the Gateway and No. 28 nationally with a 39.5 punt average ... posted the second-best punt average by a Redbird freshman ... had 10 50+ yard punts on the season, including a 64-yarder against Northern Iowa and a 61-yarder at Western Michigan ... placed 10 punts inside the 20-yard line, including three at Southern Illinois. **Area HS:** Broke Wisconsin Valley Conference record twice in his senior season with a 48-yard field goal and a 50-yard field goal ... was 8 of 12 on field goal attempts in his senior year and punted 34 times for an average of 43.2 yards ... nailed 19 of 19 extra point attempts in his two years ... named all-state kicker by Wisconsin Preps, he was a unanimous all-conference choice at both punter and kicker ... also ran track for two years ... clocked a 4.62, 40-meter time ... coach: Pete McAdams. **Data:** Son of Bob and Cheryl Hoffman ... born 10-27-82 in

Marshfield, Wis.

### -----Hoffman's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	Punts	Yards	Avg	TB	FC	50+	I20
2001	11-11	54	2131	39.5	7	1	10	10
2002	1-0	5	208	41.6	0	1	2	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12-11</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>2339</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>

**Career Bests:** Punts - 8 at Western Michigan, 8/30/01; Punting Average (min. 3) - 54.7 vs. Northern Iowa, 10/27/01; Longest Punt - 64 yards vs. Northern Iowa, 10/27/01.

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## #25 • Pete Holak • WR

**5-10 • 195 • Sr.-Sq. • Canton, Ill. (Canton)**

**2002:** Walkon that joined team in the spring. **Canton HS:** Named *Peoria Journal Star* big school player of the year ... all-conference and team MVP ... IFCA All-State first team ... *Champaign News Gazette* first team ... five touchdowns and 1,000-plus receiving yards as a senior.

## #17 • Cedric Jackson • DB

**5-11 • 188 • Sr.-2L • Winter Garden, Fla. (West Orange)**

**2002:** Participated in three games for the 'Birds, logging one tackle at Indiana State ... one stop was an assisted tackle.

**2001:** Tore his ACL on the opening kick-off against Southwest Texas State ... started at left corner at Murray State with two tackles ... had four tackles at Western Michigan. **2000:** Did not become prominent in the receiving corps until the sixth game of the season (at Indiana State) ... his 32.2 yards per catch led the Redbirds ... had a 59-yard catch against Prairie View A&M and a 47-yarder vs. Indiana State ... both of his touchdown grabs came against Prairie View A&M. **1999:** Redshirted. **West Orange HS:** Had 61 tackles as a senior, including 41 that were unassisted ... also had two interceptions and seven pass deflections ... scored two touchdowns ... averaged 35 yards per punt return and 30 yards per kickoff return ... all-state selection ... credited with 95 tackles in his junior season with one interception ... an all-district selection as a junior ... started the last 20 games of high school career ... coach: Tim Smith ... earned three letters in basketball. **Data:** Born 10-3-80 in Winter Garden ... lives with his grandparents, Emanuel and Lena Jackson ... oldest of three children ... majoring in business administration ... would like to become a broadcaster ... rule he would most like to see changed is, "down by contact" ... team he would most like to see added to the schedule is, "any I-AA team in Florida" ... most attracted to ISU by "the players and family unity."

### -----Jackson's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	Int.	PBU	Rec	Yds	Yds/G	TD
2000	11-0	0	0	0	0	0	5	161	14.6	2
Year	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	IFL	Sacks	FR	FF	Int.	PBU
2001	4-1	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002	3-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>18-1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>2</b>

**Career Bests:** Tackles - 4 at Western Michigan, 8/30/01; Unassisted Tackles - 3 at Western Michigan, 8/30/01; Receptions - 7 vs. Northern Iowa, 9/30/00; Receiving yards - 40 vs. Prairie View A&M, 10/21/00; Longest reception - 40 vs. Prairie View A&M, 10/21/00; TD Receptions - 1, twice.

## #20 • Demetrus Johnson • RB

**5-9 • 185 • Jr.-TR • Milwaukee, Wis. (Homestead/Minnesota)**

**Minnesota:** Tallied 55 net rushing yards in 10 games played in 2002 ... averaged 5.5 yards per game with the longest rush of 11 yards ... three kick returns on season for 56 yards ... longest single-catch return of year was 31 yards ... ranked sixth on team in total offense ... as a freshman in 2001, played in final 10 games of the season as backup wide receiver and special teams player ... caught three passes for 21 yards ... redshirted freshman year (2000).

**Homestead HS:** Named Wisconsin State Player of the Year by the Wisconsin State Coaches Association ... two-time all-state selection with 2,229 yards, 32 touchdowns and an average of 7.0 yards per carry his senior year ... those totals set single-season school records ... rushed for school-record 315 yards and five touchdowns in single game.

## #85 • LaMonte Jones • WR

**5-11 • 178 • Sr.-1L • Fresno, Calif. (Fresno/Fresno City College)**

**2002:** Contributed in eight games ... ranked No. 6 on the team in receiving yards (117) ... racked up 249 all-purpose yardage for the year ... eight catches with one touchdown against Quincy ... biggest game was three catches for 68 yards against Western Illinois ... served primary role of kick returner ... had seven returns for 131 yards including four multiple kick-return yard games ... one punt return against Quincy for one yard.

**Fresno City College:** Helped lead Fresno City to a 10-1 mark ... led the team in receiving with 35 catches for 654 yards and six touchdowns ... averaged 18.7 yards per catch ... longest grab of the season was a 60-yard bomb ... first team All-Valley Conference selection ... as a freshman had 10 catches for 200 yards ... coach: Tony Cavaglia ... born 10-19-81 in Los Angeles, Calif. ... son of Stanley and Karen Jones ... pronounced la-MONT-aye.

### -----Jones' Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Yds./Rec.	Yds./Gm.	KR	KR Yds.
2002	8-0	8	117	1	14.6	14.6	7	131

**Career Bests:** Receptions - 3 vs. Western Illinois, 10/12/02; Receiving Yards - 68 vs. Western Illinois, 10/12/02; Longest reception - 32 vs. Western Illinois, 10/12/02; Kick returns - 2, twice; Longest kick return - 26 vs. SMS, 10/5/02.

## #25 • Leon Kittrell • DB

**5-9 • 165 • Fr.-RS • Oak Creek, Wis. (Oak Creek)**

**2002:** Redshirted. **Oak Creek HS:** Team finished 9-2 and advanced to the state semifinals ... had 53 solo tackles, 102 assists, two sacks and 11 interceptions, including two that were returned for touchdowns ... returned three punts for touchdowns and four kickoffs ... named all-state, all-area and all-conference ... as a junior at Sahuaro HS (Tucson, Ariz.) had 26 solo stops and one interception at defensive back ... returned four kicks for touchdowns (1 punt, 3 kickoffs) ... named all-state and all-area ... lettered by football, basketball and track ... coach: Joe Koch ... born 6-7-84 in Tucson, Ariz. ... son of Leon and Rita Kittrell ... one of 10 children.

## #11 • Steve Kolodziej • QB

**6-3 • 209 • So.-Sq. • Schaumburg, Ill. (Schaumburg)**

**2002:** Played in two games for the 'Birds ... six passes on the year with four completed ... 35 passing yards with one touchdown against Quincy.

**2001:** Redshirted. **Schaumburg HS:** Led Schaumburg to the Class 6A state championship game as a junior ... threw for 1,928 yards and 17 TDs, while completing 57 percent of his passes as a senior ... totaled 2,400 yards passing and 15 touchdowns his junior season ... a three-year starter, he led Schaumburg to a 20-4 record and had 4,300 passing yards his last two years ... earned all-area honors both junior and senior seasons ... team captain, as a senior, earned all-conference and all-region honors ... coach: Tom Cerasani. **Data:** Son of Stanley and Vivian Kolodziej ... born 1-17-83 in Elgin, Ill. ... pronunciation: CALL-uh-jay.

### -----Kolodziej's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	C-A-I	Comp. %	Yds.	TD	Rushes	Yds.	TD
2002	2-0	4-6-0	66.6%	35	1	1	-5	0
2001	Redshirted							
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>4-6-0</b>	<b>66.6%</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>0</b>

**Career Bests:** Passing Yards - 35 vs. Quincy, 9/7/02; Longest pass - 12 vs. Quincy, 9/7/02.

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## #82 • Kevin Kreger • TE

6-0 • 226 • So.-1L • Frankfurt, Ill. (Lincoln-Way)

**2002:** Played in all 11 games ... saw action on special teams.  
**2001:** Redshirted. **Lincoln-Way HS:** As a senior, posted a 12-1 record, while winning the conference championship ... named all-conference at offensive line ... *Joliet Herald* First Team All-Area ... *Champaign News Gazette* All-State honorable mention ... team captain ... coach: Rob Gliemli. **Data:** Son of Donald and Nancy Kreger ... brother, Kyle, is an Illinois State alum ... born 8-31-83 in Oak Lawn, Ill.

## #27 • Tyler Larick • LB

6-1 • 201 • Jr.-TR • Chualar, Calif. (Salinas/Hartnell)

**Hartnell:** Totaled 120 tackles in 2002 with two interceptions ... career-total of 227 tackles and seven interceptions ... 2002 Coast Conferences' Defensive Player of the Year ... earned all-region honors and was a postseason all-America honorable mention selection ... former teammate of current Redbird Michael Souza. **Salinas HS:** Named to the all-county second-team in final prep season ... Salings Most Valuable Defensive Player senior year.

## #89 • Mike Larson • TE

6-4 • 235 • Sr.-1L • Palatine, Ill. (Mascoutah/Harper CC)

**2002:** Played in 11 games, getting the start in three ... No. 5 on the team in receiving yards (127) ... 11 catches with longest haul against Purdue (19 yards) ... tallied three games with at least 20 receiving yards (Purdue, SMS and Western Kentucky) ... one solo tackle at Indiana State. **Mascoutah/Harper CC:** Started at tight end and defensive end for Harper, which finished 7-3 and played in the Empire State Bowl ... had 24 catches for 200 yards ... named first team all-conference and first team all-region. As a prep, threw for over 800 yards and ran for 350 yards during senior season as a quarterback ... had 118 tackles ... named first team all conference and all-area as a QB and LB ... honorable mention all-state by the *Champaign News Gazette* ... as a junior had 25 catches for 270 yards ... named all-conference and all-area as a WR ... lettered in football four years ... coach: Chris Lindsey ... born 3-15-82 in Fond du Lac, Wis. ... son of Michael Larson and Rhonda Johnson.

### -----Larson's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Yds./Rec.	Yds./Gm.	TT	UT
2002	11-3	11	127	0	11.5	11.5	1	1

**Career Bests:** Receptions - 2, three times; Receiving yards - 31 vs. SMS, 10/5/02; Longest reception - 19 at Purdue, 8/31/02.

## #57 • Kentin Lathrope • DL

6-3 • 268 • Fr.-RS • Bloomingdale, Ill. (Driscoll)

**2002:** Did not play. **Driscoll High School:** Three-year member of the football team that sported an overall record of 22-6 ... was an all-area, all-conference, all-state selection and team captain senior year ... named conference defensive player of the year ... all-conference selection as a junior and honorable mention as a sophomore ... team crowned 4A state champions final prep season ... born 7-5-84 ... son of Kevin and Gerilyn Lathrope ... major is undecided.

## #39 • Harry Lattimore • RB

6-0 • 247 • Sr.-1L • Peoria, Ill. (Central)

**2002:** Contributed in seven games ... fblocking back in goal-line plays. **2001:** Redshirted. **Central HS:** Averaged 5.3 yards per carry during his senior season ... all-conference selection ... coach: Larry Lavery. **Data:** Son of Daniel Lattimore and Evelyn Smallwood ... born 12-28-79 in Peoria ... one of 15 children ... brother Carlos plays football at Illinois ... thrower on the Illinois State track and field team ... owned the team's best discus throw in 2002 ... criminal justice major.

### -----Lattimore's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	INT.	PBU
2002	7-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## #47 • Drew Laurenti • LB

6-2 • 195 • So.-Sq. • Kankakee, Ill. (Bishop-McNamara)

**2002:** Play limited due to injuries ... will not practice in spring. **2001:** Redshirted. **Bishop-McNamara HS:** A three-year starter at Bishop McNamara, he helped his team to a 29-8 record ... four interceptions, six sacks and 115 tackles as a senior ... 25 receptions for 560 yards and a school-record 12 TDs ... brother, Jon, played at ISU while another brother, Ryan, played at Northern Illinois ... the team captain his senior year, earned All-Kankakee Area and all-state honors ... also named to the *Chicago Sun-Times* Top 100 ... All-Catholic League selection in both football and basketball his senior year, he played hoops all four years and started his senior season ... helped team to three straight playoff appearances including a state runner-up finish in Class 4A as a sophomore ... ran track for three seasons ... coach: Rich Zinanni. **Data:** Son of Jim and Vicki Laurenti ... born 2-7-83 in Kankakee ... pronounced: law-REN-tee.

## #52 • Jim Mancuso • LB

6-0 • 200 • So.-Sq. • Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. (Lincoln)

**2002:** Had knee surgery, did not compete ... will not practice in spring.

**2001:** Redshirted.

**Lincoln HS:** Joined teammates Jeremy Melville and Steve Statz at ISU ... honorable mention all-conference as a senior ... a three-year high school starter ... led his team with five interceptions as a senior and with four as a junior ... team captain in football and baseball ... coach: Jim Benick ... also started three years on the baseball squad ... earned all-district honors and second-team all-conference in baseball as a junior.

**Data:** Son of Gus and Barbara Mancuso ... born 5-15-82 in Wisconsin Rapids ... pronounced: MAN-coo-so.

## #73 • Justin Martindale • DL

6-3 • 260 • Fr.-RS • Wadsworth, Ill. (Warren Township)

**2002:** Redshirted.

**Warren Township:** Two-time all-conference and all-area selection ... last season the team posted an 8-4 mark and advanced to the third round of the playoffs ... lettered in football all four years ... coached by former ISU assistant Dale Mohapp ... born 9-24-83 in Lake Forest, Ill. ... son of Ben and Astria Martindale.

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## #32 • Troy Maskel • K/P

**6-3 • 247 • So.-1L • Ridge Farm, Ill. (Georgetown)**  
**• 2002 All-Gateway Newcomer Team**

**2002:** Played in all 11 games ... emerged as the Redbird's main punter, averaging 39.4 yards on 52 punts for the season ... notched two, 60-yard punts and dropped 15 inside the opponent 20-yard line ... averaged 41.5 yards on 35 punts in Gateway games ... led team to a No. 2 ranking in punting in the league (36.9) ... No. 4 in the conference individually in punting ... finished season No. 30 in the nation in punting ... had one tackle against Southern Illinois. **2001:** Redshirted. **Georgetown HS:** Converted his only field goal attempt as a prep (37 yards) ... holds the school record for longest field goal ... all-conference honorable mention ... coach: Mitch Thomas. **Data:** Son of Dennis and Colleen Maskel ... his uncle Mel Konade coaches basketball at Douglas Byrd HS in Fayetteville, N.C. ... one of two children ... born 7-6-82 in Georgetown, Ill.

### -----Maskel's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	Punts	Yards	Avg	TB	FC	50+	I20
2002	11-0	52	2,051	39.4	3	4	7	15

**Career Bests:** Punts - 11 vs. Western Kentucky, 11/2/02; Yards - 454 vs. Western Kentucky, 11/2/02; Longest - 60 vs. Northern Iowa 10/26/02 and Youngstown State, 11/9/02.

## #61 • Jeremy Melville • OL

**6-4 • 266 • Jr.-2L • Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. (Lincoln)**  
**• 2002 All-Gateway Newcomer Team**

**2002:** Started all 11 games at center ... helped pave the way for former Redbird running back Quincy Washington's 1,158-yard rushing season ... held opponents to 2,130 yards on the ground and 1,827 in the air ... ISU's pass offense ranked No. 3 in the league (186.4) and rush offense ranked No. 4 in the league (164.0 yards per game) ... played 786 snaps and only allowed one sack with three missed assignments ... 68 knockdowns and the highest grade on the line. **2001:** Saw action in all 11 games ... started at left guard for the last eight games.

**2000:** Redshirted. **Lincoln HS:** On four all-star teams over final two seasons, including first-team all-conference and all-region ... as a senior, his team set a school season record for rushing yards ... team finished 7-3, was second in the league and reached the playoffs ... 11 tackles and one blocked kick ... in his junior season, Lincoln was 9-4 and set season marks for points, first downs, rushing yards and passing yards ... that team reached the state semi-finals ... coach: Ken Biefel ... honor roll student.

**Data:** Born 11-16-81 in Wisconsin Rapids ... son of Daniel and Vickie Melville ... favorite saying, "Pain lets you know you're alive."

## #2 • Antwan Oliver • CB

**5-10 • 168 • Jr.-TR • Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard/Eastern Illinois)**

**2002:** Sat out due to transfer rules. **Eastern Illinois:** Recorded three interceptions as a freshman and one as a sophomore ... team participated in playoffs both years. **Dillard High School:** Second-team all-conference and team MVP senior season ... set a school record with 18 interceptions, also a career best ... named team defensive player of the year ... had five interceptions and 70 tackles final prep year ... team MVP and defensive player of the year as a junior ... totaled 78 tackles as a junior.

## #77 • Joe Pantoja • OL

**6-2 • 269 • Jr.-1L • Gurnee, Ill. (Warren Township)**

**2002:** Saw limited action in seven games. **2001:** Saw limited action on special teams. **2000:** Redshirted. **Warren Township HS:** Senior team advanced to the second round of the playoffs ... coach: former ISU assistant Dave Mohapp ... also a shot putter and discus thrower. **Data:** Son of Jose and Carol Pantoja ... born 1-30-82 in Evanston, Ill. ... one of four children ... summer jobs included working at the Rain Forest Cafe ... majoring in business administration ... pronounced: PAN-toy-yah.

## #12 • Andrew Papoccia • LB

**5-11 • 191 • Sr.-3L • Sterling, Ill. (Newman Central Catholic)**  
**• 2000 All-Gateway Newcomer Team**

**2002:** Ranked third on the squad with 89 tackles, including 57 solo stops ... had two double-digit tackle games, against SMS and Indiana State (12) ... had at least six tackles in every game this season ... three tackles for loss (-18) and two sacks against SMS ... eight TFL on the year (-31) ... three quarterback hurries ... two forced fumbles. **2001:** Ranked fourth on the team in tackles with 67 ... had a team-high 15 tackles for loss for -66 yards ... tied for a team-best five sacks ... a season-best 11 tackles at Southern Illinois ... had four tackles for loss against Southwest Texas State ... blocked two kicks and forced four fumbles.

**2000:** No. 7 on the team with 40 tackles, the best total by any of the first-year players ... tied for second on the team with 6 sacks and also had 5 other tackles for loss ... 3 sacks at W. Illinois ... two fumble recoveries, including one he returned 17 yards, vs. SMS ... 11-yard INT return against West Virginia Tech.

**1999:** Redshirted. **Newman Central Catholic HS:** All-state by the IHSCA, the *Chicago Tribune* and the *Chicago Sun-Times* ... as a senior, he rushed for more than 1,500 yards and 31 TDs for a team that was ranked No. 1 all season and finished runner-up in the state title game ... set state championship mark with 95-yard PR ... all-state (IHSCA) as a junior when he rushed for 1,000 yards, 19 TDs ... junior team was 10-1, senior team was 12-2 ... coached by his father, Mike, who is also athletics director ... four years on honor roll ... three letters in basketball, four in track and field.

**Data:** Son of Mike and Mary Papoccia ... major: general studies ... his brother, Brett, also played for the Redbirds ... one of five children ... last name: puh-POE-see ... born 1-29-81 in Sterling, Ill. ... most memorable experience was "blocking (former ISU All-American) Damian Gregory on the scout punt team."

### -----Papoccia's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	UI	AT	IT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	Int.	PBU
2000	11-7	18	22	40	5/-19	6/-35	0	0	1/11	5
2001	11-11	44	23	67	15/-66	5/-38	0	4	0	0
2002	11-11	57	32	89	8/-31	2/-10	0	2	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33-29</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>28/-116</b>	<b>13/-83</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1/11</b>	<b>5</b>

**Career Bests:** Tackles - 12 vs. SMS, 10/5/02, Indiana State 11/16/02; Unassisted Tackles - 9, vs. SMS, 10/5/02; Tackles For Loss - 4 vs. Southwest Texas State, 9/22/01; Sacks - 2 at Southern Illinois, 10/6/01, vs. SMS, 10/5/02; PBU - 2, twice; Interceptions - 1 vs. West Virginia Tech, 8/31/00.

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## #60 • Geoff Pearson • OL

6-2 • 275 • Jr.-Sq. • Naperville, Ill. (Central/DuPage)

**2002:** Saw limited action. **College of DuPage:** Started every game during the 2001 season. **Central HS:** Named all-conference, all-city and honorable mention all-area his senior season on a team that won the state championship with a 14-0 mark and finished with a No. 5 national ranking in *USA Today*. **Data:** Born 11-17-81 in Freeport, Pa. ... son of Patrick and Leah Pearson ... one of two children.

## #63 • Matt Pezdek • OL

6-4 • 308 • Jr.-Sq. • Brookfield, Ill. (Nazareth Academy)

**2002:** Saw limited action. **2001:** Reserve that saw limited action. **2000:** Redshirted. **Nazareth Academy HS:** Played in the Illinois Shrine Game at Peoria ... listed among the *Chicago Sun-Times*' top 100 prep players ... *Suburban Life* Player of the Year in 1999 ... all-state selection ... started all 10 games as a senior ... helped the team to an 8-2 record with a second-place finish in conference and a spot in the 4A playoffs ... also started all 10 games as a junior ... that club also went 8-2 while notching a conference title and a spot in the 3A playoffs ... blocked for a 1,000-yard rusher in both his junior and senior seasons ... coach: Dennis Moran. **Data:** Born 4-26-82 in Maywood, Ill. ... son of Ronald and Mary Pezdek ... majoring in business administration.

## #45 • Adam Redenius • LB

5-11 • 215 • Jr.-2L • Gilman, Ill. (Iroquois West)

**2002:** In 11 games, made six tackles ... had a season-high three stops, including two solos, against Quincy ... had one tackle against Eastern Illinois, SMS and Northern Iowa. **2001:** Played in nine games as a reserve ... had four kickoff returns for 15 yards ... claimed the team Dominator Award for his efforts in strength and conditioning. **2000:** Redshirted. **Iroquois West HS:** Rushed for 4,000 yards during his career ... all-state as a senior when he had 1,750 yards on 230 carries and 20 TDs ... eclipsed 200 yards rushing in five games ... all-area by three newspapers and also the Kankakee Area Player of the Year ... played in Illinois Shrine game ... rushed for 1,200 yards and 12 TDs as a junior and 700 yards and eight TDs as a sophomore ... four-year starter in baseball, two-year starter in basketball ... achieved high academic honors ... coach: Harry Kunsch. **Data:** Born 12-6-81 in Kankakee, Ill. ... son of Mark and Lucinda Redenius, both of whom attended ISU ... major: business administration.

### -----Redenius' Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	Int.	PBU
2002	11-0	3	3	6	0	0/0	0	0	0	0

**Career Bests:** Tackles - 3 vs. Quincy, 9/7/02; Unassisted tackles - 2 vs. Quincy, 9/7/02.

## #97 • Ray Robinson • DE

6-2 • 230 • Sr.-3L • Trenton, NJ (Willingboro)

• 2002 All-Gateway Second Team

**2002:** Played in 11 games ... sixth-leading tackler on the team with 81 stops on the year, 49 solo ... three, multiple-tackle games including 11 against defending I-AA national champion Western Kentucky ... No. 3 on the team in tackles for loss (10 for 32 yards) ... ranked second on team in sacks (4.5) ... one forced fumble and 12 quarterback hurries, all in conference games ... logged 58 tackles against conference opponents with seven TFL. **2001:** Played in two games with nine starts ... 41 tackles, 18 solo stops ... posted two sacks ... had nine quarterback hurries ... two fumble recoveries, one forced fumble and two pass break-ups ... eight tackles against Northern Iowa ... five quarterback hurries at Youngstown State. **2000:** Played in all 11 games and drew starting assignments in two games --Prairie View A&M and Southern Illinois ... seven tackles, including six that were unassisted, against Southern Illinois ... ranked fourth on the team with five sacks, all of which came over the final seven games of the season ... two sacks in each of his starting assignments ... also credited with four quarterback hurries. **1999:** Redshirted. **Willingboro HS:** Had 13 sacks as a high school senior ... helped his senior team to a 7-3 season after a 3-6 mark in the previous campaign ... named his team's most valuable player and was a first-team all-conference player ... member of the National Honor Society and the New Jersey Boys State All-Academic Team ... joined former high school teammates Wayne Riley and Chip Taylor at Illinois State ... coach: Ty Belford. **Data:** Son of Kelvin and Brenda Johnson ... born 1-27-81 in Trenton, NJ ... one of five children ... majoring in business administration.

### -----Robinson's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	Int.	PBU
2000	11-2	13	6	19	6/-36	5/-34	0	0	0	1
2001	10-9	18	23	41	2/-6	2/-6	2	1	0	2
2002	11-11	49	32	81	10/-32	4.5/-24	0	2	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>32-22</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>18/-74</b>	<b>11.5/-64</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>

**Career Bests:** Tackles - 11 vs. at Western Kentucky, 11/2/02 and vs. Youngstown State, 11/9/02; Unassisted Tackles - 7 vs. Youngstown State, 11/9/02 and at Indiana State, 11/16/02; Tackles for loss - 3 at Murray State, 9/8/01; Sacks - 2, twice.

## #36 • William Rolle • OLB

5-10 • 191 • So.-1L • Immokolee, Fla. (Immokolee)

**2002:** Participated in 10 games during the 2002 season ... had a season-high three tackles against Purdue ... seven total tackles on the year, four solo stops ... had at least one tackle in four other games. **2001:** Redshirted. **Immokolee HS:** Led the team as a senior with 81 tackles ... first team all-county for a 10-0 regional championship team ... also wrestled and was 16-1 as a senior ... captained both the football and wrestling teams ... coach: John Weber. **Data:** Son of Arthur and Sandra Coleman ... born 5-29-82 in Naples, Fla. ... pronounced: ROLL.

### -----Rolle's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	Int.	PBU
2002	10-0	4	3	7	0	0	1	0	0	0

**Career Bests:** Tackles - 3 at Purdue, 8/31/02.

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## #80 • Dwayne Smith • WR

**6-3 • 194 • Sr.-1L • Ranoul, Ill. (Rantoul/Illinois)**

**2002:** Second leading receiver on team ... started in all 11 games ... 39 catches for 470 yards, a 12.1 average per catch ... 42.7 average yards per game ... three touchdowns ... also had two carries for five yards ... ranked fourth on team in all-purpose yards ... scored Illinois State's lone touchdown at Purdue and Eastern Illinois ... other touchdown came against SMS ... had a season-high 71 receiving yards against Southern Illinois. **Illinois:** Redshirted first year before playing in seven games in 2000 ... 146 receiving yards on eight catches and two touchdowns ... career-high eight passes for 83 yards against Northwestern ... haled in four passes for 54 yards against Minnesota ... one catch for nine yards vs. Ohio State. **Rantoul HS:** Two-time all-Big 12 Conference pic at WR ... *Chicago Sun-Times* all-state squad ... all-region first team by CNN/SI and All-American by Prep Star magazine. **Data:** Born 9-8-80 ... son of Lloyd and Donna Smith.

### -----Smith's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Yds./Rec.	Yds./Gm.	R	Yds.
2002	11-11	39	470	3	12.1	43.0	2	3

**Career Bests:** Receptions - 8 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/28/02; Receiving Yards - 90 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/29/02; TD Receptions - one, three times.

## #5 • Mike Souza • QB

**6-0 • 177 • Sr.-1L • Royal Oaks, Calif. (N. Monterey County/Hartnell)**

• 2002 All-Gateway Newcomer Team

**2002:** Contributed in 11 games, getting the start in 10 ... connected on 108-of-233 passes on the season with nine interceptions ... notched 1,404 passing yards on the year while rushing for 224, the second-highest rushing total on the team ... ranks No. 3 in the record book for rushing yards in a season ... threw for a season-high three TDs at Northern Iowa and led the 'Birds to a come-from-behind win against the Panthers ... hauled in 71 rushing yards against Western Illinois and 64 against Southern Illinois while also passing for 275 yards and running two touchdowns against the Salukis ... received consecutive Gateway Offensive Player of the Week honors (10/19 & 10/26) after efforts against Southern Illinois and Northern Iowa ... rushed for five touchdowns on the year, the second-highest team total while also passing for eight ... ended season averaging 127.6 passing yards per game ... led the Redbirds to third in the conference in pass offense (186.4 avg.). **Hartnell Junior College:** Led the Panthers to an 8-3 record and a Coast Conference championship in 2000 ... started 17 games in two years at Hartnell, which was coached by his father, Larry ... completed 172 passes on 362 attempts for 2,801 yards and 30 touchdowns. **N. Monterey County HS:** Completed 125 passes on 250 attempts for 1,600 yards and 22 touchdowns his senior campaign ... named league MVP, first team all-league and first team all-county. **Data:** Born 1-16-82 in Monterey, Calif., ... son of Larry and Jane Souza ... one of two children ... majoring in political science ... pronounced: sue-ZA.

### -----Souza's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	C-A-I	Comp.%	Yards	TD	Rushes	Yards	TD
2002	11-10	108-233-9	46.4%	1404	8	88	224	5

**Career Bests:** Passing Yards - 275 vs. Southern Illinois, 10/19/02; Comp - 16 vs. Southern Illinois, 10/19/02; Pass Attempts - 33 at Northern Iowa, 10/26/02; Rush Attempts - 15 - at Western Illinois, 10/12/02; Rushing Yards - 64 vs. Southern Illinois, 10/19/02.

## #54 • Rick Splant • LB

**6-2 • 210 • Jr.-2L • Lockport, Ill. (Lockport Township)**

**2002:** Played in all 11 games ... notched 13 tackles on the year, 11 of which were solo stops ... had at least one solo tackle in eight games for the 'Birds. **2001:** Played in 11 games as a reserve ... had five special team tackles. **Lockport Township HS:** Two-year starter in football ... coach: Brett Kooi ... three-sport athlete, who also was a two-year starter in basketball and baseball. **Data:** Born 12-7-81 in Joliet, Ill. ... son of Richard and Carol Splant ... parents (father-basketball, mother-volleyball) were athletes at Lewis ... major: business administration.

### -----Splant's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	Int.	PBU
2001	10-9	18	23	41	2/6	2/6	2	1	0	2
2002	11-1	11	2	13	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Totals 21-10 29 25 54 2/6 2/6 2 1 0 2**  
**Career Bests:** Tackles - 3 at Purdue, 8/31/02; Unassisted - 3 at Purdue, 8/31/02.

## #83 • Steve Statz • TE

**6-5 • 264 • Jr.-2L • Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. (Lincoln)**

**2002:** In 11 games played, logged 45 yards on six catches ... longest reception was a 16-yard pass against Youngstown State ... caught a seven-yard pass against SMS ... the ended the season with one reception for eight yards at Indiana State.

**2001:** Saw action in seven games with four starts in a double tight end set ... had one reception on the season with a 5-yard catch against Western Kentucky. **2000:** Redshirted. **Lincoln HS:** First team all-state as a senior and second team all-state by the *Milwaukee Journal* ... also named to the All-Central Wisconsin Sunday Football Team and was an all-star as named by two television stations ... as a senior, he had 20 catches for 390 yards (19.5/catch) and five touchdowns ... senior team was 7-3 ... as a junior, he had 13 receptions for 256 yards and two touchdowns ... coach: Ken Biegel ... honor roll student.

**Data:** Son of Mark and Kristine Statz ... born 9-13-81 in Wisconsin Rapids ... majoring in kinesiology and recreation ... summer jobs included building and delivering log homes ... avid BMX bike racer who has won a national title ... pronounced: STAHTZ.

### -----Statz's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	Rec.	Rec./Gm.	Yards	Y/Rec.	Y/Gm.	TD
2002	11-9	6	.550	45	7.5	4.1	0

**Career Bests:** Receptions - 2 vs. Southern Illinois, 10/19/02; Yards - 16 vs. Youngstown State, 11/9/02.

## #51 • Mike Stegeman • OL

**6-5 • 285 • So.-1L • Chatham, Ill. (Glenwood)**

**2002:** Started all 11 games at left tackle ... played 792 snaps, with only six missed assignments and three sacks ... 93 knockdowns and graded out third on the team at 86 percent ... pass offense ranks No. 3 in the league (186.4 yards per game) and rush offense is No. 4 in the league (164.0 yards per game).

**2001:** Redshirted. **Glenwood HS:** Played defensive end, defensive tackle, linebacker and offensive line in his senior year ... as a sophomore starter he helped Glenwood to a 14-0 record and a Class 4A state championship ... named all-state by the Illinois Football Coaches Association, the *Chicago Tribune*, and the *Champaign News-Gazette* ... CBS Sportsline All-American ... all-conference as a junior and senior ... coach: Dan Rourke.

**Data:** Son Roger and Sharon Stegeman ... born 11-22-82 in Quincy, Ill.

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## #28 • James Temple • DB

6-0 • 200 • Fr.-RS • Savannah, Ga. (Savannah)

2002: Redshirted.

**Savannah HS:** Rushed and passed for over 1,000 yards, with only two interceptions ... named the team MVP as a senior and was selected to the all-region team ... recruited in football, basketball and baseball ... a four-year starter in basketball, helped lead his team to the Sweet 16 every season, including a second-place finish as a junior and a trip to the Elite 8 as a freshman ... coach: Greg Manior ... born 12-23-83 in Homestead, Fla. ... son of James and Barbara Temple.

## #65 • Ryan Thorne • DL

6-2 • 237 • Fr.-RS • Vista, Calif. (Rancho Buena Vista)

2002: Redshirted. **Rancho Buena Vista HS:** A two-year starter on both the offensive and defensive lines ... team captain as a senior ... posted 37 tackles with a pair of sacks, along with three forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries ... voted second team All-Palomar Conference ... named a *Union Tribune* Scholar-Athlete ... coach: Tom Hamon ... born 3-16-84 in Ocean Side, Calif. ... son of Robert and Marcia Thorne.

## #18 • Yance Vaughan • QB

6-3 • 204 • Jr.-Sq. • Ada, Okla. (Ada)

2002: Saw limited action appearing in only two games ... completed two of four passes in ISU's win over Quincy ... threw for 34 yards in that game with the longest pass marked at 21 yards. 2001: Reserve. 2000: Redshirted ... led offense on a 75-yard touchdown march in the spring game and hit all four of his passes for 57 yards on that drive. **Ada HS:** Quarterbacked 5A state champs to an 11-1 record as a senior ... hit 56-of-102 passes for 890 yards and eight TDs with no interceptions ... rushed for 397 yards ... in his junior season, Ada was 11-2 and reached the state semis as he was 17-of-26 for 312 yards and one TD with no interceptions, while rushing for 282 yards ... played for 5A state runners-up in basketball ... coach: Gary McBroom ... honor roll student. **Data:** Son of Mike and Kay Vaughan ... his father was an all-American at Oklahoma and later played for the New York Giants ... born 8-21-81 in Ada (AA-duh) ... major: finance.

### -----Vaughan's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	C-A-I	Comp.%	Yards	TD	Rushes	Yards	TD
2002	2-0	2-4-0	50.0%	34	0	2	-9	0

**Career Bests:** Pass attempts - 2 vs. Quincy, 9/7/02; Passing yards - 34 vs. Quincy, 9/7/02.

## #9 • Joe Walkins • WR

5-9 • 177 • Jr.-TR • Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard/Auburn)

**Auburn:** Sat out 2002 season after surgery on his leg ... in 2001, compiled 12 catches for 124 yards while participating in 12 games ... broke Auburn's single-game punt return record against Ball State, with six returns for 109 yards ... snared a career-long 35-yard reception against Alabama ... caught two passes for 25 yards including a 16-yard reception where he hung on despite enduring a big hit against Georgia ... returned three punts for 50 yards including a long return of 48 yards against Syracuse ... caught three passes for 23 yards against Ball State ... was named Coaches' Special Teams Player of the Week for his performance against Ball State ... redshirted 2000 season. **Dillard HS:** Set his high school's single-season receiving record, averaged 33.6 yards per punt return and 42.5 yards per kickoff return as a senior ... as a junior, caught 31 passes for 832 yards and seven touchdowns ... first-team all-Broward County ... played in both the North-South and Broward vs. Dade County All-Star games.

## #55 • Noah Washington • OL

6-4 • 334 • Jr.-TR • LaGrange, Ill. (Lyons Township/College of DuPage)

**College of DuPage:** NJCAA All-America selection.

**Lyons Township HS:** Played football, basketball and was a member of the wrestling team ... coached by Jack Derring at Lyons Township ... father is Marcus Washington, former NBA basketball player with the Houston Rockets.

## #22 • TJ Watts • RB

5-7 • 162 • So.-Sq. • Dunnellon, Fla. (Dunnellon)

2002: Saw limited action before suffering a season-ending fractured left fibula ... still questionable for spring practice. 2001: Redshirted. **Dunnellon HS:** In five games as a senior, rushed for 602 yards on 61 carries ... rushed for 10 TDs and was second team all-area ... all-state honorable mention ... as a junior, rushed for 540 yards on 55 carries for a team-high 9.8 per carry ... scored six TDs his junior campaign and was third team all-area as he helped Dunnellon to an 8-2 record and its first playoff appearance in 14 years ... played baseball his sophomore and junior years, helping the team to a 43-21 record ... coach: Perry Brown. **Data:** Son of Willie and Vanessa Watts ... brother of former Redbird Willie Watts ... born 2-11-83 in Dunnellon.

### -----Watt's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	R	YDS	YPC	YPG	TD	REC	YDS
2002	7-0	18	123	6.8	17.6	1	1	12

**Career Bests:** Carries - 6 vs. Quincy, 9/7/02; Rushing yards - 59 vs. Quincy, 9/7/02; Receiving yards - 12 vs. Murray State, 9/21/02.

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## #37 • Sesamir Yearby • LB

**6-3 • 196 • Jr-1L • Quincy, Ill. (Quincy)**

**2002:** Played in nine games and totaled three tackles on the year ... suffered a wrist injury during the season that limited his playing time. **2001:** Sat out due to academic reasons. **Quincy HS:** All-Western Big Six selection and an all-state pick at free safety ... returned three kickoffs for touchdowns as a senior ... as a junior, he returned two punts and a kickoff for touchdowns and averaged 32.7 yards on punt returns ... honorable mention all-leaguer as a junior ... two-year starter ... also a track and field athlete who qualified for the state meet three times ... coach: Butch Kuras. **Data:** Pronounced ses-UH-mer ... born 2-17-83 in Quincy, Ill. ... son of Bettina Hill.

### -----Yearby's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	Int.	PBU
2002	9-0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Career Bests:** Tackles - 1 vs. Murray State, 9/21/02, vs. SMS, 10/5/02 and vs. Southern Illinois, 10/19/02.

## #1 • Sam Yeargin • DB

**5-11 • 175 • Jr-2L • Lauderhill, Fla. (Dillard)**

**2002:** Played in all 11 games for the 'Birds with a season-high five tackles at Eastern Illinois (two solo, three assisted) ... three assisted tackles against 2002 national champion Western Kentucky ... eight solo and nine assisted for 17 tackles on the year. A good, young player ... has a lot of potential ... needs to develop physically.

**2001:** Pulled out of redshirt after first game and started three contests at right corner ... had six tackles, an interception, a pass break-up and a fumble recovery in his collegiate debut at Murray St.

**Dillard HS:** All-County as a senior when he had 76 tackles with five interceptions and 10 pass break-ups ... team qualified for the state finals and posted a record of 13-2 ... named to the Dade/Broward County All-Star Game ... invited to play in the Down Under Bowl in Australia ... won the top 10% of Class award ... National Science Merit Award ... Science Honor Society ... American Technology Honor Society ... coach: Joe Redmond.

**Data:** Pronounced YEER-gun ... born 2-26-83 in Plantation, Fla. ... son of Samuel and Alberta Yeargin ... one of two children.

### -----Yeargin's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	Int.	PBU
2001	10-3	14	5	19	0	0	2/7	0	1/6	1
2002	11-0	8	9	17	0	0	0	0	0	2
Totals	21-3	22	14	36	0	0	2/7	0	1/6	3

**Career Bests:** Tackles - 6 at Murray State, 9/8/01; Solo Tackles - 4, twice; Interceptions - 1 at Murray State, 9/8/01; Pass Break Ups - 1, three times.

## 2003 Redbird Recruits

### Jesse Caesar • Fr.-HS • 6-0 • 170 • DB • Rockledge, Fla. (Rockledge)

**Rockledge:** As a senior, named team's defensive back of the year ... team crowned Space Coast Conference Champions before winning district and eventually state title with a 14-1 record ... led the secondary in team tackles as a junior ... All-Space Coast selection, all-county team and team won district and state championship junior season as well ... played hoops his senior season and participated in track all four years ... regional and district champ in the 800 meters and a member of the 4x800 relay team ... high school teammate of Redbird signee Laurént Robinson ... coached by Chuck Wood at Rockledge.

### Josh Chrestman • Jr.-TR • 6-4 • 255 • DL • Sandwich, Ill. (Sandwich/Joliet JC)

**Joliet Junior College:** JJC's all-time single-season sack leader with 15 in 2002 ... tallied 28 tackles (24 solo) his sophomore year, with 18 TFLs ... one forced fumble and one fumble recovery ... team-high three sacks in the Golden Isles Bowl Classic national championship game ... named to the 2002 North Central Community College Conference All-Conference First Team ... 2002 Region IV All-Region Team ... six sacks and two fumble recoveries freshman year ... freshman year, team won the NJCAA non-scholarship national championship and in 2002, were the outright NJCAA national champs finishing the season ranked No. 1 in the nation ... played for NJCAA Hall of Fame coach Bob MacDougall, who was named the 2002 NJCAA coach of the year. **Sandwich:** Initially signed with the Redbirds out of high school ... had a team-best 114 tackles as a middle linebacker and was named the team MVP ... leading tackler as a junior and senior ... earned Interstate Eight Conference all-star honors in football both seasons ... also played guard on offense ... a Class 3A all-state selection and *Aurora Beacon-News* all-area team pick ... two-time all-conference selection in wrestling, helping squad to a 28-3 record his junior year ... as a sophomore, finished fourth in state at 215 pounds.

### Ross Crampton • Fr.-HS • 6-2 • 212 • LB • Joliet, Ill. (Joliet Cath. Acad.)

**Joliet Catholic Acad.:** Tallied 130 carries for 1,302 yards, averaging 10 yards per carry ... led his conference in scoring with 122 points in only five games at running back ... caught nine passes that resulted in touchdowns ... had 27 tackles and two blocked kicks in first four games when playing defense ... first-team All-Catholic Metropolitan Red Conference ... named Most Valuable Player of the CMC Red ... IHFCA All-State Class 5A First-Team Selection ... all-area first-team pick by the *Daily Southtown, Star, Joliet Herald and Chicago Sun Times* ... coached by Dan Sharp at Joliet Catholic Academy.

### Jonathan Deloach • Fr.-HS • 6-2 • 185 • DB • West Palm Beach, Fla. (Palm Beach Gardens)

**Palm Beach Gardens:** Had four interceptions as a senior ... blocked a punt for a touchdown ... one kickoff return for a TD ... 15 receptions for over 100 yards ... senior year, team posted an 8-2 record ... first-team all-conference as a senior ... honorable mention All-Palm Beach County ... named team's defensive player of the year as a junior ... second-team all-conference as a junior ... former teammate of current Redbird Ramon Barber ... coached by Tim Tharpe at Palm Beach Gardens.

### Evan Gessesse • Jr.-TR • 5-11 • 185 • DB • Chicago, Ill. (Gordon Tech/Joliet JC)

**Joliet Junior College:** Tied for 3rd on JJC's all-time single-season interceptions list with five in 2002 ... three interceptions for 27 yards his freshman year (tied for team lead) ... recorded 17 tackles, 10 solo, sophomore season ... five interceptions for 60 yards and eight punt returns for 21 yards in 2002 ... as a freshman, had one fumble recovery ... freshman year, team won the NJCAA non-scholarship national championship and in 2002, were the outright NJCAA national champs finishing the season ranked No. 1 in the nation ... played for NJCAA Hall of Fame coach Bob MacDougall, who was named the 2002 NJCAA coach of the year.

### Darius Givens • Fr.-HS • 6-1 • 190 • LB • Tallahassee, Fla. (Lincoln)

**Lincoln:** As a senior had 50 tackles with 28 solos ... four tackles for loss ... four sacks and nine quarterback hurries ... was named MVP of the Valdosta Game ... as a senior, team was 12-1-1 ... posted a 14-1 record as a junior ... named player of the week twice as a junior ... team crowned state champions junior year ... coached by David Wilson at Lincoln.

### Barry Hartman • Fr.-HS • 6-5 • 270 • DL • Manitowoc, Wis. (Lincoln)

**Manitowoc:** First-team all-conference on offense and defense ... all-Lakeshore pick and Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel all-state honorable mention at defensive end ... all-area defensive player of the year ... Wisconsin Football Coaches Association first-team selection ... totaled 25 unassisted tackles and 44 total tackles senior year ... three knockdowns, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery ... two blocked kicks, six quarterbacks sacks and six tackles for loss ... team placed second in the conference and qualified for the playoffs both junior and senior year ... track athlete sophomore through senior years ... coached by John Dixon at Lincoln.

### Kyle Hill • Fr.-HS • 5-11 • 180 • WR • Longwood, Fla. (Wintersprings)

**Wintersprings:** First-Team All-Central Florida ... first team all-county and all-district ... honorable mention all-state ... as a senior, had 36 catches for 596 yards and eight touchdowns ... had 10 rushing attempts for 80 yards ... 16 punt returns for 224 yards ... as a junior, had 60 catches for 1,000 yards ... coached by Steven Katz at Wintersprings.

# THE NEWCOMERS

## **Horrace Holloway • Fr.-HS • 6-1 • 295 • DL • West Palm Beach, Fla. (Palm Beach Gardens)**

**Palm Beach Gardens:** First team all-Palm Beach pick ... played in the Palm Beach Outback All-Star game ... honorable mention all-state ... coached by Tim Therpe at Palm Beach Gardens ... former teammate of current Redbird Ramon Barber.

## **Jason Horton • Fr.-HS • 6-0 • 170 • WR • Bolingbrook, Ill. (Neuqua Valley)**

**Neuqua Valley:** *Naperville Sun* and *Daily Herald* all-area ... All-Upstate 8 conference pick ... all-state honorable mention ... named team special teams MVP (junior year) and best wide receiver ... four-time player of the week ... in 10 games, rushed for 105 yards, two touchdowns and had 35 receptions for 659 yards and five touchdowns ... eight kick returns for 478 yards and four touchdowns ... averaged 47.8 yards per game on kick returns, with longest run at 97 yards ... 1,242 all-purpose yards, a 124.2 average per game ... team finished 6-4 senior year, the best finish in school history ... won Upstate 8 conference and participated in the playoffs for the first time in school history ... in seven games as a junior, rushed for five yards and tallied 289 receiving yards ... coached by Bryan Wells all four years at Neuqua Valley.

## **Jeff Huntzinger • Fr.-HS • 6-3 • 275 • OL • Tulsa, Okla. (Union)**

**Union:** *Daily Oklahoman* and *Tulsa World* first-team all-state ... Tulsa World all-Metro first team ... first-team all-district ... selected to participate in the Oil Bowl All-Star, a battle between the Texas All-Stars and Oklahoma All-Stars ... senior year, team won 6A State Championship by the largest margin of victory in a state championship game (52-3) ... four-year team record of 51-4 ... team received a #3 national ranking by Rivals.com and #5 ranking in *USA Today* ... as a junior, second-team Tulsa World pick and second-team all-district ... 12-1 team record and 6A state semifinalists ... coached by Bill Blankenship at Union.

## **Nate Johnson • Fr.-HS • 6-3 • 222 • DL • Longwood, Fla. (Lake Brantley)**

**Lake Brantley:** Had a high-ankle sprain that sidelined him for the last four games of his senior season ... all-area and all-county in 2002 ... named second-team all-Central Florida ... lettered in four sports at Lake Brantley including football, track, weight lifting and wrestling ... senior year, football team posted a 7-4 overall record ... named a second-team all-conference pick ... as a junior, ranked No. 1 in the county for the shot put and was named an all-conference pick in track and field ... team MVP for his efforts as a thrower in track and field both sophomore and junior years ... also a member of the track and field relay team ... coached by George Clayton.

## **Clint Keller • Fr.-HS • 6-3 • 235 • TE • Lexington, Ky. (Paul Laurence Dunbar)**

**Paul Laurence Dunbar:** Started all 14 games as a senior, recording 52 catches, 921 yards and 10 touchdowns ... had most catches of all tight ends in the conference ... 92% blocking efficiency ... second-leading receiver in Paul Laurence Dunbar history ... first-team all-state, all-district, all-city ... named MVP of the game for two outings senior year, by Sports Radio ... team ranked fourth in state and was a 4A semifinalist team last prep year ... 9-5 record, 6-5 regular-season mark ... district and regional team champs ... team captain junior and senior years ... team went 8-3 junior year ... academically, member of high school honor roll and academic boosters all four years ... enrolled in school's gifted program all four years and recipient of Kentucky Excellence in Education Award for the past four years ... coached by Mark Peach at Paul Laurence Dunbar.

## **Anthony Kirkland • Fr.-HS • 6-2 • 245 • DL • Gary, Ind. (West Side)**

**West Side:** First team all-state, all-area, all-conference senior season ... regional sack leader ... played in seven games and ended senior year with 77 tackles and 15 sacks ... averaged 11 tackles and over two sacks per game ... member of track and field conference championship team in 2002 ... senior year, team posted a 6-4 record ... named conference champ in discus and shot put junior year ... regional discus champion in 2001 ... coached by Eugene Johnson at West Side.

## **Jonathan Lyon • Fr.-HS • 6-8 • 265 • OL • Urbana, Ill. (Urbana)**

**Urbana:** Team captain senior season ... Big 12 All-Conference pick and all-area ... all-state special mention ... *Champaign News-Gazette* All-Area Team ... Big 12 Scholar-Athlete ... 48 solo tackles, six TFLs ... named team lineman of the year two years running (Pittman Award) ... three-year member of Urbana's team that participated in the IHSA State Playoffs ... as a senior, his team became the first in school history to make the playoffs for a third-straight year ... All-Big 12 pick and all-area honorable mention as a junior ... three-year varsity starter for football and basketball ... coached by Alex Anderson at Urbana.

## **Dave Mordis • Fr.-HS • 6-3 • 225 • RB/LB • Palos Park, Ill. (Stagg)**

**Stagg:** Four-year honor roll member ... all-area honorable mention by *Chicago Tribune* and *Chicago Sun Times* ... team captain junior and senior year ... named team MVP senior season ... all-conference pick (punter) ... totaled 850 yards rushing, 12 touchdowns and 100 yards receiving as a senior ... 90 tackles ... team posted a 10-3 record senior year, best in school history ... participated in 7A State Semifinals ... all-conference selection as a junior and all-area honorable mention by the *Palos Star* ... racked in 400 yards and had seven touchdowns junior year ... lettered in football three years, basketball junior year and baseball junior and season years ... coached by Tim McAlpin (football) at Stagg.

## **Garry Roberts • Fr.-HS • 6-2 • 185 • LB • Edna, Texas (Edna)**

**Edna:** Played senior year at Edna, returning three kickoffs for touchdowns and one punt return for a TD ... notched 350 yards rushing ... had 40 tackles, one interception and three deflections ... first-team all-district on defense ... team went 7-3 senior year ... also participated in basketball and track at Edna and was a state qualifier in track ... played football at Industrial

High School sophomore and junior years, compiling 900 yards rushing as a junior and 400 passing ... sophomore year, had 1,200 yards rushing and one interception ... coached by Mike Menefee at Edna.

## **Laurent Robinson • Fr.-HS • 6-2 • 165 • WR • Rockledge, Fla. (Rockledge)**

**Rockledge:** Member of Rockledge's back-to-back state championship team in 2001 and 2002 ... totaled 55 receptions for 903 yards as a senior, with 11 touchdowns ... all-state honorable mention, All-Space Coast First-Team pick and member of conference all-star team ... both state championship teams were a member on went 14-1 in season ... as a junior, recorded six catches for 70 yards and one touchdown ... four-year member of the football, basketball and track teams ... became a regular starter on football and basketball teams junior and senior season ... high school teammate of Redbird signee Jesse Caesar ... coached by Chuck Wood at Rockledge.

## **Matt Rowen • Fr.-HS • 6-6 • 260 • OL • Des Plaines, Ill. (Maine West)**

**Maine West:** Named all-conference and all-area senior year while also being named all-conference as a junior ... team participated in 7A State Playoffs as a senior ... honor roll member and was named Class Act Student of the Quarter ... captained the track and field team junior year and was a member of the conference championship track and field team at Maine West ... coached by Ray Pettenuzzo for four years at Maine West.

## **Dan Simnick • Fr.-HS • 6-2 • 210 • DL • Naperville, Ill. (North)**

**North:** All-city, all-area, all-conference, All-DuPage County selection senior year ... *Naperville Sun* Defensive Player of the Week ... voted team captain ... led the DuPage Valley Conference in sacks (14) ... 61 total tackles, including 47 solo and six for loss ... 14 sacks, four forced fumbles and two recoveries ... between tackles and sacks, added up to 77 yards lost ... team went 10-2 senior year and had a defense that gave up an average of only 10 points per game ... one of two losses on year came to Lockport, which was eventual state champion ... ranked as high as No. 5 in the state ... as a junior, started one game and participated in all ... 20 tackles ... coached by Larry McKean at Naperville North ... also participated in wrestling and track and field.

## **Kye Stewart • Fr.-HS • 5-11 • 190 • LB • Nashville, Tenn. (Pearl-Cohn)**

**Pearl-Cohn:** Led the team with 109 tackles ... named all-city and all-region at linebacker ... as a senior, team finished 9-2 and claimed the district championship ... junior team finished 9-3 ... lettered in football and baseball ... as a freshman and sophomore played football at Jasper County High School ... a member of the national honor roll ... listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* ... coached by Maurice Fitzgerald at Pearl-Cohn.

## **Robert Taylor • Jr.-TR • 6-5 • 300 • DL • Oak Creek, Wis. (Oak Creek/Iowa Central CC)**

**Iowa Central CC:** Coached by Kevin Twait at Iowa Central CC ... former teammate of current Redbird Austin Dunlap. **Oak Creek:** Parade All-American ... senior year, all-state honorable mention ... defensive player of the year senior season ... played in East vs. West National All-Star Game ... team went undefeated in conference and participated in the playoffs ... junior year all-state first team pick ... same high school as current Redbird Leon Kittrell.

## **Jarek Thomas • Fr.-HS • 6-3 • 260 • DL • Orlando, Fla. (Edgewater)**

**Edgewater:** Listed as a top-20 recruit in Central Florida ... had 13 sacks and 62 total tackles as a senior ... first-team All-Central Florida, all-county and all-district ... as a senior, team finished runner-up for state title in 2002 with a 13-2 record ... team posted an 11-2 overall record as a junior and 8-3 mark sophomore year ... team named district champs all three years ... coached by Bill Gierke at Edgewater.

## **Jared Villers • Fr.-HS • 6-2 • 215 • LB • Akron, Ohio (St. Vincent-St. Mary)**

**St. Vincent-St. Mary:** As a senior, on defense, totaled 140 tackles, 118 solos ... four sacks and nine tackles for loss ... on offense, notched 512 yards in three-and-a-half games ... team went 6-5 final prep season ... as a junior, had 18 sacks, setting the St. Vincent-St. Mary record ... 119 tackles junior year as team posted a 10-4 record and was a semifinalist in the state championship ... also lettered in wrestling all four years and was ranked No. 1 in the country his senior season ... selected to Team USA and was first in Ironman which resulted in being named MVP ... state champion sophomore year in wrestling and third in state junior year, named All-American ... 2001 and 2002 honor roll member ... held at least a 3.5 grade point average all year in 2001 ... coached by Jay Brophy at St. Vincent-St. Mary.

## **Robby Wages • Fr.-HS • 6-2 • 180 • QB • Orlando, Fla. (Olympia)**

**Olympia:** Three-year football player, participating at Dr. Phillips as a sophomore and Olympia junior and senior years as a pioneer of a new football program installed at Olympia his junior years ... as a senior, racked up 1,360 passing yards for seven touchdowns, ranking seventh in Central Florida in passing yards ... ran for 70 yards and one rushing TD ... second-team all-conference and starting quarterback in Metro Conference All-Star Game (Orange County) ... as a sophomore at Dr. Phillips, totaled 1,400 passing yards, 14 touchdowns and was second in passing ... had a 98 QB rating ... coached by Mike Cullison at Olympia.

# HEAD COACH

*Illinois State's  
Denver Johnson...*

*has worked some magic again.*

Denver Johnson is known for many things. Devoted family man, community servant, humorist, professional football player and Academic All-American to name a few. Not only are Johnson's qualities and accomplishments plentiful, but his coaching and leadership abilities have worked their magic on Redbird student-athletes, staff and fans, making believers out of everybody-again.

The Redbirds under Johnson are definitely a team on the rise and with nothing more than his wicked knowledge for the sport and a champion attitude, Johnson has cast away the spells and is ready to put the magic touch on another season.

Last fall, his team posted a 6-5 regular-season record, a 4-3 Gateway Football Conference record and a fourth-place finish. Quite an improvement from a 2-9 outing in 2001 where Redbird fans were having feelings of doubt. But just one short year later, there is a resurgence in the dedication and commitment Johnson has to

Illinois State and Redbird football.

His commitment to football was one of the reasons he became the 19th head coach in Illinois State's history. Before he stepped onto campus, however, his coaching career was at its peak after 15 years in the business.

Johnson began his coaching career in 1985 as a graduate assistant at Oklahoma State and he was with the Cowboys for the '85 Gator Bowl.

His first full-time coaching job came at Tennessee-

Martin from 1986-89, where he was assistant head coach and offensive coordinator. In 1988, UT-Martin, with an explosive offense, fashioned a record of 11-2 with a quarter-final appearance in the Division II playoffs. Johnson coached the offensive line at Oklahoma State from 1989-93 before embarking on a four-year stint as an assistant at Mississippi State. The 1993 Bulldogs earned a spot in the Peach Bowl, and in 1995 Johnson was recognized as one of the top assistant coaches in the Southeastern Conference.



# DENVER JOHNSON

Johnson was on the Oklahoma staff for the 1996 season before taking over the Murray State program prior to the 1997 campaign.

A late hiring process and the loss of several key players from the previous year's team appeared to have Johnson poised for a slow start at Murray, but that was not the case. The Racers responded with the aforementioned 7-4 mark.

Johnson graduated from Tulsa in 1981. He helped TU to the 1976 Independence Bowl as a player and was a two-time All-Missouri Valley Conference offensive lineman under former Ohio State and Arizona State head coach John Cooper. He also was an academic all-conference pick, too.

Following his college playing career at Tulsa, Johnson moved to the professional ranks. He was with the National Football League's Tampa Bay Buccaneers from April 1981 to February of 1983.

He then joined the Los Angeles Express of the now-defunct United States Football League from February of 1983 through August of 1984, then wrapped up his playing career with the USFL's Houston Gamblers from February 1984 through August of 1985.

His USFL playing days included playing stints with quarterbacks Jim Kelly and Steve Young, both of whom went on to stardom in the National Football League.

Known for his homespun humor and southern drawl, Johnson is a public speaker in high demand. His interesting delivery combined with a keen mind (he was an Academic All-American as a college player at Tulsa), plays well in the corporate setting, at fund-raisers, in a recruit's home and in the Redbird locker room.

Johnson, a native of Seminole, Okla., has a varied list of interests. He collects vintage cars and guitars, has skydived and lists water skiing as a hobby.

Illinois State's head coach is the son of the late Luke and Claudia Johnson. He has two brothers, Houston and Dallas, and a sister, Linda.

Denver Johnson, 44, and his wife, Danita, have two daughters: Taylor and Kelsey.

The family, which is particularly active with the St. Jude Affiliates, resides in Bloomington.



## Denver Johnson Head Coach Fourth Season

Education ..... Tulsa, B.A. (business), 1981  
Date of birth ..... Oct. 17, 1958  
Hometown ..... Seminole, Okla.  
Wife ..... Danita  
Children ..... Taylor and Kelsey

### Coaching Experience

Illinois State, head coach, 2000-present  
Murray State, head coach, 1997-99  
Oklahoma, assistant coach, 1996  
Mississippi State, assistant coach, 1993-95  
Oklahoma State, assistant coach, 1989-93  
Tennessee-Martin, asst. head coach, 1986-89  
Oklahoma State, graduate assistant, 1985-86

### Playing Experience

**Professional**  
Houston Gamblers, 1984  
Los Angeles Express, 1983  
Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 1981-83  
**College**  
Tulsa (offensive lineman), 1976-80

### Year By Year Coaching Ledger

2002 (Illinois State) .....	6-5 (4-3 in the GFC)
2001 (Illinois State) .....	2-9 (2-5 in the GFC)
2000 (Illinois State) .....	7-4 (4-2 in the GFC)
<b>Illinois State Total .....</b>	<b>15-18 (10-10 in the GFC)</b>
1999 (Murray State) .....	7-4 (5-2 in the OVC)
1998 (Murray State) .....	7-4 (5-2 in the OVC)
1997 (Murray State) .....	7-4 (5-2 in the OVC)
<b>Murray State Total .....</b>	<b>21-12 (15-6 in the OVC)</b>
<b>Six-year Total .....</b>	<b>36-30</b>

### Versus All Foes

Austin Peay State .....	1-0
Brigham Young .....	0-1
Eastern Illinois .....	4-1
Eastern Kentucky .....	2-1
Indiana State .....	4-1
Kentucky Wesleyan .....	1-0
Middle Tennessee State .....	1-1
Murray State .....	1-1
Northern Illinois .....	0-1
Northern Iowa .....	2-1
Purdue .....	0-1
Prairie View A&M .....	1-0
Quincy .....	1-0
Samford .....	1-0
Southeast Missouri State .....	3-2
Southwest Missouri State .....	2-1
Southwest Texas State .....	0-1
Southern Illinois .....	3-3
Tennessee-Martin .....	3-0
Tennessee State .....	1-2
Tennessee Tech .....	2-1
West Virginia Tech .....	1-0
Western Illinois .....	1-2
Western Kentucky .....	1-4
Western Michigan .....	0-1
Wisconsin .....	0-1
Youngstown State .....	0-3

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# COACHING STAFF

## RaShan Frost, Defensive Line Second Season at Illinois State

**Playing Experience**  
1996-99 Auburn Defensive Line

**Coaching Experience**  
2000-01 Auburn Defensive Line  
2002- Illinois State Defensive Line

**Coaching Highlights**

- Coached both 2001 Citrus and Peach Bowl Teams.
- Served as coaching assistant to DB coaches at Auburn, grading and evaluation player performance.

## Justin Fuente, Quarterbacks Third Season at Illinois State

**Playing Experience**  
1997 Oklahoma Quarterbacks  
1998-99 Murray State Quarterbacks

**Coaching Experience**  
2001- Illinois State Quarterbacks

**Playing Highlights**

- Set an OU record for 11 touchdown passes as a freshman.
- Set 11 Murray State records and was named Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year.
- Played in the Arena League with the Oklahoma Wranglers.

**Redbird Highlights**

- Redbird quarterbacks averaged 168.1 passing yards per game in 2002.
- Guided Redbird QB Mike Souza to two Gateway Player of the Week nods in 2002 and an all-conference all-newcomer team selection.

## Ron Lambert, Defensive Backs Third Season at Illinois State

**Playing Experience**  
1989-92 Wake Forest Defensive Back

**Coaching Experience**  
1993-94 West Virginia Wes. Secondary Coach  
1995-96 Wake Forest Graduate Assistant  
1997 Southern Illinois Defensive Backs  
1998-00 Eastern Illinois Defensive Backs  
2001- Illinois State Defensive Backs

**Coaching Highlights**

- Coached two West Virginia Wesleyan players to Division II All-American honors and four all-conference.
- 2000 Eastern Illinois defense ranked No.9 in nation and No.1 in Ohio Valley against the pass.
- EIU had 13 interceptions and 35 passes defended.
- Three of his EIU players earned All-America honors.

**Redbird Highlights**

- Passing defense continues to improve each season (ranked No. 38 nationally last season).

## Chris Patton, Defensive Line Third Season at Illinois State

**Playing Experience**  
1980-84 Oklahoma State Offense/Defensive Line

**Coaching Experience**  
1995-00 Lake Highlands (TX) HS

**Playing Highlights**

- Member of three bowl teams.
- One of top 10 players in Oklahoma senior season.

**Coaching Highlights**

- Lake Highlands High School system was the fourth-most successful playoff program in 5A football with three appearances in the semi-finals and one in the quarter-finals.

## Scott Preston, Offensive Coordinator & Running Backs Fourth Season at Illinois State

**Coaching Experience**  
1985-89 Palo Alto HS Assistant Coach  
1989-90 Palo Alto HS Head Coach  
1991-92 San Francisco St. Assistant Coach  
1993-95 Valdosta State Running Backs  
1995-96 Helsinki Roosters Head Coach  
1996 Georgia Military Assistant Coach  
1997 Ventura College Assistant Coach  
1998-99 Murray State Offensive Coordinator  
2000- Illinois State Offensive Coordinator/Backs

**Coaching Highlights**

- Helsinki Roosters of the Finnish Professional League won championship and posted 11-1 record while Preston was coach.
- Murray State averaged 37.7 points and 470.5 yards per game in 1999.

**Redbird Highlights**

- In 2000, ISU set records for total yards in a game and season. The team also averaged 32.8 points per game, third-highest in school history.
- Under direction in 2002, Redbirds racked up 3,854 total offensive yards while all-conference back Quincy Washington rushed for 737 yards and QB Mike Souza netted 143 rushing and 982 passing.

## Galen Scott, Outside Linebackers Third Season at Illinois State

**Coaching Experience**  
2001- Illinois State Outside Linebackers

**Playing Experience**  
1997-00 Illinois State Outside Linebacker

**Playing Highlights**

- Set ISU records for tackles in a game, season and career while helping the Redbirds win their first Gateway Conference Championship (1999).
- Named to four all-America teams and was only the fifth player in school history to earn that status three different seasons.
- Only ISU player to exceed 500 tackles and his final figure is 58 more than that posted by previous record holder Wilbert Brown.

## Jon Shields, Wide Receivers Fourth Season at Illinois State

**Coaching Experience**  
1997 Fordham Wide Receivers  
1998 Virginia Tech Wide Receivers  
1999 Duke Defensive Backs  
2000-01 Illinois State Outside Linebackers  
2000- Illinois State Wide Receivers

**Playing Experience**  
1993-94 Virginia Tech Wide Receiver

**Playing Highlights**

- Participated in the 1994 Gator Bowl and '93 Independence Bowl.

**Redbird Highlights**

- Ranked No. 3 in Gateway Football Conference in passing offense.
- Had two wide receivers in Gateway's Top Six for Rec./Game and Yrds./Game.

## Tim Thornton, Tight Ends Third Season at Illinois State

**Coaching Experience**  
2001- Illinois State Tight Ends

**Playing Experience**  
1998-00 Illinois State Offensive Line

**Playing Highlights**

- Transferred to Illinois State from Illinois and suffered a preseason knee injury before being a main contributor in 1999 and 2000.
- In '99, worked backup role at center in nine games, including all three of the playoff contests. That team averaged more than 200 yards in rushing and passing and was the only Gateway squad to rank among the league's top four in both categories.
- In 2000, helped lead Illinois State in the Gateway in total offense and rushing offense while ranking second in passing offense.

**Redbird Highlights**

- Tight Ends have totaled 766 receiving yards, 56 catches and three touchdowns in last two seasons.
- In 2001, a tight end ranked second on the team in receiving yards and catches.

## Vance Vice, Offensive Line Fourth Season at Illinois State

**Coaching Experience**  
1990-92 Georgia Offensive Line  
1992-96 Hart Co. HS Assistant Coach  
1996-98 Clemson Offensive Line  
1999 Murray State Offensive Line  
2000- Illinois State Offensive Line

**Coaching Highlights**

- At Murray State, his offensive line surrendered just six sacks in 401 passing attempts in 1999.
- The same Racer team led the OVC in passing and scoring.

**Redbird Highlights**

- In his first season at ISU, Vice coached All-America offensive tackle Dan Hama and helped the team rank No. 1 in the Gateway in rushing and No. 2 in passing. ISU allowed just 18 sacks.
- Guided redshirt freshman Stafford Davis to all-conference newcomer honors in 2002.

# 2002 GAME CAPSULES

GAME #1 - AT PURDUE  
 GAME #2 - QUINCY  
 GAME #3 - MURRAY STATE

## Purdue Turns Up Heat in Redbird Season Opener

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – Redbird quarterback Mike Souza got the Illinois State football team on the board after a 15-yard pass to Dwayne Smith in the third quarter but one touchdown and one field goal was all the Redbirds could muster in front of 47,701 in attendance at Ross-Ade Stadium Saturday, as Purdue downed Illinois State, 51-10.

"We had to make a first down to keep defense off the field," head coach Denver Johnson said. "I challenged them at the half to go out and finish the game and this team did that. If the spirit and character of team is what I think it is, we will make it through this and go back to work Monday and make it through the rest of the season.

"Losing to Purdue is not easier than losing to anyone else," Johnson continued. "I hate it, I really hate it, but I am proud of our team. They went out and competed. But they were out-manned."

Purdue's Seth Morales fumbled an Illinois State punt before Smith recovered it and one play later Souza set up the lone 'Bird TD to Smith. Four minutes after ISU scored, Jerod Void crossed the goal line on a three-yard run as Purdue kept a commanding lead, 37-7.

After a holding penalty on the Boilermakers, another catch by Smith placed the Redbird offense on the Purdue eight-yard line and four plays later, Stephen Carroll made a 27-yard field goal to increase Illinois State's score to double digits.

Purdue went up 44-10 after a second, three-yard scurry by Void to start the final quarter and Purdue topped off its scoring with a 20-yard touchdown pass from Brandon Kirsch to Jameson Evans with four minutes remaining in the game.

In the first quarter, the Redbirds trailed by 20 points after three touchdowns by the Boilermakers. A six-yard carry by Joey Harris at the 11:20 mark gave Purdue a 6-0 advantage, before a failed extra point attempt. John Standeford and quarterback Kyle Orton connected twice on 10- and 24-yard touchdown passes to end the first quarter.

Two minutes into the second quarter, Orton hooked up with Harris on a screen pass that went 57-yards for a score and lifted the Boilermakers to a 27-point lead. A 39-yard field goal by Berin Laveciv with 8:25 remaining in the first half put Purdue up by 30 at the break. The Redbirds netted 60 yards after 30 minutes of play, nine rushing and 51 passing, while the Boilermakers collected 337.

Illinois State	0	0	10	0	-	10
Purdue	20	10	7	14	-	51

- PU – Harris 6-yd run (kick failed), 11:20, 1Q
- PU – Standeford 10-yd pass from Orton (Laveciv kick), 5:39, 1Q
- PU – Standeford 24-yd pass from Orton (Laveciv kick), :08, 1Q
- PU – Harris 57-yd pass from Orton (Laveciv kick), 12:43, 2Q
- PU – Laveciv 37-yd field goal, 8:25, 2Q
- ISU – Smith 15-yd pass from Souza (Carroll kick), 10:14, 3Q
- PU – Void 3-yd run (Laveciv kick), 6:56, 3Q
- ISU – Carroll 27-yd field goal, 1:48, 3Q
- PU – Void 3-yd run (Laveciv kick), 11:48, 4Q
- PU – Evans 20-yd pass from Kirsch (Laveciv kick), 4:03, 4Q

	ISU	PU
First Downs	13	29
Rushing Attempts-Yards	30-68	49-273
Passing	12-32-2	17-34-0
Passing Yards	153	283
Total Offense	221	556
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	7-36	2-20
Time of Possession	27:09	32:51

**RUSHING (ISU)** – Washington 12-33, Souza 7-18, T. Davis 3-11, Edwards 2-10, Smith 1-5, Watts 3-3, Zouzounis 2-(-12).  
**(PU)** – Harris 23-144, Jones 9-34, Kirsch 2-27, Lowe 5-21, Void 7-21, Chambers 1-19, Orton 2-7.

**PASSING (ISU)** – Souza 7-17-2-102, Zouzounis 5-15-0-51.  
**(PU)** – Orton 14-28-0-250, Kirsch 3-6-0-33.

**RECEIVING (ISU)** – Golson 3-44, Smith 3-33, Larson 2-28, Washington 1-25, Hunter 1-12, Laurenti 1-11, Edwards 1-0.  
**(PU)** – Rucks 6-53, Standeford 4-86, Chambers 3-40, Harris 2-67, Evans 1-20, Noel 1-17.

**ATTENDANCE** – 47,701

## Washington, Illinois State Downs Quincy

NORMAL, Ill. – Quincy Washington rushed for 210 yards and two touchdowns as Illinois State handed Quincy its second loss of the season, 55-10, in front of a crowd of 8,234 in the Redbird's home opener at Hancock Stadium.

Vito Golson also had a big game for the 'Birds with 63 yards receiving and two touchdowns on four receptions. Kevin Zouzounis completed seven of his 10 pass attempts for 95 yards and a touchdown.

Illinois State (1-1) wasted no time getting on the scoreboard. On their first play from scrimmage, Washington ran 41 yards for the touchdown to put the 'Birds up 7-0 with 11:03 left in the first quarter.

Quincy answered with a 38-yard field goal on the ensuing possession by Matt Peters to cut the ISU lead to four, 7-3. However, the Illinois State offense needed only 10 plays and 72 yards to add another score when Vito Golson grabbed his 13th career touchdown pass on an 11-yard pass from Mike Souza.

Washington's 2-yard run early in the second quarter increased the Redbird lead to 18 at 21-3 capping a drive which saw Washington pass his previous career-high of 92 rushing yards in a game and post his first 100-yard game rushing at Illinois State.

Tristan Davis added his first career touchdown as a Redbird with 6:42 left in the first half on a 3-yard rush, which gave Illinois State the 28-3 lead it took into halftime.

On their first drive of the second half, Kevin Zouzounis connected with Golson on a 37-yard pass for a touchdown to increase the ISU lead to 32. Later in the third quarter, freshman redshirt T.J. Watts scored on a 29-yard run that marked his first career touchdown and his longest career rush to make the score 42-3 heading into the fourth quarter.

With 11:37 remaining in the game, Stephen Carroll kicked a 48-yard field goal. However, Quincy's Owen Gilleland returned the ensuing kickoff 93 yards for the Hawks' first touchdown of the game making the score 45-10. It was the longest kickoff return in Quincy history.

Carroll later kicked a career-long 53-yard field goal with 9:32 remaining that stands as the longest field goal in Hancock Stadium history and the second longest in Redbird history.

The final score of the game came on a 12-yard touchdown reception by LaMonte Jones from Steve Kolodziej with 3:23 remaining.

Quincy	3	0	0	7	-	10
Illinois State	14	14	14	13	-	55

- ISU – Washington 41-yard run (Carroll kick), 11:03, 1Q
- QU – Waters 38-yard field goal, 5:41, 1Q
- ISU – Washington 2-yard run (Carroll kick), 11:52, 2Q
- ISU – Davis 3-yard run (Carroll kick), 6:42, 2Q
- ISU – Golson 37-yard pass from Zouzounis (Carroll kick) 11:49, 3Q
- ISU – Watts 29-yard run (Carroll kick), 1:32, 3Q
- ISU – Carroll 48-yard field goal, 11:37, 4Q
- QU – Gilleland 93-yard kickoff return (Waters kick), 11:20, 4Q
- ISU – Carroll 53-yd field goal, 9:32, 4Q
- ISU – Jones 12-yard pass from Kolodziej (Carroll kick), 3:23, 4Q

	QU	ISU
First Downs	12	31
Rushing Attempts-Yards	46-184	48-393
Passing	15-4-0	25-17-0
Passing Yards	24	201
Total Offense	208	594
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	6-45	7-66
Time of Possession	31:06	28:54

**RUSHING (ISU)** – Washington 21-211, Watts 6-59, Edwards 9-57, Davis 7-52, Dechert 1-10, Souza 1-9, Zouzounis 1-2, Vaughan 1-0, Kolodziej 1-0 (QU) – Ammons 19-101, DeSherlia 20-118, Howard 1-2, Brownmiller 1-2, Lang 1-0, Greenfield 3-0.

**PASSING (ISU)** – Zouzounis 10-7-0-95, Kolodziej 6-4-0-35, Souza 5-4-0-37, Vaughan 4-2-0-34. (QU) – DeSherlia 15-4-0-24.

**RECEIVING (ISU)** – Golson 4-63, Hunter 3-26, Smith 2-26, Jones 2-23, Davis 2-20, Barber 1-21, Statz 1-8, Edwards 1-8, Taylor 1-6. (QU) – Koopmann 2-23, Brownmiller 1-1, Ammons 1-0.

**ATTENDANCE** – 8,234

## Illinois State Wins Thriller over Murray State

NORMAL, Ill. – Boomer Grigsby made a huge tackle inside the five-yard line on Garner Byars during a two-point conversion attempt with 26 seconds remaining that would have given Murray State a one-point victory as the Redbirds prevail with an impressive 24-23 comeback win in a wild finish at Hancock Stadium.

The Racers were able to recover an on-side kick attempt on the ensuing kickoff with 23 seconds remaining, but Cerone Colvin picked off a pass attempt by Stewart Childress to end the game and give the 'Birds (2-1) their second win of the season.

Quincy Washington rushed for 169 yards and two touchdowns and Vito Golson caught five passes for 110 yards and a touchdown. Quarterback Mike Souza finished with 14 completions for 177 yards and a touchdown, while Grigsby paced the Redbird defense with 17 total tackles, including 10 solo stops.

Murray State (1-2) jumped out to an early 7-0 lead when running back Billy Blanchard rushed 77 yards for his longest run of the season and the score on the second play of the game. Illinois State cut into the Racers' lead with 7:26 left in the first quarter when Stephen Carroll booted a 41-yard field goal through the uprights to put the 'Birds up on the scoreboard.

The score remained 7-3 for most of the second quarter until the Racers tacked on three more points with a career-long 52-yard field goal by Shane Andrus with 3:33 left in the half to take a seven-point lead into halftime, 10-3.

With Blanchard sidelined in the second half with an ankle injury, freshman Ron Lane became the Racers' primary rusher and helped pace an early third quarter MSU scoring drive with a 45-yard rush up the middle of the field that put the Racers in the red zone. The drive was capped by a three-yard run by Mario Riley that put Murray State ahead, 17-3.

With 1:05 remaining in the third quarter, Washington broke a couple of tackles and took the ball 35 yards down the middle of the field giving the 'Birds their first touchdown of the game and cutting the Racers' lead to 7 at 17-10.

The touchdown seemed to energize the Redbird defense as well as they pushed the Racers back three yards on their ensuing possession and forced MSU to punt from its own nine-yard line.

The Redbirds took full advantage of the resulting field position and needed only two plays to take the ball 42 yards on a drive capped by a 39-yard touchdown reception by Vito Golson from Mike Souza that knotted the game at 17-17.

A big, third-down sack by senior defensive tackle Stuart Sands with nine minutes remaining in the game forced the Racers to punt and the 'Birds marched 84 yards down the field to take the lead on a two-yard rush by Washington.

Murray State, however, would not quit and used 11 plays to score again on a nine-yard pass to Marcus Christon with 26 seconds remaining in the game and the Racers down by a point, 24-23.

Murray State	7	3	7	6	-	23
Illinois State	3	0	7	14	-	24

- MSU – Blanchard 70-yard run (Andrus kick), 14:02, 1Q
- ISU – Carroll 41-yard field goal, 7:26, 1Q
- MSU – Andrus 52-yard field goal, 3:33, 2Q
- MSU – Riley 3-yard run (Andrus kick), 11:12, 3Q
- ISU – Washington 35-yard run (Carroll kick) 1:05, 3Q
- ISU – Golson 39-yard pass from Souza (Carroll kick), 14:06, 4Q
- ISU – Washington 2-yard run (Carroll kick), 3:57, 4Q
- MSU – Christon 9-yard pass from Childress (2-pt. try fail), :26, 4Q

	MSU	ISU
First Downs	19	20
Rushing Attempts-Yards	45-277	39-230
Passing	31-15-1	30-14-2
Passing Yards	135	177
Total Offense	393	391
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	10-82	8-86
Time of Possession	33:06	26:54

**RUSHING (ISU)** – Washington 28-176, Watts 1-6, Souza 4-48  
**(MSU)** – Blanchard 7-95, Riley 13-60, Lane 4-56, Odoms, 10-27, Byars 7-20, Green 1-6, Childress 3-13.

**PASSING (ISU)** – Souza 31-14-2 (MSU) – Childress 31-15-1.

**RECEIVING (ISU)** – Golson 5-110, Smith 4-32, Larson 1-12, Watts 1-12, Hunter 1-9, Laurenti 1-5, Davis 1-3 (MSU) – Green 7-80, Christon 7-60, Odoms 1-5.

**ATTENDANCE** – 7,674

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# 2002 GAME CAPSULES

GAME #4 - AT EASTERN ILLINOIS  
 GAME #5 - SMS  
 GAME #6 - AT WESTERN ILLINOIS

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## Eastern Illinois Breaks Out Early in 45-10 Win

CHARLESTON, Ill. – Scoring on four of its first five possessions, Eastern Illinois took a quick 17-0 lead after the first quarter and continued to dominate offensively as the Redbirds managed just one field goal and one touchdown in the Panther's 45-10 win Saturday in front of 10,731 at O'Brien Field in Charleston.

Chip Taylor's grab at the EIU 15-yard line set up the only 'Bird TD of the game with 31 seconds remaining. Two plays later and with 18 seconds on the clock, Mike Souza connected on a 14-yard pass to Dwayne Smith for his second touchdown of the season. Stephen Carroll got the 'Birds the extra point.

Eastern Illinois improves to 2-2 on the year as the 'Birds take the same mark, 2-2. The 35-point margin of defeat tied the largest Panther win between the two schools in the series' history, dating back to 1978 when EIU beat ISU 42-7.

To start the second half, Zouzounis, who replaced starting QB Souza in the first quarter, was picked off by Chad Cleveland on the third play of the half, who returned it to the Illinois State three-yard line. The play setup EIU's fourth TD, a 3-yard scramble by Taylor, his second of the game. Kicker Steve Kuehn secured the extra point for the Panthers, who took a commanding 31-3 lead.

A forced fumble at ISU's 38-yard line by George Lowe on Jon Laurenti's catch with 11:18 to play in the third led to another Panther TD, a nine-yard plunge by Nick Eller as the drive went four plays for 47 yards and the Panthers increased their lead to 38-3. Taylor scored his third touchdown of the game with 1:51 left on the clock in the third. The drive was six plays for 71 yards and EIU went up 45-3.

Stephen Carroll's 24-yard kick with 3.2 seconds left in the first half got the Redbirds on the scoreboard after a fumble by EIU's Andre Raymond was recovered by Boomer Grigsby. It was a small consolation as the 'Birds trailed 24-0.

Souza was 6-of-14 with one interception before being replaced by Zouzounis in the first quarter. The Panthers scored at the 10:52 mark on a 27-yard field goal before back-to-back touchdowns, first by Raymond on a 10-yard pass from Tony Romo at the 5:41 mark of the first and then Devon O'Neal grabbed a 57-yarder from Romo with three minutes left in the first, following a Souza interception.

Leading 17-0, Eastern Illinois increased its lead to 24 on a seven-yard run by JR Taylor. ISU was limited to -20 yards rushing in the first half while the Panthers ran for 77.

Illinois State	0	3	0	7	-	10
Eastern Illinois	17	7	21	0	-	45

**EIU** – Kuehn 27 yard field goal, 10:52, 1Q  
**EIU** – Raymond 10-yard pass from Romo (Kuehn kick), 5:41, 1Q  
**EIU** – O'Neal 57-yard pass from Romo (Kuehn kick), 3:50, 1Q  
**EIU** – Taylor 7-yard run (Kuehn kick), 10:49, 2Q  
**ISU** – Carroll 24-yard field goal, :00, 2Q  
**EIU** – Taylor 3-yard run (Kuehn kick) 13:41, 3Q  
**EIU** – Eller 9 yard pass from Romo (Kuehn kick) 9:47, 3Q  
**EIU** – Taylor 3 yard run (Kuehn kick) 1:51, 3Q  
**ISU** – Smith 14-yard pass from Souza (Carroll kick), :19, 4Q

	ISU	EIU
First Downs	22	17
Rushing Attempts-Yards	24-34	42-216
Passing	32-63-1	16-21-278
Passing Yards	342	278
Total Offense	376	494
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	6-51	4-30
Time of Possession	30:10	29:50

**RUSHING (ISU)** – Washington 13-9, Souza 5-14, T. Davis 1-5, Watts 3-33, Zouzounis 1(-13). **(EIU)** – Taylor 22-118, Raymond 8-70, Steel 10-26, Romo 1-5, Kissack 1(-2).

**PASSING (ISU)** – Souza 8-21-2-106, Zouzounis 24-42-1-236. **(EIU)** – Romo 16-21-0-278.

**RECEIVING (ISU)** – Golson 5-89, Smith 8-90, Larson 1-5, Hunter 3-20, Laurenti 2-25. **(EIU)** – O'Neal 6-137, Eller 3-68, Raymond 2-18, Robinson 2-8, Osborne 1-30, Bumphus 1-17, Taylor 1-0.

**ATTENDANCE** – 10,731

## Illinois State Cruises Past SMS 30-20

NORMAL, Ill. – Randolph Waite recovered a fumbled punt on the SMS 4-yard line in the second quarter to spark five straight scores by Illinois State as the 'Birds cruised to a 30-20 Gateway Conference victory over Southwest Missouri State at Hancock Stadium.

A Homecoming crowd of 10,283 watched Quincy Washington rack up 167 yards rushing and two touchdowns on a career-high 33 carries, while Dwayne Smith turned in 64 yards and a touchdown on five receptions. Vito Golson also turned in 64 yards on the day on four grabs.

Illinois State (3-2, 1-0 GFC) jumped ahead 7-0 when Mike Souza connected with Dwayne Smith for a 7-yard touchdown pass to the right corner of the endzone. It was Smith's third touchdown reception of the season, but his first score as a Redbird at Hancock Stadium.

SMS (3-3, 0-2 GFC) answered on the ensuing possession with 6-play, 79-yard drive that was capped by a 13-yard touchdown pass from Michael White to Jay Steinbroner to tie the game at 7. The Bears were able to get the ball back on the ISU 27 on a fumble by Redbird quarterback Mike Souza, but were unable to capitalize on the turnover when Brian Long missed a 39-yard field goal attempt keeping the score 7-7 at the end of the first quarter.

Illinois State got a nice break early in the second quarter when SMS punt returner Anthony Sullivan fumbled the punt inside the Bears' 5-yard line and Randolph Waite was able to recover the turnover. The 'Birds needed only two plays to capitalize when Quincy Washington rushed in for the score on a 5-yard run to give ISU a 14-7 advantage with 11:56 left in the first half.

The Redbirds scored again later in the quarter when Stephen Carroll connected on a 30-yard field goal to give Illinois State a 10-point lead. Another fumble by SMS in Bears' territory gave the 'Birds two more golden opportunities to increase their lead before the half and again ISU capitalized with two field goals, a 37-yard boot and a 26-yard kick that put the Redbirds up 23-7 at halftime.

Washington wasted no time increasing the Illinois State lead to 23 in the third quarter when he sprinted 34 yards down the left sideline to the endzone on ISU's first possession of the second half. SMS's Daryl Smith picked off a Souza pass later in the third, but the Bears could not benefit from the turnover and were forced to punt keeping the score 30-7 through three periods.

SMS	7	0	0	13	-	20
Illinois State	7	16	7	0	-	30

**ISL** – Smith 7-yd pass from Souza (Carroll kick), 7:29, 1Q  
**SMS** – Steinbroner 13-yd pass from White (Long kick), 5:14, 1Q  
**ISL** – Washington 4-yd run (Carroll kick), 11:56, 2Q  
**ISL** – Carroll 30-yd field goal, 8:34, 2Q  
**ISL** – Carroll 37-yd field goal, 2:02, 2Q  
**ISL** – Carroll 26-yd field goal, :03, 2Q  
**ISL** – Washington 34-yd run (Carroll kick), 12:26, 3Q  
**SMS** – Marcos 7-yd pass from White (Long kick), 3:45, 4Q  
**SMS** – Hill 15-yd pass from White (rush failed), 1:38, 4Q

	SMS	ISU
First Downs	19	24
Rushing Attempts-Yards	32-59	53-244
Passing	25-41-0	15-28-1
Passing Yards	267	185
Total Offense	326	429
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-21	7-60
Time of Possession	28:17	31:43

**RUSHING (SMS)** – Linscomb 22-71, Gore 2-12, Ennis 2-6, Schurman 1-1, White 5(-31). **(ISL)** – Washington 33-167, Davis 10-50, Souza 7-20, Watts 2-10, Team 1(-3).

**PASSING (SMS)** – White 25-41-1-267. **(ISL)** – Souza 15-28-1-185.

**RECEIVING (SMS)** – Marcos 6-87, Gore 4-62, Linscomb 4-39, Steinbroner 2-21, Hill 2-20, Ennis 2-15, Schurman 2-9, Dechant 2-9, White 1-5. **(ISL)** – Smith 5-64, Golson 4-64, Larson 2-31, Hunter 1-11, Statz 1-7, Jones 1-6, Barber 1-2.

**ATTENDANCE** – 10,283

## Redbirds Miss a Road Win by 7 Inches

MACOMB, Ill. – Illinois State senior running back Quincy Washington rushed for his fourth career 100-yard game, but a Western Illinois' goal line stand and a pair of 98-yard-plus drives resulted in a 22-17 Leatherneck win, Saturday night.

Washington finished with a game-high 127 yards, but with the 'Birds trailing 15-10 in a fourth-and-goal situation from the WIU one-half yardline, the Leatherneck defense denied Washington the one-yard gain and ended the Illinois State (3-3 overall, 1-1 Gateway Football Conference) drive.

On the ensuing possession, Western Illinois quarterback Russ Michna led a 99-yard scoring drive that ended with a 23-yard pass to Stacy Coleman. It was Coleman's second touchdown of the game and pushed the Western (5-1, 2-1) lead to 22-10.

That fourth-quarter drive topped Western Illinois' first drive of the game, which totaled 98 yards after Reggie Gray slipped in the damp grass at the 2-yard line on the opening kickoff. The Leathernecks quickly erased their misfortune with a 14-play, 98-yard drive capped by a 6-yard touchdown run on a reverse by Coleman to take an early 7-0.

The Redbirds responded with a Stephen Carroll 37-yard field goal, following a 53-yard Dennis Butler kickoff return and pushed the score to 7-3. Early in the second quarter, Carroll had a chance to put the 'Birds within one point, but his 42-yard field goal attempt fell about three yards short.

On the fourth Redbird series, quarterback Kevin Zouzounis took control of the Redbird offense at ISU's 5-yard line. Three plays later, Zouzounis was hit by the WIU defense and the ball trickled out of the back of the endzone for a safety and a 9-3 Leatherneck lead.

WIU increased its lead to its halftime margin, 12-3, with a 37-yard field goal by Justin Langan at the 2:36 mark in the second half.

Langan added a 35-yard field goal for only scoring in the third frame and a 15-3 Western Illinois lead.

With 11 minutes left in the game, the Redbirds pulled within five points on Michael Souza's 9-yard option run behind the right side of the line. Souza's touchdown run, his rushing score of the season, finished a 12-play, 66-yard drive for ISU.

Souza, who started for the Redbirds and returned in the third quarter, added a 6-yard scamper in the fourth quarter for ISU's final score. The Redbirds' onside kick attempt was unsuccessful.

Souza finished with 71 yards on the ground and 112 in the air on 7-for-13 passing. LaMonte Jones led all Redbird receivers with 68 yards on three catches. The Redbirds totaled 382 yards offensively, including 210 rushing, while Western Illinois finished with 308 yards of total offense.

Illinois State	3	0	0	14	-	17
W. Illinois	7	5	3	7	-	22

**WIU** – Coleman 6-yd run (Langan kick), 9:41, 1Q  
**ISL** – Carroll 37-yd field goal, 6:17, 1Q  
**WIU** – Team Safety, 7:10, 2Q  
**WIU** – Langan 37-yd field goal, 2:36, 2Q  
**WIU** – Langan 35-yd field goal, 5:06, 3Q  
**ISL** – Souza 9-yd run (Carroll kick), 11:00, 4Q  
**WIU** – Coleman 23-yd pass from Michna (Langan kick) 2:43, 4Q  
**ISL** – Souza 6-yd run (Carroll kick), 1:18, 4Q

	WIU	ISU
First Downs	15	20
Rushing Attempts-Yards	42-136	53-210
Passing	26-13-1	23-10-0
Passing Yards	172	172
Total Offense	308	382
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	8-58	7-60
Time of Possession	29:14	30:46

**RUSHING (WIU)** – Lawson 25-120, Michna 11-16, Yellin 3-5, Coleman 2(-1). **(ISL)** – Washington 30-127, Davis 4-13, Souza 15-71, Watts 1-1.

**PASSING (WIU)** – Michna 23-10-0-172. **(ISL)** – Souza 13-7-0-112, Zouzounis 13-6-1-60.

**RECEIVING (WIU)** – Coleman 4-110, Yellin 2-15, Matthews 2-12, Luke 1-21, Hall 1-14. **(ISL)** – Smith 3-45, Golson 2-17, Larson 1-11, Hunter 2-17, Jones 3-68, Barber 1-6.

**ATTENDANCE** – 10,113



# 2002 GAME CAPSULES

GAME #7 - SOUTHERN ILLINOIS  
 GAME #8 - AT NORTHERN IOWA  
 GAME #9 - WESTERN KENTUCKY

## Redbirds Stun No. 25 Southern Illinois

NORMAL, Ill. – Mike Souza and Sha-ron Edwards each ran for two touchdowns and Boomer Grigsby had a career-high 21 total tackles as Illinois State stunned No. 25 Southern Illinois 35-14 in front of 12,415 Family Day fans, the largest crowd this season at Hancock Stadium.

Quincy Washington led the rushing attack for the Redbirds with 126 yards on the ground and one touchdown. Vito Golson finished the game with six catches for 113 yards, while Souza hrew for 275 yards and no interceptions.

Southern Illinois (4-4, 2-1 Gateway) had both its touchdowns come from Mo Abdulqadir, the nation's leading rusher (203.5 yards per game). Abdulqadir was limited to 103 yards on the ground, his lowest performance since being named the starting running back for the Salukis in their third game of the year.

The Redbird defense set the tone throughout the game allowing the Salukis, who came into today's game ranked fifth in the nation for total offense in I-AA football, only 118 yards of total offense after the ISU offense scored its fourth touchdown of the game late in the third quarter. The 14-point performance for the Salukis ties their lowest point total for the season when they scored 14 against Southeast Missouri State on September 7.

Illinois State (4-3, 2-1 Gateway) held the Salukis' offense in check throughout the first quarter allowing SIU one first down and 30 yards of total offense, including only eight yards by the nation's leading I-AA rusher Mo Abdulqadir. Two costly turnovers by the 'Birds offense, including a fumble on the SIU 11-yard line, kept the ISU from putting any points on the scoreboard.

However early in the second quarter, Illinois State quarterback Mike Souza gave the 'Birds a 7-0 lead with a nine-yard scramble to the endzone. It was his third rushing touchdown in the last two games. The Redbirds had three other opportunities in the second quarter to extend their lead, but two missed field goals by Stephen Carroll and a 57-yard punt return for a touchdown by Dennis Butler called back by a penalty kept ISU with its seven-point advantage heading into halftime.

A fumble by Troy Hunter deep in Saluki territory on the first play from scrimmage of the second half proved costly for Illinois State as Southern Illinois marched 29 yards in seven plays to tie the game at 7-7. Abdulqadir recorded the touchdown on a one-yard rush up the middle.

The 'Birds weren't ready to relinquish their lead just yet. On the ensuing possession, the ISU offense put together a six-play, 89-yard drive capped by a 15-yard run by Quincy Washington giving the Redbirds a 14-7 lead with 10 minutes left in the third.

Souza showed off his ground attack again with 6:06 left in the third when he rushed 13 yards for the score to extend Illinois State's lead to 21-7. But the 'Birds weren't done and following a blocked Saluki punt by Ray Robinson, ISU was able to mount a two-play, 43-yard drive capped by a one-yard run by Sha-ron Edwards for his first career touchdown in a Redbird uniform.

An interception by Cerone Colvin at the Redbird 19-yardline kept the Salukis from cutting into the 'Bird's 21-point lead and kept the score at 28-7 heading into the fourth quarter. Sha-ron Edwards put up another score with eight minutes left in the game when he rushed 10 yards to the right side of the endzone for the touchdown to put Illinois State up 35-7.

S. Illinois	0	0	7	7	-	14
Illinois State	0	7	21	7	-	35

**ILS** – Souza 9-yd run (Carroll kick), 14:46, 2Q  
**SIU** – Abdulqadir 1-yd run (Everhard kick), 11:22, 2Q  
**ILS** – Washington 15-yd run (Carroll kick), 9:39, 3Q  
**ILS** – Souza 13-yd run (Carroll kick), 6:06, 3Q  
**ILS** – Edwards 1-yd run (Carroll kick), 4:14, 3Q  
**ILS** – Edwards 9-yd run (Carroll kick), 7:51, 4Q  
**SIU** – Abdulqadir 2-yd run (Everhard kick), 3:02, 4Q

	SIU	ISU
First Downs	16	29
Rushing Attempts-Yards	50-216	46-268
Passing	19-9-2	31-16-0
Passing Yards	90	275
Total Offense	285	537
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-3
Penalties-Yards	6-49	6-47
Time of Possession	32:37	27:23

**RUSHING (SIU)** – Abdulqadir 23-103, Sambursky 19-48, Robinson 7-41, Bucki 1-3. **(ILS)** – Washington 21-126, Souza 10-64, Edwards 9-42, Watts 2-11, Davis 3-11, Barber 1-8.

**PASSING (SIU)** – Sambursky 18-9-2-90, Abbott 1-0-0-0. **(ILS)** – Souza 31-16-0-275.

**RECEIVING (SIU)** – Montes 2-31, Little 2-15, Robinson 2-15, Abbott 1-22, Bucki 1-5, Abdulqadir 1-2. **(ILS)** – Golson 6-113, Smith 4-71, Barber 3-81, Statz 2-6, Hunter 1-4.

**ATTENDANCE** – 12,415

## Redbirds End Road Skid; Bounce UNI 31-20

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa – Junior quarterback Michael Souza connected with Ramon Barber on a game-winning 33-yard touchdown reception to lead Illinois State to a 31-20 win over Northern Iowa in Gateway Football Conference action, Saturday night.

Barber snagged the ball at the 1-yard line without a defender in a 15-yard radius and walked into the endzone for the Redbirds first road victory in their last nine tries. Souza poured salt in the wound with a 3-yard touchdown run with six seconds left to seal the come-from-behind victory.

Back in the first quarter, it only took one minute and eight seconds for Northern Iowa (4-4, 1-3) to take a 7-0 lead when Tom Petrie connected with Eddie Gallas on a 74-yard touchdown pass.

Illinois State (5-3, 3-1) overcame the shock of UNI's quick start by responding on the ensuing drive with a 47-yard field goal by Stephen Carroll. Carroll's kick, his 10th of the year, capped a 11-play, 51-yard drive, which was kept alive on a 15-yard personal foul penalty by UNI.

Mackenzie Hoambrecker put the Panthers up 10-3 with a 24-yard field goal at the 4:43 mark in the first quarter. The Redbirds continued to trade punches with UNI, as freshman Ramon Barber hauled in his first collegiate touchdown on a 22-yard pass from Michael Souza to knot the game at 10-10.

The Panthers took a 17-10 halftime lead after the only score in the second frame. Petrie launched another bomb with a 67-yard touchdown pass to Ben Sanderson. The scoring drive followed a series of turnovers where UNI's Adam Bengel fumbled the ball on his own 11-yard line, but Illinois State wasn't able to capitalize as Quincy Washington bobbled the handoff on the UNI 2-yard line.

The two teams battled through a scoreless third quarter before Souza found Golson in the right corner of the endzone on a 4-yard fade pattern to deadlock the score at 17-17 with 8:25 left in the contest. Golson's touchdown marked the 16th of his career and his fourth of the season and finished a 11-play, 62-yard drive.

Again, UNI had an answer as Hoambrecker topped off a 10-play, 72-yard drive with a 37-yard field goal and a 20-17 Northern Iowa lead with 4:30 left on the clock.

Washington led the Redbird rushing attack with his fourth-straight 100-yard performance. Washington's 104 yards tied the ISU record for consecutive 100-yard rushing games. Souza ended the day completing 13-of-33 for 184 yards and three touchdowns.

Dwayne Smith grabbed four balls for 51 yards, while Barber finished with three catches, two for touchdowns, and 60 yards.

Illinois State	10	0	0	21	-	31
Northern Iowa	10	7	0	3	-	20

**UNI** – Galles 74-yd pass from Petrie (Hoambrecker kick), 13:52, 1Q  
**ILS** – Carroll 47-yd field goal, 9:22, 1Q  
**UNI** – Hoambrecker 24-yd field goal, 4:43, 1Q  
**ILS** – Barber 22-yd pass from Souza (Carroll kick), :20, 1Q  
**UNI** – Sanderson 67-yd pass from Petrie (Hoambrecker kick), 7:15, 2Q  
**ILS** – Golson 4-yd pass from Souza (Carroll kick), 8:27, 4Q  
**UNI** – Hoambrecker 37-yd field goal, 4:30, 4Q  
**ILS** – Barber 33-yd pass from Souza (Carroll kick), 1:44, 4Q  
**ILS** – Souza 3-yd run (Carroll kick), :06, 4Q

	ILS	UNI
First Downs	21	19
Rushing Attempts-Yards	44-144	46-204
Passing	36-15-0	19-8-1
Passing Yards	202	241
Total Offense	346	445
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-30	9-70
Time of Possession	29:31	30:29

**RUSHING (ILS)** – Washington 26-104, Edwards 6-21, Souza 12-19. **(UNI)** – Bengel 24-112, Petrie 16-60, Breeland 6-32.

**PASSING (ILS)** – Souza 13-33-0-184, Zouzounis 2-3-0-18. **(UNI)** – Petrie 8-19-1-241.

**RECEIVING (ILS)** – Smith 4-51, Barber 3-60, Golson 3-33, Washington 2-29, Hunter 2-14, Larson 1-14. **(UNI)** – Sanderson 2-80, Mays 2-27, Galles 1-74, Santifer 1-41, Breeland 1-12, Surrency 1-7.

**ATTENDANCE** – 9,241

## Western Kentucky Shuts Out Illinois State, 9-0

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Western Kentucky kicker Peter Martinez converted three of his five field goal attempts to provide the only offense in a game dominated by defense as Illinois State fell to the Hilltoppers, 9-0.

The Redbirds were shut out for the first time since they lost 52-0 at Northern Illinois on September 9, 2000.

Illinois State, 5-4 overall, 3-2 in the Gateway, never got its offense in rhythm, had only seven first downs and was unable to get the ball in Hilltopper territory the entire game. Boomer Grigsby led the 'Birds on defense with 19 total tackles.

Quincy Washington finished with 66 yards on the ground for Illinois State and broke the 1,000-yard mark on the season, while Michael Souza was 8-for-21 passing for 58 yards.

The Hilltopper defense hounded the Redbirds the entire game recording five sacks and an interception.

Western Kentucky (7-3, 5-1) missed an early opportunity to jump on the scoreboard when Martinez missed a 34-yard field goal at the 8:27 mark of the first quarter when the ball hit the right upright.

A sack on third down by Jonathan Friend and Ray Robinson with five minutes left in the first quarter ended the Hilltoppers' next drive and also kept the game scoreless through one period.

Western Kentucky was able to start from the ISU 34-yardline on the ensuing possession after forcing the Redbirds to punt from their endzone and took a 3-0 lead with 10:40 left in the first half on a 20-yard field goal.

An interception by Souza gave the Hilltoppers the ball at their own 49 yardline and resulted in a nine-play, 34-yard drive that was capped by a 34-yard field goal by Martinez for a 6-0 WKU lead.

With 4:35 remaining in the third quarter, Martinez converted a 24-yard field goal to give WKU a 9-0 lead on a five-play, 51-yard drive highlighted by a 47-yard completion from Jason Michael to Jerome Reaves.

Illinois State	0	0	0	0	-	0
Western Ky.	0	6	3	0	-	9

**WKU** – Martinez 20-yd field goal, 10:37, 2Q  
**WKU** – Martinez 34-yd field goal, :12, 2Q  
**WKU** – Martinez 24-yd field goal, 4:35, 3Q

	ILS	WKU
First Downs	7	15
Rushing Attempts-Yards	27-62	61-259
Passing	21-8-1	8-3-0
Passing Yards	58	77
Total Offense	120	336
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-0
Penalties-Yards	4-39	5-34
Time of Possession	22:34	37:36

**RUSHING (ILS)** – Washington 15-66, Edwards 3-14, Souza 9-(-18). **(WKU)** – Fraizer 30-119, Bradley 14-67, Johnson 5-56, Miller 4-14, Michael 7-3, Reaves 1-0.

**PASSING (ILS)** – Souza 8-21-1-58. **(WKU)** – Michael 2-7-0-52, Reaves 1-1-0-25.

**RECEIVING (ILS)** – Larson 2-20, Laurenti 1-14, Smith 1-11, Golson 1-6, Hunter 1-5, Barber 1-2, Washington 1-0. **(WKU)** – Reaves 1-47, Rooney 1-25, Hayes 1-5.

**ATTENDANCE** – 5,600

2003 SPRING PROSPECTUS

# 2002 GAME CAPSULES

GAME #10 - YOUNGSTOWN STATE  
GAME #11 - INDIANA STATE

## Redbirds Lose Lead, Game to Youngstown State 24-17

NORMAL, Ill. - P.J. Mays rushed for 146 yards and two touchdowns to help Youngstown State score 14 unanswered points in the second half and beat Illinois State 24-17 in the final home game for the Redbirds this season.

Illinois State, 5-5 overall, 3-3 in the Gateway, were led by Quincy Washington's 73 yards on 23 carries, but an interception set up one touchdown and an on-side kick led to another in the third quarter as the Penguins, 6-4, 4-3 in the Gateway, came away with the victory. Three key fourth-down conversions led to YSU scores as the Penguins overcame a 17-10 deficit in the third quarter.

The Redbirds were first on the scoreboard when Stephen Carroll set a Hancock Stadium record with a career-long 56-yard field goal that put Illinois State ahead 3-0 with 5:45 left in the first quarter. It was the second longest field goal in Redbird history.

Sha-ron Edwards put the 'Birds up 10-0 when he dove into the endzone from three yards out with 9:52 remaining in the first half to cap a drive highlighted by a 21-yard run by Washington. On the ensuing possession, the Penguins marched 72 yards on nine plays to cut the Illinois State lead to three, 10-7, on a four-yard run by P.J. Mays, his ninth rushing touchdown of the season.

With 1:09 remaining in the first half, Youngstown State decided to gamble on a fourth-down-and-four situation from the Redbird 42 yardline with four yards to go. The gamble paid off as the Penguins were able to tie the game, 10-10, on a 42-yard field goal by Jake Stewart with three seconds remaining.

On the first drive of the second half, the Redbirds went 58 yards on 10 plays to pull ahead 17-10 on a five-yard run up the middle by Washington with 10:08 left in the third quarter. It was Washington's eighth rushing touchdown and the 15th of his career, which ranks sixth in the Illinois State record book.

Matt Mechling's interception of a Mike Souza pass deep in Redbird territory gave the Penguins the ball back at ISU's 10-yardline with 4:29 remaining in the third quarter. Youngstown State was able to punch it in four plays later on 4th-and-1 on a run by Mays to the left side to tie the game at 17.

A successful on-side kick attempt on the ensuing kickoff gave the Penguins the ball back in Redbird territory and Youngstown State again scored on fourth down, this time on a 34-yard pass from Aaron Marshall to Jerald Burley in the right corner of the end zone, to take the lead for the first time. Neither team scored in the fourth quarter as Mays and the YSU offensive line maintained possession most of the final period.

Youngstown St.	0	10	14	0	-	24
Illinois State	3	7	7	0	-	14

ILS - Carroll 56-yd field goal, 5:45, 1Q

ILS - Edwards 3-yd run, 9:52, 2Q

YSU - Mays 4-yd run, 6:38, 2Q

YSU - Stewart 42-yd field goal, :03, 2Q

ILS - Washington 50-yd run, 10:08, 3Q

YSU - Mays 1-yd run, 2:20, 3Q

YSU - Burley 34-yd pass from Marshall, :20, 3Q

	YSU	ISU
First Downs	19	13
Rushing Attempts-Yards	58-215	33-96
Passing	14-8-0	24-10-2
Passing Yards	108	102
Total Offense	72-323	57-198
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	4-45	7-58
Time of Possession	35:25	24:35

**RUSHING (YSU)** - Mays 32-146, Doby 4-33, Rycraft 1-17, Logan 3-11, Burns 6-10, Marshall 9-3. **(ILS)** - Washington 23-73, Souza 5-10, Edwards 5-13.

**PASSING (YSU)** - Marshall 8-13-0-108. **(ILS)** - Souza 10-23-1-102.

**RECEIVING (YSU)** - Burley 2-42, Dlugosz 2-12, Mays 2-12, Schumacher 1-26, Larmon 1-16. **(ILS)** - Golson 5-65, Statz 1-16, Smith 1-13, Laurenti 1-4.

**ATTENDANCE** - 6,458

## Redbirds Rally Against Indiana State, End Season with a 20-12 Win

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. - Vito Golson and Quincy Washington each scored a touchdown in the final game of their careers to help the Illinois State football team come from behind to beat Indiana State, 20-12, Saturday in front of 2,652 people in frigid conditions at Memorial Stadium in Terre Haute, Ind.

The Redbirds spoiled the Sycamore's senior day with the victory and ended the season 6-5, 4-3 in the Gateway while Indiana State falls to 5-7 and 3-4 on the year. Golson ended the game with seven catches and 136 receiving yards while Washington rushed for 74 yards. It was Golson's fifth 100-yard receiving game under head coach Denver Johnson and his third of the year. Every member of the Redbird traveling team recorded playing time in the win.

A scoreless game through the first quarter, the Sycamores jumped to an early six-point lead in the second when Soso Dede rushed for his second touchdown of the year, a three-yard scurry. Indiana State kicker Mike Megyesi (22-26) couldn't connect on the extra point effort, missing his fourth PAT of the year.

Up by six, the Indiana State offense continued to take charge when QB Julian Reese connected with Chris Lewis on a five-yard pass at the 6:52 mark. Going for the two-point conversion, Reese's pass was intended for Tommy Signars in the endzone, but it sailed through his fingers, leaving the score at 12-0.

The Redbirds managed to get points on the board before the half after Stephen Carroll hit his 12th field goal of the year with 45 seconds on the clock. After two complete passes from Mike Souza to Golson for a gain of 29 yards, the 'Birds were in scoring position on the eight yard line but on the third down, Souza's pass into scoring territory was out of Golson's reach. Golson finished the season and his career with 29 consecutive games with a catch as Illinois State trailed 12-3 after 30 minutes of play.

Illinois State came back in the third to score its ninth TD of the year on the road. With five minutes left in the third quarter, a 25-yard completion from Kevin Zouzounis, who replaced Souza, to Golson set up a 15-yard pass for the Redbirds, pulling Illinois State to within two of the Sycamores, 12-10, after Carroll scored the extra point.

The 'Birds got a break with 1:31 remaining in the third after a forced fumble on Reese by Stuart Sands was recovered by Illinois State's Mike Blough. As the time expired and the fourth quarter ensued, Washington pushed through the Sycamore line for a crucial first down and four plays later rushed for a seven-yard run at the 13-minute mark to give Illinois State its first lead of the game. It was Washington's 16th career TD and ninth of the season.

Up 17-12 after Carroll made good on his PAT, the score held until 4:26 was left on the clock and Carroll kicked a 32-yard field goal that helped secure the Redbird victory, cushioning the lead to 20-12. It was the third time this season the Redbirds have trailed at halftime and come back to win and the second road victory for the 'Birds in 2002.

With the upset over the Sycamores, Illinois State guaranteed at least a .500 record for the fourth time in the last five years.

Illinois State	0	3	7	10	-	20
Indiana State	0	12	0	0	-	12

INSU - Dede 3-yd run, 13:48, 2Q

INSU - Lewis 5-yd pass, 6:52, 2Q

ILS - Carroll 25-yd field goal, :45, 2Q

ILS - Golson 15-yd pass, 5:01, 3Q

ILS - Washington 7-yd run, 12:37, 4Q

ILS - Carroll 32-yd field goal, 4:22, 4Q

	YSU	INSU
First Downs	24	19
Rushing Attempts-Yards	51-77	42-130
Passing	22-13-0	27-18-0
Passing Yards	183	152
Total Offense	73-260	69-282
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	4-3
Penalties-Yards	5-43	11-101
Time of Possession	31:21	28:39

**RUSHING (INSU)** - Reese 18-87, Dede 10-27, Karagory 6-27, Shields 6-27. **(ILS)** - Washington 32-74, Edwards, 7-33, Zouzounis 2-3.

**PASSING (ISU)** - Zouzounis 7-11-0-117, Souza 6-11-0-66. **(INLS)** - Reese 18-26-0-152.

**RECEIVING (ISU)** - Golson 7-136, Smith 4-34, Statz 1-8, Larson 1-5. **(INSU)** - Lewis 5-43, Signars 3-27, King 3-24, Shields 3-19, Dede 2-27, Karagory 1-23.

**ATTENDANCE** - 2,652