



Redbird Football

GAME NOTES

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GAME #6

Homecoming 2006



#5 Illinois State **#7 S. Illinois**
(4-1, 1-0) **(5-0, 2-0)**

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006

WHERE: Hancock Stadium (15,000) • Normal, Ill.

TIME: 2:30 p.m.

FORECAST: Mostly Sunny; Daytime High: 57° F;
 Overnight Low: 44° F; Probability of
 Precipitation: 20%

RADIO

Redbird Radio Network

- Greg Halbleib, play-by-play
- Ted Schmitz, color analyst
- Bruce Evans, sideline
- L.A. Decker, studio host

TELEVISION

MediaCom in Carbondale, Ill.

- Mike Trude, play-by-play
- Royal Whitaker, color analyst
- Satellite Coordinates: SBS 6, Tr. 5 (analog)

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ILLINOIS STATE SEASON SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Location	Result/Time	Notes
Sept. 2	at Kansas State	Manhattan, Kan.	L, 23-24	K-State held to 44 yards rushing, but ISU's special team miscues costly.
Sept. 9	CENTRAL ARKANSAS	Normal, Ill.	W, 18-3	ISU offense stalls in the red zone with four field goals; Robinson sits.
Sept. 16	#18 EASTERN ILLINOIS	Normal, Ill.	W, 44-30	ISU rallied from 10-0 deficit, with 23 second-quarter points.
Sept. 23	at Murray State	Murray, Ky.	W, 35-14	Redbirds outgained Racers 186-28 on the ground.
Oct. 7	at Western Kentucky^	Bowling Green, Ky.	W, 28-27	'Toppers miss a 19-yard field goal with 4:03 left in the game.
Oct. 14	#7 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS^	Normal, Ill.	2:30 p.m.	Homecoming 2006; two teams combined for 96 points in 2005.
Oct. 21	at Western Illinois^	Macomb, Ill.	1:05 p.m.	WIU has won the last five meetings and nine of the last 11.
Oct. 28	#6 YOUNGSTOWN STATE^	Normal, Ill.	1:30 p.m.	Family Day; rubber game with the series tied at 7-7.
Nov. 4	MISSOURI STATE^	Normal, Ill.	1:30 p.m.	'Birds have won last four contests and six of the last seven.
Nov. 11	at Indiana State^	Terre Haute, Ind.	11:05 a.m.	'Birds own 7-1 edge in last eight meetings, including 3-1 at Terre Haute.
Nov. 18	at #14 Northern Iowa^	Cedar Falls, Iowa	4:35 p.m.	ISU has won 5 of last 8; most wins by any GFC team vs. UNI during span.

[^] Gateway Football Conference game

THE GAME FACTS

- Today's game is the 69th meeting all-time between Illinois State and Southern Illinois. The Salukis own a 34-31-3 edge in the series, but the Redbirds won the last meeting 61-35, in Carbondale last season.
- For the first time in the 69-game history, both ISU and SIU enter today's game ranked nationally in the top-25.
- The Redbirds are 5-8 all-time in games between two ranked teams.
- For only the second time in the 44-year history of Hancock Stadium, Illinois State's football home will host a game between two teams ranked in the top 10. The last time was Oct. 2, 1999, when No. 10 Illinois State hosted No. 5 Northern Iowa for a Homecoming showdown. The 'Birds won 47-28. ISU is 2-1 in games featuring two top-10 teams.
- Today's game is the focal point of Illinois State's week-long Homecoming 2006 celebration. This is the 87th Homecoming game on ISU's campus and the Redbirds own a 41-39-6 record during those games, including a 6-7-1 record against SIU on Homecoming.
- The Redbirds have won three straight games against ranked teams, starting with their 61-35 win over then-No. 1 Southern Illinois in 2005.

THE COACHES

► ILLINOIS STATE

Denver Johnson is in his seventh season at Illinois State and owns a 36-36 (.500) overall record with the Redbirds. Prior to guiding the 'Birds, Johnson was the head coach at Murray State where he compiled a 21-12 mark. Johnson, 47, is a 1981 graduate of Tulsa and his nine-year head coaching record stands at 57-48 (.543). He is 4-5 against Southern Illinois.

► SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Jerry Kill (Southwestern '83) is in his sixth season at the helm of the Saluki football program. Kill owns a 39-26 (.600) mark at Southern Illinois and is 88-51 (.633) overall in his 13-year coaching career which includes a five-year stop at Saginaw Valley State and two seasons at Emporia State. He was the 2004 Eddie Robinson I-AA National Coach of the Year and owns a 3-2 record against Illinois State.

2006 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SCHEDULE

A31	LOCK HAVEN	W, 49-0
S16	at Indiana	W, 35-28
S23	at Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 48-16
S30	INDIANA STATE*	W, 55-3
O7	WESTERN ILLINOIS*	W, 31-24
O14	at #5 Illinois State*	2:30 p.m.
O21	WESTERN KENTUCKY*	6 p.m.
O28	at Missouri State*	1:30 p.m.
N4	at #6 Youngstown State*	12:05 p.m.
N11	#14 NORTHERN IOWA*	3 p.m.
N18	SOUTHERN UTAH	3 p.m.

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INTERVIEW PROCEDURES

Postgame interviews following home contests are conducted in the team room (second floor) of the Kaufman Football Building. A golf cart is available to transport representatives from the visiting team to the interview area. TV lighting is also provided. After road games, representatives will be brought to a designated area. The locker room is closed at all times.

WEEKLY GATEWAY CONFERENCE CALL

Teleconferences featuring the league's head coaches will be conducted each Wednesday during the season (Sept. 6 through Nov. 15). Those participating in the call should dial in five minutes prior to the scheduled start time (10 a.m. CST each Wednesday). Each call can also be accessed at www.gatewayfootball.org. The call-in number is 913/981-5509.

10:00 – Gateway News/Notes

10:05 – Denver Johnson, Illinois State

10:10 – Lou West, Indiana State

10:15 – Terry Allen, Missouri State

10:20 – Mark Farley, Northern Iowa

10:25 – Jerry Kill, Southern Illinois

10:30 – Don Patterson, Western Illinois

10:35 – David Elson, Western Kentucky

10:40 – Jon Heacock, Youngstown State

All times are Central

WEEKLY MEDIA LUNCHEON

✓ Tuesday, August 29 at noon
Tuesday, September 5 at noon (CANCELLED)
✓ Tuesday, September 12 at noon
✓ Tuesday, September 19 at noon
✓ Tuesday, September 26 at noon
✓ Tuesday, October 3 at noon
Tuesday, October 10 at noon
Tuesday, October 17 at noon
Tuesday, October 24 at noon
Tuesday, October 31 at noon
Tuesday, November 7 at noon
Tuesday, November 14 at noon

GAME WEEK

A quick look at Illinois State's media availability on game week. All appointments can be made through the media relations office (309) 438-3805.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Off Day	Media Luncheon	GFC Teleconference (10-10:40 a.m.)	No pre-practice camera opportunities	No availability
Denver Johnson Radio Show at Schooners 6-7 p.m.	Kaufman Football Building - noon Practice open to cameras for first 15 minutes Players/Coaches available after practice (approx. 6:15 p.m.)	Practice open to cameras for first 15 minutes Players/Coaches available after practice (approx. 6:15 p.m.)	Coach Johnson available after practice (approx. 6:15 p.m.)	

WEEKLY MEDIA LUNCHEON

Each Tuesday during the season, Illinois State hosts a media luncheon in the team room of the Kaufman Football Building. The luncheon begins at noon, with comments from two selected players representing both the offense and defense. Following the student-athletes, head coach Denver Johnson will address the media. Video and audio from the press conference will be available on the web at GoRedbirds.com before 5 p.m. on Tuesday. If you would like to receive the quotes via e-mail, please contact the Illinois State Athletics Media Relations Office at gkober@ilstu.edu prior to the press conference.

CREDENTIALS

Credentials (game and parking) can be obtained by contacting the Athletics Media Relations Office, Campus Box 7130, Normal, Ill., 61790-7130. Requests must be received on official letterhead at least two days prior to the game. Passes that are not mailed will be available at the Will Call window (Gate 4) 90 minutes before kickoff.

PRACTICE

Most practices are open to the media (approximately 3:30-6 p.m.), but only the first 15 minutes of Tuesday through Thursday practices are available to photographers. For all other media, it is recommended that an advance call be made to the media relations office to check on the status of practice for a particular day.

INTERVIEWS

- Head Coach Denver Johnson will do general interviews following practice on Tuesday-Thursday. All other requests for interviews must be submitted to the media relations office at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled interview.
- Assistant Coaches: Arrangements should be made through the media relations office. Most interviews will be conducted after practice Tuesday-Thursday.
- Players: All interviews with players will take place at the media luncheon or after practice on Tuesday and Wednesday. Media should request players at least 24 hours in advance. Players who attend the Tuesday luncheon will not be available following practice that day.
- Post-game: The Illinois State locker room is closed at all times. Head coach Denver Johnson and requested players will be brought to the designated interview area. At home, the post-game media conference will take place in the team room of the Kaufman Football Building, located in the northeast corner of Hancock Stadium. The media should enter through the west doors and travel up the two flights of stairs to the conference area.



SCOUTING SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

- Southern Illinois is located in Carbondale, Ill., and has an enrollment of 21,441. The Salukis are members of the Gateway Football Conference
- The Salukis own the second best rushing offense in the nation (271.60), thanks to senior running back Arkee Whitlock, who ranks No. 3 nationally with 136.6 yards per game. He has rushed for 683 yards and nine touchdowns on the season, while averaging 6.3 yards per carry.
- SIU is also No. 2 nationally in scoring offense with 43.6 points per game and No. 4 in total offense with 429.60 yards per game.
- The Dawgs are also pretty solid defensively. SIU ranks No. 18 in total defense with 265.6 yards per game allowed and No. 16 in rushing defense with 99.4 yards per game.
- Senior Lorenzo Wims leads the conference and ranks No. 6 nationally with five quarterback sacks on the season.
- Junior quarterback Nick Hill leads the conference in passing efficiency (175.56) and as a team, the Salukis are the nation's most efficient passing team (179.09). Hill has not thrown an interception this season, while completing 46 of his 74 passing attempts.
- Braden Jones is the leading SIU receiver with 10 catches for 211 yards and three touchdowns. Alan Turner has also caught three touchdown passes of his eight catches for 197 yards.
- Placekicker Craig Coffin has been perfect this season making all seven field goal attempts (long of 43) and all 27 point after touchdown tries.
- The Salukis also lead all of I-AA football in sacks allowed. The SIU offensive line has only surrendered two sacks all season.

SALUKI SIMILARITIES

- Southern Illinois' defensive coordinator Tracy Claeys graduated from Kansas State in 1994 and played under Illinois State athletics director Sheahon Zenger while he was a member of Bill Snyder's staff as an assistant coach.
- SIU has several Bloomington-Normal products playing on this year's squad. Andrew and Ryan Kernes and Brady Wrezinski are all from Bloomington. The Kernes brothers played at Bloomington High School with Illinois State's brothers Brandon (men's basketball) and Brent Holtz (football). Wrezinski played at University High School with Saluki teammate Alan Turner, but Turner resides in El Paso.
- Both teams have at least one set of brothers playing together on the roster. ISU has three sets, the Siskowic brothers (Cameron and Kyle), the Rice brothers (Rafael and Cortes) and the Passarelli brothers (Nick and Dan). SIU counters with the Moe Brothers (Todd and Trevor) and the Kernes brothers (Andrew and Ryan)
- The Redbirds' Kye Stewart (Pearl-Cohn) and SIU's Jon Habbe (Nashville) are both natives of Nashville, Tenn.
- ISU's Jake Rourke and will be playing against former Central State Eight foes in SIU's J.T. Wise and Larry Luster (Sacred Heart-Griffin) and Ryan Beeler (Taylorville)
- Brandon Bradbury (Morgan Park) and Isaiah Wiggins (Prosser) of Illinois State and SIU's Keon Cummings (Lincoln Park) are all from Chicago.
- SIU's Phil Goforth (Benet Academy) and Brandon Smith (Waubonsie Valley) and ISU's Nick and Dan Passarelli (Central) and Dan Simnick (North) are all from Naperville, Ill.

NO CUPCAKES ON HOMECOMING

So much for scheduling "W's" on Homecoming. Since 1995, the Redbirds have faced eight ranked teams in the last 11 Homecoming games. The three games against non-ranked foes all resulted in ISU wins, while the 'Birds own a 2-6 record in the other eight contests.

RUN REMBERT RUN

That has been the offensive philosophy to date in 2006. With 145 carries in the first five games, senior running back Pierre Rembert has accounted for 71 percent of ISU's rushing attempts this season. An integral part of the ball-control offense, Rembert is averaging 29 carries per game and is on pace to finish with 319 during the regular season - the second highest total in ISU history.

29 AND COUNTING

With a catch in tonight's game, Illinois State wide receiver Laurént Robinson will extend his streak of having at least one catch to 230 straight games. The grab will claim the school record, currently shared by Robinson and Vito Golson.

GETTING YOUR PICKS ON ROUTE 66

With Hancock Stadium located just off nostalgic Route 66, the Redbird defense has been getting their kicks in 2006. Through five games, the 'Birds have intercepted nine passes, which is tied for the fourth-best team total in Division I-AA. The kicker is that the Redbirds are only one interception away from matching last season's total of 10. In addition, the 'Birds are averaging 1.8 picks per game, which would put them on pace for 20 interceptions, the most since 1989.

REMBERT RUNNING WITH REGULARITY

Five games into the 2006 season. Five 100-yard rushing games for Illinois State running back Pierre Rembert. By rushing for 100+ yards in every game this season, Rembert has compiled the longest such streak in ISU history, bettering four straight 100-yard rushing games by Quincy Washington, Willie Watts and Toby Davis.

THE TALE OF THE TAPE

	ILS	SIU
Record	4-1	5-0
Points	29.6	43.6
Points Allowed	19.6	14.2
First Downs	98	111
Rushing Yards	151.6	271.6
Rushing Defense	98.8	99.4
Passing Yards	226.4	158.0
Passing Defense	214.8	166.2
Total Offense	378.0	429.6
Total Defense	313.6	265.6
Interceptions	9-101	2-7
Punt Return Avg.	8.2	9.8
Kickoff Return Avg.	17.4	22.5
Fumbles Lost	3	3
Penalties	24-217	26-252
Field Goals	6-9	7-7

'BIRD BESTS vs. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

INDIVIDUAL*

Rushing Yards	248, Toby Davis, 10-24-92
Rushing TDs	4, twice; last by Brian Thompson, 10-15-05
Passing Yards	346, Dusty Burk, 10-23-99
Completions	27, Dusty Burk, 10-23-99
TD Passes	5, Dusty Burk, 10-23-99
Receptions	9, twice; last by Laurént Robinson, 10-15-05
Receiving Yards	180, Laurént Robinson, 10-15-05
Receiving TDs	2, three times; last by Pierre Jackson, 10-15-05
Tackles	22, Galen Scott, 10-15-05
Tackles for Loss	6, Mark Wallner, 11-6-76
Sacks	2, five times; last by Jonathan Friend, 10-19-02
Interceptions	3, David Calhoun, 10-14-89
Longest FG	50, three times; last by Stephen Carroll, 10-11-03
TEAM*	
Most Points	61, 10-15-05
Fewest Points	0, 9 times; last 10-5-85
Most Points Allowed	48, 10-23-99
Fewest Points Allowed	0, 9 times; last 9-29-51

*modern era (1936 and later)

THE REDBIRD RECORD BOOK**ISU Career Rushing**

1. Toby Davis (1989-92)	3,702
11. Quincy Washington (2001-02)	1,637
12. Sha-Ron Edwards (2002-03)	1,599
13. Bruce Cullen (1968-69)	1,560
- Pierre Rembert (2005-)	1,476

ISU Career Rushing TDs

1. Toby Davis (1989-92)	37
4. Bruce Cullen (1968-69)	22
5. Pierre Rembert (2005-)	18

ISU Career 100-Yard Rushing Games

1. Toby Davis (1989-92)	17
2. Willie Watts (1998-01)	15
3. Pierre Rembert (2005-)	8
Bill Fenn (1978-80)	8

ISU Career Passing

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-00)	8,251
2. John Cappens (1981-84)	6,238
3. Dusty Burk (1999-01)	4,378
4. Luke Drone (2004-)	4,072

ISU Career Completions

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-00)	663
5. Danny Barnett (1992-94)	328
- Luke Drone (2004-)	294

ISU Career TD Passes

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-00)	62
2. John Cappens (1981-84)	49
3. Dusty Burk (1999-01)	38
4. Luke Drone (2004-)	32
Wes Bair (1951-54)	32

ISU Career Receptions

1. Rickey Garrett (1996-99)	177
2. Laurént Robinson (2003-)	169

ISU Career Receiving Yards

1. Rickey Garrett (1996-99)	2,719
2. Laurént Robinson (2003-)	2,535

ISU Career TD Receptions

1. Laurént Robinson (2003-)	26
2. Rickey Garrett (1996-99)	22

ISU Consecutive Games with a Catch

1. Laurént Robinson (2003-)	29
Vito Golson (1999-02)	29

ISU 100-Yard Career Receiving Games

1. Rickey Garrett (1996-99)	9
2. Laurént Robinson (2003-)	8
Clarence Collins (1980-83)	8

ISU Career Total Offense Yards

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-00)	8,812
2. John Cappens (1981-84)	5,881
3. Dusty Burk (1999-01)	5,008
4. Luke Drone (2004-)	4,194

ISU Career All-Purpose Yards

1. Toby Davis (1989-92)	4,363
8. Rickey Garrett (1996-99)	2,719
9. Virgil Winters (1981-84)	2,628
10. Laurént Robinson (2003-)	2,540

ISU Career Tackles

1. Boomer Grigsby (2001-04)	580
2. Galen Scott (1997-00)	579
8. Duane Butler (1994-96)	332
9. Adam Waugh (1998-01)	327
10. Tim Angsten (1995-97, 99)	320
- Cameron Siskowic (2003-)	299

HOME SWEET HOME

Illinois State officials are expecting a huge crowd for Saturday's Gateway Football Conference showdown against Southern Illinois. Temporary bleachers are being brought into the north end of Hancock Stadium and the crowd is estimated to be larger than 15,000. Here is a list of the top 10 home crowds at ISU's Hancock Stadium:

Date	Opponent	Attendance
1. 10-31-70	Indiana State	21,500
2. 10-19-68	Western Illinois	20,000
3. 11-7-70	Western Illinois	19,500
4. 10-18-69	Eastern Illinois	19,000
5. 11-6-71	Central Michigan	18,000
6. 10-29-77	Western Illinois	15,500
7. 10-10-70	Akron	15,500
8. 9-20-69	Illinois Wesleyan	15,000
9. 9-21-68	Illinois Wesleyan	15,000
10. 10-28-67	Central Michigan	15,000

TRAVELING NO PROBLEM FOR THE 'BIRDS

With last weekend's win at Western Kentucky, the Redbirds have won three straight conference road games dating back to 2005. The streak started against this week's opponent, Southern Illinois, who the 'Birds defeated in Carbondale 61-35 on October 15 when they were ranked No. 1 in the country in I-AA. ISU then went on to defeat Missouri State 48-23 on November 5. With the three straight wins, it marks the first time ISU has done that since 1999, when they defeated Missouri State, Southern Illinois and Youngstown State in succession on the road.

COMING THROUGH IN THE CLUTCH

Fullback Garin Harcar has just two catches for five yards in 2006, however both have been big catches for the Illinois State offense. The first came against Eastern Illinois, when Harcar hauled in a 4-yard catch on fourth down to set up an ISU touchdown in the fourth quarter. The second came last week at Western Kentucky, when he caught a 1-yard touchdown pass from Luke Drone to put the Redbirds up 14-13 heading into halftime.

GAINING YARDS WHEN IT COUNTS

Success on third down is key to any football team's success, and ISU is playing well when facing fourth down this year. In all, the 'Birds have converted on third down 51 percent of the time (37-for-1. North Dakota State 73) in 2006. Adding to that, on fourth down the Redbirds are 4-of-7 in conversion attempts, good for a 57 percent success rate.

DRONE FEELING LITTLE PRESSURE

Luke Drone has had plenty of time to throw the ball this year and has managed to keep his uniform somewhat clean along the way. That is due to his re-built offensive line, as the group is only giving up 0.8 sacks per game, which ranks No. 8 in I-AA. Their performance has also allowed the rest of the Redbird offense average 378.4 yards of total offense per game, which ranks ISU No. 19 nationally in that category.

AIRING IT OUT

The explosive Redbird passing offense is at it again in 2006. After leading the conference in passing offense with 268.7 yards per game in 2005, ISU is once again leading the way in 2006. Through five games, the 'Birds are averaging 226.4 yards per game through the air and quarterback Luke Drone leads the conference in passing yards per game, with that same 226.4 mark.

STATE SCHOOL SHOWDOWN

Today's matchup between in-state rivals Illinois State and Southern Illinois also pits two of the Gateway Football Conference's statistical leaders against each other. ISU and SIU are ranked No. 1 and 2 in five separate Gateway team categories including: rushing defense, total defense, opponent 4th down conversion percentage, sacks against and PAT conversion percentage. The teams also rank in the top three in the Gateway in scoring defense, total offense, pass defense efficiency, opponent first downs, sacks, and red zone defense. Lastly, the showdown will showcase the top two running backs in the conference, with SIU's Arkee Whitlock averaging 136.6 yards per game and ISU's Pierre Rembert trailing him No. 2 with 135.0 yards per game.

MR. EFFICIENCY

In his two seasons as the Redbird starting signal caller, Luke Drone has quickly become one of the most efficient quarterbacks in ISU history. Drone currently leads all quarterbacks since 1970 in career completion percentage (62.2), pass efficiency (150.5), average yards per pass (8.6) and average yards per completion (13.9).

ACTION JACKSON

Despite having all-American wide receiver Laurént Robinson hobbled with an ankle injury, senior Pierre Jackson emerged as an alternative deep threat for the Redbirds. "Jelly" notched two consecutive games with 100 yards or more receiving and leads the team with 23 catches for 411 yards. He has also added three touchdowns.

MOVIN' ON UP

In just his second season as a starter, Luke Drone is starting to creep up the charts in the ISU record book. With 4,072 career passing yards, Drone only needs 307 yards to surpass Dusty Burk (1999-01), who passed for 4,378 yards during his Redbird career, and move into sole possession of the No. 3 spot on the all-time ISU passing list.

IN THE ZONE

The efficiency the Redbirds have shown in the Red-Zone this season rings like a Hawk Harrelson home run call - "you can put it on the board." Through five games, the 'Birds are 16-for-18 in the Red-Zone with 11 touchdowns and five field goals for an 89 percent success rate and 61 percent on Red-Zone touchdowns. ISU opponents haven't been in the zone as often, nor have had the success. Redbird foes are 7-for-11 inside the Red-Zone with two touchdowns and five field goals.

NO RUNNING ALLOWED

It appears the Redbirds have taken a lifeguard approach to the defense this season – no running. In five games, the Redbirds have held three teams to under 100 yards rushing and two to under 50. The Redbird defense is allowing a conference-best 98.8 rushing yards per game and ranks No. 14 nationally in that category.

DISMISSING DEFENSIVE DEFICIENCIES

Up until the game at Western Kentucky the Redbird defense had been solid, but the Hilltoppers racked up 465 yards of total offense last Saturday – the most yards allowed by the Redbirds since Western Illinois collected 504 yards in 2005. As a result, the Redbirds rank No. 8 in the Gateway Football Conference in passing defense, but are still No. 2 in total defense.

FOURTH AND FUTILE

It hasn't been easy converting on fourth down against the Redbirds in 2006. Through five games, ISU opponents are 3-for-9 when "going for it" on fourth down for a 33.3 percent success rate. In fact, opponents haven't had much more success on third down. Redbird foes are 29-for-69 on third down, or 42 percent.

GUNNIN' 'EM DOWN

Cameron Siskowic is showing why he was named a Buck Buchanan Award watch list member in 2006, as the senior linebacker has recorded 59 tackles in five games. Not only does his total lead the Gateway Football Conference, but he also ranks No. 5 nationally in that category. With a career-high 22 tackles against No. 18 Eastern Illinois earlier in the season, Siskowic has also recorded 3.5 tackles for loss, a sack, an interception and a forced fumble on the season.

MAKING MAZUR

Kevin Mazur is off to a hot start in 2006, as the sophomore placekicker is 6-of-8 in field goal attempts and 16-for-16 in PAT conversions, good for 34 points, which is second on the team. His 1.2 field goals per game rank him 17th in I-AA football for that category, and he is also making a bid in the ISU record book. Mazur has now made 71.4 percent (15-of-21) of his career field goal attempts, which is just behind school record holder Stephen Carroll's success rate at 71.6 percent.

APPLYING THE FULL NELSON

That's exactly what sophomore free safety Tom Nelson has been doing to opposing quarterbacks this season, as he has picked off three passes in the first five games, the first three interceptions of his career. He picked off two of Dylan Meier's attempts down field at Kansas State and snagged a Robbie Park offering in the third quarter against Central Arkansas. Nelson ranks tied for 13th in I-AA football with an average of .60 interceptions per game.

REMBERT'S RAVE REVIEWS

Through five games, his first as ISU's featured running back, Pierre Rembert has gotten two thumbs up. With 135 rushing yards per game, Rembert ranks No. 5 nationally among running backs. He is on pace to finish the regular season with 1,485 yards on the season, which would rank as the second highest total in Redbird history.

DRONE: A WORKER OB

Junior Luke Drone is working the Redbird offense despite all the interchangeable pieces early in the season due to injury. The Redbird offense ranks No. 19 in the national rankings with 378 yards per game. The passing offense is No. 21 nationally (226.4 ypg.), while Drone is No. 18, individually, in total offense with 225.4 yards per game.

THE SISKO KID LOOKS FOR THE FIFTH

When Brent Hawkins claimed the 2005 Gateway Defensive Player of the Year award, it marked the fourth straight by a Redbird player and tied the league record for consecutive league MVPs with Northern Iowa (1991-94). Cameron Siskowic hopes to extend that ISU streak. The senior linebacker was a finalist for the 2005 Buck Buchanan Award and is a candidate again this year.

ALL-AMERICA U

ISU has produced at least one all-American player in 20 of its last 23 seasons. Over the last seven seasons, 27 players from 11 different positions have been honored. Laurént Robinson, Brent Hawkins, Stafford Davis and Cameron Siskowic were all consensus selections in 2005.

NOTABLE NEWCOMERS

Since the Gateway began recognizing an all-newcomer team in 1994, over 42 Redbirds have been cited for achievement in their first season. In 2005, running back Pierre Rembert and defensive back Tom Nelson added their names to the list.

THE START CHART**Offense**

	2006	Current Steak	Career
Robinson (WR)	3	2	31
Downing (OL)	5	6	26
Mordis (TE)	5	7	23
Wiggins (OL)	5	20	20
Drone (QB)	5	16	16
Jackson (WR)	5	11	15
Hartman (OL)	0	0	11
Rembert (TB)	5	7	10
Horton (WR)	2	0	8
Niklasch (OL)	5	5	6
Madsen (OL)	4	0	4
Joyce (OL)	3	3	3
Meredith (TE)	3	1	3
Lyon (OL)	2	0	2
R. Rice (TB)	0	0	2
Joynt (TE)	2	0	2
St-Pierre (OL)	1	1	1

Defense

Martindale (DT)	5	28	37
Temple (DB)	5	27	30
C. Siskowic (LB)	4	4	25
Caesar (DB)	5	14	20
Campbell (LB)	4	4	17
Stewart (LB)	4	2	17
Thomas (DT)	5	5	16
Nelson (FS)	5	16	16
Stevenson (DE)	5	5	9
Kittrell (DB)	5	5	8
N. Passarelli (DB)	0	0	7
R. Tate (DL)	5	5	5
Cucci (LB)	1	0	1
Hawkins	1	0	1
Hronec (LB)	1	0	1
Lagrone (CB)	0	0	1

RED ZONE

	ISU	Opp.
at Kansas St.	4-4 (3 TDs, 1 FG)	2-4 (2 FGs)
C. Arkansas	4-5 (4 FGs)	1-2 (FG)
E. Illinois	4-4 (3 TDs, 1 FG)	4-4 (3 TDs, 1 FG)
at Murray St.	4-5 (4 TDs)	1-1 (1 TD)
at Western Ky.	4-4 (4 TDs)	3-4 (TD, 2 FGs)
S. Illinois		
at W. Illinois		
Y'stown St.		
Missouri St.		
at Indiana St.		
at N. Iowa		

POINTS OFF TURNOVERS

	ISU	Opp.
at Kansas St.	3	11
C. Arkansas	0	0
E. Illinois	17	7
at Murray St.	14	0
at Western Ky.	0	3
S. Illinois		
at W. Illinois		
Y'stown St.		
Missouri St.		
at Indiana St.		
at N. Iowa		

WELCOME BACK

Today's game is the 87th Homecoming contest at Illinois State University. Listed below are the results of every Homecoming game in Illinois State history:

Year	Date	Opponent	Result	Score
2005	08	#3 Western Kentucky	L	37-34 (ot)
2004	023	Youngstown St.	W	30-24
2003	018	#9 Western Kentucky	L	27-24
2002	05	Missouri State	W	30-20
2001	027	#9 Northern Iowa	W	42-14
2000	07	#3 Youngstown St.	L	14-12
1999	02	#5 Northern Iowa	W	47-28
1998	S26	Southern Illinois	W	41-38(ot)
1997	04	#23 Northern Iowa	L	50-34
1996	Q26	#9 Missouri State	L	24-13
1995	S23	#25 Hofstra	L	27-0
1994	O 8	Missouri State	W	28-14
1993	O 2	Western Illinois	L	17-12
1992	S26	Eastern Illinois	W	48-7
1991	O26	#14 Western Illinois	L	22-12
1990	O 20	#2 Missouri State	L	45-30
1989	O 21	Indiana St.	W	15-13
1988	O 1	Missouri-Rolla	W	20-0
1987	O 3	#17 Western Illinois	W	20-6
1986	O 25	#20 Southern Illinois	L	20-3
1985	O 19	West Texas St.	T	29-29
1984	N 3	Tulsa	L	28-7
1983	O 29	Western Illinois	L	14-13
1982	O 9	Wichita St.	L	48-14
1981	O 17	New Mexico State	L	20-10
1980	O 18	Southern Illinois	L	42-0
1979	N 3	Western Illinois	W	35-7
1978	O 7	Southern Illinois	L	26-0
1977	O 1	Northern Illinois	W	16-7
1976	O 9	Ball St.	W	10-7
1975	O 11	Southern Illinois	T	17-17
1974	O 12	Arkansas St.	L	38-0
1973	O 20	Eastern Illinois	W	17-0
1972	O 21	#5 Western Illinois	W	20-3
1971	N 6	Central Michigan	W	13-6
1970	O 31	Indiana St.	L	28-7
1969	O 18	Eastern Illinois	W	37-0
1968	O 19	Western Illinois	W	21-10
1967	O 28	Central Michigan	L	19-14
1966	O 29	Bradley	L	17-3
1965	O 23	Central Michigan	L	32-8
1964	O 31	Mankato St.	W	27-6
1963	O 26	Central Michigan	L	24-22
1962	O 20	Northern Michigan	W	6-0
1961	O 28	Southern Illinois	L	34-14
1960	O 29	Northern Illinois	L	20-0
1959	O 24	Southern Illinois	L	19-8
1958	O 25	Northern Illinois	W	33-18
1957	O 18	Southern Illinois	L	28-21
1956	O 13	Eastern Michigan	W	22-7
1955	O 21	Central Michigan	L	35-7
1954	O 23	Northern Illinois	W	19-6
1953	O 31	Central Michigan	L	29-19
1952	O 18	Western Illinois	L	20-7
1951	O 27	Central Michigan	L	26-0
1950	O 28	Western Illinois	W	21-20
1949	N 5	Northern Illinois	T	14-14
1948	O 23	Eastern Illinois	L	13-7
1947	N 1	Washington (Mo.)	L	14-13
1946	O 19	Western Illinois	W	15-0
1945	O 27	Northern Illinois	W	19-7
1944	O 21	Indiana St.	L	13-6
1943	O 23	Illinois Wesleyan	W	6-0
1942	O 17	Eastern Illinois	W	32-0
1941	O 25	Southern Illinois	W	18-0
1940	O 19	Eastern Illinois	W	30-12
1939	O 21	Southern Illinois	W	14-7
1938	O 23	Eastern Illinois	W	19-0
1937	N 6	Southern Illinois	W	13-6
1936	O 31	Northern Illinois	T	6-6
1935	O 19	Eastern Michigan	T	0-0
1934	O 27	Western Illinois	L	1-0 (forfeit)
1933	O 28	Southern Illinois	W	12-0
1932	N 6	Western Illinois	W	13-12
1931	O 31	Southern Illinois	W	14-0
1930	O 11	St. Viator	L	6-0
1929	O 18	Southern Illinois	L	6-0
1928	O 20	St. Viator	L	30-6
1927	O 22	Eureka	W	25-2
1926	O 30	Lincoln	W	38-6
1925	O 31	Eastern Illinois	L	7-0
1924	N 14	Northern Illinois	W	9-6
1923	O 27	Blackburn	W	13-7
1922	N 11	Northern Illinois	T	0-0
1921	N 5	Eastern Illinois	W	42-3
1916	N 11	Eastern Illinois	L	21-7
Overall Record		41-39-6		

TRANSFERABLE

Since 1993, when the NCAA rules changed to allow players immediate eligibility at the I-AA level, Illinois State has had 44 players transfer from I-A schools. ISU's I-A transfers on this year's roster include: Alan Abrams (RB, Ole Miss); Adam Blankenship (DL, Nebraska); Pierre Jackson (WR, Minnesota); Brandon Joyce (OL, Indiana); Dan Passarelli (WR, Northern Illinois); Pierre Rembert (RB, Michigan); Cameron Siskowic (LB, Washington St.); Jonathan St-Pierre (OL, Miami (Fla.)) and James Stevenson III (DL, Illinois).

CROSS THAT OFF THE LIST

Both Cameron Siskowic and Leon Kittrell are in their final seasons at Illinois State, but entering the game at Murray State the duo played a combined 63 games in a Redbird uniform without an interception. But, that all changed on Sept. 23. Both Siskowic and Kittrell picked off Murray State quarterback Zach Barnard and recorded the first interceptions of their ISU careers.

TURNOVER TURNAROUND

In 2004, the Redbirds ranked dead last (117) in turnover margin (-1.91) nationally among I-AA teams. ISU turned the tide in 2005 and finished with 23rd best turnover margin in the country (+.55). The actual result was a difference of +27 turnovers between the two seasons. The Redbirds are continuing their recent trend and rank tied for No. 21 this season with a +4 turnover ratio in 2006.

ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST

With the 44-30 victory over No. 18 Eastern Illinois, the Redbirds have now beaten at least one ranked foe in nine of the last 10 seasons. Dating back to last season, the 'Birds have won three straight games against ranked foes, including a 61-35 victory at then-No. 1 ranked Southern Illinois.

MEN OF HONOR

The Redbird football team concluded the spring semester with 35 players on the AFNI Athletics Honor Roll, a new team record. The Redbirds also compiled a 2.68 grade point average for the semester, which was the highest team GPA by the football team in over a decade.

BACK-TO-BACK TRIFECTAS

With the Redbirds' 35-14 win at Murray State, the 'Birds posted three non-conference victories for a second straight season. It marked the first time the Redbirds have accomplished the feat since the 1998 and 1999 campaigns, which were Illinois State's two previous NCAA I-AA Playoff appearances.

40 DAYS AND 40 NIGHTS

Actually it is a little less than 67 days – that's how many straight 24-hour days a person would have to work to equal the 1,595 community service hours that the Illinois State football team put in last academic year. Typically, the goal for the entire athletic department is 1,000, but the Redbird gridlers put in 1,595 hours themselves.

SOMEBODY'S WATCHING

On Aug. 23, both Laurént Robinson and Cameron Siskowic were put on watch. Robinson, a finalist for the 2005 Walter Payton Award, presented to the nation's top I-AA offensive player, was named to the initial watch list for the 2006 award. Likewise, Siskowic was added to the 2006 Buck Buchanan Award watch list after finishing as a finalist last season as one of the nation's top I-AA defensive players.

LOVE 'BIRDS

Prior to the start of fall camp, senior offensive lineman Janiah Downing proposed to his girlfriend, Illinois State volleyball player Lindley McDavid. The proposal was accepted and continued a string of Redbird football-volleyball romances. In July a pair of recent graduates, former Redbird fullback Kevin Kreger and former setter Kelly Rikli, were married, while ISU offensive coordinator Justin Fuente and his wife, Jenny, the Redbirds' assistant head volleyball coach, celebrated their first wedding anniversary.

BAND OF BROTHERS

The 2006 Illinois State roster sports three sets of brothers. The Redbird family includes Cameron and Kyle Siskowic, Rafael and Cortes Rice and Dan and Nick Passarelli.

REDBIRD ROSTER ADDITIONS

Alan Abrams • 27

RB • 6-0 • 205 • Jr.

Orlando, Fla. (Mississippi/Apopka HS)

Mississippi 2005: Played in eight games with one start against Vanderbilt (9/17) ... finished the season with 28 rushing yards on 14 carries. Mississippi 2004: Appeared in 10-of-11 games, making starts at running back against Auburn (10/30) and at Arkansas (11/13) ... rushed for 275 yards on 56 carries, and caught four passes for 26 yards ... set season highs for rushing attempts (11) and rushing yards (59). Mississippi 2003: Redshirted. Apopka HS: Two-time Florida Class 6A All-State selection who was named Most Valuable Player of 2001 Florida 6A championship game ... *Orlando Sentinel*/Orange County Offensive Player of the Year ... named 2002 Central Florida Player of the Year ... Florida Class 6A Player of the Year and All-Area Player of the Year ... Florida Kids.net 101 Florida Seniors list ... Jacksonville.com Super 75 ... rated No. 12 on *Orlando Sentinel*/Top 100 list ... PrepStar All-Region pick ... Dick Butkus Football Network National Top High School Football Prospects list ... helped lead Apopka to Class 6A State Championship in 2001 as team finished 14-1 ... during prep career, rushed for 3,841 yards on 438 carries, scoring 42 TDs ... as a senior, rushed for 1,649 yards on 184 carries and scored 20 TDs, breaking school single season mark ... averaged 9.0 yards per carry ... rushed for 960 yards and 11 TDs junior season ... earned two letters in football ... coached by Rick Darlington. Data: Born: 12-5-84 in Orlando, Fla. ... son of Michael and Maxine Watts ... named to the U.M.A.A. Honor Roll in fall of 2003 and 2004.



Jonathan St-Pierre • 61

01 • 6-3 • 301 • 50

Longueuil, Quebec (Miami/Ela)/Edouard Montpetit)

Long Beach, Lassonde (Montreal, QC) Lassonde: A redshirt by Miami 2005: Played in four games, seeing action as a blocker on the field goal and extra point unit ... saw action against Duke, Temple, North Carolina and Virginia Tech. Miami 2004: Sat out the season as a redshirt, playing solely on the scout teams... underwent surgery for a hip injury late in the season ... coached by Larry Coker. Edouard Montpetit HS: Hails from one of the most successful prep athletic programs in Canada, Montreal's Vieux Montreal Cegep ... played high school football at Gerard Filion Academy ...was a member of Team Canada his last two years in high school, which is the equivalent of an All-Canada All-Star team ... coached by Alain Blondeau. Data: Born 9-15-83 in Greenfield Park, Quebec. ... son of Richard St. Pierre and Celine Racette.



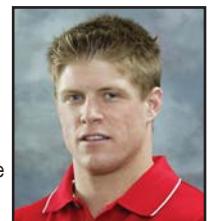


Dan Weiner • 41

WR • 6-1 • 190 • Jr.

Chicago, Ill. (Palomar College/New Trier HS)

Palomar: Was a valuable member on special teams for the Comets ... played on six special team units and was a starter on four of them ... returned two punts for nine yards as a sophomore ... caught four passes for 49 yards as a freshman ... coached by Joe Early. New Trier HS: Hauled in 25 catches for 450 yards



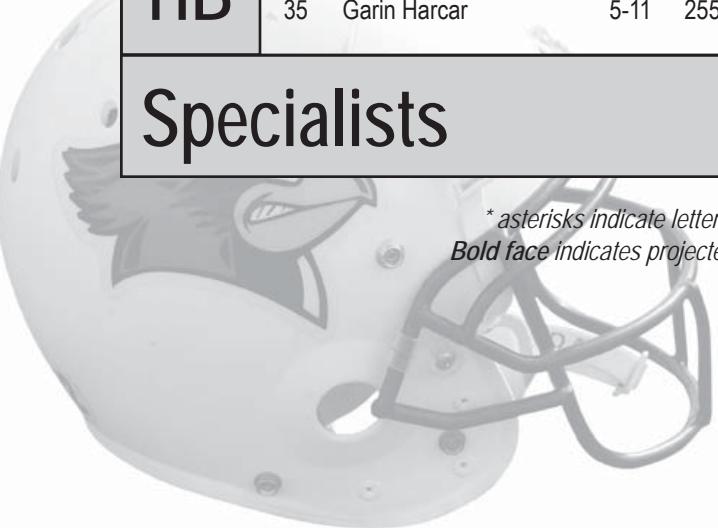
as a senior and also scored two touchdowns ... helped the team to an 8-2 record and a conference championship in his final season ... voted the team's most improved player ... coached by Dan Mortier ... also played baseball. Data: Born 1-9-82 in Chicago, Ill. ... son of James Weiner and Louise Pacholik ... served in the United States Marine Corps from 2000-2004 ... has two brothers, Andrew and Jeff ... his father played tennis at Princeton.

ILLINOIS STATE STARTERS GAME-BY-GAME

ILLINOIS STATE'S PROJECTED TWO-DEEP

Offense						Defense					
WR	81	Laurént Robinson***	6-2	195	Sr.	DE	99	James Stevenson III*	6-3	250	Jr.
	86	Jason Horton**	6-0	185	Jr.		93	Adam Blankenship	6-2	245	So.
LT	66	Isaiah Wiggins**	6-3	290	Jr.	DT	73	Justin Martindale***	6-2	255	Sr.
	71	Jeff Huntzinger*	6-3	285	Jr.		90	Dan Simnick*	6-2	260	Jr.
LG	69	Joe Niklasch*	6-4	280	So.	DT	94	Jarek Thomas**	6-3	275	Jr.
	65	Billy Speiser	6-5	295	Jr.		97	Kaschiev Hunter*	6-2	290	So.
C	61	Jonathan St-Pierre	6-3	301	So.	DE	95	Ronnie Tate*	6-3	260	Sr.
	68	Erik Madsen	6-3	285	So.		3	Alex Filin***	6-4	220	Sr.
RG	75	Janiah Downing***	6-3	310	Sr.	SLB	40	Cameron Siskowic***	6-2	225	Sr.
	71	Jeff Huntzinger*	6-3	285	Jr.		48	Pat Cucci*	6-1	240	So.
RT	78	Brandon Joyce	6-5	310	Jr.	MLB	44	Niall Campbell***	6-2	230	Sr.
	71	Jeff Huntzinger*	6-3	285	Jr.		59	Bill Hronec**	6-2	225	Jr.
TE	47	Kedric Meredith*	6-3	260	So.	WLB	6	Kye Stewart**	6-0	205	Jr.
	42	Jeremy Joynt	6-3	255	Jr.		34	Marques Hawkins*	5-8	210	Sr.
WR	4	Pierre Jackson**	6-1	175	Sr.	CB	1	Jesse Caesar**	5-11	185	Jr.
	10	Jake Rourke*	6-3	185	So.		23	Lamont Lagrone*	5-10	175	Sr.
QB	7	Luke Drone**	6-2	210	Jr.	FS	9	Tom Nelson*	6-0	195	So.
	12	Kevin Brockway*	6-4	225	So.		31	Jeremy Foster	6-3	205	So.
TB	5	Pierre Rembert*	6-0	220	Sr.	SS	28	James Temple***	6-0	210	Sr.
	2	Rafael Rice*	5-11	220	Jr.		30	Garry Roberts*	6-2	210	Jr.
HB	83	Dave Mordis**	6-3	270	Jr.	CB	25	Leon Kitrell***	5-9	165	Sr.
	35	Garin Harcar	5-11	255	RFr.		37	Jason Tate	5-11	175	Fr.
Specialists						K	36	Kevin Mazur*	5-10	195	So.
							19	Bobby Kelsey*	6-1	225	So.
						P	19	Bobby Kelsey*	6-1	225	So.
							36	Kevin Mazur*	5-10	195	So.

* asterisks indicate letters earned
 Bold face indicates projected starter



ILLINOIS STATE STARTER NOTES**REDBIRD OFFENSE**

LT	66	Isaiah Wiggins** (Jr. • 6-3 • 290 • Chicago, Ill.)	Began playing the trumpet in elementary school and has been playing it for nine years.
LG	69	Joe Niklasch (So. • 6-4 • 280 • Hartland, Wis.)	An avid Packer fan who, during high school, worked as a janitor at local elementary school.
C	61	Jonathan St-Pierre (So. • 6-3 • 301 • Longueuil, Quebec)	A certified scuba diver who never had the time at Miami, but frequents the lakes of Quebec.
RG	75	Janiah Downing*** (Sr. • 6-3 • 310 • North Marion, Fla.)	The last three summers worked as a Preview guide, an orientation program for incoming ISU students.
RT	78	Brandon Joyce (Jr. • 6-5 • 310 • St. Charles, Mo.)	While in high school, appeared in the Sharpie commercial with Terrell Owens.
WR	81	Laurént Robinson*** (Sr. • 6-2 • 195 • Rockledge, Fla.)	For two years in high school, 10 people, all of which were family, lived in his four-bedroom house.
WR	4	Pierre Jackson** (Sr. • 6-1 • 175 • Chicago, Ill.)	Nicknamed "Jelly," away from football likes to spend time with his 3-year-old daughter, Itali.
TE	47	Kedric Meredith* (So. • 6-3 • 260 • Peoria, Ill.)	For the last two years has been playing the bass guitar, but can't find the time to join a band.
QB	7	Luke Drone** (Jr. • 6-2 • 210 • Mt. Carmel, Ill.)	Selected for the 2006 NCAA Leadership Conference; 2006-07 SAAC Educational Outreach Coordinator.
RB	5	Pierre Rembert* (Sr. • 6-0 • 220 • Milwaukee, Wis.)	Eats McDonald's at least five times a week; favorite meal is a Big Mac with no pickles, no onions and extra sauce.
FB	83	Dave Mordis** (Jr. • 6-3 • 270 • Palos Park, Ill.)	Owes two dogs, a german shepherd and a shiba inu; enjoys riding around campus on his moped.

REDBIRD DEFENSE

DE	99	James Stevenson III* (Jr. • 6-3 • 250 • Franklinville, N.J.)	Has been engaged for over a year; met his fiancé while attending Illinois.
DT	73	Justin Martindale*** (Sr. • 6-2 • 255 • Wadsworth, Ill.)	Loves to play with toys which are built for speed; owns a jet ski, four-wheeler and a motorcycle.
DT	94	Jarek Thomas** (Jr. • 6-3 • 275 • Orlando, Fla.)	Enjoys cooking, especially soul food, including his favorite dish – BBQ ribs and pork chops.
DE	95	Ronnie Tate* (Sr. • 6-3 • 260 • Glendale, Ariz.)	Spent his summer working an internship with the Bloomington-Normal Sports Commission.
WLB	6	Kye Stewart** (Jr. • 6-0 • 205 • Nashville, Tenn.)	A certified scuba diver, he has dove throughout the state of Florida with his dad, who is also certified.
MLB	44	Niall Campbell*** (Sr. • 6-2 • 230 • Lemont, Ill.)	After college will be focusing on a career in physical therapy.
SLB	40	Cameron Siskowic*** (Sr. • 6-2 • 225 • San Diego, Calif.)	A six-year cancer survivor that grew up surfing, snow boarding and wake boarding.
CB	25	Leon Kitrell*** (Sr. • 5-9 • 165 • Oak Creek, Wis.)	A world-class drummer who plays in two bands on campus – Blue Print and Soft Spoken.
FS	9	Tom Nelson* (So. • 6-0 • 195 • Arlington Heights, Ill.)	Likes to spend his off-weekends golfing with his dad, and favorite course is Rolling Green Country Club.
SS	28	James Temple*** (Sr. • 6-0 • 210 • Savannah, Ga.)	Has been playing the acoustic guitar for over a year and enjoys playing allegro music.
CB	1	Jesse Caesar** (Jr. • 5-11 • 185 • Rockledge, Fla.)	An avid artist who likes to draw particularly in pencil or pen.

REDBIRD SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	36	Kevin Mazur* (Fr. • 5-10 • 195 • Mt. Prospect, Ill.)	Fired a 23-under-par on Tiger Woods 2007, a Playstation 2 game, during fall camp.
KO	19	Bobby Kelsey* (Fr. • 6-1 • 225 • Channahon, Ill.)	Worked out this summer with former ISU punter Mike McCabe and Florida's Urban Meyer, a former ISU assistant.
P	19	Bobby Kelsey* (Fr. • 6-1 • 225 • Channahon, Ill.)	Worked out this summer with former ISU punter Mike McCabe and Florida's Urban Meyer, a former ISU assistant.
LS	43	Jake Weber*** (Sr. • 6-2 • 233 • Peoria, Ill.)	Interned over the summer with PricewaterhouseCoopers.
HD	7	Luke Drone** (Jr. • 6-2 • 210 • Mt. Carmel, Ill.)	Selected for the 2006 NCAA Leadership Conference; 2006-07 SAAC Educational Outreach Coordinator.
KR	5	Pierre Rembert* (Sr. • 6-0 • 220 • Milwaukee, Wis.)	Eats McDonald's at least five times a week; favorite meal is a Big Mac with no pickles, no onions and extra sauce.
	9	Tom Nelson* (So. • 6-0 • 195 • Arlington Heights, Ill.)	Likes to spend his off-weekends golfing with his dad, and favorite course is Rolling Green Country Club.
PR	86	Jason Horton** (Jr. • 6-0 • 185 • Bolingbrook, Ill.)	Played ice hockey during the seventh and eighth grade.

ILLINOIS STATE'S ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Last School)
27	Alan Abrams	RB	6-0	205	Jr.	Orlando, Fla. (Mississippi)
93	Adam Blankenship	DL	6-2	245	So.	Tulsa, Okla. (Nebraska)
22	Geno Blow	RB	5-11	190	Fr.	Seabrook, Texas (Clear Lake)
12	Kevin Brockway*	QB	6-4	225	So.	Crystal Lake, Ill. (South)
1	Jesse Caesar**	DB	5-11	185	Jr.	Rockledge, Fla. (Rockledge)
44	Niall Campbell***	LB	6-2	230	Sr.	Lemont, Ill. (Chicago Mt. Carmel)
51	Brennan Carroll	LB	6-2	215	So.	Hoffman Estates, Ill. (Hoffman Estates HS)
48	Pat Cucci*	LB	6-1	240	So.	Winter Springs, Fla. (Winter Springs)
17	Jared Dall	WR	5-11	200	Jr.	Arlington Heights, Ill. (Harper JC)
75	Janiah Downing***	OL	6-3	310	Sr.	North Marion, Fla. (North Marion)
7	Luke Drone**	QB	6-2	210	Jr.	Mt. Carmel, Ill. (Mt. Carmel)
16	Preston Earl	QB	6-2	210	Fr.	Lincolnshire, Ill. (Stevenson)
3	Alex Filin***	DL	6-4	220	Sr.	Skokie, Ill. (Niles West)
31	Jeremy Foster	DB	6-3	205	So.	Bloomington, Ill. (University)
14	Tyler Funk	P/K	6-0	165	Fr.	Racine, Wis. (William Horlick)
54	Brent Gritton	LB	6-2	225	RFr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln East)
35	Garin Harcar	RB	5-11	255	RFr.	Grand Ridge, Ill. (Ottawa)
34	Marques Hawkins*	LB	5-8	210	Sr.	Chandler, Ariz. (Phoenix College)
11	Kelvyn Hemphill	DB	6-2	175	Fr.	San Antonio, Texas (O'Connor)
86	Jason Horton**	WR	6-0	185	Jr.	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Neuqua Valley)
59	Bill Hronec**	LB	6-2	225	Jr.	Evergreen Park, Ill. (Chicago Mt. Carmel)
67	Landon Humbles	OL	6-4	285	So.	Peoria, Ill. (Richwoods)
97	Kaschiev Hunter*	DL	6-2	290	So.	Marietta, Ga. (Harrison)
71	Jeff Huntzinger*	OL	6-3	285	Jr.	Tulsa, Okla. (Union)
4	Pierre Jackson**	WR	6-1	175	Sr.	Chicago, Ill. (Minneapolis)
13	Kurt James	DB	6-1	205	So.	Elmhurst, Ill. (Immaculate Conception)
78	Brandon Joyce	OL	6-5	310	Jr.	St. Charles, Mo. (Indiana)
42	Jeremy Joynt	TE	6-3	255	Jr.	Emmitsburg, Iowa (Iowa Central CC)
77	Muhammad Kahlun	OL	6-4	290	RFr.	Garland, Texas (Lakeview Centennial)
84	Clint Keller	TE	6-3	250	Jr.	Lexington, Ky. (Paul Laurence Dunbar)
19	Bobby Kelsey*	K/P	6-1	225	So.	Channahon, Ill. (Provident Catholic)
18	Drew Kempe	WR	6-3	205	RFr.	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton North)
25	Leon Kittrell***	DB	5-9	165	Sr.	Oak Creek, Wis. (Oak Creek)
33	Ansu Kpandeyenge*	RB	5-10	200	So.	Elgin, Ill. (Larkin)
23	Lamont Lagrone*	DB	5-10	175	Sr.	Houston, Texas (East Mississippi CC)
68	Erik Madsen	OL	6-3	285	So.	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Joliet Catholic)
87	Jermaine Malcolm	WR	6-4	185	Fr.	San Antonio, Texas (Holmes)
73	Justin Martindale***	DL	6-2	255	Sr.	Wadsworth, Ill. (Warren Township)
36	Kevin Mazu*	K/P	5-10	195	So.	Mt. Prospect, Ill. (John Hersey)
85	Warren McCarty	WR	6-4	200	RFr.	Roscoe, Ill. (Hononegah)
47	Kedric Meredith*	FB	6-3	260	So.	Peoria, Ill. (Richwoods)
83	Dave Mordis**	TE	6-3	270	Jr.	Palos Park, Ill. (Stagg)
9	Tom Nelson*	DB	6-0	195	So.	Arlington Heights, Ill. (John Hersey)
69	Joe Niklasch*	OL	6-4	280	So.	Hartland, Wis. (Arrowhead)
13	Andrew Paschal	WR	6-3	205	So.	Largo, Fla. (Ft. Scott College)
80	Dan Passarelli**	WR	5-11	190	Jr.	Naperville, Ill. (Northern Illinois)
21	Nick Passarelli**	DB	5-11	200	Jr.	Naperville, Ill. (Central)
62	Mike Piton	DL	6-2	255	Fr.	Palos Hills, Ill. (Stagg)
5	Pierre Rembert*	RB	6-0	220	Sr.	Milwaukee, Wis. (Michigan)
26	Cortes Rice*	RB	6-2	215	So.	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos)
2	Rafael Rice*	RB	5-11	220	Jr.	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Fullerton JC)
91	Dave Rivas	DL	6-3	230	Fr.	Chicago, Ill. (Gordon Tech)
30	Garry Roberts*	DB	6-2	210	Jr.	Edna, Texas (Edna)
81	Laurént Robinson***	WR	6-2	195	Sr.	Rockledge, Fla. (Rockledge)
10	Jake Rourke*	WR	6-3	185	So.	Chatham, Ill. (Glenwood)
90	Dan Simnick*	DL	6-2	260	Jr.	Naperville, Ill. (North)
40	Cameron Siskowic***	LB	6-2	225	Sr.	San Diego, Calif. (Washington St.)
45	Kyle Siskowic	LB	6-1	220	RFr.	San Diego, Calif. (Claremont)
96	Babatunde Soyebo	DL	6-5	220	RFr.	Lagos, Nigeria (South Shore [Ill.])
60	Tom Speer	DL	6-4	215	RFr.	Macomb, Ill. (Macomb)
65	Billy Speiser	OL	6-5	295	Jr.	Warrenton, Mo. (Iowa Central CC)
99	James Stevenson III*	DL	6-3	250	Jr.	Franklinville, N.J. (Illinois)
6	Kye Stewart**	LB	6-0	205	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. (Pearl-Cohn)
61	Jonathan St-Pierre	OL	6-3	301	So.	Longueuil, Québec (Miami (Fla.))
98	Mike Strutz	DL	6-3	230	Fr.	Orland Park, Ill. (Carl Sandburg)
37	Jason Tate	DB	5-11	175	Fr.	Lake Mary, Fla. (Seminole)
95	Ronnie Tate*	DL	6-3	260	Sr.	Glendale, Ariz. (Glendale CC)
28	James Temple***	DB	6-0	210	Sr.	Savannah, Ga. (Savannah)
94	Jarek Thomas**	DL	6-3	275	Jr.	Orlando, Fla. (Edgewater)
43	Jake Weber**	LS	6-2	235	Sr.	Peoria, Ill. (Dunlap)
41	Dan Weiner	WR	6-1	190	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. (Palomar College)
88	Bert Whigham	TE	6-4	230	RFr.	Lake Mary, Fla. (Seminole)
58	Mark Whitaker*	LB	6-1	210	Jr.	Moline, Ill. (Drake)
66	Isaiah Wiggins**	OL	6-3	290	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. (Prosser)
57	Brandon Wilson	DL	6-2	210	Fr.	San Antonio, Texas (John Jay)

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	No.	Name	Pos.
1	Jesse Caesar	DB	45	Kyle Siskowic	LB
2	Rafael Rice	RB	47	Kedric Meredith	FB
3	Alex Filin	DL	48	Pat Cucci	LB
4	Pierre Jackson	WR	51	Brennan Carroll	LB
5	Pierre Rembert	RB	54	Brent Gritton	LB
6	Kye Stewart	LB	57	Brandon Wilson	DL
7	Luke Drone	QB	58	Mark Whitaker	LB
9	Tom Nelson	DB	59	Bill Hronec	LB
10	Jake Rourke	WR	60	Tom Speer	DL
11	Kelvyn Hemphill	DB	61	Jonathan St-Pierre	OL
12	Kevin Brockway	QB	62	Mike Piton	DL
13	Kurt James	DB	65	Billy Speiser	OL
14	Andrew Paschal	WR	66	Isaiah Wiggins	OL
15	Tyler Funk	K/P	67	Landon Humbles	OL
16	Preston Earl	QB	68	Erik Madsen	OL
17	Jared Dall	WR	69	Joe Niklasch	OL
18	Drew Kempe	WR	71	Jeff Huntzinger	OL
19	Bobby Kelsey	K/P	73	Justin Martindale	DL
21	Nick Passarelli	DB	75	Janiah Downing	OL
22	Geno Blow	RB	77	Muhammad Kahlun	OL
23	Lamont Lagrone	DB	78	Brandon Joyce	OL
25	Leon Kittrell	DB	80	Dan Passarelli	WR
26	Cortes Rice	RB	81	Laurént Robinson	WR
27	Alan Abrams	RB	83	Dave Mordis	TE
28	James Temple	DB	84	Clint Keller	TE
30	Garry Roberts	DB	85	Warren McCarty	WR
31	Jeremy Foster	DB	86	Jason Horton	WR
33	Ansu Kpandeyenge	RB	87	Jermaine Malcolm	WR
34	Marques Hawkins	LB	88	Bert Whigham	TE
35	Garin Harcar	FB	90	Dan Simnick	DL
36	Kevin Mazur	K/P	91	Dave Rivas	DL
37	Jason Tate	DB	93	Adam Blankenship	DL
40	Cameron Siskowic	LB	94	Jarek Thomas	DL
41	Dan Weiner	WR	95	Ronnie Tate	DL
42	Jeremy Joynt	TE	96	Babatunde Soyebo	DL
43	Jake Weber	LS	97	Kaschiev Hunter	DL
44	Niall Campbell	LB	98	Mike Strutz	DL
45	Bill Hronec	DB	99	James Stevenson	DL

PRONUNCIATIONS

Jesse Caesar	SEE-zahr
Niall Campbell	NILE
Pat Cucci	COO-chee
Luke Drone	rhymes with bone
Alex Filin	FILL-in
Brent Gritton	GRIT-on
Garin Harcar	GARE-in HAR-car
Marques Hawkins	MAR-kuss
Bill Hronec	RON-ick
Kaschiev Hunter	ka-SHEEV
Muhammad Kahlun	ka-LOON
Greg Laffere	LA-fair
Lamont Lagrone	la-GROWN
Joe Niklasch	NICK-lash
Dan Passarelli	PASS-uh-rel-ee
Nick Passarelli	PASS-uh-rel-ee
Mike Piton	last name rhymes with "kitten"
Laurént Robinson	Loor-RAUNT
Cameron Siskowic	SIS-co-wick
Kyle Siskowic	SIS-co-wick

ILLINOIS STATE'S SERIES HISTORY AGAINST SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Southern Illinois leads 34-31-3						
1929	18-Oct	0	6	H	L	
1930	18-Oct	0	39	A	L	
1931	31-Oct	14	0	H	W	
1932	28-Oct	21	6	A	W	
1933	28-Oct	12	0	H	W	
1934	13-Oct	6	14	A	L	
1935	12-Oct	13	0	H	W	
1936	3-Oct	0	6	A	L	
1937	30-Oct	13	6	H	W	
1938	29-Oct	6	0	A	W	
1939	28-Oct	14	7	H	W	
1940	26-Oct	25	6	A	W	
1941	25-Oct	18	0	H	W	
1942	24-Oct	7	0	H	W	
1945	13-Oct	19	33	A	L	
1946	12-Oct	7	13	H	L	
1947	8-Nov	6	6	H	T	
1948	6-Nov	48	0	A	W	
1949	15-Oct	35	0	H	W	
1950	21-Oct	14	14	A	T	
1951	29-Sep	20	0	H	W	
1952	4-Oct	20	27	A	L	
1953	3-Oct	27	20	H	W	
1954	2-Oct	7	2	A	W	
1955	11-Nov	14	28	H	L	
1956	10-Nov	27	13	A	W	
1957	19-Oct	21	28	H	L	
1958	18-Oct	21	8	A	W	
1959	24-Oct	8	19	H	L	
1960	22-Oct	6	30	A	L	
1961	28-Oct	14	34	H	L	
1962	27-Oct	0	14	A	L	
1970	24-Oct	24	45	A	L	
1971	25-Sep	9	10	H	L	
1972	28-Oct	10	7	A	W	
1973	24-Nov	10	8	H	W	
1974	23-Nov	31	16	A	W	
1975	11-Oct	17	17	H	T	
1976	6-Nov	3	17	A	L	
1977	5-Nov	17	23	A	L	
1978	7-Oct	0	26	H	L	
1979	6-Oct	0	7	A	L	
1980	18-Oct	0	42	H	L	
1981	3-Oct	3	14	A	L	
1982	11-Sep	0	16	H	L	
1983	5-Nov	26	28	A	L	
1984	8-Sep	35	7	H	W	
1985	5-Oct	0	21	A	L	

1986	25-Oct	3	20	H	L
1987	26-Sep	7	38	A	L
1988	24-Sep	23	24	H	L
1989	14-Oct	21	17	A	W
1990	13-Oct	27	3	H	W
1991	28-Sep	11	14	A	L
1992	24-Oct	35	11	H	W
1993	6-Nov	34	16	A	W
1994	29-Oct	38	17	H	W
1995	7-Oct	11	14	A	L
1996	28-Sep	35	38	H	L
1997	11-Oct	29	31	A	L
1998	26-Sep	41	38	H	W
1999	23-Oct	55	48	A	W
2000	28-Oct	27	17	H	W
2001	6-Oct	17	23	A	L
2002	19-Oct	35	14	H	W
2003	11-Oct	17	45	A	L
2004	6-Nov	14	41	H	L
2005	15-Oct	61	35	A	W

Illinois State 61, #1 S. Illinois 35

October 15, 2005 • Carbondale, Ill. • McAndrew Stadium
Attendance: 11,381

► GAME SUMMARY

Redbirds Rout No. 1 Southern Illinois, 61-35

CARBONDALE, Ill. – Illinois

State dazed No. 1 Southern Illinois with a 21-point first quarter, but it was ISU's 27 unanswered point response Saturday night at McAndrew Stadium that put the Salukis on the canvas for a 61-35 defeat, as the Redbirds posted their first knockout of a ranked opponent in nine games and their first win over the nation's top team since 1993.



LAST TIME

The 61 tallies marked the most points by the 'Birds against SIU in the 68-game history of the series and the highest point total by Illinois State in a Gateway game. It was also the most points surrendered by the Salukis since 1999 when Indiana State defeated SIU, 66-45.

Fueled by a Redbird forced turnover, the ISU offense came out firing. The 'Birds scored on their first three possessions and put points on the scoreboard in six of their seven first half possessions. ISU jumped out to a 7-0 lead after sophomore Jesse Caesar forced the Redbird defense's 17th turnover of the season when he jarred the ball loose from Brent Little and sophomore Kye Stewart picked up the fumble, returning it 19 yards.

On the ensuing play, ISU's Luke Drone connected with Laurent Robinson in the middle of the field for a 23-yard gain. The catch gave Robinson 22 straight games with a catch, which is tied for the third longest string in ISU history. Brian Thompson finished the drive with a 2-yard touchdown run off the left end.

► SCORING SUMMARY

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ILLINOIS STATE (4-3)	21	17	17	6	61
Southern Illinois (4-2)	0	14	7	14	35

FIRST QUARTER

ILS – Thompson 1-yard run (Mazur kick), 11:51
ILS – Jackson 6-yard pass from Drone (Mazur kick), 8:52
ILS – Thompson 8-yard run (Mazur kick), 2:38

SECOND QUARTER

SIU – Whitlock 1-yard run (Cairns rush failed), 12:43
SIU – Little 25-yard pass from Sambursky (Sambursky rush), 9:03
ILS – Mazur 20-yard field goal, 3:31
ILS – Jackson 30-yard pass from Drone (Mazur kick), 1:24
ILS – Thompson 1-yard run (Mazur kick), :56

THIRD QUARTER

ILS – Thompson 30-yard run (Mazur kick), 12:10
ILS – Mazur 27-yard field goal, 8:16
SIU – Braden 4-yard pass from Sambursky (Coffin kick), 2:55
ILS – Robinson 60-yard pass from Drone (Mazur kick), :09

FOURTH QUARTER

ILS – Rembert 8-yard run (kick failed), 9:30
SIU – Hill 12-yard run (Coffin kick), 5:52
SIU – Jackson 1-yard run (Coffin kick), 2:12

► TEAM STATISTICS

	ILS	SIU
First Downs	27	25
Rushing Attempts-Yards	41-275	36-158
Passing	23-29-0	24-39-1
Passing Yards	319	266
Total Offense	594	424
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	10-114	9-62
Time of Possession	31:09	28:51

► INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (ILS) – Thompson 21-165, Rembert 12-87, Borzick 6-17, Drone 2-6. (SIU) – Whitlock 21-83, Hill 4-50, Sambursky 8-18, Jackson 3-7.

PASSING: (ILS) – Drone 23-29-0-319. (SIU) – Sambursky 16-28-1-180, Hill 8-11-0-86.

RECEIVING: (ILS) – Robinson 9-180, Jackson 5-70, Horton 3-12, Mordis 2-19, Thompson 1-22, Denley 1-12, Borzick 1-4, Kreger 1-0. (SIU) – Little 6-87, Allen 4-34, Jones 4-26, Kupec 2-26, Jackson 2-24, Whitlock 2-21, M. Turner 1-18, A. Turner 1-16, Beeler 1-9, Wise 1-5.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ILS) – Stewart 8-3-11, Siskowic 6-4-10, Caesar 6-3-9, Nelson 4-2-6. (SIU) – Johnson 7-2-9, Rinella 4-3-7, Jordan 4-2-6, Williams 4-2-6.

2006 GFC STANDINGS

	GATEWAY			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Southern Illinois	2	0	1.000	5	0	1.000
Youngstown State	2	0	1.000	5	1	.833
Illinois State	1	0	1.000	4	1	.800
Northern Iowa	1	0	1.000	3	2	.600
Western Kentucky	1	1	.500	2	3	.400
Western Illinois	0	2	.000	3	3	.500
Missouri State	0	2	.000	1	5	.167
Indiana State	0	2	.000	0	6	.000

2006 PRESEASON POLL

1. Northern Iowa (22)	239
2. Youngstown State (7)	208
3. Illinois State (2)	190
4. Southern Illinois	160
5. Western Kentucky (1)	141
6. Western Illinois	103
7. Missouri State	79
8. Indiana State	32

SCHOLAR-BALLER™

During the 2006 season, the players listed on the left will wear the patch (shown below) on their uniform to signify their scholar baller™ status.

ISU's 2005-06 Scholar Ballers™ (2.75 GPA or higher)

Chance Allard #	Brian Arndt \$
Tristian Borzick \$	Mike Brewer
Kevin Brockway	Mike Calegari #
Niall Campbell	Brennan Carroll
Stephen Carroll #	Wally Cirafesi
Montel Conner \$	Graham Corcoran #
Pat Cucci	Stafford Davis \$
Jonathan Denley	Janiah Downing
Luke Drone \$	Greg Faulkner #
Alex Filin	Eric Follmer
Barry Hartman	Marcus Hayden
Osric Hayes #	Bill Hronec \$
Pierre Jackson \$	Kurt James
Muhammad Kahlun \$	Kyle Korth \$
Ansu Kpandeyenge #	Kevin Kreger
Anthony Kummer	Keith Lesniak #
Jonathan Lyon	Justin Martindale
Warren McCarty	Kedric Meredith
Matt Miglin	Tom Nelson#
Joe Niklasch	Nick Passarelli #
Jeremy Redic #	Rafael Rice
Laurént Robinson	William Rolle
Eyad Salem #	Dan Simnick
Cameron Siskowic \$	Kyle Siskowic \$
Babatunde Soyebo #	Mike Stegeman
Kye Stewart #	James Temple #
Jarek Thomas	Ryan Thorne #
Robert Tomei #	Tom Walters #
Jake Weber #	Dan Weiner #
Bert Whigham #	Mark Whitaker
Isaiah Wiggins	Sam Yeargin \$

indicates Spring 2006 only member; \$ indicates Fall 2005 only member

2006 ILLINOIS STATE TEAM STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS	ISU	OPP			
SCORING	148	98			
Points Per Game	29.6	19.6			
FIRST DOWNS	98	73			
Rushing	48	31			
Passing	44	40			
Penalty	6	2			
RUSHING YARDAGE	758	494			
Yards gained rushing	866	589			
Yards lost rushing	108	95			
Rushing Attempts	205	158			
Average Per Rush	3.7	3.1			
Average Per Game	151.6	98.8			
TDs Rushing	9	2			
PASSING YARDAGE	1132	1074			
Att-Comp-Int	139-79-3	142-82-9			
Average Per Pass	8.1	7.6			
Average Per Catch	14.3	13.1			
Average Per Game	226.4	214.8			
TDs Passing	10	7			
TOTAL OFFENSE	1890	1568			
Total Plays	344	300			
Average Per Play	5.5	5.2			
Average Per Game	378.0	313.6			
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	18-313	19-398			
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	6-49	5-106			
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	9-101	3-12			
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	17.4	20.9			
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	8.2	21.2			
INT RETURN AVERAGE	11.2	4.0			
FUMBLES-LOST	5-3	6-1			
PENALTIES-YARDS	24-217	28-241			
Average Per Game	43.4	48.2			
PUNTS-YARDS	19-720	20-689			
Average Per Punt	37.9	34.5			
Net punt average	29.2	31.0			
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	30:51	29:02			
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	37/73	29/69			
3rd-Down Pct	51%	42%			
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	4/7	3/9			
4th-Down Pct	57%	33%			
SACKS BY-YARDS	10-60	4-23			
MISC YARDS	0	0			
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	19	11			
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	6-9	7-9			
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-1	0-0			
RED-ZONE SCORES	16-18 89%	7-11 64%			
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	11-18 61%	2-11 18%			
PAT-ATTEMPTS	16-16 100%	9-10 90%			
ATTENDANCE	22774	58986			
Games/Avg Per Game	2/11387	3/19662			
Neutral Site Games		0/0			
SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Illinois State	10	50	41	47	148
Opponents	13	40	27	18	98



2006 ILLINOIS STATE INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING	G	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Rembert,Pierre	5	145	700	25	675	4.7	6	25	135.0
Rice,Rafael	5	27	118	2	116	4.3	2	24	23.2
Robinson,Laurent	3	1	5	0	5	5.0	0	5	1.7
Blow,Geno	3	4	3	0	3	0.8	0	2	1.0
Drone,Luke	5	22	40	45	-5	-0.2	1	11	-1.0
TEAM	4	6	0	36	-36	-6.0	0	0	-9.0
Total.....	5	205	866	108	758	3.7	9	25	151.6
Opponents.....	5	158	589	95	494	3.1	2	37	98.8

PASSING	G	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Drone,Luke	5	144.67	79-139-3	56.8	1132	10	70	226.4
Total.....	5	144.67	79-139-3	56.8	1132	10	70	226.4
Opponents.....	5	124.87	82-142-9	57.7	1074	7	75	214.8

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Jackson,Pierre	5	23	411	17.9	3	70	82.2
Robinson,Laurent	3	17	246	14.5	4	47	82.0
Horton,Jason	5	11	134	12.2	1	41	26.8
Rourke,Jake	5	7	186	26.6	1	61	37.2
Mordis,Dave	5	7	63	9.0	0	18	12.6
Passarelli,Dan	5	6	64	10.7	0	29	12.8
Rembert,Pierre	5	6	23	3.8	0	14	4.6
Harcar,Garin	5	2	5	2.5	1	4	1.0
Total.....	5	79	1132	14.3	10	70	226.4
Opponents.....	5	82	1074	13.1	7	75	214.8

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Horton,Jason	5	39	7.8	0	21
Passarelli,Dan	1	10	10.0	0	10
Total.....	6	49	8.2	0	21
Opponents.....	5	106	21.2	1	81

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Nelson,Tom	3	29	9.7	0	18
Siskowic,Cameron	1	1	1.0	0	1
Caesar,Jesse	1	0	0.0	0	0
Tate,Jason	1	12	12.0	0	7
Kittrell,Leon	1	26	26.0	0	26
Temple,James	1	32	32.0	0	32
Thomas,Jarek	1	1	1.0	0	1
Total.....	9	101	11.2	0	32
Opponents.....	3	12	4.0	0	12

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Nelson,Tom	9	160	17.8	0	39
Horton,Jason	5	77	15.4	0	26
Rembert,Pierre	4	76	19.0	0	32
Total.....	18	313	17.4	0	39
Opponents.....	19	398	20.9	0	49

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Total.....	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents.....	1	9	9.0	1	9

SCORING	TD	FGs	PATs						Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	
Rembert,Pierre	6	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	36
Mazur,Kevin	0	6-8	16-16	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	34
Robinson,Laurent	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Jackson,Pierre	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Rice,Rafael	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Horton,Jason	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Drone,Luke	1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-1	0	0	6
Harcar,Garin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Rourke,Jake	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Kelsey,Bobby	0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Total.....	19	6-9	16-16	0-2	0	0-1	0	0	148
Opponents.....	11	7-9	9-10	0-0	1	1-1	0	0	98

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Drone,Luke	5	161	-5	1132	1127	225.4
Rembert,Pierre	5	145	675	0	675	135.0
Rice,Rafael	5	27	116	0	116	23.2
Robinson,Laurent	3	1	5	0	5	1.7
Blow,Geno	3	4	3	0	3	1.0
TEAM	4	6	-36	0	-36	-9.0
Total.....	5	344	758	1132	1890	378.0
Opponents.....	5	300	494	1074	1568	313.6

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Mazur,Kevin	6-8	75.0	0-0	4-4	2-3	0-0	0-1	35	0
Kelsey,Bobby	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	0

FG SEQUENCE									
Illinois State									
(35)									
Kansas State									
(38),(52),(41),(30)									
Central Arkansas									
49,(23),(25),37,(20),(35)									
(31)									
Eastern Illinois									
(24)									
Murray State									
50									
Western Kentucky									
(37),(29),19									

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Kelsey,Bobby	19	720	37.9	48	3	6	7	0
Total.....	19	720	37.9	48	3	6	7	0
Opponents.....	20	689	34.5	45	1	4	6	0

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
Kelsey,Bobby	29	1739	60.0	9	0	0	398	40.0	24
Total.....	29	1739	60.0	9	0	0	398	40.0	24
Opponents.....	23	1355	58.9	4	0	0	313	41.8	23

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G	
Rembert,Pierre	5	675	23	0	76	0	774	154.8	
Jackson,Pierre	5	0	411	0	0	0	411	82.2	
Robinson,Laurent	3	5	246	0	0	0	251	83.7	
Horton,Jason	5	0	134	39	77	0	250	50.0	
Nelson,Tom	5	0	0	0	160	29	189	37.8	
Rourke,Jake	5	0	186	0	0	0	186	37.2	
Rice,Rafael	5	116	0	0	0	0	116	23.2	
Passarelli,Dan	5	0	64	10	0	0	74	14.8	
Mordis,Dave	5	0	63	0	0	0	63	12.6	
Temple,James	5	0	0	0	0	0	32	6.4	
Kittrrell,Leon	5	0	0	0	0	0	26	5.2	
Tate,Jason	5	0	0	0	0	0	12	2.4	
Harcar,Garin	5	0	5	0	0	0	5	1.0	
Blow,Geno	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0
Siskowic,Cameron	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.2
Thomas,Jarek	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.2
Drone,Luke	5	-5	0	0	0	0			

2006 ILLINOIS STATE DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	TACKLES			SACKS		PASS DEF			FUMBLES		BLKD	
		SOLO	AST	TOTAL	TFL/YDS	NO-YARDS	INT-YDS	BRUP	QBH	RCV-YDS	FF	KICK	SAF
40 Siskowic,Cameron	5	27	32	59	3.5-7	1.0-1	1-1	.	1	.	1	.	.
6 Stewart,Kye	4	26	22	48	4.5-16	1.0-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44 Campbell,Niall	5	20	21	41	3.5-4	.	.	2	.	.	1	.	.
1 Caesar,Jesse	5	18	6	24	.	.	1-0	2	1	.	.	.	.
25 Kittrell,Leon	5	12	9	21	.	.	1-26	4	.	.	.	.	.
28 Temple,James	5	5	12	17	.	.	1-32	2	.	.	.	.	.
94 Thomas,Jarek	5	11	4	15	4.5-8	1.0-1	1-1	.	2	.	.	.	.
9 Nelson,Tom	5	4	9	13	.	.	3-29	3	.	.	.	.	.
95 Tate,Ronnie	5	10	3	13	3.5-22	2.0-19	.	3	6	1-0	1	.	.
73 Martindale,Justin	5	6	7	13	2.5-14	1.0-6	.	.	3	.	1	.	.
3 Filin,Alex	5	8	4	12	5.0-14	3.0-11	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
34 Hawkins,Marques	4	3	7	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37 Tate,Jason	5	6	2	8	1.0-3	.	1-12	.	.	.	.	.	.
59 Hronec,Bill	5	4	1	5	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99 Stevenson,James	5	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
30 Roberts,Garry	5	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48 Cucci,Pat	5	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83 Mordis,Dave	5	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90 Simnick,Dan	5	1	1	2	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93 Blankenship,Adam	5	1	1	2	1.0-13	1.0-13	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
51 Carroll,Brennan	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97 Hunter,Kaschiev	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19 Kelsey,Bobby	5	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58 Whitaker,Mark	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43 Weber,Jake	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4 Jackson,Pierre	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57 Wilson,Brandon	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	5	173	151	324	31-104	10-60	9-101	16	17	1-0	5	.	.
Opponents.....	5	219	132	351	26.0-102	4-23	3-12	26	13	3-9	5	.	.



2006 GAME-BY-GAME INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing (Att.-Yds.-TD)

Opp.	Abrams	Blow	C. Rice	R. Rice	Drone	Rembert
at Kansas St.	dnp	dnp	dnp	0-0-0	4-(17)-0	29-105-0
C. Arkansas	0-0-0	0-0-0	dnp	7-30-0	2-1-0	27-139-0
E. Illinois	dnp	3-3-0	dnp	5-45-1	4-20-0	24-105-2
at Murray St.	0-0-0	1-0-0	dnp	8-15-0	6-(11)-0	39-184-2
at Western Ky.	0-0-0	dnp	dnp	7-26-1	6-2-0	26-142-2
S. Illinois						
at W. Illinois						
Y'stown St.						
Missouri St.						
at Indiana St.						
at N. Iowa						

Passing (Comp.-Att.-Int.-Yds.-TD)

Opp.	Brockway	Drone	Earl
at Kansas St.	dnp	24-38-1-253-3	dnp
C. Arkansas	dnp	16-38-0-228-1	dnp
E. Illinois	dnp	17-26-0-288-3	dnp
at Murray St.	dnp	10-20-2-159-2	dnp
at Western Ky.	dnp	12-17-0-204-1	dnp
S. Illinois			
at W. Illinois			
Y'stown St.			
Missouri St.			
at Indiana St.			
at N. Iowa			

Kicking Stats

Kelsey		Mazur	
Opp.	FG	FG Seq.	PAT
at Kansas St.	0-0	0-0	1-1 (35) 2-2
C. Arkansas	0-1	49	0-0 4-5 (23), (25), 37, (20), (35) 0-0
E. Illinois	0-0	0-0	1-1 (24) 5-5
at Murray St.	0-0	0-0	0-1 50 5-5
at Western Ky.	0-0	0-0	0-0 4-4
S. Illinois			
at W. Illinois			
Y'stown St.			
Missouri St.			
at Indiana St.			
at N. Iowa			

Punting

Kelsey	(No.-Avg.-Long)	50+	I-20	I-10	I-5
at Kansas St.	4-36.0-39	0	1	1	0
C. Arkansas	6-37.5-46	0	2	2	1
E. Illinois	3-37.0-39	0	1	0	0
at Murray St.	3-34.7-43	0	2	0	0
at Western Ky.	3-45.3-48	0	1	1	1
S. Illinois					
at W. Illinois					
Y'stown St.					
Missouri St.					
at Indiana St.					
at N. Iowa					

Receivers (Rec.-Yards.-TD)

	KSU	UCA	EIU	Murray	WKU	SIU	WIU	YSU	MSU	INS	UNI
Horton	3-21-0	4-31-0	3-77-1	0-0-0	1-5-0						
Jackson	3-88-1	9-113-0	6-132-2	3-31-0	2-47-0						
Mordis	4-31-0	1-18-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-14-0						
Passarelli, D.	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-23-0	0-0-0	2-41-0						
Robinson	9-77-2	inj	inj	6-121-2	2-48-0						
Rourke	1-24-0	2-66-1	2-53-0	1-7-0	1-36-0						

Defense (UT-AT-TT-TFL-FR-I-PBU-S)

	KSU	UCA	EIU	Murray	WKU	SIU	WIU	YSU	MSU	INS	UNI
Blankenship	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-1-0-0-0-1	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0						
Caesar	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	3-14-0-0-0-0-0	6-5-11-0-0-1-0-0	6-0-6-0-0-0-1-0	2-0-2-0-0-0-1-0						
Campbell	3-3-6-1-5-0-0-0-0	4-5-9-1-0-0-2-0	5-6-11-0-0-0-0-0	3-0-3-0-0-0-0-0	5-7-12-1-0-0-0-0						
Filin	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	3-0-3-2-0-0-0-1	3-3-6-2-0-0-0-1	2-0-2-2-0-0-0-1	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0						
Hawkins	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	dnp	1-7-8-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0						
Hronec	3-0-3-1-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0						
Kittrell	2-3-5-0-0-0-1-0	4-1-5-0-0-0-0-0	1-2-3-0-0-0-0-0	3-0-3-0-0-1-1-0	2-3-5-0-0-0-2-0						
Martindale	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	2-2-4-2-5-0-0-0-1	1-2-3-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	2-2-4-0-0-0-0-0						
Nelson	0-0-0-0-0-2-1-0	1-1-2-0-0-1-1-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-1-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	2-7-9-0-0-0-0-0						
Simnick	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-1-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0						
Siskowic, C.	8-7-15-1-0-0-0-1	2-6-8-2-5-0-0-0-0	7-15-22-0-0-0-0-0	5-0-5-0-0-1-0-0	5-4-9-0-0-0-0-0						
Stevenson	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0						
Stewart	8-5-13-2-5-0-0-0-0	9-5-14-0-5-0-0-0-0	inj	7-2-9-0-5-0-0-0-0	2-10-12-1-0-0-0						
Tate, J.	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	3-0-3-0-0-0-0-0	1-2-3-0-0-1-0-0	2-0-2-1-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0						
Tate, R.	2-0-2-0-0-0-2-0	2-2-4-1-5-0-0-1-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	4-0-4-1-1-0-0-1	2-0-2-1-0-0-0-1						
Temple	1-2-3-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-2-0	1-7-8-0-0-1-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	2-2-4-0-0-0-0-0						
Thomas	2-1-3-0-0-0-0-0	3-2-5-3-0-1-0-1	3-0-3-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-1-5-0-0-0-0	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0						



REDBIRD CAPTAINS

Game	Redbird Captains
at Kansas St.	Campbell, Drone, Robinson, Temple
C. Arkansas	Kittrell, Martindale, R. Tate, Rembert
E. Illinois	Hawkins, Jackson, Martindale, Weber
at Murray St.	Campbell, Drone, Jackson, C. Siskowic
at Western Ky.	Campbell, Rembert, C. Siskowic, Temple
S. Illinois	
at W. Illinois	
Y'stown St.	
Missouri St.	
at Indiana St.	
at N. Iowa	

2006 PLAYER PARTICIPATION

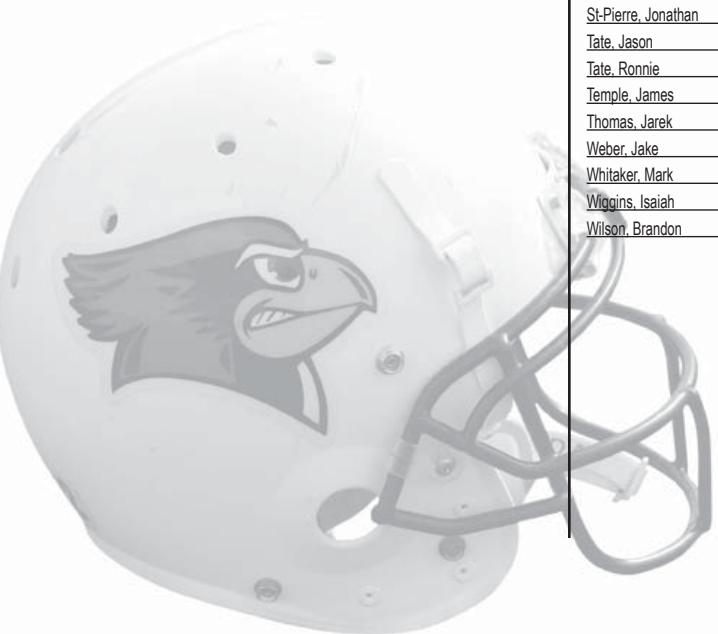
	KSU	UCA	EIU	Murray	WKU	SIU	WIU	YSU	MSU	INS	UNI
Abrams, Alan	dnp	x	dnp	x	x						
Blankenship, Adam	x	x	x	x	x						
Blow, Geno	dnp	x	x	x	dnp						
Bradbury, Brandon	dnp	x	inj	inj	inj						
Caesar, Jesse	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB						
Campbell, Niall	x	S-MLB	S-MLB	S-MLB	S-MLB						
Carroll, Brennan	dnp	x	x	x	dnp						
Cucci, Pat	S-SLB	x	x	x	x						
Downing, Janiah	S-RG	S-RG	S-RG	S-RG	S-RG						
Drone, Luke	S-QB	S-QB	S-QB	S-QB	S-QB						
Filin, Alex	x	x	x	x	x						
Harcar, Garin	x	x	x	x	x						
Hawkins, Marques	x	dnp	S-WLB	x	x						
Horton, Jason	x	S-WR	S-WR	x	x						
Hronec, Bill	S-MLB	x	x	x	x						
Hunter, Kaschiev	dnp	x	x	dnp	x						
Huntzinger, Jeff	dnp	dnp	x	dnp	dnp						
Jackson, Pierre	S-WR	S-WR	S-WR	S-WR	S-WR						
Joyce, Brandon	dnp	x	S-RT	S-RT	S-RT						
Joynt, Jeremy	x	x	S-TE	S-TE	x						
Keller, Clint	x	x	x	x	x						
Kelsey, Bobby	x	x	x	x	x						
Kittrell, Leon	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB						
Lagrone, Lamont	dnp	x	dnp	x	x						
Lyon, Jonathan	S-RT	S-RT	inj	inj	inj						
Madsen, Erik	S-C	S-C	S-C	S-C	dnp						
Martindale, Justin	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT						
Mazur, Kevin	x	x	x	x	x						
McCarty, Warren	dnp	x	dnp	x	x						
Meredith, Kedric	S-TE	S-TE	x	x	S-TE						
Mordin, Dave	S-HB	S-HB	S-HB	S-HB	S-HB						
Nelson, Tom	S-FS	S-FS	S-FS	S-FS	S-FS						
Niklasch, Joe	S-LG	S-LG	S-LG	S-LG	S-LG						
Passarelli, Dan	x	x	x	x	x						
Rembert, Pierre	S-TB	S-TB	S-TB	S-TB	S-TB						
Rice, Rafael	x	x	x	x	x						
Roberts, Garry	x	x	x	x	x						
Robinson, Laurént	S-WR	inj	inj	S-WR	S-WR						
Rourke, Jake	x	x	x	x	x						
Sheering, J.W.	dnp	x	dnp	dnp	dnp						
Simnick, Dan	x	x	x	x	x						
Siskowic, Cameron	x	S-SLB	S-SLB	S-SLB	S-SLB						
Siskowic, Kyle	dnp	dnp	x	x	x						
Soyebo, Babatunde	dnp	dnp	x	dnp	dnp						
Speer, Tom	x	x	x	x	x						
Speiser, Bill	x	x	x	x	dnp						
Stevenson, James	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE						
Stewart, Kye	S-WLB	S-WLB	inj	S-WLB	S-WLB						
St-Pierre, Jonathan	dnp	x	x	x	S-C						
Tate, Jason	x	x	x	x	x						
Tate, Ronnie	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE						
Temple, James	S-SS	S-SS	S-SS	S-SS	S-SS						
Thomas, Jarek	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT						
Weber, Jake	x	x	x	x	x						
Whitaker, Mark	x	x	x	x	x						
Wiggins, Isaiah	S-LT	S-LT	S-LT	S-LT	S-LT						
Wilson, Brandon	dnp	x	x	x	x						

GFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE
Sept. 4 - Laurént Robinson (WR - 9 rec., 77 yds., 2 TDs)
Sept. 24 - Pierre Rembert (RB - 184 yards, 2 TDs, 39 att.)
DEFENSE
Sept. 10 - Kye Stewart (LB - 14 tackles, 9 solo and .5 TFL)
Sept. 17 - Cameron Siskowic (LB - 22 tackles, 1 FF, 1 QBH)
SPECIAL TEAMS
Sept. 10 - Kevin Mazur (K - 4 FGs from 23, 25, 20, 35)
OFFENSIVE LINE
Sept. 26 - Isaiah Wiggins (LT - 12 KDs, 0 Sacks, 87%)

NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

TSN DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Sept. 18 - Cameron Siskowic (LB - 22 tackles, 1 FF, 1 QBH)
I-AA.org ALL-STAR
Sept. 18 - Cameron Siskowic (LB - 22 tackles, 1 FF, 1 QBH)
FOOTBALL GAZETTE PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Sept. 18 - Cameron Siskowic (LB - 22 tackles, 1 FF, 1 QBH)



THE SPORTS NETWORK POLL

Team (first place votes)	Pts.	Prv. Rank
1. New Hampshire (88)	2,704	1
2. Appalachian State (21)	2,622	2
3. Montana	2,401	4
4. Cal Poly	2,325	5
5. Illinois State	2,226	6
6. Youngstown State*	2,076	8
7. Southern Illinois*	2,022	9
8. Massachusetts	1,893	10
9. North Dakota State	1,859	11
10. Richmond	1,703	7
11. Furman	1,663	3
12. Hampton	1,642	12
13. James Madison	1,466	13
14. Northern Iowa*	1,362	14
15. Harvard	1,011	19
16. Eastern Illinois	851	20
17. Tennessee-Martin	819	22
18. UC Davis	583	16
19. Central Connecticut State	555	23
20. Alabama A&M	548	24
21. San Diego	457	25
22. Towson	417	17
23. Maine	400	NR
24. Princeton	382	NR
25. Portland State	340	15

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ILLINOIS STATE SCORING DRIVES/PLAYS

Qtr.	Opponent	Time	Scoring Play	Conversion	Plays-Yds.	TOP	Score
1	Kansas State	9:42	Mazur 35-yard field goal		11-53	4:41	3-0
3	Kansas State	12:25	Robinson 4-yard pass from Drone	Mazur kick	7-86	2:35	10-10
4	Kansas State	12:35	Robinson 2-yard pass from Drone	Mazur kick	13-80	7:00	17-13
4	Kansas State	3:02	Jackson 3-yard pass from Drone	Rush Failed	11-47	5:23	23-24
2	C. Arkansas	14:12	Mazur 23-yard field goal		13-83	2:26	3-0
2	C. Arkansas	10:04	Mazur 25-yard field goal		7-34	2:11	6-0
3	C. Arkansas	12:18	Rourke 61-yard pass from Drone	Pass Failed	6-95	2:33	12-0
4	C. Arkansas	12:36	Mazur 20-yard field goal		9-71	3:40	15-3
4	C. Arkansas	3:03	Mazur 35-yard field goal		4-5	1:07	18-3
2	Eastern Illinois	12:48	Rembert 1-yard run	Mazur kick	8-80	2:47	7-10
2	Eastern Illinois	4:59	Jackson 55-yard pass from Drone	Mazur kick	3-73	1:08	14-16
2	Eastern Illinois	1:58	Horton 41-yard pass from Drone	Rush Failed	3-43	1:28	20-16
2	Eastern Illinois	:17	Mazur 24-yard field goal		4-1	:54	23-16
3	Eastern Illinois	3:50	Rembert 4-yard run	Mazur kick	7-36	1:58	30-23
4	Eastern Illinois	12:49	Jackson 4-yard pass from Drone	Mazur kick	7-61	3:06	37-23
4	Eastern Illinois	:35	R. Rice 24-yard run	Mazur kick	10-80	4:01	44-30
1	Murray State	3:41	Drone 1-yard run	Mazur kick	7-50	2:40	7-0
2	Murray State	12:56	Rembert 4-yard run	Mazur kick	7-75	2:52	14-0
3	Murray State	12:39	Rembert 9-yard run	Mazur kick	1-9	:06	21-14
3	Murray State	8:12	Robinson 26-yard pass from Drone	Mazur kick	7-34	3:27	28-14
4	Murray State	9:57	Robinson 6-yard pass from Drone	Mazur kick	15-80	6:48	35-14
2	Western Ky.	14:01	R. Rice 2-yard run	Mazur kick	3-45	1:03	7-3
2	Western Ky.	:22	Harcar 1-yard pass from Drone	Mazur kick	9-80	2:05	14-13
3	Western Ky.	10:38	Rembert 13-yard run	Mazur kick	9-78	4:15	21-13
4	Western Ky.	10:40	Rembert 2-yard run	Mazur kick	13-80	7:321	28-27

THE CSN COACHES POLL

Team (first place votes)	Pts.	Prv. Rank
1. New Hampshire (22)	670	1
2. Appalachian State (5)	652	2
3. Montana	602	4
4. Cal Poly	560	6
5. Illinois State	556	5
6. Youngstown State*	525	8
7. Southern Illinois*	515	9
8. North Dakota State	474	11
9. Massachusetts	435	10
10. Hampton	416	12
11. Richmond	398	7
12. Furman	377	3
13. James Madison	369	14
14. Northern Iowa*	351	13
15. Harvard	250	18
16. Eastern Illinois	241	20
17. Tennessee-Martin	190	NR
18. Alabama A&M	147	23
19. San Diego	135	24
20. Central Connecticut State	133	25
21. UC Davis	126	16
22. Princeton	114	22
23. Maine	110	NR
24. Coastal Carolina	97	NR
25. Towson	67	17

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REDBIRDS IN THE POLLS

	TSN	CSN
Week 1	9	No Poll
Week 2	7	9
Week 3	7	6
Week 4	6	6
Week 5	6	5
Week 6	6	5

OPPONENT SCORING DRIVES/PLAYS

Qtr.	Opponent	Time	Scoring Play	Conversion	Plays-Yds.	TOP	Score
2	Kansas State	4:54	Snodgrass 52-yard field goal		13-59	4:52	3-3
2	Kansas State	1:55	Figurs 81-yard punt return	Snodgrass kick		3-10	
3	Kansas State	4:35	Snodgrass 41-yard field goal		7-10	3:28	10-13
4	Kansas State	8:36	Snodgrass 30-yard field goal		10-45	3:50	17-16
4	Kansas State	8:25	Garvin 9-yard fumble recovery	Norwood catch		17-24	
3	Central Arkansas	1:25	Paul 31-yard field goal		8-73	3:49	12-3
1	Eastern Illinois	7:58	Webb 4-yard run	Yates kick	10-64	4:42	0-7
1	Eastern Illinois	:43	Yates 33-yard field goal		8-14	3:51	0-10
2	Eastern Illinois	6:19	Rucker 28-yard pass from Donato	Kick Failed	5-53	1:49	7-16
3	Eastern Illinois	10:50	Rucker 19-yard pass from Donato	Yates kick	8-46	3:55	23-23
4	Eastern Illinois	4:43	Voss 11-yard pass from Donato	Yates kick	9-39	3:36	30-37
2	Murray State	7:10	Woods 75-yard pass from Barnard	Crass kick	1-75	:30	7-14
2	Murray State	:22	Harper 7-yard pass from Barnard	Crass kick	8-60	1:30	14-14
1	Western Ky.	6:13	James 37-yard field goal		6-26	3:36	0-3
2	Western Ky.	11:56	Hamilton 24-yard pass from Haddix	James kick	4-80	1:56	7-10
2	Western Ky.	2:38	James 29-yard field goal		14-60	7:54	7-13
3	Western Ky.	8:10	Moore 1-yard run	James kick	5-42	2:14	21-20
3	Western Ky.	3:11	Hamilton 45-yard pass from Haddix	James kick	6-80	2:36	21-27

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Team Statistics	Rank	Avg.
Rushing Offense	48	151.60
Passing Offense	21	226.40
Total Offense	19	378.00
Scoring Offense	20	29.60
Rushing Defense	14	98.80
Pass Efficiency Defense	56	124.82
Total Defense	44	313.60
Scoring Defense	33	19.60
Net Punting	91	29.16
Punt Returns	66	8.17
Kickoff Returns	86	17.39
Turnover Margin	t21	.80
Pass Defense	88	214.80
Passing Efficiency	20	144.63
Sacks	39	2.00
Tackles for Loss	39	6.20
Sacks Allowed	8	.80

Individual Statistics in the Top 20

Pierre Rembert - Rushing	5	135.00
Luke Drone - Passing Efficiency	18	144.67
Luke Drone - Total Offense	18	225.40
Tom Nelson - Interceptions	t13	.60
Kevin Mazur - Field Goals	17	1.20
Pierre Rembert - All Purpose	9	154.80
Kye Stewart - Total Tackles	4	12.00
Cameron Siskowic - Total Tackles	5	11.80

TOP FIVE UNDER JOHNSON

Here is a top five list of ISU players that have passed for 300 yards or rushed or caught 100 yards in Denver Johnson's tenure:

100-Yard Rushing Games (45)

272. Pierre Rembert at Missouri State (11/5/05)
239. Sha-Ron Edwards at Missouri State (11/8/03)
233. Sha-Ron Edwards vs. Western Ky. (10/18/03)
222. Brian Thompson vs. Y'stown State (10/23/04)
210. Quincy Washington vs. Quincy (9/7/02)

300-Yard Passing Games (11)

440. Luke Drone vs. Indiana State (11/12/05)
385. Mike Souza at Illinois (9/6/03)
372. Yance Vaughan at Minnesota (9/11/04)
350. Kevin Glenn vs. Missouri State (11/18/00)
348. Yance Vaughan at Indiana State (10/2/04)

100-Yard Receiving Games (22)

292. Laurént Robinson vs. Indiana State (11/12/05)
243. Laurént Robinson vs. Northern Iowa (10/22/05)
243. Dwayne Smith at Illinois (9/6/03)
183. Vito Golson vs. Northern Iowa (10/27/01)
180. Laurént Robinson at Southern Illinois (10/15/05)

ISU LONG PLAYS

Plays of 20 or more yards from scrimmage ...

	ISU	Opp.
at Kansas St.	3	2
C. Arkansas	3	5
E. Illinois	5	1
at Murray St.	2	3
at Western Ky.	6	7
S. Illinois		
at W. Illinois		
Y'stown St.		
Missouri St.		
at Indiana St.		
at N. Iowa		



THE REDBIRDS' RECORD WHEN

	2006	DJ Era*
Playing at home	2-0	24-13
Playing on the road	2-1	12-23
Playing on a neutral field	0-0	0-0
Playing at night	4-1	15-10
Playing during the day	0-0	21-26
ISU scores on first possession	0-1	16-5
Opponent scores on first possession	1-0	10-17
ISU scores first	2-1	20-8
Opponent scores first	2-0	15-27
ISU leads after the 1st quarter	1-1	17-8
Opponent leads after 1st quarter	2-0	9-23
ISU leads at halftime	3-0	23-8
Opponent leads at halftime	0-1	8-26
ISU leads after 3rd quarter	3-0	24-6
Opponent leads after 3rd quarter	1-1	9-29
Game goes into overtime	0-0	1-2
ISU has more total yards	3-1	28-15
Opponent has more total yards	1-0	7-22
ISU has more rushing yards	2-1	27-13
Opponent has more rushing yards	2-0	8-24
ISU has more passing yards	1-1	24-20
Opponent has more passing yards	3-0	11-16
ISU has more turnovers	1-0	11-23
Opponent has more turnovers	3-0	19-8
Teams have equal turnovers	0-0	5-5
ISU has more penalties	2-0	18-17
Opponent has more penalties	2-1	14-18
ISU has more time of possession	1-1	19-15
Opponent has more time of possession	3-0	15-22
ISU has 100-yard rusher	4-1	29-15
Opponent has 100-yard rusher	2-0	14-21
ISU scores at least 20 points	3-1	31-17
Opponent scores at least 20 points	2-1	14-33
ISU throws for 300 yards	0-0	8-5
Opponent throws for 300 yards	0-0	1-10
Playing on natural grass	0-0	2-7
Playing on artificial surface	4-1	32-31
ISU defense scores	0-0	7-5
Opponent defense scores	0-0	2-11
ISU returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0	1-0
Opponent returns KO/Punt for TD	0-1	2-3

*Denotes the Denver Johnson era (2000-present)

THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

ILLINOIS STATE INDIVIDUAL	OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL
Rushed for 100 yards	142, Pierre Rembert at Western Kentucky, 10-7-06
Rushed for 200 yards	272, Pierre Rembert at Missouri State, 11-5-05
Passed for 200 yards	204, Luke Drone at Western Kentucky, 10-7-06
Passed for 300 yards	440, Luke Drone vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
Passed for 400 yards	440, Luke Drone vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
Had 10 receptions	14, Laurént Robinson vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
Had 100 yards receiving	121, Laurént Robinson at Murray State, 9-23-06
Returned a punt for a TD	Joe Walkins (52 yards) vs. Y'stown St., 10-23-04
Returned a kickoff for a TD	LaShawn Bullock (97 yards) vs. Y'stown St., 10-23-04
Returned an interception for a TD	Kye Stewart (21 yards) vs. Western Kentucky, 10-8-05
Returned a fumble for a TD	James Temple (56 yards) vs. Western Kentucky, 10-8-05
Returned a blocked FG for a TD	Armando Andrade (85 yards) vs. W. Va. Tech, 8-31-00
Returned a blocked punt for a TD	Justin Frierson (28 yards) vs. Prairie View A&M, 10-21-00
Rushed for three touchdowns	3, Cortes Rice vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
Threw three touchdown passes	3, Luke Drone vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-16-06
Caught three touchdown passes	3, Laurént Robinson vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
Kicked three field goals	4, Kevin Mazur vs. Central Arkansas, 9-9-06
Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage	70, Demetrus Johnson vs. Saint Xavier, 9-2-04
Had a 70-yard pass completion	88, Luke Drone to Pierre Jackson at Kansas St., 9-2-06
Had 20 tackles	22, Cameron Siskowic vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-16-06
Had 50-yard field goal	50, Stephen Carroll at S. Illinois, 10-14-03
Had a 70-yard punt	70, Ryan Hoffman vs. Y'stown St., 10-23-04
ILLINOIS STATE TEAM	OPPONENT TEAM
400 yards rushing	400 yards rushing
300 yards rushing	474, Western Kentucky, 11-3-01
400 yards passing	300 yards rushing
300 yards passing	303, Minnesota, 9-11-04
500 yards total offense	400 yards passing
30 first downs	460, Missouri State, 11-8-03
50 points	300 yards passing
Scored a safety	314, Iowa State, 9-3-05
at Youngstown State (sacked punter), 10-25-03	500 yards total offense
Posted a shutout	504, Western Illinois, 10-29-05
Illinois State 42, Murray State 0, 9-24-05	30 first downs
Held an opponent under 100 yards rushing	32, UNLV, 9-27-97
28 at Murray State, 9-23-06	50 points
Held an opponent under 100 yards passing	58, Western Kentucky, 11-3-01
99 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05	Scored a safety
Held an opponent under 200 total yards	Iowa State, 9-3-05
135 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05	Posted a shutout
Held an opponent under 100 total yards	Florida Atlantic, 11-20-04
87 vs. Lincoln, 9-1-84	Held ISU under 100 yards rushing
Blocked a punt	93, Kansas State, 9-2-06
at Northern Iowa, 11-13-04	Held ISU under 100 yards passing
Blocked a field goal	53, Drake, 8-28-03
vs. Drake, 9-10-05	Held ISU under 200 total yards
Blocked an extra point attempt	198, Youngstown State, 11-9-02
vs. Drake, 9-10-05	Held ISU under 100 total yards
	94, Central State, 9-9-89
Blocked a punt	Blocked a punt
	Drake, 9-10-05
Blocked a field goal	Western Kentucky, 10-8-05
	Blocked an extra point attempt
	South Florida, 10-16-99

Kansas St. 24, #9 Illinois State 23

September 2, 2006 • Manhattan, Kan. • Snyder Family Stadium
Attendance: 47,250

► GAME SUMMARY**ISU Gives K-State a Scare, But Falls 24-23**

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Heading into Saturday's football season opener against Kansas State, the Illinois State Redbirds were determined to give their Division I counterparts a tough game. That is certainly what the Wildcats received from the Redbirds, as a failed two-point conversion with 3:02 left in the fourth quarter left the 'Birds a point short and ISU was defeated 24-23 in front of 47,250 fans at the newly dedicated Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

On the first play from scrimmage, ISU safety Tom Nelson intercepted a long pass from KSU quarterback Dylan Meier and put the Redbirds on offense. The 'Birds took full advantage of the early turnover as Kevin Mazur capped off a 11-play, 53 yard scoring drive with a 35-yard field goal to give the Redbirds a 3-0 lead with 9:42 left in the first quarter.

KSU kicker Jeff Snodgrass connected on a 52-yard field goal to tie the score at 3-3 with 4:54 left in the half. The Wildcats then continued to impress on special teams, as Yamon Figurs returned a Bobby Kelsey punt 81 yards for a touchdown to give KSU a 10-3 lead with just under two minutes remaining in the half.

After receiving the kickoff to start the second half, Luke Drone connected with Pierre Jackson on a 70-yard strike down the sideline to put the 'Birds on the Kansas State six-yard line. Two plays later, Drone found Laurent Robinson in the end zone for a four-yard touchdown pass to tie the score at 10-10.

KSU would answer with 4:35 left in the quarter to re-take the lead 13-10, as Snodgrass connected on his second field goal of the game, this time from 41 yards out. The score would stay that way until the fourth quarter when Drone and Robinson hooked up on their second touchdown pass to put the Redbirds up 17-13. KSU then cut the ISU lead to one 17-16 on Snodgrass' third field goal of the game with 8:36 left to go.

On the ensuing kickoff, however, ISU's Jason Horton fumbled on the return and KSU's Byron Garvin returned the fumble nine yards to put the Wildcats up 24-17. The Redbirds would not go away, though, as Drone then led his team to an 11-play, 47-yard scoring drive that culminated in a three-yard touchdown pass to Jackson to cut the lead to 24-23. Head coach Denver Johnson then made the call to go for the two-point conversion, but Drone was unable to break the plane on the quarterback draw.

► SCORING SUMMARY

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ILLINOIS STATE (0-1)	3	0	7	13	23
Kansas State (1-0)	0	10	3	11	24

FIRST QUARTER

ISU – Mazur 35-yard field goal, 9:24

SECOND QUARTER

KSU – Snodgrass 52-yard field goal, 4:54

KSU – Figurs 81-yard punt return (Snodgrass kick), 1:55

THIRD QUARTER

ISU – Robinson 4-yard pass from Drone (Mazur kick), 12:25

KSU – Snodgrass 41-yard field goal, 4:35

FOURTH QUARTER

ISU – Robinson 2-yard pass from Drone (Mazur kick), 12:35

KSU – Snodgrass 30-yard field goal, 8:36

KSU – Garvin 9-yard fumble recovery (Norwood pass from Meier), 8:45

ISU – Jackson 3-yard pass from Drone (rush failed), 3:02

► TEAM STATISTICS

	ISU	KSU
First Downs	20	13
Rushing Attempts-Yards	34-93	28-44
Passing	24-38-1	15-26-2
Passing Yards	253	163
Total Offense	346	207
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	1-7	5-49
Time of Possession	34:11	25:49

► INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (ISU) – Rembert 29-105, Robinson 1-5, Drone 4-(17). (KSU) – Alsup 14-26, Patton 7-22, Johnson 4-10, Team 1-(4), Meier 2-(10).

PASSING: (ISU) – Drone 24-38-1-253. (KSU) – Meier 15-26-2-163.

RECEIVING: (ISU) – Robinson 9-77, Mordis 4-31, Rembert 4-12, Jackson 3-88, Horton 3-21, Rourke 1-24. (KSU) – Norwood 5-53, Nelson 4-62, Figurs 2-16, Mastrud 1-13, Patton 1-7, Alsup 1-7, Moreira 1-5.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) – Siskowic 8-7-15, Stewart 8-5-13, Campbell 3-3-6, Kittrell 2-3-5, Hronec 3-0-3. (KSU) – Archer 5-8-13, Diles 6-4-10, McKinney 8-1-9, Campbell 8-0-8, Erker 2-5-7.

#7 Illinois State 18, C. Arkansas 3

September 9, 2006 • Normal, Ill. • Hancock Stadium
Attendance: 10,262

► GAME SUMMARY**Birds Defense Holds UCA Without a TD in 18-3 Win**

NORMAL, Ill. – On a rainy night in the home opener at Hancock Stadium, the Redbird defense shined bright as they did not allow a Central Arkansas touchdown and picked off two passes in a 18-3 victory over Bears in front of 10,262.

The Bears found it extremely hard to run or pass against the 'Birds as junior linebacker Kye Stewart set a career high 14 tackles to lead the team, junior defensive tackle Jarek Thomas recorded three tackles-for-loss and junior free safety Tom Nelson picked off his third pass of the season.

While the defense was close to perfect, holding the Bears to just three points and 63 yards rushing, the offense received strong performances from its receiving core that played without injured All-American wide receiver Laurent Robinson. In Robinson's absence, junior Pierre Jackson shouldered the load, hauling in career highs with 9 receptions for 113 yards and sophomore Jake Rourke hauled in his first career touchdown catch from junior quarterback Luke Drone, who went 16-38 on the night for 228 yards.

The Redbirds got on the board first with a pair of field goals in the first five minutes of the second quarter off the leg of sophomore kicker Kevin Mazur. The Mt. Prospect, Ill., native put the 'Birds up 3-0, following a 23-yard field goal, capping off a 13-play, 83-yard drive at the 14:12 mark. After a quick three-and-out by Central Arkansas, ISU marched 44 yards down the field in seven plays before Mazur booted a 25-yard field goal with 10:04 remaining in the first half to put the Redbirds up 6-0.

The 'Birds quickly scored their lone touchdown just over two minutes into the second half on a 61-yard touchdown strike from Drone to Rourke.

The Bears threatened to get the 12-0 deficit within a touchdown later in the third quarter, but had to settle for a 31-yard field goal by James Paul with 1:25 left.

The Redbirds answered the Bears with a 9-play, 71-yard drive of their own taking 3:40 off the clock. The drive resulted in Mazur's third field goal of the day, this time from 20 yards out, pushing ISU's lead back up to 15-3.

Mazur finished the scoring for the 'Birds, putting them up 18-3 with his fourth field goal at 3:03 left in the fourth quarter. Mazur's fourth field goal of the night set a new career high for a game and tied a Hancock Stadium record.

► SCORING SUMMARY

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Central Arkansas (1-1)	0	0	3	0	3
ILLINOIS STATE (1-1)	0	6	6	6	18

SECOND QUARTER

ISU – Mazur 23-yard field goal, 14:12

ISU – Mazur 25-yard field goal, 10:04

THIRD QUARTER

ISU – Rourke 61-yard pass from Drone (Drone pass failed), 12:18

UCA – Paul 31-yard field goal, 1:25

FOURTH QUARTER

ISU – Mazur 20-yard field goal, 12:36

ISU – Mazur 35-yard field goal, 3:03

► TEAM STATISTICS

	UCA	ISU
First Downs	9	17
Rushing Attempts-Yards	29-63	37-168
Passing	18-34-2	16-38-0
Passing Yards	256	228
Total Offense	319	396
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-48	7-66
Time of Possession	31:43	28:17

► INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (UCA) – Brown 15-36, Ceasar 4-24, Park 7-5, Grimes 3-(2). (ISU) – Rembert 27-139, R. Rice 7-30, Drone 2-1, Team 1-(2).

PASSING: (UCA) – Park 18-34-2-256. (ISU) – Drone 16-38-0-228.

RECEIVING: (UCA) – Fairooz 8-146, Robinson 3-62, Twilley 2-10, Logan 1-28, Winston 1-9, Brown 1-3, Kennemer 1-1, Kinard 1-(3). (ISU) – Jackson 9-113, Horton 4-31, Rourke 2-66, Mordis 1-18.

TACKLE LEADERS: (UCA) – Maxfield 5-6-11, Johnson 7-3-10, Jackson 7-1-8, Hamilton 6-17, Brown 5-1-6. (ISU) – Stewart 9-5-14, Campbell 4-5-9, Siskowic 2-6-8, Kittrell 4-1-5, Thomas 3-2-5.

#7 Illinois St. 44, #18 E. Illinois 30

September 16, 2006 • Normal, Ill. • Hancock Stadium
Attendance: 12,512

► GAME SUMMARY**Redbirds Win Fourth Straight Over Eastern Illinois**

NORMAL, Ill. – The football game between No. 7 Illinois State and No. 18 Eastern Illinois was the 94th meeting between the two schools and also marked the first time in which both schools had been ranked going into the game. For the fourth year in a row, the Redbirds came away with a win as the 'Birds came from behind to defeat the Panthers, 44-30, in front of 12,512 fans at Hancock Stadium.

Eastern Illinois jumped out to an early lead, driving 64 yards on 10 plays to score the first points of the day. Running back Vincent Webb capped off the drive with a four-yard touchdown run to give the Panthers a 6-0 advantage and a Zach Yates extra point extended the lead to 7-0 with 7:58 left in first quarter. Yates added a 33-yard field goal with 43 seconds left in the first quarter to extend EU's lead to 10-0.

The two teams exchanged touchdowns to make the score 16-7, after Yates missed point after attempt. However, 16 unanswered second quarter points gave the Redbirds a 23-16 lead at the intermission.

In their first drive of the second half, the Panthers tied the game at 23-23, but on the Redbirds' third interception of the day, this time by Jesse Caesar, ISU regained the lead on Rembert's second touchdown run. Mazur's PAT conversion then widened the lead to seven points at 30-23 with 3:50 left in the third quarter.

The seven-point lead would hold until the fourth quarter when Drone connected with Jackson on their second touchdown pass of the game, this time a four-yard completion, to widen the ISU lead to 37-23.

► SCORING SUMMARY

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Eastern Illinois (1-2)	10	6	7	7	30
ILLINOIS STATE (2-1)	0	23	7	14	44

FIRST QUARTER

EU – Webb 4-yard run (Yates kick), 7:58

EU – Yates 33-yard field goal, .43

SECOND QUARTER

ISU – Rembert 1-yard run (Mazur kick), 12:48

EU – Rucker 28-yard pass from Donato (kick failed), 6:19

ISU – Jackson 55-yard pass from Drone (Mazur kick), 4:59

ISU – Horton 41-yard pass from Drone (rush failed), 1:58

ISU – Mazur 24-yard field goal, .17

THIRD QUARTER

EU – Rucker 19-yard pass from Donato (Yates kick), 10:50

ISU – Rembert 4-yard run (Mazur kick), 3:50

FOURTH QUARTER

ISU – Jackson 4-yard pass from Drone (Mazur kick), 12:49

EU – Voss 11-yard pass from Donato (Yates kick), 4:43

ISU – Rice 24-yard run (Mazur kick), .35

► TEAM STATISTICS

	EU	ISU
First Downs	20	21
Rushing Attempts-Yards	45-185	38-144
Passing	13-28-3	17-26-0
Passing Yards	141	288
Total Offense	326	432
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-65	5-29
Time of Possession	32:46	27:14

► INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (EU) – Webb 24-107, Smith 15-65, Donato 4-20, Rucker 1-0, Stinson 1-(7). (ISU) – Rembert 24-105, R. Rice 5-45, Drone 4-20, Blow 3-3, Team 2-29.

PASSING: (EU) – Donato 13-28-3-141. (ISU) – Drone 17-26-0-288.

RECEIVING: (EU) – Mobley 4-36, Rucker 3-56, Voss 2-23, Webb 2-6, Smith 1-13, Kesler 1-7. (ISU) – Jackson 6-132, D. Passarelli 4-23, Horton 3-77, Rourke 2-53, Harcar 1-4, Rembert 1-(1).

TACKLE LEADERS: (EU) – Thomas 4-6-11, Johnson 7-3-10, Jackson 7-1-8, Seymour 5-0-5, Sams 5-0-5. (ISU) – C. Siskowic 7-15-22, Caesar 6-5-11, Campbell 5-6-11, Hawkins 1-7-8, Temple 1-7-8.



GAME 1



GAME 2



GAME 3

#6 Illinois State 35, Murray St. 14

September 23, 2006 • Murray, Ky. • Roy Stewart Stadium
Attendance: 4,075

► GAME SUMMARY

Rembert, Redbirds Outrun Racers

MURRAY, Ky. – Illinois State senior running back Pierre Rembert totaled 184 yards and two touchdowns on a career-high 39 carries to pace the Redbirds to a 35-14 non-conference victory over Murray State Saturday night.

With the game tied at the half 14-14, the Redbird defense made an immediate impact to begin the third quarter, as Ronnie Tate forced a Barnes fumble and then recovered the ball on the Murray State 9-yard line. On the very next play, Rembert dashed nine yards for his second touchdown run of the day to put the Redbirds up 20-14 and Mazur tacked on the extra point to make the score 21-14 with 12:39 left to play in the third quarter.

On the next Racer possession, Leon Kittley intercepted the first pass of his career to give ISU the ball back. The 'Birds would take advantage of the turnover once again, as Drone connected with Robinson for a 26-yard touchdown pass and Mazur's fourth PAT conversion gave ISU a 14-point advantage at 28-14. The touchdown reception was the 25th of Laurént Robinson's career, extending his school record in that category.

In the fourth quarter, Drone and Robinson connected on their second touchdown reception of the game and the ISU lead jumped out to three touchdowns. Mazur's PAT conversion widened the lead to 35-14 with 9:57 left in the game. The score would stay the way for the remainder, and the Redbirds came away with a 35-14 victory over the Racers. The win marked the sixth straight ISU victory over an OVC opponent.

► SCORING SUMMARY

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ILLINOIS STATE (3-1)	7	7	14	7	35
Murray State (1-3)	0	14	0	0	14

FIRST QUARTER

ISU – Drone 1-yard run (Mazur kick), 3:41

SECOND QUARTER

ISU – Rembert 4-yard run (Mazur kick), 12:56

MSU – Woods 75-yard pass from Barnard (Crass kick), 7:10

MSU – Harper 7-yard pass from Barnard (Crass kick), .22

THIRD QUARTER

ISU – Rembert 9-yard run (Mazur kick), 12:39

ISU – Robinson 26-yard pass from Drone (Mazur kick), 8:12

FOURTH QUARTER

ISU – Robinson 6-yard pass from Drone (Mazur kick), 9:57

► TEAM STATISTICS

	ISU	MSU
First Downs	21	10
Rushing Attempts-Yards	55-186	23-28
Passing	10-20-2	17-28-2
Passing Yards	159	223
Total Offense	345	251
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-75	4-32
Time of Possession	37:45	22:15

► INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (ISU) – Rembert 39-184, R. Rice 8-15, Blow 1-0, Team 1-(2), Drone 6-(11). (MSU) – Cook 15-51, Woods 1-2, Jordan 2-0, Barnard 5-(25).

PASSING: (ISU) – Drone 10-20-2-159. (MSU) – Barnard 17-28-2-223.

RECEIVING: (ISU) – Robinson 6-121, Jackson 3-31, Rourke 1-7. (MSU) – Harper 7-78, Eiland 5-52, Cook 3-10, Woods 2-83.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) – Stewart 7-2-9, Caesar 6-0-6, C. Siskowic 5-0-5, R. Tate 4-0-4, Kittley 3-0-3. (MSU) – Webber 15-0-15, Williams 4-5-9, Spinks 8-0-8, Butler 6-2-8, Roach 6-0-6.

#6 Illinois State 28, Western Ky. 27

October 7, 2006 • Bowling Green, Ky. • L.T. Smith Stadium
Attendance: 7,661

► GAME SUMMARY

No. 6 Redbirds Open Gateway Play with 28-27 Win at WKU

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Heading into Saturday's Gateway Football Conference opener at Western Kentucky, the No. 6 ranked Illinois State Redbirds were looking to break a streak of five consecutive losses to the Hilltoppers. After five lead changes between the two squads, the Redbirds (4-1, 1-0 GFC) did just that and defeated WKU (2-3, 0-1 GFC), 28-27, at J.T. Smith Stadium.

Once again the game was decided by a field goal, but this time it was WKU's Chris James bouncing a 19-yard field goal off the left upright with 4:03 left in the game and paving the way for a Redbird victory.

Leading 14-13, the Redbirds came out and put up a quick score in the second half, driving 78 yards on nine plays taking 4:15 off the clock. Pierre Rembert scored the go-ahead touchdown from 12 yards out, his fifth rushing touchdown of the season, to put ISU up 20-13 with 10:38 left in the third quarter. Mazur's extra point conversion would then give the Birds an 8-point lead at 21-13.

On their next possession, the Hilltoppers answered with a touchdown of their own, courtesy of a one-yard touchdown run by Lerron Moore to cut the ISU lead to two and after the extra point conversion, the score was 21-20 in favor of ISU. WKU would later take the lead with 3:11 left in the third quarter on a 45-yard touchdown pass from Haddix to Hamilton. Following the extra point, the Hilltoppers lead was six points at 27-21.

In the fourth quarter, the Redbirds regained the lead on a 2-yard touchdown run by Rembert, his second of the game, and tied the score at 27-27. Mazur's extra point would then put ISU up by one at 28-27, the fifth lead change of the game, with 10:40 left in the game.

After James missed an 19-yard field goal off the left upright, the Redbirds got the ball back with 4:03 left in the game and the Birds ran out the clock to secure the 28-27 victory. Rembert finished the game with 142 yards on 26 carries and two touchdowns while Drone was 12-of-17 for 204 yards.

► SCORING SUMMARY

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ILLINOIS STATE (4-1)	0	14	7	7	28
Western Kentucky (2-3)	3	10	14	0	27

FIRST QUARTER

WKU – James 37-yard field goal, 6:13

SECOND QUARTER

ISU – R. Rice 2-yard run (Mazur kick), 14:01

WKU – Hamilton 24-yard pass from Haddix (James kick), 11:56

WKU – James 29-yard field goal, 2:38

ISU – Harcar 1-yard pass from Drone (Mazur kick), .22

THIRD QUARTER

ISU – Rembert 13-yard run (Mazur kick), 10:38

WKU – Moore 1-yard run (James kick), 8:10

WKU – Hamilton 45-yard pass from Haddix (James kick), 3:11

FOURTH QUARTER

ISU – Rembert 2-yard run (Mazur kick), 10:40

► TEAM STATISTICS

	ISU	WKU
First Downs	19	21
Rushing Attempts-Yards	41-167	33-174
Passing	12-17-0	19-26-0
Passing Yards	204	291
Total Offense	371	465
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-40	6-47
Time of Possession	27:10	32:50

► INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (ISU) – Rembert 26-142, R. Rice 7-26, Drone 2-(3). (WKU) – Moore 25-148, Haddix 5-18, Hamilton 1-5, Hayden 2-3.

PASSING: (ISU) – Drone 12-17-0-204. (WKU) – Haddix 19-26-0-291.

RECEIVING: (ISU) – Robinson 2-48, Jackson 2-47, D. Passarelli 2-41, Mordis 2-14, Rourke 1-36, Rembert 1-12, Horton 1-5, Harcar 1-1. (WKU) – Hamilton 9-173, Gaebler 5-84, Moore 3-34, Brunemann 1-0, Johnson 1-0.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) – Campbell 5-7-12, Stewart 2-10-12, C. Siskowic 5-4-9, Nelson 2-7-9, Kittley 2-3-5. (WKU) – Rumph 4-5-9, Hedges 6-2-8, Boyd 2-6-8, Etheridge 4-1-5, Caldwell 3-2-5.



2006 ILLINOIS STATE OPPONENTS' SCHEDULES AND RESULTS

KANSAS STATE WILDCATS
(4-2, 1-1 Big 12)

S2	#9 ILLINOIS STATE	W, 24-23
S9	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	W, 45-0
S16	MARSHALL	W, 23-7
S23	#8 LOUISVILLE	L, 6-24
S30	at Baylor*	L, 3-17
O7	OKLAHOMA STATE*	W, 31-27
O14	#20 NEBRASKA*	TBA
O21	at #21 Missouri*	TBA
O28	IOWA STATE*	TBA
N4	at Colorado*	TBA
N11	#6 TEXAS*	TBA
N18	at Kansas*	TBA

CENTRAL ARKANSAS BEARS
(4-2, 1-0 SLC)

A31	vs. Henderson State	W, 39-6
S9	at #7 Illinois State	L, 3-18
S16	MISSOURI STATE	W, 16-14
S23	at Stephen F. Austin*	W, 37-35
S30	SOUTH DAKOTA	W, 24-0
O7	at South Dakota State	L, 7-20
O14	at #18 UC Davis	3 p.m.
O19	at Sam Houston State*	7 p.m.
N4	SOUTHERN ARKANSAS	6 p.m.
N11	AUGUSTANA (S.D.)	1 p.m.
N18	at Georgia Southern	noon

EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHERS
(3-3, 2-0 OVC)

S2	at Illinois	L, 17-42
S9	INDIANA STATE	W, 31-21
S16	at #7 Illinois State	L, 30-44
S23	at Samford*	W, 24-13
S30	at Hawai'i	L, 9-44
O7	SE MISSOURI STATE*	W, 21-0
O14	at Eastern Kentucky*	2 p.m.
O21	MURRAY STATE*	1:30 p.m.
O28	at #17 Tennessee-Martin*	2 p.m.
N4	TENNESSEE STATE*	1:30 p.m.
N11	at Tennessee Tech*	1:30 p.m.
N18	JACKSONVILLE STATE*	1:30 p.m.

MURRAY STATE RACERS
(1-5, 0-3 OVC)

S2	at Missouri	L, 7-47
S9	at Tennessee State*	L, 15-25
S16	at Indiana State	W, 59-40
S23	#6 ILLINOIS STATE	L, 14-35
S30	Tennessee Tech*	L, 14-20 (ot)
O5	at Jacksonville State*	L, 17-49
O14	SAMFORD*	3 p.m.
O21	at #16 Eastern Illinois*	1:30 p.m.
O28	SE MISSOURI STATE*	1 p.m.
N4	at Eastern Kentucky*	noon
N18	#17 TENNESSEE-MARTIN*	TBA

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILTOPPERS
(2-3, 1-1 GFC)

S2	at #14 Georgia	L, 12-48
S9	at #23 Eastern Kentucky	L, 21-26
S16	CHATTANOOGA	W, 28-21
S30	#21 WESTERN ILLINOIS*	W, 38-35
O7	#6 ILLINOIS STATE*	L, 27-28
O14	at Missouri State*	3 p.m.
O21	at #7 Southern Illinois*	6 p.m.
O28	INDIANA STATE*	4 p.m.
N4	at #14 Northern Iowa*	4:05 p.m.
N11	#6 YOUNGSTOWN STATE*	4 p.m.
N18	AUSTIN PEAY	4 p.m.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SALUKIS
(5-0, 2-0 GFC)

A31	LOCK HAVEN	W, 49-0
S16	at Indiana	W, 35-28
S23	at Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 48-16
S30	INDIANA STATE*	W, 55-3
O7	WESTERN ILLINOIS*	W, 31-24
O14	at #5 Illinois State*	2:30 p.m.
O21	WESTERN KENTUCKY*	6 p.m.
O28	at Missouri State*	1:30 p.m.
N4	at #6 Youngstown State*	12:05 p.m.
N11	#14 NORTHERN IOWA*	3 p.m.
N18	SOUTHERN UTAH	3 p.m.

WESTERN ILLINOIS LEATHERNECKS
(3-3, 0-2 GFC)

A31	MOREHEAD STATE	W, 31-6
S9	at Wisconsin	L, 10-34
S16	KENTUCKY WESLEYAN	W, 58-0
S23	at Northern Colorado	W, 42-28
S30	at Western Kentucky*	L, 35-38
O7	at #7 Southern Illinois*	L, 24-31
O14	#6 YOUNGSTOWN STATE*	1:05 p.m.
O21	#5 ILLINOIS STATE*	1:05 p.m.
O28	at #14 Northern Iowa*	4:05 p.m.
N4	INDIANA STATE*	1:05 p.m.
N11	at Missouri State*	1 p.m.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE PENGUINS
(5-1, 2-0 GFC)

A31	SLIPPERY ROCK	W, 51-21
S9	MAINE	W, 34-14
S16	at #25 Penn State	L, 3-37
S23	#16 UC-DAVIS	W, 38-24
S30	at Missouri State*	W, 37-10
O7	INDIANA STATE*	W, 55-17
O14	at Western Illinois*	1:05 p.m.
O21	#14 NORTHERN IOWA*	3 p.m.
O28	at #5 Illinois State*	1:30 p.m.
N4	#7 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	12:05 p.m.
N11	at Western Kentucky*	4 p.m.

MISSOURI STATE BEARS
(1-5, 0-2 GFC)

S2	at Oklahoma State	L, 10-52
S9	SOUTHWEST BAPTIST	W, 45-14
S16	at Central Arkansas	L, 14-16
S23	SAM HOUSTON STATE	L, 17-20
S30	#8 YOUNGSTOWN STATE*	L, 10-37
O7	at #14 Northern Iowa*	L, 7-38
O14	WESTERN KENTUCKY*	3 p.m.
O21	at Indiana State*	1:05 p.m.
O28	#7 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	1:30 p.m.
N4	at #5 Illinois State*	1:30 p.m.
N11	WESTERN ILLINOIS*	1 p.m.

INDIANA STATE SYCAMORES
(0-6, 0-2 GFC)

S2	at Purdue	L, 35-60
S9	at #20 Eastern Illinois	L, 21-31
S16	MURRAY STATE	L, 40-59
S23	at Northern Illinois	L, 14-48
S30	at #10 Southern Illinois*	L, 3-55
O7	at #8 Youngstown State*	L, 17-55
O14	#14 NORTHERN IOWA*	3:35 p.m.
O21	MISSOURI STATE*	1:05 p.m.
O28	at Western Kentucky*	4 p.m.
N4	at Western Illinois*	1:05 p.m.
N11	#5 ILLINOIS STATE*	11:05 a.m.

NORTHERN IOWA PANTHERS
(3-2, 1-0 GFC)

A31	at Drake	W, 48-7
S9	NORTH DAKOTA	L, 31-35
S16	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	W, 27-17
S30	at Iowa State	L, 27-28
O7	MISSOURI STATE*	W, 38-7
O14	at Indiana State*	3:35 p.m.
O21	at #6 Youngstown State*	3 p.m.
O28	WESTERN ILLINOIS*	4:05 p.m.
N4	WESTERN KENTUCKY*	4:05 p.m.
N11	at #7 Southern Illinois*	3 p.m.
N18	#5 ILLINOIS STATE*	4:35 p.m.